

HEALTH OFFICER TELLS OF RESULT IN HEALTH DRIVE

Says More Vaccinated in County During June Than in Any Other Campaign 7,500 WERE TREATED

Campaign Was Directed Principally Against Typhoid Fever and Diphtheria

More people were vaccinated against typhoid fever and diphtheria during the month of June in Martin County than in any other similar campaign, stated Dr. William E. Warren, county health officer yesterday. "As a result of these vaccinations, typhoid fever is practically unknown in the county, and at least 85 per cent of the subjects treated against diphtheria will be immune for two or three years," Dr. Warren pointed out.

Sponsored by the county, the campaign against the fever and diphtheria was carried to practically every nook and corner in the section, and approximately 5,000 men, women, and children were vaccinated against typhoid and around 2,500 children were treated against diphtheria.

"It was one of the most extensive campaigns ever staged in this county for the prevention of typhoid and diphtheria," Dr. Warren stated. In spite of its scope, the health officer is of the opinion that there are numbers of others who should have taken the treatment but, for some reason or another, failed to visit the places of vaccination.

In way of comment Dr. Warren stated, "Individual illness is a public responsibility. Most cases of individual sickness are the direct result of the same infection in others, which makes the individuals' distress a public rather than a private concern."

"A new profession has arisen in the last three decades, and that is the profession of public health. The group doing this work is made up of many individuals other than medical doctors, and is interested in the prevention rather than the treatment of disease. This practice of preventive medicine has been slowly evolving into a function of the State, and although it is a new and separate branch, it is based on clinical medicine. Inoculation was practiced in North Carolina as early as 1758 by a young Moravian doctor who lived in what is now known as Forsythe County. The role of the public health officer is, therefore, mostly the role of the public educator."

In the county last year there were very few cases of typhoid fever, a surprising decrease as compared with the number of cases reported the summer before and the preceding summer. And while there have been several cases reported so far this summer, the number is not as great as was recorded last year.

The vaccinations were given at the expense of the county, and even though every one was urged to take advantage of the free offer, many refused to do so. There have been several campaigns for the prevention of typhoid and diphtheria staged in this county, and each year the free vaccinations are offered more people ask to be treated.

Pleads Guilty to Robbery Charge in Justice's Court

Vernon Allsbrooks, 16-year-old Aulander boy, pleaded guilty to a robbery charge at a hearing held before J. L. Hassell, justice of the peace, Saturday. While the boy is suspected of taking part in several other robberies, the charge brought here holds him for the robbery of the H. D. Harrison home only.

The case was sent to the superior court of this county, where it will be tried next September. Without money bond was not to be had, and the boy was ordered held in the jail here until trial.

STRAND THEATRE

WEDNESDAY

A Thrilling Western
"DRIFTIN' ON"

Also
2-REEL COMEDY
And Serial
"The Jungle Goddess"

FREE TICKET FOR SHOW FRIDAY

Commissioners Definitely Settle Property Valuation Problem for 1928 Monday

Rescind Action of Few Weeks Ago in Increasing Tax Valuation of Several Pieces of Property; Owners Claim They Lack Authority Under Law

Property valuations in this county were practically settled by the county commissioners in a special session here yesterday when the members of that body yielded to the appeals of taxpayers whose property valuation were temporarily altered by the board on July 10. With the machinery act in his hands, the taxpayer went before the board and protested the increased valuations, and the commissioners turned tail and ruled most of the changes out of order.

Some doubt as to the right of the commissioners in changing the valuations on real estate where there had been no material changes made was expressed when the commissioners met the 9th and 10 of this month to hear complaints and examine the tax books. However, when citizens compared valuations on certain pieces of property and showed the gross injustice, the commissioners temporarily altered things by several thousand dollars just to alter them again in their meeting yesterday. Counsel was employed by several of the property owners, and according to reliable statements no small amount of lobbying was carried on before the meeting was opened.

"It is the result of poor work on the part of tax assessors," stated a property owner last night in discussing the action of the county commissioners in its meetings July 9, 10, and 23, "and while the county board of commissioners can not effect a change in the valuation of real estate where there has been no material change, there will be one big change when the time for a new assessment comes again."

PEANUT MEN TO MEET HERE

Growers and Business Men To Gather at Court House Tonight

While no packed house is expected tonight, a goodly number of farmers and business men are expected to attend a meeting of the Peanut Growers Association here tonight in the court house at 7:30 o'clock.

A report on the tariff hearing in Washington, D. C., last week before the United States Tariff Commission will be given, and all the details connected with the question will be given. This alone should be interesting, and farmers and business men alike can gather valuable information from the report.

A director from this section will be nominated, and a county chairman and secretary will be elected at the meeting.

It is understood that the report on the hearing before the commission will be complete as to details, and will, it is thought, throw some light on the future of the peanut grower.

Kiwanis Club Meeting To Boost Tobacco Market

Boosting the local tobacco market will be the main business coming before the Kiwanis club in its regular meeting here tomorrow, it was announced by Mayor Robert L. Coburn, president of the club, this morning. Mr. H. H. Morton, local warehouseman, will have charge of the program.

Since its organization here the Kiwanis club has played no small part in furthering the cause of any worthy undertaking. Its work in behalf of the local market has been marked, and it is the desire of the officials that the membership in its entirety will attend the meet tomorrow and join in the program of formulating plans for boosting the market this year.

Many Masons Expected At Meeting Tonight

N. C. Green, master of Skewakee Lodge, No. 90, A. F. & A. M., stated yesterday that the largest crowd of Masons to attend a meeting here in some time was expected at the regular communication to be held tonight at 8 o'clock. There will be work in the third degree, and after the meeting refreshments will be served. In addition to the members of the lodge, a large crowd of visitors is expected.

Christian Church Class Holds Regular Meeting

The members of the T. S. S. class of the Christian church held their regular meeting with Louise Perry at her home in New Town. Christine Manning class president, presided. Committee reports were made and other general business was transacted.

START WORK ON NEW UNIT LOCAL GUANO FACTORY

Machinery and Equipment For Construction Began Arriving Yesterday

READY BY OCTOBER 1

New Unit Will More Than Double Capacity of Present Plant; Will Have Electrical Equipment

Machinery and other equipment to be used in the erection of a second unit to the plant of the Standard Fertilizer Co. here was placed on the lot at the river yesterday. Mr. W. R. Wyatt, of the S. S. Toler & Son contracting firm, of Rocky Mount, was here yesterday making arrangements to start work at once on the plant's addition.

The new unit, while it will be the same size as the first one constructed, will have a greater storage capacity. The increased storage is made possible by the use of the runway if the first unit. With the addition the plant will have a storage capacity of approximately 20,000 tons, and an output of more than twice that of the past season. The new addition will have all electrical equipment, and the present unloading machine operated by gas will be displaced by one electrically operated.

While there is no specified date as to when the construction work will be completed, it is the opinion of officials that the plant will be ready for operation by the latter part of September or the early part of October.

The addition will be made to connect with the present plant on the south, and will make necessary additional railroad siding.

During the past season the plant was operated at full capacity both day and night for weeks, and even then the customers' orders could not be filled in their entirety. The new unit will make it possible for the company to more than double its business while running on a regular schedule.

Four lots belonging to J. H. Roberson, jr., and in the town of Robersonville, were given their old valuation of \$17,000. An increase of \$3,000 in the valuation of the four lots was considered at a previous meeting.

While an increased value of \$2,500 was considered on the Tar Heel Apartments here, final action of the board left the valuation at its old mark of \$20,000.

The temporary increase in the valuation of the J. T. Barnhill stores on Main Street here was cast aside, and the old valuation of \$13,500 was allowed to stand.

Final action on the valuation of the B. F. Perry stock of merchandise effected a saving for the property owner of \$1,500. A similar drop was recorded in the value of the O. S. Anderson & Co. stock.

The 1927 value on the Atlantic Hotel was allowed to remain unchanged after the commissioners had considered raising its value from \$8,000 to \$10,000.

A \$300 decrease was allowed Joe G. Corey in the valuation of a house and lot here, bringing his taxable property down to \$1,500.

A relief order was granted Mrs. H. B. York when it was learned that 50 acres of Gaynor land had been doubly listed in Williamston Township.

The action of the board yesterday was final after the tax matters had been left open for several days.

MAY CHANGE CLASSIFICATION

Additional Fire-Fighting Equipment Considered; Means Lower Rate

Meeting with the members of the local fire company here last night, Mayor Robt. L. Coburn and several fire insurance men made preliminary steps toward effecting a change in the town's insurance classification. At the present time, the town is in the third classification and if certain additions can be made to the fire equipment, the town will be given a better rating, it was pointed out at the meeting.

Mayor Coburn offered information furnished him by an engineer of the Southeastern Underwriters Association, and explained how the town could obtain a cheaper insurance rate. The approximate cost of the proposed change is figured at \$7,500. The additional annual cost would be approximately \$1,850, that amount being necessary to take care of interest charges and depreciation. The amount would have to be taken care of by tax collections.

To offset this, the Mayor pointed out that the taxpayers would save \$6,000 annually on insurance premiums, the new equipment making a four to twelve cents decrease on the \$100 insurance possible.

If the town board decides to provide the new equipment, Williamston will be put in the same class that Tarboro now has, and it would have the same insurance rate.

The citizens of the town generally oppose the new and better equipment, and they think it wise to spend \$2, and save \$6,000.

Mayor Coburn says the town commissioners will give the matter due consideration at any of its meetings upon the request of the citizens of the town.

REPUBLICANS MEETING HERE

Candidate for Governor and National Committeeman Among Those Here

A meeting of the Republican executive committee for the First Congressional District is being held in the courthouse here this afternoon. Messrs. W. F. Sewell, of Carthage, and C. A. Jones, of Lincolnton, leading Republicans of the State, are attending the meeting, and they are assisting in formulating plans for a campaign in this section. The meeting is being attended by the various committeemen and chairman of the county organizations in the district.

The date for a convention in this county will be announced at the close of today's meeting, it was stated by one of the executive committee members here this morning.

To Start Work At Once On Two New School Buildings

ACTIVITIES OF CLUB GIRLS ON CAMPING TRIP

All But Two Clubs in Martin County Represented At Encampment

HAD BAD WEATHER

Number Speakers and Demonstrators Instruct Girls; Returned Last Tuesday, July 17

By LORA E. SLEEPER (county Home Demonstration Agent)

This year the various girls' clubs throughout the county sent more girls to camp. All but two clubs were represented and no doubt representatives from these clubs would have attended had it not been for tobacco work. The three trucks used this year for the girls arrived in camp Tuesday, July 10, at 4:30 p. m. The boys making it possible for the girls to have their camp were Glynn Norman, of Robersonville, D. J. Cherry, of Everetts, and C. B. Coltrain, of Farm Life. Fortunately, the girls had a very good cook in Mary Jane Everett, of Jamesville, and she went also by truck.

Four girls' camp had charge of the preparation and serving of meals, all girls having a chance to help in this way, thereby lightening the burden for all the girls. All meals were planned two weeks previous to going to camp, and the girls carried provisions to last the entire week. Wednesday was showery, but the regular schedule was followed in so far as possible.

Mrs. Vernon Ward, of Robersonville, accompanied by Mrs. E. L. Wilson and Mrs. W. R. Jenkins, visited the campers in the afternoon, and Mrs. Ward gave a very splendid and instructive talk to the girls entitled, "The Nine Periods of a Human Life." After this talk the girls started reed baskets on the river side. The program for the evening was in charge of the girls. At this time the girls were led in devotions by Mrs. Jimmie Harrison, of Williamston. Camp would not be possible without women in the county willing to help, and Mrs. Harrison and Miss Bernice House, of Parmele, acted in this capacity the entire week. After the devotional the girls took charge and at this time were given folk songs from the different countries and games followed until bed time.

Thursday morning the girls were led in nature study by Miss House, and in the afternoon Miss Annie F. Petty, of Raleigh, librarian with the State Library Commission, visited the camp and talked to the girls on "The Evolution of the Book" and the work of the library commission in this State.

Friday morning the girls continued working upon baskets, and in the afternoon Miss Pauline Smith visited the camp and talked to the girls on "The Things Which Make a Girl Beautiful."

Saturday the girls received two sets of bird pictures and afternoon brought Mrs. John Biggs, of Williamston, and Mrs. A. R. Dunning to the camp. Mrs. Biggs gave an illustrated talk on "The Care of the Teeth and Why." This was followed by a candy demonstration given by Mrs. Dunning.

Sunday was visitors day, and approximately 75 parents, friends, and relatives of the girls were present at the camp during the day. Rev. Hale conducted a very impressive sunset service in the pine grove near the lodge. Monday, plans were made to take the girls to Bath, but owing to bad weather and condition of the trucks this was impossible, so the girls finished odds and ends and packed to be ready to leave Tuesday morning.

Several girls learned to swim during the week in spite of bad weather. The campers returned Tuesday of last week, and, as a whole, the trip was very enjoyable.

Next summer, the women's and girls clubs will spend one week each at the camp. Between now and that time, an increased enrollment is expected in both the women's and girls' clubs, and no doubt the attendance at the next camp will be the largest ever.

Respected Colored Man Died Here Yesterday

George Spruill, middle-aged colored man, died here yesterday afternoon following an illness of several months. High-blood pressure was given as the cause of his death.

The father of a big family, Spruill had strived faithfully for its support. It is said that he gave more honest toil in return per dollar than the average wage-earner. With his shovel in hand, he was an expert in running and digging ditches, and his services were in great demand.

HAS TO REVISE TOWN TAX BOOKS

Treasurer Had Just Completed Books When Changes Were Made

Mr. W. T. Meadows, treasurer for the Town of Williamston, and who is preparing the tax books for the collector, had just finished work on his books yesterday when he learned that he would have to change them on account of changes in valuation made at a meeting of the county commissioners here yesterday. "Well, I hate to do it, but there is nothing else to do except make the changes," Mr. Meadows stated when he learned what the commissioners had done.

The taxes, that is figuring them before the changes were made in the valuations yesterday, amounted to \$34,061.89, an increase of \$458.03 over the taxes last year. This figure does not include those taxes listed through the Tax Commission at Raleigh, which amount to approximately \$2,500. In the list of owners having their property handled through the Tax Commission, the Atlantic Coast Line pays the greatest amount, its taxes to the town alone amounting to approximately \$2,000. That company's taxes are expected to be a fraction higher this year in spite of the 15 cents on the \$100 valuation decrease. The increase is due to the spur track to the river, which was put into use last winter. As far as it could be learned, there has been no survey made of the track to the river, and town officials are awaiting the return from the Tax Commission. Several other increases in valuation are expected in that group of taxpayers.

According to an estimate, the change in rate and another in the valuation yesterday, will, not counting the property handled through the commission, leave the town taxes at \$33,861.89, or approximately \$258.03 more than the list was last year.

The books will soon be in the hands of the tax collector, and the same old grind will be in order for one more year.

HAS 50 BOOKS FOR CLUB GIRLS

Home Agent To Open Of 3 Nights Week After Next Week

Beginning week after next Miss Lora E. Sleeper, home agent for this county, will open her office at 8 o'clock three evenings each week, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, giving club girls an opportunity to read any of the 50 books sent by the North Carolina Library Commission to the home agent. The books make up what is known as a "Traveling Library," and among them there are many interesting volumes.

Miss Sleeper is encouraging the girls to take advantage of this opportunity and read as many of the books listed below as possible before the library is sent back to the commission in Raleigh.

Following is a list of the authors and titles of the books:

- Adams—Red Cap and Lilies.
- Adams—Wisp; a Girl of Dublin.
- Moses—Louisa May Alcott.
- Alcott—Under the Lilacs.
- Bacon—Operas Every Child Should Know.
- Bacon—Songs Every Child Should Know.
- Bennett—Judy of York Hill.
- Bryant—Children's Book of Celebrated Pictures.
- Bryant—Children's Book of Celebrated Sculpture.
- Bryant—Children's Book of Celebrated Towers.
- Cather—Pan and His Pipers.
- Chisholm—Golden Staircase.
- Fabre—Secret of Every-Day Things.
- Fisher—Bent Twig.
- Fisher—Understood Betsy.
- Geister—Ice-Breakers.
- Harrison—Queed.
- Houston—Prudence of the Parsonage.
- Johnston—To Have and To Hold.
- Keller—Story of My Life.
- King—Beginner's Garden.
- Kinney—Stars and Their Stories.
- Lagerlof—Marbacka.
- Larcom—New England Girlhood.
- Lincoln—Mary Gusta.
- Lippman—Martha By the Day.
- London—Call of the Wild.
- Marden—Do It To a Finish.
- Martin—Character.
- Martineau—Feats of the Fiord.
- Moffet—Careers of Danger and Darling.
- Murphy—Beginner's Guide to the Stars.
- Norris—Mother (2 copies).
- Oliver—First Steps in the Enjoyment of Pictures.

COUNTY BOARD SIGNS CONTRACT AT MEET MONDAY

Total Cost of Buildings and Sites Is Around \$104,000

BUILDINGS ARE ALIKE

Work On Both Buildings Must Be Completed By March of Next Year; Penalty for Failure

The Martin County Board of Education yesterday awarded the contracts for the erection, heat, and plumbing of two school buildings in this county, one in Robersonville and another here. Experiencing delay after delay during the past several weeks, the officials finally succeeded in clearing off the details last week, and a special meeting of the educational body was called for yesterday, when the contracts were signed.

The general contract went to Messrs. Brock and Arnold, contractors and builders of New Bern. Harris Hardware company, of Washington, was awarded the heating contract and S. T. Hicks, of Greenville, was the successful bidder for the plumbing work. The wiring contract is subject to some change, and will be let within the next few days. This, however, will not cause a delay, it was stated this morning by officials.

The contract figures: For the local school—General building contract, Brock and Arnold, \$39,306.53; Heating, Harris Hardware Company, Washington, \$3,490.00; Plumbing, S. T. Hicks, Greenville, \$2,283.50.

For the Robersonville school—General Building, Brock and Arnold, \$39,306.53; Heating, Harris Hardware Company, \$3,490.00; Plumbing, S. T. Hicks, \$2,283.50.

The contracts call for the completion of the two buildings within 210 days, that is not including whole holidays and Sundays. According to the terms of the contract and figuring the working days in each month at 26, the buildings should be completed by the last of March. The contract provides a fee to be paid by the contractor for each day the construction work is carried on after the time limit expires.

The total cost of the two buildings including sites and architect fees, will be approximately \$104,739.21.

Wants Names of Girls Attending Short Course

Miss Lora E. Sleeper, home agent, is making a last call for delegates to attend the short course in Raleigh next week for this county. All girls over fourteen years of age and who have met the requirements of the clubs are eligible to attend the short course. This county is entitled to twelve delegates, and Miss Sleeper is very anxious to get the names of those who are planning to attend the course so that the proper reservations might be made.

The course carries a fee of only \$7.50, it was stated by the agent this morning.

Everetts Sunday School Class Has Party Friday

Friday night, July 20, at the Everetts Baptist church, a party was given for the Faithful Workers there by Paul Bailey. Misses Annie Hardy and Ruth Bailey assisted the host. After the contests at the church the guests were served refreshments at a down-town store.

Pearson-Brimley—Birds of North Carolina.

- Porter—Just David.
- Porter—Pollyanna.
- Porter—Road to Understanding.
- Prouty—Bobbie, General Manager.
- Pyle—Men of Iron.
- Richards—High Tide (Poetry).
- Richmond—Lights Up.
- Riis—Making of An American.
- Roosevelt—Theodore Roosevelt's Letters to His Children.
- Shaw—Story of a Pioneer.
- Sawyer—The Silver Sixpence.
- Starrett—The Charm of Fine Manners.
- Sugimoto—A Daughter of the Samurai.
- Tarkington—Magnificent Ambersons.
- Tarkington—Penrod.
- Thompson—Alice of Old Vincennes.
- Upton—In Music Land.
- Valle—Sue Orcutt.
- Wiggin—New Chronicles of Rebecca.
- Wiggin—Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm.