

## COUNTY LOSES BY SENATORIAL REDISTRICTING

### Number of Counties Comprising Second District Will Be Reduced

The make-up of the second senatorial district will be considerably changed under the terms of bills introduced last week in both houses of the general assembly. The number of counties comprising the district will be reduced from seven to five, and the number of senators from two to one. Redistricting is made necessary after the taking of each decennial census, and the bills introduced last week provide for reapportionment on the basis of 1930 population figures.

At the present time the second district is composed of Washington, Martin, Tyrrell, Dare, Hyde, Beaufort and Pamlico counties, while under the proposed law the following counties will comprise the district: Chowan, Dare, Martin, Tyrrell, and Washington. Beaufort, Hyde, and Pamlico will make up the third district.

Under the terms of the bill, Martin County will lose a fraction of its present representation in the senate, dropping from 2-7 of a senator to 1-5. The total number of senatorial districts in the State were reduced from 33 to 28, while the total number of senators remains the same, 50. Under the old plan, no district had more than two senators, while in the new line-up five districts will have three. Twenty-nine counties will gain fractionally in senatorial representation, 32 lose, and 39 remain unchanged. It is expected that the bills will pass in the legislature without material change being made.

## MRS. LONG DIES IN HAMILTON

### Funeral Services In Church There By Rev. Marshall Sunday Afternoon

Mrs. B. L. Long, beloved resident of Hamilton for more than thirty years, died at her home there last Saturday of pneumonia. She had been sick only a few days, suffering an attack of influenza early last week that developed into pneumonia.

Born in Edgecombe county, Mrs. Long was 75 years old at her death. In early womanhood she was married to Dr. J. R. Staton, of Tarboro. To this union there were born two children, a son who died in 1889 and Mrs. Selma Deal. Dr. Staton died in 1883, and several years later she moved to Hamilton where she met and married the late Dr. B. L. Long, prominent physician of that section for many years. Teaching in the public schools of Eastern Carolina for a number of years, Mrs. Long diligently strived in advancing the cause of common school education.

A member of the Episcopal church for many years, Mrs. Long was a leader in religious activities, serving as president of the Woman's Auxiliary for several terms.

Funeral services were conducted in Grace Episcopal Church, Hamilton, Sunday afternoon by her rector, Rev. A. H. Marshall. Interment was made in the church cemetery there.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Selma Deal, and one stepson, Dr. E. M. Long, of Hamilton, and ten grandchildren.

Active pall bearers were Messrs. T. B. Slade, C. D. Perkins, R. E. Downs, R. A. Edmondson, P. L. Salsbury and B. B. Taylor.

## Dawson Harrison Dies In Hopewell Last Saturday

Dawson Harrison, a native of this county, died at his home in Hopewell last Saturday evening at 8 o'clock of heart disease. He had been in feeble health for several years, but was able to attend to his duties up until about a year ago.

The son of the late John Harrison and wife, Mr. Harrison was born in Bear Grass township where he lived for a number of years. About fifteen years ago he married Miss Lena Bailey who with several children survives. He also leaves two brothers, Henry and Arthur Harrison and one sister, Mrs. Lindy Shaw, all of Bear Grass. He was 40 years old and had made his home in Hopewell during the past eight years.

The funeral was held at the home in Hopewell, Elder B. S. Cowin conducting the last rites at the grave in the Cowin Cemetery, Bear Grass.

## Town Commissioners In Regular Meeting Here

The local town commissioners held their regular monthly meeting last night, handling only a few minor business matters.

W. H. Williams was refunded \$5 paying tax erroneously listed. Dance permits were issued to Robert for one dance April 6 and to Jack for one, March 17th.

## Continued Operation County Schools Practically Assured

Rumors circulated to the end that the extended school terms in some districts of the county would be suspended were declared unfounded by officials of the Robersonville School Board yesterday. After an investigation, it was learned that reports relative to the closing of the schools had been made, but they were not official and consequently were unfounded.

It was learned from officials of the Robersonville district where the closing rumor is said to have started, that sufficient funds had been collected to assure the operation of the extended term. It was

also stated that up to the first of his month, the collections were only \$758.83 behind those made last year up to March 10, and it is believed that the collections this year will be as large as they were last year for the same period. Other school districts also report good collections. Williams-ton was behind \$261. in its collections the first of this month as compared with the collections last year up to and including March 10. The reports from all the districts indicate that collections are holding up well, and that no school will be suspended.

## Many Martin County Veterans Apply For Government Loans

### MORE THAN 100 FILE CLAIMS IN TWO DAYS HERE

Estimated That \$210,000.00 Will Be Released In This County Alone

### \$20,000,000 FOR STATE

New York Regional Office Has To Call On Police Reserves To Handle Applicants

Seven minutes after the Veterans' Loan Bill was enacted into law last Friday afternoon by the United States Senate, a loan was made, and by last Saturday evening thousands after thousands of ex-soldiers stormed the 54 regional offices to file their applications for loans. The New York regional office was forced to call police reserves, and officers throughout the United States sent rush telegrams to civil service eligibles to report at once for duty.

Martin county veterans had no office to storm, but it is understood they resorted heavily upon the mails to register their claims. Saturday and yesterday more than 100 applications were prepared at this point, and it is understood that many others were filed in the several other towns.

Postmaster J. T. Price and the several law offices here devoted much time to handling the application blanks last Saturday and the work continued yesterday. Blanks are furnished by the post office and lawyers of the town have assisted the veterans in preparing the blanks. As far as it could be learned yesterday, no checks have been received by the ex-soldiers in this county under the new bill. However, it is believed that the applications will receive immediate attention and the money, several thousand dollars, will wander into the county within the next few days. According to information gained from reliable sources, there are very few veterans in this county who have not already borrowed all they could on their certificates under the old bill. It is expected that there'll be equally as few within the next several days who have not borrowed all they could under the provisions of the bill passed last Friday.

The average amount of the loans could not be learned, but they will vary from \$100 to slightly over \$500, it is understood. Neither could it be learned how many veterans there are in the county but there were 2,300 registered during the draft, and it is believed that around 700 of the number were drafted into actual service. Estimating the average loan at \$300, there will be around 210,000 released in the county during the next few days, provided, of course, if all apply for loans.

In anticipation of the loans, veterans have and are now considering making business transactions. It is expected that a portion of the money received from the certificates will be spent foolishly, or thrown away as the term is generally advanced at this time. However, there are many veterans who have already contemplated paying

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## Formal Opening of New Drug Store Thursday

The formal opening of the new Clark drug store Thursday evening of this week, was announced this morning by the owner, Mr. C. B. Clark. Preparations for the event are fast being completed. Complete alterations of the building next to the Watts theatre, where the store will be located, have been made and modern fixtures are being installed today.

The opening is being planned for the store's patrons, the management having arranged a large number of gifts for all attending that evening. In a special advertisement today, the owner is extending a special invitation to all, giving complete announcement details therein.

## DOINGS IN THE LEGISLATURE

### Adjournment Is Not Expected Before Latter Part of Month

Poor members in the Legislature will actually live what they have been preaching very soon. The pay stops this week and the legislatures is expected to continue, not one week but several more weeks. Adjournment will likely be in order about April 1.

However, it looks as if everyone of the lawmakers is trying to argue all his points this week that he might quit the assembly next week. The members of the House had a heated session last night, finally passing at midnight a bill providing machinery for State operation of the six months schools. A motion advanced to postpone the vote was killed and amendment to provide that the bill should not be effective unless \$19,500,000 could be raised for its support, was defeated.

It was explained that the six-months public school term would cost \$18,444,000, none of which would be raised from tax on land. Only \$17,000,000 would be raised by the State, however, as \$1,000,000 is figured from fines and forfeitures.

The bill places administration with equalization board, although the State Superintendent of Public Instruction would be retained with his present title. Each county would keep its county superintendent and to remove too much flavor of centralization, county boards of education would remain much as they are, except subject to review by the State board.

No appropriation is provided in the bill, that being to general money bills to come out later.

Mr. MacLean—sponsor of the bill, revealed that the committee frowned upon cutting teachers' salaries horizontally, but decided rather to increase the teacher load and effect the saving by increasing the teacher load three and one-half per cent.

Al Smith spoke to a large audience yesterday afternoon, urging State reorganization. People from all over the State went to hear the former New York governor tell how consolidation had helped that State.

With the pay period drawing to a hurried close, faster work is predicted in the legislature during the next few days.

## SEVERAL CASES IN J. P. COURT

### Defendant Goes Before the Court Twice and Goes To Jail on Last Count

A series of assault cases occurring here over the week-end featured the work in court of J. L. Hassell justice of the peace, here yesterday morning. One of the cases, State vs. Willie Green, heard Saturday afternoon. The defendant was charged with a simple assault upon Sarah Williams, colored, and was bound over to the recorder's court today, under a \$25 bond. Returning to the Williams home Saturday afternoon, Green threatened to kill the woman, and he was against arrested. He resisted arrest and Justice Hassell bound him over to the next term of Superior court under a \$500 bond.

Charged with a simple assault, Coo-lie Hines was bound over to the recorder's court today under a \$200 bond. Pleading guilty of using profane language on the streets here last Friday afternoon, Elmer Purvis, colored, was released upon the payment of the costs in the case.

Judgment in the case charging Van Respass with driving an automobile without exhibiting proper licenses was suspended upon the payment of the cost. Respass explained that he had not driven his car recently, that he did so Sunday out of necessity.

## AIRSHIP FAILS TO FLY OVER TOWN

### Ship Was Said To Be Routed Over Williamston And Windsor

The Los Angeles, pride dirigible of the United States Navy, passed over the county yesterday morning. Coming from Washington, the big ship entered and crossed over - Griffins township and on over Jamesville. The dirigible, following a northeastern course, was seen by people in Griffins and Jamesville, but hundreds here who had been notified of its trip were disappointed when the blimp held a little too far to the south to be discernible here. The local schools suspended class work for a few minutes that the pupils might glimpse the ship; they were disappointed along with many others.

After flying all the way from Panama where the Los Angeles took part in naval maneuvers, the members of the crew apparently tired cared little or nothing about following the course suggested by Congressman Lindsay C. Warren. Several weeks ago, the representative asked that the dirigible be flown over New Bern, Washington, Williamston, Windsor, Edenton, Elizabeth City on its way to the hangars at Langley Field.

Any way, a few Martin citizens saw the Los Angeles.

A report from Jamesville on the passing of the dirigible over there reads: The children of the Jamesville School had not been assembled in their class rooms more than five minutes when the United States Naval air craft, "The Los Angeles" was sighted. The children were immediately marched into the yard to view the giant ship. The craft was flying low, and came exactly over the school building. After passing over the craft was turned in a - northeastward direction. The children, after having viewed an object, of scientific and historical importance quietly marched back to their rooms and resumed class work. The time spent in viewing the passage of the ship did not exceed 10 minutes.

## DEATH OF MRS. FRANK HAISLIP

### Dies At Home In Hamilton Early Last Sunday Morning

Mrs. Frank L. Haislip, highly esteemed woman died early Sunday morning at her home in Hamilton after suffering for more than a year with a tumor of the brain. She had been treated in hospitals of note during the past several months, but medical science was unable to combat the disease, the end coming peacefully at 3:30 Sunday morning.

The daughter of the late B. S. Coulter and wife, Mrs. Haislip was born 43 years ago near Oak City where she spent the early part of her life. She attended the schools there, later going to the Winterville where she received her college training. At the age of 23 she was married to Mr. Haislip, cashier of the Bank of Hamilton for a number of years. In early life she joined the Episcopal church, to which she ever pledged her untiring services and interest. A large funeral offering marked the esteem in which she was held by all who knew her.

Three children, Frank, Jr., William and Elizabeth with their father survive. She also leaves a sister, Miss Council, of Hamilton, and one brother, Mr. Robert Council, of Greenville.

Funeral services were held in Grace church yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by Rev. Arthur H. Marshall, assisted by Rev. E. P. West, Baptist minister of Hamilton. Interment was made in the Hamilton Cemetery.

Active pall bearers included, Messrs. C. D. Perkins, D. G. Matthews, Asa Johnson, Jas. Pritchett, J. B. Everett and R. A. Edmondson. The senior class of the Oak City High School, of which her son was a member, were honorary pall bearers.

## ANSWER BOX

Q. How many income tax returns were filed in Martin County last year?  
A. 107.

Q. How many Martin County people actually paid income tax last year?  
A. 45.

Q. What was the total amount of income tax paid in Martin County last year?  
A. \$533.

Q. What was the total income of the people filing returns last year in Martin County?  
A. \$444,019.

Q. What was the net taxable income in Martin County in 1929 as revealed in returns filed last year?  
A. \$38,828.

# Authorities Ask Suspension Of April Term Martin Court

## Commissioners Hear Many Appeals of Needy Yesterday

### H. A. BOWEN NEW ROAD TRUSTEE FOR DISTRICT

Pass Measure In An Effort To Limit Forest Fires In The County

### CORRECT TAX LISTING

W. J. Taylor Appointed To Succeed Will Taylor, Resigned, as Road Trustee for Local District

The cry of the poor was sounded and resounded before the Martin County commissioners in session here yesterday to handle the monthly business of our little commonwealth. Each month during the past several the number of pleas increased over those of the month before, and at every meeting some cases are held off for investigation.

Advancing strictly county business in between the charity appeals, the commissioners took their first step in protecting woods lands in the county. For the apprehension and conviction of any person deliberately firing a forest or woodland in the county, the county will pay \$25. The motion was made by Commissioner V. G. Taylor and seconded by Commissioners Col-train.

The selection of road trustees to fill the unexpired terms of Jno. M. Bowen, deceased and Will Taylor, resigned, was commanded no great interest at the meeting, the board selecting Mr. Herman A. Bowen to succeed his father as trustee and W. Joe Taylor to succeed Will Taylor as trustee in Williams-township.

The bond of C. A. Harrison, treasurer, for \$75,000, with the Maryland Casualty company, was accepted, the board releasing him of the personal surety bonds.

Dr. J. H. Saunders was refunded \$45.50 an amount spent by him in treating Buck Patterson, young colored boy. The boy had lockjaw, and the treatment was effective.

Dr. Wm. E. Warren was allowed \$25 for medicine to be used in treating the daughter of Snowdy Slade, colored. The girl is said to be suffering a general disease.

Relief measures were passed by the board for the following, Bettie Rascoe, colored of Williams township, \$5; John Ellis, colored of Robersonville township, \$5; John Simpson, white, of Jamesville township, \$5; Tilda Jones, colored of Williamston R. F. D. no. 2, \$2; Tom Edmondson, white of Cross Roads, \$4; Susan Spruill, colored of Griffins, \$2; Bill Keel, colored of Cross Roads, \$2; Will Perry, white of Route 3, \$3 for his step-daughter; Archie Outterbridge, Williamston township, \$2.50.

Monk Bagley was relieved of poll tax as he had passed the 50 year mark. Barnhill Brothers, Robersonville, were relieved of taxes erroneously listed in that district.

## LOAD POULTRY CAR IN COUNTY

### Raisers Receive \$2,300.00; Decrease Reported In Car Loading

Loading a second car of the season here last week, Martin County poultry raisers shipped 14,770 pounds of fowls to the northern markets. Approximately \$2,300.00 were paid the raisers, a decrease of \$700 as compared with the first loading receipts. Several thousand pounds were delivered to hucksters, however, and while data on the truck loadings are not available, it is believed that the total shipments and receipts last week were about the same as they were for the January shipment.

Jamesville and Williamston sold to the car 8,121 pounds for \$1,251.77. Robersonville sold 5,349 pounds for \$828.14 and Oak City sold 1,300 pounds for \$195.

According to present plans of County Agent Brandon a third car will be operated in the county the latter part of this month, when it is hoped the prices will be better than at either of the loadings made so far this season.

## Philatheas To Meet

The Philatheas Class of the Baptist Church will hold its regular business and social meeting with Mrs. W. A. Cherry at 8 o'clock Friday night, March 6th. Every body is urged to be present.

### "Hard Times" Are Over at Jamesville!

Jamesville, March 2.—Hard times are over. That's what the people around Jamesville are saying for Martin County. Almost any one with a bunch of herring—five for a quarter—could muster up a smile to over shadow the "hard times" frown of financial depression. Last Friday and Saturday the herring were running in fair catches. Fishermen found the business so interesting that many of them remained out all day supplying the demands of their patrons. The fishing season is looked up on this year, as a great relief in supplying foods both wholesome and inexpensively, which means a great deal at this time for the general public in this section.

## STATE ROAD BILL BACK TO HOUSE

### President Good Roads Association Denounces The Measure

The Gardner Road bill, providing State maintenance of all county roads, passed the Senate last week with one or two amendments, coming in for consideration. The bill as passed by the Senate provides for the use free labor where it is cheaper to use that type than it is to use convicts. The amendment would have the State take over the machinery owned by the various county and township commissions.

It is understood that the bill goes back to the House where the amendments will be considered, the House having passed the measure without any amendments.

Denouncing the bill, Col. T. L. Kirkpatrick, president of the United States Good Roads association, who lost a militant fight against the Gardner administration road plan, announced today he will carry his case to court.

As a step in this direction, he will go before the Mecklenburg county board of commissioners tomorrow and ask that body to seek an injunction against the state taking over county roads and equipment.

Joe A. Sherrill, of Cornelius, chairman of the board, said that body would be "glad to consider" any proposition offered by Kirkpatrick but indicated he, personally, was not opposed to the road bill.

Kirkpatrick said he would base his legal action against the road act on the grounds that it violates article 2 of the State Constitution which, he said, "provides the people with the right of managing their own local affairs."

The principle of local self-government, he said, would form the basis of a case in the State supreme court and would provide an opportunity, if necessary, of asking the United States supreme court for a ruling.

The good roads head predicted the road act "will be an issue in the 1932 campaign" and a "continuous issue until we destroy centralization in Raleigh."

Questioned further about the political aspect of the measure, Kirkpatrick said he was speaking as a "constitutional Democrat" and was not thinking of his "opposite candidacy for the governorship on an anti-Gardner, anti-governmental centralization platform."

## Three Martin Folks Are Arrested for Having Liquor

Lela Kemp and Kelly Moore, white of Bear Grass, were arrested in Tarboro last Friday night for possessing seven or eight gallons of liquor in their automobile. They were placed in the jail there. As the officers, Ruffin and Taylor, approached the car, Earl Harrison, also white, ran and escaped arrest.

## Local Fire Company Gets Call Friday Afternoon

The local fire company was called out last Friday afternoon when the roof of the home occupied by Doc Perkins, colored, on Church Street caught fire. The blaze, started when sparks fell on the dry shingles, was soon extinguished and the damage was limited to a few dollars. Mrs. Eli Gurganus owns the house.

## NOT SURE THAT TERM COULD BE DISCONTINUED

### Would Employ Stenographic Help In County for All Court Terms

### ECONOMY MEASURE

April and November Terms of Martin Superior Court Created by 1929 Legislature

Initial efforts were made by the county commissioners in session here yesterday to have the April term of Martin County Superior court suspended, temporarily if not permanently. The commissioners, in their order, stated that on account of the existing depression and in an effort to effect a more rigid economy program in the county, the court should be suspended, the text of the proposal pointing to temporary suspension of the particular term of court rather than permanent discontinuance.

The terms of Martin County Superior court were increased from four to six by special legislation enacted by the 1929 General Assembly. The two added terms, often referred to as special terms even though they are regular ones, were provided for the trial of civil cases only. The first of the two added terms, this year, is scheduled for next month and the second of the two is scheduled for next November. They are of two weeks duration.

When the second of the two added terms was asked for, the county commissioners refused to grant it. An appeal was directed to the Governor and he ordered that the term be held. It was later enacted into law. It is understood that the law will have to be repealed or altered if the particular term is suspended. The commissioners did not discuss the method of procedure for having their order executed, but the clerk was directed to investigate the possible suspension of the term.

It was learned from members of the bar association that many cases had already been scheduled for trial at the April term, and that they did not know whether it was too late to suspend the term or have it continued.

The commissioners, not knowing that their order would meet with success, selected thirty-six jurors for service during the two weeks term, eighteen for the second. Jury summons are being withheld temporarily, it is understood.

To hold the last April term of the court, it cost the county \$915.00, approximately \$160 of that amount being paid for stenographer services. This last cost gave rise to an additional motion, urging the court to employ, in so far as it is possible, the services of stenographers residing in this county. Local stenographers would be employed during each term where possible the order specified.

## CONGRESS QUITS 12:00 TOMORROW

### House and Senate Make Ready To Close The Short Session

Washington, Feb. 28.—The essential work completed, Congress today coasted along toward adjournment. The Senate bringing up old issues and the House debating varied legislation.

Independent Republican and Democratic Senators raised the drought and unemployment relief issues again and gave the administration a thorough verbal flailing.

Senator Caraway, Democrat, Arkansas, said Secretary Hyde was "deliberately" withholding drought loans authorized by Congress. Senators Copeland of New York and Walsh of Massachusetts, both Democrats, said the administration had failed to deal with the unemployment situation.

Senators Borah of Idaho and La-follette of Wisconsin, Republicans, blamed Congress for "lack of purpose courage" and for "surrendering" to the administration on the relief issue.

The House-passed a bill to make the National Guard subject to the call of the president. It went on to a measure sponsored by the administration to ten per cent of quotas for two years.

A report from the Senate campaign funds committee said Robert H. Lucas, executive director of the Republican National Committee, was "chargeable" with violation of the corrupt practices act.

The report asserted Lucas had circulated "scurrilous literature" in last year's campaign and had failed to report a personal expenditure of \$4,000 for campaign literature on the date specified by law.