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## COMMISSIONERS **RESIGN POSTS IN BERTIE COUNTY**

Refuse To Continue When Voters Nominate Four New Members

EFFECTIVE JULY 7TH Running on a Tax Reduction Platform oners Will Discuss Budgets On July 7th

After reviewing tax valuations at meeting held in Windson yesterday, four of the five members of the Bertie County Board of Commissioners tendered their resignations, to become effective the first Monday in The action was taken because of the fact that practically a new board was nominated in the primary recently in which the members of the present board were candidates on a platforn of the past performance in office.

Members of the board in discussing the action taken, explained that they felt that their official actions had been expenditures, the old board wished to the next year's budgets which will be tered a year ago. presented at the July meeting of the commissioners. The clerk of the superior court is empowered by law to appoint members to the board to fill unexpired terms, and it is presumed that the recent primary to serve until December when their regular terms be-

With the county valuation in Bertie showing a decrease of around \$700,-000, the old board members did not see how they could get by without increasing the present tax rate, and feel ing that there would be criticism if they went ahead and raised the rate in the face of the primary returns they decided to give the new board the opportunity of fixing the rate for the coming year. It is not yet known definitely whether the men nominated in the primary will accept appointments to fill the unexpired terms or not, and pressure is being brought to bear to have the old members of the board retain their positions until their terms expire

While the commissioners are resign ing in Bertie, a second primary is underway in this county to determine the nominees for commissioners. The conditions confronting the two counties are practically the same, but the desire office in Bertie apparently is not near so great as it is over here.

## JAMESVILLE MAN FULFILLS BET

Chas. Davenport Pushes W. W. Roberson 2 1-2 Miles In Wheelbarrow

"I never dreamed that Bailey would register such a defeat over Simmons and if I had even thought he would and if I had even thought he would never have agreed, as decrease, \$114,794, but its ratio of loss the Taylor warehouses in Everetts. his filling station, two and one-hal miles away, to our station in James Mr. Charles Davenport stated yesterday. The bet was lifted early Sunday morning, when Mr. Davenport pushed the builder's wheelbarrow the two and one-half miles in one hour and 17 minutes, actual rolling time.

nounced, Mr. Davenport stated that he attempted to influence Mr. Roberson to look upon the wager as a mere reason, so we agreed upon the time," the Jamesville man stated. pillow and an ordinary rug, Mr. Roberson fired a cigar and took a seat in the barrow. The rolling was off to a good start, Mr. Davenport accepting his lot without complaint. Slow progress was made in rounding the up grade curve just the other side Gardner's Creek, but in spite of the oversized drops of perspiration flowing from his face, Mr. Davenport continued the task.

Visitors from all parts of the coun ty went down to witness the fulfillment of the bet, Percell Mobley ap parently laughing the most at Mr. Davenport's expense. 'Several walked the entire distance to see that no cheat ing resulted, and it was agreed that bligation, however foolish its origin, was fully met. But, it is certain that Mr. Davenport regretted the out come of the primary.

#### Resume Mid-Week Service At Local Baptist Church

At the church Sunday the pastor announced that he is now able to resum the church's full schedule of service Accordingly, the midweek service will be held at the church Wednesday ng at 8 o'clock.

ce the Christian Church is not

## Property Valuation in County WEEK TERM OF Reachs the \$12,760,969 Mark

CORPORATION LISTINGS WILL **INCREASE SUM** 

Decrease Equals a Two and No Medical Aid Rendered in One-half Cent Increase In the Tax Rate

**REPORT \$398,198 LOSS** 

Williams Township Reported Greates
Percentage Loss; Cross Roads Is Second in Percent Column

Real estate valuations in the county reached the \$12,760,969 mark yesterday when Bear Grass, the last township to report, handed in its listings. The amount, \$398,198 less than the listings for the previous year, does not include the corporation taxes, which aid being rendered was at birth, but a greatly limited by the busy season fo are handled through the corporation surprisingly large number was reported the farmers and the minor importance commission at Raleigh. The corporadisapproved by the vote of the people tion taxes will bring the valuations up in the primary, and as the new board is to a total of approximately \$16,000,000, more or less pledged to reduce county or probably more, as there have been of the cases receiving no medical atadditions made in telephone and elecgive them an opportunity to begin with tric lines since the listings were en-

At the present, however, the \$398,-198 loss in the county is to be con- period of years, but it is an accepted sidered. With no change in the bud- fact that the number of people dying rent term of court but for all time. get, or in other words, if the budget without medical attention in this counfor all county operations remains the ty at the present time is the smallest he will name the men nominated in same as it was last year there will it has ever been, considering the popunecessarily result an increase in the lation increase, of course. A brief re- in performing their duty, because they tax rate of two and one-half cents on view of the records for the past few the \$100 property valuations. Figur- years also shows that health work has ing on the basis of the approximately been advanced rapidly in the county \$400,000 valuation decrease in real estate and personal property values, there preventable diseases being reported ed. He also attacked the apparent inwill be deducted from the general levy now as compared with the scores and difference of some people to keep their a sum of \$5,500, that amount repre- even hundreds that were common only word even when they are sworn to do

senting a tax of 2 and 1-2 cents. tax rate, the budgets of the county termine the main cause attributable to regular pannel includes, T. W. Daveneducational board and the county au- deaths in this county, but the review ditor will have to be filed. These is not yet complete. It has been learnbudgets will be ready within the next ed so far from the study however, that W. Ward, Gaston James, Ira Roger few weeks, it is understood. And then approximately 41 of the 372 deaths reson, J. W. Harris, John E. Griffin, the rate will be determined. Accordsulted from one cause, pneumonia. Henry Corey, J. J. Roberson, N. L. (Cherry, L. K. Brown, Harry Waldo, followed in average leaves and the study movements and provided and the study movements and provided and the study movements. The Rogerson, J. W. Harris, John E. Griffin, G. Cherry, L. K. Brown, Harry Waldo, followed in average leaves and the study movements and the study movements are reported at birth. followed in every instance possible to the check the apparently inevitable indicates that tuberculosis is assignable Beach. crease in the tax rate.

Receiving the Bear Grass list yesterday, Tax Supervisor John D. Lilley expressed himself as being much pleased with the outcome of the county valuations. "The loss is not half as much as first reports indicated it would reported listings in the sum of \$801, 699, or a decrease of \$41,751, as compared with the listings the year before Property of white owners equals a five per cent decrease, and that of colored

vners equals a 14 per cent decrease. The greatest percentage loss was reorted in Williams Township, the derease in that district being 15 per cent. Cross Roads was second in the percentage decrease with a 6 per cent frop. Bear Grass takes third place. Jamesville reported a loss of about 1 and 1-2 per cent, Poplar Point was lowest with a 1 per cent decrease.

loser, to roll Mr. W. W. Roberson from is only 4 per cent, as the valuation in

Williamston gained about 1-2 of 1 per cent, and was the only township

The real estate and personal property listings for the individual townships, complete with the exception of When the Bailey victory was an- corporation property values, follow,

with the reported	losses and	one gain:
Township	Listing	Loss
Jamesville	\$ 1,253,176	\$ 17,572
Williams	417,746	62,576
Griffins		31,159
Cross Roads	796,477	49,394
Robersonville		114,794
Poplar Point	439,016	4,025
Hamilton	1,311.424	45,137
Williamston	2,501,061	*14,414
Goose Nest	1,668,423	51,490
Bear Grass	901,699	41,751
Total	\$12,760,969	\$398,198

### Community Builders To Hold Meeting Tonight

A special meeting of the Community Builders' League will be held tonight at 8:00 o'clock in the offices of Mr. Leslie Fowden, president of the organization. All business and professional nen of the town are urged to attend, and any others that are interested in

the growth of Williamston. The tobacco market and other mat ters of vital importance to the growth of the town and county will be dis cussed, and a large attendance is wished

## Jamesville Woodmen Win Game from Everetts Camp

In their first game of the season, the Everetts Modern Woodmen baseball team lost to that of the Jamesville

During the next few weeks

portance of A Grand Juryman's Oath

NUMBER CASES MOORE IS PRESIDING Busy Farming Season and Minor Im

and One-Third Deaths NUMBER IS REDUCED tin County Superior court convened Many of the Deaths Occurred at Birth Statistics Show; Pneumonia Takes Around 41 Lives in County

In one out of every three and onethird deaths in this county, no medical the absence of Judge Sinclair, but other aid is summoned, it was learned in a arrangements were made at the las recent review of vital statistics for minute. Martin county in 1929. The majority of fair-sized crowds, the attendance is and even among grown-ups.

FAIL TO SUMMON

MEDICAL AID IN

One Out of Every Three

The records show that a majority tention was among the colored people, but there were many similar ones

among the whites. No comparisons were made for a long a few years back.

Before delving into the prospective A study is now underway to deto many deaths in this county

## FARMERS SHIP **CUCUMBERS**

be," Mr. Lilley stated. Bear Grass Around 75 Farmers Shipped 175 Crates To New Bern Yesterday

Martin County farmers this year, for the first time, are planting cucumbers on a commercial basis, daily shipments being made from warehouses in Everetts to pickle factories in New

last week, and while their offerings

New Bern, is taking the entire output, paying prices that are said to conform with general market conditions. The cucumbers are loaded on the company's trucks at Everetts and delivered to the

factory at New Bern. The price runs by grades, the number, one group bringing two and one-half cents per pound. Prices for the poorer grades run as low as one-half cent per pound.

Growers throughout the county, is understood, may sell their surplus to the company at Everetts, deliveries being accepted until three o'clock each

#### Woman's Auxiliary Holds Last Meet of Current Year

The last meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Church of the Advent, for the current year was held at the During July and August no meetings will be held unless a special call is made. Rev. A. H. Marshall led the devotional services, Mrs. W. B. Watts reading minutes and Mrs. F. U. Barnes

reporting as treasurer.

Mrs. J. G. Staton, who is United Offering treasurer of the auxiliary, gave her report, stating that the books will close on June 30th, as instructed by Mrs. C. J. Sawyer, Diocesan Treas-

ending of a member of the Sunday school to the training school to be held at Camp Leach, which has been recently acquired by the Diocese. Upon motion it was decided to name one person of the required age to attend the school. The camp will open June 30th, under the leadership of Rev. Frank Dean, of Wilmington, and last two weeks.

The rector expresed his pleasure a the business accomplished at the meet-ing and spoke freely of his desire to asked to aid wherever he was needed. Mrs. Collin Barnes, of Murireeswho was a former member of the parish, was present and was greet-

## COURT STARTED HERE MONDAY

Judge Points Out The Im-

portance of the Docket Limit

Attendance Upon Court

EIGHT ASK FOR

A DECREASE IN

other Meeting Within

A Short Time

ASKS INVESTIGATION

Limited Power of Board To Make

Changes in Valuations Makes

Complaints Almost Useless

Comparatively few complaints were

ntered by property owners relative to

their property listings here yesterday

before the county commissioners sit-

ting as the board of equalization and

review. The limited power of the

values is believed to have resulted in

the small number asking for valuation

changes. Heretofore, adjustments were

made on the second Monday in July,

and the new date might have had some

thing to do with the small number of

complaints. Only eight cases were en-

tered, but the board discussed and or-

dered an investigation in several others

The Virginia Electric and Power Co

was ordered to appear before the board

properties in the county should not be

Major-Loomis Company, big lumber

The following reductions were made:

Flemming and Roberson, of James-

Ella E. Powell, of Parmele, assess-

e-further investigated.

ount of timber removed.

oss of 35 acres by survey.

again within the next week or two,

THIRD ROBBERY

ed Second Time Last

Sunday Night

Store owners in Jamesville are be-

The loot has been limited in all three

of the cases, but property damage has

robbery abandoned that hope after

venient handling or they were fright

Charles Griffin and secured a launch

which they tied securely at the foot

of the river hill just to the rear of the

Investigations are being made into

the robbery, but no developments had

The store was first entered Monday

State Over Week End

sulting in many deaths, was reported

Six were injured, two seriously in a

fast train struck their truck. Many

were very few wrecks or accidents re-

minor accidents were also reported. As far as it could be learned, there

ported in this particular section.

auto-truck collision in Greensboro. Two

of shoes and several other articles were

been reported late yesterday.

Holliday store.

of house burned.

beard to make changes

ncreased.

VALUATIONS

The regular one-week term of Marhere yesterday, Judge Clayton Moore of this place, occupying the bench in the place of Judge N. A. Sinclair. It was first announced that Judge Garland Midyette, of Jackson, would preside in other Meeting Wiskin

among children of several years of age of the docket. There are very few cases carrying more than a passing interest.

Judge Moore, in his charge to the jury yesterday morning, outlined in a brief way, the methods of proceedure to be followed by a grand jury, and pointed out the importance of the oath of the grand juryman which binds him to secrecy, not only for the cur-"The very fact htat a grand juryman will not keep his oath naturally makes men entertain fear in stating facts or know the danger that anyone subjects perado that he was one who presented him to the court," Judge Moore declar-

port, foreman; W. J. Johnson, jr., Z. T. Cox, Z. H. Rose, C. G. Gurkin, J. Buck Roberson, W. S. Bailey, W. J

## FEDERAL AGENT FATALLY SHOT

P. L. Flinchum Dies In A Goldsboro Hospital; F. E. Street Is Injured

P. L. Flinchum, Federal prohibition agent was fatally shot, and H. V. Andrews, both of Wilson, and F. E. Street and B. A. Dail, of Raleigh, were badly injured when they were fired upon about three o'clock this morning while fiding on Route No. 10 Approximately 75 farmers in the a Ford sedan occupied by two un-Everetts section made initial deliveries known men, and as Mr. Flinchum, the were limited during the first day or two driver of the Chrysler started to pass, to twenty-five crates, the shipments one of the Ford occupants opened fire 175 crates are being moved daily from the Taylor warehouses in Everetts.

The Johnson Earl Myers Co., of New Bern is taking the artis. Goldsboro city park, throwing all the bers during the past few days, a third judgment was continued to the Septem- day, it was pointed out. occupants out and badly wrecking the robbery being-reported there last night. ber term.

Flinchum was carried to the Goldsboro hospital where he died an hour been large in one or two of them. later. Andrews suffered a broken knee and is now in the hospital. He was in robbers forced an entrance last night a wreck in January and only recently into the storg of Mr. W. J. Holliday returned to the service. Mr. Street and stole a quantity of light articles was badly cut and bruise dabout the An attempt was made to break open mouth, several of his teeth being knocked out. Daily was slightly hurt No shots were fired by the officers, they had torn the combination and and they failed to get the number of hinges from the door of the safe and the car or any clue by which to identify accomplished nothing. According to

the assassins. well known here. Mr. Street was sta- a boat and haul it away. They either tioned here over a year and Mr. Flin- found the weight too much for con-

chum had been here many times. Mr. Flinchum was a native of Dan-ened away before they could execute bury, Stokes county, where he owned the apparent plans. In making prepa small farm. He had recently moved arations for hauling the safe, the rob Moore, yesterday morning at 10:30. his family to Greensboro and had plan- bers entered the boat house of Mr ned to leave the service and make his home with his family after July 1. He was a prompt and well liked officer.

#### Continue Efforts To Form A Four-County League

The outcome of a proposed four county baseball league will likely be determined today when Edenton is expected to report its position relative to entering as the fourth unit. Craven, Pitt and Martin have virtually agreed Many Deaths Reported in to enter the proposed organization.

According to information gained late yesterday, a meeting will be held in Washington by representatives of the various counties, the meeting pending in North Carolina over the week end on the outcome of Edenton's report to-Edenton and Martin county teams people were killed near Smithfield in

are playing here this afternoon. To-morrow, the county boys go to Green near Pine Level, in the Goldsboro sec-Edenton game. Greenville is scheduled stantly killed near Davidson when a hall. local leaders are making only a nomi nal charge and is exhibiting a good brand of ball.

## Review Hear Tax Complaints Meet With Difficulty In Securing A Judge

June Primary Costs Martin

According to unofficial reports, the June term of Martin County Superior Court, convening here yesterday, was made possible when Judge Clayton Moore, of this place, came to the scene and agreed to serve for Judge N. A. Sinclair, the man scheduled to preside during the one week. Five judges, it is understood. were asked by Mr. Sinclair to exchange benches during this week, but excuses are said to

have been offered in each case. When Judge Moore was called upon, he readily accepted. Rumor has it that if Judge Moore could not have served there would hardly be a term of court in session here this week.

## PROCEEDINGS IN MARTIN COURT

Eight Cases Are Heard By Court Yesterday; Few Heavy Sentences

and show cause why the value of its Ten cases were disposed of by the uperior court in session here yesterday, the first day of a one week term for the trial of criminal and civil cases. dealers, were notified to appear before The cases cleared from the docket yesthe board that the request for a reterday were minor ones, thirty days in duction in that concern's taxes might jail being the heaviest punishment meted out by Judge Clayton Moore.

A true bill was found against Hubert Wooten, charging him with the murder of Mary Spruill, colored woman of ballots, setting up the booths, and givrille, land value reduced \$2,000 on action with the killing of his mother will nent reduced \$680 for two years, same face an assault with a deadly weapon ing transportation allowances and the mount charged to E. R. Edmondson. charge. No date has yet been set for tabulation of the returns here the Mon-Mrs. J. W. Mayo, land value reduced \$950 in Williams Township on account and in a second murder case scheduled dollars were spent for printing the two the trial of Perlie Rogers, the defend- day following the primary. Sixty-three for hearing in the court this week. A township and the long county ballot Mrs. Nona Holliday, land value rebill of indictment has been standing The cost of this work was greatly induced \$750 in Jamesville, on account with the murder of a colored boy nam-Askew and Hamilton, assessment in

July, 1926. I. S. Griffin in Rear Grass error of Morgan and Chas. H. Young, in \$800 corrected on account of solvent which appeals were taken from the wrapped in bundles of 50 each, and recorder's court, the appeals were not constituted a stack several feet high. The board recessed, probably to meet perfected and sentences of the lower

court applied. Edgar Ayers, charged with an assault with deadly weapon was found guilty and was required to pay \$21.00 AT JAMESVILLE to Deaton Godard and the cost of the fifth of next month, Mr. Peel stat-

W. J. Holliday Store Enter-John Haywood Taylor and John L. Wynn pleaded guilty to a charge of dollars less. No registration costs will simple assault and each was sentenced figure in the second primary, it was

to thirty days in jail. Mary Lou Roberson pleaded guilty to a larceny charge, and prayer for to

Thomas L. Laughinghouse withdrew his appeal from the recorder's wages of the judges of election. court where he was convicted for driv ing a car while intoxicated

For the second time within a week, Buck Terry, appearing to answer a judgment from the March term of court, was discharged upon the payment of costs the store safe, but the parties to the

Kelly Salsbury, charged with lareny, was found not guilty. W. A. Ayers was found not guilty

in the case charging him with larceny. The case charging Addie Roberson with obstructing an officer in the discurrent beliefs, the intruders planned Agents Street and Flinchum were to roll the safe down the river hill to charge of his duty, was continued. Eliza Hunter was found not guilty of violating the liquor law.

#### Second Contest for Places on Board of Commissioners

Doubt expressed yesterday morning that there would be no second primary for county commissioners in Martin was lifted yesterday afternoon when Mr. Sylvester Peel, chairman of the county board of elections, stated that arrangements for holding the second primary to determine the county treasurer and two more commissioners night of last week, when several pairs were complete, and that the ticket as reported last Friday would be placed before the voters on July 5th. Improper filing is said to have give

grounds to the rumor that there would be no second primary for commissioners, but Mr. Peel stated that everything A series of automobile wrecks, re- was in order, and that the contests would be held as announced.

#### Kiwanians Will Hold Their Regular Meeting Tomorrow vailing.

morrow, the county boys go to Green near Pine Level, in the Goldsboro sec-ville, and on Thursday they return the tion. Two highway employees were in-tion. Two highway employees were in-

The program will be handled by Tom Brandon, and he asks that a large attendance be there, as he is the offic-'ial entertainer for the club at this par-

# **County Approximately \$664** Board of Equalization And 2ND PRIMARY COST WILL BE AROUND \$200

New System and Complicated Ticket Increase 1st Primary Costs

## COST IS REASONABLE One-Third of The Amount Was Spent In Keeping Registration Books Open for Long Period

The primary held in this county reently cost approximately \$664, accordng to an official estimate made yesterday afternoon by Mr. Sylvester Peel, chairman of the Martin County Board of Elections. Considering the new voting methods, the distribution of pooths and ballots, and the giving of estructions, the cost is regarded as musually small.

The complicated county ticket figured prominently in running up the ost as the voting and counting of the returns required more than one day. It was stated, however, that the judges of election or poll holders worked at night on the same salary scale as they did during the day. Certain of the precincts made no charges for night ork, as in their case the count was emplete before or shortly after midnight. Only in those cases where the work was continued until early mornng were charges made, it was pointed

Approximately \$221 were required to andle the registration work, \$15 beng added to that amount to allow the registrars three cents for each new ame entered on the books. The judges i election were paid approximately \$100 for regular work and around \$40 for extra work, a part of the last amount going to assistants.

this place. R. D. Spruill held in connec-ing the judges of elections instructions amounted to \$125, that amount includsince September, 1927, charging Rogers creased when the law required the name of each candidate to occupy an Tamesville reduced \$350 on account of ed Moore in the Free Union section in initial position on the ticket in proportion to each other name, making ap-In the cases of State against George proximately 30 different changes in the one ballot. The ballots were then

The \$664 does not include perma nent-investments, such as booths, ballet boxes, and other equipment.

In estimating the cost of the second primary to be held in the county ed that it would not exceed \$200, and he believed it could be held for several stated. Citizens reaching the voting age during the meantime will be able ote on the 5th by registe

The count should be made in a com-

## REPORT HEAVY **CROP DAMAGES**

Tobacco Crop Declared To Be Short 25 Per Cent and Probably More

Farmers from practically every secion of the county questioned yesterday and today, report much damage to crops as a result of rains falling during the past ten or twelve days.

In nearly every field, the reports state, tobacco is flopping and the leaves are taking on a yellowish color. The crop is regarded as extremely poor at the present time, the best observing farmers stating that only by the very best seasons from now on can reasonably good crop be expected. Basing their statements on the present outlook, the farmers questioned, gave as their opinion that the crop would be short at least 75 per cent of a normal one. Others place the shortage as low as 60 and 65 per cent of a normal

Other crops have been damaged also, but it is not as serious in those as it is with the tobacco crop. Corn looks better than any of the crops, but even there the wet weather has caused some

Peanut fields, generally, are full of grass, the farmers finding it impossibl to plow under the wet conditions pre-

So far the condition in the eastern The local Kiwanis Club will hold its end of the county is said to be much better than in the western end.

With a favorable season from now on, late tobacco is expected to make the best crop, the early plants being greatly damaged by the rains.
Weather conditions continue unset