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COUNTY BOARD IN THREE MEETS HERE THIS WEEK

W. H. Carstarphen Named Treasurer To Fill Out Term of His Father

ADJUST TAX ERRORS

Commissioners Have Joint Session With Board of Education Here Last Night to Consider School Questions

Holding three sessions here this week, the county board of commissioners was busied with a number of minor tasks, very few of any importance coming before the board members during any one of the three meetings. The first of the sessions was held at the regular scheduled time, Monday morning, when the tax lists for the current year were instructed in the work. Values for various personal property were determined, it being pointed out that it was necessary to get all property on the books. At noon the board recessed, doing honor to the memory of C. D. Carstarphen, late treasurer of the county. Tuesday morning the members met in continued session to carry on the work started the day before. W. H. Carstarphen was unanimously appointed to succeed his father, the late C. D. Carstarphen, as the county's treasurer for the unexpired term. Bond was arranged, the commissioners accepting it in a meeting held here late yesterday afternoon. A \$75,000 bond is required by the office.

The last of the tax mistakes were corrected, four adjustments being made at the Tuesday and yesterday afternoon sessions. Rebecca Dancy, Goose Nest Township, was released from the payment of \$1304 taxes, doubly listed. Error appearing in the listing, Hall and Peel, Williamston Township, were relieved of paying taxes on \$250 property. R. B. Edmondson was released from paying taxes on \$756 worth of property, listed through error. Mary C. Roberson was relieved of paying school tax in Robersonville on \$3,000 worth of property located outside the district. Robert Moore, of Robersonville, was released from the payment of \$2 dog tax.

The \$50,000 bonds provided in April, 1928, were ordered sold at the Tuesday session. The \$50,000 was secured through note until bonds could be sold. The money was used in the erection of school buildings. John and Mittie Rhodes were allowed \$4 per month, county poor. Four dollars also to go to C. T. Ange. Meeting last evening for the third time this week, the commissioners continued their work. After accepting the bond of W. H. Carstarphen, appointed treasurer at an earlier meeting, the board passed orders relieving the late treasurer from the payment of \$801.91 deposited in the Martin County Savings & Trust Co., \$763.22 deposited in the Parmer Bank & Trust Co., \$177.30 deposited in the Farmers Bank & Trust Co., Robersonville, \$391.61 in the Bank of Jamesville, and \$1,414.22 in the Peoples Bank.

The board of commissioners then went into a joint meeting with the county board of education to discuss the school question. After going into many details of study and finding that the county will lose some 15 or 18 teachers, they passed a resolution calling a meeting to be held on Friday, May 17, at 2 p. m., inviting the school committeemen and all others interested to attend.

Locals Defeat Edenton; Playing W. C. I. Today

The local high school nine nosed out Edenton, 8 to 7, in a 7-inning game played there last Tuesday afternoon. Barnhill, local moundsman, allowing few hits. His team mates offered splendid support. The locals are playing their last game of the season here this afternoon with the Washington Collegiate Institute nine.

Convention Nominees Win In Election Here Tuesday

Announced at the last minute, the independent ticket in the town election here last Tuesday created much interest and brought 200 voters to the polls during the day. While the vote established no new record in elections here, it was just about 209 larger than was expected a few hours before the polls opened. Supporters of both the convention and independent tickets marshalled their forces early in the day, and for the first few hours the race was reported as being close. The old-line supporters smelled defeat at one time, and were quick to strengthen their lines, effecting a victory at the end of the day for the convention's ticket in its entirety.

R. L. Coburn was reelected by a 79 majority over W. H. Biggs, the count being 139 for Coburn and 89 for Biggs. N. C. Green led the entire ticket with 197 votes, Meadows following with 173. Both tickets carried the names of Meadows and Green, appreciably adding to their lead. The final count gave G. H. Harrison 152 votes, L. P. Lindsey 146, C. O. Moore 141, no change resulting in the convention ticket. For commissioners on the independent ticket, S. C. Griffin

led with 67 votes, followed by Anderson, who polled 62, Ambers following closely with 55 votes.

Agent J. S. Cook registered bitter disappointment when he saw his candidate, Mr. W. H. Biggs, cast a vote for R. L. Coburn, opponent of Mr. Biggs. "Dog-gone! dog-gone!" remarked Mr. Cook, one of the agents for the independent supporters, when he saw Mr. Biggs vote. "Try to elect a man, and he goes and votes for his opponent. That's a devil of a way to do," he said, declaring that he was through.

The defeat was no bitter pill for the independents, for, as Mr. Cook said, those who knew anything about their names being on the ticket, were out to make the election interesting, and the others not knowing anything about their own candidacies until the morning of the election entered into the race good-naturedly.

Several denounced introduction of the independent ticket, stating that if one could not settle his political questions at a primary or convention, he had no business trying to run roughshod over an established rule and introduce an independent ticket.

RECORDER HAS TWELVE CASES

Two Civil and Ten Criminal Actions Called in Court Here Tuesday

Twelve cases, 10 criminal and two civil ones, were called in the recorder's court here last Tuesday. Judge Bailey clearing ten of them from his docket. Two were continued and three others were appealed.

Charged with reckless driving, John Browning was found not guilty by a jury.

Charlie Dolberry, charged with violating the liquor laws, forfeited his bond, a \$100 one, the court dismissing the scif. Buck Elbron pleaded guilty in a case charging him with assaulting a female and was given a four month's sentence, the first to be served in jail and the other three months on the roads. The three month sentence was suspended, and the defendant entered an appeal to the superior court. Bond was fixed at \$200.

The case charging Emily Pittman with rape was ordered to the superior court for trial.

Halsey Hardison was found not guilty when tried on a charge of cruelty to animals.

A nol pro resulted in the case charging Ransom Knight with assault with a deadly weapon.

In a case charging him with carrying a concealed weapon, Lacy Savage was ordered placed in jail for three months, the commissioners having leave to hire him out. In a second case against Savage, judgment was suspended. He was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon.

The two civil suits were brought by Roberson, Little & Co. and the Cox Motor Co. In the first case J. T. and L. R. Ausbon were ordered to pay the plaintiffs \$118.05. An appeal was made to the superior court. In the second suit the defendant was given a judgment in the sum of \$35.32 against W. H. Perry. An appeal was entered in this case.

Everetts Woodmen To Meet Monday

The regular meeting of the Everetts Camp, Modern Woodmen of America, will be held Monday night, May 13. All members are urged to attend, as there is some important business to attend to.

"Road To Ruin" At Watts Next Week

The work of the juvenile authorities is strongly depicted in the motion picture, "The Road to Ruin" which comes to the Watts theatre here next Wednesday.

Services at Piney Grove And Farm Life School

Rev. W. B. Harrington will preach at Piney Grove Church Saturday evening at 8 o'clock and at Farm Life School Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

HUNTERS SAID TO BE KILLING SQUIRRELS OUT OF SEASON

According to reports reaching J. W. Hines, game warden, hunters along the Roanoke are killing squirrels out of season. The warden stated today that the reports are being investigated in an attempt to prosecute any violators.

PROPERTY OF 366 TAXPAYERS WILL BE SOLD FOR TAX

Uncollected Taxes on Real Property in County Totals \$18,801

73 MORE THAN IN 1928 Owners Have Until June 3rd To Pay Taxes and Prevent Property Being Sold

Three hundred and sixty-six county taxpayers failed to make the grade this year, and, in accordance with the law, Sheriff A. L. Roebuck is advertising their property to satisfy the \$18,801.78 uncollected taxes. While last-minute collections established a new record here this year, they failed to show an improved situation over the condition last year; in fact, the list this year carried the names of 73 more delinquents than did the one of last year.

According to last year's records, taxes amounting to \$1,366.12 were uncollected at this time of the year in this county, pointing out an increase in unpaid taxes of \$5,195.66. The advertised list of delinquents does not carry the names of owners of personal property who have failed to effect tax settlements. Adding to the uncollected amount on real estate, \$7,500.00, approximate amount uncollected on personal property, it is found that taxes unpaid this year amount to approximately \$26,301.78.

Collections in the individual townships varied greatly, one or two districts show an increase, others about an even break and still others a large decrease as compared with the payments made last year. Goose Nest was the only township to show a decrease in unpaid taxes this year, the amount being very small, however. Only \$45.55 put that district in the list where an increase is seen. The nine other townships showed decreases in collections, Williamston township probably leading the list in number of delinquents. Comparatively, Robersonville apparently has the best collection record. Griffins colored showed the only clear accounts.

JURY LIST FOR JUNE COURT

Drawn By Board of Commissioners in Meeting Here Tuesday

Picking a jury to serve at the June term of Martin County superior court was a part of the business before the county commissioners in continued session here last Tuesday. The list of jurors selected follows: Jamesville: C. C. Sexton. Williams: J. R. Gardner, O. S. Green.

Griffins: James A. Hardison, N. T. Tice, Claudius Roberson, Simon E. Corey, B. R. Manning, C. F. Perry, John A. Griffin.

Bear Grass: Dennis Bailey, H. D. Harrison, Buck E. Rogerson. Williamson: C. O. Moore, R. A. Critcher, S. C. Peel, S. C. Ray, L. Bruce Wynn, M. J. Norton, J. S. Anderson, A. L. Raynor.

Cross Roads: R. C. Roebuck, J. W. Leggett, J. T. Barnhill, W. C. Bullock, Jimmie L. Roberson.

Robersonville: H. F. Latham, Irving L. Smith, J. C. Keel, T. J. Roberson.

Poplar Point: H. L. Hopkins. Hamilton: F. L. Haislip, R. W. Salsbury.

Goose Nest: E. K. Harrell, W. E. Tyson, S. W. Casper.

Death of School Child Declared Accidental

Following an investigation by school officials in session here last Tuesday, the death of Leaman M. McKel, 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil McKel, of near here, was declared accidental, no charges indicating negligence resulting. The child was fatally injured the 19th of last month when a truck driver, Garland Bennett, backed one of the big busses over the boy's body. The case was dismissed when authorities arranged to care for the expenses resulting from the accident.

Town's List of Delinquent Taxpayers Shows Increase

Uncollected town taxes here increased from \$2,707.55 last year to \$3,689.42 this year, exclusive of personal ones uncollected, according to a review of the tax books this morning. Last year the list of delinquents numbered 61 as compared with 86 this year.

It is believed that settlements will be effected in many cases before the first Monday in June, the time of selling the property advertised.

Local School Graduating Exercises Tonight at 8:30

With the address by Mr. W. O. Saunders and the presentation of graduation certificates, the local school's 1928-29 term will be brought to a close this evening in the new school auditorium. The evening exercises will get under way at 8:30 o'clock when Editor Saunders delivers the principal address. Mr. Saunders, Elizabeth City publisher, has or will have delivered six commencement addresses to that many schools in this section before the summer vacation begins.

Although handicapped in their practice by unfavorable weather and sickness, the grammar grade children are appearing in a special May Day program this afternoon on

the old school grounds from 5 to 7 o'clock. The local school baseball team is playing that of Washington Collegiate Institute this afternoon, the game bringing the season to a close.

The play, "The Four-Flusher," presented by the local senior class Wednesday evening was witnessed by a large crowd in the new high school auditorium. Coached by Mrs. L. H. Davis, head of the English department in the local high school, the play was very much enjoyed and was declared a success. A few changes were necessary at the last minute; Ruby Malone and Howard Cone taking parts.

CLOSE ELECTION IN JAMESVILLE

Two New Commissioners Chosen; A. Corey Is Again Mayor

A change resulted in Jamesville's administrative personnel last Tuesday when 63 voters picked over two tickets and elected W. R. Roberson and O. W. Hamilton to their board of commissioners. Rev. A. Corey was re-elected by a 9 majority over Luther Hardison, independent candidate. W. B. Gaylord was re-elected as commissioner.

According to a check of the town's last registration there were only 70 eligible voters, and 63 of them balloted. The unofficial count gives A. Corey 36 votes and Luther Hardison 27 for mayor; W. B. Gaylord 34, W. R. Roberson 32, O. W. Hamilton 31, L. W. Mizelle 29, J. E. Hedrick 24, and J. S. Godard 20, for commissioners.

FATS AND LEANS PLAY TUESDAY

Leans Claim Moral Victory In Not Losing Thursday As Game Is Rained Out

"Nosed out" Thursday of last week by a 15 to 3 score, the baseball team made up of the "poor" folks here, claimed a moral victory over the "fats" yesterday afternoon when the scheduled game was rained out. The fats do not question the claim of the leans, stating that a game next Tuesday afternoon will show up the leans.

Interest in the battle next Tuesday continues to increase, both sides adding recruits and strengthening their line up, indicating that a good game will be in order for the day.

A small charge will be made every one attending the game in an effort to offset a deficit in the athletic department's treasury.

The tentative line-up: Leans: Mayo Grimes, catcher; Lyman Britt, pitcher; Harcom Grimes, first base; N. C. Green, second base; Charlie James, third base; Jesse Harrell, short stop; Claude Griffin, left field; Leman Barnhill, center field; Julian Harrell, right field; substitutes: "Happy" Holliday, E. P. Cunningham, Boyd Hight, Judge Bailey, Luther Peel, Dr. C. B. Clark.

Fats: "Etie" Critcher, third base, Joe Godard, second base; Gus Harrison, short stop (also business manager); Dr. Cone, first base; Spivey, catcher; Joe D. Thrower, pitcher; H. M. Stubbs, pitcher; Harry Meador, left field; John Henry Edwards, center field; Raleigh Bradley, right field. Substitutes: Pete Fowden, K. B. Crawford, Pete Hall, P. P. Peel, and Abe Peal.

The game will be called at 4 o'clock on the new high school diamond.

Baptists Announce Program of Services

"Lord, remember me," is the text for Sunday morning's sermon, and is found in Luke 23:42. "Let me die the death of the righteous," is the sermon text for Sunday evening, and is found in Numbers 23:10.

Last Sunday our Sunday school was unusually large. New life was shown, and nearly all the classes had unusually large attendance. At the evening service, Mr. and Mrs. Dred Darden were received into the church. Mrs. Darden was for three years secretary to the pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Rocky Mount, and her experience there admirably qualifies her for much usefulness in our church. The church welcomes Mr. and Mrs. Darden into its fellowship. There are others who should follow them into membership in this church.

The usual mid-week service will be held Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. The pastor and congregation extend their compassionate feelings of love and sympathy to the homes in the community which so recently been bereaved. May God's comforting grace sustain them, one and all.

PERCY MILLER IS BEING TRIED FOR LIFE IN WINDSOR

Accused Slayer of Police Chief Probably Will Learn Fate Today

BIG CROWDS AT TRIAL State Refuses to Accept Plea of Guilty To Murder in Second Degree; Judge Moore Presiding

The case of Percy Miller, alleged murderer of Pat White, Windsor policeman, is expected to reach the jury this afternoon, according to reports received from the Bertie capital shortly after the noon hour today. Yesterday the defense offered to submit a charge of murder in the second degree, which the State refused to accept. The defense counsel then moved the court to refuse, as a matter of law, to allow the case to go to the jury on the charge of murder in the first degree, which motion Judge Moore took under advisement until this morning, when the introduction of new testimony by the State caused him to rule against the defendant. The new evidence submitted this morning developed the case into a first degree charge, a strong case apparently being formed by the prosecution during the morning session.

With large crowds packing the court house auditorium, armed guards are stationed throughout the hall, and they have watched the trial's progress since it started yesterday afternoon.

With a venire of 200 men to choose from, attorneys completed a jury in the case by noon yesterday, the trial getting under way immediately after lunch. The State placed nine witnesses, five white and four colored, on the stand to prove the killing. At 4:10 the State rested the case, the defense making a motion at that time to dismiss the first degree charge and offering to submit to a second degree charge. After holding the motion over last night, Judge Moore was asked to permit newly discovered evidence to be heard. A colored man named Pritchett that he had talked with Miller in front of Boone's cafe only about five minutes before the shooting, that Miller was drinking and brandishing his pistol, threatening to kill somebody. Pritchett stated that he admonished Miller, and asked him to behave himself. Miller paid no attention to the advice. Cross examining the witness, the defense attorney tried hard to tear down Pritchett's testimony, but failed in the attempt.

Miller took the stand next in his own defense and described the approach of the officer and the shooting. He stated that Policeman White walked up to him and asked him in a rough manner if he had been causing all that trouble out near the warehouses. Miller continued saying that the officer caught him, pushed back against the warehouse and struck him side of the head with a pistol, then shot him five times. The first shot was said to have hit his side, a second in the breast, Miller falling to his knees. The witness stated that his pistol fell from his pocket and he grabbed it and shot the officer. The policeman fired three more shots into Miller's body, it was said. The negro stated he did not see the man fall and did not know he had killed him. He denied being drunk, adding that he did not see Pritchett and that he had not displayed his pistol.

AGENTS SEIZE SEVERAL STILLS

Also Capture Two Young White Men At Still During Week

Federal Agent F. E. Street and Assistant J. H. Roebuck report the finding of a number of liquor plants this week and a few good races, but so far the officers have only succeeded in catching two men.

Harvey L. Warren and Willie H. Warren, two young white men, were caught. Two other men were also at the still and were supposed to be the proprietors, but they made good their escape. Both of the young men claimed not to know the parties at the still. Willie H. Warren was held for the October term of Federal court at Washington, while Harvey L. Warren was permitted to go for the present.

Monday the officers found two 50-gallon stills and about 300 gallons of beer. The work increased Tuesday when a 50-gallon copper still, a 200-gallon copper still, about 2,050 gallons of beer, 22 gallons of liquor and the two men were captured. Wednesday business decreased, the officers capturing a 50-gallon still, 1,500 gallons of beer, and 12 gallons of liquor, but no men.

Allow for Widening Main Street in Placing Poles

That the town plans to widen its main thoroughfare is evidenced by the setting of electric light poles several feet from the present curb edge. While no arrangements have been made for widening the street, the commissioners considered the undertaking some time ago when they ordered the electric company to place the poles several feet from the curb. According to a discussion of the matter by the commissioners several weeks ago, several feet will be removed from each sidewalk to the corner at Watts Street to the Houghton Street intersection.

Presbyterian Pastor Is Visitor Here

Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, recently called to the pastorate of the local Presbyterian church, visited here for a short while yesterday afternoon before continuing to Greenwood, S. C., to visit his brother, Presbyterian minister of that town. Rev. Mr. Piephoff was recently graduated from the Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, and expects to return here the 18th to begin work with the local church.

Rev. and Mrs. Piephoff will make their home with Mrs. Erah Cobb, in New Town.

Testimony was in by 11 o'clock this morning and the arguments in the case completed before court adjourned for lunch. Judge Moore will complete his charge and give the case to the jury by 3 o'clock this afternoon, it is thought.

Many people hearing the case are of the opinion that a first degree verdict will result.

WATTS THEATRE

Saturday May 11
YAKIMA CANUTT
in
THREE OUTCASTS' COMEDY
Serial "The Vultures of the Sea"

Monday-Tuesday May 13-14
NORMA TALMADGE
in
"The Woman Disputed"
Also AESOP'S FABLES and M. G. M. NEWS
Shows at 7:15 and 9 P. M. Daily MUSIC BY PHOTONE