

TAX COLLECTION CONTINUING TO SHOW INCREASE

Sheriff Has Collected \$138,000 of 1928 Taxes To Date

URGE PAYMENT NOW

Amount Collected Is Little Less Than Half of Total; Books Were Two Months Late This Year

County tax receipts continue to grow, and with a few more weeks' work, Sheriff Roebuck will have reached the hill top in his collections. Of course it will not be any ways like going down a hill in this case, for the hill-top only means he has covered half the distance. Collections to date total \$138,000, while at the same time last year only \$120,650 had been collected.

The difference is even more noticeable when the length of time the Sheriff has had the tax books this year. They were almost two months later in reaching the sheriff this year than they were last. Besides the short length of time the Sheriff has had the books, there has been a 25 cents on the \$100 valuation increase to be combated by the collector.

Sheriff Roebuck and his deputy, S. H. Grimes, are making urgent appeals to the taxpayers to settle the accounts as soon as possible, for it is the opinion of all that it is easier to pay two dollars now than it is to pay one dollar next May.

PLAN BUSINESS SCHOOL HERE

President of Georgia-Carolina Commerce School Visitor Here

The Georgia-Carolina school of commerce is planning to open a school in Williamston in the near future.

Mr. A. H. Perry, president of the school has been making investigations here this week, and it is his opinion that the undertaking would prove very successful here.

Mr. Perry explained that the plan followed makes it possible to bring the school to the student instead of carrying the student to the school.

The school was founded more than fourteen years ago, and at the present time classes are being held in dozens of towns and cities in a large number of the other States.

The courses offered are standard, and can be completed in about five or six months.

"Snowball" Takes Flight in Airplane Last Friday

"Please don't luke the luke" was the request of "Snowball", printing office devil, just before he went for an airplane ride here last Friday. "Snowball" stated he was afraid to look to the ground below. "But I saw a heap down there when he turned a corner with me," he stated.

Four Youths Who Do Not Know Who Lindbergh Is

Fayetteville, Ark., Jan. 21.—Four freshmen in the University of Arkansas do not know who Charles A. Lindbergh is.

One of them thinks he was a prime minister of Sweden during the fifteenth century; one thinks he was a German general in the World War; one thinks he is the leader of the Bolshevists in Russia, while the fourth understands Lindbergh was the battle line that Allies had such difficulty in breaking in 1918.

These answers were found among papers handed in at a quiz in a freshman history course here Friday.

STRAND THEATRE

WEDNESDAY

"THE BOSS OF RUSTLER'S ROOST"

Also

2-REEL COMEDY and

FREE TICKET FOR SHOW FRIDAY

Theatre Well Heated

\$128.63 PROFIT ON ACRE PEANUTS

Wendell Griffin, of Jamesville, Proves Peanuts Cheaper To Raise

Wendell Griffin made a profit of \$128.63 per acre on peanuts after paying all expenses and charging himself with labor at 20c per hour and his horse labor at 10c per hour. The records of eight other boys who kept records as this boy did, gave an average profit per acre of \$64.30. While the profit per acre was much smaller than that of tobacco, the number of hours per acre spent on peanuts was 55 and the number on tobacco was 306 hours. Then observing the averages the labor income per hour on tobacco was 63 cents and that on peanuts, \$1.26, showing that there was a greater return per hour's work on peanuts than there was on tobacco.

Besides making a good peanut crop, Wendell won the second prize on his Farm and Home booth at the fair last fall.—Jamesville Tarheel.

Young Griffin is studying vocational agriculture in the Jamesville school and during the summer months he farms. Costs of raising tobacco as compared with that of raising other crops, have long been the talk of the farmer, but this is the first test we have seen showing the proportionate costs of tobacco and peanuts.

TEACHERS HOLD REGULAR MEET

76 of the 100 Teachers in County At Meeting Here Saturday

The fifth meeting of the Martin county teachers was held in the school building here last Saturday afternoon, seventy-six of the one hundred teachers attending.

The meeting was called to order by the president and opened with the association singing "Onward Christian Soldiers," followed by a short responsive reading. Mr. J. L. Jones, of the Jamesville schools, made a short talk on the responsibility of a teacher in setting examples for children.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Superintendent Pope asked the various principals about the smallpox condition in the various vicinities, and asked that the Health Officer be summoned and every child in every school who needed it to be vaccinated.

Mr. Leake asked the association to attend a fiddlers' convention and entertainment in Robersonville next Thursday night.

The president, J. L. Jones urged all the teachers to attend the next meeting, since it was going to be the best and last, and he hoped to have Dr. Boshart to speak to the association. He also reminded the teachers of their promise to pay 25 cents each to bear the expense incurred by Dr. Moshart's visit.

Mr. R. L. Leake and Mr. Jones invited the association to meet in Robersonville and Jamesville respectively, for its next meeting. It was decided that the association meet in Williamston by majority of a standing vote.

Mr. Pope asked that the heads of each group see that the groups studied the full 90 minutes. The association adjourned to its respective groups.

J. L. JONES, Pres. MILDRED DARDEN, Sec'y.

CHANCE TO GET PEANUT SHOW

Williamston Invited to Make Bid; Selection To Be Made in February

And it might be that neither Chicago nor Kansas City will get the next Peanut show; for, in a communication addressed to the secretary of the local chamber of commerce, it was stated that communications are being directed to Williamston and Windsor at this time to find out whether they will be interested in getting the 1928 show. The communication came from the office of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, Kinston, and stated the show will, in all probability, be let at a meeting of the directors which will be held sometime the first part of February.

According to newspaper reports, Chicago and Kansas City are bidding for the exposition, and for Williamston to get the show, all it will have to do is place a bid that will compare favorably with those of the two Western cities.

It is understood that the matter will be discussed at a meeting of the Kiwanis club here tomorrow, and it may be that the next Peanut show will be held in Williamston.

Miss Elizabeth Ramsey spent the week end with relatives in Plymouth.

REPORT 41 CASES MEASLES IN PAST TWENTY DAYS

Health Officer Says Another Epidemic Appears Imminent

SMALLPOX ON WANE

Parme School Closes Today Temporarily On Account of Measles Outbreak

According to County Health Officer Wm. E. Warren, it looks as if there is going to be another epidemic of measles in the county, a total of forty-one cases having been reported in the last twenty days. One school, Parme, closed today temporarily on account of the wide spread of the disease in that community.

Dr. Warren stated this morning that the townships of Bear Grass, Robersonville and Williamston are principally involved. The disease is considered very serious and dangerous, and the Health Officer urges that all children, especially the babies, be kept away from it.

The smallpox situation in the county is improving, no new cases having been reported in the last week. All school children, white and colored, are being vaccinated very rapidly. Dr. Warren stated that regardless of the law requiring vaccination of all school children, the majority of the pupils in the schools of the county had never been vaccinated until recently.

EVERETTS BESTS MAYSVILLE, 18-14

Game Played at Everetts Last Night; Outcome Always in Doubt

Everetts, Jan. 24.—In one of the best played games of the basketball season, Everetts last night defeated the Maysville team 18 to 14. The game was nip and tuck from beginning to end, and everyone was in doubt as to the outcome until the timekeeper's whistle was blown. With both teams functioning as units, it would be difficult to locate any individual stars. The Maysville boys played the cleanest game ever seen in these parts, no personal fouls being called on them, while only three personal fouls were charged against Everetts.

Jim Cook, of Williamston, refereed an unusually good game, and received the highest compliment that a referee could receive when he was asked by the Maysville captain to referee the return game in Maysville on the 17th of February.

MAKES \$281.06 ON ACRE TOBACCO

Jamesville Vocational Agriculture Pupil Made Handsome Profit

Marion Barber, student in vocational agriculture made \$281.06 profit per acre on a tobacco project last year. After paying all of his expenses of making the crop including his labor at 20 cents per hour, he made the handsome profit.

The careful attention and work given the tobacco was partly the execution of plans made before the crop was planted. A careful record kept of this project makes it possible to tell how a still larger profit can be made in the years to come. The average profit per acre of nine other boys who kept records as this boy did was \$165.11 which shows that tobacco is a source of cash when handled properly.

These boys treated their seed and put into practice many of the approved practices recommended by the tobacco specialists and State experiment stations.

Tobacco culture is one that demands special skill and only the person who is willing to study and improve his practices need to expect his profit on tobacco to increase.—Jamesville Tarheel.

Town Team to Play Greenville Guardsmen

The local town basketball team will meet the Greenville National guards here tonight in the Roanoke-Dixie warehouse in its second game of the season.

Thursday night, the team meets the Rocky Mount Y. M. C. A. team here.

Senior Epworth League Social Thursday Night

The Senior Epworth League of the Methodist church will hold its next social with Miss Daisy Whitley at her home in New Town, Thursday evening at 8:00 o'clock. The members are requested to attend.

INSTALL PASTOR LOCAL CHURCH

Large Attendance at Christian Church Service Sunday Night

The installation of James H. Hale as pastor of the Christian church here Sunday evening was well attended, the Christian spirit of the church people of the town giving forth an atmosphere of real joy. The program was simple yet beautiful and well rendered.

Judge R. J. Peel introduced the pastor in a very appropriate speech. Mayor R. L. Coburn, on behalf of the town, extended a welcome to the new pastor and expressed his appreciation for the forces that stand for the uplift of humanity, both materially and spiritually.

Professor L. H. Davis came with a message of greetings from the school, expressing his belief that the education that makes good citizens and good government finds its base of strength and rests upon the same foundation upon which the preacher stands.

Judge Clayton Moore welcomed the preacher to the town and community on the part of the civic organizations, all of which have the truth, the love and the mercy of the Church as their foundation, and which, to a large extent, are among the most unselfish messengers of Christianity. In the absence of Rev. Mr. Pardo, who was kept away on account of illness, Mr. Moore also extended a welcome on behalf of the Episcopal church.

Rev. Mr. Hale responded in words of deep appreciation of the very generous and friendly greetings which had been extended him.

Rev. C. H. Dickey and Dr. Fitzgerald were both on the program. Mr. Dickey to deliver a charge to the pastor and Mr. Fitzgerald to deliver a charge to the church members. Dr. Fitzgerald, however, had been called from the State and was unable to take part in the service.

Mr. Dickey talked with much power in his outline of the high position of the pastor and his duties to his community. He said the preacher laid aside the hope of making money when he entered the ministry and look forward only for a crown of righteousness which is promised to all those who serve. He pointed out that the principal duty of the preacher is to lead the people, not to drive them, but to teach and serve.

BUSY WEEK FOR COUNTY AGENT

Treats Several Hundred Hogs In Addition To Tobacco Seed

County Agent Tom Brandon is working on a double schedule this week as there are many tobacco seed and 237 hogs to be treated before his labors will be complete.

Yesterday Mr. Brandon treated 72 hogs. Today he is treating 90 and tomorrow he plans to treat 75 more. Returning late in the afternoon, the agent goes to his office where he finds the tobacco seed piled in heaps. After preparing the formaldehyde solution, Mr. Brandon soaks each of the packages of seed in the solution separately. Ten minutes to the dot and the seed are removed to dry. Some little time is required to complete the process, but even in spite of that fact and with his other duties to perform, the agent thinks he will treat more seed this week than he did last. According to his present plans, Mr. Brandon will be in his office practically all the time during Thursday, Friday and Saturday and during that time he will be able to treat an amount of seed sufficient to sow three or four hundred thousand square yards of tobacco beds.

Fiddlers' Convention At Robersonville Thursday

The Robersonville High School faculty is extending a general invitation to friends throughout the county to attend a fiddlers' convention and cake contest to be held in the school auditorium there Thursday evening January 26. Fiddlers from all sections near have been urged to participate. A further program is being prepared. It was announced. The Poplar Chapel male quartette has consented to furnish appropriate musical numbers as one part of this program. This quartet, who has sung for the radio, will no doubt please you. Cakes of various kinds are being baked by as good cooks as Robersonville affords, the invitation announced.

Local Masons To Meet Tonight

All masons, in good standing, are urged to attend the regular communication of the Lodge, A. F. and A. M. tonight at 7:45. Work in the second degree has been announced.

MEET TONIGHT FOR DISCUSSION TRAIN REMOVAL

Delegations From Several Towns Expected At Meeting Here

PROTEST EXPECTED

Petition of Railroad Will Be Heard in Raleigh by Corporation Commission Tomorrow

Delegations from several towns along the Plymouth branch of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad will meet at the offices of the Farmers and Merchants bank tonight to discuss the petition of the railroad for the removal of the two trains known here as the 1 and 5 o'clock trains.

The petition will be heard by the North Carolina Corporation Commission in Raleigh tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Representatives from Plymouth, Jamesville, Everetts, Robersonville and probably Bethel and Tarboro will attend the meeting tonight for the purpose of trying to hold these trains on the company's present schedule.

It is understood that a delegation will be sent to Raleigh to the hearing tomorrow to protest the discontinuance of the service.

54 PUPILS ON HONOR ROLL

Is Largest Number Making Honor List During Current Term

Fifty-four pupils in the grammar grades of the local school averaged above 90 on all their studies and were neither absent nor tardy and made the honor roll during the last school month. The number gaining the honor the last month was the largest that has been reported during the school term.

The list of honor students by grades and the teachers follows:

First Grade—(Miss Peacock)—Billie Biggs, Grace Barnhill, Thelma Griffin, Addie Lee Louis, Reg Manning, Marion Pender, Bill Roberson, Kilal Sumara.

Second Grade—(Miss Darden)—Joseph Barnhill, Burras Critcher, John F. Thigpen, Ellis Wynne, Julia Everett, Marjorie Lindsley, Addie Lee Meador.

Third Grade—(Miss Wilkins)—Jessie Mae Holloman, Bolton Cowen, Thad Harrison, Jr., Exum Ward, Carrie Williams, Kathleen Price, George Lee Roberson, Eloise Cooke, Fern Fitzgerald.

Fourth Grade—(Miss Sample)—Grace Manning, Olive McCabe, Jessie Mae Anderson, Alice Harrison, Phillie Griffin, Bruce Holloman, J. D. Bowen, Jr.

Fifth Grade—(Miss Allen)—Herbert Whitley, Josephine Anderson.

Sixth Grade—(Miss Cole)—Myrtle Brown, Nettie Meador, Jane Moore, Mary E. Burroughs.

Sixth Grade—(Mrs. Bradley)—Jennie Taylor, Cushing Hassell.

Seventh Grade—(Mr. Hood)—Hazel Modlin, Julia Daniels, Ernest Harrison.

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County To Get Only \$50,000 for Schools

START SHIPPING POULTRY HERE NEXT MONTH

First Shipment Scheduled To Be Loaded Here February 28

3 CARS LAST SEASON

Amount of Poultry On Storage Below Normal; Better Prices Expected This Year

According to County Agent T. B. Brandon, farmers in the county will start shipping poultry to northern markets next month. The first shipment is scheduled to be loaded here the 28th of next month.

Last year there were three cars of poultry shipped from the county, and Mr. Brandon thinks that number will be passed before the shipping season ends this year. The date announced by the Division of Markets might be changed from the 28th to the 15th Mr. Brandon stated yesterday. To do this, he explained, a sufficient demand for a car will have to be made to warrant a complete complete loading.

With the amount of poultry on storage below the normal, prices are expected to be as good if not better than they were last year. Mr. Brandon states, "We are looking for a good poultry year, and farmers throughout the county are urged to prepare large shipments when the season opens."

A total of 21,500 farmers of North Carolina sold approximately three million pounds of live poultry in co-operative carlot shipments with a market value of \$787,761.24 at a saving of \$168,761.27 over local prices during the year 1927 according to records compiled by V. W. Lewis, livestock marketing agent.

With better prices almost assured, the amount of poultry to be shipped from this State this year is expected to be much greater than it was last season.

T. W. ANDREWS DIED MONDAY

Suffered Stroke of Paralysis Friday, Never Regaining Consciousness

Thomas W. Andrews died early yesterday morning from a stroke of apoplexy suffered Friday of last week. The stroke was so severe, that Mr. Andrews never regained consciousness.

The son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Otis Andrews, he had spent the greater part of his life upon the farm in Williams township. A few years ago he left his Williams township home and went to live with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cherry near here.

Mr. Andrews was almost 76 years old and had never married. Interment took place at two o'clock this afternoon in the Baptist cemetery. The funeral service was conducted at the residence by Rev. C. H. Dickey.

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ALLOTTED BY STATE BOARD

Will Mean But One School Building for County Unless Bonds Are Issued

ASKED FOR \$130,000.00

Problems Confronting County Board Education Increased By Action Of State Board

Problems confronting schools, school committees and school boards in this county were, from the best information obtainable, greatly added to last Saturday when allocation of the two and one-half million dollar school building fund were made by the State Board of Education. At the meeting of the State Board, \$50,000 was allotted this county for one school building, and as the situation now stands and as far as it is known, Martin county will get one school building this year instead of two.

When the need for two new school buildings in the county was placed before the County Commissioners, they approved a one hundred thousand dollar loan to be secured from the State building loan fund. At that time, members of the County Board of Commissioners expressed themselves as not favoring a bond issue providing funds for the erection of two new school buildings, but they were willing to borrow the money from the State building loan fund. Later the loan was moved up to one hundred and thirty thousand dollars, and that was the amount the County asked from the State building fund.

For Martin county to get the two proposed buildings, the County Commissioners will have to float a bond issue. If they do not feel inclined to do that, then it will be a question of one building, it is understood.

Eighty-eight school projects were cared for out of the State fund by the State Board of Education. Many of the counties supplied additional amounts above State allotments and brought the total cost to \$3,528,411.56.

Fifty-seven counties participated in the fund.

URGE FARMERS TO USE TILE

County Farm Agent Says 100 Carloads Could Be Used in County

The value of drain tile to the farmer is coming to the front, and County Agent T. B. Brandon is co-operating with the farmers of the county in an effort to improve those fields where crops are damaged for the lack of drainage.

Mr. Brandon stated that last year the farmers of the county used around sixteen cars of the tile in draining their lands. While this is no small amount, it is estimated that 100 cars or more of tile are needed to bring the drainage of farm lands in this county up to an average point.

The use of tile in fields where water affects the land has proved of value, and has been found to be cheaper than the open ditch. Certain types of soil in the county could be made highly productive should proper drainage be provided. Mr. Brandon stated, "There are certain types of soil, however, that under certain conditions, where drainage would prove very costly and of little value," he further explained.

Many farmers in the county are planning to order quantities of the tile this season, and all farmers who are interested in improving their lands are urged to place their orders for the material with Mr. Brandon as soon as possible.

Favorable Reports On Observance of Game Law

County Game Warden J. W. Hines is making a thorough check of the State game laws in this county this week. The Warden is getting first hand information regarding the enforcement of the game laws and asking the citizens for their general opinions regarding the law.

Mr. Hines stated today that he had seen many people in the county, and in every instance the reports were very favorable.

Parents-Teachers To Stage Play February 3

February 3 has been announced as the date when the Parents-Teachers' association of the local school will stage the play, "Here Comes Arabella."