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280 PAID INCOME TAX IN CLEVELAND

In 1925 there were 280 people in Cleveland county who paid a Federal income tax according to the University News Letter, just published: This represents one out of every 135 people in the county: Cleveland ranked 42nd, a little above the average for North Carolina in the number of people coming within the provisions of the Federal income tax law: Continuing the University News Letter says:

There were 38,740 returns filed for the year 1925, or one return for every 72.2 people: The distribution of returns was uneven: "Naturally, there are relatively more people who file returns and pay income taxes in the urban counties than in the rural counties: Mecklenburg leads both in the aggregate number of returns filed and in the ratio of returns to population, there being a total of 4,470 returns filed or one for every 20.1 people: Buncombe occupies second place in both particulars with 3,210 returns or one for every 23.0 people: Guilford is third in aggregate number of returns, 3,190, but is surpassed by Henderson and New Hanover relative to their respective populations: "It will be noticed that there are nine counties with one return for fifty people or less: There are eleven other counties which exceed the state average for one return for 72.2 people. At the other extreme there are eleven counties which vary from one return for 502 people in Madison to no returns at all in Clay. These computations are only approximate, for the Treasury department does not actually count the returns from each county, but measures the thickness of the file and its count is therefore accurate only to the nearest five. This slight inaccuracy would make no appreciable difference in the computations for the counties with several hundred returns. It would affect the accuracy of the ratios worked out for the counties with few returns.

"This table has little value, perhaps, except to indicate what a small proportion of the people in the rural counties contribute directly to the support of the federal government, or to the state government. The present federal law exempts married men with an income of \$3,500 or less and single men, without dependents, with an income of \$1,500 or less. An additional exemption of \$400 for each child or dependent is also allowed. Finally, no public school teacher or other state employee is subject to the federal income tax. After exempting these classes it is apparent that there are few subject to the tax in the average county—less than one in two hundred in forty counties of the state. It must be remembered, too, that the figures given here are the number of "returns filed," and less than half of those filing returns actually paid a tax.

"While relatively few farmers pay federal income taxes, it does not follow that the farmer is enjoying special favors. To the contrary it indicates that his income is so small that it falls below the exemption point. Most farmers would be glad of an income sufficient to pay an income tax.—Paul W. Wager.

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Mr. P. D. Williamson Veteran, Is Dead

Aged Citizen of No. 8 Township Buried Today at Rehobeth Methodist Church.

Mr. Perry Decator Williamson, 82 year old veteran of the Confederate army and one of the most respected old men in No. 8 township, died at his home Thursday afternoon at 3:20 following an illness of only five days. Mr. Williamson was an industrious and greatly beloved citizen, a member of the Rehobeth Methodist church where his remains are being interred Friday, the funeral services being conducted by the pastor, Rev. S. M. Needham. He was married to Martha J. Elliott August 23rd 1866. She died last winter. Surviving are two children, Mr. Charlie Williamson and Mrs. Hattie Mauney of Lawdale. Also surviving are four brothers and two sisters.

SOME WANT CITY TO CLEAN YARDS

Requests Come Into City Hall Asking the Street Cleaning to Even Clean Yards.

"The city wants to function to the satisfaction of the citizens, but if you knew the requests that come in day after day, you would be surprised," said Mayor Dorsey this morning. "Most of the unreasonable demands are on the street cleaning department. Why, we get telephone calls most every day from citizens who want the trash wagons to clean up their back yards go up-stairs into offices and take out the waste baskets, and do general cleaning up of the back premises. We are glad to answer the calls for the trash wagon, but some time a hurry call comes in wanting the wagon to get a pile of trash a mile away. They want quick service as a rule and if the wagon is not there in a few minutes, the call is repeated. In some instances where these calls have been answered, the pile of trash would not weigh over two pounds and there was nothing in it offensive or objectionable. The trash might have waited awhile until the wagon got around on schedule in that community.

"The street cleaning department is functioning fine," says Mayor Dorsey, but the folks should be reasonable in their requests. We do not clean up yards or back premises or even go up-stairs for trash. Put your trash in containers where the street department wagon can reach it and if it has not been moved when as much as 25 pounds have accumulated, call the city hall and the matter will be promptly attended to.

"It is not always necessary to put the trash in containers, but it must be in piles so the wagon can get it up easily. There are others waiting and the wagon must move as fast as possible.

"So many calls come on Saturday, it is impossible to answer them all. The street department is supposed to cease work at noon, but some people wait until Saturday and then expect the whole city to be cleaned that day for Sunday. All we ask is that the people be reasonable in their demands and you will find the street department ready and willing at all times to do all that is expected of it."

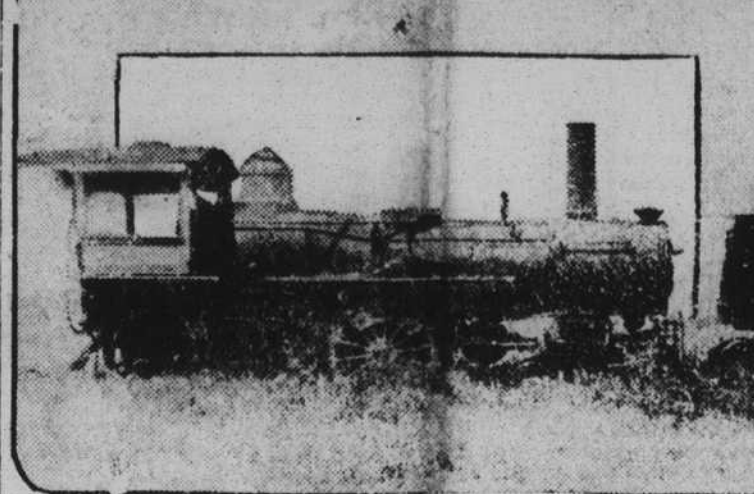
Rural Carriers To List All Patrons

To determine the names of the families served by the various letter boxes on the rural routes, Postmaster J. H. Quinn has issued the following statement: "Beginning with September 1st, the rural letter carriers copy of form 4232 for each family to furnish a new list of all members of the family in order to revise and bring up to date their rolls of patrons. All patrons are urged to fill out the forms and return them to their boxes to be taken up by the carriers on their next trip. If more than one family uses the same box, each must furnish the list, even if a prior list is furnished within recent months. This is a new enrollment throughout."

Only 57 Dogs Have Street Privileges

Mayor Dorsey says only 57 dogs have a right to walk the streets. At least only 57 dogs have had their license tax paid in accordance with the city code and the police officials are at liberty to "shoot on sight" because a dog without a license tag on or after September 1st is somewhat of an "outlaw." Mayor Dorsey gives fair warning that if your dog is not one of the "57 varieties" on which the license tax has not been paid, you should call at the city hall at once and attend to this matter.

Thirty Miles From a Railroad



Standing solitary on the plains of western Kansas, 30 miles from the nearest town or railroad, glazes this engine of a bygone day. The locomotive was the property of the Scott City & Northern, once a prosperous road through the wheat belt. When the road went broke during the World War, a creditor attached the engine. Officials of the road then junked the line, leaving only the rails on which the engine stands. Now if the creditor wants to realize on his engine he must lay 30 miles of track to get the old steamer to a railroad.

Produces Mortgage Lifter Potato

Tom Lattimore Tells a Great Yarn About a Yam Growing Six In a Cluster.

Tom Lattimore, LaFayette street merchant, Morgan street chicken fancier and talked-of candidate for the position of high sheriff of Cleveland county, has a yam potato about which he tells a typical Tom-tale. The potato in question is not a single or a double or a triple potato, but there are six distinct potatoes in a cluster. It is somewhat larger than a man's size fist, but Tom explains that it was pulled green: Had it been allowed to grow to maturity it would have been (the cluster of six would have been) as large as a bushel measure. This modern Luther Burbank, looking for a name for the new yam has decided to call it the "mortgage lifter". If a man has a mortgage on his ground, all he has to do is buy one of Tom's "laters," grow one crop and prosperity is at hand. A second cousin, W. T. Warlick, of this county, who is a grandson of the older man's uncle, accented him on the street this morning with the remark that "he looked like a Warlick," and the two compared notes on the various members of the family.

Mr. Warlick declares that despite the changes time and progress have wrought in Shelby, it still reminds him of the little town it was when he left. The friendly spirit is still here, he adds.

John Russ Raises Prize Watermelons

John Russ who grew an 80-pound watermelon which took first prize at the county fair last year, brought a ninety pounder to Shelby to place on cold storage. It hasn't been a good year for melons at that but Mr. Russ raises them when others fail and one of the secrets is that his ground is prepared and manured in the winter and ample space given between the hills. He has sold \$150 from an acre, using the North Carolina Bradford variety. He planted an acre and a half and his choice melons have brought from \$1 to \$1.25 each. In addition to watermelons John is successful with tomato culture. His tomatoes have been large and perfect. One lot of 20 sold to the Shelby hospital weighed twenty five pounds.

Rutherford Man Buys Boat And Rides Home

From The News: Attorney and Mrs. N. C. Harris returned Sunday from an extended and unusual trip: They would have been gone seven weeks Tuesday: Mr. Harris purchased a luxurious boat some time ago in Ohio and drove it to Newport News, Va. where it will be shipped to Lake Lure later by rail: They travelled by boat on Lake Erie, Hudson and Delaware rivers, Chesapeake Bay and other bodies of water and had a most enjoyable time: They spent the night in their boat: They visited a number of large cities, also Niagara Falls: Their daughter, Miss Angeline accompanied them and stopped en route in Richmond, Va., to visit her grandmother:

I DO NOT CHOOSE: I POSITIVELY REFUSE

Raleigh, Sept. 1.—(INS)—"I do not choose" means "I positively refuse." That, anyway, is the way Governor McLean, of North Carolina, figures out President Coolidge's "famous ten words." "Personally," declared the Governor, "I never doubted that President Coolidge did not mean he wouldn't run for a third term."

Drove Away With Policeman's Car

Paris Hefner, painter, does not own an automobile, but nevertheless he is deprived of the right to operate an automobile over public highways in North Carolina for a period of six months: The order came from recorder John P. Mull Wednesday, together with a fine of \$50 and costs, as a result of the defendant's escape with a car belonging to Police Officer Fred Dover:

Hefner, evidence introduced in the trial indicated, had consumed a slight amount too much of canned heat, and when he saw the officer's car vacant at the Southern depot, climbed in for a ride, apparently not knowing what he was doing: He stalled the car after shifting to high gear, and his arrest followed promptly:

LOCAL HIGHS HAVE FIVE GAMES AHEAD

Eight Letter Men Back in Uniform. Nineteen Candidates Out for Practice.

With warming-up exercises, muscle-limbering performances and instruction in football fundamentals, grid practice for Shelby High school got under way yesterday at the city ball park with something like 19 candidates reporting to Coaches 'Casey' Morris and Tilden Falls.

'Casey' was fairly optimistic about the chances for the 1927 season, although he declared it too early to make predictions. Regular practice will begin Monday afternoon, and about 40 hopefuls are expected to be out fighting for uniforms and a place on the team.

"They look little" the coach commented. "I'm hoping, however, that some bigger men will turn out when we get really started. Another thing they're mostly backs and I'm going to have to develop a line some way or other. One or two of these backfield aspirants may be manufactured into ends, for our wing men are few and far between."

Of last year's squad, eight letter men are expected to be back in uniform when the first whistle blows. They are Milt Gold, Gilmore Singleton, Lamont Beam, Bill Grigg, Zeno Wall Ed Harris, Ben Rippey and Guy Bridges. Of the octet, Harris, Rippey, Wall and Beam hold ball carriers Grigg and Beam hold down forward and flank positions respectively, while Beam and Singleton have performed alongside of and back of the center.

Tilden Falls, full time assistant coach, is expected to be of great aid to Coach Morris in shaping an eleven out of the green material that is likely to report. He made a fine record last year up county, and will help materially in grinding the major points of the sport into the squad.

Five games have been scheduled before the elimination series starts. They are:

Belmont Abbey here Sept. 30. Kings Mountain, undecided October 7.

Gastonia, here October 14. Charlotte, there October 21. Hickory, there October 28.

Taxi Driver Up On Liquor Charge

Had Some Liquor In His Car And Some Under His Shirt, The Charges Allege.

George Bivens, taxi-driver, and about 45 years old, is under \$500 bond to appear for trial in recorder's court Tuesday on liquor counts, as a result of rummaging of officers Poston and Sparks Wednesday night with some of the forbidden fluid in his possession.

Bivens, driving his car and apparently in an intoxicated condition, side-swiped another automobile standing in front of the home of V. D. Ross, on East Marion street.