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# COUNTY TAX RATE REDUCED FROM \$1.50 TO \$1.08; MEANS SAVING OF MORE THAN \$100,000 TO MARTIN TAXPAYERS

# Warehouse for Use Boat Line

Other Happenings at Commissioner's Meet Last Night

While the pool room attracted the attention of the citizenry as a whole at the meeting of the town commissioners here last night, the question of building a warehouse at the river wharfs attracted the business men of the town. Going before the commissioners, Mr. C. D. Carstarphen showed the need of such a warehouse, or shed. He gave estimates of the cost Farm Agent for of such a structure, and showed where the money invested would more than justify the building of a house. A petition signed by all the business men of the town was presented to the board indorsing the construction of a

After several questions in the matter were cleared, the board passed favorably on the proposition and ordered that bids be received for the construction of the building.

The building will be 50 by 175 feet and will cover the space between the ouses now standing and will extend out a number of feet on this When completed, the landing with its warehouses will resemble a real ocean-shipping point.

During the past weeks several hundred Fords have been unloaded at the wharf, they going from here to variwns in this section. The Norfolk, Baltimore & Carolina line, with its local agent, C. D. Carstarphen & Co., is doing much for the promotion of eastern Carolina's waterways, and the benefit derived by our town can be measured in no small way. The action of the board has met with 100 per cent approval, and since this is true, work on the proposed building can be expected to start in a few

Fire Chief Reports of Trip Mr. H. D. Harrison, local fire company chief, appeared before the board, reporting on the trip made by pound class while the Ohio hogs several members of the local company to Morehead City. Through the State Association of Firemen, the State will pay to all members onehalf of one per cent on all the fire insurance within the incorporated limits of the respective towns. This money forms a fund to meet such expenses as may be incurred when firemen are hurt in the performance of their duties. The board agreed to pay \$34.85 to the members attending the Morehead City meeting. This was the amount of the expenses of the five who attended the meeting.

Dr. J. F. Thigpen appeared before the board asking relief from outside horse dealers, who come here in the best part of the season and then leave for the remainder of the time. The board promised their best atten tion to his plea, but no final action

Frank Carstarphen, acting as third party, asked for permission to "pull" a fair week dance. Permission was granted him, provided that be the only dance here that week.

W. H. Heins and J. R. Porter Tarboro were visitors here today.

THEATRE

TOMORROW (Wednesday) REGINALD DENNY

"California Straight Ahead"

THURSDAY BEBE DANIELS "THE PALM BEACH GIRL"

FRIDAY "JOANNA" Wednesday Show

### Town to Build Better Prices Than Last Year Being Secured on Markets Opening Today Licesne to Pool

Reports from several of the morning were very favorable when they held that the weed was averaging around thirty cents. For the trashy grades and on up through the medium ones, a price hinging around 27 cents was reported. The better grades were bringing up to forty cents, and in one or two instances 80 cents was paid. The reports stat-

Report County

Month August

Hogs Fed Under Agents

**Direction Bring Best** 

**Market Prices** 

Following is the report of County

gent T. B. Brandon for the month

of Commissioners at their meeting

67 conferences with farmers in re

70 letters written in regard to of

33 farms visited in regard to work.

767 miles traveled on official duties

7 articles written for local papers

65 head of hogs treated during the

Mr. Jesse Whitley shipped 50 head

of hogs to Rickmond during the

month, fed according to the agent's

plan for feeding hogs. These 50

hogs weighed 8,135 pounds and sold

for 14 cents per pound, which was

the top of the market for that day.

It might be interesting to know that

these hogs sold higher than Ohio

hogs the same day, due to the fact

that they were a more desirable size.

came in the 225-pound class. A part

of the month has been spent in co-

operation with the home agent in get-

there are any farmers who want this

gent or the home agent at once. This

work is done to locate flocks that are

The tobacco fertilizer test has been

brought to a successful close, and the

agent will publish the results as soon

The agent has been notified that

this State has been allotted 1,900,000

pounds of Pyratol. The agent is

now ready to take orders for this ex-

**Beer and Cider Seized** 

Deputy Peel and Chief of Police

Daniel were caled Friday and destroy

ed several barrels of beer located at

two different stands. No still were

found. This was near the Speight

rels of beer and cider near the J. R.

Leggett farm. No person was seen

near by. A portion of this material

was said to have been the pure

Wishes to Thank Those

The advertising manager of the

Williamston Chamber of Commerce

wishes to thank publicly all those

who so willingly assisted in the re-

cent good-will tour. The cooperation

on the part of all was most pleasing

In his offer of thanks, he by n

means wishes to fail to extend them

to the citizens of the towns visited.

No heartier welcome could have been

accorded any one than those of the

towns visited. The welcome will long

be remembered, and it is the wish of

the Chamber of Commerce and Ki-

wanis Club to extend thanks to the

and is worthy of many thanks.

'apple."

Number Barrels of

infested with white diarrhea.

as it can be graded.

here yesterday:

gard to farming

icial duties.

72 telephone calls

16 days in field work.

5 days in office work.

August, as submitted to the Board

ed that very little was being sold for less than 20 cents the pound.

No exceedingly large breaks were evident on many of the markets opening this morning, Many of the warehouses having first sales were filled, but not crowded while those having later sales were not quite filled, according

The reports are most encouraging, and a great opening is expected here tomorrow. The warehouses have already taken on a busy appearance; all the buyers are here and everything is in

Uusing the above reports as a base, comparisons hold the weed to be selling this year about 20 to 25 per cent higher than it did

#### Home Folks On the Air **Next Thursday Night** Radio fans will have an op-

portunity to hear their neighbors and home folks on the air on Thursday night, when the Windsor quartet will sing, accompanied by Mrs. Wheeler Martin, jr., of this city. The following compose the quartet; Mrs. O. L. Spivey, Mrs. E. L. Gatling, Mrs. C. J. Sawyer, and Mr. A C. Mitchell. They will broadcast from station WRVA, of Richmond, Va., Thursday evening, September 9, under the auspices of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce. Talent from other eastern Carolina towns will also appear on the program.

#### "Uncle Tim" Returns To Local Market

Thousands of farmers will be glad to learn that Mr. H. A. Timberlake will again be at the Brick Warehouse here this year, and it is with much pleasure that the management of that house makes known his return.

"Uncle Tim," as he is widely know was here last year, and gained favor with our tobacco growers. His standing with other growers was seen when they came from as far away as 50 to 60 miles to sell with him. The Brick Warehouse Co. feels most for tunate in the securing of Mr. Timberlake this year, for his knowledge tobacco is a great asset to any market, let alone the warehouse he is connected with. He is experienced. This you well know if you have ever seen him in action.

He invites you to see him at the ting farmers to have their pure-bred Brick Warehouse, where he was last poultry flocks blood tested. There will be abut 25 flocks tested, and if

#### Respected Colored Man Died Monday

Buck Speller, colored, who was perhaps Williamston's most polite citizen and whose life was apparently a glow of sunshine, died Monday morning.

Buck bought land out on the Washington Road years ago, when it was through error. cheap, and built a store where he did | Matilda Williams was placed on the cently, however, competition was so keen that he did not do quite so well.

Buck claimed that when he moved from down town he told all the negroes it was time to leave Main Street and that they would have to rollow him, which prophecy he frequently quoted as he pointed to his ordered posted. " colored neighbors who built around

Buck came from Bertie County aon Saturday they found eight barbout 25 or 30 years ago and has lived Williamston since that time, where he has maintained the confidence of not only the colored but the white people as well. He was 65 years old. He died from a stroke of apoplexy.

#### Burial of Child Takes **Who Made Tour Success** Place This Afternoon

Myrtle, the two and one-half years old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Gardner of Williams township, died yesterday. The burial will take place this afternoon.

#### Jewish New Year on Thursday of This Week

The Jewish holiday, Roshashonna which comes on Thursday, September 9, will be observed by the firms of Margolis Brothers and W. R. Orleans.

The Roshashanna is the Jewish new year and is strictly observed. These stores will be open for business again Friday morning.

## Commissioners Hold Regular Meet Monday

#### Bear Grass Citizens Ask for Road Connecting Them to Highway

The Board of County Commission ers met here yesterday in their regular monthly session at their rooms in the courthouse. All members of the board were in attendance upon the meeting. Outside of the reduction made in the tax rate, the business transacted was of no outstanding importance. Bear Grass is petitioning for a road leading to the Washington Williamston hard-surfaced road. town constable was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of that office in Goose Nest Township. &

The orders and business of board were as follows:

The order authorizing the execution of a note for \$25,000, passed at the session of the board held on August 2, for the use of the general county fund, was canceled, since it is found that it is not needed.

The sum of \$350 was ordered loans to W. L. Stalls from the interest and sinking fund account; the loan to be secured by a deed of trust.

A committee, composed of T. B. Slade, jr., J. G. Barnhill, and John N. Hopkins, was appointed to make an investigation as to the feasibility of making a donation to Goose Nest Township roads.

W. E. Early was appointed town ship constable of Goose Nest Township to fill the unexpired term of Eugene Price, he having left the town-

Frances Coltrain was ordered allowed \$5 per month on account of indigence.

It was ordered, on motion of J. G. Barnhill, seconded by J. N. Hopkins, that H. M. Burras be allowed \$701.86, being 20 per cent on \$3,509.29 land sold for taxes.

C. D. Carstarphen was ordered refunded \$7 special school tax collected

a good trade for a long time. Re- indigent list, with an allowance of \$3 per month.

A petition from the citizens of Bear Grass to lay out a road from the Bear Trap Mill to the Washing ton Road near the Green place was received, and notice of a hearing to be held at the October meeting was

#### John Hadley Says His Car Did Not Strike Man

John Hadley says that the statement of Albert Jones that he ran into Jones one night last week at the corner of Haughton and Main Streets, as published in our issue of September 3, is false. Mr. Hadley says he did not strike him at all.

Hadley says he was going up Main car crossed Main Street without stopping. He pulled in behind the Ford, according to his statement, going out South Haughton Street, and saw a man apparently falling out of the right side of the Ford car, which was then about 20 feet ahead of him. He says the man fell down on the pavement and that he passed the nan as he lay on the ground, missing him about four feet. He then stopped his car in about 10 feet, after passing where Jones had fallen, and he and Herman Bowen Jones to Dr. Warren's office. Mr. Hadley says that Jones fully understoo that he was not the man who struck for the Imperial Tobacco .company

# Refuse to Grant **Room Operator**

#### Present Petitions for and Against Its Operation

A real show-down on the pool-room cuestion came last night when petisons for and against the operation of a pool room here were presented before the board of town commis sioners. Messrs. Dunning, Martin and Peel, representing Charlie Sahd, pleaded for him, asking permission of the commissioners to allow their client to operate his tables for six more months. This issue was pleaded when they saw that it was hopeless for them to secure for the owner of the room a renewal of his li

Lawyer A. R. Dunning read his petition and called out the names of those signing the petition, the numter being 115. Those objecting to the issue had the floor for a few minutes and bitterly opposed any, such permission, and they in turn read a petition prepared asking that the pen operation be stopped at once. 117 names appeared on the list a gainst the pool room. When the final decision was announced the pool-room question was settled once and for all by the flat refusal to grant permison for the six months' operation and for the renewal of pleadings.

The discussion brought forth rather startling facts. The same names appeared on both petitions, this being the case in more than a half dozen instances. In both lists there were cames of those standing high in hurch circles, leaders in the business life of the town, and so on through the list. Again and again, the owner's representatives poured forth their pleadings, but to meet defeat in the final decision.

And while all of this deals with the licensed pool room, nothing has been said regarding the club pool room, Information gathered, from several would not leave, but will stay and continue to operate the place under the club plan.

It will be remembered that he ennearing last night was of some value Various objections were raised against the room, and upon these, along with general principles, the request met defeat.

#### Cranberry Growing In Martin County

"Scientific research is the basis o progress. Dr. B. W. Wells, of State College, has found that cranberries will grow in the great savanna regions of southeastern Carolina."

The above statement brings to our attention the fact that bushels of cranberries grow in Martin County; hey are to be found in the bogs or pocosin in Griffins Township, and often the people residing in that immediate section pick them for sale. However, one has to be very careful in watching his step or else he may sink in the marshy soil.

These berries are of fine flavor, and usual size. If attention was paid to their cultivation, another money crop would be added to that of Martin County's valuable list.

Dr. Wells could gain some infor berries which are in great demand about "turkey time."

#### Dog Bites Little Ward Boy Here Saturday

James Willis, the small son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Ward, was bitten by a dog here last Saturday. The wound was not serious, but Mr. Ward had the animal's head sent to Raleigh where it was found that the dog did not have rabies.

Mr. W. I. Skinner and daughter Miss Willie, were visitors here Sat urday.

Mr. J. M. Horton, tobacco buyer

Woman's Club Benefit Show ..ext Tuesday

"Listen, Lady," one of the best home-talent plays being shown, will be staged here next Tuesday night, September 14. It will be given under the direction of M188 Hendricks, who bids fair to put on a fine show. She has some of the best material in town to work with, and that's saying a great

at Biggs Drug Store. If you want a good seat for a good show, get your tickets early this week.

### Hog-Calling Contest to be Staged Here

Julius Peel and S. Rome possible when special funds came in Biggs to Conduct an Unique Contest

(By JULIUS S. PEEL)

Way out in the coin States of the middle West the Charleston contests and the summer swimming carnivals are giving up their popularity to be succeeded by "Hog-calling Contests". The musical call of "hooey" which has floated out across pastures at dusk and at dawn for years unnoticca, save by hogs themselves, is now a thing of almost national importance. Valuable prizes are being giver in these contests and the leatherlunged tiller of the soil suddenly finds himself in the limelight as an entertainer and ranks with other great stars of opera or oratory. In contest in Nebraska there was a hog-colling contest by radio and the fans were selected as the judges, however, as one farmer aptly remarked, it would have been better to have let the hogs themselves act as judges.

Now down here in Martin County that is exactly what we are going to lewed to draw 20 per cent out of the do, that is, let the hogs be their own unfortunate taxpayers. The transjudges. Under the auspices of S. sources this morning held that Sahd Rome Biggs and the writer of this year in interest while he draws \$2, would not leave, but will stay and article and already sanctioned by 400 from the unfortunates, giving him article, and already sanctioned by the Mayor of Williamston, plans are now under way to stage the greatest contest of this kind ever attempted ered here under such a system, and in the East. The contest will be a oon was under the licensed plan. free-for-all and all good hog call-Just how and where the problem will ers will be invited to participate. end is not known; but, no doubt, the Suitable prizes will be given and here will be plenty of hogs to ans

Some of our County's greatest orators have gone out into the gloaming in their boyhood days and called the hogs home. To be a successful hog-caller is just as rare a gift as being a great singer or musician. Hog-callers must have volume and clearness of voice, and the voice must der to arouse a hog's interest and tember 1, while squirrel hunting on he will come arunning when it is wafted into his ears.

Have you ever been over in Conine Swamp about sunset on an Indian gun down to reach for the squirrel, Summer day, along some winding the gun fired, the load tearing away trail, when everything was quiet and the front part of his shoulder and you were listening for the chirp of a arm about where they join, missing souirrel when from the distance bethe bone by only a hairbreadth. He ginning doubtfully and far away was two miles or more from any other the soothing, appealing call of person and had to walk out unaided "hopey" comes floating thru the air to a highland where he had driven and from all around you little pigs, his car. He was able to drive to his big pigs and hogs seem to appear home, 12 miles away, where he was from nowhere happy and squealing attended by Dr. Saunders and then and answering in their own language the call of some swamp orator in- where he remained until yesterday. viting his children home? You are He is thought to be doing well at pres thrilled as well as the hog, and long ent and will not be seriously weakmation right in this section about the after the piggles have eaten and are tucked away in slumber the music of the caller's voice lingers in your

Martin County will bring the hogcaler into his own and who knows but what one of our County's sons may win undying fame and have his voice broadcasted to the far ends of the earth all because he has that power and charm that can arouse a sleepy pig in the sunshine to go

#### Club Holds First Meet Of Season Tomorrow

The Twentieth Century club will have its first meeting of the season tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock with Mrs. F. U. Barnes. Distribution of books will be made and it is hoped that all the members will be there.

### **Audit Showed** Large Surplus on Some Items

Auditor Says County's Financial Condition Is Above Average

The board of county commissioners esterday lowered the tax rate for the county from \$1.50 on the \$100 valuation to \$1.08 on the same valuation, resulting in a saving to the taxpayers of Martin County of approxinately \$100,000.

The lowered rate comes as a result of an audit of the county's books, which showed that there was ufficient to take care of the sinking funds of the county, and that a \$1.50 levy would more than take care of the demands.. The 42 cent drop was made that were applicable to the interest and sinking fund.

The decrease comes as a great re hef to the taxpayers of the county, and it places; us among those coun ties enjoying a low tay rate.

The auditor's report also shows the sum of \$87,288.34 to be in the county's treasury. Of this amount, \$48,-675.41 is bond money, \$18,221.47 schools, \$35,454.03 interest and sinking fund, and \$15,276.52 for roads and bridges. Some reductions are to e made in the aggregate of , these items, reducing the total to \$87,288.34.

Condition Better Than Average The auditor said he found conditions in this county much better than in the average county. This would indicate that the conditions in our

One criticism of the board's action seems evident when they ordered the sheriff to sell many farms and homes for taxes during the dull summer months. When they were bid in by the county, \$12,000 of the best ones were truned over to D. G. Matthews on his 6 per cent note, and he was alaction cost Mr. Matthews \$720 per \$1,680 net. This is a handsome sum to make, and then there is the pos sibility of his getting deeds for many tracts worth thousands. The law allows this, and even calls for such action when taxes are not paid, and every man has a right to deal to his advantage. But even thou allows such action, it shoud be remem bered by the board that it is its duty to look after the interest of the tax payer as long as it is possible.

#### **Accidentally Shot Hunting Squirrels**

Mr. James Harrison, who lives near also have charm and appeal in or- Bear Grass, had a close call on Sepenthusiasm to such an extent that Spellers Creek and accidentally shot

> Mr. Harrison shot a squirrel and went to pick it up. When he set the taken to the Washington Hospital, ered by the mishap.

Mr. Harrison was hunting with a hammerless gun and had pushed the safety catch off, cocking both barrels of the gun. After firing the first shot he did not close the safety catch and the second barrel fired from the jar of setting the gun down.

Surprise Party Given Mrs. R. L. Shirley

The Philatheas of the Memorial Baptist church gave Mrs. R. L. Shirley a surprise, party last Monday night at her home on Main street. Mrs. Shirley was formerly teacher of the class and was among the best teachers and leaders the class ever had. A gift was presented Mrs. Shirley and then the guests served refreshments of cake and cream which they carried with them.