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TOWN TAXES ARE 50 PER CENT PAID TREASURER SAYS

\$21,000.93 of the Total Levy of \$39,701.11 Remain To Be Collected

OVER \$18,700 ARE PAID Many of Large Property Owners Are Said To Have Already Settled Their Taxes for the Year

Approximately one-half of the town taxes for the year 1929 have been collected, according to a report made to the board of commissioners in a regular session held here last night. The report showed that collections were unusually large last Saturday and yesterday when the property owners paid in over \$3,000 into the town coffers.

Of the total levy, \$39,701.11 which sum includes general property, personal, new and old paving, \$18,700.18 had been paid up to and including yesterday. The general property tax is placed on the books at \$35,378.61, leaving \$2,279.05 for new paving and \$2,043.45 for old paving.

While many of the large property owners have settled their accounts, it is believed that the receipts will continue to swell as the time for advertising begins to close in. A large amount of the unpaid \$21,000.93 is expected to wander into the treasury by the first of next month when the penalty jumps from one to two per cent.

MARRIAGES ARE FEW IN COUNTY

Thirteen Licenses Issued by Register of Deeds Here During Past Month

Dan Cupid was off to a slow start in his work in this county last month when only thirteen marriage licenses were issued at the local register of deeds office. In few months has the number of applicants been so small, the few calls for licenses apparently reflecting the conditions in this section of the State. Twenty-five licenses were issued during the month of December. In January of last year, there were 33 couples applying for licenses at the local marriage bureau.

The last month's list follows:
White
Harmon D. Rogerson-Ruby Gurganus; Haywood Brown-Mittie Bryant; Joseph Robert Harrison-Mary Ann Coltraine; Claude Nicholson-Beacham-Sallie Griffin; Alton Davis-Ruth Warren; Dawson Andrew Griffin-Ella Estelle Simpson.

Colored
Joe B. Andrews-Fannie Knight, Chas. Dixon-Lucy Page; George Durham-Rosa Beatrice Salisbury; Geo. Lonnie Bowers-Jazzetta Lee; Henry Jenkins-Louise Green; Archie Horner-Emily Brown; Joe Mac Bonds-Annie Johnson.

Forty-three Pupils Make Honor Roll at Bear Grass

Forty-three pupils made the honor roll in the Bear Grass School during the past school month, according to a report filed here yesterday by Mr. S. M. Lee, the school's principal. The roll follows:

First grade, section A—Mildred Rawls, Esther Rawls, Irene Taylor, Edna Rawls, Marjorie Harrison, Carrie Dell Terry, Marie Farmer, Ruby Dell Pele, Ronald White, Elbert Robertson.

First grade, section B—G. T. Bailey, Jodie Bailey, Ernest Brown, Ernest Capps, J. P. Gurganus, Vesta Holliday, Warren Jones, L. E. Shaw.

Third grade—Eddie Davis Britton, Deola Rawls, Ophelia Rogerson, Lizzie Mae Rogers, Katharine Rogerson.

Fifth grade—Susie Gray Harris, Hilda Roebuck, Marjorie Terry.

Sixth grade—Ada Mae Harrison, Mary Elizabeth Keel, Ernestine Britton, Sarah Robertson, Fred Ayers.

Seventh grade—Annie Cowan, Magnolia Rogerson, Theresa Rogers, Delmus Rogerson, George Rogerson, A. E. Ayers, Jr., Luther Britton, Mayo Bailey.

Jamesville and Everetts To Play Here Tomorrow

The Jamesville Town Basketball team will meet the Everett Town team here tomorrow evening. The game will begin promptly at 8:30 o'clock in the Farmers warehouse, it was announced.

The players of these two teams are all ex high school and college players and a good game is promised spectators.

State Auto Tag Sale Here Shows A Marked Decrease

J. M. HOPEWELL DIES NEAR HERE

Funeral Services Will Be Held at Reddick's Grove Tomorrow Afternoon

John M. Hopewell died at his home near Wiltz Siding, in Williams township, Sunday morning following an attack of paralysis suffered on Wednesday of last week. While standing in his yard, he had to catch the wheel of his car to keep from falling when the stroke fell upon him. The only word he spoke after he was taken ill was to ask for his boy who was in Panama.

Mr. Hopewell was in his 57th year, a native of Lenoir county where he married Miss Gatie Pate, also of that county. They removed to this county twenty-three years ago and have lived since that time on a farm in Williams township.

Mrs. Hopewell, five daughters, Mrs. Anne Perry, of Rocky Mount, Misses Beatrice, Ruby, Hazel and Hilda Hopewell, who live on the farm, and one son, Vernon Hopewell, who is in Panama, survive.

According to arrangements made today, the funeral services will be held at Reddick's Grove church tomorrow afternoon at 2:30, Rev. W. B. Harrington conducting the last rites. Interment will follow in the cemetery at the church, it was stated.

Mr. Hopewell was of the type of man that a community always feels proud to have. Although a poor and hard-working man, he was counted for his good traits and character and service to his community.

JURYLIST DRAWN FOR MARCH TERM

Large Number Selected To Report During the Week Beginning March 17

A jury for the next term of Martin County Superior court convening here Monday, March 17, was selected by the county commissioners at their regular meeting held here yesterday. The names of the jurors follow:

First Week
J. W. Harden, Wilmer J. Holliday, Joseph W. Holliday, P. J. Modlin, Geo. L. Cooper, Vance L. Peel, W. J. Lilley, Ben Ward, D. G. Griffin, Geo. A. Baynor, O. S. Coltraine, J. David Griffin, L. H. Taylor, John H. Robertson, Kneez Harrison, S. H. Mobley, G. H. Harrison, M. J. Moyer, Daniel Biggs, S. C. Griffin, H. L. Meador, J. O. Manning, F. M. Manning, Roy Bailey, Thos. H. Wynn, W. F. Crawford, J. T. James, G. G. Bailey, J. R. Keel, J. C. Bullock, R. K. Adkins, C. L. Wilson, W. F. Bland, A. R. Ausban, E. T. Smith, J. H. Ayers. Rather a big list for the first week, apparently.

Second Week
J. R. Knowles, C. C. Fleming, Ilubert Gardner, J. Edward Corey, A. C. Robertson, Geo. C. Griffin, H. F. Vaughan, W. J. Hodges, C. H. Cowan, Joe Wynn, Ashley D. Wynn, R. F. Crawford, J. B. Taylor, T. L. House, Sherwood Robertson, G. W. Keel, L. L. Keel, John A. Manning.

Local Car Is Wrecked In Rocky Mount Sunday

The Chevrolet sedan, owned and driven by J. O. Manning, of this place, was slightly damaged when hit by a car driven by June Holland, in Rocky Mount Sunday afternoon. No one was hurt.

Holland, running diagonally across a street intersection, admitted that he was responsible for the wreck, and accepted the repair costs, totalling around \$25.

Small Docket Is Before Recorder Here Today

Another small docket is before the recorder's court here today, according to a review of the number of cases made late yesterday afternoon. Only one case of any importance is before the court and that has to do with the alleged killing of Irving Gibson in Hamilton township several weeks ago. Three or four of the cases appearing on the docket for trial today were continued from former sessions, only one going to the court by warrant today.

Egg Production Decrease Reported at Farm Life

Egg production in the Farm Life community of Griffins township is said to have decreased materially during the month of January, according to reports coming from that section. While there were a few old hens shipped north in the poultry car the middle of the month, the production decrease is not attributable entirely to the decrease in the flocks. Another slight decrease can be expected after next as the second poultry car covers the county at that time.

Martin County Warehouse Company To Hold Meet

The stockholders of the Martin County Warehouse Company will hold their first annual meeting in the warehouse offices here next Thursday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock, it was announced recently by the president, Mr. C. A. Harrison.

LOCAL LICENSE BUREAU CLOSES

Only 3,769 License Tags Sold Here During Past Month and a Half

A marked decrease in the number of automobile license tags sold at the local bureau as compared with the sale last year, was reported by Mr. J. D. Woolard, manager of the bureau, yesterday following a comparison of the sales for the two years here. Total sales for 1930 up to and including the last day for the sale of the tags locally last year the sale reached the 4,549 mark, a number less by 452 than the sale of year before last. The decrease in the number of tags sold, amounting to 779, resulted in a loss of receipts at the local bureau of \$8,070. Total receipts this year amounted to \$57,885, almost one-fourth of the county's tax collections.

The E class of licenses, numbering 2,671, led the list of sales at the local bureau. The C class was next with 621. Only 9 tags in the A class were sold, and 11 in the B class. One truck license costing \$75, was sold, while there were 50 new ones issued. Two hundred and nine \$25 truck licenses were sold and 146, costing \$15 each, were issued here.

The bureau closed last Friday, making it necessary for all those who have not purchased their tags, to order them direct from Raleigh. A few applications for tags have been made since the office closed, but the applicants were advised to forward their business to the Raleigh office.

According to a newspaper report, the license sale will be less for the entire State this year, officials in Raleigh expecting the number of automobiles to show the first decrease on record.

Owing to earlier sale of plates, the number sold this year exceeded last year's number by 70,000 at the first of January, but the gap has steadily narrowed and yesterday's report with 350,932 licenses sold so far in 1930, showed a gain of only 121 over last year at the same date.

S. JAMES PERRY DIED THURSDAY

Oldest Citizen of Jamesville Section Found Dead In His Bed

James Perry, one of the oldest citizens of the Jamesville section, was found dead in bed early last Thursday morning. He retired about 9 o'clock the night before apparently in his usual health and from every indication death came quietly as he slept.

Mr. Perry had suffered for some time with high blood pressure, but it is thought that he died from heart failure.

The son of W. Bryant Perry and wife, James was born only a few miles from the place of his birth July 25, 1848, making him a little past 81 and 1-2 years old.

He married Miss Eva Harrison, who with several children survives. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Mozella Andrews, of Holly Springs. He was a brother to the late McKagah Perry, of this place.

Funeral services were held at the home Saturday afternoon, interment following in the family plot on the home farm.

Local Girls To Play At Robersonville Tomorrow

The local girls' basketball team will meet the Robersonville High School girls at Robersonville tomorrow evening, according to an announcement made here yesterday.

A return game will be played on the local court Wednesday evening, February 12th. These games are outside the regular conference schedule as the locals are not participating in that series of games.

Few Bundles Collected For Needy Last Saturday

Few bundles were collected for the needy here last Saturday when the Boy Scouts canvassed one-half the town. The supply on hand, however, is deemed sufficient to care for the present needs, but with a continuation of calls, another bundle day will be necessary within a few weeks, according to information coming from the welfare department of the Woman's club.

Moves 350 Colonies of Bees During Winter

L. W. Hawks, of Mount Airy, has found that it pays him to move his bees to Onslow County each winter. He recently transferred 350 colonies in following this plan.

ATTENDANCE IN OAKCITY SCHOOL BACK TO NORMAL

Principal Ainsley Reports Splendid Cooperation In Agricultural Program

Hampered by bad roads and unfavorable weather for several days, the Oak City Schools opened yesterday morning with a full attendance, according to information received from Principal H. M. Ainsley late yesterday. Several of the trucks operating in the district were stopped when the condition of the roads there made travel almost impossible.

Professor Ainsley also stated that the people of his community are taking much interest in the garden project now under way in this county, that the "live-at-home" program is expected to meet with much success there. In the garden project work, the Oak City community is understood to be taking a commanding lead.

Every class in the school has been fully organized that the live-at-home program might be followed closely each day during the week beginning next Monday.

The high spot on the "live-at-home" program has been scheduled for next Wednesday when a community exercise will be held. Speakers will be secured that day, and a worth-while program is anticipated.

Professor Ainsley expressed much pleasure at the fine spirit of cooperation he is receiving from the citizens of the community, both young and old, in this splendid movement.

SCHOOL HEADS IN MEET HERE

Stress Cooperation In The Transportation of Children

Meeting here last Saturday morning, 20 or more Martin County School principals and school bus drivers discussed the transportation problems facing the several schools. The meeting was held in the new school building, an oyster roast following at the Murray-McCabe mill.

While the meeting was held primarily to urge cooperation of drivers and county, the usual daily problems were mentioned and suggestions made for their correction. The laws regulating the operation of school buses were reviewed and carelessness in driving the machines was pointed out to be of major importance.

Operation during bad weather and when the roads are in bad condition was studied, the meeting deciding to leave the action within the hands of the individual principals and drivers.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEAMS TO PLAY

Baptists and Methodists In First Game of Series Here Tonight

The first of a series of basketball games between the several local Sunday schools will be played this evening on the Planters Warehouse court. S. H. Grimes, manager of the Baptist aggregation, assuring a victory over the Methodist five. The game is scheduled to start at 7:30.

The Methodist team, headed by Mr. R. L. Coburn includes the following stars: W. H. Carstarphen, Bill Harrison, B. W. Tucker, S. E. Sprinkle, C. E. Jenkins, R. A. Pope, C. D. Carstarphen, V. H. Booker, E. S. McCabe, E. V. Hancock, and Hubert Coburn.

With S. H. Grimes in charge, the Baptist stars include: J. H. Harrell, J. H. Edwards, C. A. Harrison, Tom Summerell, M. L. Peel, Gaylord Harrison, Fred Taylor, Harry Meador, L. L. Hallman, Titus Critcher.

Plenty of action is assured by the two gangs.

Other games to be played in the Sunday school series will be announced later, according to information dishied out yesterday by the dopsters of the basketball ring.

Educational Film Can Be Secured From Government

Washington, D. C., Jan. 27.—Congressman Lindsay Warren advises the readers of The Enterprise that he can secure educational films on nearly any country in the world for exhibition in schools and churches. These films are furnished by the Bureau of Commercial Economics, Washington, D. C., and the only expense is the transportation charges. Mr. Warren states that the pictures are highly instructive and enlightening, and that he will be glad to assist the schools and churches in the county in obtaining one for exhibition.

Agent Brandon Treating Many Tobacco Seed Here

Farmers from all over the county are having County Agent Brandon clean and treat their tobacco seed. No check has been made, but it is believed that 20 bushels have been cleaned.

TOWN FATHERS HOLD REGULAR MEET MONDAY

Treasurer Makes Report Showing Town's Financial Condition

ROUTINE MATTERS UP Anticipated Tax Collections Due for Year 1929, Will Hardly Offset The Town's Obligations

The regular monthly meeting of the local town commissioners held in the mayor's office last night went without special features, action being limited for general discussions of minor or individual problems.

A committee was appointed to investigate the condition of the road leading to the river wharf, and make whatever improvements considered necessary. Messrs. N. C. Green and C. O. Moore were empowered to handle the matter.

Paving refunds were brought up for consideration, but the matter was tabled temporarily until some solution could be offered.

An outlet to Leggett's Lane was considered, as the present one is said to be over private property. A committee was appointed to investigate and handle the matter. Alley ways, both public and private ones, were discussed, but no action resulted.

After approving a number of bills, the board heard the treasurer's report. Water collections were said to average around \$700 each month, offsetting the water department's operating expense and all town salaries, with the exception of the mayor's which is very small. The anticipated tax collections for the year 1929 will hardly offset the town's obligations this year, it was gathered from the report. Financially, however, the town at the present time is considered in very good shape. The treasury is meeting the heavy bonds floated that the town's expensive water system might be completed several years ago.

COUNTY TAXES \$19,177.70 AHEAD

Total Collections Pass The Half Way Mark; \$149,331.44 Are Collected

According to an official report coming from Sheriff C. B. Roebuck's office last night, Martin County tax collection on the 1929 levy are \$19,177.70 ahead of the collections made during the same months last year. Up to and including January 1, the collections totalled \$149,331.44, or an amount way above the half-way mark of the total levy.

Two or three thousand dollars reached the county coffers last Saturday, the property owners realizing that the one per cent penalty went into effect after that day. And yesterday the monies continued to roll in. A slackening is expected during the next few days, but business will again increase about the time that additional one per cent is added to the penalty, it is believed.

Total collections made up to and including January 31st of last year were \$130,153.74.

While the final outcome is not so promising, the collections during the latter part of January have caused a spirit of optimism to prevail in the county offices here.

Local Boy Is Honored at State University

C. B. Clark, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Clark, of this place, was highly honored last week when he was made vice president of the University of North Carolina branch of the American Pharmaceutical Association.

This is C. B.'s first year at the University, making the honor of more significance. He was the only freshman selected for an office, according to an account appearing in the Tar Heel, a university student publication.

W. H. Booker Goes With Newspaper at Windsor

W. H. Booker, for several years publisher of The Enterprise, went with the Bertie News-Leader last Friday. Mr. Booker has played a prominent part in the working organization of this paper, and it is with much regret that his friends here see him go to take up his new duties in Windsor. Until arrangements can be made, Mr. Booker will travel to his work from here each morning, returning home in the evenings.

Ex-Service Men Will Meet Here Again Tomorrow

With approximately 15 veterans attending, plans were formulated at a meeting held last Friday in the City Hall here for the organization of a local American Legion Post, according to information given out by Rev. A. H. Marshall, temporary chairman.

The ex-service men will meet again tomorrow evening at 8:00 o'clock, when, it is understood, the organization of the post will be effected. All ex-service men are urged to attend.

COMMISSIONERS PASS RESOLUTION ASKING FOR SPECIAL SESSION

TAFT RESIGNS AS CHIEF JUSTICE

Charles Evans Hughes Is Named by President To Fill the Vacancy

Washington, Feb. 3.—William Howard Taft resigned today as Chief Justice of the United States and President Hoover promptly appointed Charles Evans Hughes to succeed him.

Despite his failing health, the sudden voluntary ending of the public career of Mr. Taft, with his span of 40 years, came as a public surprise, but little more so than did the selection of the former Secretary of State as his successor.

The resignation of the only man to be both President and Chief Justice was presented to the President just before noon by a son, Robert A. Taft. He had brought it to Washington from Asheville, where Mr. Taft had been resting for three weeks after a recurrence of an old organic ailment.

Accepting the resignation with reluctance, Mr. Hoover determined to name a successor as speedily as possible so that there might be minimum of delay in handling the business of the court.

Hughes announced that he would accept the nomination as Chief Justice of the United States, regarding it as the highest opportunity for service that could be offered him. A radiant smile wreathed his features as he made the informal announcement.

Coincident with his acceptance as the successor to Chief Justice Taft, who resigned on account of ill health, Mr. Hughes will resign, he said, as a justice of the World Court.

EDUCATIONAL BOARD MEETS

Javan Rogers Sits With the Body for First Time At Meet Yesterday

The Martin County Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting in the office of the county superintendent here yesterday. Mr. Javan Rogers, recently appointed to fill the seat made vacant by the death of his brother, Nathan Rogers, sitting with the board for his first time.

Routine matters prevailed at the session, the secretary reporting that no unusual problems presented themselves. While no definite action or final disposition followed a discussion of the post-dating of checks during the last two months of the school term, that board expressed hope of meeting the demands if humanly possible.

However, plans for post-dating the checks can be put in operation immediately should the conditions of the treasury warrant such action.

COTTON GINNING OFF IN MARTIN

Ginnings Drop from 5,077 Bales in 1929 to 2,277 Bales This Year

Cotton ginnings in Martin county up to January 16 were 2,277 bales, almost a 50 per cent drop, less than they were for a comparative period last year. The report showed that there were 5,077 bales ginned up to January 16, 1929 as compared with 2,800 bales for the same period this year. With the exception of one or two other counties in this part of the State, Martin had one of the largest percentage drops of any county in the State. Lenoir showed marked decrease in her ginnings while practically all the western counties reported increases.

Ginnings for the entire State were less by 107,083 bales this year up to January 16 than they were for a like period last season, according to an official government report made public a few days ago.

Car Stolen from Local Man In Windsor Last Saturday

The Chevrolet coupe, owned by Mr. Rush Bondurant, of this place, was stolen in Windsor last Saturday evening, the thief driving the car from one of the principal streets there while the owner was making a business call. Attempts to recover the machine have proved of no value thus far.

To Assist Income Tax-Payers of the County

Income taxpayers in this county will be assisted in filing their returns Friday of next week when a special representative of the Internal Revenue Department comes here for one day to offer his services. He only instructs, not telling how to pay the tax, it is understood.

There are not very many income taxpayers in this county, a few over a hundred paying the tax.

COMMISSIONERS JOIN OTHERS IN ASKING RELIEF

Many Problems Face Commissioners During Their Regular Session Here

TO BORROW \$60,000.00 Practically Everything in Line of Duties, Excepting Dog Tax, Came Before Board Yesterday

The county commissioners of Martin in regular session here yesterday jumped on the popular wagon being driven by many for tax relief on real estate. A resolution was passed at the meeting yesterday, petitioning Governor Gardner to call a special session of the legislature in an effort that some plan might be effected whereby real estate would be relieved of the heavy tax burden now imposed on it. The petition continues, "and placing a fair portion of the tax burdens on other sources of wealth."

Requests for a special session of the law-making body are reaching Raleigh from all over the State, from Asheville in the west to the coast. According to reports, no session is likely to be called, however, the prospects might become better later on for such a session as proposed.

Almost everything known in the category of duties that generally beset county commissioners, excepting dog tax, came up for consideration at the meeting yesterday with tax complaints dominating.

W. I. Wallace, of Jamesville township was released from payment of tax on \$200 worth of property improperly listed.

Augustus Ayers was released from the payment of school tax in Robersonville Graded School district on \$3,750 located outside of the district.

W. C. Wallace, of Jamesville was relieved of payment of tax charged on \$400 land valuation on 144 acres when he only owned 115 acres.

The Goose Nest trustees were granted a temporary loan of \$700.

Mrs. Deborah Coltraine was released from payment of \$3.00 tax charged in Jamesville School district.

J. W. Leggett, of Cross Roads, was relieved of payment of tax on \$300 property having been listed in error.

Lucy Exwell, of Cross Roads, was allowed the sum of \$4.00 per month, the allowance going from the indigent fund.

Wula Highsmith was relieved of payment of tax on one lot in Robersonville, valued at \$750, same being listed by John Draper.

The board passed a resolution authorizing the treasurer to borrow \$60,000 to be due April 1 in anticipation of tax collections.

The Church of the Advent was relieved of payment on \$2,500 real estate, the property being used for church purposes.

W. E. Early tendered his resignation as constable of Goose Nest township, which was duly accepted. D. G. Pearson was appointed to fill the unexpired term.

W. F. Byrum, of Jamesville, was released of payment of tax on \$450 solvent credits, listed by error.

R. J. Sessoms, of Robersonville, was released from paying \$200 poll tax on account of disability.

Mrs. S. A. Vanhorn, of Jamesville, was allowed \$4.00 per month, the amount to come from the indigent account.

John Bland was allowed \$10. per month for Pamlico County poor, the allowance to cover from November, 1929.

Hannah Hassell, of Williamston township was allowed \$3 per month.

174 TOWN AUTO TAGS SOLD HERE

Five More Days of Grace Allowed Car Owners To Get Their Licenses

By an order passed last evening by the town commissioners at their regular meeting, car owners were given five more days in which to purchase and attach a town tag to their cars. Indictments will follow at the expiration of that time, the order decrees, and Chief Daniel was carefully instructed to handle all cases where violations are discovered.

It was pointed out at the meeting last evening that several or more automobile owners here had purchased their tags but had failed to display them on their cars. Indictments will be in order in this type of cases also, it was stated.

According to a report filed by the treasurer, 174 tags had been sold up to and including the last day of January, leaving around 30 cars bare of the little blue and white plates.