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TO LOWER TAX RATE.

Taxpayers of Lumberton to be Saved Over \$3,000 the Year—Rate on Tax for Bonds Lowered 25 Cents on Property and 79 Cents on Poll.

At a meeting of the town commissioners tomorrow night Mayor A. E. White will recommend that the tax rate for bond purposes be lowered from 83 cents on the \$100 worth of property to 58 cents, and that the tax on polls be reduced from \$2.49 to \$1.70. This is a reduction of 25 cents on the \$100 and 79 cents on the poll. It is based upon 380 polls and a property valuation of \$1,200,000, allowing no increase over 4 years ago, and it will mean a total saving to the taxpayers of the town of \$3,300.20.

In explanation of why it is possible to make this reduction, the present tax rate yields a return of more money than is necessary to provide interest on outstanding bonds of the town—which amount to \$105,000—and sinking fund to retire them at maturity. That being so, it is just a question of whether taxpayers would rather keep on paying a higher rate and laying up more than is necessary to retire the bonds, or pay a lower rate. Anybody knows the answer.

This estimate is based upon careful calculations made for the mayor and town attorney, who were appointed a committee to investigate, by experts, and it is hardly probable that the town fathers will miss the opportunity to cover themselves with glory by reducing taxes.

Howellsville Happenings—Fine Crops.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Howellsville, July 13—Protracted meeting will begin at Regan's Tuesday after the third Sunday in this month. Everybody attend.

Miss Lula Graham was visiting in this vicinity last week. She returned home Sunday.

Miss Dora Herring is the guest of Miss Lena Russ this week.

Sorry to report Mr. J. D. Herring has been very ill this week. Think he is improving.

Everybody should have attended Children's Day at Tabernacle last Sunday. I'm quite sure every one enjoyed the exercises fine.

Miss Lorena Young and her brother attended the picnic at Great marsh church last Tuesday. There was a large crowd there. Had plenty of something good to eat.

Miss Annie Bracy of Rowland is to arrive Tuesday, and will be the guest of Miss Ellen Mercer.

Mr. N. A. Mercer is all smiles: it is a boy.

Miss Lottie M'White is to visit in this vicinity next week. She will attend the meeting at Regan's.

From what I can hear everybody had a real nice time at Bryant's last Saturday, also had plenty of something good to eat.

Crops are fine in this community, much better than last year. "Soxy."

Annual Indian Picnic at Union Chapel.

The annual Indian picnic at Union chapel will be held Saturday, July 22d. There will be good speakers and a good time for all. Everybody is invited to attend and to take baskets.

On board a negro excursion train from Columbia, S. C., to Charlotte Thursday night John Reeves, a Rock Hill, S. C., negro, was shot and killed by Special Policeman J. T. Wilson of Charlotte and Special Policeman J. R. Eskridge of Charlotte was shot and dangerously wounded by the negro, who began the trouble by firing his pistol from a window of the car and turned his pistol on the officers when ordered to surrender it.

Speaker Champ Clark has accepted an invitation to visit North Carolina in December and deliver an address at Raleigh before the teachers' assembly.

Sprains require careful treatment. Keep quiet and apply Chamberlain's Liniment freely. It will remove the soreness and quickly restore the parts to a healthy condition. For sale by all dealers.

LAND VALUES.

Work of Board of Equalization—Values Increased in Lumberton Township 63 Per Cent., Instead of Decreased—Explanation of the Difference.

Elsewhere in this paper will be found a table showing land values in the various townships of the county, according to reports made by the tax assessors, and the work done by the board of equalization. It will be seen that in some instances an increase was ordered, in other instances a decrease. It was of course necessary to do this in order to equalize values, and that is what the board is for.

This work was completed Thursday, but not until after The Robesonian had gone to press, and the report in Thursday's paper was as complete as could be obtained at the time of going to press. It was incomplete, of course; it did not pretend to be anything else; and it was thought that all would recognize that fact. And it is never safe to base conclusions on incomplete reports. It was stated in that incomplete report that there was a decrease in the average valuation of land in Lumberton township of 11 per cent. That needs explanation.

The fact is that there has been an increase of 63 per cent, when the matter has been rightly presented—from \$16.62 per acre to \$27.14—which is the greatest increase made in any township, and already lands were valued higher for taxation in Lumberton township than in any other. Sixty-three per cent. The difference comes about in this way: In making the calculation upon which the first report was based the number of acres and the valuation of corporate real property was not considered at all, a written statement to this effect being submitted to the board of equalization, whereas the records for 1907 show that such corporate property was included in the valuation for that year. As the valuation of this property amounts to considerably more than the valuation of all the other property listed as lands in the township, it follows that leaving it out would show a decrease, while including it would show a corresponding increase, without considering the increase in value as fixed by the township assessor.

This ought to be perfectly plain to anybody now and it is to be hoped that nobody will tell any lies about the valuation for Lumberton township.

The Outbeatin'est Bunch of Corn Ever.

Mr. J. B. Humphrey, who lives on route 2 from Lumberton, in the Saddle Tree section, sent to town Saturday by Mr. Richard Humphrey the outbeatin'est thing in the way of tasseled ears of corn that ever happened. At one point on the piece of stalk that was sent there are fully 25 partially developed ears of corn. The exact number could not be determined without tearing the bunch to pieces, and it is too pretty and unusual a sight to do that, but there are fully 25. Anybody who wants to see this curiosity may take a look at it at The Robesonian office. If this is an earnest of what Mr. Humphrey's corn is going to do he is going to make folks sit up and take notice when the returns are all in.

One Special School Tax Election Carried, One Lost.

A special school tax election for 25 cents on the \$100 and 75 cents on the poll was carried in district No. 4, Alfordville township, Saturday. There were 14 voters registered and 14 votes were cast for the tax. On the same day an election held in district No. 5, Howellsville, for a tax of 20 cents on property and 60 cents on polls, was lost. The registered vote was 48 and 21 votes were cast for the tax, 20 being cast against.

Constipation causes headache, nausea, dizziness, languor, heart palpitation. Drastic physics gripe, sicken, weaken the bowels and don't cure. Doan's Regulets act quickly and cure constipation. 25 cents. Ask your druggist.

VETERANS REUNION.

August 24, Date for the County Confederate Veterans Reunion, Will be a Big Day in Lumberton—Arrangements Being Made for Entertaining Large Crowds.

Reported for The Robesonian.

The home committee, or central committee, appointed to arrange for the county reunion of Confederate veterans on August 24th, met in the court house Saturday morning, present, Gen. F. A. Bond, J. A. McAllister, Judge T. A. McNeill, J. S. Thompson and M. G. McKenzie. Gen. Bond was appointed officer of the day for the 24th, with power to look after and arrange all details for the occasion.

Prominent citizens and the president of the Industrial and Commercial Club were consulted, and the town of Lumberton claims the privilege of furnishing dinner, and looking after all matters pertaining to the matter of entertaining the veterans on this occasion, thus making all veterans and their wives guests of the town. This assures that the entertainment part will be well done.

Maj. Hall, chief marshal, will announce his list of assistant marshals in a few days. Prominent speakers are being invited, and the indications for a big time grow as the days go by.

OUT BARKER'S WAY.

A Small Boy Killed by Lightning—Fine Corn and Cotton—Children's Day and Protracted Meeting.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Lumberton, R. F. D. 2, July 13.—There seems to be a wrong impression about the Regan child that was killed by lightning July 5th. Some have it that it was one of my boys, others that it was my brother Tom, but it was neither one but my brother Tom's little boy, about seven years old, John Henry. He was playing horse, riding a stick, when lightning came down through the limbs of an oak, knocking off a few leaves, striking him on top of his head, burning the head a little, crushing the head till it was soft, breaking his neck, and killing him instantly. His sister, about 9 years old, was shocked at the same time and her arm was burned, but it is all right now. Two mules were knocked down at the same time but do not seem to be damaged any at present.

I was sorry to notice in your last paper that our friend and schoolmate John B. Carlyle had passed away. He was a true friend and neighbor when a boy and there are few men that have done more for the cause of education in his own State. Truly a good man has gone from us and we are sorry to lose him.

As I look about I find that corn crops are very fine—never better, I think—and some very fine cotton, but the late cotton is small yet, with but very few forms on it, but the fine rains we are having have washed most of the lice off of it and it will be apt to do better now.

There will be Children's Day exercises at Barker's church the 4th Sunday afternoon at about 3 o'clock. The protracted meeting for Barker's church will begin Wednesday after the 4th Sunday at 11 o'clock. Hope there will be a good attendance.

John N. Regan.

Notices of New Advertisements.

A Weinstein advertises a 10-days' sale to begin July 21 during which he will sell goods at 33 1/2 cents on the dollar less than cost.

Special prices that are not bubbles—Townsend Bros.

Special bargain sale—Lumberton Drug Co.

Beacon shoes, the real thing in quality—Jno. T. Biggs Co.

A runaway boy advertised. Six-room house for sale.

The county pension board is in session today canvassing applications. It is composed of Col. S. J. Cobb of Parkton, chairman; Messrs. W. H. Graham of Rowland and J. Span Thompson, who lives near Lumberton; and Clerk of the Court C. B. Skipper, who is a member of the board ex officio.

FAIRMONT NEWS LETTER.

Bringing in Tobacco—Interest Growing in Hookworm Treatment—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Fairmont, July 14.—Messrs. Reeves and Chambers have arrived and the farmers are already bringing in tobacco. The crop will be short, of course, but the weed seems fine.

Miss Wylie of Clio, S. C., is the guest of Miss Crissie Floyd, much to the pleasure of the young people of the town.

The young people picnicked at Lumber river last Wednesday.

The Mesdames Boushall of Greenville are guests of Mrs. J. R. Bobbitt.

The birthday party by the Methodist ladies held on the lawn at Dr. Brown's last Tuesday night was a very enjoyable occasion, and the ladies realized quite a nice sum for their church work.

Mr. and Mrs. Noah Stubbs and Mrs. E. Fisher were among those who went on the excursion to Johnson City.

Mr. Phil Jones, who had been in South Carolina for some time, returned home last week.

Mrs. Mark Floyd and handsome little son, who were with Mr. A. E. Floyd and family for a week, have returned to their home in Lumberton.

Mrs. Y. E. Smith and children of Durham are visiting friends and relatives in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ivey of Albany, Va., are among old friends and relatives in town.

Messrs. Frank Ponder, Lewis and Watson will buy tobacco this season. Others will come later also.

We are glad to welcome back to their old home Mr. N. A. Carter and family, who have returned from a long stay in Laurinburg.

Miss Sallie Smith went to Wilmington this week for special throat treatment. She was accompanied by her sister Miss Fannie Smith of Boardman.

Miss Leila McIntyre of Latta is the charming guest of Miss Maggie Pittman.

A special hookworm meeting at the school auditorium was well attended last Thursday. Our people are getting more interested in the work.

Dr. N. H. Andrews of Pembroke visited his father, Mr. N. T. Andrews, last week.

Mr. E. V. McDaniel and Mr. Silas Griffin are scaring the fish at Southport this week.

Cards from Dr. Brown show the Black touring party having the most delightful time of their lives. They are now on the Pacific coast.

Postoffice to be Remodeled.

The work of remodeling the postoffice building, which has been hanging fire for some time, may be expected to begin some time in the near future. The material for the work has been ordered and part of it has arrived. The contract calls for the addition of 80 lock boxes of the smallest size, 60 of the second size and 30 of the largest, making 360 lock boxes in all. The floors will be tiled, the front will be more on the side, the money order window will be about where the outside desk now stands, and the inside of the building will be changed all around. When the work is completed the office will be much more conveniently arranged and up-to-date.

Corner Stone of Chestnut Street Methodist Church to be Laid Next Sunday Afternoon.

The corner stone of the new Chestnut Street Methodist church will be laid next Sunday afternoon, the 23d, at 5 o'clock p. m. All the churches of the town are invited to join in this ceremony. Work on this church is progressing nicely and it is hoped that it will be completed early in the fall.

Kidney Diseases are Curable

under certain conditions. The right medicine must be taken before the disease has progressed too far. Mr. Perry A. Pitman, Dale, Tex., says: "I was down in bed for four months with kidney and bladder trouble and gall stones. One bottle of Foley's Kidney Remedy cured me well and sound." Ask for it. J. D. McMillan & Son.

LOCAL BRIEFS

—Rev. Mr. Rankin of Hamlet will begin a series of meetings at Baker's chapel tomorrow.

—Messrs. Casper Smith and Ernest Barker, Lumberton boys, were among the successful applicants for license as pharmacists before the State board recently. Mr. Smith has a position in a drug store in Greensboro.

—It has been decided that the warehouse here will not be opened this season. Mr. W. M. Worley, who has had charge of this warehouse for several seasons and who arrived here a week ago from his home in Asheville, will go this season to Fairmont or Barnesville.

—Mrs. G. T. Dula, mother of Mrs. M. Beverly of Lumberton, died on the 10th at her home at Ansonville. She had been sick since last fall. Mrs. Beverly, who spent some time at Ansonville and was with her mother when she died, returned home last night accompanied by her sisters, Misses Louise and Ollie Dula, who will spend some time here.

—The silver tea which was to have been given Friday evening on the lawn at the residence of Mr. R. D. Caldwell by Robeson chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, to raise money to purchase markers for graves of the Confederate dead in Lumberton, was postponed on account of the weather to some date which will be announced later.

—The condition of Sheriff E. C. McNeill, at his home on Elm street, and Mr. Leslie Biggs, at the Thompson hospital, both of whom have been confined for some time with typhoid fever, is considered somewhat improved today. Mr. W. K. Bethune, of The Robesonian's staff, has been sick since Thursday at the home of his aunt, Mrs. Mollie R. Norman, on Elm street.

—Rev. Father Thos. P. Hayden and Rev. Father J. F. Gallagher of Wilmington celebrated mass at the opera house yesterday morning at 7:30 o'clock and Father Hayden delivered a lecture at the same place yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Father Hayden's work in Wilmington will make it impossible for him to continue his visits here but Father Gallagher will celebrate mass and lecture every third Sunday.

—Mr. E. E. Daily, who came to Lumberton recently from Wilmington to assume the duties of auditor and car accountant for the Virginia & Carolina Southern, has resigned his position, effective August 1. He will be succeeded by Mr. John D. Beckwith, who has been employed in the Coast Line office at Wilmington. Mr. Beckwith arrived last week to familiarize himself with the duties of the office. His wife and children will not move to Lumberton before about September 1st.

—Material is on hand for remodeling the building occupied by Mr. C. B. Redmond's Parlor grocery, on Elm street, and work will begin about the first of August, between now and which date Mr. Redmond will move to the building on the corner of Elm and Second streets, now occupied by C. M. Fuller & Son as a carriage shop. The building at present occupied by Mr. Redmond will be rebuilt and will be extended back as far as the postoffice building, next to which it stands.

—Mr. N. A. McNeill, a contractor of Marion, S. C., who has done some work here recently and is well known here, has the contract for remodeling the store front of the Pope drug store building, owned by Dr. W. A. McPhaul. Work was begun this morning. Dr. McPhaul decided on the kind of front he would put in only after making extensive investigations, visiting up-to-date stores in Richmond and Baltimore, and this front will be one of the handsomest in the State. It will be solid plate glass, with two entrances through oval plate-glass doors. The interior will also be remodeled and refurnished and a stairway will be built to the second floor on the side next the Parker jewelry store.

—Rev. E. M. Hoyle, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, left this morning for Gibson, where he will assist in a protracted meeting this week.

—Twelve Indian applicants stood examination Saturday before Supt. J. R. Poole for public school teachers and 40 colored applicants stood the examination Friday.

—Mr. Grover Page, town clerk and treasurer, was confined at his home on Elm street by sickness last week until Saturday, when he was able to be in his office a part of the day.

—All members of the confederation of Red Men are requested to meet at the hall in Fairmont July 25, at 10 a. m. Urgent business is to be transacted. By order of W. N. McLean, G. H. C.

—Jas. L. Beckwith, son of Dr. R. B. Beckwith of Lumberton, who last fall shot and wounded John Q. Barne, formerly of Lumberton, in Fayetteville and was convicted in Cumberland Superior Court and sentenced to 12 months in jail, was pardoned Saturday by Gov. Kitchin.

—A daughter of Mr. Giles Prevatt, who moved recently from Back Swamp to Hope Mills, died Saturday night and the remains were brought to Lumberton Saturday and interred in the family burying ground at the old home. Deceased was about 17 years old.

—Mr. Howard Morrison returned this morning from Richmond, Va., where he went Saturday to see Mr. Archie Morrison, who is undergoing treatment in a hospital in Richmond for rheumatism. His many friends will be glad to learn that Mr. Morrison's condition is improving very much.

—The meeting of days which began at Clyburn Baptist church, three miles north-west of Lumberton, a week ago yesterday closed Friday night. There were several professions of faith and four were added to the church. Rev. C. F. Whitlock of Wilmington, who assisted the pastor, Rev. A. H. Porter, returned home Saturday.

—Mr. R. McA. Nixon, assistant cashier of the First National Bank, will leave this evening for Shelby, where he will be best man at the wedding of his brother Mr. C. W. Nixon of Wilmington and Miss Margaret Foyles of Shelby. The wedding will take place Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock in the First Presbyterian church of that place.

—Tomorrow night free tickets will be given the children of the Presbyterian Sunday school to the moving picture show at the opera house by Manager W. S. Wishart and one Sunday school of the town will be given free tickets each week until all have been entertained. Good pictures are shown every night. Thursday night a benefit show will be given for the baseball team.

—Mr. G. T. Cox came home from Marion, S. C., Saturday evening to spend Sunday with his family and was called on to relieve Capt. Amos King, conductor on the R. & C. between Lumberton and Marion, yesterday. Capt. King having been called to Wilmington on account of the illness of his wife, who has been visiting there for some time. Capt. King was expected to return this morning but failed to do so, so Mr. Cox is making his run for him again today.

—A news letter from Hamer, S. C., finds its way into the wastebasket because it is signed by no name other than "Little Jane." "Little Jane" writes that Miss I. E. Hunt sent an unsigned report in May of the death of Leroy Hunt and she guesses right when she guesses that it was because the writer's name was not given that the report was thrown aside. Life is too short and there is too much to do to save unsigned letters until the writer can give his or her name. If "Little Jane" will give her real name next time her next communication will meet with a different fate.

Never can tell when you'll mash a finger or suffer a cut, bruise, burn or scald. Be prepared. Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil instantly relieves the pain—quickly cures the wound.