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## Tax Levies Announced For Roads And Schools

County Commissioners Says These Levies Are Subject, However, To Changes Made Today.

The county commissioners have tentatively agreed on the special tax levies for roads and schools in the county, these levies being subject to change at the request of the various highway commissioners and school committees. These levies were set on the first Monday in July but were allowed to stand until today to allow time to confer with other authorities. There may be some changes, but the changes will be slight, if any.

County Tax Supervisor W. R. Newton says the value of all real estate and personal property in the county is approximately thirty-seven and a half million dollars. The general rate for the county for this year is two cents per \$100 property valuation less than it was last year while the levy for schools purchases has been increased twelve cents over that of last year.

Next year will be revaluation year. This comes every fourth year.

The following is the complete tax levy as it now stands, subject to the final approval of the county commissioners in session today.

Property.	Poll.
School	.65 \$1.50
Bridge and funding bonds (gen. law)	.01 1/2
Bridge bonds (chap. 570 pub laws 1917)	.02 1/2
Various bonds and int.	.02
Roads and bridges (chap. 139 Pub. laws 1904)	.10
General county purposes	.08 .50
Total	.90 \$2.00

**Special township and district levies.**  
All maintenance levies made under chapter 190 Public Laws 1919, except where maintenance is levied with road bond interest and this is authorized under the act authorizing the bond issue.

No. 1 township property 85c, poll \$1.65.  
No. 2 township property 65c poll 51 cents.  
No. 3 township property 40c, poll 37c.  
No. 4 township property 3c, poll—Kings Mountain road district, 12c on property, 36c on poll.  
Grover precinct 20c on property, 18c on poll.  
No. 5 township 40c on property, 45c on poll.  
No. 6 township 20c on property; 12c on poll.  
No. 7 township 40c on property; 66 cents on poll.  
No. 8 township 50c on property; 75 cents on poll.  
No. 9 township, 32c. on property; 30c on poll.  
Lawndale road district, 14c on property 0 on poll.  
No. 10 township 60c on property; 66c on poll.  
No. 11 township 70c on property; 81 cents on poll.  
No. 6 hospital bonds, 7c on property, 0 on poll.

**School Tax Specials.**

Districts	Property.	Poll
Boiling Springs No. 6	.23	.69
Earl, No. 12	.30	.90
Pat Springs No. 14	.30	.90
Grover No. 24	.30	.90
Dilling No. 79	.15	.45
Dixon No. 21	.19	.57
Bethware No. 19	.20	.60
Waco No. 30	.40	1.20
Stubbs No. 32	.15	.45
St. Paul No. 31	.10	.30
Lattimore, No. 16	.50	1.50
Moreshoro No. 17	.50	1.50
Fallston No. 22	.50	1.50
Belwood No. 23	.40	1.20
Piedmont No. 20	.40	1.20
Cesar No. 24	.50	1.50
Moriah No. 25	.30	.90

**Says Farmers Will Sow Wheat Next Year**  
Sam Morrison Finds This Sentiment as He Travels Around Threshing 12,000 Bushels.

Twelve thousand bushels of wheat were threshed and ten thousand bales of straw were baled by Sam Morrison, local drayman who owns and operates a threshing outfit. Mr. Morrison says the wheat crop in Cleveland is the best he has ever seen and that in threshing this amount of wheat he visited the Earl section, went west to Boiling Springs and north to Fallston, finding plenty of the farmers after such a splendid yield of wheat is that next year they will sow more and let up on cotton. Mr. Morrison says many cotton fields next year will be in wheat if the present sentiment of the farmers is carried out and that he would not be surprised if the cotton crop is cut in half and the wheat crop multiplied many times.

## Girls, Meet Mrs. Shoe!



Yes, yes, Mrs. Shoe is her name. Odd, isn't it? However, she is the wife of a detective and his real name is Gum Shoe. Naturally enough, her name is Mrs. Gum Shoe. She helps do some detecting in "They Never Knew." Also, she does some falling in love.

The story starts today in The Star.

## Dr. Moore Locates Here For Practice

Native of Cleveland Finishes Medical Education and Locates in Shelby

Dr. D. Forrest Moore, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Moore of the Boiling Springs section, having completed his long course in medicine, has decided to locate in Shelby for the practice of his profession and this week he will open an office in the old Masonic building over the Rose's five and ten cent store. Dr. Moore is well prepared for such a career and is a young man of excellent qualities. After his graduation from Boiling Springs high school he attended Wake Forest college where he was graduated with the Bachelor of Science degree. Next he went to Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, where he completed his course. Two summers ago he was interne at the Shelby hospital. Last summer he passed the state medical board of examiners and received his license to practice. For the past year or more he has been holding a position with the Atlantic City Hospital at Atlantic City, N. J., his practical experience in hospitals, therefore fitting him all the better for his life work.

Dr. Moore has many friends over the county who rejoice to learn that he has decided to locate here.

## CLEVELAND FARMER BUYS COTTON MILL

Mr. George Spurlin, prominent farmer living just north of Shelby bid in the Vivian Spinning company place together with 20 acres of land within two blocks of the heart of Cherryville at a public sale of the property at Gastonia Saturday. The highest bid placed on by Mr. Spurlin was only \$31,500. Mr. Spurlin may have had associates interested with him in the bidding. It is understood that Mr. Spurlin sold the Vivian Spinning Co. \$20,000 worth of cotton a year or more ago and accepted notes for payment. The notes were never paid and Mr. Spurlin was forced to bid in the mill to protect himself as best he could. It is also understood that the mill of which Mr. John J. George was an officer, had liabilities of over \$400,000.

## Badly Cut By A Cotton Bale Tie

Jule Hamrick, colored laborer at Eastside mill, received a badly cut wrist Friday evening, when a bale of cloth which he was handling somehow fell upon his hand, the metal tie with which the cloth was bound turning and gashing the man's wrist. Although the wound was not deep, it was sufficient to cut the great vein in two, and the negro lost blood copiously.

An emergency tourniquet was applied, which failed to stop the bleeding, and he was brought to town where his wound was dressed, immediately afterwards he fainted, it being necessary to practically carry him to the car.

## HAVE NEW LICENSE BY AUGUST 3RD

An Officer Will Get You If You Don't Watch Out—4,416 State Tags And 980 City Tags Sold.

Leave your car in the garage after August 3 if you are one of those who as yet have failed to secure a new state or county automobile license. A notice from the State Department of Revenue instructs all officers to arrest drivers of cars with 1926 licenses still dangling from the rear, and it is supposed that the city department will take the same step. Every year it seems that some owners persist in holding up the work of the department by delaying their application for license until the last possible moment, but this year, according to newspaper stories emanating from Raleigh, returns have been slower than ever.

Up until Saturday at noon, 4,416 license plates had been issued by the Carolina Motor Club office at Eskridge's garage and still they were being sold. About 400 of these have been disposed of since July 17, the usual date for the old plates to become unlawful. The town of Shelby took about 25 per cent of these, since the last number to be issued by the city bureau was 980. It is interesting to note from the sheets listing the tags on file in both offices that the great majority of those issued during the past two weeks were for cars of the smallest classification, such as Fords, Chevrolets, etc., a fact probably explainable by the assumption that the small car owner is less likely to be able to make his payments promptly than would be the possessor of a bigger one. It is also an indication that people are inclining more and more to the use of a smaller car for general use, due to the smaller initial cost and the cheaper upkeep. This is a tendency that has long been noticed abroad, especially in England.

## Property To Be Sold—Better Pay

Sheriff Logan for the county and Chief Hamrick for the city have given warning that county and city property on which taxes have not been paid by August 2nd (today) will go to sale under the hammer at the court house. Of course before this is done all property on which taxes have not been paid for the year 1925 will be duly advertised which in itself is a humiliation to all parties concerned. This week the tax collectors will probably make up their lists for publication so if you have not paid, better rush at once to the court house or to the city hall,—maybe both, and see that you are straight with the tax authorities.

Sale of property for taxes will result in a penalty of 20 per cent being attached plus the cost of advertising. After the sale the property owner has a year in which to pay the penalty and redeem his property.

Penalties imposed by the city and county are identical in regard to delinquent tax payments.

## Gardner And Girls At Races

Max Gardner Referee Official at the Speedway Races and Beyer of Shelby Girls Sponsors.

Max Gardner of Shelby has been named referee at the Charlotte Automobile sprint races which take place at the Charlotte Speedway August 23 and a bevy of pretty Shelby girls have been selected as sponsor and maids. Miss Betty Suttle is the sponsor to represent Shelby and the following popular young ladies have been named as her maids, Misses Evelyn Dover, Elizabeth Suttle, Dorothy McBrayer, Caroline Blanton, Nancy Suttle and Virginia Hoey. With every ticket to the World's sprint-race classic there will be attached to it a coupon which will entitle the purchaser of the ticket to ten votes for sponsor for each dollar represented in the ticket.

Speedway tickets purchased before August 15th, will entitle purchaser to ten votes for sponsor for each dollar worth of tickets purchased. All votes must be cast before August 15th, as the contest closes the night of August 14th.

The sponsor receiving the largest number of votes will be presented with an engraved silver loving cup, \$250.00 in cash, transportation to and from Charlotte will be crowned "Queen of the Speedway" just prior to the races at the speedway, and will occupy the "royal suite" at the Hotel Charlotte as guest of the Charlotte speedway.

The sponsor receiving the second largest number of votes will be presented with an engraved silver loving cup, \$150.00 in cash and she and her maids will act as "ladies in waiting" to the queen at the coronation ceremonies.

The sponsor receiving the third largest number of votes will be presented with an engraved silver loving cup, \$100.00 in cash and she and her maids will act as "ladies in waiting" to the queen at the coronation ceremonies.

Many other valuable prizes will be presented to sponsors who do not win the first, second and third prizes. These prizes will be announced later.

All sponsors who receive 10,000 votes will be presented with tickets to grandstand "A" for herself and maids and she and her maids will be the guests of the speedway at the Speedway ball in Charlotte the night of August 23rd.

## CIVIL DOCKET NOW BEING TRIED IN CLEVELAND COURT

The Superior court in this week engaged in the trial of civil cases, the two most important cases on the docket being a suit against the Henrietta mills by an employe for the loss of two fingers. The other is the suit against the town of Shelby by R. L. Mode of cutting trees down on the sidewalk.

## Cranford Will Be Tried This Time For Cruelty

Raleigh, Aug. 2.—Nevin C. Cranford, former convict boss of Stanley county, acquitted last week on a double charge of murder, will be placed on trial at the September term of court in Stanley county on a charge of assault upon Henry Wooten, a convict.

This statement was made over long distance telephone by Solicitor Don Phillips at Rockingham. Mr. Phillips added that many persons were asking why had Cranford not been tried on other acts of cruelty which were alleged during the trial last week. He answered this question with the declaration that except for the alleged attack upon Wooten, which was in 1925, and the murder charges which were felonies, the cruelty charges were misdemeanors and were barred by the statute of limitations.

**Verdict Fair**  
Mr. Phillips stated, that in his opinion, the murder charges at Albemarle last week "were fairly tried in every respect by a good jury from Anson county and their verdict was not against the weight of the evidence." He pointed out that Cranford could not be tried on charges of cruelty which were several years old, because the two-year statute of limitations bars the charge of misdemeanors after the lapse of that time. The assault charge comes under the classification of a misdemeanor or but the murder charges were not

## ORPHAN BOY KILLED BY KINGS MT. TRAIN

Red Ager Jumped on a Moving Train And Fell—Curious, Yet Serious Crowd Reviews Body

Death claimed Thomas Aker, or "Red" as he was called, Tuesday evening at 4 o'clock. On last Saturday young Aker, who was about 22, and small in size, tried to jump on a passing freight train for a little ride at Kings Mountain. He lost his grip and was swept under the train and his body fearfully mangled and torn. He was carried to the Gastonia city hospital, and seemed to be doing very well until Tuesday night when complications set in that ended in his death as the day drew to a close.

"Red" lost his parents ten years ago, and has had a poor chance in growing up. He was not vicious, but he missed parental care and restraint in his upbringing. His end was tragic and pathetic.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Wesleyan Methodist church, Rev. Marion Connor, the pastor, presiding.

Mr. H. T. Fulsom, funeral director, had charge of the funeral of "Red" Aker. He embalmed the body for burial.

A serious, curious crowd gathered around the undertaker's establishment to get a view of the broken body. The poor boy's sad fate should be a warning to others who try to catch a ride on passing trains—an old custom among many reckless boys about the station.

## JURY MISTRIALS IN HAMRICK CASE

Fails To Agree and Mistrial Is Ordered—D. B. Hamrick Suing Eastside Mill For \$10,000

The case of D. B. Hamrick, suing the Eastside Mill for \$10,000 damages for injuries sustained some time ago when a door at the mill struck his head, resulted in a mistrial, the jury failing to agree on the amount of damages to be given the plaintiff. According to one jurymen, the nearest they ever came to an agreement was a vote of nine in favor of giving Hamrick his medical expenses and compensation for the time lost in the accident, and three holding out for payment by the defendant of \$250.

Hamrick was represented in court by Bennett and Edwards, young lawyers of the city, while Clyde R. Hoey upheld the defense side of the argument. The evidence stated that Hamrick, while passing through a door of the mill, was seriously injured about the head, losing his hearing in one ear, as well as two weeks time and having his earning power diminished. He claimed wanton negligence on the part of the mill in owning a door, such as the one in question, which was liable to close at any time without warning, and hence endanger the lives of the employes of the mill. The defense claimed that any man of ordinary prudence, knowing that a door was there, would look to see if there was any danger before entering.

Judge Webb gave the case to the jury about four o'clock Friday afternoon, after charging them to investigate whether the injury was caused by the mill's negligence or whether the plaintiff's carelessness was contributory, and if they decided to award him damages, to determine the amount. They remained out something like four hours, and adjourned after it was decided that there was no possibility of an agreement. It is not known just when the new trial will be held.

## \$7,000 Worth Of Desks For Schools

Desk equipment was purchased last week for the two new additions to Shelby's school system, and it is expected that the buildings, in North Shelby and at Eastside will be ready for occupancy when the fall term of school opens. Mr. J. S. McKnight, secretary of the school board, stated that the contract was let to the Southern Desk company, at Hickory, as the lowest of the five bidders, who will furnish the 800 desks necessary for a consideration of around \$7,000.

The completion of these two new buildings will give the town a total number of six buildings for white children, with a capacity of around 2,600 pupils, and it is estimated that this will be sufficient to take care of the growth in enrollment for at least two years.

## Train Kills Five Girls On Truck Near Gastonia

A Sixth Girl On The Truck May Live. Bodies Mangled And Die Instantly. No Screams Heard.

Five girls were killed outright and a sixth was dangerously injured Sunday afternoon about 5:30 o'clock at Gamble's crossing about two miles south of Gastonia on the Bessemer City road, when Southern passenger train No. 45, struck a delivery truck loaded with six Bessemer City girls. The dead are:



**Meet Mr. Weed!**  
This, gentle reader, is Jimpton Weed, dashing stylist and man-about-town from Oneomy, Ohio. He is the hero of the greatest adventures ever recorded. It started when he dug up a well for doughnut holes and fell into the well while he was carrying it. Then he fell in love, but, really, you must read "They Never Knew." It starts in The Star today.

## Blacksburg Man Jailed For Shooting

J. L. Goodson Shoots John Cline, A Neighbor, For Alleged Insults To His Wife

J. L. Goodson, Blacksburg furniture dealer and funeral director, is under bond on a charge of assault with intent to kill, while John Cline, his next door neighbor, is in a hospital at Rock Hill recovering from a bullet wound in the chest, alleged to have been inflicted by Goodson.

Investigation by officers disclosed that Mrs. Goodson reported to her husband that Mr. Cline had insulted her several days ago while Mr. Goodson was out of town. The enraged husband, with a club in his hand and a pistol in his pocket, called on his neighbor to demand an accounting. When Mr. Goodson attempted to use the club, Mr. Cline drew his pocket knife, it was reported, and the shooting followed.

Mr. Goodson was arrested by Blacksburg officers and arranged bond before Magistrate J. C. Duncan, of that city.

## North Carolina Dairying Asheville Citizen.

The development of the dairy industry in North Carolina is an object in which Governor Angus W. McLean is deeply interested—he persistently points out the undeveloped possibilities of dairying here and furnishes all the encouragement the state can give.

And the state agencies have helped—the results now show. In Macon county a celebration will be held July 30, at Franklin in honor of the opening of the new creamery there. Creameries are essential in dairying, but the first step to be taken is to secure the necessary supply of cream. In Alamance county, it is stated, the creamery was built first and now it is necessary to stimulate the production of milk needed for its operation. Governor McLean will personally go to the county in September to lend his aid.

The Citizen has told of the superb herd of cows on the R. L. Shuford farm near Newton and the milk records made there. It is now announced that others are personally to witness what can be done, at a big meeting of the North Carolina Jersey Cattle Club to be held there July 27.

North Carolina imports annually 16,000,000 pounds of butter and 27,000,000 gallons of milk—this must stop. The State must export instead of import—it can do it and highly profitably.

## Miss Bertha Wright, 16, Miss Laura Wright, 20, Miss Inez Jenkins, 20, Miss Vivian Jenkins, 19, Miss Gertrude Cloninger, 15, Miss Ida Bess, age 17, the sixth girl in the awful tragedy is still living in the Gastonia city hospital, according to a telephone message to The Star this morning although her recovery will be miraculous as she has both legs broken and internal injuries. In spite of this, however, the physicians held out hope of her surviving.

The six girls were riding in a grocery delivery truck belonging to Miss Gertrude Cloninger whose father operates a grocery store in Bessemer City. Miss Cloninger was driving and the light truck was completely demolished when the heavy engine, one of the new locomotives placed in service to draw the Crescent Limited between Atlanta and Salisbury plunged into it. Death was thought to have been instantaneous for at least four of the victims.

A number of Shelby people who visited the scene say thousands of people gathered there soon after the tragedy and it was sometime before the names of the girls could be determined, their bodies being mangled beyond recognition.

**Made no Outcry.**  
Witnesses to the wreck describe the scene as one of horribly mangled bodies and much blood. The motor car, reduced to splinters, was scattered along the railway right of way and the torn and bleeding bodies of the four girls were strewn along the track from the tremendous impact.

Persons, standing near the track, declared after the wreck that the girls died in silence, no screams being heard to come from the truck when the occupants realized that death was upon them.

The girls, all employes of the Ragan mills at Bessemer City, were en route to their homes from Gastonia. Approaching the railway crossing, Miss Cloninger was said to have driven around another automobile which was stopped beside the track to await the passing of the train. The truck was described as crossing the northbound track and on to the southbound track, to be dashed to pieces by the speeding southbound train.

The locomotive, driven by Engineer C. H. Gaines, of Greenville, S. C., was brought to a stop some distance south of the crossing, and the train crew, led by Conductor B. L. Ormond, of Kings Mountain, rushed back to aid in gathering up the bodies of the dead and injured.

Aid was summoned from Gastonia and motor conveyances were hurried out to bring in the bodies of the dead. Miss Cloninger who was alive when picked up, was hastened to the City hospital along with Miss Bess, but Miss Cloninger died soon after reaching Gastonia. Sunday night the bodies of the dead were being prepared for burial.

The Misses Jenkins were the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Love Jenkins, of Bessemer City. Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Wright of Bessemer City were the parents of the Misses Wright. The names of the parents of Miss Cloninger and Miss Bess were not available, but it was learned that Mr. Cloninger operates a grocery store at Bessemer City and that it was his delivery truck which carried the girl to their death.

## Rock Springs Camp Meeting Tomorrow

Lincoln County News.  
The annual Rock Springs camp meeting at Denver will be held this year from August 3 to August 8, and will be the largest in the history of this famous old meeting place, according to information received by the Times from Rev. R. C. Kirk, pastor of Rock Springs circuit.

The first services will be held next Tuesday night.

Rev. G. A. Stamper of Asheville, and Rev. C. S. Kirkpatrick, presiding elder of the Shelby district, will assist in the meeting, according to word coming from Mr. Kirk. Rev. D. D. Holt, of Duke University, at Durham, will conduct the singing this year.

There will be four services daily—at 9 a. m., 11 a. m., 3 p. m. and at night. There will be singing at the camp ground, before the services are begun, on Sunday and Monday nights August 1 and 2, according to Rev. Mr. Kirk.