

COUNTY'S SHARE IN EQUALIZATION FUND LESSEMED

70 Counties Get Small Increases, While 20 Get Decreases

\$32,192.15 FOR MARTIN

Entire Fund This Year Amounts To \$3,150,000; Last Year It Was \$3,126,674.04

Martin, like practically all the other counties in the State, had its share of the State equalization fund decreased by the State Board of Equalization for the year 1928-29 as compared with the year 1927-28. This county's share this year is \$32,192.15, as compared with \$33,923.43 last year, or a decrease of \$1,731.28.

Seventy counties were given an increase over the amount last year, but in several of the other cases the decreases were marked. Union County shared most in the fund, getting \$88,941.91. Last year that county was given \$97,720.12. Johnston received the largest increase, \$18,000, the size of that increase being attributed to the financial reverses there during the past year. This year that county receives \$74,125.76, as compared with \$56,645.56 last year.

The entire fund this year amounted to \$3,150,000. Last year it was \$3,126,674.04.

The board's statement made public yesterday, when the distribution was announced by Leroy Martin, secretary, follows:

The State Board of Equalization meeting May 28, for the purpose of determining the valuation of the various counties of the State (these values to be the basis upon which the \$3,250,000 State equalizing fund for schools is distributed) found that the school cost, as certified by the superintendent of public instruction, showed an increase of \$768,484.55 for the entire State over the previous year. Of this amount \$532,701.57 represented the increase in the 90 counties participating last year.

The General Assembly of 1927 in providing the equalizing fund for the two-year period did not make provision for an increased fund the second year. The increased budget could then be met only by an increase in valuation of \$133,000,000 above the determined valuation of last year for the 90 participating counties alone or by increasing the rate used in the calculation above the 40-cent rate provided in the law. After much consideration a decision was reached to increase the valuation to such extent that the application of a 40-cent rate would produce a sufficient amount together with the equalizing fund to meet the increased budget.

Each county of the State was then taken up and consideration given to the various factors that influence valuations. All district lines were disregarded and every effort made to regard the questions presenting themselves from a State viewpoint. Every county in the State has been visited by a representative of the board, and a vast amount of information concerning the relative ability of the several counties to support their schools has been assembled. Township maps showing the land values by townships of every county have been prepared; information as to the various types of land procured, crop values ascertained, value of town property, corporate wealth, individual and corporate income tax paid, is a part of the data used.

After four days of continuous work in reality the culmination of a year's study, valuations for all the counties of the State, amounting to a total of \$3,196,860,524 were fixed. This total value exceeds that placed on the counties by their own assessors by \$60,993,451, but the board believes that the values thus fixed represents a basis for distribution that results in a

Official Returns, By Precincts, Of Vote Cast in County at Primary Saturday

The following table gives the complete official returns of the vote cast in Martin County, by precincts, for State, District, and County officials in the primary held Saturday, June 2. The vote was tabulated by The Enterprise and checked with the returns certified by the Martin County Board of Elections at its meeting Monday.

	Jamesville	Williams	Griffins	Bear Grass	Williamston	Cross Roads	Robersonville	Gold Point	Poplar Point	Hamilton	Goose Nest	County Total
For Lieutenant Governor												
R. T. Fountain	19	5	10	11	75	88	182	37	4	56	128	615
John D. Langston	10	15	7	15	19	2	3	1	4	11	9	96
W. H. S. Burgwyn	135	19	68	30	259	60	86	1	30	26	24	738
For Commissioner Labor & Printing												
O. J. Peterson	8	3	12	2	10	2	14	0	3	3	4	61
M. L. Shipman	99	5	47	8	222	130	185	4	12	16	13	741
Frank D. Grist	47	32	20	53	103	15	53	34	22	70	120	569
For State Senator												
Elbert S. Peel	171	44	185	97	367	161	259	37	39	94	146	1,600
Harry McMullen	115	32	105	79	284	141	135	35	39	42	95	1,102
Van B. Martin	25	7	32	19	37	24	109	4	1	52	39	349
For Representative												
J. A. Everett	79	23	59	89	142	135	271	31	28	79	144	1,080
J. S. Peel	63	23	117	19	227	35	7	12	9	23	25	560
For Judge of Recorder's Court												
J. W. Bailey	132	31	112	78	204	172	276	43	28	85	63	1,224
Harry M. Stubbs	21	17	62	47	170	10	7	1	11	10	99	455
For County Commissioners												
T. B. Slade, Jr.	145	31	108	66	285	155	276	40	36	98	154	1,394
T. C. Griffin	159	41	188	80	326	108	262	39	35	37	130	1,405
L. P. Holliday	153	32	72	81	277	149	272	4	37	44	129	1,250
H. S. Everett	153	36	135	78	292	165	284	39	37	100	134	1,453
J. E. Pope	146	34	72	71	323	155	274	39	34	88	134	1,370
W. W. Griffin	23	26	42	23	86	35	12	2	3	6	18	276
Luther Hardison	45	9	61	10	100	50	16	39	2	6	38	376

Three Are Fatally Burned in 2 Fires

MRS. WYNNE DIES 1 O'CLOCK TODAY

Dies From Burns Received Early Saturday When Can Exploded

Mrs. Dillon Wynne, who lived near here on the road running by the old brick kiln, died today at one o'clock from burns received when she poured kerosene on a kitchen fire early last Saturday morning. Although she was frightfully burned and suffered intense pain since Saturday, Mrs. Wynne talked the greater part of the time up until shortly before her death.

Saturday morning, about five o'clock, Mr. Wynn started a fire in the kitchen stove, later going to his stables to feed his team. The fire was not burning very rapidly when Mrs. Wynne reached the kitchen, and she took a five-gallon can and poured kerosene on the flames. The fire ran into the can and caused it to burst. Mr. Wynn heard the explosion and rushed to the house. When he reached the kitchen, he found his wife's clothing in flames and the house burning. He ran for a blanket and extinguished the flames in a few seconds, but not until his wife was fatally burned.

The house and all the contents were destroyed.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon. Arrangements for the funeral and burial had not been announced at two o'clock today.

Mrs. Wynne, before her marriage was Miss Viola Nicholson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Nicholson. She was married about a year ago at the age of sixteen years.

CARS WRECKED HERE SUNDAY

Negroes Run After Crashing Into Car Parked On Street

A new Pontiac car, belonging to Rossell Rogers, of Bear Grass, was badly damaged last Sunday night when it was hit by a Ford roadster driven by a colored man. The Rogers car was parked in front of the home of Mrs. James Mizelle here, and the car driven by the colored man was on its way out of town when the accident occurred.

Mr. Rogers who was in his car at the time escaped injury, but one of the two colored occupants of the roadster was cut across the breast. His injury was not serious, for he with his friend fled from the scene. It is thought the roadster belongs to the Roberson Grocery Company, of Robersonville.

fair and equitable participation by all the counties in accordance with their ability to meet that part of the school cost in which the State shares.

MRS MAYO CLARK DIES LAST NIGHT

14-Months-Old Child Also Burned To Death in Fire Yesterday

Critically burned yesterday about noon when her home and eighteen months' old child were burned, Mrs. Mayo Clark died last night about ten o'clock, after suffering untold agony for almost ten hours. It was the second tragedy in the county within a two-day period, the other occurring when Mrs. Dillon Wynne was fatally burned Saturday morning.

Yesterday about noon, Mrs. Clark, who lives near here on Mr. A. F. Taylor's farm on the Bear Grass road, poured kerosene on a fire in her kitchen stove, and in a flash, the fire followed the stream of oil into the can, causing it to explode. The flames enveloped the woman and within a few seconds the house was burning with two little children sleeping in adjoining rooms. A colored man, working near the house at the time, heard the screams of Mrs. Clark but before he could remove the mother and the five-months' old child from the house, it was too late to save Louise, the eighteen-months' old child whose little charred body was removed after the flames had spent themselves.

Mr. Clark, who was working in the fields of his farm, with neighbors rushed to the scene to find his wife fatally burned and his daughter lost in the flames. James Russell, the youngest child, was removed from the building, and while he was burned badly, it is thought that he will recover.

The funeral was held at two o'clock at the home of Mr. Lon Rogers, near the scene of the fire.

WOMEN TO MEET AT OAK CITY

Martin County - Plymouth Division of Baptists To Meet Thursday

The Martin County - Plymouth division of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Roanoke Association will hold a meeting in Oak City next Thursday, June 7. An interesting program has been arranged for both the morning and afternoon sessions, the first session to be held at 10:30 and the afternoon session at 2:00 o'clock.

During the two sessions, reports from the eight societies of the union and the various committees will be given. Officers will be elected for the ensuing term just before the close of the afternoon session.

SOLICITOR H. G. HORTON RESIGNS

Commissioners Appoint H. O. Peel To Serve Balance Of Term

Mr. Hugh G. Horton, local attorney, yesterday resigned as solicitor of the Martin County Recorder's court, after serving for most a year and a half. In his resignation, Mr. Horton states that he will, if so desired, assist the new solicitor during the first one or two sessions of the court and cooperate with him in anyway that he can.

While the term is not until the first Monday in December, Mr. Horton stated that he felt constrained to resign in view of the demand of his private general practice upon his time, in justice to himself, and for no other purpose, as his private practice is demanding all the time he can give it.

Mr. H. O. Peel was appointed yesterday by the board of county commissioners, and he is beginning the work today.

It has been the common opinion that the office was supplied by popular vote, but according to the act creating the county court, the office is an appointive one.

GRIFFINS HAS CLOSE RACE

Six In Contest for Places on Township Board of Road Commissioners

A close race was recorded in Griffins township in the primary last Saturday when the voters were asked to select five road commissioners from six applicants. Approximately 150 voters expressed their desires in the primary, the highest vote, 146, going to Noah T. Tice, the others polling as follows, A. C. Roberson, 141; George C. Griffin, 136; J. N. Manning, 107; J. A. Roberson, 97 and John E. Griffin, 87.

According to the election law, Messrs. Tice, A. C. Roberson, George C. Griffin, J. N. Manning and J. A. Roberson were nominated, Chapter 270, section 23 of the statutes reads that in a case of this kind, the entire vote is added, then divided by the number of positions to be filled, which is five in this case. That number is then divided by two. If each of the contestants has a vote higher than the number received, then the law holds that the five highest ones are nominees.

Soon after the returns were learned, a second primary was discussed. The matter was brought up before the county board of elections, and the law was referred to.

Special Program For Kiwanians Tomorrow

"A Few Things You Ought to Know" will be the main topic to come before the Kiwanis club meeting here tomorrow, it was announced by Dr. P. B. Cone yesterday. The entire membership is urged to attend the meeting as it will be given over to a lively discussion of topics of importance and interest.

COUNTY BOARD HOLDS REGULAR MEET MONDAY

Have Quietest Session In Recent Months; Go Over Tax List

CORRECT TAX ERRORS

Employ Rocky Mount Firm To Audit County Records; Appoint H. O. Peel Solicitor

The Board of County Commissioners had a rather quiet session here yesterday, barring the trouble in correcting mistakes of list-takers in 1927. All members of the board were present and they spent practically all day correcting tax errors.

D. W. Downs, of Goose Nest, was released from payment of tax on \$4,800 improperly listed in 1927. Judie Eborn was released from payment of tax on \$810, property improperly listed in Goose Nest township last year.

Harry Waldo was released from payment on \$1500 real estate in Hamilton township.

Ordered that D. R. Everett be paid \$28.80 refund for land sold for taxes the year 1926, listed by Mary Dugger and Min Council.

Mary Dugger and Min Council were released from payment of tax on \$2500 land listed by error in Robersonville township in 1927.

Elijah Council was released from payment of tax on land improperly listed in Robersonville township in 1927, the land being valued at \$1,000.

Sophia J. Corey, of Griffins township was allowed \$3.00 per month from the indigent account.

A. M. Higgs, of Goose Nest, was allowed \$3. per month from the indigent account.

W. H. Wynn filed a claim for \$75 on account of damage to land by construction of Highway No. 125.

Critcher and Sons were notified not to carry loads of more than two tons over Whitley's bridge.

Ordered that land tax paid by Cena Ellison in Robersonville for the year 1927 be refunded, O. P. Roberson having paid taxes on same land.

The Board ordered the treasurer to pay to Eye and Company, of New York, the sum of \$20,000 to retire a county note held by them.

N. M. McLaure and Company, of Rocky Mount, were employed to audit the county books. The work will be done on a per diem basis, senior accountants will be paid \$20, and junior accountants \$15, per day.

Hugh G. Horton tendered his resignation as solicitor of the recorder's court to the board, and it was accepted. H. O. Peel was appointed, and he enters upon his duties today.

SCHEDULE OF HOME AGENT

Miss Sleeper Urges Women And Girls To Attend Meetings

Miss Lora E. Sleeper, home demonstration agent announces the following schedule for the remainder of this week, as follows:

Wednesday—Regular meeting of girls at Farm Life School.

Thursday—Girls club of Williamston meet in agent's office where a demonstration, "Frozen Desserts" will be given.

Friday—Regular meetings of girls and women in Hamilton.

Saturday—The agent will be in her office here.

Miss Sleeper urges all the girls, and women who possibly can do so, to attend these meetings.

Yesterday the women of Ange Town met for their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. C. L. Ange. Fourteen women were present and the subject of the demonstration was quick breads and a strawberry cake was made as an example.

Today Miss Sleeper is meeting with the girls in Bear Grass where bread demonstrations are being held.

Smith Gets Majority In Straw Vote Here

A Presidential straw vote held at the polls here last Saturday was given very little attention, only 81 voters making a preference. The box was pointed out to practically all the voters but the majority of them passed up the opportunity to name their choice for the presidency.

Of the 81 votes, 55 were for Smith, 22 for Hull, 2 for Reed, and 1 each for Hoover and Lowden. Just how the two Republicans got their names in the box is not known.

As far as it is known, the straw vote here was the only one held in this county. The small vote in the contest was attributed to the action of the last legislature when a presidential preference primary was declared unnecessary.

Everett, Bailey, and Old Board Winners

M'MULLAN AND PEEL WIN IN SENATE RACE

Local Man and Washington Citizen Win By Big Majorities

REPORT LIGHT VOTE

Only Four Counties Have Made Complete Returns So Far; Others Have Small Vote

The Vote by Counties

The following is an unofficial tabulation of the vote cast in four of the seven counties of the Second Senatorial District. The vote is in the other three counties very small and is not expected to have any material bearing on the result except to increase the lead of the two high men.

	Peel	McMullen	Martin
Martin	1,600	1,102	349
Pamlico	515	470	174
Washington	131	185	678
Beaufort	1,449	2,412	557
Totals	3,695	4,169	1,758

The contest in the Second District between Elbert S. Peel, of Martin, Harry McMullen, of Beaufort and Van B. Martin, of Washington has resulted in the nomination of Peel and McMullen. Although only four counties have made complete returns, the votes in those four will withstand any change that the other three might make. The vote in the three counties not yet heard from is small and in addition a light vote has been reported in all three.

In the four counties, Peel led in two counties, Martin and Pamlico. McMullen and Martin led in one each, McMullen in Beaufort and Martin in Washington. The large majority in Beaufort and a big vote in Martin gave McMullen a strong lead. Washington county reported a small vote, Martin receiving only 678 in his county.

APPROVE TAX ON MOTOR VEHICLES

Bear Grass Township Votes To Have \$5.00 Tax Law Passed

Bear Grass township made possible a \$5.00 tax for its roads last Saturday in the primary when 99 voters voted for the measure and 20 against its passage. Before the measure can become a law, a special act will be necessary in the legislature.

According to the measure voted upon last Saturday, a tax of \$5 will be levied on all motor vehicles in that township, making possible a supplementary fund for road improvements.

County Convention To Be Held Here Next Saturday

The county convention which will be held here next Saturday at 12 o'clock noon, will be well attended, according to advance reports coming from various sections of the county. While many of the delegates have been instructed as to how they shall vote, the majority of the delegates will come uninstructed.

Seventy-seven delegates, distributed in the eleven precincts as follows, Jamesville, 10; Williams, 4; Griffins, 7; Williamston, 16; Bear Grass, 4; Cross Roads, 6; Poplar Point, 3; Robersonville, 14; Goose Nest, 5; Hamilton, 6; and the Gold Point Precinct, 3, are expected to attend the convention and take a part in selecting the thirteen delegates to the State convention which will be held in Raleigh next Tuesday.

Last Warning Is Given Delinquent Subscribers

A last call is being made by the management of this paper to the few subscribers who have failed to comply with the requests made a few days ago. The requests have been considered more than reasonable, but, as yet, there are few who have failed to return their cards.

TOTAL VOTE IS AROUND 1,750

Although Light, Is Much Heavier Than Generally Expected

LARGEST VOTE HERE

With approximately 1750 citizens voting, Martin county's political questions were practically settled for another term in the primary held in the eleven precincts last Saturday. While the total vote is comparatively light, it was much heavier than many people thought it would be.

According to the official returns, the county has for its officers for the coming term the following:

J. A. Everett, representative,

J. W. Bailey, judge recorder's court,

T. C. Griffin, T. B. Slade, jr., L. P. Holliday, H. S. Everett, and J. E. Pope, commissioners.

There were no contests in the several other offices, the candidacies having been certified by the county board of elections.

For a county office, the highest vote cast was for Mr. H. S. Everett, commissioner from Robersonville. The total vote given Mr. Everett was 1453. T. C. Griffin was second with 1405 votes, and T. B. Slade, jr. was third with 1394 votes. The highest precinct vote for a county candidate went to Mr. T. C. Griffin, Williams-town voting 326 for him. J. E. Pope was second with 323 votes cast in any one precinct.

The approximate number of votes cast in the various precincts follows, Williamston, 375; Robersonville, 286; Cross Roads, 183; Jamesville, 175; Goose Nest, 172; Bear Grass, 119; Hamilton, 105; Griffins, 150; Williams, 50; Poplar Point, 55 and Gold Point, 40.

COUNTY AGENT'S REPORT FOR MAY

Covers Practically Every Phase of Farm Activity

The county farm agent's report for the month just closed is varied in its make-up, and shows where work was done in practically every phase of farm work.

The report as presented before the county commissioners in their regular session here yesterday follows:

Nineteen days spent in field work

Six days spent in office work

One hundred and thirteen office calls

One hundred and one telephone calls

One hundred and forty-one letters written

Forty-six farms visited during the month

Eight hundred and thirty-two miles traveled on official duties

Three articles written for local papers

Four hundred and seventy-seven hogs treated for cholera during the month

Assisted farmers in shipping one car of sweet potatoes

Four fertilizer demonstrations arranged during the month

Six demonstrations were given in grading potatoes

Four soil tests were made to determine if the land needed lime

Six farmers were assisted in spraying fruit trees

Twelve farmers were assisted in combatting wire worms on tobacco.

Town License Tags To Go On Sale Here Soon

Town auto license tags with the numerals and letters in black on a cream-colored background, have arrived and will be put on sale at the mayor's office here within the next day or so. Instead of costing \$1 the tags will