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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 \$48,007.02 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, 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 117,869. In 1924 the horsepower capacity of North Carolina was 491,600, 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

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Washington County

Items gathered from issue of
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Miss Lou Smith, of Baltimore, has accepted a position with Mrs. S. D. Peal as trimmer. We welcome her to our town.

Mr. M. W. Newberry, photographer, who has been traveling during the summer in Eastern Carolina, has located in Plymouth.

Mr. J. S. Leggett and sister, Miss Vonnice, returned from Baltimore on Saturday accompanied by their cousin, Miss Nina Robertson of Williamston.

400 MILLIONS IN BAKING COMBINE

THREE GREAT COMPANIES AN-
NOUNCE COMPLETION OF
MERGER.

New York.—Completion of plans for a \$400,000,000 baking merger involving the General Ward and Continental Baking companies which together operate 157 plants in all sections of the United States, was announced.

The General Baking corporation, which has been incorporated in Maryland to absorb the three concerns, will be the largest baker of bread in the world, with an estimated total sales volume of \$200,000,000 annually. The capital structure of the new corporation will consist of 10,000,000 shares of no par value stock, divided into equal portions of class "A" and class "B" common. Paul H. Helms, former secretary and treasurer of the Ward Baking corporation has been elected president.

The Continental Baking corporation, with assets of about \$200,000,000 is the largest unit in the proposed consolidation. The assets of the other two companies, both of which are controlled by the Ward interests, are about \$100,000,000 each.

William B. Ward, head of the Ward Baking corporation, is credited with taking the lead in the formation of the huge merger. The action to bring the Continental system into the combine quickly followed the announcement last week that he had closed negotiations for the purchase of the General Baking corporation's common stock, the majority of these stockholders accepting Ward's offer of \$225 a share for their holdings.

Spectacular advances in the price of the baking company shares took place last week in anticipation of the merger announcement. General Baking common soared more than 30 points to around 225, the price at which it will enter the consolidation and both the Ward "A" and "B" issues rose to record high levels. Trading on the New York stock exchange also was enlivened by spurts in Fleischmann, Cushman and securities of other companies which it is believed may be drawn into the combine later. Continental shares, which are listed on the curb market, also were active and strong.

ADMINISTRATRIX' NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of Edward R. Spruill, deceased, late of Washington County, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at Creswell, N. C., R. F. D., on or before the 8th day of October, 1926, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This October 8th, 1925.

Leah A. Spruill, Admx.
R. F. D., Creswell, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Liverman notored to Columbia Sunday.

L. P. Pinkham Meets Tragic Death.

Prominent Plumber Dies From Gun Shot Wound Accidentally Inflicted by Hunting Companion

One of the most dreadful tragedies to occur here in the history of the town was the accidental death of Mr. Lonnie P. Pinkham, age 42, which occurred last Friday during the noon hour.

Mr. Pinkham, Mr. William Phillips and Mr. Aubrey Owens had completed arrangements for a squirrel hunt and were leaving the residence of Mr. Pinkham when the gun in the hands of Mr. Phillips was accidentally discharged, the entire load entering the small of the back of Mr. Pinkham. The unfortunate victim was only a few feet from the muzzle of the gun and received the entire charge from the twelve gauge shot gun which was loaded with number six squirrel shot. Mr. Pinkham had just left the porch of his residence and Mr. Phillips was standing upon the top step when the gun was fired. The injured man was immediately taken into his home and Dr. Claudius McGowan was summoned who rendered all the aid possible and made hurried preparations for taking him to a hospital in Washington.

In only a short time after the occurrence Mr. Pinkham was arranged as comfortably as possible in the automobile of Dr. McGowan and the trip to the hospital was begun. They were accompanied by Messrs. G. W. Harrison and W. L. Hassell. The spark of life grew weaker and weaker, and just beyond Williamston the Grim Reaper placed his icy cold fingers upon the brow of one of Plymouth's most valued citizens, and his soul passed into the Great Beyond. A telephone message from Williamston informed anxious friends of the end and arrangements were made to receive the body upon its arrival here.

Mr. Pinkham came to Plymouth about twenty years ago and established a plumbing and tinning business which he conducted since that time. A short time after making his home here he married Miss Stella Neal, to which union there were nine children of which there are now six living. The deceased was a consistent member of the Baptist church and a devout worshipper in the Sunday School of that faith. He enjoyed the respect and admiration of all who knew him, and his sudden and tragic death has inflicted a serious wound in the hearts of the great number of people who knew him intimately and has saddened the multitude which was acquainted with him.

The sympathies of the people go out to his bereaved wife and fatherless children as was manifested by the throngs who visited the home eager and anxious to comfort and assist in the hour of extreme anguish.

The funeral service was conducted from the residence Sunday afternoon at two-thirty by his pastor, Rev. O. W. Sawyer of the Baptist church, and the interment was made in the Baptist cemetery under the shadows of his home. This service was conducted by the Charitable

Brotherhood of which order he had been a most valued and loved member for several years. Mr. M. G. Darden conducted this service as acting president and Mr. L. J. Spear acted as chaplain. The active pall bearers were Messrs. J. T. Askew, J. W. Darden, C. S. Ausbon, A. T. Darden, R. E. White and P. H. Darden. All other members of the order present were honorary pall bearers. The president, Mr. T. L. Satterthwaite, directed the ceremony. The deceased was also identified with the Knights of Pythias.

The man who inflicted the fatal wound accidentally was a relative of the widow of the slain man, and had been close to the family for many years. He is a young man of apparently twenty-five years of age, a son of one of the leading plumbers of Washington under whom Mr. Pinkham acquired the fundamental rudiments of the business. He is a married man and the father of infant twins. The people of the town are especially sympathetically disposed toward him. His grief called upon every ounce of his strength and during the funeral and interment he was practically prostrated.

Besides his heartbroken wife and six children, Alton, Grace, Ethel, Margaret, Louise and Sybil, he leaves one brother, Mr. J. R. Pinkham of Washington, and two sisters, Mrs. Mayme Rasmussen of Charlotte and Mrs. Nan Pearson of Speed.

The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful, reflecting the griefed sentiments of the friends who loved him.

The Beacon extends its deepest sympathies to the bereaved family and relatives and its condolence to the unfortunate young man who handled the weapon which claimed the life of so useful and popular citizen.

Local Eleven to be at Edenton Fair

Arrangements have been made with the management of the Chowan Fair for a foot-ball game between Hertford and Plymouth in Edenton for Wednesday, October 14th. This selection speaks well for our team and if they win it will mean good advertising for Plymouth as a whole. Let's go over with them to Edenton and help them win. The line-up will be as follows: i.e. Ned Swain, l.t. Clarence Bowen, l.g. Hocut Ange, c. Tom Sanderson, r.g. Lloyd Owens, r.t. Wilbur Darden, r.e. Bill Waters, q.b. Alton Harrison, l.h.b. Jasper Swain, r.h.b. Aubrey Ange and f.b. Jack Swain.

They play this afternoon against the Poplar Branch team here. They are training hard for the game in Edenton and state that they are determined to win.

Misses Dartha Ausbon and Evelyn Paul motored to Washington Wednesday.

Completes Road to Martin County

The F. J. McGuire Construction Company finished the stretch of road from the Martin county line to Plymouth Wednesday afternoon, and have moved their equipment to Roper from where they will begin the construction of the road that will be linked with Main street giving a complete concrete road from Roper to the Martin county line, with the exception of one block of asphalt which was laid here by the Simmons Construction Company.

The road from here to the Martin county line will be opened for traffic on the twenty-first of this month, and in the meantime a detour will be maintained through the Long Acre-Moratock-Long Ridge roads connecting number 90 of the highway system at the residence of M. J. Stillman, about two and a half miles from here.

County Council in Meet Here

The county council met at Plymouth Tuesday, September 29th. Fifty-four members were present. The president, Mrs. Ida Brickhouse, called the meeting to order and plans for the coming year were discussed. Plans were made for furnishing the county kitchen.

Mrs. Roy T. Hopkins was appointed to represent the council at the district meeting of the federated clubs which will meet at Robersonville on October 21st. Mrs. Ward, district chairman, desires that as many women attend this meeting as can possibly do so.

Delightful refreshments were served the council by Miss Morehead, home demonstration agent. The next meeting will be held in Mackeys December 4th. A large attendance is desired.

MRS. A. L. HOLMES.
Creswell, N. C., Oct. 5th.

School Observer

On Tuesday morning of this week our people were greeted by the first edition of the School Observer, a semi-monthly being published by the student body of the local high school. It is neat and attractive and well edited, and reflects a great deal of credit upon those who were instrumental in its creation. Miss Mildred Vail's name appears at the masthead as editor and Mr. LeRoy Harris as business manager. Miss Hope Hardison is designated as faculty advisor. Its chief purpose will be to use its influence or the betterment of the school as a whole. We commend their intentions and wish them success.

Attend Oddfellows Meeting

The regular semi-annual district convention of the Oddfellows was held yesterday in Farmville. Delegates from Plymouth were Dr. Claudius McGowan, Messrs. W. T. Nunney, S. B. Hilliard, Allie Allen, W. J. Martin, A. D. Bassinger, R. L. Bateman, D. George, Willie Daventport and W. L. Whitley, grand warden of the grand lodge of North Carolina.

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 that date the University will celebrate the 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 39 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. Apropos 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.