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\$40,000 of County Taxes Are Collected

Thought Collections This Year Are About Same As in 1926

GRIFFINS IS LEADING

Other Townships Behind Collection Record of Year Ago; Change in System Responsible

An estimate coming from the sheriff's office shows were around \$45,000 of the county's 1927 taxes have been collected to date. Last year's collections were not available yesterday and a comparison of 1926 and 1927 collections could not be made. It is thought, however, that collections so far this year are about the same as they were last year at this time. A small decrease can be expected in view of the fact that the books were a month late in reaching the sheriff on account of the new county government system recently put into effect.

Yesterday, Griffins township was leading in taxes paid, while practically all the other townships were lagging behind last year's collections.

Where around \$50,000 have been collected here in several weeks around fifty million were collected in New York City last Wednesday. The New York Times in an article says:

"The City of New York received the biggest tax total in its history on Wednesday, according to a statement issued yesterday by Controller Chas. W. Berry. The day's collections totaled \$50,917,490.19. One year ago on the corresponding day the tax collections were \$33,371,871.25."

The entire tax levy for the city amounts to a little over four hundred and two million dollars, and over three hundred and nineteen million have already been collected.

COUNTY AGENTS MEET IN RALEIGH

New Home Agent for Martin To Be There; Will Be Here January 1, 1928

The annual conference of county agents and State extension workers will open tomorrow in Raleigh.

Home demonstration work will be the topic of the first few days' discussion, and only the home agents will attend the first few meetings. Miss Pauline Smith states that Martin county will be represented by a newly appointed agent. According to present plans of Miss Smith, the new agent will be ready to enter upon her duties in the county not later than the first of January.

Next Monday Mr. T. B. Brandon with agents from all over the State will go to Raleigh for a week's instruction. Extension workers from Washington, D. C. will deliver lectures each morning, and in the afternoon special classes will be held. Mr. Brandon is planning on taking special work in poultry raising. He will also take special work in other phases of farm work.

Recommend Elimination Of Many Radio Stations

Washington, D. C., Dec. 1.—The Federal Radio commission recommended the elimination of half of the now-existing radio stations of this country. If the recommendation of the commission is followed, around 300 radio stations in the United States will be closed.

Most of the new stations, especially those built in 1927 are expected to lose their licenses after the first of February, 1928.

STRAND THEATRE

WEDNESDAY

DON'T MISS

Buddy Roosevelt, Jr.

in the

"DANGEROUS DUB"

Also Comedy and

FREE TICKET

FOR SHOW FRIDAY

Always a Good Show.

BUT SIX AUTO LICENSES SOLD

Local Bureau Reports Slow Sale; No Extension To Be Granted

The sale of automobile and truck licenses got off to a slow start last week and up until noon yesterday the local bureau had sold only six plates. Several reasons for the slow sale of the licenses by managers of the local bureau, and while they expect the sale of the tags to increase shortly there will likely be one of the greatest rushes for licenses right at the last minute that has been experienced before. The State forbids automobile owners putting the tags on their cars before the first of January, consequently the people are in no hurry to make their purchases.

According to an announcement made by the Carolina Motor club, there will be no extension of time granted for the purchase of the tags this season.

BAPTISTS HEAR MISS WALTON

Meredith College Girl Talks In Two Churches of County Sunday

Miss Katie Lee Walton appeared in two Baptist churches in this county last Sunday, speaking to the congregation of that denomination in Everetts in the afternoon and to a similar congregation here that evening. She is one of the fifty Meredith College girls who came into Eastern North Carolina this week end to speak in behalf of the Centennial Fund now being raised by the people of the Baptist denomination.

Miss Walton made a short speech here and made it well. The directness and simplicity of her manner won those who heard her. Well poised, simple in dress and manner, she herself was an incarnation of the thing she was speaking of, namely, Christian education.

Great progress is being made by the denomination in raising the various quotas, and it was said by the pastor of the local church today that he contemplated no trouble whatever in raising the quota of the Williamston church.

FORD SHOWING BLOCKS TRAFFIC

250,000 People See New Car in New York City Last Friday

Traffic was blocked and as many as fifteen policemen were called out to handle the crowds last Friday as they went to the Ford showrooms in the big city. In New York City, 250,000 people visited the great showrooms of the dealers in that city and saw the real Ford. Fifty thousand orders were placed with the dealers there, and orders continued to pour in all day Saturday and yesterday almost as fast as they did on Friday.

Messrs. Woolard and Green, local dealers, stated yesterday that they had an even greater showing than did New York, for where one twenty-eighth or thereabouts of the population in the big city saw the new Ford, practically the entire population in Williamston heard about the much talked-about thing.

The dealers here would not say just when they expected their first car, but gave out strong hints that they would receive one the latter part or the first of next week.

County Agent's Report For Month of November

A report to the county commissioners in session here yesterday showed where the greater part of November was used by the county agent in getting orders for a car of Pyrotol and making deliveries. Many hogs were treated, as usual Mr. Brandon states. Several days were used by the agent in assisting farmers in curing sweet potatoes.

"Farmers who want to get orders for farm drain tile are asked to see the county agent any time this month or in January. The proper drainage of farm lands in this county is very important, and farmers are urged to better it wherever possible."

The report shows where the agent spent eighteen days in the field, seven days in the office, held ninety-nine office conferences, seventy-two telephone calls answered, one hundred and seventy-two letters written, forty-nine farms visited, six hundred and ninety three miles traveled on official duties and ninety-three hogs treated

ASK FOR SPECIAL TERM OF COURT

County Commissioners in Regular Meeting Here Yesterday

A resolution, asking for a special term of superior court in this county for the trial of civil cases to begin January 30 and continue two weeks was passed by the County Commissioners at their regular meeting here yesterday. The session yesterday went by without features, there being little business on the day's program.

Mr. J. G. Barnhill was elected chairman for the ensuing year.

Rosetta Knight was allowed the sum of \$2.00 per month on account of outside poor.

Dr. William E. Warren was again elected county health officer at a salary of \$30 per month.

W. E. Clark, of Cross Roads township was released from payment of tax on \$1500 solvent credits listed by error.

The official bonds of the clerk of court, register of deeds, sheriff and county treasurer were examined, revised and approved.

328 REGISTER FOR POWER ELECTION

Books Closed Saturday; Election To Be Held on Tuesday, 20th

The registration for the special power election to be held here the 20th of this month closed last Saturday evening after 328 people had registered. With little interest in the registration evident when the books were first opened, the number gradually increased and in the last day or so around a hundred people placed their names on the books. During this week, the books will be open for challenge, and anyone is at liberty to review the registration and should there be cases of irregular registering, such cases should be reported to the judges of election.

The election on Tuesday, the 20th of this month means much to the town and the proposition merits the investigation of everyone who has registered. If it is a good thing, the qualified voters should see that the election is carried; if it is a bad thing, it is the duty of the qualified voters to turn it down. One way or the other, each of us should give the situation careful study and vote according to the findings.

MEET AT LOCAL SCHOOL MONDAY

Parents-Teachers Association and Woman's Club To Hold Joint Meeting

Mr. Sam Perry, of the Wear-Ever Aluminum company, will give a special demonstration in the use of Wear-Ever aluminum at a joint meeting of the parents-teachers association and Woman's club in the school auditorium here next Monday night. Besides giving the demonstration, Mr. Perry will make a short talk on "Health and Food Values."

Members of both the school organization and Woman's club as well as the general public are invited and urged to attend the meeting.

In connection with the attendance upon the meeting, Mr. Perry's company will give several prizes, and for each person present, twenty-five cents worth of aluminum will be given the school. Imagine how well a domestic science room could be equipped with cooking utensils should the auditorium be packed that evening.

Mr. Perry gave a similar demonstration and lecture at the Robertsonville school last Thursday evening, and in spite of the bad weather, a good number attended the meeting and were pleased with the prizes and donations made to the school.

Episcopal Women To Have Bazaar Thursday

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Episcopal church have made extensive preparations during the past several months for the annual church bazaar at the Woman's club next Friday night. The ladies will have many useful gifts on display, and are announcing a turkey dinner for that evening.

Christmas Seal Sale One-Third of Quota

While the local committee is far from its goal, it has sold around one-third of the tuberculosis Christmas seals up to the present time. Before the sale ends Christmas, the committee thinks it will dispose of all the 20,000 seals assigned as a quota to this community.

Mr. J. W. Hines, of Oak City, was a business visitor here today.

CITY FATHERS IN REGULAR MEET HERE LAST NIGHT

Only Few Minor Matters Brought Before Board Meeting

TAX QUESTION AGAIN

Still Having Trouble With Taxes on Northern Boundary of Town Limits

It goes without saying that the town has an unlimited number of tax problems bunched along its boundary just beyond the cemetery. At a regular meeting of the town commissioners last night, a relief order was granted to Gurthie Strawbridge on property incorrectly listed in town. Several months ago the town's boundary was extended out beyond the cemetery, but from the way complaints have come before the commissioners, one would think the tax line went to the canal. Gradually however, the tax line has been worked back to a point within keeping and the complaint last night showed where about one-sixteenth of a lot was in town and the remaining fifteen-sixteenths of the property were in the country. During the several months just passed not over one or two meetings have been held without a complaint coming from along that boundary line. The commissioners have had the line surveyed and half of the town's officials have walked the boundary from end to end in an effort to straighten out tax differences.

Permission was refused Gurthie Strawbridge to build a store on wheels and place it on the lot at the rear of the Atlantic hotel. This action was followed when it was found that the portable structure would be located in the fire district of the town.

L. B. Shrier, of Norfolk, interested in a national publicity number of the Enterprise, appeared before the Board and asked its support in publishing the edition. It was found that such procedure on the part of town officials was illegal, and the matter was referred to the local civic organizations.

Frank Carstarphen pleaded with the three members of the board present at the meeting to extend the time limit for dances held here. The commissioners refused to listen to the pleadings, and stated that the dance would have to be held in accordance with the now existing ordinances. Upon a motion made by Mr. W. T. Meadows, those provisions allowing a certain per cent. of dance receipts go to various organizations were rescinded, and policing of dances was ordered paid in advance.

Soon after this procedure, the board entered into a secret session.

COURT SEASON BEGINS TONIGHT

Local High School Basketball Team To Meet Windsor Here

The local high school basketball team will open the season here tonight in a practice game with the Windsor high school boys. Practice has been carried on for hardly more than a week, but Coach Hood is fast developing the boys into a presentable team, and bids to make a creditable showing in that sport this season.

Schools in the county refused to enter their teams in the peanut cage tourney in Ahoskie this week on account of the long schedule which would require the players to be out of school a greater part of the week.

Parent-Teachers To Meet At School Thursday, 3:45

The regular meeting of the parents-teachers association will be held Thursday, December 8 in the school auditorium at 2:45 p. m. You are asked to be present.

LOCAL HIGHS TO PLAY VANCEBORO HERE FRIDAY

The second game on the high school basketball schedule will be played here Friday night when the locals meet Vanceboro.

3 Weeks to Christmas

SHOP EARLY

Buy Christmas Seals Fight Tuberculosis

Is the Town Making Money On Its Electric Power Plant?

PEANUT SHOW GETS UNDER WAY

Tobacco Pageant Staged by Williamston People At Opening Last Night

The second peanut exposition to be held in America was opened last night at Ahoskie.

The town had made extensive preparations to receive the many visitors from the peanut sections of Carolina and Virginia. The streets were a blaze with electric light especially arranged by the Virginia Electric and Power Company. Many beautifully decorated floats of the peanut, corn, cotton, tobacco and other crops and industries paraded the long streets of the progressive host town.

The parade ended at a big tobacco warehouse where a pageant was prepared by Mrs. Francis D. Winston, and which brought unlimited praise and applause from all present.

Mrs. Winston showed the waves of the ocean as they receded from the lands. As the waves hurried away, the sand queen made her appearance. The red men finally came to the friendly queen, and through the friendship which followed, Indian corn, tobacco, cotton and the peanut became close associates in the same field. Jealousies followed and each claimed the king's crown. Cotton, for a time, held the crown and in turn corn, tobacco and peanut entered their protests.

The contest was settled by a vote of the visitors, Indian corn's claim was presented by the two little twin towns of Woodville and Lewiston. Chowan College and Murfreesboro upheld cotton. The cause of tobacco was championed by Williamston with Joe Horton, as King Tobacco. Roxobel, Keifer and Windsor assisted by Colerain put the peanut in the running. After a fair discussion, following the exhibitions, the crown was placed on Mr. Peanut.

The tobacco feature was staged by Mrs. Wheeler Martin as leader with a large number of local people assisting. Young girls, Mary Alice Dunning, Elsie Andrews, Rebecca Harrison, Louise Perry, Ruth Norton, Mildred Gurganus, Jane Moore and Thelma Cook were dressed in green and represented the growing plant. Orange or ripe tobacco was used for the costumes worn by Eugenia Hoyt, Ruth Peel, Daisy Whitley, Thelma Brown, Nellie Teal, Hazel Edmondson, Tillie Perry and Julia Ward.

As early users of the weed, the following countries were represented: France by Casper Baldwin, England by Harry Meador, Ireland by Hubert Morton, Spain by Seth Baughman, America by Leaman Barnhill and Jay Griffin represented the world.

STOCKINGS FOR OTEEN PATIENTS

Woman's Club Asked To Send As Many Christmas Stockings As Possible

The local Woman's club is asked by Mrs. N. Buckner, general chairman of the Christmas stocking committee for Oteen, to send as many stockings as possible for the Christmas celebration given each year at the U. S. Veterans' hospital at Oteen.

For the past several years, the clubs have very generously remembered all patients and personnel at the hospital on Christmas Eve with a filled Christmas stocking as a message of good cheer. The club women of Asheville assist in the distribution of these stockings on Christmas Eve at a party given by the Red Cross.

The patients who are too ill to attend the party have their stockings carried to them by a Red Cross worker, accompanied by Santa Claus, thus everyone is remembered.

Those who will give stockings are asked to send them to Mrs. J. F. Thigpen.

The stockings should be made of colored mosquito netting, red or green where possible, as this adds to the Christmas touch, and are filled with small gifts, candy in oil paper bags, nuts, raisins, dates, figs but no perishable fruit.

Please send them early that they may be delivered to the Red Cross at Oteen Hospital several days before the Christmas Eve party.

Be sure to place your name with street and post office address in the toe of the stocking if you wish to hear from your gift. Remember this, for so often a card with no address is enclosed and the gift is not acknowledged. Also remember that many of the patients are quite sick, and while your gift is much appreciated, they do not feel able to write a letter.

FERTILIZER TEST IS COMPLETED BY STATE STATIONS

Publish Results of Experiments Extending Over Twelve-Year Period

BOOKLET IS FREE

Phosphoric Acid Essential on All Soils; Similar Tests Conducted Last Two Years in Martin County

Results made known of fertilizer experiments with tobacco covering a period of twelve years at the Oxford Tobacco Station and a lesser time at Reidsville, have now been published in technical bulletin 12-T, "Fertilizer Tests with Blue-Cured Tobacco" by the United States Department of Agriculture. This work in this State was done in cooperation with the State Department of Agriculture and the North Carolina Experiment Station at State College.

In announcing the new bulletin, the governmental authorities state that it will be of great value to tobacco growers throughout the entire blue-cured tobacco region. They say also that it will be of value to extension workers, county agents and students of agriculture.

Because tobacco is grown for the most part on light and relatively infertile soil, the authors believe that the growers can go far in regulating the yield and quality of the crop by the wise selection and proportions of the fertilizer used.

Phosphoric acid was found essential on all soils, particularly virgin soils and those applications of fertilizer from 800 to 1,000 pounds per acre should be of mixtures containing at least 6 per cent of this element. The ammonia or nitrogen should also be carefully controlled. Too much interferes with the quality of the wood but from 30 to 40 pounds per acre favors quantity as well as quality productions.

A combination of materials from both an organic and inorganic source is recommended. Potash, states the bulletin, is perhaps the most important single element in insuring quality in the crop. From 40 to 60 pounds an acre proved sufficient in the combinations tested but higher applications were favorable in giving greater resistance to leaf spot disease in certain seasons. Also, too much chlorine applied with the potash, injured the burning quality of the leaf.

The tests also indicated the desirability of including some magnesium in the fertilizer mixture or applying it in the form of ground-magnesian limestone. Where magnesium is deficient, both the yield and quality of the blue-cured tobacco suffer. However, limestone should not be applied to excess as it tends to favor root diseases and liberates ammonia.

The bulletin indicates that applications of 1,000 pounds per acre of ground dolomitic limestone is favorable for higher production and a better quality of tobacco leaf.

The United States Department of Agriculture offers the bulletin free of charge to tobacco growers and others on application.

A similar test was conducted in this county this year and last by Messrs. J. B. Floyd and Agent T. B. Brandon. The results at the Oxford station are practically the same as those found in this county.

TWO PROGRAMS FOR EVERETTS

Fiddlers' Convention and Play at School There This Week

Everetts and community faces a well-arranged entertainment program this week; for on Thursday night, fiddlers will assemble there from several counties and join in an ole time fiddlers' convention, and then on the following night, Friday, the active Modern Woodmen camp there will give evidence to its heorism by staging "Saved by the Woodmen", a comedy drama in four acts.

Careful planning has been made for the fiddlers' convention which will be held in the school auditorium there at 8 o'clock, and a splendid program is assured. The play which will also be held in the Everetts school auditorium at 8:00 o'clock is being arranged by members of the camp, and a packed house is expected to witness it Friday night.

Christian Philatheas To Meet Friday Night

The Philatheas class of the Christian church will meet at the home of Mrs. Henry D. Harrison Friday night at 7:30 o'clock. All members are invited.

Proposed Sale of Plant Makes Study of Question Imperative

FIGURES FROM AUDIT

Interest and Depreciation Cut Gross Earnings of Plant Down to Where Loss Is Shown

Is the town making money on its light plant? This question has come well to the front since the selling of the town's light-distribution system has been put before the people for consideration. According to the latest audit made in June, the Town of Williamston has invested in its light and water plant \$135,417.49. At the present time the plant is not listed at that price, but according to the audit it is valued at \$117,640.24 or \$17,777.25 less than the original cost.

The town issued six per cent bonds, amounting to \$250,000 for the building of its light and water system. The audit shows that of these bonds \$207,000 are now outstanding, and around \$23,000 has been paid. The total income from light customers for the year ending May 31, 1927 was \$20,855.84. The cost of production was \$10,197.30, making an apparent income of \$10,658.54. Interest on \$117,640.24, the reputed value of the plant at this time, amounts to \$7,058.40, and when that amount is deducted from the apparent income, there is left a sum of only \$3,600.13. Depreciation comes in and continues to cut apparent profits. The entire distribution system must be rebuilt at once as most of the pole line is unsafe and in its present condition broken service can be expected.

The question of obsolescence should be considered, for the steam unit at the plant at this time is running at a loss even though the current it generates sells for fifteen cents the kilowatt hour. The cost to operate the unit is more than the return from it, and it has to run certain hours practically every day to furnish the necessary power and lights.

The question of what a fair depreciation would be on a plant similar to the one here is viewed differently by many men. The best accountants figure from six to ten per cent annually. The government allows eight per cent, and if that rate is applied to the local plant, a depreciation amounting to \$9,461.22 would have to be cared for. This would make the plant show a loss of \$5,861.09. However, street lighting and water pumping should be entered as a \$5,000 credit to the plant, but still a loss of \$861.09 remains.

Suppose the town charged a ten cent rate instead of a fifteen-cent one, the loss would have been around \$7,500 for the year ending May 31, 1927.

RECORDER HAS BUT ONE CASE

Rufus Taylor Sentenced To Ten Months in Jail; Appeals

Recorder's court here today was unusually quiet and had it not been for an old case brought over, there would have been nothing before the court.

The case was against Rufus Taylor, a young white man, who got drunk several months ago and did considerable fighting and stole a few things. The attorney for the defendant contended that it was not Taylor that did the fighting and stole, stating it was the liquor in him.

Judge Bailey admitted the fact that liquor did its part perfectly in the fight, but for the stealing, he decided to hold young Taylor to blame. The Judge gave the defendant ten months in the county jail, the last nine of the term to be served on the Edgecombe roads. The nine months are to be suspended upon payment of cost and on good behavior of Taylor.

From this judgment an appeal was made to the superior court which will be held here next Monday. Bond was fixed at \$300 for his appearance.

The court's proceedings were heard by two officers, two lawyers, one defendant, one judge, one spectator and one newspaper man. Some crowd.

Important Meeting Of Juniors Thursday Night

An urgent call is being made this week by officers of the local Junior Order to members, insisting that they attend a meeting of the organization Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock. Important business is scheduled for the meeting and it is necessary that a large representation of the members be present.