

POSTPONE ACTION ON COUNTY AGENT

Mass Meeting Of Citizens Not Well Attended; Board Postpones Action Until Its January Meeting.

Following the mass meeting of farmers and citizens held in the court-house here last Saturday afternoon, the Board of County Commissioners met in special session, and decided to postpone any definite action in regard to the county farm demonstration work until their regular meeting to be held on the first Monday in January.

At the mass meeting presided over by Commissioner J. A. McDiarmid, Mr. E. W. Gaither, of the Extension Department of State College in Raleigh, and chairman of the county farm demonstration work in this district, spoke at length, saying that if the farmers were going to switch to new farming methods, which course is obviously necessary to some extent, then a farm demonstration would be needed.

Messrs. T. B. Upchurch, I. H. Shankle, J. W. Scull, Lewis Parker, and others, all Hoke citizens, talked giving their views on the continuation of the demonstration work. Some who spoke were directly opposed to the continuation. Others admitted that the work would be needed unless local farmers continue to grow cotton and tobacco, as they have in the past. The real reason, as expressed by all who spoke, for discontinuing the work is the lack of funds to pay the county's part because of its being so far behind in tax collections.

At the meeting a petition was presented signed by 55 citizens and tax payers, asking that the farm demonstration work in the county be discontinued, as a measure of needed economy.

The meeting was not very well attended due probably to the notice of it not having time for wide circulation. When a vote was taken among those present, only 28 voted; 18 were in favor of continuing the work, and 10 opposed to continuation. The chairman stated that the meeting was purely an advisory one, and that the final decision would, of course, rest with the county commissioners.

At the board meeting that followed, all members were present except Commissioner Tapp.

Hoke County has been without a demonstrator since Mr. W. D. Burton resigned in November, to accept similar work in Pamlico County.

COTTON MARKET

Cotton was selling on the Raeford market Thursday morning at from six to six and a half cents, according to the grade.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT TO BE GIVEN FRIDAY

A Christmas pageant will be given on Friday evening, December 18, at 7:30 o'clock, in the Raeford School auditorium. Taking part in the program will be members of the first seven grades of the Raeford School, who have been working hard on their parts of the entertainment.

There will be no cash admission charged, but everyone who comes must bring some article of food, canned or otherwise, as the price of admission. Food gathered in this way will be used by the Raeford Committee in aiding the poor and unemployed at Christmas.

TAX DISCOUNT IS ALLOWED BY CITY

Board Orders 1 Per Cent Discount On Taxes Paid This Month.

At a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Raeford held on Monday evening, it was ordered that a discount of one per cent be allowed on all taxes paid during the month of December.

This discount is allowed because the tax books of the town were late in being opened for the payment of taxes, and the customary discount of one per cent allowed for early payment could not be taken advantage of as in former years.

The town officials in making the announcement public, stated that as provided by law, the penalty will begin to run of February 1st, 1932.

PRAISES SEAL ISSUE OF SANATORIUM SUN

N. C. Tuberculosis Ass'n Congratulates Sanatorium Publication For Splendid Featuring of Christmas Seal.

The Sanatorium Sun, monthly publication of the North Carolina Sanatorium, has been congratulated by the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association and others on its issue for December, in which several news articles and an editorial dealing with the Christmas Seal and the work carried on with the money derived from the annual seal sales, appeared.

Dr. L. B. McBrayer, Managing Director of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association, says that the issue referred to is the finest Christmas Seal publication he has seen.

The December Sun ran three news items, an editorial and an announcement concerning the seal sale, and in addition carried two large Christmas Seal advertisements, and scattered 12 cuts of the 25th anniversary seal throughout its pages.

The Sun is ably edited by Mr. John M. Gibson, who has done considerable writing for various magazines, and worked on newspapers in this country and abroad. His editorial with reference to the Seal Sale, in the December issue of the Sun, is in part as follows:

"Those who have had tuberculosis, and those acquainted with the disease by virtue of having watched by the bedside of those stricken down with it, are particularly well situated to tell the general public, the indifferent men and women, those who regard this sale as 'just another money-raising drive,' about the great progress made in conquering this arch enemy of the human race and the unwise of letting up in this health-building and disease-preventing effort.

"There are many calls for funds for worthy causes. It is not our purpose to minimize the others. But those who know of the accomplishments in anti-tuberculosis work should not refuse to do everything in their power to bring the present campaign to a successful conclusion."

NEW AUTO TAGS NOW ON SALE

Tags Can Be Bought In Aberdeen, Laurinburg And Fayetteville; New Colors Black On Yellow.

Raleigh, Dec. 15—North Carolina's 1932 automobile license tags will go on sale throughout the State today, the first to be sold under the rate schedule based on the vehicular weight.

The new plates, carrying black figures on a yellow background, may be displayed immediately after purchase today. All auto owners are required to have them attached to their cars not later than January 1.

Nearly 7,500 of the new tags were mailed out yesterday to early applicants for the plates. Early in the month 550,000 application blanks for the new licenses were sent to auto owners by the Motor Vehicle Bureau of the Department of Revenue.

Fifty-five branch stations, located at strategic points throughout the State, will aid in the distribution of the plates.

Leland S. Harris, director of the Motor Vehicle Bureau, said yesterday that prospects for quick and efficient dispatch of the tags were very encouraging, judging by the number of applications already received by his office.

Must Carry Registration Cards.

"The law provides that each driver must carry his registration card with him, and the Patrol is going to insist that it is carried out to the letter," yesterday declared Captain Charles Farmer, head of the North Carolina Highway Patrol.

The registration card must always be with the car that carries license plates corresponding to it; even one who borrows an automobile must secure it from the owner, pointed out Captain Farmer.

"Automobile drivers are warned to keep the card with them and not throw it in a waste-paper basket or hide it in an out-of-the-way place," he declared.

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EFFICIENT WHISKEY STILL IS CAPTURED

Officers Say Plant One Of Most Complete Outfits They Ever Saw; Operator Gets Eight Months.

Sheriff Hodgkin and his deputies captured a small but well equipped whiskey making outfit at the home of Henry McNeill, colored, on the Newton place below Antioch, about daylight Saturday morning.

The officers said that the still and other equipment composed one of the most complete outfits they had ever seen. The still had been in operation a few hours before the seizure, and two or three gallons of whiskey were taken. The outfit was located in the loft of the home, and all evidence of it was completely hidden from view; the smoke from the still was piped into a chimney of the house. The equipment included a windlass for hoisting to the loft ingredients for whiskey, and bottles to put it in.

The still's operator, Henry McNeill, and another colored man, Ralph Campbell, who was found at the place later by Deputy Barrington, were arrested and charged with prohibition law violations. In recorder's court Tuesday, McNeill pleaded guilty to possession and manufacturing, and was sentenced to four months on the roads for each offense, the sentences to run consecutively. Campbell pleaded not guilty of either charge, and was found not guilty.

DANIELS SCORES TARIFF CHARGES

Says They Have Caused Million And Half Workers To Lose Jobs, In Killing American Foreign Trade.

New York, Dec. 15—The loss of \$1,400,000,000 in American foreign trade, and loss of jobs by 1,500,000 workers in this country is ascribed to the Smoot-Hawley (Hog) tariff by Josephus Daniels, publisher of the Raleigh News and Observer, and former Secretary of the Navy, in an article in January Plain Talk entitled "The Age of Special Privilege."

"Special privilege has been in the saddle for ten years," Mr. Daniels says, "and has ridden the people of the United States ragged. It has paid billions of dollars in so-called tax refunds to large corporations and multi-millionaires, while soldiers who risked their lives in France have a tough time securing an insignificant amount of adjusted compensation."

"For ten years this country has been busy diverting the profits of skill and labor into the pockets of the privileged few. There is too much gold in this country and too much of everything that has heretofore spelled prosperity—yet millions of good men are mendicants for bread."

"In 1920 the deluded people of the United States voted into office the Party of Special Privilege, which had at its command over \$7,000,000 for selfish millionaires who believe that the country should be governed of, by and for themselves—and the devil take the balance of the people."

"The hogs that hogged Hog Island—which the Republican whiners cried so much about during the war—were peanut vendors compared with the Hogs Who Hogged the Hog Tariff."

POLITICS AND PERSONALITIES

Of course none of the 1500 ragged citizens who dragged themselves into Washington on the opening day of the Seventy-second Congress saw the President, or the Vice-President, or the Speaker of the House. Senator King of Utah, it is said, spoke to one of the leaders. And the marchers were urged by Senator Borah to be quiet. They came empty-handed. They left empty-handed. And that apparently ends the famous Hunger March of 1931.

"But it is ended?" asks the Washington News. "What of the remaining 8,000,000 jobless who would not march with this little remnant under Communist leaders?"

"The answer does not rest with the Communist leaders—who pro-

STATE'S SENATORS GET ASSIGNMENTS

Morrison And Bailey Pleased With Appointments; More Posts For Representatives On Committees.

Washington, Dec. 15—The North Carolina Senators now have their committee assignments. Senator Morrison gets the two important committees, appropriations and banking and currency he had last Congress. Senator Bailey was assigned to commerce, postoffice and post roads and claims. Mr. Bailey succeeds former Senator Simmons on commerce. In addition Mr. Simmons had finance and irrigation. Mr. Morrison followed Senator Overman, his predecessor, on appropriations. In addition, Mr. Overman was on the judiciary and rules.

Both Mr. Morrison and Mr. Bailey are well pleased with their committees.

The House committees are ready for work now. Some additional assignments were given to North Carolina members on committees today. Rep. Warren, chairman of accounts, is also ranking member of library and a member of roads, elections of President and Vice-President; Rep. Kerr, chairman of elections No. 3, is a member of public buildings and grounds, immigration, war claims and census; Rep. Clark, chairman of elections No. 1, is ranking on claims and a member of enrolled bills, the District of Columbia and patents.

EIGHT INJURED IN AUTO-TRUCK CRASH

Six In Hospital At Erwin In Serious Condition Following Collision; Vehicles Are Demolished.

Dunn, Dec. 15—Six people were seriously injured and two suffered lesser hurts at 7:30 o'clock last night at the intersection of Routes 55 and 60, five miles north of Dunn, when a heavy truck and trailer collided head-on with a Chevrolet touring car.

In the touring car were William L. Long and Craven Cates, of Erwin. The truck and trailer were owned by Nathan Johnson, prominent fertilizer manufacturer of Dunn, and driven by Walter McLaurin, 36-year-old Negro. Riding on the truck with McLaurin were D. H. Fox, white, of Marners; William Barefoot, white, of Dunn; George Denning, white, of Dunn; Barney Bradley, white, of Dunn, and an unidentified Negro.

All except Denning and Bradley are in Good Hope Hospital at Erwin and all in a serious condition. All four of the seriously injured were unconscious at 9 o'clock and at least three of the six are, it is believed, unlikely to recover.

The car and truck were demolished. Those who saw the remains of the crash said it was remarkable that anybody came out of it alive.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

A Christmas Cantata, "The Light of the World," will be given on Sunday night, December 27, in the Presbyterian Church, by members of the three Raeford church choirs, who are cooperating in getting it up. The cantata is a story of Christmas in beautiful music.

Average County Tax Reduction For State 33 Cents; Average Rate \$1.06

RELIEF COMMITTEE SEEKS DONATIONS

Fire Department Gathers Food And Clothing, But Much More Needed; Promptness In Further Gifts Urged.

The members of the Raeford Fire Department made rounds with the fire trucks, in the Raeford school district early this week gathering articles of food and clothing to be distributed by the district Relief Committee to the needy and unemployed, at Christmas. The firemen said that some people gave generously, while others gave nothing; many were unable to give anything.

The Relief Committee urges all who did not give and can do so, especially those who were not prepared to give anything at the time of the canvass, or who were missed then, to bring anything in the food clothes or bed clothes line, that they feel they can give, to the Bank of Raeford, as soon as possible.

The Committee will appreciate promptness in the making of further gifts, as the time is drawing near for the baskets to be made up for Christmas, and there is quite a bit of food still needed.

Every person in the Raeford District who can help and who has not done so, is urged by the local committee to do his or her bit.

Messrs. R. B. Lewis and T. B. Lester are receiving cash donations, and they report the following amounts of cash received to date: Raeford Fire Department \$25.00; R. B. Lewis, \$10.00; Mrs. R. B. Lewis, \$10.00; Raeford Gin Co., \$2.00; Graham Service Station, \$1.00; a friend 50 cents; Rev. W. M. Fairley, \$10.00; T. B. Upchurch, Jr., \$10.00; Mrs. Kate King, 50 cents; Alvis Dickson, \$1.00. Further donations will be announced in next week's issue of the paper.

NO REDUCTION SEEN FOR TOBACCO CROP

Big Grower Says Each Farmer Expects To Get "Break" And Therefore Refuses To Reduce Acreage.

Dr. C. R. Young, of Angier, who planted 600 acres in tobacco during the past season and was one of the State's largest growers, is convinced that there will be no great reduction in tobacco acreage next year and consequently is planning to reduce his own acreage by two-thirds, with only 200 acres planted in tobacco.

"Without disclosing my purpose, I polled 30 farmers, ten each in three sections 30 miles apart, and I found that the whole 30 do not plan to reduce their tobacco more than 25 acres," said Dr. Young Monday.

"I have never raised small grains before, but I am planning to put 250 acres in them next year and I do not expect to buy my tenants any food except salt and coffee after another year. During the past year I experimented with sugar cane and found it could be grown successfully on my land and all of my tenants will make all of their meat and other food."

Dr. Young is strongly in favor of legislation to curtail acreage, "if it could be done."

"There are several things that will keep the farmers from reducing unless there is a law to make them do it," he declared. "The big thing is that each farmer thinks that he will get the 'break' some way and that the other man will be the one to lose. They think they will grow a better type of tobacco and get more for it. The little fellow hears that the big will reduce and so he won't have to, and the big farmer hears the little one can't buy fertilizer and won't raise tobacco."

"I find that the farmers are making every sacrifice to get fertilizer and they say that there is no money in anything else they could grow and nothing to do except grow tobacco. I never knew plant needs to be prepared so early but they are already preparing and in Scotland and other counties west of the Seaboard Air Line Railway, territory (Continued on back page)

Hoke County-Wide Rate Reduced 24 Cents; This Includes Increases Made For Debt Service, and Purposes Other Than Schools.

The county-wide rate in Hoke was reduced from \$1.04 in 1930 to 80 cents this year, a reduction of 24 cents. The rate for the six months school term, which of course is included in the total county-wide 80 cents rate, was reduced to a county-wide rate of 31 1/2 cents, as compared with 58 cents for last year, a reduction of 26 1/2 cents. Also included in the total county-wide 80 cent rate are the increased rates made for purposes other than schools, and for debt service. The rate for purposes other than schools was increased 2 1/2 cents, and the debt service rate increase was 14 1/2 cents.

The 1931 tax rates for 83 counties, released Sunday by the Tax Commission, show a straight average county-wide rate for these counties in 1930 of \$1.39 reduced in 1931 to \$1.06. The tax reduction on property for this year averages 33 cents on the \$100 of assessed value as compared with the 1930 rate.

The assessed valuation for 40 counties, for which figures are available, shows an average reduction of four per cent. Therefore, if the 1931 rates had been levied on 1930 values, which would show the correct actual comparison of the 1930 and 1931 rates, the present average rate would be \$1.02 instead of \$1.06. The average reduction in rates from 1930 to 1931 based on the same valuation each year is, therefore, 37 cents for the 83 counties.

The average reduction for the six months school is 33 cents. The reduction for current operation of the six months term is 34 cents. The reduction for capital outlay is two cents, and the increase for school debt service is three cents.

The gross average reduction in rate for maintenance of county roads is 21 cents. That is to say, the straight average levy for county roads last year was 21 cents. This year there is no property tax for road maintenance.

The levy for the county general fund was decreased one-half of one cent. The levy for the poor was increased two cents. County debt service for general county purposes and roads shows an increase of 10 cents. There were small increases in other county levies for special purposes.

Since the 21 cent reduction in the levy for roads was offset by the 15 cent increase in the levy for debt service, and the small increase in the levies for the poor and for miscellaneous purposes, there has been no net reduction in the total county levies for purposes other than for schools, except the reduction resulting from the levy this year being made on a smaller assessed valuation.

In appraising the tax reduction effected by the 1931 General Assembly we find a straight average reduction of 35 cents for the current operation of the six months school term, and 21 cents for county road maintenance, an increase of three cents for school debt service, 15 cents for county debt service—making a total of a 19 cent increase in the total levy by counties for debt service, that is, for bond repayment (Continued on back page)

NEGRO BOY'S LEG BROKEN BY AUTO

Lawrence Marshall Runs Into Path Of Car Wednesday; Taken to Hospital

Lawrence Marshall, colored, 9-year-old son of Jim Marshall, of the Timberland section, had his leg broken early Wednesday morning, as a car driven by J. R. Cain, of Fayetteville, a representative of Swift Packing Company, ran into him.

The little negro boy who was on his way to school, became frightened at a dog, began running and started across the highway, apparently not seeing Mr. Cain's car which was practically upon him. The boy was brought to a doctor here immediately, who found a compound fracture of the left leg about 4 inches below the knee. After receiving treatment, he was taken by Mr. Cain to a Fayetteville hospital.