

ASSESSMENTS OF PROPERTY TO BE MADE MONDAY

County Board Will Meet With Township and County Assessors

TO HEAR COMPLAINTS

Complaints To Be Heard Although Few Changes in Valuation Can Be Made

The Board of County Commissioners of Martin county will meet with the county and township tax assessors at the courthouse here Monday to receive the tax returns.

The board of assessors will also hear any complaints from tax-listers as to improper values.

The board has no right, it is understood, to change land values except in certain cases. Where buildings have been burned the board may reduce the 1927 value. In cases where buildings have been erected, the board is required to increase the 1927 values.

Values on personal property, however, may be reviewed where differences exist between the lister and the list-taker.

The question of value placed on solvent credits by the owners is a thing that has puzzled tax listers for a long time and the board hopes to be able to raise a good many values where the holders of credits have dropped their estimates below what seems reasonable.

The Board of Commissioners have announced that it will not take up and hear claims for adjustment of values after next Monday, when the county assessor and the local list-takers are present.

STATE HEALTH OFFICER HERE

Dr. Laughinghouse Investigates Health Work in This Section

Dr. Chas. O'H Laughinghouse, Secretary of the State Board of Health was here Wednesday evening investigating health work in this section.

The health officer stated that there had been several cases of typhus fever in Sampson county recently and that the board of health is taking every precaution to prevent a further outbreak of the dreaded disease.

The fever, Dr. Laughinghouse explained, originates from the bite of an infected body louse, but after once introduced, the disease spreads through other mediums and is contagious.

While further outbreaks are not expected, the health authorities are warning the people and the practicing medical profession to be very cautious in their work.

Dr. Laughinghouse stated that it is easy to keep well, but sometimes it is hard to get well, and that the health authorities are always anxious to keep the people well by warning them against all diseases that will weaken or possibly destroy the body. It is a greater work to keep the diseases away than it is to cure them, Secretary Laughinghouse pointed out.

Summer School Put Off To Middle of August

At the request of several who were planning to take work in the session of school here this summer, the date for opening the school has been changed from July 9 to the middle of August, it was announced yesterday by Professor L. H. Davis. Several pupils wishing to attend the summer classes are employed at the present time, and it was decided that the later school would be better.

GIRLS TO GO TO CAMP TUESDAY

35 Martin County Girls To Attend, Says County Home Agent

Around thirty-five Martin County Club girls will leave next Tuesday for a seven-days stay at Camp Leach according to Miss Lora E. Sleeper, home agent for this county. Letters have been addressed to practically all the girls planning to make the trip, and all details of the vacation have been explained.

Two and possibly three school trucks will be used to carry the girls to the camp, the first one leaving the Gold Point school at 11:30 Tuesday. Further instructions given by Miss Sleeper call for the following schedule. All girls going to camp from Hamilton should meet the truck at the school grounds at 11:30. The truck will go to Robersonville from Gold Point, and pick up Parmele and Robersonville club girls there. If another truck is necessary, it will be sent to Robersonville. The truck should be in Robersonville not later than 12:00 p. m. From Robersonville the truck will proceed to Everetts and pick up all girls there, then on into Williamston. All Everetts girls should be at the school house by noon, not later. The Williamston Club girls should assemble at the Atlantic hotel at 12:15 p. m. Girls going from Jamesville, Farm Life and Bear Grass clubs will be picked up by truck leaving Jamesville school at 11:30. The truck will proceed to Farm Life school, pick up all girls by 12:15 and proceed to hard surface road (Washington road) to the turn going to Bear Grass. The Bear Grass girls should meet the truck at the corner on hard surface road to Washington by 12:30 p. m. All trucks will wait there and proceed to Washington and Camp Leach together.

Sunday, the 15th will be visitors' day at the camp, Miss Sleeper stated, and it is expected that many will go from the county that day to see the campers.

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ITALIANS MAKE RECORD FLIGHT

Fly From Rome To South America, Landing There Yesterday Afternoon

Two Italian flyers left Rome last Tuesday and landed in South America late yesterday afternoon, covering a distance of 4,600 miles with their giant single motor plane. The plane carried four and one-half tons of fuel, a supply sufficient for two and a half days of flying.

The two flyers passed down the Mediterranean Sea and entered the Atlantic at the Strait of Gibraltar, bearing southwesterly and paralleling the African coast to the Cape Verde Islands.

The flyers came to earth for a short time, perhaps to get their location. Going in the air again, they moved on toward their goal in Argentina. Should they reach there, they will have completed a journey of 7,000 miles.

The flyers encountered bad weather near the Brazilian coast and were apparently lost when they sighted land.

Cotton Growers Are Renewing Contracts

The North Carolina Cotton Growers Association is permitting its members to renew their contracts without cost until August 1. After that time, the growers will come in as new members.

The membership fee is only large enough to pay the bookkeeping cost, for recording and properly enrolling members.

The association, according to recent reports expects to make a good showing on the 1927 crop, and may make final settlement on the crop before the end of this month.

First Cotton Blossom Is Found Near Hamilton

Mr. O. T. Everett, of Hamilton, was the first farmer of the county to report cotton blossoms this year. Mr. Everett saw the first blossom on his farm near Hamilton last Monday.

The blossom was about three days later than the average, however, it is regarded as early for this cool backward spring.

Storm Wednesday Does Little Damage

What is said to be one of the heaviest rains of the season, fell last Wednesday afternoon in the Grifins township section where a three-inch fall was recorded. A small hail accompanied the rain, but no serious damage to crops resulted. Lightning struck trees in several groves but no one was hurt.

LOCAL SCOUTS RANK HIGH AT CAMP LEACH

Three Local Boys Named Honor Scouts; Only 6 Out of 94 Quality

PLEASED WITH CAMP

Mack Simpson Wins 'Best Camper' Award; Two Other Boys On 'Satisfactory' List

Williamston's Boy Scouts, fourteen in all, attracted attention of scout executives and scouts alike last week while in camp at Camp Leach. Out of 94 scouts from all over Eastern North Carolina, six made the honor roll, and three of that were local boys. The honor is no small thing as the scout is faced with an almost endless list of rules and regulations, and to make the roll he must observe each rule with care throughout his stay in camp. The three making the roll from here, Mack and Reg Simpson and Albert Leslie Clark, stated yesterday that it was no easy task, but since it could be done, they went in to gain the honor. Mack went a step farther, and was named as the best all 'round camper. Scout Executive Stuckey awarded a prize, given by the Wilson Hardware Company, and while Mack says the prize is no great big thing, he is pleased with the honor alone.

Next to the honor scouts come the satisfactory ones, and on that list there were two local boys, Jesse Price and Bill Watts. In each case these boys failed to clean the breakfast table, and consequently they lost out by a few crumbs, as honor scouts.

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DRUNK CRAWLS UNDER HOUSE

Causes Bit of Excitement at Hassells Last Night; Sheriff Called

W. H. Williams, a Pitt County man, caused no little amount of excitement last night in Hassells when he climbed a fence and on hands and knees made his way under the house of a Mr. Savage there. Mr. Savage saw the man, climb the fence and before he could return with his gun, Williams was under the house. A call was made, and Sheriff Roebuck with Deputy Grimes started out on what they thought to be a case of burglary of the rare kind. Neither of the officers thought he would see the so-called burglar, but that is exactly what they did see. When they reached the Savage home, the officers were asked to look under the house where they saw the Williams fellow staring at them with eyes gattered after those of a cat. Williams stared only a second, for he changed his course and was making it for the other side of the house. The officers met him there, and he turned again. Sheriff Roebuck directed Mr. Grimes to carry the light to the other side, and when the man came from under the house, the Sheriff caught him.

According to the Sheriff, the Williams fellow was even more surprised than any of them to learn of his actions. Intoxicated to the limit, Williams lost himself and crawled under the house. After the officers questioned him a while he sobered up to tell the details of his trip.

Christian Church Program of Services

Sunday school, 9:45. Preaching, 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. A cordial welcome awaits you at the services.

Russell Bland Dies Near Bear Grass

James Russell, the five months old son of Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Bland, died Monday night from meningitis, after an illness of less than one week.

The burial was in the Robersonville section Tuesday.

138,599 Hunting Licenses Issued During Past Year

Raleigh, July 3.—Report of the first year's operation of the new State-wide game law showed collection of \$204,000, with a total of 138,599 licenses issued, of which 126,035 were county, 11,686 State, and 878 non-residents.

Spent Wednesday at Morehead

Mrs. J. B. H. Knight and family were at Morehead City for the fourth.

HALF HOLIDAYS ON WEDNESDAYS

Twenty-One Merchants To Close Wednesdays at 12 During Summer

During the remainder of this month and the greater part of August, the local stores will close at noon each Wednesday, giving employers and employes a half-holiday each week.

The move to have the stores close for the half-day each Wednesday has been underway for the past several days, but it was not until yesterday and this morning that practically all the merchants' signatures were added to the petition. Twenty-one firms have agreed to close, the number including all dry goods, hardware and grocery stores and barbershops. Filling stations, garages, drug stores and offices are not included in the petition's list of names.

So far as it is known, this is the first time that local merchants have decided to observe the half-holiday during the summer months, but it is understood that the petition met with no great opposition and was highly welcomed by clerks.

Each week during the summer, stores all over Eastern Carolina close for a half-holiday, and it is in keeping with the policy of the stores elsewhere that the business firms here have agreed to close their doors Wednesday afternoon of each week.

BUSINESS NOW AT HALF-WAY MARK

New York Bank Says Current Business Has Kept To Middle Course

The current business year at the half-way mark, according to the monthly review of economic conditions by the National City Bank of New York, has steered a middle course between the predictions of pessimists who feared a serious depression and those of the optimist who looked for record prosperity. During the first six months, steel output has surpassed that of the two previous years; building operations have exceeded the first-half of 1927 and the automobile industry has staged a satisfactory comeback, all implying general industrial activity, but the review points out 'despite the good showing in steel, automobiles and construction work, there is undeniable evidence that the total volume of business is not quite up to that of the first six months of last year.'

In reviewing money and banking, the bank declares that the principal factors in the money market over the last five years have been gold imports and exports and the absorption of credit by the stock market. The net increment of gold from June 30, 1923 to May 1, 1927, was \$561,000,000, the resultant credit expansion, amounting to approximately \$18 for each \$1 in gold, furnishing the motive power behind the great advance in security prices during this period.

The gold movement, the review points out, has not been reversed. Net exports of the metal from September 1, 1927, to June 30, 1928, have been \$508,000,000, representing a loss of nearly nine-tenths of the gain in the earlier period.

"Since a large portion of those additions to our reserves have gone back to where they came from," the review continues, "it would seem to be in order to reduce the outstanding volume of credit, or at least put an end to further increases."

Toll Is Decreased On Chowan Bridge

The established toll of one dollar on the Chowan River bridge has been reduced to 75c, it was announced by Commissioner Frank C. Kugler this week. No explanation as to why the reduction was made, could be had, but it is the general opinion that the traffic over the bridge has been much greater than the officials of the highway commission thought it would be, making possible a reduction in the toll charge.

The rate for trucks was not mentioned in the commissioner's announcement.

All-Stars Divide Two Games at Morehead

The Martin county All-Stars divided with Morehead City-Beaufort in a two-game series at Morehead City last Monday and Tuesday. The boys at the beach were washed under the first day, 2 to 0, Cherry allowing them only three or four scratch hits. The locals supported their moundsmen admirably, and offered the coast fans a number of thrills in making double plays and stellar catches.

Tuesday, the tide turned and the locals were defeated 11 to 7, poor umpiring and numerous arguments featuring the game.

LOCAL WOMANS CLUB WILL BE INCORPORATED

Special Committee Reports in Favor of Asking for Charter

BUILD PLAYGROUND

Club Has Already Purchased Land And Will Begin Work on Project Within Few Days

The Woman's club here will apply to the Secretary of State for a charter of incorporation within the next few days, it was announced by a member of a special committee meeting with the executive body of the club last Tuesday. The matter of incorporation was brought up before a meeting of the club several days ago and a special committee was appointed to investigate the matter. It was first considered that the property be placed in the name of a member, that member serving as trustee, but after examining the proceedings of other North Carolina clubs in cases of a similar nature, the special committee reported in favor of a charter of organization.

The club has purchased a lot near the courthouse, and within the next few weeks a playground for the children of the town will be provided. The lot has already been cleared of weeds and brush, and from all appearances the children will have a much-needed playground before many weeks pass.

Property adjoining the lot has been leased from the county, and a five-foot walk will be made to the side of the county court yard. At the present time, the walk will be the only entrance to the amusement lot, but members of the club have already asked the town to open Biggs street which will make possible a second entrance to the grounds.

Upholding the policy, 'pay as you go, the club will not fully equip the grounds this year, but it will add, from time to time, swings and other equipment.

Plans calling for a swimming pool in connection with the playground have been placed aside for the summer, but it is understood that the club members will give the project their full support between now and next year and by summer it is very likely that a pool will be provided.

205 LOSE LIVES JULY FOURTH

Drowning Takes Heaviest Toll, 106; 11 Killed by Fireworks

According to press tabulations, 205 people lost their lives in the United States last Wednesday, the fourth. Various causes were assigned, but the number of people drowned, led the list with 106.

Eleven were killed by fireworks, most of the fatalities being in New England. There were 54 deaths caused by automobile accidents, thirty of them being reported in the Middle Atlantic and Middle West States. Of the 106 people drowned, 74 were in the Middle Atlantic and Middle West States, the other 32 being scattered from New England, south.

Twelve died from heat, but none of that number was in the South. Three people were killed by lightning, four by airplanes and fifteen from other violent causes.

In the South there were only 20 deaths reported.

Man Here Seeking Historical Data

Mr. W. B. Goebel spent several days in the county this week gathering historical facts for the North Carolina Historical Society.

He visited a number of homes in search of old documents and papers of an official nature and which antedate the Civil War.

Old letters touching on public matters of that day are greatly desired by the Society; in fact, any item that strengthens the background of our State history is being sought.

It is said that this county has been content to do things and forget them. Little has been written on the pages of history pertaining to our county and its connection with the War between the States. The Historical commission hopes to find sufficient data in the county to enlarge its space in the State's history.

Double Parking Causes Collision Here Today

Double parking by a Greenville bakery truck caused a truck and Ford roadster to collide here this morning on Main street. The truck was backing out of a regular parking space and with the street partly blocked the roadster was unable to clear the rear of the truck.

It is a undisputed fact that other towns are not troubled with such parking as much so as our own.

WOODMEN MEET AT BEAR GRASS

Celebrate July Fourth With Barbecue Dinner for Visitors and Members

The Bear Grass Camp Modern Woodmen of America carried out its usual custom in celebrating the Fourth of July with a meeting of the members and a number of visitors, and having a barbecue lunch.

The day was very pleasantly spent with the members of the organization visiting each other and having with them a number of guests from Jamesville, Rocky Mount and other places. The barbecue was served and then the members and visitors assembled in the school auditorium where Hon. L. F. Lane, of Rocky Mount, the district deputy, presided over the meeting and after singing the usual Woodman song, Rev. R. C. Ange led the meeting in prayer. Mr. Lane introduced Rev. A. Corey, State lecturer for the Woodmen, and he made the main address of the day. After referring to the celebration Mr. Corey told of the organization growth of the Society, and made a very strong and practical talk on the work of the fraternity.

The Society of Modern Woodmen of America, he said, is a strong organization, having 13,500 local camps with approximately one million and a quarter members. It is the largest beneficiary fraternal organization in the world, and has now for the benefit of its members one and three-quarter billion of insurance in force.

The camp at Bear Grass has about forty members who are carrying out the work there and who are offering to their community a society that is always ready to act the part of the Good Samaritan and help a fellow traveler.

PEANUT TARIFF HEARING 17TH

Bitter Fight Will Probably Be Staged For An Increase

According to information coming from all over the peanut-growing sections, a bitter fight will be staged for an increase in tariff on peanuts at a hearing of the United States Tariff Commission in Washington, D. C., July 17.

For two years or more peanut growers have asked for protection, but nothing has been done to effect an increase. If the evidence at the hearing the 17 is favorable, the commission will recommend to the President an increase in the duty on peanuts.

The Peanut Growers Association has advanced the cause of the peanut farmer in the matter during the past two years, and at the hearing a large representation of farmers is necessary. It is understood that several will go to Washington that day to hear the proceedings and lend the movement for protection their support.

Baptists Announce Sunday Services

The Man Without a Church' will be the subject of Sunday morning's sermon. At the close of the service the doors of the Church will be opened for the reception of members.

It had been announced that the evening sermon would be entitled, 'The Lad's Father.' But due to the fact that the Everetts Baptist church is asking us to baptize eight or ten people for them Sunday night, this sermon will be postponed to another time.

This church is more than glad to have the Everetts church worship with us Sunday night at 8 o'clock. They have both a beautiful church building and a splendid congregation of people; it is with pleasure that our church welcomes them Sunday night, and esteems it a privilege to baptize their candidates, as they have no pastor.

Since our church will have one or two to baptize, the entire Sunday night service will center about the baptismal rite.

We welcome the community at large to any and all our services.

Revenue Collection Record Is Broken in This State

Raleigh, June 30.—All records for collection of internal revenue in North Carolina were broken during the fiscal year ended today, it was announced this afternoon by Collector Gilliam Grissom.

Total collections for the year were \$225,320,122, as compared with \$205,651,675 for 1927, and \$192,403,633 for 1926, Mr. Grissom said.

June was a 'million-dollar-a-day month,' said Mr. Grissom in explaining that tobacco stamp sales and collection of other federal taxes were more than one million dollars each June business day.

TAX LISTINGS IN MARTIN COUNTY SHOW INCREASE

Seven Townships Have Reported to County Tax Supervisor

3 MORE TO REPORT

Goose Nest Township Has Big Decrease, As Does Robersonville; Others Show Gains

Unless there is an exceedingly large decrease in tax valuations in the three townships that have not reported at this time, tax valuations in the county will be larger this year than they were last. Seven townships have reported their listings to Tax Supervisor John D. Lilley here, and in five of the seven there is a substantial increase in the valuation. Goose Nest, at this time, shows the greatest loss. Robersonville dropped approximately \$20,000 worth of property from its list as compared with the one of a year ago.

The increase varies as to the townships from \$1,000 up to \$50,000. Bear Grass leading the county so far with a few less than \$50,000. Griffins takes second place with a \$32,000 increase, and Hamilton is third with an increase of \$16,000. Williams, one of the small, east townships in the county and without town property, reports a \$10,000 gain over its listing last year. Cross Roads reports \$1,000 in the gain column. A sharp drop, \$41,000, is found in Goose Nest's listing, and approximately \$20,000 comes from Robersonville's valuation.

Williamston, Poplar Point and Jamesville townships have not been reported, but the list-takers are expected to have their scrolls in within the next few days, it was stated at the courthouse yesterday.

With the valuations holding their own this year, it is highly probable that there will be no change made in the county's tax rate, certainly there will be no increase in the rate. Auditor J. Sam Gittingsinger has almost completed the county's budget for the coming year, but it is not definitely known whether the commissioners will decide the rate next Monday or not when they meet here with the tax assessors.

RECORDER HAS BUT TWO CASES

Both Cases Were for Violation of Prohibition Law

Proceedings in the county court here last Tuesday were limited in their number, there being only two cases to come before Judge Bailey, for trial, Solicitor H. O. Peel was at the prosecuting post. Incidentally, the docket for the day was the smallest to come before the court in several weeks.

Neary Manson, caught at a liquor still here last Friday, plead guilty of manufacturing liquor and accepted a \$50 fine, agreeing to pay the costs. A sentence calling for four months on the roads, was suspended for a period of two years. Manson's partner, Sam Moore, plead not guilty, and the court, after hearing the evidence, accepted the plea.

Charged with violating the liquor laws, a nol pros was returned in the case of Calvin Coburn, but Jesse Coburn and H. A. Pierce plead guilty. A fine of \$25 was imposed on each of the two pleading guilty and the cost was added. A sentence of three months' duration on the roads was suspended upon the good behavior of the defendants for a period of two years.

Martin County Women Urged to Attend Meeting

A large representation to the meeting of farm women in Raleigh the week of July 23 is urged by Miss Lora E. Sleeper, home agent for this county. A very attractive program has been arranged for the week, and the cost, according to Miss Sleeper, is indeed reasonable. The first session of the meet will be held July 24.

The program has to do with all classes of farm work, both in the field and in the home, and will no doubt, prove of inestimable value to those who attend.

Capture Hot Still in Goose Nest Tuesday

Sheriff Roebuck and Deputy Joe Roebuck picked up a hot still in Goose Nest township late last Tuesday afternoon, the operators having just closed up and left for the day. The still, 50-gallon capacity, was well equipped having running water from a near-by spring to cool the spirits in the doubler.

Several kegs and seven barrels of beer were destroyed along with the still.

STRAND THEATRE

SATURDAY

BUCK JONES

in

"BLOOD WILL TELL"

Also

2-REEL COMEDY

And Serial

'Blake of Scotland Yard'