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## COMMISSIONERS UNABLE TO FIX TAX RATE YET

### Illness of Hamilton List Taker Causes Delay in Considering Rate

## MATTER HELD OPEN

### Books for Goose Nest Township Are Turned in at Meeting Held Here Yesterday

With one of the ten tax lists still out, the commissioners in special session here yesterday were unable to discuss the rate for the year 1929, and it is understood that the matter will remain open for several days, probably until the next regular meeting of the body.

The Hamilton Township list taker's illness has made it impossible for the Hamilton Township list taker to complete his work here, and, according to reports, the scroll there will not be available within the next several days.

Books for Goose Nest Township, turned in yesterday, showed a small decrease, the list taker stating that there were a few items yet to go on the books which he believed would result in a \$5,000 to \$10,000 gain for that district. No report on the expected outcome of the listings in Hamilton Township could be had yesterday.

Five of the eight townships reporting last week show substantial gains, and it is believed that the \$104,000 increase over the valuation last year will not be altered to any appreciable extent by Hamilton's returns.

## Standard Fertilizer Co. Has Very Good Year

After reviewing the extensive growth from a sales standpoint and the visiting of several farms where Gro-More has been used with much success, Mr. C. G. Crockett, manager of the local plant of the Standard Fertilizer Co., advised that they have experienced a very successful year in every respect.

After much insistence on the part of the farmers from this and adjoining counties, several farms were visited last week by Mr. Crockett and Jim Cook, of the local company. In every case the farmers were highly elated over the success of their crop, particularly their tobacco, which they attributed to the working power of Gro-More fertilizer. The farms of Judge Smith, W. R. Bullock, S. M. Jones, and R. D. Whitehurst reported the best crops in several, in spite of the extreme wet weather.

## Christians Will Picnic at Colerain Beach Thursday

The Christian Sunday school will have its annual picnic Thursday afternoon of this week at Colerain. The members are asked to meet at the church at 1:30 and leave from there. Those who have cars and can carry passengers in addition to the members of their families are asked to assist in transporting the children.

## Local Kiwanians To Hold Regular Meet Tomorrow

The Kiwanis Club will hold its regular weekly luncheon tomorrow at 12:30. Kiwanian W. C. Manning will have charge of the program. Every member is urged to be present and on time.

## Number of Laborers Go To Virginia for Work

Offered wages said to be much higher than the ones paid in this section, approximately 20 Negroes left here today for points in Virginia and Maryland, where they will work with the Roberts Paving Co., according to information gathered at the local passenger station as the laborers were leaving.

There are many unemployed here at the present time, and the departure of the men this morning will not, it is believed, affect labor conditions at the present time.

## Well-Known Tobacco Man Writes of Conditions and Prospects in Bright Belt

By W. T. MEADOWS

The long-looked-for meeting of the United States Tobacco Association was held at Virginia Beach July 27-28, and a record-breaking attendance was established at this meeting. A large amount of business was reported through the different committees and, upon a whole, very little dissatisfaction seems to have cropped out at the meeting. The majority of the dissatisfaction was in the opening dates for the coming season and the length of time each belt should have to dispose of its crop. The final opening dates for the coming season were agreed upon as follows: Georgia, Tuesday, July 23; South Carolina, Tuesday, July 30; Eastern North Carolina, Tuesday, September 3; Middle Belt (N. C.), Tuesday, September 24; Old Belt (N. C. and Va.), Tuesday, October 1.

The address of the president, A. B. Carrington, was short and to the point and a gem in the information-covered. He said that bright tobacco held a strong position in America as well as foreign markets, especially cigarette types, and that business for the past year, as a whole, in the tobacco trade had been good and that exports of tobacco in the past year had been large in the history of the tobacco trade excepting in the year 1919.

The official number of pounds raised in the bright belts were reported as follows, for 1928: Georgia, 87,000,000 pounds, average of \$12.78; South Carolina, 82,000,000 pounds, average price, \$12.76; Eastern North Carolina, 330,000,000 pounds, average \$19.27; Old Belt, N. C., 153,000,000 pounds, average \$18.10; Old Belt, Va., 85,000,000 pounds, average \$17.02. In other words the total crop in the bright belt in 1928 was 737,000,000 pounds of tobacco. For the same belt in 1927 it was 714,000,000 pounds. The average for the whole belt in 1928 was \$17.27 per 100 pounds; in 1927 it was \$21.31 per 100. There seems to have been a few million pounds more raised in 1928 than in 1927, but we can smoke that up in one day in cigarettes.

It is presumed that your readers would like to know a little about the conditions in the different sections of the bright belt. At this writing, from

## 2,000 AUTO DRIVERS STOPPED BY STATE HIGHWAY PATROLMEN IN FIRST WEEK; FEW ARE ARRESTED

### Many Drivers Stopped Are Warned; Improper Lights Are Principal Offense

Raleigh, July 6.—While the first week of the State Highway Patrol brought death within its ranks, the patrolmen have made reports to Capt. Charles D. Farmer, of the patrol, indicating enough arrests and warnings to make reasonably certain that more than one life was saved in the 2,000 drivers held up and instructed.

Captain Farmer's 9 lieutenants and 27 patrolmen have turned in their reports, but the chief has done a little "patrolling" on his own hook. He let his machine out when a brat insisted on racing the chief, nabbed him near Greensboro and told him what he had been doing. The chief saw a clear case of careless and reckless driving and made the cub take a good lesson in safety methods. The youngster was amazed when he found that his opponent in the scorching was Captain Farmer.

### Many Wild Drivers Stopped

Reports brought to the head office, to noon today showed that the patrol had stopped during the week nearly 2,000 drivers. Many of these had driven wildly, a large number had operated cars while the drivers were under the influence of liquor. The bulk of the work has consisted in rectifying lights and repairing brakes. The motorists who were halted were given instructions. If their lights were bad they were instructed to have them fixed. A driver stopped on account of his head of tail light is allowed 48 hours in which to get them adjusted.

Lieut. J. L. Jones, of the first district, was in Raleigh today, and he probably led the patrol in the cases handled. He had approximately 300, but few of these were arrested. They were counselled to get their machinery in shape to make safer the road travel. In the third district the patrolman got the money. July 3 was more glorious than the fourth, and the natal day of the republic probably was helped mightily by the work of Wednesday. Under Lieutenant Hankinson violators paid \$132.20 for their little fling on the roads. This third district man acts for the life as though he is no politician. He caused a farmer to be fined \$25 for driving his wagon on the roads without a light and another driver of

## FARMERS BUSY CURING TOBACCO

### Poor Crop Seems To Be General; Shortage Is Predicted

Tobacco curing is the order of the day in the eastern tobacco counties. Cars and trucks are coming to the towns from miles away to carry laborers to the tobacco farms to prepare the tobacco and hang it in the barns. This is regarded as the hardest season of the year by tobacco farmers and requires the combined labor of men, women, and children daily and much of the nights during the housing season.

Some farmers say they are finding their crops very poor, others say poor, and occasionally one says he has a fair crop. All agree that there will be a shortage.

A warehouseman from South Carolina says the crop will be about 150,000,000 pounds short from last year in the bright belts of Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia. Another warehouseman says with a short crop and a short stock carried over from last season, prices should be good this season.

## MONKS LOSE TO BULLS HERE, 10-2

### Visitors Win Uninteresting Game Featured by Bad Playing

The Bertie Bulls humbled the Martin County Monks yesterday afternoon in a one-sided and ragged game the visitors winning by a 10 to 2 count. The Monks lived up to their given name and made error after error to dishearten Cherry, their moundman. The play was featured by "bonehead" stunts from the beginning to the end, both sides contributing. The visitors lost four runs by poor coaching and they made a number of others by the locals' errors. The Bulls hit, too, getting several of their runs from long drives into center and right field.

Hoggard, twirling for the Bertie nine, allowed several hits, but only once did the Monks bunch their hits to make two runs. The visiting moundman was given splendid support by his team-mates, and more than once a member of the Martin squad was robbed out of what would have been a hit in many games.

The visitors touched Cherry for a number of hits, but as a whole he pitched a good brand of ball. Shearman went in the box in the seventh frame and although the visitors pounded out balls for extra bases, he limited their runs.

## Former Martin Negro Dies in State's Prison

Henry Carson, colored of Williams township, this county, died in the State's prison, Raleigh this morning, no cause being assigned for his death in a telegram received here today.

Carson was convicted at the December 1927 term of Martin County Superior court for the murder of Emily Bazemore, colored woman, during the fall of 1927. He was sentenced to not less than 17 nor more than 25 years in the prison by Judge Clayton Moore.

Carson went to the home of the Bazemore woman after midnight and demanded entrance, but was refused. He started cursing and abusing the Bazemore family and finally fired in the window hitting and killing instantly the Bazemore woman. He was considered mentally unbalanced and the court accepted a plea of second degree murder.

Warden Honeycutt wired friends of Carson notifying them of his death, but gave no details.

## Beaufort Overwhelms Locals, 15-7, Friday

In a poorly played game the Martin Monks lost to the Beaufort nine at Washington last Friday afternoon by a 15 to 7 score, the loss causing the Monks to take a further grip on the second rung of the percentage column. The hard-hitting of the Beaufort players featured the play, the Monks being credited with only 9 hits to their opponents' 20.

### Plans Complete for Meet of Firemen Here Tonight

Arrangements were practically complete this morning for the entertainment of 175 or more firemen at the regular quarterly meeting of the East Carolina Firemen's association here this evening in the Woman's club hall at 8 o'clock.

Two of the town's best cooks have been employed to prepare the meal, barbecue, Brunswick stew, chicken, chowder and slaw making up the menu, principally.

An interesting program has been arranged, several of the section's most prominent figures having been asked to make short talks before the meeting.

## COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEAR OWNERS KICK ON PROPERTY VALUATIONS

### Fifty Citizens Appear To Ask Adjustment of List Takers' Valuation

### ERRORS CORRECTED

Adjustments Are Made in Twenty-Three Instances; Net Decrease of \$6,903.73 Made

Meeting in special session here yesterday as an equalization board, the Martin County Commissioners examined the complaints entered by approximately fifty tax payers, the board making adjustments in only 23 of the cases. The commissioners adhered closely to the dictates of the law in changing the valuation of the certain properties mentioned in the complaints.

It was pointed out to many of those entering complaints that the law only gave the commissioners authority to change the valuation of real property where certain changes had been effected either by fire, wind or some other factor. Several adjustments resulted when it was learned that errors had been committed in the listing of the property. Fire was mentioned as the cause for one adjustment while disability was responsible for one or two minor relief orders.

That the listings were more accurately entered this year than they were last is evidenced by the minor change resulting in the valuation. Last year a large increase resulted when the commissioners met to hear complaints and review the listings. Yesterday, a decrease of \$9,803.73 resulted, the amount being partly offset by increases in valuation amounting to \$2,800. Estimating the day's work, it is suggested that the county's valuation was dropped \$6,903.73 by the findings yesterday.

According to the reports of the meeting, it is understood that the commissioners listened patiently to all complaints, but held their actions within the law in making the several adjustments. Each of the adjustments carries a full explanation on the meeting's minutes, and are briefly outlined in the changes as follows:

J. R. Coltrain, Griffins township, allowed \$200 from solvent credits, the amount being offset by an account.

Selling the timber, J. B. Cloman, of Hamilton township, was allowed a reduction of \$1,500 on 320 acres of Taylor land and \$1,000 reduction on 114 acres of Upton land. The timber rights, amounting to \$2,500 were added to the Garris Evans Lumber Co.

R. L. Coburn was allowed the full valuation off on 56 acres of land in Jamesville township, when it was learned that the same land was listed by M. D. Wilson. Mr. Coburn was relieved of \$720 and Mr. Wilson's valuation was raised on the 56 acres from \$200 to \$500.

The valuation on a piece of land belonging to Herman Bowen in Williamston township was dropped from \$2,400 to \$2,200, a part of the timber having been removed.

An error having been made in listing the number of acres, the board listed the land of J. L. Williams in Robersonville at \$1,610.

The \$250 valuation on a house was marked off when it was learned that the building belonging to Mrs. Ora Chesson was destroyed by fire.

A thousand dollar error in the listing of the Drewry Hearn land was corrected for the Dennis Simmons Lumber Co., the list-taker apparently placing the figure "1" in front of \$250, the assessed valuation. A change was made for the same company in the listed acreage on a piece of land in the White Cypress swamp, but the \$4,600 valuation was allowed to stand. The company in a third case pointed out that 200 acres of Wallace swamp land had been listed, but by actual survey there were only 65 acres. The \$1,300 valuation was decreased \$650.

One-third of the \$900 valuation on the A. R. Dunning and Brown heirs land was marked off and added to that of J. L. Whitfield.

H. C. Jackson, of Jamesville, was allowed \$400 off on a house valued at \$1,800 on account of depreciation.

A lot valued at \$700 was marked from the valuation of Eli Smith in Williamston when it was learned that he did not own the lot in question.

A \$1,200 drop resulted in the \$6,360 valuation on the N. O. VanNortwick lands when it was pointed out that 80 of the 174 acres were in Pitt county.

An error in acreage listing accounted for a drop from \$5,600 to \$4,690 on the lands of Mrs. Alice V. Coltrain in Jamesville township.

H. M. Holliday, of Jamesville, was allowed \$300 off on land where the timber had been removed.

An error in listing the acreage of the L. F. Ange land, Jamesville township, made possible a \$160 decrease in valuation.

H. B. York, Williamston, was released of \$1. dog tax. A similar re-

## BEGIN ISSUING NEW MONEY IN U. S. TOMORROW

### Local Banks Have Not Yet Received Their Supply of Smaller Currency

## TO RETIRE OLD BILLS

### New Currency Has Many Advantages; Expect To Have Most of Old Bills Retired by October 1

From Old Orchard, Me., to La Jolla, Calif., citizens will be greeting each other tomorrow with: "Say, have you seen the new paper money?" Tomorrow marks the beginning of a permanent vacation for the nation's old paper currency, for all the weary ones the twines that have been slung by the superstitious, the fives that have been crumpled by shoppers and jerked straight by bank clerks, may retire in favor of their smaller and stronger successors.

The distribution of the new bills has been under way for some time, but it will be several days before their circulation will be noticed in all the nooks and corners. That the new currency would be put into circulation in this county tomorrow was considered doubtful today, when several of the bank cashiers stated they had received no shipments of the new bills. Two or three of the banks have ordered supplies of the new bills, but the shipments will hardly be made in time to have the money here within the next few days.

The new bills, 6 1/2 by 2 1/4 inches, will bear the portraits of prominent men and the several government buildings. Washington adorns the one; Jefferson and his Monticello grace the two; Lincoln and his state memorial the five; Hamilton and the Treasury preserve over the ten; Jackson and the White House over the twenty; Grant and the Capitol over the fifty. Other figures adorn the bills of the larger denominations, but it's almost useless to mention their names here, as large bills are a rarity in these parts.

It takes more than 900,000,000 pieces of currency to supply the yearly needs of the United States, and it was the production of this gigantic amount in a short time which the Bureau of Engraving and Printing faced when it began to work on the new money. So well did it respond to the emergency that in six months it has scaled, numbered and delivered an amount equal to that usually produced in a year. Seven tons of currency a day, valued at more than \$15,000,000, has gone out to the vaults and on to the banks in anticipation of July 10.

No one expects that the exchange of new money for old will be completed in a day. But so keen is the public interest and so able is the Ministry of distribution that the Treasury Department believes that by October 1 there will be very few of the old notes in circulation. After that they will dwindle and disappear, to become curiosities in museums and prized possessions in the hands of collectors.

### Advantages of New Currency

These are the five outstanding advantages which are expected to result from the use of the new paper money, which is to be put into general circulation on July 10 and will replace the familiar currency of nearly three generations:

(1) The smaller size of the new note makes it more convenient to handle than the old bank bill. The smaller notes can be more easily folded, and they have been "sized" with a new preparation that better protects them against grease and dust.

(2) The new notes are printed on crisper and stronger paper, hence they are expected to last much longer than the bills we now use. The paper has been improved so that the folding strength of the new notes is twice as great as that of the old bills.

(3) Another advantage is that the different denominations can be readily identified, the portraits on each note indicating the denomination. The new currency, in fact, has been so standardized and simplified that the differences between the notes can easily be memorized. A red seal and number for United States notes, blue for silver certificates, yellow for gold certificates, green for Federal Reserve notes, and brown for national bank notes will aid in identification.

(4) The Secret Service believes that the new currency will make the task of counterfeiters much more difficult, for it has done away with the multiplicity of designs in use for the old denominations, which resulted in great confusion and enabled the counterfeiters and note raiser in the past to operate with more or less success.

(5) It is estimated that the small size and the standardized designs will save the government at least \$1,500,000 a year in production costs. The government also expects other economies from the longer life of the notes.

## GETTING READY TO TAKE CENSUS

### Estimated That Population Of U. S. Will Reach 120,000,000

How many persons are there in the United States? How many animals; how much goods in circulation; how large the "army of unemployed?" We, as everybody else, would hardly like to say, but if you wait long enough Uncle Sam's tellers will furnish the figures. More than \$39,500,000 will be appropriated by Congress for the task, which is to be completed in about six months, it is estimated.

There are several novel features about this year's census, taking which distinguish it from past undertakings. The country's population is increasing at the rate of about 1,400,000 yearly, a record that surpasses anything in history. An excess of births over deaths and of immigration over emigration are the causes of this. It is estimated that the population next year will probably have reached the sum total of 120,000,000, which is 30 times that of 1790, when the first census was taken.

The much mooted question between Republicans and Democrats, "What is the extent of unemployment," will be settled, and this, too, is a proceeding never authorized before in a decennial census bill. Nor, for that matter, does the gathering of figures relating to distribution of goods have any precedent, although Mr. Hoover strongly advocated such a provision when he was Secretary of Commerce.

The 100,000 persons who go from door to door gathering statistics will be paid according to the number of noses counted. A supervisor will preside over each of the 565 districts, which are to be divided into sections for the enumerators to cover. The latter are to carry charts showing just what information he must obtain. All this information is strictly confidential and deliberately misleading the census taker is a violation of law punishable by fine and imprisonment.

## Injunction Prohibiting the Marriage of Infant Issued

### A Bertie County Court is Understood to be the first one in the State asked to grant an injunction against marriage.

Thomas Cullipher and wife have applied for an injunction there against Raymond Baker, 23 years old, restraining and forbidding his marrying their 14-year-old daughter.

The temporary restraining order has been signed by Judge G. E. Midyette and served upon the defendant. The plaintiffs allege that the defendant unlawfully took the said infant and carried her to Suffolk, Va., in an attempt to marry her, but was prevented from obtaining license there by notice over telephone to the clerk of the court. The plaintiffs also allege that the defendant brought their daughter back to Bertie county and concealed her and it was necessary for them to obtain a search warrant to search the premises where she was concealed before they could get custody of their child. Windsor attorneys say that it is the first case on record in the State where an injunction has been issued to prevent the marriage of an infant.

## Where They Play

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10  
Beaufort vs. Hertford at Ahoakie.  
Martin vs. Bertie at Windsor.

FRIDAY, JULY 12  
Hertford vs. Martin at Williamston.  
Beaufort vs. Bertie at Windsor.

## Results

FRIDAY, JULY 5  
Beaufort, 15; Martin, 7.  
Bertie, 4; Hertford, 1.

MONDAY, JULY 8  
Bertie, 10; Martin, 2.  
Beaufort, 6; Hertford, 1.

## Standing of Clubs

Club	W.	L.	Pct.
Bertie	8	1	.889
MARTIN	5	4	.555
Hertford	3	5	.375
Beaufort	2	8	.200

lease was given J. A. Leggett. G. R. Williams, Poplar Point, was released of \$2 dog tax.

Due to disability J. B. Purvis, of Hamilton, was relieved from the payment of \$3.20 poll tax. C. L. Vick, Robersonville was also released from payment of \$2. poll tax on similar grounds.

His property doubly listed in Robersonville township, Chas. Everett was released of \$4.53 taxes.

**WATTS THEATRE**

Wednesday July 10  
**BOB STEELE**  
in  
"Laughing at Death"  
Also COMEDY

Thursday-Friday July 11-12  
**DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS**  
in  
"THE GAUCHO"  
Also NEWS AND COMEDY

MUSIC BY PHOTOTONE