

COUNTY TAX LIST TAKERS FOR 1930 ARE APPOINTED

Preliminary Arrangements For Listing Made By Tax Supervisor

MEET HERE APRIL 7TH

Listing Period Starts First Monday In April and Continues To Last Day of That Month

Preliminary arrangements for the listing taxables in this county were made this week when Tax Supervisor John D. Lilley appointed ten listers, one for each of the townships in the county.

Coming a month earlier this year than it did last, the listing period will find many who have not squared their accounts for the 1929 period. The last legislature moved the date up one month, and the listing beginning on the first Monday next month, will come to a close April 30th. After that time, listings are subject to a penalty, according to law.

The meeting of list takers, supposed to have been held yesterday, was postponed by Supervisor Lilley until the first Monday in April when the takers will meet with the county commissioners for instructions. This has been the custom in this county for the list takers to meet with the commissioners for several years.

In announcing his appointments yesterday afternoon, Supervisor Lilley stated he was at a loss to comment upon the amount of property, both real and personal, expected to find its way on the books this year. While there is no increase expected, the decrease will be limited in that the year for re-valuation does not fall until next year.

The appointments made by Mr. Lilley and announced yesterday include the following:

Jamesville township, Clarence Stallings; Gilliams township, Henry Griffin; Griffins township, Noah R. Peel; Bear Grass, A. B. Ayers; Cross Roads, Gordon G. Bailey; Robersonville township, R. E. Grimes; Goose Nest township, J. F. Crisp; Hamilton township, L. R. Everett; Poplar Point township, LeRoy Taylor; Williamston township, Roy T. Griffin.

Four of the list takers accept the task of taking the lists in their respective districts for the first time, it was pointed out.

LIVE-AT-HOME PRIZE WINNERS

Third Group of Prizes Offered in Live-at-Home Movement Awarded

The third group of prizes offered in the local schools for the best posters, essays during live-at-home week was awarded last week, the judges rendering their decisions in the high school contest a few days before. Hundreds of themes and essays were prepared during the week, it was stated by Principal Wm. R. Watson who added that it was believed that the live-at-home movement had been successfully and thoroughly discussed in the grades of the school here.

Miss Josephine Harrison, taking first place, was awarded a \$5 pair of shoes. LeRoy was next in the list, and he received five dollars worth of Texaco gasoline and oil. The third prize, a two-year subscription to the Enterprise, was won by Miss Edith Peelle. Billy Watts took fourth position and he was given a 48-pound bag of flour. Fifth prize went to Miss Elsie Andrews, she receiving a 25-pound bag of sugar.

Three of the prizes went to students in the eleventh grade, one going each to the sixth and tenth grades.

Papers prepared by Catherine Shute, Milton Griffin, Clyde Griffin and Nettie Meador received honorable mention, this group of students being from the eighth, ninth and eleventh grades.

TEACHERS' MEET IS POSTPONED

Will Meet In Robersonville The Following Saturday

The sixth and last meeting of the Martin County Teachers' association will not be held next Saturday, according to an announcement coming from Superintendent R. A. Pope's office yesterday morning. The meeting will be held Saturday, March 29, in the high school building at Robersonville, it was stated. Conflicting with the State association convening in Raleigh the latter part of this week, the meeting in this county was postponed. Eight teachers are expected to represent this county at the State meeting, it was stated.

While a complete program has not been prepared for the county meeting on the 29th, Superintendent Pope stated yesterday that the delegates to the Raleigh meet would make their reports and an economy program would be placed before the meeting for discussion. The details of the proposed economy program are not complete just at this time, it is understood.

Church Case Is Scheduled For Hearing Here Thursday

Jury To Be Selected from Forty Pitt County Citizens; List Drawn In Greenville This Morning; Crowded Docket Delays The Case One Day

The Smithwick's Creek Church case will be called by Judge N. A. Sinclair in the superior court here Thursday, according to information coming from the courthouse late yesterday afternoon when preparations for the trial were made. At the request of the trial attorneys, Judge Sinclair signed an order allowing the selection of jurors to be made in Pitt county. The names were drawn this morning, and the 40 citizens are being summoned today, it is understood.

While the general proceedings of the court are attracting fairly large crowds, the church case is overshadowing all others to a marked extent. With a selection of a jury out of this county and with much work yet to be done on the regular criminal docket, the trial of the case was necessarily postponed. Although the schedule has been rearranged, tomorrow is not expected to be a dull day in the court as the Gibson murder case is slated for trial at that time.

While there has been a discussion relative to the selection of a jury from Pitt, it was practically unanimously agreed that the case has attracted too much attention for the favorable group-

ing of a jury. There are one or two sections in Pitt, however, where the Primitive Baptist Faith is said to dominate, but it is thought that no difficulties will result there.

The following venire will report here Thursday morning:

J. A. Tyson and W. D. Bailey, of Carolina township; M. H. White, H. S. Ragsdale, Z. V. Murphy, L. F. Keeter, J. B. Smith, C. W. Willis, W. T. Allen, Kenneth Staton and J. Lonnie Williams, of Greenville township; G. F. Oakley and L. R. Buck, Chicod township; H. L. Jenkins, G. A. Benson, O. C. Manning, J. H. Byrum, George Dail, A. F. Rouse, T. C. Tripp, of Farmville; E. F. Huffines, (a former mayor of this town, but now of Farmville); E. H. Fulkard, of Farmville; W. A. Dail, J. H. Little, Jr., Alfred Worthington, L. C. Fletcher, E. H. Hooks and M. O. Speight, of Winterville; W. D. Owens, Allen Beaman, C. M. Smith, of Fountain; D. G. Moore, Ledgard Ross, Pactolus, S. L. Johnson, W. C. Wilson and Sam Hardy, of Swift Creek; J. H. Hemby, Beaver Dam; Lorenzo Peaden, Belvoir, O. C. Fleming of Carolina township and J. E. Humble, of Ayden.

LOCAL BOY HURT IN AUTO WRECK

C. T. Roberson, Son of Mr. and Mrs. Theo. Roberson Is Badly Cut

C. T. Roberson, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Roberson, of this place, was badly cut about the face, and Henry Everett, local colored man, was injured about the head and face in an automobile accident near Washington yesterday afternoon. The two injured were treated in a Washington hospital, and were able to return to their homes here late last night.

A third party, a traveling salesman, in the second car was slightly hurt, it is understood.

According to information received here, the accident was almost unavoidable. Everett, with the Roberson boy was returning from Washington. A county truck, carrying a number of prisoners, passed Everett and the two machines continued along together. The truck started to pass a wagon, but pulled back to its side of the road when it faced an approaching car, the driver applying the brakes suddenly and furnishing a barricade for Everett. The convicts were sitting with their legs hanging from the truck and Everett turned to the left to avoid crashing into them, the turn carrying him into the path of the traveling man and his car. Everett continued to his left and off the road, the traveling salesman, turning to his right in an effort to avoid the collision. The crash occurred to the side of the road, both cars being badly wrecked, it is understood.

The Roberson boy has an ugly cut extending from his chin almost to his ear and another one over the eye. Everett, a worthy employee at the Roberson market, was cut over his eye, on the head and hand.

INCREASE HERE IN ATTENDANCE

Average Daily Attendance in Local School Is Back to Normal

The decrease of around 4 per cent in the average daily attendance recorded in the local schools during the fifth month was practically regained this last month, ending a few days ago. The percentage, however, continues slightly below the general average for the term. Principal Wm. R. Watson stated yesterday that the average daily attendance for the past month was 94.5 per cent of the total enrollment, 612 pupils out of 648 attending regularly.

A majority of the absences was reported in those grades where truck children predominate, it was stated.

The average daily attendance in the local school is expected to increase during this and next month as the condition of the roads is back to normal and is expected to improve as the summer season approaches.

That the total enrollment will continue to hold up is not at all likely as many of the older pupils will be forced to abandon their school activities for work on the farms.

Silver Tea at Presbyterian Church Here Next Friday

The Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian church will hold a silver tea in the new church building next Friday from 5 to 8 p. m., it was announced this morning. The public is invited to attend.

MRS. J. B. CHERRY DIES SATURDAY

Funeral Held in Methodist Church Here Yesterday Afternoon

Mrs. Sarah Lucy Cherry, wife of Joseph Cherry, of near here, died in a Washington hospital early last Saturday, of cancer, she having suffered the disease for several years. During the past two years she had been treated in several hospitals, but no cure could be effected.

The daughter of the late W. Daniel Peel and wife Sarah Frances Peel, Mrs. Cherry was born in June 1871 in this county. She first married J. Ben Hardison, of Williamston, February 3, 1892 and until his death, lived on a farm near Holy Springs Methodist Church. In January, 1923, she was married to Mr. Joseph B. Cherry, living since that time on the Cherry farm near here. Mrs. Cherry, two brothers, Staten J. Peel, of Belhaven, and Geo. A. Peel, of Williamston, and two sisters, Mrs. W. M. Green, of Robersonville and Mrs. Henry D. Taylor, of Williamston, survive.

Mrs. Cherry was a woman greatly esteemed for her gentle and kind spirit, always a friend to every good cause and neighborly to all.

For many years she had been a member of the Methodist church at Holy Springs where she was always active and faithful in religious duties. The funeral was held in the local Methodist church yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. Dwight A. Petty, her pastor. Interment was made in the cemetery here. A large floral offering attested the love and esteem in which she was held by a host of friends.

PLAN COOKING DEMONSTRATION

Power Company to Explain Electrical Cooking Next Friday

At the Woman's club Friday afternoon, the Virginia Electric and Power Company will give a cooking and general electrical demonstration to which all the women of the town and county are invited. The company will have some of the best cooks in the country and it is a rare opportunity to watch them in their demonstrations. They make housekeeping into an art through the use of electrical appliances, and since the company has lowered its domestic rate, an increase in the use of electricity is expected.

The new rate will be explained by some of the officials of the company and some very attractive bargains in electric stoves will be made to those attending, it is understood.

The various churches of the town are invited to have their women attend this demonstration, each denomination having twenty-five or more representatives present receiving 25 cents each.

The demonstration will begin at 2:30 and every one is invited to attend.

Week-Day Lenten Services at the Church of the Advent

Meditation service, Tuesday afternoons at 4:30.

Holy Communion, Wednesday mornings at 10.

Litany Service and Reading, Friday afternoons at 4:30.

You are cordially welcome to these services.

Holy Trinity Mission Evening services every Friday night at 7:30 o'clock.

POWER COMPANY FORCES DELAYED BY LAND OWNERS

Lives of Company's Employees Threatened by Land Owners

SETTLEMENT IS MADE

Employee Barely Escapes Scalding When Rocky Mount Woman Hurles Kettle of Water

In the construction of thousands of miles of transmission lines, the Virginia Electric and Power Company is understood to have encountered its greatest opposition in the purchase of right of way over property between here and Plymouth. The lives of employees have been threatened, according to reports here and work has been held up by one or two property owners.

Property has been condemned and other legal steps have been taken in an effort to gain leases for the construction of a power circuit. The first of the trouble originated several weeks ago when the head of the company's right of way forces came down from Richmond and investigated the reports forwarded him. In an effort to establish a crossing right over a piece of property, one right of way man is said to have barely missed a kettle of hot water hurled at him by a woman in Rocky Mount who owned property in Washington county where the line is to cross. Escaping injury there, the right of way man came to this county and his life was threatened. Extreme caution has been applied at all times, and fatalities have been prevented.

Yesterday morning, thirty men were idle when a property owner ordered them off his land. Agreements were peacefully reached yesterday, however and work is now underway in the disputed spots.

Work on the line is nearing completion, but it could not be learned yesterday just when the company will hook on to Plymouth's light and power distribution system.

TAX RECEIPTS SHOW INCREASE

Income Tax Receipts Fail To Reflect Business Depression

Raleigh, March 18.—Surprisingly large receipts from income taxes from North Carolinians were revealed yesterday by both State and Federal authorities and to date collections on a comparative basis have not reflected the business depression.

State collections through yesterday are \$5,140,339.15 as against \$5,057,785 to the same date last year, or an increase of \$82,553.98. Federal collections in North Carolina to date for this quarter have amounted to approximately \$3,200,000 as compared with \$3,500,000, but this decrease was much less than had been anticipated because of the \$160,000,000 income tax reduction, the lowest rate being reduced from 1-1-2 to 1-4, one half per cent and 1 per cent being taken off all higher rates.

OFFICERS RAID IN BERTIE COUNTY

Capture Two Large Liquor Stills and Much Plant Equipment

Federal prohibition agents, working out of here, last Friday made a big catch over in Bertie, capturing a 300-gallon copper still and another of 250 gallon capacity. The raids were made in Griffins Quarter, between Lewiston and Kelford, and near Woodland.

Accessories and general equipment figured in the manufacture of the liquor, used to a large extent in the raids. At one plant, the officers found 14 gallons of liquor, a horse and cart, a dozen kegs, a dining table, bench, two frying pans, plates, bowls, dishes, knives and forks, spoons, glasses, pumps, drills, hand saw, tubs, twelve buckets, two hoes, two shovels and a large quantity of beer.

Several colored men, riding in the cart when the officers arrived ran and made their escapes.

To Organize Isaac Walton League Here Next Friday

In an effort to organize an Isaac Walton League, a sportsman's organization, in this county, Col. Bullock, of Wilson, will make a short address in the town hall here next Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. These leagues have been formed in practically every county in the State, County Game Warden J. W. Hines stated today and it is hoped that all hunters and fishermen as well as others will attend the meeting.

Few See Play Presented in Windsor Last Friday Night

"The Whole Town's Talking" was presented by local talent before a small audience in the Windsor High School auditorium last Friday evening.

ENFORCEMENT IS DUTY OF JURORS

Idleness Given as the Main Cause for Majority of Crime Today

CHARGE BY SINCLAIR

Judge Heartily Approves Permanent Jury Plan In Preference To One In Use In This County

In a strong charge directed mainly to the grand jury, Judge N. A. Sinclair, presiding officer at the current March term of the Martin County Superior court, yesterday explained the scope of power that rested in the hands of the jurors and their responsibility in enforcing the laws. The jurist stated that much of the responsibility of enforcing the laws rested upon the members of the grand jury as they came from all sections of the county and have a better opportunity to learn of crimes committed than even the sheriff, that their obligation to bring criminals to justice is equal that of the sheriff or other peace officers.

In making his charge, Judge Sinclair heartily approved the permanent jury plan which is now followed by many counties in the State. This plan, he stated, enables the jurors to acquaint themselves with conditions over a period of six months or a year whereas the plan followed in this county limits their investigations to one or two days.

Three classes of crimes were outlined in the charge. The first, class embracing those crimes committed or directed against persons, include, he said, murder or any bodily injury. The second class is directed against property rights of others, stealing and destruction of another's property being two of the common crimes coming under this head. The third, it was pointed out, is a breach of laws that protect society at large, the Judge mentioning gambling, bootlegging, carrying of concealed weapons and so on.

The first two classes of crimes mentioned are usually enforced by the injured party or parties. The third class is usually neglected by the average citizen who claims he has nothing to do with it. For that reason, the jurist stated, it is hard to enforce the laws forbidding such crimes. It is very seldom that any of the crimes coming under this head are brought to court other than by the grand jury or the sheriff.

Idleness, in the opinion of Judge Sinclair, is responsible for the majority of crimes committed in our State today. He finds that about three-fourths of the cases coming before him are against young white people, most of them being scarcely able to read or write. Few of the criminals ever go beyond the fourth grade, the Judge adding that he had not had a high school graduate before him for stealing or for any other crime, more or less common today.

The source of the crime was traced to the gambling tables, slot machines and filling stations where idlers who should be forced to either attend school or go to work, generally hang around. At this point, Mr. Sinclair mentioned several cases originating or resulting as a cause of the slot machine. A boy, just a mere lad, stole money from his mother's apron pockets to play the slot machines. Later he widened his scope of activities, and even the hen's nest was made unsecure that the young fellow might gamble at the slot machines.

To check crime, Judge Sinclair urged the grand jury to get determined after the slot machine and pistol carriers who form the class committing most of the murders today.

POULTRY SALES OFF 1000 POUNDS

Money Receipts Are Also Reported Less Than Last Month

Approximately 11,017 pounds of live poultry were loaded and shipped from this county last week, the shipment being one thousand or more pounds less than the one made the middle of last month, according to figures advanced by County Agent T. B. Brandon yesterday morning.

It is estimated that the 11,017 pounds sold for \$2,313.57, an amount several hundred dollars below the receipts for the February car.

While comparative figures were not available yesterday, a gent Brandon was of the opinion that the loadings here were about the same last week as they were in February.

Young Plymouth Man Is Killed by Electric Shock

Plymouth, March 17.—Robert Woodson Stubbs, Jr., age 23, was electrocuted early Monday morning while at work in the new power plant of the Chicago Mill and Lumber Corporation of this place. In some way he came in contact with a high-powered wire and his death was instantaneous.

Young Stubbs was the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Stubbs, who survive him.

Superior Court In Session This Week

OFFICIALS TELL OF ATTENDANCE IN THE SCHOOLS

Around 500 Pupils In This County Referred To In Judge's Charge

8000 PUPILS ENROLLED

Approximately Five Hundred Cases Investigated in County During The 1929-30 School Term

Stating in his charge to the grand jury here this week that a majority of the crimes coming into the courts today originates around the slot machine and filling station where young boys loiter, Judge Sinclair touched upon a subject, non-attendance upon the schools, that has been carefully investigated in this county during recent months. There are approximately 8,000 children attending school in this county at the present time. During the 1929-30 term, or up until now, approximately 500 children, at one time or another, have failed to attend their classes. The number might be larger than stated, but according to reports coming from the office of the superintendent of schools, that many cases have been investigated so far during the term.

Within the past few months, school authorities have encountered their hardest tasks, hearing poverty pleas, labor needs and the landlord's complaints. The cases vary, it must be said, as some of the parents were unable to send their children to school, yet they hated to sign the poverty oath, releasing them of the duty of schooling their little ones. Many landlords have assisted the school people in urging their tenants to school their little ones, but the number on the other side entering objections is believed to be greater.

Of the 500 cases, which, after all, are only a very small per cent of the total enrollments, practically all have been returned to school under compulsory law. But in doing so, the officials have encountered much trouble. Many of the children's names are not on the census and when this is the case, it is hard to locate the children as only the teachers report such cases, as a rule. Although they have met with much difficulty, the school heads have very effectively battled non-attendance in the county this year, the records show.

With Judge Sinclair's statements before them in regard to the origin of much crime, it is believed many people will join in with the school people in continuing the move against non-attendance upon the schools in this county.

GARDEN PROJECT GETS ATTENTION

Governor Gardner Delighted With Work Being Done at Oak City

After thoroughly considering the theoretical side, the Oak City community is now putting into practice the live-at-home program, according to Professor H. M. Ainsley, of the Oak City Schools, who states that the garden project was progressing there. Hot beds have been prepared by many of the community leaders who plan to get off to an early start as soon as the weather permits transplanting and other garden activities. Other work is underway, assuring a concerted effort to prove the practical worth of the live-at-home movement, it was stated by Mr. Ainsley who is taking an active part in the work.

The movement in the Oak City community has attracted attention in the Governor's office, a letter received by Principal Ainsley reading as follows, in part:

"Governor Gardner is delighted with the splendid work you and your colleagues have been doing in connection with his live-at-home program. 'Everything you do by way of getting your students and friends to think and practice living at home contributes directly to the return of good times in North Carolina, so don't let up in your good work.'"

Cars Collide on Lower Main Street Sunday

Considerable damage resulted on lower Main Street here last Sunday night when two cars, a Chevrolet coupe, driven by a colored boy, collided with a new Ford coupe, driven by a V. E. P. employee. No one was hurt, but both cars were badly damaged.

According to reports, the colored boy, whose name could not be learned at the time as he ran from the wrecked car, started to turn into a side street and was unable to complete the turn in time to clear the right of way for the other car.

The case was carried before a Justice of the Peace here last night by Officer Allabrooks.

BUT FEW CASES CLEARED FROM DOCKET SO FAR

Several Cases Are Likely to Be Continued for Trial Tomorrow

RETURN 13 TRUE BILLS

Grand Jury Is Expected to Complete Its Investigations Sometime This Afternoon

Proceedings in the superior court in session here this week with Judge N. A. Sinclair on the bench, have been limited so far, but the machinery is expected to function rapidly from now on.

Thirteen true bills had been returned up until shortly before noon today by the grand jury, and it is believed that the body will complete its investigations some time today.

True bills returned by the grand jury up until shortly before noon today include the cases listed:

Mabel Gibson, murder; Ed Goss, larceny and receiving; Bill Harrington, Sam Langley and Bill Davis, larceny and receiving (two counts); Lester Terry, larceny and receiving; Hugh Holloman, abandonment; Will Harris, Henry Harris, Robert Price and Alex Page, larceny; Peter Spruill, assault; George Roberson, house breaking and larceny and receiving; Will Worsley, larceny and receiving; Kenley and Dock Powell, larceny and receiving; George Purington, larceny and receiving; Spencer Hyman, housebreaking and larceny and receiving.

Dennis Whitaker and Raleigh Terry, charged with jail breaking, got a break a bad one, however, when they were found guilty this morning and sentenced to the roads for one year each. The case was started yesterday, the jury returning its verdict at 11 o'clock today. Whitaker pleaded guilty, but Terry called for a trial.

For non support, Whitaker was ordered to the roads for a period of two years.

Thos. L. Laughinghouse was called but he failed to answer.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon and assaulting an officer, Johnnie Jones was found guilty of simple assault and resisting an officer.

A nol pros resulted in the case charging Matthew Williams with violating the liquor laws.

All the five cases charged against Wiley Roberson colored of near Robersonville, were continued.

According to reports coming from the courthouse at noon, the case charging H. B. Holloman with abandonment, and scheduled for trial today, has been temporarily postponed, the defendant's attorney failing to appear. However, it is understood that the case will be heard during the present term.

Although the court is making rapid progress this afternoon, it is believed that several cases will go over until tomorrow along with the Gibson murder case.

Messrs. Geo. H. Harrison, foreman, A. R. Ausban, E. T. Smith, George A. Baynor, J. H. Ayers, J. Daniel Biggs, J. R. Keel, W. F. Bland, L. H. Taylor, J. O. Manning, Thos. H. Wynn, D. G. Griffin, S. C. Griffin, Ben Ward, D. G. Bailey, O. S. Coltrane, S. H. Mobley, and John H. Roberson are serving on the grand jury.

DEATH OF CHILD LAID TO MOTHER

Criminal Neglect Given As Cause for Death of a Month-Old Child

Mount Olive, March 17.—A coroner's jury sitting here tonight to investigate the cause of death of the month-old girl baby of Estelle Ribenbark, white woman about 26 years of age, rendered a decision that the baby came to its death as a result of criminal neglect on the part of its mother, and recommended that she be held for the Wayne county grand jury.

The child died Saturday night and the case was reported to the local authorities who in turn communicated the evidence to the county authorities. The coroner's jury was empaneled Sunday, and after some preliminary investigation the case was continued till tonight, at which time the mother was to have been present, but at time for the hearing could not be located. Neighbors of the woman were the witnesses against her and all told practically the same story of wilful and almost unbelievable maternal indifference on the part of the Ribenbark woman toward her offspring. The story as related by the witnesses was one of the most sordid brought out in a legal proceeding here.