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STATE TO REVALUE ALL PROPERTY

Tax Supervisors In Each County Will Be Called Upon To Furnish Much Information—Blanks Will Be Distributed Before May 1.

Raleigh, April 25.—The State Board of Equalization will undertake a State-wide revaluation of all real and personal property in the State as the first step toward the equalization of assessed values among the counties for the distribution of the \$3,250,000 State public school equalizing fund in 1928. Announcement to this effect was made by Leroy Martin, executive secretary of the board, who said that the county tax supervisors and assessors in making the 1927 property assessments next month would be asked to gather much additional data for his organization.

A half million blanks will be distributed to the assessors before May 1 for listing the property of every property owner in North Carolina. The valuation fixed by the equalization board on the basis of this information will have no relation to county values for local tax purposes, but will be used solely, Mr. Martin stressed, to enable his board to properly arrive at honest county valuations in order to insure an equalization of values among the counties.

County assessments incident to participation in the \$3,250,000 school fund will necessarily be based on the listed values of the counties for 1926 since time will not permit a general revaluation before the date set by the law for the allocation of the 1927 fund.

The need for the equalization of values among the counties is manifest by the prevailing differences in county assessments. In our county for example, the average value of land per acre is listed at \$16, while in a neighboring county the average is listed at more than \$30. Without an equalization of values, the county with a low valuation and high rate would lay claim to a greater slice of the equalizing fund than the county with a high property valuation and a low tax rate, since the tax rate is largely the basis of participation. The board will seek to prevent inequalities like that.

Information desired by the board is equalization which the county assessors will obtain from the property owners while making their local assessments and will include value and description of farm lands, city lots, inventoried stock of business enterprises and personal property of all kinds.

A blank that elicits as much information as an income tax report will be placed in the hands of the local assessor and by him transferred to the property owner.

Juniors To Give String Band Concert

The Mt. View council of the Jr. O. U. A. M. will give a string band concert at that place on Saturday night, May 14th. One \$25 prize and a \$15 prize will be paid to bands competing. Not less than three members nor more than six are permitted in a band.

PATRICK SUFFERS GREAT CALAMITY

Fruit Is Killed By Recent Frosts — Stokes Citizen Breaks All Records In Hauling Apples From Virginia County.

Elias R. Voss, of the Walnut Cove community, was here Monday on his way home from Patrick county, Va., where he had been to get a load of the fine apples grown in that county. Mr. Voss brings the distressing news that practically all the fruit in Patrick and probably adjoining counties, was killed by the recent heavy frosts. This is a calamity indeed, since Patrick's income from its apple crop is enormous and brings more money than the tobacco crop in that good county. Patrick probably produces more apples than any county in the South when the season "hits." The bulk of apples used in Stokes and the adjoining counties come from Patrick, and we will all miss them the coming season.

Since the opening of the apple season the past fall, Mr. Voss has hauled and sold mainly in Stokes county, thirteen hundred bushels of Patrick county apples. He has regular customers and never has any delay in disposing of his apples. Mr. Voss, who is the father of County Auditor J. R. Voss and Capt. Tom Voss, of the U. S. aviation corps, is seventy-five years of age, but he drives a car as well or better than most young men, and finds a great deal of pleasure in dealing in Patrick's fine apples.

FARMERS SHOULD BE ON GUARD

Be Sure You Buy the Right Fertilizer This Year—Acme Company's Goods Are Guaranteed By the Company and the Agents.

Pepper Bros., at Danbury, are among the largest dealers in fertilizer in western North Carolina, and have been in the business for ten or fifteen years. They have certainly had opportunity to know the good, reliable brands.

This season they are strongly recommending the goods put out by the Acme Company, who have been independent manufacturers, not in the trust, since 1883. This company is located in your own State at Wilmington, N. C.

See Pepper Bros., at Danbury; R. S. Nunn, at Walnut Cove; W. A. Smith, at King before placing your order. They guarantee that Acme Fertilizers will give satisfaction, and the Acme Company backs up their guarantee.

See what A. M. Carroll and P. O. Southern, leading Stokes farmers, have to say about Acme fertilizers elsewhere in this paper.

What A \$3 Ad Did

An Oklahoma girl advertised for a husband, and landed one within a very short time. The advertisement cost \$3. She paid the wedding expenses, \$9. In less than a year the husband died says the Atchison Globe, and left his widow a \$11,000 insurance policy.

Now will you admit that it pays to advertise?

ASSESSORS ARE NAMED IN COUNTY

Land Owners Are Asked To Meet With Assessors and List-takers and Have Land Revalued—Dates of Meetings Will Be Posted.

The following named citizens are appointed assessors to revalue the land in the several townships of the county:

Big Creek Township—J. C. Frans, J. Walter Simmons, Quaker Gap—Reid Jessup, T. M. Smith, Yadkin—S. R. Fulp, J. R. Brown, Meadows—E. W. Carroll, Alex White, Sauratown—W. L. Nelson, J. L. Mitchell, Beaver Island—L. A. Duncan, Will Dunlap, Snow Creek—J. A. Joyce, J. J. Priddy, Peters Creek—Carl T. Mabe, James Tilley, Danbury—John H. Neal, Gilbert Alley.

All owners of real estate are requested to meet with the list-takers and assessors in their respective townships on the dates for regular listing of property, these dates to be posted at all public places in the county in the very near future. Failure to meet the assessors at their regular appointments and having your land revalued by them will make it necessary for you to go before the county board of assessors at Danbury.

M. L. Mott Held Revival At Pinnacle

Attorney M. L. Mott, of Winston-Salem, who has recently become one of the finest revivalists in this section of the country, recently conducted a series of services at Pinnacle. The meetings, which were well attended, closed Sunday night.

PINE HALL MILL IS DESTROYED

Considerable Quantity of Wheat Also Lost—Mill Was Owned By Ex-County Commissioner H. H. Williamson.

The roller mill of ex-county commissioner H. H. Williamson located at Pine Hall was destroyed by fire a few days since. A considerable quantity of wheat, probably 500 bushels, was also lost, it is learned here. The origin of the fire is unknown as it caught in the night.

The mill property was valued at upward of \$10,000 with only \$4,000 insurance, it is stated.

Killed By Auto Near Walnut Cove

Leaksville, April 26.—In an automobile accident which occurred between Walnut Cove and Winston-Salem on Sunday afternoon, Winfred Emory, son of M. and Mrs. E. A. Emory, of this place, was fatally injured, sustaining a crushed skull. He was carried to a hospital in Winston-Salem unconscious and died five hours later. In the coupe with Mr. Emory was Harry Gilly, who was only slightly hurt, a few stitches having to be taken in a cut about the head.

It is reported they were driving at a fast rate when they ran off a curve, the coupe turning over and pinning the Emory boy beneath. The body was brought to the home of his parents here this morning. Funeral services have not been arranged.

R. P. and Fred Glidewell, of Meadows Route 1, were here this week.

Whooping cough is prevalent in a number of sections of the county.

TOBACCO PLANTS KILLED BY FROST

Fruit Killed and Wheat Injured—Death of Lady and Child—To Open Hardware Store.

King, April 25.—This section was visited by a heavy frost Saturday, killing most of the fruit. The wheat crop was also damaged some. Many farmers say their tobacco plants were killed.

Mrs. Joseph Rierson, aged 49 years, died almost suddenly Monday night at her home 3 miles west of town from a stroke of paralysis. She is survived by the husband and several children. Mrs. Rierson was a good woman and was liked by all who knew her. The interment was at Trinity church near here.

The Wilson Motor Company received a car load of Chrysler automobiles from the factory last week.

Ralph McGee, of Walnut Cove, has leased from Thos. E. Smith the Mack Service Station at the intersection of Main and School streets, and will take charge of the business the first of the month.

T. A. Dalton, of Dalton, was here Saturday attending to some business matters.

S. S. Boles, of Monroe, Va., is spending a few days with his father just south of town.

The three-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hobson Preston died at their home here Thursday, following a short illness with measles and pneumonia. The interment was held at the Baptist church Friday afternoon. The service was conducted by Rev. Paul H. Newsum.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Cole are the glad parents of a new baby girl.

A force of men went to work here Saturday laying a new cement sidewalk on the south side of west Main street. The new sidewalk will extend from Pulliam street to connect with the present walk in front of the residence of S. W. Pulliam.

The King Drug Company have placed the order for a large electric sign to be placed on their new building, which is under construction.

Rev. T. F. Pardue, (Thunderbolt Tom,) of Winston-Salem, was here Saturday looking after some business matters.

A force of state highway men are here making preparations to put down another coat of oil on the highway between here and Pilot Mtn.

Attorney Charles R. Helsabeck, of Rural Hall, was here Saturday attending to some business matters.

The King Tigers took one away from the Mengel Box Company's nine on the King diamond Saturday. The score stood 20 to nothing.

T. G. Crissman, of Pilot Mt., has leased the Kiser building on east Main street, and will open up a first class hardware store the first next month.

Will Eaton, of Winston-Salem, was among the business visitors here Saturday.

A very interesting game of baseball was played here Saturday when the Red Goose team of this place crossed bats with Reynolds school. The score stood 7 to 1 in favor of the home team. The Geese never lost a single feather during the whole game.

J. Frank Martin and J. J.

LIONS CLUB TO ERECT SIGNS

Be Placed At Each Point Where State Highways Enter County—To Ask For New Railway Station At Walnut Cove.

A very enthusiastic meeting of the Stokes County Lions Club was held at Walnut Cove Monday night. Quite a number of important matters were discussed at length and several committees were appointed.

The club voted unanimously to place nice large signs with messages of welcome at each point where State highways enter the county. There will be six or eight of these and they will be erected as soon as possible.

Another matter discussed was the securing of a new and more pretentious railway station at Walnut Cove, probably a union station. It was stated that the officials of at least one of the railways coming into Walnut Cove are already considering the proposition and a committee was appointed to take the matter up with the company.

At the conclusion of the business session Monday night the club enjoyed a delicious course of refreshments.

BOARD HOLDS SHORT SESSION

County Commissioners Will Issue Short Term Notes To Pay Off Floating Indebtedness of County.

The county commissioners held a short session at the court house this afternoon, the meeting being in connection with the \$80,000 short term notes to be issued and sold next Monday, notice of which appears elsewhere in this paper.

The selling of these notes is made necessary on account of outstanding or floating indebtedness of the county which has to be taken care of.

The commissioners also appointed assessor to revalue the real estate of the county.

Booth, of Danbury, were business visitors here Saturday.

Misses Margaret and Evelyn Long and Miss Ethel Joyner, of Doiser, spent Sunday with Mrs. Judson Spainhour on Depot street.

Rev. Paul H. Newsum filled his regular appointment at Brown Mtn. Sunday. He was accompanied by his sister, Miss Annie Newsum.

The Southern Public Utilities Company finished the work of building the new lines and hanging meters here Saturday and the town now has lights and power.

Capt. C. J. Kirby, who holds a position with the Southern Railway Company at Durham, spent Sunday with his family in Walnut Hills.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Thomas, who reside in west King, was made happy Sunday by the arrival of a new son.

W. E. Sprinkle, of Winston-Salem, was among the visitors here Sunday.

C. W. Patterson, of Pilot Mt., is here today looking after some business matters.

Fleming Thomas, of Moore county, is spending a few days with relatives here.

COLONEL STOKES' LETTER.

April 26, 1927.

The Danbury Reporter, Danbury, N. C.

A few days ago, more than 4,000 children in Stokes county were deprived of educational advantages by a majority of the schools being closed in the county. The favored few who reside in school districts which have eight months school will soon get through high school, while their neighbor boy and girl who live just over the line will have to spend four school years more to make the same grade.

Every child in Stokes county is entitled to equal advantages, and the ones that have to attend a six months school are not getting what they are justly entitled to. The children who have the advantage of an eight months school reside in school districts where the people voted on themselves a small special tax in order that their children should not be undernourished intellectually. We provide food for their bodies in order that our children may grow to be strong men and women—why not provide educational advantages for them in order that they may be strong mentally. We can't plead poverty because the man that is providing eight months for his children is getting along as well and saving as much money as the man who is not. I can't believe there is a man in Stokes county who will deprive his children of an education equal to the best to be had in the county for the sake of saving a few dollars.

There are two ways in which an eight months school term can be provided. The school district can vote to tax itself to raise the additional funds needed for an eight months school as several have done in the last few years, or the county as a whole can vote an eight months school for the entire county. As a citizen, I am deeply interested in Stokes county and her advancement, and want to see her take her place as one of the leading counties. We may never have an opportunity to boast of our manufacturing enterprises and wealth, but if we will we can tell the world we have stamped out ignorance and illiteracy.

COL. JOHN STOKES, of Stokes County.

NOTE:—The Reporter will publish each week the best letter contributed in this form, as coming from Colonel John Stokes, for whom the county is named. The letter must be in the form of constructive criticism, which gives conditions as they are and suggests a plan for improvement of these conditions. It is an open forum to all.