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COST COLLECTION AUTO TAXES LESS

REVENUE DEPARTMENT SHOWS
DECREASE OF \$48,007.02 SINCE
TRANSFER.

Raleigh.

A net increase in the expense of collection of the State Highway Funds and State Auto Theft Funds of \$48,077.02 was announced for the five months of April 1 to August 31, 1925, over the same period during 1924 by the State Department of Revenue. During the five months of this year total collections increased \$1,725,676.35 over the same period last year.

The five months period covers the time during the present year since the transfer of the duties of collection from the Department of State to the Department of Revenue.

The only increase in expense shown is in the Auto Theft Fund where an increase of \$21,758.87. This increase is explained by the statement that during the five months covered in 1924 no expense of the Auto Theft Bureau was charged against the fund except the salaries of inspectors. This year the total expense of the bureau is charged against the fund.

With collections for the Highway Fund from gas and automobile licenses taxes amounting to \$7,248,664.45 this year as against \$5,536,259.88 last year, the collections for this fund show an increase of \$1,712,404.57. Theft fund collections increased from \$78,746.49 during the period in 1924 to \$92,018.25 during the period in 1925, an increase of \$13,271.76.

Expenses in the collection of the Highway Fund dropped from \$243,591.61 in 1924 to \$173,825.72 in 1925, a decrease of \$69,765.89. Expenses of collection of the Theft Fund increased from \$17,965.69 in 1924 to \$39,724.56 in 1925, an increase of \$21,758.87.

Adopt Uniform Fertilizer Tag.

Announcement of adoption of a uniform fertilizer source tag for North and South Carolina was made by Commissioner of Agriculture William A. Graham.

The agreement, which was entered into by Mr. Graham and Dr. H. M. Stackhouse, of the South Carolina fertilizer board, follows adoption of a resolution adopted by fertilizer manufacturers doing business in this state at a recent meeting called by Mr. Graham. The resolution asked that such an agreement between the two states be reached.

In announcing adoption of the uniform fertilizer source tag for the two states Mr. Graham stated the tag would read as follows:

"Mineral nitrogen (or ammonia equivalent) 60 per cent of the total derived from nitrogen of soda, sulphate of ammonia.

"Organic nitrogen (or ammonia equivalent) 40 per cent of the total derived from fish scrap, cotton seed meal, dried blood.

"Potash for manure salts, kainit." The tag, as outlined above, the commissioner stated, is simply a typical tag and is not to be construed as limiting the manufacturers in their sources or in the ratio between the mineral and organic nitrogen.

While no advertising matter may be carried on the tag, Mr. Graham said whether the name of the firm in each instance should appear would be optional with that individual firm. Only ingredients used in the fertilizer would be permitted on source tag, he emphasized. He added, however, that "if any manufacturer should temporarily run out of any ingredient, a substitute of equal agricultural value may be used, provided this office is notified and approval given.

The matter of rigidly enforcing the 1923 amendment to the state fertilizer law relating to source tags has claimed Mr. Graham's attention for some time.

State Leads in Electric Power.

North Carolina stands first with South Carolina a close second among the South Atlantic States in the development of electric power, according to an investigation just completed by the United States Geological Survey.

Figures compiled by the federal bureau show that the horsepower capacity of North Carolina developments amount to 534,600, South Carolina 507,215, Georgia 394,794, and Virginia 117,369. In 1924 the horsepower capacity of North Carolina was 431,500, South Carolina 357,510 and Virginia 109,798.

Of noteworthy significance is the statement by the bureau that the South Atlantic States are making more progress in power development than the New England group of states which formerly led in that field of enterprise.

33 Years Ago —IN— Washington County

Items gathered from issue of
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Mr. L. L. Owens left Tuesday morning for Norfolk.

Mr. J. S. Chesson is having another room built to his residence.

Miss Mary Hilliard spent some days at Roseneath during this week.

Miss May Walker of Creswell, was the guest of Mrs. A. Barden this week.

S. K. Everett, dealer in fancy wines and liquors by the drink or measure.

Mrs. Henry Hornthal spent last Monday in Roper as the guest of Mrs. Ida Blount.

Miss Jennie Sexton of Edenton, has been visiting Miss Neva Johnston at Roseneath this week.

In the absence of Capt. Williams, who is sick at his home in Williamston, Capt. G. W. Harney is in command of the steamer Plymouth.

Mr. H. D. Carstarphen, who left Plymouth nearly six years ago for New York, returned Wednesday for a short visit to his mother and friends.

Mr. J. S. Leggett has been in Baltimore this week where he went to attend the marriage of his brother, Mr. A. S. Leggett, who was united in holy bonds of wedlock on the 28th, to Miss May Tagislar.

False Report

It has come to my attention that certain reports have been circulated in various parts of the county charging the Board of County Commissioners have levied an increase of 30c. on each \$100.00 of Personal and Real property.

This report is absolutely false and without foundation. The Commissioners did, however, levy an additional tax of 3c. on each \$100.00 of Personal and Real property to be applied on the Road Fund and to take care of arrearage in funding bonds.

W. J. JACKSON, JR.,
County Auditor.

Married in Richmond

News was received here Wednesday announcing the marriage of Miss Annie Leggett to Mr. Cecil Hooker. Our information is that the wedding took place in Richmond on Tuesday.

The bride is the only daughter of Mrs. O. R. Leggett of this place and enjoys a wide circle of admiring friends.

Mr. Hooker is a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Hooker and is well known in this section. He is at present employed by the Plymouth high school.

We wish them all the happiness and prosperity possible.

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School System May Be Altered.

Plan to Make Adjustment of Schools in Washington County Now Being Considered By Board.

If the plans of the board of education are successful the beginning of the 1926-'27 school term in this county may be met with a decided change over its present status. A plan is now on foot which would unify consolidation and school terms and at the same time equalize the tax assessment so that all parts of the county would share the burden of maintenance alike.

The present term, however, will not be affected in any manner and will continue on as they now are for the remainder of the term now in progress. Under this proposed arrangement all high school students might avail themselves of accredited high school facilities, and if the plan is carried out and within a few years all elementary students will have standard elementary advantages.

Sometimes hence this plan will be submitted to a referendum, but no time has been positively set for the election as yet.

Under this plan the following will constitute the school arrangement:

Plymouth (now accredited) all of Plymouth township.

Roper (now accredited) Beech Grove, White Oak, part of Pleasant Grove and part of Swains.

Mackeys; part of Pleasant Grove, part of Albemarle and part of Swains. High school students to be transported to Plymouth. This school to be accredited elementary.

Skinner'sville; a proposed building will be erected at some advantageous point; part of Albemarle, part of Scuppernon and all of Piney Grove. High school students will be transported to Roper and Creswell.

Creswell (now accredited); Mt. Tabor and part of Scuppernon.

Cherry; to continue with its present territory, with high school students transported to Creswell. This school will be accredited elementary.

It will be necessary to maintain a small type school in Wenona.

From information and figures obtained by the school board it is estimated that the county wide assessment will not vary but a few cents from a proposed fifty cent tax on each one hundred dollars of personal and real property.

The tax as it now stands is:
General county wide tax for six months term; 70c.

Plymouth, \$1.00.

Chapel Hill, 20c.

Jackson, 30c.

Roper, 48c.

Wenona, 30c.

Beech Grove, White Oak and Roper, working in conjunction, 48c.

Mackeys, 75c.

Swains, 30c.

Pleasant Grove, 10c.

Albemarle, 15c.

Piney Grove, 30c.

Scuppernon, 30c.

Creswell, 45c.

Cherry, 30c.

Mt. Tabor, 30c.

It is our intention to give our readers all information possible to secure on tax questions in all elements of the county government from time to time. For future reference we would suggest that you clip and file these figures as we publish them.

RECORDER'S COURT

In the Recorder's Court here Tuesday the following cases were disposed of by Judge Norman.

Will Patrick, assault; guilty; assigned to county roads for forty days.

Linwood Smith, gambling; defendant plead guilty and judgment was suspended upon payment of cost.

Will Pittman, Abram Pettiford, Henry Pettiford, Sam Henry Miller, Wilmer Barnes and Charlie Epps, gambling; fined ten dollars each and cost.

B. R. Barnhill, worthless check; guilty; prayer for judgment suspended for six months upon payment of cost.

Girls Have Try-out in Washington

Misses Mildred Dixon and Lottie Hardison represented Washington county last Saturday in the district try-out for home demonstration clubs in Washington. Their demonstration was on "Table Service" and was in the form of a "movie". Miss Smith, district agent writes: "The judges were all delighted with the unique demonstration and the unusual personality of the girls who gave it, but since they had to follow the state score card they felt that the Hertford county foods team would score above."

It was decided by Miss Smith and the judges that the demonstration be slightly changed and that the team represent the district in room improvement at the state fair in Raleigh. Be sure to keep up with our county team, which will demonstrate twice daily during the state fair, October 12-17.

Clubs Meet

Representatives from the various home demonstration clubs in this county met September 29th, at Plymouth to discuss plans for the work for the coming year. A more detailed account will be published next week.

EMMA GREY MOREHEAD,
Home Agent.

Our former esteemed citizens and friends, Rev. and Mrs. J. D. Howell, now of Swainsboro, announce the arrival in their family on Sept. 25th, of their daughter, Mary Elizabeth.

Literary Club Meets

The Thursday afternoon Literary Club held its first fall meeting last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. A. Blount with sixteen members present.

Mrs. Sidney Ward, the newly elected president, presided over the meeting. The business hour was passed chiefly in the discussion of, and laying of, active plans for the coming year. The various committees made their reports. The library committee made announcement of three recent gifts, a splendid collection of books from Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Berryman of Washington, D. C., a set of Rudyard Kipling's works from Mrs. Herman Hornthal of Norfolk, and ten dollars from Mr. C. L. Groves for the purchase of books, this representing the prize he was awarded in the Fourth of July parade.

The club had as its honored guests Mrs. Vernon Ward and Mrs. Wilson of Robersonville, who came especially to tender a personal invitation to the club members to attend the district meeting of the Women's Club which will be held in Robersonville on the 21st, of October. Mrs. Rhodes of New York, Mrs. Clarence Blount and Miss Madeline Moore were also visitors.

The last part of the meeting was turned into a social hour, during which the hostess served a delicious ice course.

ARMY AIR PLANS INVOLVES MILLIONS

FIRST TEN YEARS WOULD CALL
FOR 79 MILLION DOLLARS
ANNUALLY.

Washington. — Disclosure to the Presidents airboard by war department witnesses that the approved project for expansion of the army air service would cost approximately \$79,000,000 a year for the first ten years and \$60,000,000 a year thereafter to maintain a peace time fleet of 2,500 planes and other auxiliary aircraft served to bring to light that this is only one of nearly a score of similar projects now under study at the department.

Some of these, which are regarded as even more urgent from a national defense viewpoint than immediate air service expansion, involve almost equally as large expenditures in addition to present army budget figures.

There is much speculation at the department as to whether the President's air board will not find it necessary to weigh these and similar non-air service problems of the navy to some extent before its recommendations for aviation can be formulated.

The army air extension project is founded on proposals submitted by Major General Mason M. Patrick, chief of the air service, to Secretary Weeks two years ago and referred to the board headed by Major General William Lassiter, then on the general staff, for findings. It involves a material and personnel expansion program covering ten years to reach a peace strength of 4,000 officers and 25,000 men operating 2,500 planes. The only cost item dealt with by the board was its recommendation for a \$25,000,000 annual appropriation for new planes and operations.

Subsequent full cost studies presented to the air board by Brigadier General Hugh Drum each year for the first ten years as around \$79,000,000 and the continuing cost of upkeep thereafter at \$60,000,000. These figures were based on pay, housing, subsistence, medical, quarter master ordnance and signal corps increases necessary for the complete carrying out of the peace time air project which represents about one-sixth of the six-field-army full war strength national defense plan.

The air strength on a war footing would be 22,616 officers, 172,920 men and 8,766 planes. No attempt yet has been made to estimate war strength.

FOUNDER'S DAY TO BE NOTABLE ONE

SEMI-CENTENNIALS OF RE-OPENING
OF STATE UNIVERSITY TO
BE OBSERVED.

Chapel Hill.—October 12, the 132nd birthday of the University of North Carolina, will go down as one of the most impressive days in the institution's history, according to plans worked out here in the office of President Chase by the committee on public occasions and celebrations. On the date the University will celebrate its semi-centennial of its re-opening following the Civil War.

Prominent educational leaders from all parts of the country have promised to attend. The principal speaker will be P. P. Claxton, former Tar Heel and former United States Commissioner of Education. Among the visitors will be presidents of several educational institutions; a checking showed that eighty-five have designated faculty members to attend as delegates.

There will be the usual founder's day exercises by local alumni associations throughout the country, but hundreds of the institution's eleven thousand alumni are expected to make the occasion a home coming to return here for the principal celebration.

The semi-centennial will occupy just one day, but that promises to be a day brim full of events of high import to the educational world. It will be a three part program. There will be exercises in the morning in Memorial Hall when the principal speakers will deliver addresses followed by greetings from delegates. President Chase will preside. Next on the program will be a luncheon at the Carolina Inn at which the invited guests will include the speakers, delegates, trustees, alumni, members of the Supreme Court and Council of State and members of the class of 1875.

The afternoon program will be given over to the dedication of Venable Hall, the University's new Chemistry Building, said to be the best equipped in the South. Prominent chemists will deliver addresses. Among them, Dr. Charles H. Herty, former president of the American Chemical Society; Dr. Edgar S. Smith, former provost of the University of Pennsylvania, and Dr. Boltwood, head of the Department of Chemistry at Yale.

Children's Building For Sanatorium. Sanatorium.—The board of directors of the North Carolina Sanatorium at their next quarterly meeting, October 7, will pass on tentative plans for the new children's building to be erected in the near future. The annual report for the fiscal year ending July 1, 1925, will also be passed upon at this meeting.

The new nurses' home is now in process of erection. It is expected that it will be ready for occupancy by January, 1926. It will contain room for 40 nurses in addition to reception room, class room and diet kitchen for special practice. When completed the building will solve the problem of housing for the Sanatorium nurses.

1,300 Students at Opening. Duke University.—First chapel exercises were held at Duke university at the official opening of the institution for the 1925-1926 term, with President William P. Few addressing the students. Prior to the morning chapel service nearly 300 seniors gathered at the flagpole for the traditional flag raising.

While the steam shovel and other machinery, which had been busily at work just outside the building, suspended operation, President Few spoke briefly, giving a word of welcome to the students and expressing the hope that they would make the most of what promises to be the greatest year in the history of the institution. Appropos of the \$4,000,000 building program, now in progress, and the much more impressive program which is to come, President Few urged that the students be "builders of character," making the most of their opportunities. About 1,300 students heard him.

Meeting Comes to Close. Salisbury.—The national camp, Patriotic Order Sons of America, adjourned their 33rd biennial meet here after installing and listening to the officers who will guide the camp's destiny for the next two years.

The business of the day had to do principally with strengthening the order's line of offense against changes in the immigration laws and pledging loyalty to the order's principles regarding patriotism and pure Americanism.