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PERSONAL PROPERTY

1939 \$ 577.787 34,330 150.242 125,804 701,490 128,888 502,332 68,130

 $183,281 \\ 217,383$

\$2,689,661

1938

683,640 139,694

73,826

187,534 238,707

\$2,780,120

\$ 566,713 50,789 167,875 144,110

Gain-Loss \$ 11,068 16,459° 17,633°

17,833 18,306° 17,850 10,806° 24,900° 5,696° 4,253°

21,324*

\$ 90,459*

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Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina, Friday, June 30, 1939.

1938 and 1939 County Property Listings, by Townships

The following tabulations show, by townships, the 1938 and 1939 valuations of real and personal property values in Martin County, separ-ately and collectively, the increase in total valuations over the 1938 listings, and also the percentage of increase or decrease by townships. The figures are subject to minor change and do not include corporation listings. Asterisk (*) indicates loss. All others are gains.

\$

1938 5 785,619 247,347 388,969

433.035

433,035 1,690,265 444,424 1,483,568 257,399 722,843 999,447

\$7,452,916

Mosaic Disease Likely

REAL ESTATE

1939

781,203 253,985 388,519

436.67

1,754,345

447,989 1,505,205 260,049 721,638

1.005,635

\$7,555,244

Gain-Loss 8 4,416 6,638

 $\begin{array}{r} 450\\ 3.641\\ 64,080\\ 3.565\\ 21,637\\ 2.650\\ 1.205\\ 6.188\end{array}$

\$102.328

450

.56

.11 .84 3.78

.8 1.46 1.03 .17 .62

1.37

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Passenger Trains To County Property Values Show Little Change Make Last Run Today

Section Adequately Served by Operators **Of Three Bus Lines** A. C. L. Has Made No Official **Announcement Relating To Express Service**

Atlantic Coast Line Railroad passenger trains are making their schedule runs on the Tarboro-Plymouth branch today, the operation of the train through here this afternoor marking the end of a service offered the old Albemarle and Raleigh Railroad and its successors for more than half a century.

The action of the operators in discontinuing the passenger service in its entirety brings a feeling of regre to the people in the several towns along the route, but they realize the service did not keep pace with the modern transportation movement and that shrinking revenues left the trains operating at a loss. With a pas-senger bus service offered by the Carolina Coach Company, local peo-ple are not particularly complaining about the removal of the passenger trains. The bus operators, matching fares and offering a reliable service have maintained schedules far su-perior to those offered by the Coast Line in recent years. Possibly the superior bus service has dried up the old iron horse, unofficial reports indicating that passenger traffic on public carrier systems is greater today than in the boom days of the railroad.

Back in 1883, the old Albemarle and Raleigh railroad was built into Williamston from Tarboro. About Alleged Violators of five years later the line was extended to Plymouth. On January 10, 1894, the line was consolidated with the Wilmington and Weldon, and on May 1, 1900, it became the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company. Four passenger trains were operated through here daily for a long number of years, but as highway traffic increased, schedules on the rails were decreased, and now comes the

final withdrawal. The Coast Line, as far as it could be learned here, has made no official announcements of plans for offering an express service. It has been reported that a baggage car will be attached to a freight train and a service equal to if not better to that heretofore offered will be made available Questioned today, patrons said they did not know what arrange-ments if any had been made to insure a continued express service. It has also been suggested that the company would attach a passenger coach to its freight trains operating through here, but no one seems to know anything about such a plan.

Virginia Bishop To

Manteo, N. C. — The Rt. Rev. Wil-liam A. Brown, of Portsmouth, Va., bishop of the Southern diocese of pealed, and Virginia, will deliver the opening sum of \$250 Virginia, will deliver the opening sum of 200. sermon of the 352nd anniversary Prayer for judgment was contin-celebration at Fort Raleigh, Sunday, ued until the first Monday in Jan-celebration at Fort Raleigh, Sunday, ued until the first Monday in Jan-celebration at Fort Raleigh, Sunday, ued until the first Monday in Jan-cook the leaf. Issuing the call for the C. D. Grove, former hyper is not reatenable affected even. The Scotland Neck attor

PRESIDENT

Wheeler Martin, local man and prominent figure in State building and loan circles, was unanimously elected president of the North Carolina Building and Loan League at a meeting of the organization held in Wrightsville Beach yesterday

Seventeen Cases

Court On Monday Alleged Violators of Liquor Laws

Called In County

Sandwiched in between a one week term of the superior court and a special holiday next Monday, the county recorder's court handled a large docket and virtually cleared its slate last Monday, Judge Peel announcing that the next session of the tribunal will be held on July 10. With the holiday period coming next week and with the court idle

for two weeks, a fairly sizeable docket is to be expected when the court sits again.

In the session last Monday, Judge Peel "bore down" on alleged liquor law violators when he imposed \$100 fines on each of two defendants and hung road sentences over the heads of several others. The proceedings:

Judgment was suspended in the case charging Eli Bryant with an assault with a deadly weapon. Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, William Jones was

sentenced to the roads for six months W. T. and A. D. Currie, charged

with violating the liquor laws, were friends and to the association Open Celebration each fined \$100 and sentenced to the roads for three months, the road

pealed, and bond was required in the

Despite adverse planting sea- sons and the dry weather that has prevailed during recent	1
weeks, the cotton crop in this county is blossoming forth. Ray- mond Stalls, grower on the old Everett farm in Cross Roads Township, reported the first blossom, a pink one, last Tues- On the following day, Farmer	D T
Stalls found and reported a white blossom. L. A. Bullock, Cross Roads farmer, found a pink blossom on Turaday, and reported the find vesterday.	C
Last season Charles Coltrain, farmer of near Everetts, report- ed the first cotton blossom on	

FIRST BLOSSOM

TOWNSHIPS

Jamesville Williams

Griffins Bear Grass Williamston Cross Roads Robersonville Poplar Point Hamilton Goose Nest

ose Nest

County Total

Griffins

Local Man Heads B. And L. League

Wheeler Martin, local attorney, as unanimously elected president of the North Carolina Building and Loan league in its 36th annual con-vention held at Wrightsville Beach this week. R. H. Gregory, of Rocky Mount, was elected vice president, and Martin F. Gaudian, executive

secretary, will continue in office. Mr. Martin has been secretary of the Martin County Building and sidered extremely serious, it is pre-Loan Association since 1914 and was presented with a special certificate of award for having served as a di-rector and official of the association for 25 years. Mr. K. B. Crawford, also a member of the local association, was presented with a certificate of

award As a representative of the local asociation Mr. Martin has been attending the annual meetings of the State league for a number of years. During this time he has made many friends throughout the state. Always taking an active interest in the state league, hi sability both as a lawyer and building and loan official was oon recognized and his elevation to the presidency was no surprise to his

Farmers Anxious To Make

Meetings Postponed

Meetings of the Circles of W. M

Monday, July 10, at was announced

To Curtail	Leaf Crop	
Damage Will Exceed	JULY 4TH EVENT	
Ten Per Cent In The	The baseball game between	
County, Agent Says Some Sections Expected to	Tarboro and Williamston her next Tuesday afternoon at thre o'clock is recognized as the mai event on the July Fourth cele bration program in this section Compiler country of the section	

Ptc. 1.95 32.4 10.5 12.7 2.6 7.7 4.7 7.7 2.3 8.9

3.25*

High As 50 Percent

Farmers scattered all over Martin county became a bit excited and started calling County Farm Agent Tom Brandon this week when mo-siac virus attacked their tobacco crops, preliminary surveys indicat ing that the disease will exact a dam age toll approximating ten per cent

over the county as a whole. Commenting on the damage fol lowing a survey last Wednesday Agent Brandon said that without

favorable weather conditions during the remainder of the season, the loss on some farms would likely run as high as fifty per cent and even more. While the presence of the disease, if it can be called a disease, is not con

senting the farmer a baffling problem, the agent explaining that no cure is known and that it cannot be ontrolled in the growing crop.

Carried by the tobacco worm or by suckering, the disease, known by some as frenching or spot leaf, will effect a considerable damage in a comparatively short time under ex-treme weather conditions. Moderate the following story released yesterto hold it in check, Mr. Brandon day in Raleigh

added. Commenting further on the disease, the county agent stated that while there is no known cure, it can Coast Line Railroad to continue Par be controlled by certain methods mele-Weldon passenger service be cause the order permitting discon employed in starting a new crop. The disease does not carry over in the soil from year to year, but is return-sentations to the Commissioner.

to the field in several ways. ners Anxious To Make Scrap tobacco taken from a diseased attorney, charged that Judge Guy field, thrown into the stable and la Elliott, of Kinston, was not author

ter used as a fertilizer will carry the rying the virus, is used for corn or was represented as telling the com

July 2, at 11 a. m., according to D. B. Fearing, president of the Roanoke Island Historical association which

baseball game between oro and Williamston here Tuesday afternoon at three th is recognized as the main on the July Fourth cele on program in this section. apacity crowds are expected to

see the old rivals play. The game was first scheduled for that morning, but a change was effected. The two teams play here that afternoon at 3 o'clock and in Tarboro that evening at

local district personnel would be made Uncle Sam Looks **Removal of Trains** After The Mails

TOTAL VALUES.

1939

1,358,984

1,358,984 288,315 538,761 562,480 2,455,835 576,877 2,007,537 328,179 904,919

904,919 1,223,018

\$10,244,905 \$11,797

NEW WARDEN

Leggett.

Township farmer, will succeed S. J. Tetterton as forest warden in Martin County tomorrow, it

was announced yesterday by W. C. McCormick, chief of forest

fire control in the State. Sever-al applications were before the

authorities for consideration, all of them having been formal-ly recommended by the Martin

County commissioners in a re-

Warden Leggett who has been

connected with the service in the county for some time, is the

third man to get the appoint ment since the service was in

augurated in the county several

ed whether any changes in the

years ago. It could not be learn

\$

Marvin

cent session

Gain-Loss 84 \$ 6.580 15 9.821 61 18.083 80 14.665 35 81.930 77 7.241 37 3.263 79 3.046 19 5.458

5,458 15,136

Ptc. .49 3.29 3.25 2.54 3.45 1.24 .16 .92

.11

Griffins

1938 \$ 1,352,404 298,136 556,844 577,145 2,373,905 584,118 2,010,800 331,225 910,377 1,238,154

\$10,233,108

the train made its last run to Tar-boro on regular schedule. A contract has been let to George C. James, Jr., for handling the mail on the Plymouth-Parmele line. Bids ranged from \$2,000 up to \$8,000, it was unofficial-ly learned

Starting at Plymouth in the mornng at 9 o'clock, James is slated to each Williamston at 9:45, making it accessary for patrons to have their An Eastern delegation asked Utiltters and parcels in the postoffice ities Commissioner Stanley Winof later than 9:30 for dispatch on borne yesterday to require Atlantic that bus. On the return trip, James will leave Parmele about 5:35 and each Williamston shortly after six clock, making it necessary for patrons to get their letters or parcels

n the office by 5/30 or 5/40 for dis-James S. Livermon, Scotland Necl patch: ized to consent to the order and had that an improved service can be ef-Answering a call for tobacco cur-ers, at least sixty-five Martin Coun-ty farmers are anxious to go to Can-rying the virus, is used for corn or ty farmers are anxious to go to Can-Better mail service has been prom-

missioner when a consent order was eports stating that a star route will

sonably early hour each morning

Tax Structure In **County Likely To Remain Unchanged** Gains in Two Townships Off-set Losses in Others and **Boost Totals**

Preliminary figures released this week by Tax Supervisor S. H. Grimes in connection with 1939 property listings indicate there'll be little or no change in the basic tax structure for the county this year and that there will be no decrease in the general county tax rate. In fact, the commissioners will have to tussle to head off an increase of a penny or two in the rate.

The preliminary listing figures present a disappointing figure, as a whole. The bottom fell out of personal property listings in one dis-trict and medium losses were reported by seven of the other nine town-ships, the combined personal values showing a decrease of three and a quarter per cent under the listings of a year ago. Real values showed a small but fairly consistent gain in seven of the ten townships, but the gain in those values was just a lit-tle over one per cent. With eight townships reporting decreases their combined listings, the gains in the other two barely offset the losses the tax supervisor stating that the total county listings exclusive of corporation figures stood at \$10,244,905 as compared with \$10,233,108 for last The resulting gain of \$11,797 will not affect the total levy by more than \$160 using the 1938 rate of \$1.41 per \$100 assessed property valuation is a base

Corporation listings, including those of the Atlantic Coast Line Rail-road Company, Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company, will boost the values to about \$12,206,000. Last year the corporations listed their properties at \$1,961,090, Commission Just as soon as the Atlantic Coast er of Revenue Maxwell advising the Line surrenders and withdraws its county auditor that no great change bassenger trains from the Parmele- in those values was to be expected Plymouth branch. Uncle Sam will not yet been certified and ordinarily step in with an independent contract the State Tax Commission is any to carry on the mail service, Post- where from one to three months late master Pete Fowden said today as in getting the final listings certified

to the county The accompanying table, showing county listings only, has some rather ragged spots which a careful study of the figures will show

In one township where heavy per-sonal property losses are shown, sizeable increases in real values partially offset those losses. Jamesville Township, one of the two districts in the county to show a gain in its combined listings, reported a loss in its real listings but a gain in personal property values. Williamston was the only township to report a gain in both its personal and real proper ty values.

Last year, total property values were four per cent greater than they were in 1937. That increase enabled the commissioners to note the schedules It is possible that the schedules old rate, but if budget requirements will be changed later on if it is found for the new year call for increased for the new year call for increased appropriations the authorities will have to turn to the rate source and effect an increase there

sed for the upper end of the county. Strange Animals Is **Killed In County**

Protested by Towns: **Rap Kinston Lawyer** Weldon - Parmele Line Pa-

trons Seeking Injunction In The Courts

While no concerted action is be ing advanced against the removal of the trains on the Tarboro-Plymouth line, there is an expressed op position to the announced plans discontinue the service on the Par mele-Weldon branch, and Attorney Guy Elhott is being rapped by peo-

sponsors the summer-long celebra-

This will mark the first time the local historical association has stepped out of North Carolina for a religious leader to open the annual celebration of the founding of the Roanoke Island colonies and the Birth of Virginia Dare-first English child born on Americal soil.

Appropriate music will be render-d_by "The Lost Colony" Chorus which is composed this year of 25 experienced singers from the Westminster choir of Princeton, N. J., under the direction of Theos Cronk John Burke, also of the famous Westminster group, will play the Hammond organ for the occasion, under the trees facing Roanoke Sound.

The third summer season of Paul Green's epic of pre-colonial Ameri-ca, "The Lost Colony," which is presented in connection with the anniversary celebration, will formally open July 1 at Fort Baleigh. Every Sunday thereafter religious leaders of various denominations from Virginia and the Carolinas will officiate until the season closes Sept. 4.

Native Of County Dies At Home In New Jersey

Simon D, Jones, a native of this county, died in a hospital at Orange, Dr. F. E. Wilson, head of the depart-N. J., last Friday. Funeral services ment, is urgently requesting every for the 76-year old man were held at person in the territory to be served the late home in Mountain Lakes, N. during the next four weeks to take J., last Sunday. Oak City School White, 2 to 3 p. m. Oak City School Colored, 3 to 4 p.

He was born in this county in Jan- fever in this county.' Epidemics have uary, 1863, and had lived in New been reported in several states al-Jersey for about 46 years, where he ready this summer, and records show was held in high esteem. Besides that the fever is present in nearby 12 M.; Robersonville Colored School, one son, he is survived by four sis- counties, but possibly as a result of 1:30 to 4 p. m. nelia Jones, of Plymouth, and Mrs. J. L. Brown and Mrs. W. B. Lilley, ed in Martin so far this year. of Jamesville; and two brothers, W. In addition to this year. of Jamesville; and two brothers, W. In addition to the protection B. Jones, of Norfolk, and T. B. Jones, of Arizona.

had his license revoked for one year. The case charging Will Winbush learned today. with an assault was nolprossed. Judgment was suspended in the case charging Henry Lilley with an assault with a deadly weapon. S. of the Baptist church have been postponed from Monday, July 3 to The proceedings in the case charg-

ing Benny Stubbs with being drunk (Continued on page six)

Will Continue Anti-Typhoid Drive In County Next Week

this morning

The drive against typhoid fever in | diphtheria. The last legislature pass Martin County will be continued ed a law directing that all children next week when the health depart- between the ages of six months and ment forces undertake a heavy four- five years be given the protection. weeks' schedule beginning Monday The campaign that is being waged morning at 8:30 o'clock at Roebuck's against the dreadful disease is cerstore or filling station in Poplar tain to effect a decrease in the num-Point. Administering more than 18,- ber of diphtheria deaths in the coun-000 doses of the vaccine, the health ty, but to prove effective the drive forces just recently completed a suc- should receive the support of every cessful drive in the lower half of the one, both white and colored.

county, and now the drive is underway to carry protection to the oth- department, this week announced ers.

The importance of the campaign cinations:

has been repeatedly pointed out and Mondays, July 3, 10, 17, 24: Roe-

that the farmer who chews tobacco Scotland Neck, Weldon, Halifax, Oak driving charge, Henry Mizelle was the applicants. He has been delayed that has been attacked by the virus City, Hassell, Tillery and Hobgood and that patrons of the Oak City ofpected here this week to interview fined \$50, taxed with the cost and in reaching here, but he is expected and spits the juice into his plant bed to support his allegation. was will subject his crop to the disease.

Samples of tobacco were displayed in the office of the agent yesterday representation in good faith and, showing a damage in excess of 75

per cent to one stalk. The bottom leaves were eaten almost in two and the top leaves were narrow as one's

hand, the damage increasing as one followed the leaves toward the bottom of the stalk

Continued Holiday For The Local Town Commissioners

Inactive since the evening of May the local board of town commisioners will enjoy a continued holiday until Wednesday evening of next week, Mayor J. L. Hassell announced this morning. The meeting,

postponed several times, will be call ed at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening July 5, when the authorities will catch up with their calendar.

Number Of Teachers In This County Is Decreased

Allotting teachers to the several schools in the State this week, the State School Commission decreased the number in this county from 199 to 189. The distribution of teachers to the schools within the county has not been released, and it could not be learned what schools will be affected by the order.

TO REOPEN JULY 10

The plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company will reopen on Monday, July 10, according to unofficial but reliable information received here this after-noon. The plant has been clos-since the middle of May.

The utilities commissioner told the delegation he had accepted Elliott's could not revoke the order. The del-

egation said their petition would be carried to Superior court.

Under the order, Atlantic Coast Line will guit the Parmele-Weldon run Saturday and substitute an air conditioned passenger train between Kinston and Rocky Mount. Mail from a Washington hospital Tueswill be tarried by star route and ex-press cars will be attached to freight trains between Parmele and Wel-

Protesting that irregular freight greater part of two months or until schedules would render the new express service totally inadequate the ker, suffering a broken arm and

(Continued on page six)

Williamston business houses will break all holiday-closing

records when they suspend op-

erations on Monday and Tues

day, July 3 and 4, for the observ-

ance of the Glorious Fourth, the

action giving clerks and other

employees a splendid opportun-

ity to go places and do things during three days. Th-accord-

ance with a proclamation issued

today by Mayor John L. Hassell,

the two days have been declared

a general holiday with the busi-

ness operators agreeing to fore-go the usual half-day holiday on

Wednesday afternoon, July 5.

will close Saturday night and not reopen until the following Wednesday morning, July 5, in

Stores and business

fice will also get an improved serv-Accident Victims Return

Home From Hospital bit similar to the opossum, was

biles accident near Everetts two the teeth would not penetrate the weeks ago today, returned home shell. He succeeded in killing the

day in a Biggs ambulance. Mr. Harrison, encased in a plaster from his

an injury to his hip heals. Mr. Parbad knee injury, will also be confin-ed to his bed for some time.

Local Business Will Observe Long Holiday Here Monday And Tuesday

> accordance with a petition circulated throughout the business area this week.

Contrary to closing plans unofficially announced earlier in the week, the petition was successfully circulated in a short time, and is in keeping with action taken by many towns throughout the State. Housewives and others are urged to note the long holiday schedule and arrange their shopping plans accordingly

No special observance has been planned locally for the holiday period, but capacity crowds are expected here on the Fourth when the Williamston Martins meet their old rivals, the Tarboro Serpents.

10.54

An armadillo, small animal strange to this section, was killed near Has sell in this county yesterday by Farmer George Coltrain. Ordinarily confined to tropical countries, the animal with a shell-covered back and a

caught in a woodshed, a second one Messrs. W. K. Parker and G. H. escaping Mr. Coltrain first tried to Harrison, Jr., victims of an automo- kill the animal with a pitchfork, but animal with an axe.

The animal, its presence in this section unexplained, was placed on waist almost to his knees, will like-ly be confined to his bed during the brought here and put on display. Hamilton, and later

Heavy Rains Are Reported **Over County Wednesday**

The backbone of the dry season that has occasioned much talk about the weather in recent weeks, was broken last Wednesday when general rains fell throughout the section and gave the month of June about an average fall.

Up until Wednesday morning, just a fraction over two and one-half inches of rain had fallen at this point but the precipitation for Wednesday approached three inches, boosting the total to 5.37 inches for the first 28 days in June.

Packing rains were reported in several sections, Farm Life farmers stating that water ran across the highway in several places. Some to bacco was blown down, but resulting damage was negligible. Old to-bacco filled out by inches yesterday, and late tobacco took on a new life.

Depending upon the weather, far-mers are expecting to return to their fields this afternoon or tomorrow over the county.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Marvin Britton an-nounce the birth of a daughter at their home on Simmon Avenue here on Thursday, June 29.

Dr. F. E. Wilson, head of the the following schedule for the vac-

buck's Store, 8:30 a. m.; Hamilton School White, 10 to 11 a. m.; Hamil-

ton School Colored, 11 to 12 a. m.;

Tuesdays, July 4, 11, 18, 25: Rober-

onville Graded School, 9 a. m. to