

## ROAD TAXES OF NINE TOWNSHIPS TOTAL \$37,100.63

Total Does Not Include That Of Robersonville, Which Is Separate Unit

### RATES ARE VARIED

Bridge Fund Is Not Counted In This Tabulation; Two Townships Also Collect Poll Tax for Roads

Approximately \$37,100.63 will be collected in nine townships in this county this year for maintenance of township roads, according to a tabulation of figures in the office of J. Sam Getzinger, register of deeds. The rate levied as to the various townships varies from 25 cents on the \$100 valuation to 40 cents on the \$100 property valuation. Jamesville, Williamston, and Goose Nest each has a 25-cent rate. Williams, Bear Grass, and Poplar Point collect on a 30-cent basis while Griffins and Cross Roads have a 35-cent rate. Hamilton in addition to a 40-cent rate collects poll tax from 321 people at \$1.20 each. Robersonville Township is handled as a separate and distinct unit, and, therefore, is not included.

These funds, it is understood, are separate and distinct from those collected and designated for road bridges. The amounts collectible this year in nine of the townships are:

Jamesville, \$4,408.68; Williams, \$2,519.60; Griffins, \$2,888.91; Bear Grass, \$2,641.90; Williamston, \$7,092.91; Cross Roads, \$3,678.49; Poplar Point, \$1,340.19; Hamilton, \$6,659.15; Goose Nest, \$5,870.80.

## 6,000 TAX NOTICES ARE MAILED OUT

Being Sent to Every Taxpayer in Martin County This Week

Over 6,000 notices, stating that the 1928 county and state taxes are now due and payable, are being mailed from the office of the Sheriff here this week. The notices are being sent to every taxpayer in the county, many of them having been mailed by this time.

Taxes this year are payable at the sheriff's office here, at the Bank of Robersonville, Robersonville; Planters and Merchants Bank, Everetts; Bank of Oak City, Oak City; Bank of Hamilton, Hamilton. The several banks in the list do this as a means of making it more convenient for the taxpayers, and all the people residing in the various sections mentioned and who are taxpayers will find a list of their taxes at the respective banks, it was stated by Deputy S. H. Grimes yesterday. The lists have been mailed, and the task of collecting almost \$300,000 is now in order, the assistant collector stated.

The division of taxpayers as to townships shows that this township leads with 1,206 while Poplar Point trails at the bottom with 213. The books show that there are 724 taxpayers in Jamesville township, 315 in Williams, 355 in Griffins, 427 in Bear Grass, 1,206 in Williamston, 456 in Cross Roads, 1,159 in Robersonville, 213 in Poplar Point, 615 in Hamilton and 744 in Goose Nest.

## Washington County Is Organized for Exposition

A meeting of the committees from the Ladies' division of Washington county, held a meeting at Roper last night and assigned parts for each town to play in the program of the Peanut Exposition to be held here December 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29.

Each of the days of the week will be designated for a different county, Mr. Newell G. Bartlett stated yesterday.

The details of the parts and the day each county will feature the program will be worked out in the meeting here tonight, it was said by the Chamber of Commerce secretary.

## RECORDER HAD SIXTEEN CASES

Was First Court To Be Held Since Before Election

After a vacation caused by the election and the special session of Martin County Superior court, Judge Bailey and Solicitor Peel called cases in the recorder's court here last Tuesday for the first time, since October 30. And considering the lapse of time, the docket was not so badly crowded; for there were only sixteen cases called and most of them were of little or no importance.

Probable cause of guilt appearing in the case charging Sylvester Taylor and Jeff Taylor with assault with a deadly weapon, the defendants were bound over to the December term of superior court under a \$500 bond.

The case charging R. O. Watson with kidnaping his daughter, was continued one week with the defendant under the same bond.

Garland Gurganus, charged with violating the liquor laws, had his case continued one week.

The case charging A. U. Newberry, Washington County man, with passing worthless checks was not proscribed with leave.

Cornelius Lilley, facing a charge of larceny and receiving, waived examination and he was required to enter into bond in the sum of \$300 for his appearance at the December term of superior court.

Woodrow Edmondson and J. C. Halthcock plead not guilty when they were charged with trespass and assault. The court accepted Edmondson's plea after examining the evidence, but found Halthcock guilty. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost in Halthcock's case.

In the case charging James Ruffin with non-support of wife and children prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of cost of action and \$12 to prosecuting witness.

Oscar Willis, plead not guilty when he was faced with the charge of driving a car while he was intoxicated. He was adjudged guilty and a suspended 6-months jail sentence was imposed. Payment of the costs was required and his license to operate an automobile was revoked for a period of six months.

The case charging Medrid Daniel with operating a car while intoxicated was continued one week.

The case of assault with a deadly weapon brought against Walter Barnes was not proscribed.

Pleading guilty to an assault with a deadly weapon charge, Joe Godard was required to pay \$100 to Walter Barnes and all doctor's bills incurred by reason of injuries inflicted on Barnes by defendant. A suspended 12-months jail sentence was also imposed.

A nol pros with leave resulted in the case of Earl Whitaker charging him with driving an automobile while he was intoxicated.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case of Carr Keel who was charged with an assault with a deadly weapon.

The court agreed with Ed L. Daniel when he plead not guilty of driving an automobile while he was intoxicated.

Henry Jones was found not guilty of resisting an officer.

In a civil action of Lonie Miselle against W. A. Stubbs, the defendant appealed to the higher court when Miselle was declared the owner of a certain piece of property.

## Receiver of Bank To Sell Notes and Judgments

Notes and judgments totalling \$10,187.65 will be sold at auction here the 17th of next month by Attorney R. L. Coburn, receiver for the Parmele Banking and Trust Company, Parmele. The notes total \$3,917.39 and the judgments amount to \$6,270.26. A few articles of personal property will also be sold, but such items are very small, according to an instrument advertising the sale.

The banking institution suspended business in Parmele several years ago and the sale of the paper held has been ordered by the superior court of this county.

## Important Meeting of Masons Tuesday Night

Skewarkee Lodge will hold a very important pre-Thanksgiving meeting Tuesday night, November 27 at 7:30 o'clock, it was announced this morning.

The officers of the lodge are very anxious to have a large attendance upon the meeting as matters of importance are to be taken up at that time.

## Rotary Players Have Packed House Tuesday

More than 75 people were turned away from the local theatre last Tuesday night when they started to see the Rotary Players present "Her Companionate Marriage." The house was packed several minutes before the curtain was to be called.

## A Proclamation

TO THE PEOPLE OF WILLIAMSTON:

Whereas the people of Williamston have been so bountifully and graciously blessed with health, happiness, and the many necessities of life; and

Whereas it is altogether fitting and proper that we give time to express our thanks for our many blessings and to encourage the virtue of gratitude for the benefactions of a kind Providence; now, therefore,

I, Robert L. Coburn, Mayor of Williamston, happy to follow a custom that has been perpetuated since this nation of ours established its independence, do hereby proclaim and set aside Thursday, November 29, as Thanksgiving Day, and call upon the people of the town to honor and observe it by suspending all unnecessary activities and by giving public expression to the gratitude that is in their hearts for all the blessings enjoyed during the past year.

It is my desire that the people of Williamston use this occasion to offer their prayers and devotions to Almighty God, the giver of all good and perfect gifts, for His many blessings; to remember in our prayers those who are sick and bereaved; that we contribute to the necessities of the less fortunate, especially to those who are dependent upon the bounty of those who have enjoyed a greater degree of prosperity. Freely we have received, freely let us give.

In conclusion, I further urge that our people, remembering that all of us are, in the final analysis, dependent upon the great Central Source of Supply, forget their individual differences and unite in gratitude to God for the abiding things of life, at the same time seeking Divine Guidance for the future.

R. L. COBURN, Mayor, Town of Williamston.

## EPISCOPALIANS CALL RECTOR

Rev. A. H. Marshall, of Plymouth Church, Has Accepted Call

A call issued by the vestry of the local Episcopal Church has been accepted by Rev. A. H. Marshall, of Plymouth, according to a press report from that town. While the details have not been definitely arranged, the announcement stated that the rector would continue in the service of the Plymouth and Roper churches in addition to the work here and at the Hamilton church.

While it could not be learned definitely, it is understood that the recently called rector will enter upon his duties here and at Hamilton the early part of next month.

## Local Market Passes 6,277,000-Pound Mark

Williamston sales of leaf tobacco up to last night amounted to 6,277,178 pounds, selling for an average of \$19.60 for the entire season. The crop sold here amounted to \$1,229,053.55.

The low grades of primings in September held the price level down. October sales averaged around 23 cents and the prices so far in this month are about the same as those of the month just past.

Sales today are light but prices are said to be much stronger on many grades.

The sales will reach the six and one-half million mark by Thanksgiving according to estimates by warehousemen.

## Martin Leads State in Valuation of Swine

For every acre of land, swamp, cleared or wooded, in Martin county there is \$1.82 worth of meat, it was stated by County Agent T. B. Brandon yesterday. As compared with other counties of the State, Martin leads them all, it was pointed out by the agent. Bertie and Johnston are contenders for the lead, and aside from those two, Martin county maintains a big lead.

There are approximately 275,000 acres of land in this county, and applying the base of \$1.82 to that number, it is found that the swine are valued at \$320,500.00.

## Professor Gofus To Give Exhibition Here

Professor Gofus, metropolitan-cosmopolitan, with his understudy will give an exhibition with the cue at Eck Ward's billiard parlor here next Monday night at 8 o'clock, according to an announcement made recently.

## Everetts Woodmen To Meet Monday Night

The Everetts camp Modern Woodmen will hold its regular meeting Monday night, November 26.

All members are requested to attend. Besides the regular routine of work, plans for the organization of a basketball team in the Everetts school will be worked out, it was stated in an announcement made yesterday.

## MAY TRY IDEA OF PEANUT AUCTION

Secretary Bartlett Indicates Willingness to Stage Experiment

When questioned about the sale of peanuts at auction one day during the week of the show, Secretary Bartlett said yesterday that it would be a good idea to try this out and that the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce would lend every encouragement to the experiment.

The newly proposed method of selling the goober could be arranged some morning during the week of the show. Buyers could be mobilized for the occasion and the auctioneer could try his hand at the venture of selling nuts at auction. "The purpose in holding these peanut expositions is to help the peanut industry in any way we possibly can, and such an experiment will not be out of the way at such a time," Mr. Bartlett said.

## Episcopals Here to Have Services Here Sunday

Captain E. Hurworth and his Church Army workers are expected here tomorrow to conduct services in the Episcopal church and make visits to the homes of members of that congregation, it was stated by one of the church's vestrymen last night. The Sunday morning service will be held at the 1 o'clock hour and the public is invited to attend.

A series of meetings has been arranged in this Diocese, it was stated, and Captain Hurworth's visit here this week end is being made to acquaint the members of the parish with the work.

## Program of Services At Christian Church

9:45, Church school, 11:00, Morning worship, 7:30, Evening service, 7:30, Wednesday night, Union Thanksgiving Prayer Service at the Methodist church. Strangers and friends are cordially invited to worship with us.

## Local Eleven, Undeclared, Plays Dunn Here Thursday

Dunn Conceded To Have One of Best Teams in North Carolina; Scored On But Four Times in Two Years; Williamston Playing Beaufort Here Today

The Williamston High School football eleven will fittingly close the 1928 season here next Thursday when Dunn, sends one of the strongest teams in the eastern part of the State here to battle for honors outside the State championship series. Having been scored on only four times in two years, and ousted from the State championship running by Raleigh in a hotly contested game recently, the Dunn team is considered one of the best in the State. The locals have not been scored on this season, and a good game is expected.

## NEGRO IS SHOT AFTER QUARREL WITH ANOTHER

Dave Melton, Jr., In Jail Here for Shooting of Johnnie Whitley

### OCCURRED TUESDAY

Conflicting Versions of Events Leading Up To Shooting Given; Injured Man Expected to Recover

Dave Melton, Jr., colored, is in the county jail, and Johnnie Whitley, colored, is in the care of physicians at his home on the McGasky road, near here, as the result of a quarrel between the two last Tuesday night. Melton fired a load of No. 6 shot from his gun into the face, neck, and shoulder of Whitley, and while the man is seriously wounded, it is thought that he will recover.

Whitley, with two other negroes, went to Melton's home on the J. R. Everett farm, on the Hamilton road, to inquire about a remark that Melton had made. It was said that Melton some time before had indirectly ordered Whitley to stay away from his (Melton's) home, but when questioned Tuesday night he denied that he had made such a remark. A few pointed words were passed by the parties, but it was thought that the trouble had ended and Whitley, with his two friends, started to leave. Whitley got in the car, and as one of the other two friends started to crank the car, Melton came out and fired the load of shot into Whitley's face and neck.

The man-in-jail offers another version, stating that Whitley came to his house and started to him with a chair. A quarrel followed, and he shot Whitley when he refused to leave the yard. Sheriff Roebuck made the arrest early Wednesday morning, and Melton will be given a hearing before Judge Bailey next Tuesday.

That Melton was anxious about the condition of the wounded man was proved yesterday afternoon when Sheriff Roebuck was questioning him and stated that Whitley was dead. Melton almost fainted but came to rapidly and danced for joy when the sheriff corrected the statement and added that the wounded man was getting along very well.

## AGENTS PREPARE ANNUAL REPORT

Will Be Busy At This Job All of Next Week, Says Mr. Brandon

Both of Martin county's agents will be turned from their regular duties next week, when they remain in their offices to make out the annual report. The reports giving a summary of all the work done by the two officers in the county since December 1 of last year will be forwarded one to the U. S. Department of Agriculture, one to State College, Raleigh, and another will be handed the commissioners at their next meeting the first Monday in December.

These reports, it was pointed out by Mr. T. B. Brandon, agent, will give in detail all the work carried on since last December, and will be used as a comparison with the work carried on by agents in other counties.

It will require practically all the week to complete the report as every detail has to be given as well as furnishing a general summary of the work and how it was carried on by the agent during the year.

## Land Owner Continues To Block Power Line

Unless an agreement has been reached since yesterday, the Virginia Electric and Power Company continues without a right-of-way across the land of J. P. Dieus, near Robersonville. Papers have been served on the property owner, but unless an agreement can be reached, it will be some time the latter part of December before a connection can be made, it is understood.

## BERTIE TO HAVE EXPOSITION DAY

Planning to Make "Bertie Day" Feature of the Exposition

Bertie county will observe one day during the Peanut Exposition to be held here the week of December 25, according to N. G. Bartlett, secretary of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, who is in town today. Mr. Bartlett visited every town in Bertie county this week and states that our neighbors are planning a big day here during the show. The towns to take part will be Windsor, Aulander, Lewiston-Woodville, Kelford, Roxobel and Colerain.

The Women's clubs in the various towns will sponsor the program and the sale of tickets. The chairmen for the various towns are: Mrs. W. L. Lyon, Windsor; Miss Ella Early, Aulander; Mrs. R. A. Urquart, Lewiston-Woodville; Mrs. J. F. Norfleet, Roxobel-Kelford; Mrs. C. W. Beasley, Colerain. A whirl wind ticket selling campaign will be waged two weeks ahead of the opening of the show in that county where the first Peanut Exposition ever held in the United States, was staged in 1926 at Windsor.

The day that Bertie observes during the exposition will be determined at a meeting of the steering committee to be held in the mayor's office here tonight.

## OFFICERS SEIZE SEVERAL STILLS

Get Four Barrels of Beer in Edgecombe County; Other Raids

Federal prohibition agents visited Edgecombe county this week, but succeeded in finding only four barrels of beer. Later in the week the officers went a few miles from here on the Hamilton road where they found a plant with three barrels of beer but no still. From that point they went over to the Pinelog swamp on the Martin-Beaufort county line where they found two plants. The officers destroyed twenty barrels of beer and a steam still. They also found another steam plant with 31 barrels of beer. Both of the stills were cold. Wednesday morning the officers went to the Leggett Mill pond where they captured three medium-sized plants and a large quantity of beer. [Yesterday the agents went to the Free Union section where they captured a large quantity of beer.

Federal agents Plineum and Riddick, of New Bern with deputies went into the Bear Grass section where they found Guy E. Evans, of Washington, Pitt county, Virginia and Baltimore, mixing drinks. The still with a few gallons of liquor was destroyed and Evans was brought before a U. S. commissioner who bound him over to the April term of federal court under a \$750. bond.

## Several Town To Have Booths At Exposition

Washington and Greenville will have a "Made in Washington" and a "Made in Greenville" booth at the Eastern Carolina and Tidewater Virginia Peanut Exposition scheduled to be held here December 25 through the 29th, according to an announcement made by Secretary Newell G. Bartlett while in Williamston yesterday. This makes three towns that will be well represented with their industrial products; Plymouth the other of the three. "We want to show Eastern Carolina industrially," Secretary Bartlett said while explaining the booths the towns will have at the show.

## Farm Life Teacher Goes To Hospital

Miss Zilla Winn, popular teacher in the Farm Life school left this morning for her home in Danville, Va. where she will undergo an operation for appendicitis. It is thought that she will be unable to return before the Christmas holidays. Arrangements are being made to secure another teacher to carry on the work during Miss Winn's absence.

## Moon To Be In Eclipse Next Tuesday Morning

The moon will be in total eclipse next Tuesday morning, November 27. The eclipse will begin at 2:24 and enter total eclipse at 3:33 and will remain so for an hour and six minutes at the end of which time it will begin to show again. The eclipse will end at 5:39 a. m.

## Street Paving Program Postponed Until Spring

After talking with his engineers and heads of paving companies, the town officials here have deferred the matter of street and sidewalk paving until the spring, it was learned this morning. During the meantime, however, investigations will be made as to the streets to be paved, width and other matters connected with a town's paving program.

## 3 RESIDENTS OF HAMILTON HURT IN AUTO WRECK

Rev. E. P. West, Mrs. M. L. Bellamy, and Mr. R. S. Richards Are Victims

### IN RALEIGH MONDAY

Julian Campbell, Driver of Other Car, In Raleigh Jail; Mrs. Bellamy Suffers Worst Injuries

Mrs. M. L. Bellamy, of Hamilton, suffered five broken ribs, severe cuts about the head and hand; Mr. R. S. Richard, also of Hamilton, suffered two broken ribs and other injuries; and Rev. E. P. West, pastor of the Hampton Baptist Church, was bruised and jarred when their car, a Chevrolet sedan, was hit by a big Nash Six driven by Julian Campbell, white, in Raleigh last Monday afternoon. Mrs. Bellamy's injuries were thought once to be of a fatal nature as she was rendered unconscious and caused to bleed profusely about the head. She was rushed to the Rex Hospital in Raleigh, where X-ray examinations showed no skull fractures, but did show that five ribs had been broken. Reports received from the Raleigh hospital, where she will have to remain for several weeks, stated that she was getting along very well last night.

Mr. Richards, who suffered two broken ribs and other injuries, is now at his home in Hamilton, but is unable to get around. Mr. West also returned to his home in Hamilton.

The Hamilton car was being driven into Raleigh by Mr. West, and as he was traveling up New Bern Avenue, the Campbell car, traveling at a fast speed, ran out of Tarboro Street and hit the West car, knocking it across the street and into the yard of a resident. Hitting the Chevrolet from the right side just to the rear of the center, it was knocked out of the way, and Campbell continued on his way. He was run down by a police, who placed him in jail to face charges of reckless driving, driving while intoxicated, and hitting and running. Last reports stated that bond was being withheld pending the outcome of Mrs. Bellamy's injuries.

The Chevrolet, belonging to Rev. Mr. West, was practically demolished while the Nash was only damaged slightly. Neither Mr. West nor Campbell carried liability insurance, and Campbell is said to be unable to replace the car or pay the expenses of those who were hurt.

## Peanut Show Committees To Meet Here Tonight

A meeting of the Steering committee and of ladies committees of this county will be held here tonight to definitely determine the program for the big Eastern Carolina and Tidewater Virginia Peanut Exposition, it was learned yesterday. The meeting will be held in the Mayor's office in the City Hall at 7:30 o'clock. The committees have been completed in this county of the ladies' division and a large number is expected to attend the meeting.

## Program of Services At Methodist Church

Dr. O. P. FitzGerald, Pastor Preaching service 11 a. m., subject "Jesus the Teacher." Evening service 7:30, subject "The Tragedy of War." Sunday school 9:45, Professor R. A. Pope, Superintendent. Hi-League Sunday evening 7 o'clock, Mrs. Booker, Supt. Senior League Monday evening 7:30 Mrs. Harrison, Supt. Prayer service Wednesday evening 7:30. Worship with us, the Church with a friendship for all.

## Robersonville Juniors To Present Bible and Flag

Robersonville Council No. 297 Junior Order United American Mechanics, will present the Everetts school with a Bible and flag on the school campus Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Several short talks will be made, and a very impressive ceremony will be held. The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

## Services at Holy Trinity Mission Sunday Afternoon

Rev. J. W. Lollis, of Beaufort county, will preach at Holy Trinity Mission, near Bear Grass, Sunday at 3:00 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Many Hear Glee Club at Robersonville Yesterday

The University of North Carolina Glee club was heard by a large number of Robersonville people and others from nearby towns yesterday afternoon in the Robersonville school auditorium. Several of the numbers were well received, according to a report received here.

**STRAND THEATRE**

**SATURDAY**

**BUZZ BARTON**

in

**"The PINTO KID"**

Added

**COMEDY AND SERIAL**

**"The Yellow Cameo"**