

TAX COLLECTION 20 PER CENT OVER THAT LAST YEAR

Office Busy Sending Out Final Notice; Advertising To Begin Next Week

Tax collections in Washington County are 20 per cent better than those of the past few years, it was learned from the tax collector's office, which is busy sending out notices that 1934 unpaid taxes will be advertised next week.

From the \$107,000 worth of taxes levied during the current year, \$68,958.12, or almost 75 per cent, collections have been made. And these good collections are believed to be the result of two factors: One is the better financial condition of the county, a great deal of which has come from the farmer's improved status. The other is the unified system of tax collecting that the county inaugurated December 15, 1934.

This new system, which is handled very efficiently by one man, Corbett Swain, former county auditor, who was placed in charge of the office at its inception. Formerly tax collections were placed in three hands. The sheriff looked after all current taxes, the county auditor handled those taxes advertised by the sheriff's sale, and the county attorney had charge of suits instituted against delinquents. Now with the three departments combined into one, much duplication and confusion is omitted.

A. L. Owens, of Plymouth, is the largest individual taxpayer in the county, his total being \$1,548.88. Four large companies, John L. Roper Lumber Co., Wilts-Veneer Co., V. E. & P. Co., and N. S. Land Co., each pay from \$2,000 to \$4,000 per annum, and are the leading contributors to the county coffers.

The total valuation of county property in 1934, \$4,713,312, from which over \$100,000 in taxes is derived, seems large if compared with total taxes paid in 1840. Then they were \$1,344.

Some strange and rather humorous names, such as July Brown, Sun beam Lewis, Pink Cradle, Loveless Alexander, Ivory Hedgebeth, Will Hide, and a street in Roper, Rich Negro Row, are to be found on the tax books.

ERE Work Reflects Credit on Teacher

A review of the ERE work in Washington County done by Mrs. W. B. Chesson reflects credit to this teacher.

Her classes included 55 students. Periods were held for studying reading, spelling, English, arithmetic, writing, health, sanitation, home culture and beautification, better gardens, cooking, planning and preparing meals, renovating old garments, and revamping discarded furniture.

Three ladies over 70 learned to embroider. There were 68 aprons, 20 centerpieces, sleeping garments, dresses and other such things made. Ten thousand quarts of fruits and vegetables were canned, with Mrs. Thomas Craddock putting up 600 quarts and Maggie Norman, colored, 500 quarts in the canning work preceding the ERE.

To Begin Revival at Roper Next Monday

Revival services will begin at the Roper Pentecostal Holiness church Monday evening, September 2, with Miss Fannie Mae Morris, of Rocky Mount, as the evangelist.

Miss Morris is a student at the Holmes Bible and Missionary Institute, at Greenville, S. C. After the meeting, Miss Morris will return to school. The public is urged to attend these services.

MISS ANNIE MYRTLE PEAL IS HOSTESS WEDNESDAY

Outstanding in social significance was the delightful contract bridge party given on Wednesday evening, August 21, when Miss Annie Myrtle Peal charmingly entertained her sister, Mrs. R. T. Bonner, of Aurora.

Delightful iced lemonade was served during the play and a most delicious banana salad with sandwiches following the game.

Mrs. Bonner was awarded a pair of sheer chiffon hose as guest prize, while Mrs. H. Marion Ramsey won low and received a novelty piece of broc-a-brac. High score prize was a unique bon-bon dish.

Out-of-town guests included Mrs. R. T. Bonner, of Aurora, the honoree; Mrs. G. W. Farrabow, of Durham; and Mrs. Lena Hollis, of East troudsburg, Pa.

BAN LIFTED

Children under 15 years of age no longer must remain at home. They have their privileges again that were taken from them during the spreading of infantile paralysis over the state.

They were admitted to shows and beaches again last Saturday. Now they are allowed to congregate on the street corners at will. Sunday schools will call them again Sunday. The Washington County Board of Health has lifted the ban on public gatherings. Grace Episcopal church Sunday school, which closed for several Sundays will be open again on Sunday.

Deputy Collector of Revenue Holds Meet Here Wednesday

Representatives in County Given Instructions in Making Reports

A Deputy Commissioner of Internal Revenue, J. F. Broughton, who is supervising the collection of cotton ginner's certificates in this district, held an instructional meeting with representatives from this county Wednesday afternoon at the court house.

Mr. Broughton, who will visit each ginner before he makes out his monthly report to the government, pointed out that ginning regulations for this season were much simpler and stricter than those of the past year, and that this would be helpful to the ginner in keeping his records. It was intimated by the ginner present that they would begin operations in three or four weeks. Seven ginner, some operating commercially and some independently for their own farms, attended the meeting, along with County Agent Hays. Those attending were J. C. Smith, J. E. Davenport, W. W. Mizelle, S. L. Davenport, A. G. Walker, S. J. Woodley and T. C. Holmes.

Sunday Services at Christian Church

The local Christian church will open wide its doors and the officers will welcome again those who have been kept away because of the "dreaded disease" Sunday at 9:45 a. m. The church wishes to express its appreciation to all who have made the Bible school possible in the past. Let us look into the future with great hopes for even a greater school, realizing that your loyalty means all.

At 11 a. m., Rev. N. A. Taylor will conduct the regular morning worship. He will preach on "Peter, the Ordinary Man." At the 8 o'clock evening hour, Mr. Taylor will speak on one of a series of requested subjects, "What Is a Christian."

At 7 p. m., the Christian Endeavor will convene with a welcome to all young people.

ACE OF CLUBS CONTRACT BRIDGE HOLDS MEETING

Of unusual delight was the meeting of the Ace of Clubs contract bridge club Friday evening with Mrs. Herman Bowen at the home of Mrs. Claudius McGowan on West Main Street.

During an interesting game the hostess served a delightful mint julep, while after the play a luscious ice course with ambrosia cake and dainty sweets were served.

Mrs. H. Marion Ramsey was winner of high score among the club members, while Mrs. Claudius McGowan won the high guest's prize. Mrs. Daryl V. Clayton received the prize for having bid and made a little slam, while Mrs. R. L. Edwards received low score. To each winner was presented attractive prizes.

Special guests for the occasion were Mesdames H. E. Beam, C. McGowan, Lyman Mayo, and Miss Ethel Arps and Mrs. Katie A. Caton, of Hampton, Va.

ANN SOTHERN IN 'THE GIRL FRIEND' HERE SOON

Pardon her Sothern accent, but that loveliest of newest singing-dancing-loving stars, Ann Sothern, is coming to town next Sunday in Columbia's tuneful and hilarious musical comedy, "The Girl Friend," and—as audiences have been wont to state—Ann how! She's due at the New Theatre.

Co-starred with the beautiful new star is Comedian Jack Haley. Roger Pryor is featured. Between them, and with the aid of a very capable supporting cast, music, romance and much hilarity is let loose via "The Girl Friend."

TURNIPS MAY BE FED IN PLACE OF SILAGE TO COWS

Seed for Such a Crop To Be Planted the Early Part of August

Turnips are being recommended as substitute cow feed for dairymen who do not have enough silage to carry their herds through the winter.

Turnips are palatable, nourishing, and easily digested, points out John A. Arey, extension dairyman at N. C. State College.

For feeding this coming winter, he says, the purple top turnip is probably the best variety to sow now. The seed should be in the ground by August 10, he adds.

The seed bed should be well pulverized. Then 500 to 600 pounds of high grade fertilizer per acre should be drilled broadcast into the soil. After being sown, the seed may be covered lightly with a weeder or a small brush.

On fertile, moist soils, a yield of six to eight tons of turnips per acre can be expected, Arey states. On less favorable soils, the yield will naturally be somewhat less.

Enough seed should be sown to provide each average size sow with 25 to 30 pounds of turnip roots each day during the months when silage is customarily fed.

After the turnips have been harvested, they may be protected from freezing by removing the tops and storing the roots in a cellar or by placing them in a hill as is used for sweet potatoes.

If the roots are chopped into small pieces just before feeding time, the cows will find them easier to eat and there will be less danger of choking. Feed the turnips just after milking time to avoid getting any of the urnip flavor in the milk.

FOR GOVERNOR



A. H. ("Sandy") Graham, lieutenant governor and attorney of Hillsboro, recently announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination as Governor of North Carolina.

Percheron Stallion At Wenona Station

The Duke of Washington is very popular. The Duke is just another member of the equestrian family. He was recently purchased by the Black Land Experiment Station, Wenona, from W. T. Moss, of Youngsville.

He is a black yearling stallion of the Percheron type. He was sired by Quaker, Jr., out of the mare Turquoise, granddaughter of the famous \$40,000 Carnot, winner of the get-of-sire class at the Chicago International Livestock Show for 10 consecutive years.

Sales of pure-bred horses are constantly increasing. Percherons alone have increased sales 90 per cent during the current nine months.

Report Is Made by Chapel Hill Club's Yard Leader

By Mrs. HILDA ROBERTSON
In November, 1934, I was elected yard leader for Chapel Hill Club. At first I didn't want to accept the leadership in yard improvement for our home surroundings were in such terrible shape I just didn't see anything that I could do without spending a lot of money and we didn't see how we could spare a penny for this project. I always did hate to be "Can't Do," so I just took the place without knowing where and how to start.

I went home from club meeting half worried and half thrilled but had a conference with my family, for I already realized it would mean family cooperation to accomplish anything. The family decided with me that we would do all we could to improve our own yard and surroundings, as well as try to encourage others in our community and club to do the same. Talk about cooperation, but I have had it from each member of the family, husband, mother-in-law, and little daughter.

Our house needed some repairing badly, so we decided to begin with it, and then branch out to improving the home grounds. The very first work we did was to put two extra windows in a room on the west side of the house, where only two had been before. This is our living room, and it was made much brighter and more comfortable by the extra lighting. In many places we replaced old rotten weatherboarding by new, and underpinned the house with brick. Our next work happened to be on the front of the house. The front porch, steps and roof were in terrible shape and made a very unsightly entrance into our home. A new porch was built and new steps and a new roof added. Our own lumber was used, but we had to buy new windows, nails, and shingles. Some outside labor was brought in and the total costs for repairing the home was \$29.75.

We bought the porch flooring, columns for porch hand lumber for the steps, so after all, we consider we came out well with expenditures. Then we felt ready to begin improving our yard and surroundings to frame our home, for we were to take a picture during the spring, one that many passers-by would see and hold in their minds. We had some unsightly buildings in the barnyard and some were even sitting out in a more prominent place than the residence, so the first work outside was the moving of a barn to the rear of the stock yard. Four cow stables which greeted our visitors at the end of the drive were torn down. New stables were built at the back of the barnyard. The horse stables

were repaired, and also the storage house. Our next problem was moving a fence back 25 feet and putting new posts in the side fencing next to the road.

The yard had been washed in one corner so badly that we had to move in 25 loads of dirt to fill in the wash-out. Poles were used in this area as a reinforcement to hold the dirt in.

Now, we were ready to make our plans for setting shrubs, plantings, annuals and perennials. After my plan was made, I was able to set out only three evergreens as a background planting until the weather was so severe that we couldn't work outdoors. My work was then transferred to the inside, where I painted my porch furniture, flower stands and boxes. The only cost was 50 cents for paint.

Around February 10 we were able to get back to the yard for real work. The background planting was continued by adding 8 other evergreens, arbutus, cedars, native fetter and box bushes. A screen planting of evergreen hedge was made on either side of the house dividing the public and private areas, and screen ing out buildings and backyard scenery. Ten flowering shrubs were dotted, unevenly, in front of the evergreens around the foundation of the house, as were well-rooted shrubs and started growing immediately. A running rose for trellis hangings was set at either end of the front porch. In front of the hedge plantings purple and white iris were mingled along the fence. In the private area, just over the fence on the right, we set out three fig bushes and a row of dahlia bulbs.

Next a new fence was placed on the left of the yard from the house to the road. Along this fence were set running rose bushes and althea shrubs. Our next job was to have a tractor and plow and disk the yard. All the old grass and rubbish was hauled out of the yard, then covered with manure and disked again. It was harrowed over and over to get the soil in a pulverized state. The cost of the tractor was \$2. Then we went back to the house again, moved on another unsightly building, painted the front porch floor and columns, which cost \$5. The garden next to the yard was cleaned up, also back yard, and rubbish hauled out and burned.

After looking over the situation, and seeing what hadn't been done, we decided to tear down another old building, which was unsightly, and haul it away. In order to keep the stock safely away from our grounds, two new fences were made, and a

FARMERS URGED TO PAY LOANS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Loans by Production Group Exceed Expectations By About \$25,000

During 1935 the Washington Production Credit Association has exceeded its expectations in making loans to farmers in Beaufort, Martin, Hyde, Washington, and Tyrrell Counties by about \$25,000, J. E. Hull, secretary-treasurer of the association, stated today.

He pointed out that the association believes all their loans to be sound agricultural loans up to the present. However, he said, that due to the many things which could affect an agricultural loan, the only way to determine the soundness of a loan was after it had been paid in full by the borrower.

For that reason he urged that all borrowers of the association make every effort to liquidate their loans as early as possible. He said that this was necessary for several reasons.

First, he said, all borrowers have given the association a first lien on all their crops and chattels and they are bound by law to liquidate the association debt before payments are made on any other obligation that they might have had prior to or since their loan was granted to them.

Second, it would result in a saving of interest cost to them, as they are charged at the rate of 5 per cent only for the length of time they have their money.

Third, they help hold down collection expenses for the association, which is finally reflected in larger Class B stock earnings.

FORM NEW GROUP

Business men in Plymouth continued their movement for organization today with E. H. Liverman, B. G. Campbell, and H. A. Williford named to begin a canvass for eligible members.

The name of the new organization, which was launched for the benefit of all, is the Business Men's Association. H. A. Williford was named permanent chairman; Don G. Davis secretary; and E. S. Blount treasurer.

A committee composed of J. R. Campbell, J. R. Manning, and Don Davis, was named in an advisory capacity to hear the plans of out-of-town people who come here seeking advertising, programs, and the like.

The new organization will meet the first Tuesday night in each month, immediately after the chamber of commerce meeting in the Legion Hall.

Creswell Club Wins Third Place Honors

Below are excerpts from a letter to the Beacon from C. H. Rabon, of Conway, who is head of the vocational agriculture department of the Conway High School, formerly with the Creswell school:

"Reports from Raleigh show that my Young Tar Heel Farmers Club in Creswell school last year took third place for the entire district. With the training that the Creswell boys have had in club work, I see no reason why they should not come out on top."

A. H. Tucker is now head of this department in the Creswell school.

Revival Meeting at Bethlehem Sunday

A revival meeting will begin at Bethlehem church near Creswell on Sunday night, September 1. Rev. E. C. Morris is expected to conduct these services. It will last for one week. Every one is cordially invited.

MOUNT TABOR

Misses Thelma and Agatha Haire have returned home after spending some time with Mrs. Roy Davenport near Cherry.

Misses Verdie and Beedie Ambrose spent a few days last week with her sister, Mrs. Ben Halsey, of Mackses.

Mrs. Charlie Campin is improving after being ill for some time with rheumatism.

Mrs. J. J. Ambrose is spending some time with her son, Mr. Isaac Ambrose, of Portsmouth, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Alexander, of Skinnerville, were the Sunday evening guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Bateman.

Misses Erma Furlough and Lina Ambrose have returned home after spending the past week with Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Spruill, of Piney Grove.

SKINNERSVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Ike Davenport and daughters, Florence and Betty, of Charleston, S. C., and Mr. and Mrs. Ike Davenport, of near Columbia, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Guilford Davenport Wednesday.

Mrs. Annie Clayton, of Port Norfolk, and Miss Nellie Tarkenton, of Charleston, S. C., arrived here this week to spend a few days with relatives.

William Spruill, of Fort Bragg, arrived home the past week and is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Spruill.

Aumack Everett was accompanied home from Aulander Sunday by Mrs. H. A. Saunders, Mrs. Matilda Aumack and Stewart Saunders. Mrs. Lillie Everett left here Thursday for Norfolk and Philadelphia to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. William Quigley.

Mrs. Doris Hopkins and children, Donald and Laura Catherine, left here Friday to spend some time with Mrs. Hopkins' parents at Cowpen Neck.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. White and sons, Thomas and Billie, and Miss Margie White were visitors in Belhaven last Sunday.

Mr. Jim Snell, of Belhaven, and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Swain, of Columbia, attended the funeral at Pleasant Grove Sunday afternoon of Mr. Asa Snell, who died at his home here Friday night after a long illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Everett and son, Vernon, jr., returned to their home in Norfolk this week after an extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. Guilford Davenport.

GROWERS FAVOR PLAN TO STEADY PEANUT PRICES

Plan Similar To Diversion Program Followed Last Year

An advisory committee of peanut growers has recommended to the Agricultural Adjustment Administration a plan designed to stabilize prices of the 1935 peanut crop through an arrangement for diverting to oil any peanuts which would not be absorbed in the regular channels of trade at prices representing a reasonable return to growers. The growers drew up the proposed plan at a meeting in Washington August 9 and 10.

The proposed plan, which is similar to the diversion plan followed last year, would be supplementary to a production adjustment program for peanuts. Under the plan, millers who entered into agreements with the Adjustment Administration would receive payments on peanuts used for the manufacture of peanut oil. These payments would be at such rates as would tend to make up the difference between the value of the peanuts for oil and the specified prices for peanuts, which it is desired to establish and maintain.

In this way, the payments would enable oil millers to offer these prices to growers. It is believed that the oil market is able to absorb any surplus which the edible peanut trade cannot absorb at these prices. For this reason the prices offered by oil millers would tend to be established as minimum prices, below which peanuts could not be purchased for edible uses.

The plan would not require that any farmers' stock peanuts be sold to oil manufacturers. The quantity which would go to this use would be determined by the prices which cleaners and shellers offered for farmers' stock peanuts. The plan would assure growers that regardless of what cleaners and shellers offer, there would be a market for their crop at prices substantially higher than oil market values.

The payments would be financed from funds available from processing taxes on peanuts.

J. B. Hutson, director of the AAA division which handles peanut adjustment, said today that the AAA had taken the growers' recommendations under advisement in working out a program.

PWA Projects Must Be in September 6

A wire was received Wednesday afternoon late from E. S. Askew, of Elizabeth City, director of the Public Works Administration in District No. 1, which is self-explanatory:

"All projects will have to reach Raleigh by September 10. In order that they may be checked in the district office in time to reach Raleigh, they should be in the district office as early as possible and not later than Friday night, September 6. Call on this office by telegram collect for any service in preparing for projects."

WESTOVER

Mrs. W. E. Miles, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. L. J. Vail, returned to her home in Norfolk, Va., Sunday. Her little nephew, Lengle Barnes, returned with her for a short stay.

Mr. Emmett Stephenson was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Swain Monday.

Mrs. Carrie Baldwin, of Erfield, spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Ayers, this week.

Messrs. Jasper and Ned Swain motored to Raleigh Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Mayo, Miss Matilda Swain, and Miss Ethel Arps were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Robbins Tuesday of last week.

PLEASANT GROVE

Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Spruill, of Elizabeth City, were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Spruill. Mr. and Mrs. Bingham Alexander and little daughter were the guests of Mrs. Mary Alexander Sunday.

Mrs. Robert Brown and Miss Hazel Brown, of Williamston, spent last Thursday with Mrs. Ida Hodges. Mrs. Bill Liverman, of Columbia, spent a few days last week with her mother, Mrs. N. T. Everett.

Mr. George Roberson left Monday for Chester, Pa., after a visit here with his sister, Mrs. Ida Hodges.

Mrs. Mary Everett and Miss Dorothy Everett have returned to Norfolk after spending some time with relatives and friends.