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STATE TAX LEVY HALF MILL LESS

LIMIT ALLOWED BY ACT NECESSARY, BEATTIE FINDS

Is Five and a Half Mills.—Majority of State's Funds Raised from Indirect Tax Sources.

The tax levy for "ordinary purposes" of the State government, as fixed in accord with provisions of the annual appropriation act of 1925, amounts to five and one-half mills, one-half mill less than that of 1924, it was announced Friday by A. J. Beattie, comptroller general, who has notified the divers county auditors and treasurers of the State of the levy determined.

Under the provisions of the so-called "6-0-1" school aid law there is also to be levied in each county for school aid a tax of four mills, this in addition to the three mill constitutional tax also devoted to this purpose.

The two mill levy for highways and bridges, under authority of Section 79 of the appropriation act, is suspended for the year and county auditors have been advised by Mr. Beattie not to enter this levy.

In the instance of Charleston, Berkeley and Williamsburg Counties there is levied an additional tax of one-half a mill for the Santee bridge, for which the levy has heretofore been one mill.

In all counties, of course, there are also the levies for ordinary county purposes, for schools, bonds, loans, etc.

The appropriation act provides that the levy for ordinary State purposes shall not exceed five and a half mills, which maximum limit it has been found necessary to levy.

"The five and a half mills," Mr. Beattie said, "will produce approximately \$2,300,000; total appropriations amount to \$9,380,662.66. The remainder must therefore be met from the various indirect tax sources: the income tax, the inheritance tax, the business license tax, departmental fees, etc.

"Of the total more than one-half is devoted to educational purposes and this without including the receipts from the seven mills levied as the three mill constitutional school tax and the four mill '6-0-1' tax."

"The appropriation may be divided: Educational, \$5,181,000. Administration, \$1,991,000. (Minus \$1,176,000 received in fees, etc., to leave the "net cost" of \$815,000.)

Penal and charitable institutions, \$1,206,000. Pensions, \$753,000. Legislative department, \$157,600.

These figures, of course, do not represent the total of public expenditures; there are the same millions to be expended by the State highway department in the construction, etc. of highways and to be raised by the gasoline tax and motor vehicle taxes, and also the funds for school purposes raised by the three mill constitutional and the four mill '6-0-1' levies.

"Those of us seeking tax reform, which we all admit necessary, should, I believe, therefore consider first the reduction of expenditures. Taxes are levied in sufficient sum to take care of expenditures authorized by the legislature as the result of public demand from the people. So in order to make any reduction in taxes we must first make a reduction in expenditures, determine which expenditures we may best afford to reduce and instruct the law makers to so reduce appropriations.

"It is not a tax burden, but an expansion burden."

Ford Sales Continue Good.

The Dicks Auto Co., of Barnwell, says that sales figures of the Ford Motor Company for the month of May show a continued good domestic demand for Ford cars and trucks, the last ten days of the month showing a substantial increase over the previous ten days. The figures also disclose record-breaking sales abroad and in the high-price car field a growing demand for Lincoln cars. In fact, the Lincoln sales in the United States during May went to a new record with 968 deliveries to customers, exceeding by more than fifty the record established in April.

Ford car and truck sales for the month reached a total of 201,779 of which number 19,576 were foreign sales. This is a record for foreign deliveries and is more than 1,100 above the April sales.

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Scopes Case Trial Room and Chief Figures



Next month attention will be centered on the little town of Dayton, Tenn., where John T. Scopes will be tried for violating the state law against the teaching of the theory of evolution. Above is the Rhea county courtroom where the trial will be held, and 1, John T. Scopes; 2, John K. Godsey, attorney for the defense; 3, S. K. Hicks, senior prosecuting attorney; 4, Judge J. T. Raulston, who will preside over the trial.

More New Subscribers Added to Mailing List

Several more new subscribers have been added to The People-Sentinel's mailing list since the last issue of this newspaper and quite a number of renewals have been received, which is very good evidence that the paper is winning new friends and keeping the good will of old ones.

Those to whom The People-Sentinel begins its weekly visits with this issue are as follows:

- J. C. Sandifer, Blackville.
 - Mrs. J. W. Arledge, Jacksonville, Florida.
 - Milledge Black, Blackville, No. 3.
 - C. W. Wall, Gibson, N. C.
 - W. T. Hankinson, Meyer's Mill.
 - L. E. McCormack, Blackville No. 2.
 - Renewals have been received from the following subscribers:
 - Wm. Morrison, Blackville.
 - Chesley H. Bates, Blackville.
 - B. F. Gardner, Blackville No. 1.
 - H. H. Martin, Blackville.
 - J. O. Long, Hilda.
 - Col. H. D. Calhoun, Barnwell.
 - Mrs. G. H. Ryan, Biltmore, N. C.
 - Bank of Williston, Williston.
- The People-Sentinel greatly appreciates these remittances and expresses the hope that other subscribers will send in their renewals promptly.

Snelling News.

Snelling, June 23.—Mr. Melvin Lane spent the week-end at his home at Cartersville.

Mr. James Cook, of Bamberg, spent Sunday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Cook.

Mr. G. L. Hill and daughter, Miss Marie Hill, were the guests of Mr. T. O. Davis and sisters Saturday.

Miss Mittie Hair, of Augusta, and Mrs. W. C. Kennedy and children, of Williston, spent Wednesday with Mrs. H. M. Cook.

Messrs. R. R. and S. E. Moore spent Thursday afternoon in Bamberg.

Mrs. M. M. Moore has returned to her home here after a pleasant visit to her daughter, Mrs. P. W. Patterson, of Allendale.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Cook and family attended services at Rosemary Baptist church Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Birt, of Williston, were visitors here Sunday afternoon.

Williams-Robinson.

Blackville, June 16.—An event of much importance to many Blackville friends was the marriage last week of Miss Fannie Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Williams, of New Holland, to Mr. Joseph Robinson, of Bethune. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Byron Gunter, a cousin of the bride. About a hundred and fifty guests were present to witness the important event.

Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple left by automobile for a wedding trip in the mountains of North Carolina.

The bride is a popular young lady, noted for her sweet disposition, and the groom is a splendid young man. They have the best wishes of hosts of friends for a long and happy life together.

Cucumber Crop Good; Boll Weevils Thrive

Blackville, June 21.—This is probably the best cucumber season, from a financial standpoint, Blackville has ever had. The vines have held up remarkably well and the stock is green and way above the average of previous years.

Numbers of farmers have already cleared enough on their cucumbers to pay the year's expenses on their entire crop. An unusual large number of buyers have been present throughout the season and bidding has been lively on the street sales and on the loaded cars.

The damage the Boll Weevil is doing to the crop in this section was a great surprise to the farmers. The weather had been hot and dry and the farmers were not expecting much trouble, but since the rainy weather has set in they are here in great numbers and are doing quite a lot of damage. Some farmers report that they can scarcely find a square that is not punctured. Some intelligent farmers claim it is the worst damage they have ever had since the weevil first made its appearance a number of years ago. Quite a number of the best farmers have come to the conclusion poisoning was not necessary and now it looks like it will cause thousands of dollars loss to this section.

Celebrates Eighth Birthday.

Blackville, June 23.—A delightful event of last week was the party given by Mrs. Leon Martin in honor of the eighth birthday of her little daughter, Dorothy. Merry games were played and delightful refreshments were served. Everybody present enjoyed the occasion immensely.

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Important Notice to Subscribers.

Since consolidating The Barnwell People and The Barnwell Sentinel, the mailing lists of the two papers have been combined. As stated in a previous issue, The Barnwell People-Sentinel will be mailed each week to subscribers of both papers. Where a subscriber was taking The People and The Sentinel and was paid in advance to the latter, due credit was given, as will be seen from the address label on the paper.

Now it is poor rule that doesn't work both ways, and the publisher of The People-Sentinel requests every subscriber who is in arrears to remit promptly. Every effort has been made to get the mailing list corrected up to date and all that is necessary for a subscriber to find out how much he owes is to examine the date on his address label. It shows the month and year of expiration (all subscriptions date from the first of each month). For instance, if the date reads "Jan. 25" it means that a subscription expired January 1, 1925. The figures are for the year not the day of the month.

The People-Sentinel is making every effort to give its readers one of the best weekly newspapers in this section of the State, but, frankly, it costs money—and a lot of it. Subscriptions are just as much a part of the legitimate returns of a newspaper as advertisements. Losses on either hurt the paper to that extent.

The editor believes that his subscribers appreciate his efforts to give them a worthwhile newspaper and he is asking them to show that appreciation in a material way by sending in their renewals without delay. While he does not want to lose a single reader, he does not care to send the paper to anyone who does not want it or who has no intention of paying for it.

As a special favor, he asks that this matter be given immediate attention.

Weevil Infestation Is Extremely Heavy

Within the past few days the editor of The People-Sentinel has personally inspected several fields of cotton and finds that, while in some fields the infestation is apparently very light, in others great damage is being done by the boll weevil. One of the fields visited belongs to one of the largest farmers in Barnwell County who is doing everything possible to control the pest. At one end of his field, near some woods, practically the entire bottom crop has already been destroyed by the weevils and they are puncturing the remaining squares on the stalks. Further away from the woods, however, the infestation is much lighter and very little damage has been done so far. This farmer is fighting the weevil with every means in his power—by rapid cultivation, picking up the squares and poisoning with both molasses and calcium arsenate and with calcium arsenate in dust form. A patented weevil-catcher was run over a quarter of an acre of this cotton Monday morning and six weevils were caught.

The above field probably is an example of extreme infestation, but like incidents are reported from other sections of the county. On the other hand many farmers report that their fields are practically free from infestation and no poisoning has been done up to this time. The plant is fruiting rapidly and with favorable seasons for the next few weeks, good yields are expected.

Barnwell Insurance Man Wins Fine Trip

The many friends of Mr. Norman B. Gamble, who, in addition to his position as vice-president of the Home Bank of Barnwell, represents the Southeastern Life Insurance Co., of Greenville, has won a trip to Atlantic City by writing \$100,000 worth of insurance during the past year. In fact, he exceeded that amount by several thousand dollars and expects to receive a handsome bonus in addition to the trip. The live-wire agents of this South Carolina company which, by the way, led all other life insurance companies in the amount of new insurance written in this State, will go to Atlantic City next month. The People-Sentinel congratulates Mr. Gamble and hopes that he will have a wonderful time.

Death of Mrs. W. H. Creech.

On April 10, 1843, a little babe was born in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Brunson, near Cave, S. C., and soon she grew into girlhood, thence to womanhood, for this was no other than our deceased friend, Mrs. Jane Creech.

She became the bride of Mr. W. H. Creech January 29, 1859, and they lived most congenially together and were faithful in every respect to their marital vows.

Early in life Mrs. Creech became converted, and was baptized in full membership of the Allen's Chapel Church, of which she proved to be a most faithful member until death.

She will be greatly missed in every phase of life, and while her gain is our loss, may we realize that all things work together for good to those that love God. Words are inadequate to describe her loyalty as a friend, a helpmate, a mother, but may her high Christian character and influence stand out prominently in the lives of her five children.

Mrs. Creech was up doing her home duties until a few hours before her death. She died June 20th, and on the following day funeral services were held at Allen's Chapel church amidst a concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends who gathered to pay their last rites to one whom they loved and honored.

Her pastor, the Rev. Guy Martin, of Allendale, was in charge of the services and spoke most beautiful and comforting thoughts.

The remains of Mrs. Creech were laid to rest in Allen's Chapel cemetery beneath a mound of flowers that being only tokens of the love and esteem expressed by the friends and loved ones of the deceased. She leaves to mourn her death an aged husband and five children, Messrs. B. F. Creech, of Augusta, Ga., C. S. Creech, of Barnwell, Lawrence Creech, of Olar, J. A. Creech, of Ulmer; 36 grand Sallie Ayer, of Ulmer, 36 grand children and one great grand child, and a host of relatives and friends who will miss her ever welcome smile and cheerful face. E. C.

FIGHTING BOB LAID TO REST

LATE SENATOR SLEEPS ON GREEN HILLSIDE.

Death Thursday, Afternoon Ends Spectacular Career of Senator La Follette of Wisconsin.

The body of Robert Marion La Follette, United States Senator from Wisconsin, was laid to rest Monday in an unmarked plot on a verdant hillside at Madison, Wis. "Fighting Bob," as he was known to his friends and admirers, succumbed to a heart attack in Washington Thursday afternoon, while recuperating from a severe cold.

Senator La Follette was a picturesque figure, having been in the limelight for many years. He was Governor of Wisconsin for three terms and represented that State in the United States Senate for many years. Last year he was an independent candidate for President and fought valiantly to establish a third party in this country. He was known as an insurgent in the Senate, as he refused to adhere strictly to party lines and often voted with the Democrats on important measures.

Rumor says that one of his sons or his wife may be appointed to fill the vacancy caused by his death.

Baruwell Farmers Grow Many "Cukes"

Farmers of this county are now finishing a very successful year with cucumbers. About 260 cars have been sold at Blackville, practically all of the car lots being shipped from that point.

Although the dry weather cut the crops a good deal, some large yields and gross returns have been gotten, in a few cases as much as \$500 to \$600 per acre. Of course the above is the exception, but on the whole the crop has been profitable to practically all that grew it this year.

Numbers of farmers are growing soy beans for hay and the seed this year for the first time, and it is believed the beans will be of great value as hay, grazing crop and soil builder, as well as for a cash crop. Corn crops have improved a great deal since having rains. Prospects are good for a good watermelon crop with good prices.

The cotton crop in most sections of the county is very good, with the exception of the cotton gotten up late. Farmers are busy plowing as often as possible. The boll weevil has already become serious in many of the cotton fields. Square picking and fast cultivation is general. County Agent Boylston has been very busy weevil infestation counts and assisting in the purchase of dusting material and machinery. Between 40 and 50 dusting machines have been bought in the county in the past week. A determined effort is being made to control the weevils this year.

News from Lyndhurst

Lyndhurst, June 22.—Mrs. C. D. Gantt and children, of Beaufort, are spending some weeks here.

Miss Margaret Harper, who for the past school term held a position at Lykesland, is back at home again for the holidays.

Miss Margaret Harper, who for a while, and Maude Steinmeyer, of Beaufort, were here for a few hours on Thursday, taking advantage of the opportunity to join a swimming party, and enjoy a plunge in the limpid waters of the Lower Three Runs.

Messrs. S. H. Gantt, and Harper and Calder Ellis motored to Varanville on Friday on a fishing trip. A storm, however, drove them from the swamp before many fish could be caught.

Mrs. L. C. Fowke, who has for several weeks been on a visit to relatives in King's Mountain, N. C., is back home again.

Crops in this section are progressing very well, but the gardens are badly in need of rain.

Bates-Kitchings.

Miss Sallie Pinkie Bates and Mr. Matthews Parnell Kitchings, both of the Williston community, were married Sunday afternoon at five o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Bates.

Miss Reba Sanders, of Orangeburg, arrived in town on Monday to nurse Miss Pauline Richardson, who is quite ill at her home here.