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# COMMISSIONERS SET THIS YEAR'S COUNTY TAX RATE AT \$1.38

WAS LAST YEAR

Increased Rate Is Lower

ommendations by Special

Martin county's general tax rate

1929, was fixed at \$1.38 by the board

of commissioners in continued ses-

sion here yesterday afternoon. The

new rate is only five cents higher

than the one of the past fiscal year,

the increase coming from school operation. While there is an increase

increase of six cents on the \$100

fund was predicted. If that had ma-

tured, it would have, with the school

General county tax \_\_\_\_\_\$ .15

In holding the levy down for bond

"Be it further resolved, that a levy

of 28 cents, same as last year, be made and that a sufficient sum to

unexpended road and bridge

interest and sinking fund, the board

ncrease sent the rate to \$1.44.

Roads and bridges \_\_\_\_

General poll tax, \$2.00.

General school \_\_\_\_

Committee

### ELDER SYLVESTER HASSELL, NOTED EDUCATOR AND CHURCHMAN, DIES AT HIS HOME HERE LAST SATURDAY

### LARGE CROWD AT FUNERAL HELD SUNDAY

Nationally Known As Leader in Primitive Baptist Church

#### RENOWNED WRITER

Many Prominent North Carolinians Here To Attend Funeral of Man Universally Loved

Sylvester Hassell, devoted and be loved throughout the State as an elder in the Primitive Baptist Church, died at his home here last Saturday afternoon at the age of 86 years. For weeks and even months Elder Hassell had been in declining health, but the love for his work added to his strength, and it was hardly a week ago that he became inactive and turned to his bed to spend his last few days on earth. Losing consciousness early Saturday morning; he slept peacefully, the end com-

ing 1:30 o'clock.

With hundreds of friends and relatives from the county, State, and other sections coming to pay their last respects to the beloved minister, the funeral was held Sunday afternoon at 4. o'clock. Interment was made in the Skewarkey cemetery beside many of his people buried there.

The funeral service was conducted by Elder J. C. Moore, of Whitakers. Speaking touchingly of the love and admiration he had for the deceased, Mr. Moore recounted the friendship of his father, the late Andrew Moore, for Efter Hassell. He used the one hunred and third Psalm in the service.

Elder Newsome H. Harrison, an as-60 years in the Primitive Baptist faith, fittingly paid his tribute of love and friendship multiplied many fold during their years of service together. Elder Harrison's words were truly touching, showing the esteem and love held by him for Dr. Hassell and his works. Elders S. B. Denny and A. B. Denson made short talks, expressing their appreciation of the useful life of Elder

At the grave Elders B. S. Cowan and J. H. Rogerson spoke a few words, commending the life as led and preached by their leader. Several hymns, all favorite opes of Elder Hassell, were sung. The large floral offering, covering the grave many times, expressed the esteem in which the churchman was held by numbers of

R. J. Peel, John D. Biggs, Grover W. Hardison, C. D. Carstarphen, Clayton Moore, and W. C. Manning served

Cushing B. and Mary Davis Hassell.
When he was only 4 years old his mother died, leaving him for three years without the care and attention of a mother. When the boy was 7 years M. Jewett, of New Hampshire, who proved a real mother to the then 7year-old lad. Not only did she show him every kindness and attention, but she also served as a spiritual teacher and helper. Elder Hassell said of her in later years that she was the most Early in his youth he became a faithful student and attended the Williamston Academy. After completing the courses offered there, he entered the University of North Carolina at 16 years of age, where he remained until the fall of Fort Hatteras in August,



### WEDNESDAY TOM MIX

THE WESTERN STAR SUPREME

- REEL COMEDY And Serial "The Jungle Goddess"

and FREE TICKET FOR SHOW FRIDAY

ELDER SYLVESTER HASSELL



Dr. Hassell, who was a noted liuguist, educator, and teacher, and who was recognized as the greatest leader in the United States of the Primitive Baptist Church, died at his home here Saturday in his eighty-sixth year,

1861. He was the leader of his classes RIVER IS STILL at that institution and was said to have been one of the best scholars the University eyer graduated. In laters years one of his teachers was asked in what special branch he was best, and he replied in all branches.

After he had completed-the college ourse the University conferred the degree of Master of Arts on him, in 1867. Dr. Kemp P. Battle sought his services as teacher of moral philosophy, but Dr. Hassell learned that Dr. Mangum, an older man, desired the position, and he wrote Dr. Battle and sked that his name be withdrawn.

In 1880 he returned to the Univerity, where he gave illustrated lectures on astronomy during the summer nor-

Several years ago the University conferred the honory degree of Doctor of Laws on Elder Hassell.

Although he was examined for entrance into the Confederate service a the only service he saw was secretarial, serving the Martin County Militia.

sel achieved great success. In 1869 he years ago. His wife died in 1889. Sylvester Hassell was born in Wil-liamston July 28, 1842, the son of Penn Graded School was organized at church history fell upon his son, Syl-Newcastle, Del., and he was placed at vester, who worked for six years in old, his father married Mrs. Martha the head of this institution. There gathering material for the book. He were several of the William Penn Grad used many of the leading historical Fire Destroys Pack ed Schools established and supported authorities of the world, both ancient by land grand endowments which Wil- and modern, to find and prove facts for to that time. The salary paid in State place it among the finest works these schools was higher than in the ever written by a North Carolinian. portant.

Mrs. Hassell died and Elder Hassell health he stopped teaching in 1890. resigned as the head of the Newcastle | Elder Hassell joined the Primitive Graded School and returned home.

on Collegiate Institute, where he did ber 10, 1871. After retiring from the his greatest work as a teacher, giving teaching profession, he traveled excourses which rated high in the edu-tensively, covering the territory from cational field of that day. Many young Canada to Mexico and preaching in men received their training there, in Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee, both head and heart, that was the South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Ala basis of successful and prominent lives. bama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas Among them were prominent ministers of the gospel, statesmen, and business Pennsylvania, New York, and Canada men, including Governor Aycock, Judge Frank A. Daniels, Josephus sell, in 1881, he became paster of the Daniels, and H. B. Short. Several of church at Skewarkey, which service he his old students, Judge Frank A. Dan- continued until his death 48 years latiels, of Goldsboro; Rev. C. W. Howard, of Kinston; Josephus Daniels, of Raleigh; Calvin Woodard, of Wilson; Mrs. J. Calvin Clark, of Wilson; and Mr. J. A. Westbrook, of Mount Olive, Green, Jamesville, Conetoe, and Great attended his funeral and stood with Swamp/ He also preached at the varibowed heads as his body was lowered ous associations.

to the grave. For 14 years he labored in Wilson. Association, the oldest Primitive Bap. On May 3, 1876, he married Miss Fran- tist Association in the United States, ces Louisa Woodard, of Wilson. To it having been formed in Halifax Counthem were born seven children, three to in 1765. He held the position for of them dying while young. Frank S. 48 years, succeeding his father, who Hassell, of Wilson; Charlie, of Jack- had been Moderator for 17 years. onville, Fla.; and Calvin, of Washing- In 1896 Elder Hassell purchased

#### Crest of Flood Not Expected To Be Reached Until Tomorrow

as high as the present one.

While the damage along the banks in half a dozen times he was never able this section has been noticeable, it is o fulfill the physical requirements, and not expected to be of a serious nature,

ton, D. C.; survive. Mary, who mar-As a teacher, Elder Sylvester Has- ried John L. Hassell, died several

ham Penn had provided a century prior his works. Many historians of the

collèges, amountnig to \$1,500 annually, In 1886 he gave up the school work and the work was considered more im- in Wilson and returned to the home of his birth, where he again took charge While in Delaware Elder Hassell of the Williamston Academy. He was married to Miss Mary Isobel Yar- taught for several years, serving sevrell, of Williamston. To them one cral churches in the community at the child was born. Paul. Soon thereafter same time. On account of failing

Saptist Church at Skewarkee January In 1872 he took charge of the Wil- 7, 1864. He began preaching Decem-

He was Moderator of the Kehukee

## RISING HERE

Additional rains in the Roanoke waflood waters here, the river will go a- tion was carried unanimously. bout 8 or 10 inches higher than it is today before it will start falling. The vas no damage, as the freight had been expected to cause a second rise here the latter part of the week, but it is

#### bond redemption, interest and sinking fund for the fiscal year, closing June 30, 1929, is \$55,290.72, would require a tax levy of 34 cents on the \$100 valuation.

funds and credited to said interest and sinking fund." Upon the motion of L. P. Holliday, seconded by J. E. Pope, a levy of 90 the budget requirements for constiershed has sent the stream out of its tutional six months school terms was banks here, and a gradual rise is ex- ordered made in view of the expected pected until about Wednesday. Ac- increase of revenues to balance the ording to those best acquainted with budget, totaling \$151,458.14. The mo-

While there were no changes made water is in the warehouses, but there a special tax committee, the members of the board reviewed the sugmoved. The effects of the last rains gestions, and will probably make a 7 few changes in the future. However, according to the passage of the fol- hear the first of the speech. thought that the second rise will not lowing motion, the county authorities do not intend to change the order of the recorder's court:

"In view of the fact that the recorder's court has proven very successful and brought into the county ending June 30, 1928 and due to the that the recorder's salary be increased from \$75 to \$100 per month beginning December 1, 1928. The motion was carried unanimously."

## House Near Here

the west of here on the Everetts highway, suffered a loss estimated at \$3,000, early Sunday morning when home and was drawing gas from one attend the meeting. of the Keel cars when the fire start-

ed from a lantern, a few feet away. on the hand attempting to check the flames. Help was summoned, but nothing could be 'done to save the packhouse and its contents. Mr. Keel lost a Ford truck, a new Pontiac car and practically all his tobacco crop. The loss was partly covered by

#### Two-Year-Old Girl Dies in Poplar Point

Rachel Mae, the two-year-old dau ghter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Nicholon, of Poplar Point, died at the home of her parents Sunday after terment was made in the Nicholson burying ground, near the Sitterson farm yesterday afternoon with Rev. C. H. Dickey conducting the last

"The Gospel Messenger," a religious journal then published in Butler, Ga. after having been associate editor o

the paper for four years. After pur-

## IS FIVE CENTS Tobacco Market Opening Is Postponed to September 4th

#### Than Was Generally Expected School Budget for County Is BIG COMPANIES ONE SALARY RAISED Approved by Commissioners BUYERS ON 28TH No Changes Made As Result of Rec

Total Amount of Budget As Approved by County Board Claim It Is Not Possible To Is \$320,068.43; \$122,248.21 of Sum Is For Permanent Improvements, Such As New Buildings, Etc. for the fiscal year ending June 30,

The tentative budget for the running outlay fund, while the decrease in the of Martin County schools for the 1928- current expense fund amounts to \$2, 29 term, amounting to \$320,068.43, was approved by the county board of commissioners in special session here yesterday afternoon. The budget was prein the rate, it is very much smaller than was generally expected, for an pared by the educational board and carban board and ried before the commissioners by memvaluation for the bond and interest bers of that body.

The budget is less by \$16,203.07 than reductions were spread out, and there the original one prepared, the board of are very few cases where they will afeducation and the special tax commit- fect the progress of the schools to any The rate calls for the following tee joint taking that amount from the currently expense and capital outlay .05 153.04, could not be changed. The debt service, \$43,153.04; total, \$320, greatest cut was made in the capital 068.43. Bond int. and sinking fund \_\_\_ .28

noticeable extent. The final budget: Current expense, funds. The debt service fund, \$43; \$148,667.18; capital outlay, \$128,248.21

### MILLIONS WILL HEAR AL SMITH VOTE FOR SMITH

#### offered the following resolution: "Resolved, that in view of the fact ocratic Nominee Set for that the budget requirements for Tomorrow, 7:30

Albany is baking a figurative cake, balance the budget be taken from York governor will accept the nomination tomorow evening.

500 rooms, besides those in the hotels. cents on the \$100 valuation to meet have been rented by people from all over the country who will be there to fiers have been placed on posts, trees, and wires over the capitol lawn to carry the governor's voice to the thousands who are expected to take places as a result of the investigations of in front of the steps and in Capitol

Hark. As the governor starts his address at 30, daylight saving time, local radio whers will have to tune in at 6:30 to

#### Boat Line Freight Is Routed by Washington

Due to the high water in the Roana net income already paid into the treasury of \$3,400 for the fiscal year folk, Baltimore & Carolina Boat Line Democratic party as "heretofore Addition to Hamilton in the latest and symbols are symbols and symbols and symbols and symbols are symbols and symbols are symbols and symbols and symbols are symbols and symbols are symbols and symbols are symbols and symbols are symbols and symbols are symbols are symbols. The symbols are symbols are symbols are symbols and symbols are sym will be handled via Washington, the efficient manner in which the court company maintaining its regular schedis being managed, motion by H. S. ule. Boat line trucks will bring the verified all his predictions and morning, arriving here in time for delivery at an early hour.

It is not known at this time whether the shipments to this point will be handled in a like manner or by the

#### Mr. Bill Keel, who leaves just to Bear Grass Parents-Teachers Meet Thursday

A regular meeting of the Bear his packhouse and all its contents Grass Parents-Teachers association were destroyed by fire. About 1:30, will be held Thursday evening, Authe car of Bob Taylor, local resident, gust 23, it was announced today by ran out of gas near the home of Mr. the association's president. The par-Keel. Mr. Taylor went to the Keel ents of the community are urged to

#### Mr. Taylor suffered severe burns | Expect to Complete Work on Highway 90 This Week

According to unofficial reports, the Brown Paving Company will complete the concrete work on Route No. 90 between here and the Washington County line this week, provided the weather continues favorable.

Only a short detour is necessary between Jamesville and Plymouth and it is thought the road will be open all the way within a week or ten days after contsruction work is

Mr. Hooks, who contracted to build the road's shoulders, is rushing that work, and he expects to complete the task within a comparatively short time.

Mrs. H. R. Roberson and children, of Suffolk, are visiting Mrs. Roberson's mother, Mrs. J. R. Peel, near

Messrs. Bob Grimes and Mayo Little, of Robersonville, were business visitors here yesterday.

# SENATOR NOT TO

480.92. The decrease in the capital out-

lay fund amounts to \$13,722.15, the

original budget calling for \$141,970.36

operation, it was pointed out last night

by Superintendent R. A. Pope. The

for that purpose.

#### Acceptance Speech of Dem- Simmons Issues Statement Saying He Will Support Neither Candidate

New Bern, Aug. 20.-Senator F. iping the dust from the parlor furni- M. Simmons, who recently resigned ture, and generally getting ready for as national committeeman for North the guests who will go there to hear Carolina, will vote neither for Goverwhat Pete Fowden predicts will be a nor Al Smith nor Herbert Hoover, masterpiece, in Al Smith's acceptance according to a statement issued toof the Democratic nomination for Pres night through L. B. Homan, editor dent of the United States. The New of the New Bern Times. He reiterat ed his former statement in which he declared he would give full support In the New York capital more than to the State, district, and county Democratic tickets.

In reaching this decision, the Senator said that he reserved for himmorrow when Governor Smith makes self the right of all Democrats to his acceptance speech. Huge ampli- exercise their conscientious conviction and judgment "without proscription, coercion or restraint.'

Governor Smith, he said, has de

liberately put the party under the deminating control of Tammany Hall lig business and the predatory interests as represented in both the Democratic and Republican parties. As a result, he said, since the Houston convention the party platform has been repudiated, the party rebuilt, the issues reframed and "forces of privilege and license now are dominating and controlling its national machinery." This condition he said, is a betrayal or submerunderstood and applied."

Everett, seconded by L. P. Holliday freight from that town tomorrow prophesies which he made in his speech delivered to the United States Senate against Tammany Hall and Covernor Smith.

#### To Start Paying On Windsor Road Today

According to Mr. Bob Heydenreich. employee for the Roberts Paving Co., paving of Route 30, between here and Windsor, will be started today. The company's plant will operate from the Windsor end until around four miles of the road are paved when the plant will be moved here

maintain a detour around by Indian Woods, and according to several traveling between the towns yesterday, the detour is in splendid condition. Traf-, fic between the two towns will be ham- were refused here yesterday by the pered very little, it is thought.

#### Mrs. Myrtle Hardison Dies Near Jamesville

Mrs. Mytrle Hardison died at he ome near Jamesville, Sunday. Mrs. Hardison was 26 years old the wife of Adron Hardison. She leaves one child, an infant,

Before her marriage she was Miss Bateman from near Plymouth The funeral was held yesterday afternoon and interment was made in the Roberson cemetery.

#### Two Cars Collide At Corey's Store Sunday

Two cars, one driven by white and a second by colored people were badly, wrecked late last Saturday afternoon when they ran together at Corey's store near here. The details of the wreck could not be learned, but it is unerstood the occupants

# REFUSE TO SEND

End Season in Georgia Before September 4

#### FINISH CURING HERE

Change of Date Was Not Unexpected; Large Amount of Tobacco Will Be Ready for Opening

The opening of Eastern Carolina toeco markets was last Saturday officcally all the big tobacco companies wired that it would be impossible to complete the season in Georgia in time to transfer buyers to the markets in this section by next Tuesday. The mar kets will open Tuesday, September 4.

When the opening was scheduled for the 28th of this month, many people expressed their doubts as to whether it would stand or not, but after it had was believed that the date would hold Saturday when telegrams were received ed, the change in the date was ordered by officials.

The new date, besides adding to the expense of warehousemen, is subject to place the markets in an unstable condition, since farmers all through the section have been preparing their tobacco for the floors. At hie same time, marketing conditions in Georgia have people on the market there writing that looked to be impossible to close the eason there by the 28th.

Farmers in this section will coi plete their curings this week, and with two weeks to work in their packhouses before the market opens, a large anount of tobacco will be ready by the 4th. In many cases, farmers completed their curings last week and the week before, giving many of them four weeks' time to grade their crop before they could sell a pound.

#### Dog Track Found In Brick 130 Years Old

A dog track known to be over 130. years old was found imprinted in a brick by Mr. Lon Lilley when he tore down a chimney on the Lanier land in Griffins township a few days

The house was erected late in the seventeen hundreds and it is thought the dog stepped on the brick while it was in the making.

### School Is Refused

Messrs. P. L. Salsbury and Don Matthews, representing the Hamilton school, appeared before the board of education in session here yesterday, requesting that two additional rooms be built at their school. The board refused to comply with the request, stat-ing that once the district is consolidated there or additional pupils were shown the rooms asked for would be provided. To grant the request, it was pointed out, a special election would be necessary effecting the consolidation of the schools there, or an increased enrollment within the present district would be necessary.

#### The State Highway Commission will Request for Funds To Clear School Lot Denied

The \$75 asked for by the Cross Roads school for clearing its grounds board of education. The members of the board suggested to Messrs. Warren and Roebuck, who appeared in behalf of the school, that the fuel supply be gotten from trees on the grounds, thereby effecting a saving in fuel costs and at the same time providing a means to the end desired.

#### County Home Inmate Dies Sunday Morning

Slade Price, 60-year old colored in-mate died at the county home near here Sunday morning of a complication of diseases. For years, the colored man with a crippled arm and leg, had been a common figure on Williamston's streets. He had roughed the offerings of winter's cold winds, chopping a little wood in exchange for his meals for a number of years. Within the past few months however, old age forced him to spend all his time at the home, where his passing was of little notice. The body was placed in paupers'

field Sunday afternoon.