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COMMISSIONERS HAD SPECIAL MEETING TO CONSIDER TAX QUESTION MONDAY; 1926 TAX RATE NOT YET DETERMINED

Funeral Rites of Judge Lloyd Horton Today

Died Sunday Afternoon Suddenly; Youngest Judge in State

Raleigh, July 12.—The final tribute of respect to former Judge J. Lloyd Horton was paid this morning at 11 o'clock at his boyhood home in Farmville.

Judge Horton died Sunday afternoon after he apparently had withstood the ravages of a severe attack of meningitis, and was believed to be on the road to recovery. Death was caused by an acute dilation of the heart. He died instantly only a moment after conversing with his physician, Dr. Hubert Haywood, jr.

Judge Horton was said to have been the youngest jurist ever to sit on the North Carolina superior court bench. At the age of 26, after serving as county prosecutor and solicitor of his home district, he was named judge of the fifth judicial district. He served in this capacity for five years, resigning last year to become a member of the law firm of Jones & Jones, of Raleigh.

Judge Horton is survived by his widow and two small children; two sisters, Mrs. Frank Capps, of Greenville, and Mrs. Charles Rountree, of Farmville; and a brother, Mr. Marvin Horton, of Farmville.

Joseph Lloyd Horton is believed to have been the youngest man ever elected to the superior court judgeship in this State. He took his seat at the age of 26.

Norfolk Newspaperman Visitor in Town Today

C. E. Fike, representative of the Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch, is in town today in the interest of a special eastern Carolina edition of that paper, which will appear some time in August.

It is proposed to gather many important facts and give much information on eastern Carolina in this edition.

Williamston being the substitution of Eastern Carolina, through which everything passes, should take special interest in this special issue.

George H. Gurganus Steadily Improving

George Hatton Gurganus, who was recently operated on at Park View Hospital, Rocky Mount, is slowly but steadily improving, so we were informed by his uncle, Roy Gurganus, this morning.

The lad was under an anaesthetic and the surgeon's knife for four hours and a half, and the operation proved to be one of the most delicate that Dr. Willis ever performed, according to his own statement.

George Hatton was working with the State Highway Commission with his Uncle Durward, at Moyock, when he was taken suddenly ill and rushed to the hospital by those of his home here. He has numerous friends among both the young and old people who wish him a quick return to health.

Mrs. Emma Ward Thompson was taken to Rocky Mount Monday, where she entered a hospital for treatment.

County Home Demonstration Agent Arrived Saturday to Begin Work Here

COOPERATION OF PEOPLE IS NEEDED TO PUT WORK ACROSS

Miss Anna Trentham, of Spring City, Tenn., has arrived to take up the work of a home demonstration agent in this county. We were informed by Miss Pauline Smith, district agent, that we would be very fortunate to get Miss Trentham, and all those who have met her think that Miss Smith was right.

Miss Trentham has done similar work in her home State and comes highly recommended from there. She has a diploma from Peabody Normal School, of Nashville, Tenn., which is one of the best in the South.

Martin County has not had any work in home economics for several years; in fact, nothing since the close of the war period, and the field is quite ripe for work along that line.

Miss Trentham will work under the direct supervision of Miss Smith, who is supervisor of this section of North Carolina with headquarters at Washington.

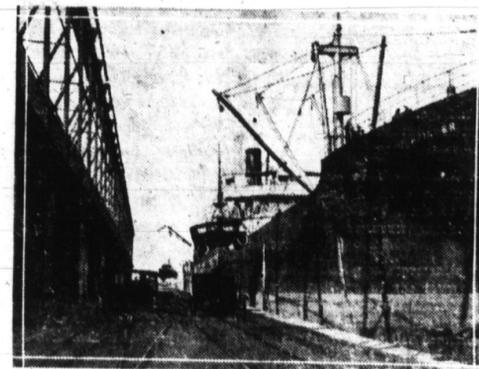
The general plans will doubtless be to go out to the people through the schools, the women's clubs, the organization of girls'

clubs, and in any other manner in which she will be able to help the people.

Our people know the value of the work that a home agent does, so let us assist Miss Trentham in any way that we can, because unless she receives support, no matter how competent she may be, very little can be accomplished.

Miss Trentham's office at present is in the grand jury room at the courthouse. It is hoped to arrange for a permanent office for her within a few days.

FORDS ARE SENT HERE BY SHIPLOAD



This shows a ship being loaded with "Lizzies" at Norfolk, Va., from where they are shipped to Williamston for distribution throughout eastern North Carolina. More than 1,000 Fords were shipped here last month.

1926 Valuation of Property Is Smaller Than For Last Year

County Loses \$73,000 in Valuation; To Meet Again Thursday

Monday was one of those bad days for the Board of County Commissioners. It was tax day. The day to receive the tax books from the various list-takers for the 10 townships and the day when all the people were permitted to appear and allowed to complain, if they wished—and they did.

The 10-poor weary list takers said they had done their best to do right, but it was a very hard job, as so many folks were unwilling to do right that it made it hard for them.

The county assessor was present, with his hands tied by the huge job. The commissioners were the only fellows who were men enough to sit through the trying ordeal, and they looked like they would have preferred climbing trees to get away from facing this great tax problem.

They had inequalities; they knew it; but they, like any other good sensible citizens, could hardly tell how to remedy the trouble. Those appearing before them were in many instances taxed about like their neighbors. A member of the board said that those who appeared there were generally those who hated taxes worst and that made them think their property was listed too high.

number of taxpayers, and the following changes in values, as they appeared on the tax lists, were made:

F. C. Bennett, guardian, valuation reduced from \$4,500 to \$3,500.

M. S. Moore's residence reduced from \$7,000 to \$5,000.

Roanoke Fair Grounds, reduced from \$30,000 to \$15,000.

Fannie C. Staton, vacant lot on Main Street reduced from \$2,700 to \$2,000.

W. M. Sitterson's lot on Simmons Avenue reduced from \$1,750 to \$1,000.

The application of J. G. Staton to reduce the valuation of the Union Storage property from \$12,000 to \$6,000 was rejected.

The Southern Dairy Products Co. of Greenville, N. C., were charged with two Frigidaires in Cross Roads Township. The Sinclair Oil Co. was also charged with \$100 worth of property in the same township.

The following persons were returned as unlisted in Cross Roads Township: Henry Stalls, J. D. Leggett, Mrs. J. L. Leggett, guardian; Rubin Bailey and Willie Hardison; also Spencer Dickens.

The stock of merchandise of the Anderson-Crawford Co. was not listed by the trustee. It was sold for \$5,666 since May 1.

Valuation on W. T. Ward's lot on Railroad Street was increased from \$600 to \$1,500.

In Bear Grass Township the Sinclair Oil Co. was charged with pumps and tanks at \$100 valuation.

The following were returned as unlisted in Bear Grass Township: C. I. Sturgeon, poll tax; Dewey Lee, poll tax; Bill Jones, dog tax; Charlie Davis, Ford car and poll tax.

The following were returned as unlisted in Goose Nest Township: Starnard Oil Co., W. G. Anthony, G. C. Wynn, Sinclair Oil Co., Texas Co., F. E. Moye, and Southern Dairy Products Co. Also the following colored people were returned as unlisted: Ben Baker, Ned Hyman, Ed Spruill, Ben Walton, and Tom Williams.

Upon motion a refund of \$110 was made on the taxes of the Williamston Telephone Co.

To Meet Again Thursday
All the other tax matters will be taken up at an adjourned meeting to be held Thursday, July 15, at which time the county board of education will submit its budget for the coming school year.

The tax list showed a loss of \$73,460 in the county; six townships lost in valuation, while only four gained, as follows:

Bear Grass gained \$28,596.
Williamston gained \$35,106.
Cross Roads gained \$2,764.
Goose Nest gained \$3,984.
Those losing and amounts were: Jamesville, \$6,481.
Williams, \$29,078.
Griffins, \$421.
Robersonville, \$41,461.
Poplar Point, \$21,738.
Hamilton, \$44,791.

Local Tobacco Market Prospects Brightest Ever

PHUNNY PHORD PHREE ACT AT PHAIR



Above is shown the Phunny Phord Phree act, one of the side-splitting free acts to be put on at the Roanoke Fair this year, September 27-October 1. This attraction was well recommended to the fair management and should prove one of the biggest attractions there. Besides this, MacDonald's Royal Scotch Highlanders Band and the Armstrong Trio, aerial and wire artists extraordinary, have already been booked and other acts will be secured.

Childrens Hour Each Thursday

Woman's Club Appoints Committee to Entertain Children

The Woman's Club appointed a committee at its last meeting to get some one to entertain the children with stories and other forms of amusement once each week.

Thursday has been selected, and all the children in town from the age of 5 to 10 years, inclusive, are invited to go to the club rooms at 4:30, where Mrs. A. R. Dunning will have charge for the first afternoon.

The leaders will be announced each week in the Enterprise, and all the children in the age limit are cordially invited to attend.

It is the purpose of the club to entertain the children with stories, plays, etc., that will be beneficial to them, and competent leaders who love children will be selected.

Local Firemen to Attend Ayden Meeting Tonight

The Williamston fire company will be well represented at the meeting of the Eastern Carolina Firemen's Association, which meets at Ayden tonight.

The eastern Carolina association has been organized about a year and has done much in the way of building up better fire-fighting units in the towns which are members of the association.

Tobacco Board Trade Will Meet This Week

The tobacco board of trade of Williamston will have a meeting some time this week, probably Saturday. Definite plans will be made for the coming season.

Williamston led the markets of this section a greater portion of last season and made a reputation for high prices and courteous warehouse service. Our warehousemen are expecting to formulate plans at this meeting to bring our market up to the big market class.

Messrs. J. L. Williams and J. G. Anderson spent Sunday in Greenville.

3 Warehouse Firms Assure Record Sales

Redrying Plant Also an Asset; Goal Twelve Million Pounds

With the tobacco crop outlook in this immediate section so good and our three big warehouse firms all lined up with strong substantial prospects to put Williamston and Martin County on the map as a tobacco market.

Williamston—and we can again say Martin County, too—has had severe and several hard knocks in the past; banks closing in every direction, along with the period of depression; but we have fought hard and come up hill at a fairly good pace, and now we hope to get our footing, market our crops at home, spend our money at home, and grow so that we can pay our taxes more easily and then have something left.

Williamston has prepared for the tobacco market—first with three houses that will be run by some of our county's most successful men, as well as some of the best tobacco men in the whole bright-leaf belt.

We have with us also Mr. Skinner, who is considered probably the best judge of tobacco of Eastern North Carolina; a man who believes in giving the farmers a square deal. He is vitally interested in the success of this market and has influence with the real powers who control the tobacco world. In addition to running the large steam redrying plant here, Mr. Skinner buys tobacco for himself and a number of big tobacco corporations.

The Farmers Warehouse will be completed within the next two weeks provided lumber can be secured, and very soon thereafter the partition between the Roanoke and Dixie Warehouses will be taken out, making one big warehouse with more than an acre of floor space.

With the increased floor space and competent management Williamston should have one of the most stable markets of eastern Carolina.

The personnel of the three warehouse firms could hardly be improved on. J. H. Barnhill, Frank Bennett and Hubert Mottok will run the Farmers Warehouse; Dr. Biggs, Dave Stalls, Claude Griffin and Joe Taylor will be at the helm of the Brick Warehouse; and the Roanoke-Dixie will be in the capable hands of "Uncle Buck" Meadows, Bill Watts and Harry Meador.

More Than 3,000 Auto Licenses Issued Here
The State of North Carolina, thru the Carolina Motor Clubs local agency, the Williamston Motor Co., has issued more than three thousand automobile licenses here since the bureau opened early in June. Most of the licenses issued were for Fords, although the total amount received for the sale of the new tags is in excess of \$40,000. Many are still being sold daily.

Although the time has expired in which to purchase licenses without the risk of arrest and indictment there are still a considerable number of car owners who have not bought their new licenses.

Do You Know Name Of First Railroad In Martin County?

A historical sketch of the county's first railroad will be found on page 2 of this paper today. It is very interesting, giving a brief review of the road's history and also dealing with a section of our county which was at one time the most prosperous and flourishing but which is now used for stock raising and hunting.

Union Services Began Sunday

Held at Christian Church Will Continue Through Summer on Sunday Nights

The first of the summer union services by the several churches was held at the Christian church Sunday night. Rev. C. H. Dickey, of the Baptist Church, preached an able and interesting sermon from three texts of Scripture, "Grieve not the spirit," "Quench not the spirit," and "Withdraw not thy spirit."

Two of the next warnings to men not to do something. Grieve not, or make sorry, the spirit of God nor quench; that is, put out, the spirit of God in your heart. The third was a prayer from David to God when he had traveled the road of sin until there was nothing good in sight. He became quite humble and remembered the great joys that had formerly come from God and caused peace in his soul. Then he was willing to implore God and ask that He withdraw not His spirit.

The attendance at the service was very good. The service next Sunday night will be at the Baptist church, and Rev. T. W. Lee will preach.

Windsor's Railroad May Yet Be Saved

The Windsor-Ahoskie Railroad, the Carolina Southern, may yet be saved. Some effort is now being made by the people along the line to finance the change of the road from narrow to standard gauge. If all the towns along the road strongly support the new line the road may yet be saved.

INVITATIONS ISSUED TO PARTY FOR RECENT BRIDE

Mrs. J. W. Andrews and Mrs. Titus Critcher have issued invitations to a bridge party Thursday evening from 8:30 until 11:30, complimentary to Mrs. Earl Wynne, a recent bride.

Jesse Gurganus, the little son of Mrs. Tom Gurganus, was operated on last night for appendicitis at a Washington hospital.

Solly Orleans returned yesterday from New York City, where he has been visiting relatives and friends for six weeks.

William Leggett, of New Town, was taken to a Washington Hospital Monday for an operation for appendicitis. He is reported as doing well.

Crop Reports Over County Encouraging

Boll Weevil May Hurt Cotton; Corn Crop Best Ever

Crop reports are very encouraging from all parts of Martin County, as well as throughout most of eastern North Carolina. Cotton has been blooming rapidly for about a week now. Many farmers say they have the best looking tobacco they have ever had. A good many of them are curing this week and practically all will be getting in full swing next week.

The peanut crop is one of the most even ever seen in the county, with a good stand and clear of grass.

Corn is unusually good and with another rain or two Martin will grow a record-breaking corn crop this year.

The moderately dry weather in the early season held the fertility in the soil which has been made available by the recent rains and gives promise to sustain them through maturity.

The boll weevil is in evidence and if the weather turns wet and cloudy for the next 10 days he will do great damage to the crop.

Infected Teeth Found to Cause Heart Trouble

Albany.—Infected teeth are responsible for various kinds of heart irregularities, Dr. S. Calvin Smith, of Philadelphia, told an audience of physicians and dentists here recently.

The poison discharged by dental abscesses is absorbed by the circulatory system and brings about irregular action of the heart. This condition has been known to lead to chronic heart muscle defects, more or less serious to people of mature years, declared Dr. Smith.

The relation of heart defects to diseased teeth has been established by the use of X-rays, which locate the abscesses of the jaw and a more recently developed apparatus, the cardiograph. By means of this invention, the electric current generated by the heart is passed through electrodes attached to the patient and registered on a revolving photographic plate, enabling the heart to write its own story.

In obscure cases of heart difficulties where lack of positive indications renders diagnosis difficult, the cardiograph gives a picture of the heart's behavior. X-ray photographs are then recommended, said Dr. Smith to ascertain if the teeth are actually infected, and if so which ones. After the clearing up of dental difficulties, the heart will return to normal, he maintained, if the case has not progressed too far before action was begun.

Edgemcombe Building Road to County Line

Edgemcombe County is now building a hard-surfaced road from Tarboro to the Martin County line. The road is being built in the Oak City direction. Tarboro interests expect to draw a heavy trade from the Oak City territory, and especially tobacco. The road will be completed in the near future.