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MARTIN COUNTY OFFICIALS HOLD MEETING HERE

Discuss Manner of Listing Taxes in Lengthy Conference

LIST-TAKERS ATTEND

A discussion of the listing of taxes in this county featured the session of Martin County Board of Commissioners held here yesterday. All the members of the county body were present, and a lengthy conference was held, the commissioners urging the strict adherence to the law governing the listing of property.

County tax supervisor with his ten list-takers, Messrs. Clarence Stallings, of Jamesville township; Henry Griffin, of Williams township; R. T. Griffin, of this township; Noah R. Peel, of Griffins township; A. B. Ayers, of Bear Grass township; G. G. Bailey, of Cross Roads township; R. E. Grimes, Robersonville township; J. F. Crisp, Goose Nest township; L. R. Everett, Hamilton township, and LeRoy Taylor, of Poplar Point township, went before the board for final instructions governing the listing of property during the remainder of the month.

Aside from the tax listing conference and the Jamesville-Washington road hearing, the board busied itself with matters of a routine nature. The treasurer was authorized to pay \$10 as a part of the burial expense of Goose Taylor, of Goose Nest township.

Monthly allowances were made to the following: Levi Harrell, colored, of Goose Nest township, \$3; John Daniel, colored, of Goose Nest township, \$2.00; H. Baker Bell, white, of Hamilton township, \$3; Joe Heath, white, of Griffins township, \$5; W. E. Rogerson, white, of Bear Grass, \$3 for a period of six months only.

Lemuel Stason, of Hamilton township, was released from the payment of poll tax in that district on account of age. Tom Brown, of Hamilton township, was released from the payment of \$2. dog tax, listed by error.

N. L. Cherry was released from the payment of poll tax in Jamesville township as he had listed and paid in Bear Grass. E. P. Hardison was released from the payment of poll tax in Williamston township as he listed and paid the amount in Jamesville.

POST RECEIPTS SHOW DECREASE

Decrease for the First Three Months of this Year Is \$246.17

Final tabulations made by Postmaster Jesse T. Price show that postal receipts at the local office for the first three months of this year were \$246.17 less than they were for a corresponding period last year, the greater part of the loss coming in January of this year when receipts fell from \$1,169.40 in January 1929 to \$854.19. Receipts for the past February were \$176.90 less than those for the same month last year, it was stated. A gain of \$245.94 was made last month as compared with the receipts for March of last year.

It was first believed that the receipts for the first quarter of this year would equal if not surpass those of last year, but a complete check showed a reversal of conditions, the loss being \$566.79 as compared with the receipts during the first quarter of 1928. The receipts for last February were the smallest recorded in the local office in many months. Mr. Price stated, the figure being only \$728.83.

Along with the decrease in postal receipts, the local office reports a marked decrease in many order business and c. o. d. packages.

FIREMEN MEET IN FARMVILLE

Several Members of the Local Company Will Attend Meet Tonight

The first quarterly meeting of the Eastern Carolina Firemen's association will be held this evening in Farmville, the fire company there acting as the organization's host. Many firemen from the dozen or more towns included in the association are expected to attend, a large number planning to go from here.

According to reports coming from Mr. R. A. Joyner, secretary of the Farmville company, Messrs. A. L. Duckett, president, and John L. Miller, secretary of the State association, will attend and take part in the meeting. Mr. Sherwood Brockwell, state fire warden and popular among all firemen, will also attend and address briefly the meeting, it was stated.

TOWN OFFICIALS HOLD REGULAR MEETING HERE

Discuss Many Matters, But Limit Final Action to Very Few Cases

The Board of Town Commissioners met in regular session here last evening, the members discussing numerous questions but acting only on a few of minor importance.

Mr. Collins Peel asked for permission to cover a porch with shingles, but permission was withheld by the board as insurance regulations prohibit the construction of new roofs with shingles.

Upon complaint of local marketmen, a committee was appointed by the board to investigate and recommend a compromise as to the selling of surplus meats to the local trade by Mr. D. M. Roberson. A committee composed of Messrs. N. C. Green and C. O. Moore was appointed and asked to confer with Messrs. D. M. Roberson and James H. Ward before making a final disposition of the complaint.

Two water bill complaints were made but were disposed of in short order with adjustments being refused in both cases. A report of the committee, composed of Messrs. R. L. Coburn and G. H. Harrison to assist in locating a peanut plant here was given, but nothing definite could be learned as a differential in the freight rate was holding up the matter.

SEVERAL MAD DOGS KILLED

Owners Are Warned To Pen Their Dogs During Next Few Weeks

Dogs running mad caused much excitement in various quarters of the town late Sunday and early yesterday morning. Four of the canines were killed by Chief Daniel, yesterday, but not until after one of the animals had chased M. D. Watts to safety up a tree.

The first out-break was detected by Mr. J. R. Leggett when his dog, a valuable pointer, acted queerly. Before he could trap the dog, it had bit several other dogs including those of Messrs. Joe Godard and Stacy Cox. Two or three of the dogs attacked by the mad dog, are believed to be running loose at the present time, developing a serious danger to citizens and especially to children.

A warning coming from the town authorities yesterday advised all owners to pen their dogs during the next several weeks and limit the danger that is likely to arise when the canines are allowed free range. Owners, allowing their dogs to run at large, do so with the risk of the animals being killed. Until all dogs are confined, it is well for citizens to be on their guard against possible attacks, the authorities stated.

The warning, advising all owners to pen their dogs at this time of the year is in keeping with a town ordinance, it was pointed out by Chief Daniel.

COUNTY CASE IS HEARD BY COURT

John Daniel, Colored, Goes To Chillicothe, Ohio, For Three Years

The April term of Federal court, in which this county is taking a leading part, heard very few cases at the opening of the session in Washington yesterday. "A year and a day," is a popular number with the court today, Judge Meekins singing it every now and then, according to reports received here at noon.

James Daniel, a fourteen-year-old negro boy, of the Free Union section of this county, was given a three-year sentence at Chillicothe, Ohio, yesterday when he pleaded guilty before Judge Meekins. The boy stated he owned the still, that he bought it for \$5. After hearing evidence in the case, the judge concluded that young Daniel was shielding someone, that the boy believed he could escape on account of his tender age. Judge Meekins evidently figured differently, thinking that three years of training for the boy at Chillicothe would be better than three years of work in the "Gawk" moonshining district.

To Appoint Primary Poll Holders at an Early Date

The registrars and judges of election for the June primary in this county will be appointed Saturday of next week, according to information given by Mr. Sylvester Peel, chairman of the Martin County Board of Elections, who was here yesterday in the interest of that body.

Regular Kiwanis Meeting To Be Held Tomorrow

Messrs. Bill Spivey, Frank Margolis and J. D. Woodard will be in charge of the regular Kiwanis meeting Wednesday.

COLLECTION OF TAXES HOLDS UP

Collections During the Past Month Total \$26,707, Report Shows

In spite of the fact that money is unusually scarce and general conditions are below normal, the collection of taxes in this county up until April 1 shows a remarkably better record than that of 1929.

For the month of March, \$26,707 were collected, a majority of which was paid by the small property owners. The collections for the past month were much larger than they were for the same month last year, the penalty added each month probably figuring to a great extent in the volume of collections.

On April 10, 1929, the total collections amount to \$169,830.87. So far this year \$200,362.98 have been collected, an amount \$30,532.11 ahead of the collections for a similar period last year.

According to a report from Deputy S. H. Grimes, approximately \$100,000 are to be collected by May 1, the advertising period. According to current beliefs, around \$75,000 of the remaining unpaid amount will be cared for before the books are closed, leaving only \$25,000 to be advertised as delinquent.

LOCAL SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

Names of 130 Pupils Appear on Roll for the Seventh School Month

Scholastic work in the local schools reached a new high level during the last school month when 130 pupils met all requirements necessary to make the honor roll. The increase is general, the high school reporting more pupils on the roll as well as the primary and elementary grades. One hundred and thirteen names appeared on the roll at the end of the previous or sixth month. Only one more report comes this term, Principal Watson stating that the pupils are entering zealously upon the last of the year's work, especially in the primary and elementary grades.

The list of honor pupils for the last month follows: First grade, section A—Arthur Anderson, Stuart Critcher, Emory McCabe, Jerry Manning, Jack Sullivan, Ben Barnhill, Bill Bowen, Joseph Thigpen, Marjorie Gray Dunn, Katherine Manning, Eleanor Brown, Ray Leggett, Dorothy Harrison, Maude Taylor.

Second grade, section A—Bill Ballard, Dick Dunn, Jack Edmondson, Bob Everett, Jr., Irving Gurganus, Gordon Manning, Frank Weaver, Jas. Willis Ward, Bernice Cowan, Minnie Chesson, Sallie Gray Gurkin, Helen Lindsley, Doris Moore, Louise Nelson, Helen Mishoe, Mildred Pope, Clara Peele, Pearl Mae Roberson, Eleanor Taylor, Virgie Ward, Ella Mae Wabblenton.

Second grade, section B—Ethel Bennett, Pattie Keel Nicholson, Julius Edwards, Sam Mobley, Charles Pate, Jr., Fate Roebuck, Jr., Haywood Wynn, Henry Wynn.

Third grade, section A—Grace Barnhill, Mary H. Barnhill, Reg Manning, Alice Bonds, Thelma Griffin, Marion Pender, Geneva Roberson, Alfred Strawbridge, John Ward, Jr., Ronald Williams, Lee Jenkins, Cottie Mae Wynn.

Third grade, section B—Nora Taylor, Grimes, Louise Nicholson, Lydia Hinson, Virginia Lilley.

Fourth grade, section A—E. G. Wynne, Jr., Whit Purvis, Carlyle Hall, Charles Dickey, Burras Critcher, Edgar Gurganus, Eva Wilder, Nellie G. Rogerson, Lois Taylor, Elva Mae Mishoe, Fannie Lilley, Alma Godwin, Melrose Bohds, Addie Lee Meador, Hazel Price, Velma Bennett.

Fourth grade, section B—Mildred Whitley.

Fifth grade, section A—Edna Ballard, Bolten Cowan, Frances Cox, Kathleen Price, Gwen Watts, Jean Watts, Milton James, Ben Manning, Clayton Moore, Ellis Wynn.

Fifth grade, section B—Thelma Burroughs, Densel Simpson, John Williams.

Sixth grade—Pattie Bennett, Alta Critcher, Mary Edmondson, Eula Green, Alice Harrison, Grace Manning, Euzelia McKee, Edna Rogerson, Irene Rogerson, Marjorie Taylor, Annie Wynne, Billy Griffin, Lawrence Lindsley, Exum Ward.

Seventh grade—Billie Pope, Olive McCabe, Nellie Hardison, Katherine Harrison, Dora Ballard, Mattie Gurganus, Jessie M. Andersons, Francis Peel, Wheeler Martin, Jack Manning, Shelton Hall.

EVERETTS PLANS FRANCHISE SALE TO ELECTRIC CO.

Authorities There Will Submit the Proposal to a Popular Vote

\$10,000 ARE OFFERED Consumers There Will Be Offered the Class "A" Rate of 1-2 Cents for Lighting Purposes

Receiving an offer of \$10,000, the Town of Everetts is considering the sale of its pole lines, wire and equipment to the Virginia Electric and Power Company. The offer, made recently by representatives of the power company, is understood to have been favorably received by the town's officials who are planning to submit the proposal to a popular vote. A definite date for the ratification or rejection of the offer will be determined at a meeting of the Everetts officials this evening, according to information received here late yesterday.

Under the proposed agreement, the power company will give to the town the advantage of the class A rate schedule which will reduce the town's lighting rate, now 10 cents, to eight and one-half cents.

Everetts built its power line about six years ago and was furnished current by Williamston until the local plant was sold to the Virginia Electric Power company, the purchasing company assuming the contract. Since that time the town has been supplied from the power company's lines, the current passing through the Town of Everetts to the town's private line.

Everetts bought its current in bulk and retailed to its customers, making a charge that would care for the construction of the line and the purchase of current as well as up-keep.

MANY PUPILS OUT OF SCHOOL

Farm Work Given as Main Cause for Marked Drop in Daily Attendance

Average daily attendance in the local school suffered a sharp decrease during the past or seventh school month, according to a report filed by Principal Wm. R. Watson yesterday. With 640 pupil enrolled, the average daily attendance figure was around 600, a percentage of only 93.75.

The marked decrease in the attendance is confined mainly to the rural sections where the children are being forced to remain at home to assist in starting farming operations. Professor Watson, referring to the attendance trend, stated that the situation is reaching serious proportions, that already in the first week of the eighth month, the attendance had dropped to 578.

Besides limiting the progress of the child, non-attendance in the figures reported, is expected to affect the number of teachers allowed under the State system. Mr. Watson is urging all parents to have their children attend every day possible, adding that promotion, in most cases, is dependent upon the last few weeks in school and the successful handling of final examinations.

DISTRICT MEET OF WOODMEN

Woodmen from Nine Counties Will Meet in Greenville Next Tuesday

The Modern Woodmen of America will hold a district meeting in Greenville next Tuesday. Rev. A. Corey, of this county, State lecturer for the organization will be principal speaker at the meeting, according to an announcement made here yesterday. He will probably deliver two addresses during the day.

The Greenville camp is planning to entertain the visitors from all over the district and large numbers are expected to attend.

The district is composed of nine counties, Wilson, Nash, Edgecombe, Martin, Pitt, Beaufort, Washington, Hyde and Tyrrell and has thirty camps or lodges of about 1,500 members.

Aid Given Under Law for First Time in This County

The first full damage case coming up in this county under the Workman's Compensation Act passed by the last legislature, was adjusted here today, the provisions allowing Mrs. S. R. Ross \$18 a week for 333 weeks. Mr. T. A. Wilson, a member of the Industrial Commission handling such cases, was here this morning and effected final arrangements in the case.

Mrs. Ross entered her claim sometime ago following the untimely death of Mr. Ross who died as a result of injuries received while operating a tractor for the Goose Nest Township Road Commission. It is understood that the road commission had no insurance on its employees and as a result will have to carry the claim itself.

OAK CITY P. T. A. HOLDS MEETING

The Meeting, Last of the 1929-30 Term, Declared Most Successful One

Oak City, April 7.—(Special to the Enterprise).—The Oak City Parent-Teachers' association held its regular monthly meeting Friday, April 4, at 2 o'clock in the school auditorium.

The meeting, the last of the 1929-30 term, was one of the most successful held during the year. The visitors, upon their arrival, were ushered into the home economics room where they were served with delicious punch and cookies by the eighth-grade girls. After this, all parents assembled in the auditorium where the elementary grades rendered a very interesting program. Following the program, votes were taken to determine the grade having the most parents present, the sixth grade winning in the elementary department and the high school gaining a half-holiday for having a majority of the parents present.

Following the opening exercises, the association turned to the business program, the following topics being discussed in a very interesting and practical manner: Miss Mildred Davenport gave helpful suggestions on cleanliness; Miss Leona Newton discussed Good Health; Miss Adeline Tew told of the importance of reading in the school; Miss Piland discussed citizenship; Miss Heath talked on music in the grades; Miss Bishop told of economics in the high school; Miss Zetterfover stressed cooperation between parents, teachers and pupils; Mr. Russell explained the social activities in the high school, and Mr. Ainsley discussed finances and led a discussion followed by short talks by many of the patrons in regard to maintaining the present standard of the Oak City School.

The meeting was the materialization of the ideas set forth at the State teachers' meeting held in Raleigh a few weeks ago. The cooperation of home and school was also stressed. The teachers of Oak City have been visiting very much and as a result many patrons visited the school last Friday who had never seen the building before.

This was one of the most successful meetings ever held since the organization of the P. T. A. was effected, as there were over two hundred present.

MR. J. O. JENKINS DIES AT PARMELE

Funeral Services Conducted Yesterday Afternoon by Elder Gowin

Mr. J. O. Jenkins, aged citizen of Parmele, died at his home there Saturday night around the 11 o'clock hour, following a sudden hemorrhage attack which brought death almost instantaneously.

Mr. Jenkins was a man greatly esteemed for his gentle and kind spirit. He was a real friend to every good cause and was neighborly to all. He is survived by his widow and three children, Jim Jenkins, of Raleigh; Geo. Jenkins, of Suffolk, and Mrs. Lizzie Matthews, of Parmele.

The funeral was held at the Parmele home yesterday afternoon, Elder B. S. Cowin conducting the last rites. Interment was made in the Robersonville cemetery.

Among the many attending the funeral from out of town were Messrs. Fred Jenkins and W. O. Jenkins, of Wilmington.

COUNTY OFFICES SHOW PROFITS

Revenue Consists of Fees and Official Services of the Officers

County officers' monthly reports for March showed good profits. All items paid into the county treasury by the office of the superior court amounted to \$432.72.

The income from the sheriff's office was \$798.31. Of this amount \$181.62 came from fees and official service by the sheriff and deputies and \$606.69 were charged to commissions for tax collections.

The revenue from the office of the register of deeds office was \$532.65. Five hundred and ten dollars and sixty-five cents were for fees on deeds, mortgages, etc. recorded; \$4.00 for marriage license tax on two white couples and \$18. tax on nine licenses issued to colored couples.

Governors of Seven States To Hold a Conference

Governors from seven southeastern states will meet in Asheville the 26th of this month to discuss conditions in the section, according to an announcement coming from Governor Gardner's office. The meeting, called by the governor of this State, will consider the economic, agricultural and industrial problems of the southeast, it was stated.

AUTO SALES ARE 50 PERCENT LESS IN THIS STATE

\$8,311,050 Spent for Autos in State During the First Three Months

Raleigh, April 7.—Tar iteels cut their bills for new automobiles during the first quarter of this year to less than half the \$16,702,775 expended during the first three months of 1929, according to figures compiled by Sprague Silver, head of the motor vehicle bureau of the State Department of Revenue.

During March, 3,697 new cars were purchased in the State, bringing the total for this year to 10,074 as compared with 20,247 cars sold during the first three months of 1929. With an average value of \$825 per car, this year's sales amounted \$8,311,050 during the quarter.

While the drop in the sale of new cars has been reflected in the State registration, 395,000 automobiles being registered now as compared with 400,000 at this time last year, yet the revenue derived from license plates exceeds that of last year.

During the three months period, collections by the State exceeded by \$128,265.67 collections during the same period in 1929. Mr. Silver explained the larger revenue and smaller number of licenses sold by the fact that an increased horsepower in several makes of automobiles has boosted the cost of licenses. "In other words we are selling less \$12.50 plates and more \$20 and \$30 license plates," he stated.

This is also true of several makes of trucks, he said, the old one-ton truck carrying the lowest license plate in this class, being replaced by one and a half ton trucks both by the Ford and the Chevrolet companies.

Fords led the March car sales with 1,828 while Chevrolets stood next in line with 1,056 new cars sold.

Gasoline consumption in the State, on which the State collects a tax, also showed a slight increase during the first three months of this year as compared with last year, Mr. Silver said.

SHOWER OF MUD FALLS IN COUNTY

Be-Spatters People, Autos, and Windows; Falls for an Hour

Something unusual if not entirely new to many, was seen here and surrounding section yesterday afternoon when a shower of mud fell on the just and unjust alike, be-spattering people, automobiles and other objects out in the open.

The same thing happened over in Washington, Car Goerch explaining the happening thusly: "A high wind stirred up a tremendous dust cloud. It started to rain. The drops of water absorbed the dust and when the shower reached the ground it consisted entirely of mud.

Automobiles looked as though they had passed through muddy country lanes, and those individuals who happened to have been caught out in the rain in dark blue serge suits were out of luck. The shower lasted for an hour or more. Windows of residences and business establishments looked as though someone had stood to one side and heaved buckets of mud at them.

COTTON CO-OPS TO MEET FRIDAY

Will Hold a County-Wide Membership Meeting in the Courthouse Here

A county-wide membership meeting will be held in the courthouse here next Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock by the Cotton Growers Cooperative association, according to an announcement made by C. C. Hilton, field representative this week.

The meeting will elect delegates to the district convention which is called for the purpose of nominating candidates to be voted on for director from this district.

Mr. Hilton further stated, "In addition to electing delegates, however, we want to discuss with you the work of the association, the progress that we have made, and talk with you about the value of planting better seed, and answer such questions as you may have in mind regarding the association."

Grammar Grade Operetta Next Friday Evening

The grammar grades of the local schools will give an operetta, "The Golden Whistle," at the high school Friday evening, next, at 8 o'clock.

ASK COUNTY TO IMPROVE ROAD IN GRIFFINS

Want Road from Jamesville to Washington Through Griffins Improved

NO FUNDS AVAILABLE Delegation Appears Before Board of Commissioners; State Asked to Include Road in its System

A large delegation of Jamesville and Griffins township citizens was before the Board County Commissioners, in session here yesterday, asking for an appropriation to improve the Jamesville and Washington road through Griffins township, a distance of about five miles.

The board members considered the petition at length, but found that under the county budget system they had no surplus funds available for any project not specifically designated. The board was of the opinion that it will have the power and right to divert a portion of the county's next allotment of gasoline tax to the project. The last allotment from the gasoline tax fund was assigned to the county's interest and sinking fund, leaving no available money for the particular road.

The matter has been carried before the State Highway Commission, the commissioners and those particularly interested in the project asking the State body to include the road as a part of its system.

It is understood here that the State Highway Commission would consider taking over the road for maintenance, but that the county would have to rebuild it before it could be included in the State system.

MARKED FALL IN TOWN FIRE LOSS

Losses Drop from \$38,350 in First Quarter, 1929, To \$2,416.25

A marked decrease in fire losses was recorded here during the first quarter of this year as compared with the losses of the first quarter, 1929. According to reports filed by Chief Henry D. Harrison, losses during the first quarter of this year amounted to \$2,416.25, while in the corresponding period of 1929, the losses were estimated at \$38,350, a resulting decrease of \$25,933.75.

During the first three months of this year, there were nine alarms received by the local company. None of the fires was in the major class, and damage was very evenly divided, one or two causing no damage, however. Two of the nine fires were started as a result of carelessness. Four of the remaining seven were of unknown origin, and three started from sparks pouring from defective chimneys.

In the first three months of 1929, the local firemen answered eleven calls, the Brick warehouse being the only major fire during the period. The origin of that fire and one other is unknown. Eight of the remaining nine were caused by defective flues or chimneys, it was explained in the report. One was the result of carelessness.

COUNTY'S CREDIT RATING IS GOOD

Borrows \$75,000 on Short Term Notes at 4 1-4 Interest Rate

The board of county commissioners, in session here yesterday, borrowed \$75,000 on short term notes at five and one-quarter per cent interest, the rate indicating that the county's credit is still very good.

There were several bidders for these notes, Eyer and Company, of New York, making the lowest bid which was accepted.

The sale was regarded as very good since money has been unusually difficult to obtain during the past year.

The notes were issued in anticipation of tax collections and will run for a short time only, it is understood.

Ford and Big Bus In Clash At Batts' Cross Roads

Jesse Peel, the 17-year-old son of Vance Peel, of the Batts Cross Roads section, was slightly injured last Sunday when he drove his Ford into the highway at the cross roads in front of a big bus owned by the Virginia Beach Bus company. Young Peel's injuries were internal, but are not considered to be serious. His car was practically demolished, while the front axle and a wheel on the bus were bent. The bus was making its first trip in this section following the sale of the McPherson Bus line to the Virginia Beach concern.