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# COMMISSIONERS FIX COUNTY TAX RATE AT \$1.34 FOR 1930

## DISCUSS COUNTY SCHOOL BUDGET AT MEET FRIDAY

Meeting Favored Hiring All "Earned" Teachers for Next School Term

ASKED FOR OPINIONS

oners Deduct Approximately \$10,000 From School Budget
To Maintain Same Rate

Scientists are said to have often wondered what would happen should two unstoppable forces meet. Well, happened here last Friday when the two county boards, with a number of school committeemen, met and discussed the school committeemen met and discussed the school budget. Chairman Slade ad-

none of the "earned" teachers. A great wrangle was under way, the group expressing itself as highly in liked to see the tax rate increased.

Mr. G. H. Cox recommended that deductions be made in other county departments, adding that schools alyzed. He urged that precaution ter. Chairman Slade stated that if the rate was to remain unchanged, the school budget would have to bear the cut, for the other departments were locks in an effort to keep the "erring" more or less fixed.

Several of the committees, when called on for their opinions, stood on midile ground, and it was with hesitancy that they stated their position as favoring the increase rather than the unchanged rate and a limited number of Chairman Slade insisted that they offer their opinions and five of the school committees present decided in favor of the increased rate.

A compromise shot at the two county agent offices was fixed, but the direct value of the demonstration work, when pointed out, shifted the scene of

The discussion had been under way chairman of the board of education, the list of earned teachers was read and human creatures and worthy of having discussed. After a continued discussed the gospel preached to them. Yet he sion, Mr. J. A. Everett made a motion to accept the budget, and when the count was finally taken, five committees voted for it and one against. Robersonville, voting against the measure at first, rescinded its action and made the count unanimous,

The commissioners and educational members retired to their chambers, but action was stopped when Mr. T. C. Griffin's motion to leave the rate unchanged received only a second. The meeting was adjourned until yesterday afternoon at 3:30, when the rate was finally adopted.

## NO ROANOKE FAIR THIS YEAR

No Official Announcement Made as To Holding **Future Fairs** 

There will be no Roanoke Fair here this year, it was officially announced by the secretary of the Roanoke Fair Association yesterday. The announcement followed the schedule of dates compiled this week by T. B. Smith, secretary of the State fair. When questioned vesterday the local secretary stated that the fair would be suspended temporarily, but no official announcement was made relative to holding a fair next year was advanced.

The forty-seven fairs to be held this year are located all over the State, the Coastal Plain and Pitt County fairs being the nearest here.

Many changes are being made in the fair programs, it was unofficially learned, but the exact nature of these changes was not given. It is understood, however, that racing will not be included in several of the fair pro-

### Seventeen Babies Born On One Farm in This County

That Governor Gardner's "Live-at-Home" program is being closely adhered to in this county was evidenced this week when it was reported that farm in Hamilton Township so far this year. Apparently, Mr. J. A. Everett parts of the country was temporarily owner of the unusually large farm in broken last Sunday night, when a storm that district, is planning not to import any labor for years to come, as they are raising their own.

A large majority of the births is con-

## Church Dispute Similar To One At Smithwick Creek

## SECOND BREAK OF MEMBERS IN ASSOCIATION

Criticise Elder N. Harrison When He Offers His Services To All

LOCK OUT MAJORITY Majority Faction Said To Have Forced An Entrance To Conduct

Services As Usual

A further division of members in the Kehukee Association of the Primitive Baptist Church resulted in Washington county last month when about vanced the subject-whether to raise six elders are said to have met at the the tax rate ten cents and hire all Morattoe Meeting House and formed "a conference . . . b. to divide the "earned" teachers, or whether to allow the rate to remain the same and hire Church." Thus develops a case similar to the now famous Smithwick's Creek

State. division are not definitely known, it is L. Pollock, Jamesville; vocational agunderstood that the break came about riculture, Mr. W. T. Overby, Jameswhen a minority faction declared it- ville; English, Miss Annie V. Horshould be the last thing to be par-self the real church and notified the ner, Hope Mills; music (piano), Miss other members including the church's Annie Glasgow. should be present in settling the mat-pastor, Elder Newsome H. Harrison, that they were in error.

It was reported that the smaller faction went so far as to install new members out, that the pastor and his group on a later Sunday made a forced entrance and held services in the house of worship.

In an open letter, the accusation against Elder Harrison, the 84-yearold pastor, was mentioned: "The saddest thing of the whole af-

fair was the accusation that they condemned him, for such takes our minds back to the days of the apostles, when they were thrown in prison and finally suffered death because they were trying neighbor and friend. to fulfill the great command of Jesus Christ to preach the gospel to every creature. This being the only accusation they had against Elder Harrison. He for almost an hour and yet no relief had preached the gospel to a crowd of was in sight. Upon motion of the respectable brethren and sisters and friends, which we are sure they are was condemned, and they refuse to respect him any longer as a gospel minister. On July 19, which was his regular meeting time at his old church. where he had met his brethren for 66 years, he went as usual, but found his house with a new lock placed on the

## **COUNTY AGENT'S JULY SUMMARY**

door and locked out."

Twenty-four More Sweet **Potato Curing Barns** 

fully substantiated in the report of all who wanted to go that day. County Agent T. B. Brandon to the county board of commissioners in session here recently. In addition to the large number of potato curing barns already constructed it was pointed out in the report that 24 more such barns are now being built by farmers in all parts of the county. In connection with the potato-curing business, Mr. Brandon stated, "it appears that Martin County farmers will go potato minded.

Regardless of the extremely hot weather, the agent reported probably the most active month of the year during July. In addition to regular demonstration work, the agent vaccinated month this season.

The report, in detail, follows: ers assisted with cotton weevil infes-

## Extreme Heat Wave Breaks promise was made with the consent of

broken last Sunday night, when a storm visited the section. Little rain accompanied the storm in this section, but upon reports of committees of conferthe mercury dropped several degrees, ence. The bill was sent to another

The vital statistics were not reportmercury reached its highest point here
sion another committee was raised upon which I was again placed. The
ly accepted, as two of his close neighthe shade. The reading was checked,

## NAME TEACHERS AT JAMESVILLE

Many New Members Are Included In Faculty for Next Term

The following announcement of the principal of the school.

grade, section B, Miss Mary Swindell worms, literally thousands of them, Fannie Latham Martin, Jamesville; fields to an adjoining peanut patch and third grade, Mrs. Charlie Davenport, started to work there. The damage Jamesville; fourth grade, Miss Ruth was limited at that time, however. Modlin, Jamesville: fifth and sixth sonville; seventh grade, Mr. T. O. Hickman, Jamesville.

While the facts resulting in the Va.; history and principalship, Mr. A.

## JAMES O. PEEL

Home In Community Cemetery Sunday

Edna Rogers Peel, he had lived and very much like an ordinary cut worm farmed in the community all his life, or corn ear worm, though they vary was a hard worker and was a good from green to almost black in color.

His wife died several years ago. He Williamston; and Mrs. John H. Jackon, with whom he resided.

The funeral was held at the residence burn, of Robersonville.

Burial was in the family and complace near his home.

### Episcopalians To Picnic at Colerain Beach Tomorrow

to go are asked to be at the Episcopal dist church here last Sunday evening afternoon when transportation will be and offering prayers. The program,

Potato Curing Barns

That sweet potato growing is fast

That sweet potato growing is fast

The beach fast

The board for a weak spot was to be detected in potatory of the best ever given here by an a brief illness, interment was made in the Roberson cemetery on the Claudius Flora MacDonald College, University of education can apeal to the courts for approval of its budget; the school committees.

## CROPS DAMAGED BY ARMY WORM Rate Determined By Officials IN THIS COUNTY

Warned by Dr. Z. P. Metcalf in an and Obesrver yesterday, several Maryesterday morning to find the army Jamesville teachers for the coming worm in large numbers. Mr. Joe Leg-year has been made by A. L. Pollock, the worm had leaved the property of the property o the worm had cleaned out completely one small patch of corn for him and Elementary: First grade, section A: moved on to other fields. Mr. Jule Miss Irma Worrell, Boykins, Va.: first Barnhill, of Everetts, stated that the Lake Landing; second grade, Miss had crowled from one of his tobacco

grades, Miss Louise Roebuck, Robersections of the State, a heavy infesta-According to reports from various tion of the worm is expected and vast destruction is likely this year, especially to garden, truck crops, cowpeas,

Dr. Metcalt says:

be called "army worms." One occurs upon them, over their protest. largely in the western part of the DIES SATURDAY State and does most of its damage in the late spring and early summer. The Interment Made Near His one which cause the damage this late in the summer and on until early fall large majority of the colored popu- an additional teacher for the coming is the true fall army worm.

Both groups have the habit, howadjoining fields, stripping clean the The son of Turner Peel and wife, plants as they go. The worm looks

In ordinary seasons; the fall army leaves two children, Mayo Peel, of finds Dr. Metcalf. These enemies conwhose maggots feed upon the worms. Sunday evening by Rev. C. B. Mash- In exceptional seasons, like the presmunity burial ground on the James age. In such cases it is best to dust or use poison bait.

### Methodist Orphans Give Splendid Recital Here

The Episcopal Sunday School picnic B. Rives, eight girls and one boy, of will be held at Colerain Beach Wed- the Methodist Orphanage Raleigh, rennesday afternoon. All those who plan dered an able program in the Metho-County Farmers Building It was originally planned to hold the day evening union service, was well

Completely Destroy Small Patch of Corn On A Farm Near Here

article appearing in the Raleigh News tin County farmers entered their fields worm in large numbers. Mr. Joe Leg-

The fall army worm is apt to be

worm is controlled by its enemies, sist of a parasitic wasp whose grubs prey upon the eggs, and a parasitic fly ent, the parasites do not develop and the army worms do widespread dam-

Under the direction of Mrs. Nellie taking the place of the regular Sun-

# Yesterday Same As Last Year Are The People To Be Ignored GO TO SUPPORT

# In Selection Of School Site? 6-MONTH SCHOOL

### RESTRAINING ORDER SAID TO BE UNDERWAY

Washington Road Location Considered Dangerous To Children

MANY OPPOSE ACTION Location Declared Inconvenient To

Most of Children; Opposed By Both White and Colored

Are the people to be forever ignor-

especially destructive to cowpeas and been spent on a school building in ing terms soybeans at this season of the year Williamston at a place entirely out of because these two crops generally are the way and where a very large mafull of grass which furnishes an attract-ive place for the worms to develop. The majority fought against the lo-Strictly speaking, says Dr. Metcalf, cation, and still feel humiliated that care of incidental expenses; otherwise nothing resulted. At any rate, the athere are only two worms which should such a deal should have been thrust

And now a more drastic slap is to be given the people of the town by town and community. the officials in charge by locating the tion where traffic is dangerous.

It is just another time in our American government that the voice of the people exercises no influence; they are to be waved aside unnoticed.

It is understood from the meagre inpuzzling to his best friends in his ap- Robersonville, parent indifference to their appeal.

the face? Does he consider those who mele, Bethel High School, East Caromake their apeals to him fools, without lina Teachers College; third grade,

opportunities to appeal to their lead- fourth grade, Miss Millie Roebuck, ers to be denied?

terday, the Washington road site has lege; fifth grade, Miss Ida Whitehurst, been considered to the extent that Parmele, Bethel High School, East

## to go are asked to be at the Episcopal dist church nere last Sunday evening, church before one o'clock Wednesday giving several readings, singing songs Infant Son of Mr. and Mrs. Teachers College; seventh grade, and budget.

Herbert Coltrain, of Griffins township, was necessary when it was learned that other parties had made arrangements of the best ever given here by an a brief illness. Interment was made in the parties had made arrangements of the best ever given here by an a brief illness. Interment was made in the parties had made arrangements of the best ever given here by an a brief illness. Interment was made in the properties had made arrangements of the best ever given here by an a brief illness. Interment was made in the properties had made arrangements of the best ever given here by an a brief illness. Interment was made in the properties had made arrangements of the best ever given here by an a brief illness. Interment was made in the properties had made arrangements of the best ever given here by an a brief illness. Interment was made in the properties had made arrangements of the best ever given here by an a brief illness. Interment was made in the properties had made arrangements of the best ever given here by an a brief illness. Interment was made in the properties had made arrangements of the best ever given here by an a brief illness. Interment was made in the properties had made arrangements of the best ever given here by an a brief illness. Interment was made in the properties had been also as the properties had been able to the properties had been also as the properties had been also

## ROBERSONVILLE SCHOOL TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 15TH FIX RATE YESTERDAY

First School In County To Announce Opening Date for the Next Term

Robersonville, August 11.-Pursuant to the suggestion of the county board ial session here yesterday afternoon of education and local school committee, the Robersonville, Schools open Monday, September 15.

Both the enrollment and average aily attendance have increased during Within the past two years approxi- the past several years, and it is expect- for schools, leaving 42 cents for gener mately fifty thousand dollars have ed the same will be true for the com-

The commercial department will included again in the course of study. There will be a nominal charge of probably one dollar, per term, to take the school budget, and twice little or instruction in this department will be mount of the levy was far from deterfree to the students from the tenth, mined when the commissioners went eleventh and special students from the

According to the average daily lation to be served and by practically term. However, with the cut in salaries, James O. Peel, of Cross Roads, died ever, of cleaning up a field and then all the white people who are to pay the as reflected in the school budget, the at his home August 9th at the age of crawling or marching like an army to taxes. It is a location ill convenient to gross expenditures for teachers' salmost of the colored children, a loca- aries will not be as great as for the past year.

The teachers for the coming term are, as follows:

First grade, Miss Minnie Cochran Robersonville High Robersonville. School, Duke University; first grade, formation available that the location is Miss Minnie Hobbs, Belvidere, Hoobsto be decided by Mr. K. B. Crawford, ville High School, East Carolina chairman of the Martin County Board Teachers College; assistant primary of Education. His action, so far is teacher, Miss Carrie Lee Roberson, Robersonville High School, Cullowhee State Normal; sec-Does he propose to slap them in ond grade, Miss Bernice House, Par-Miss Leona Moore, Tarboro Female Is our democracy gone and men's Academy, Hopewell Female Seminary; Robersonville, Robersonville High According to reports heard late yes: School, East Carolina Teachers Collegal action will be instituted in an ef- Carolina Teachers College; sixth the white schools was decreased by fort to change the building location. grade, Miss Margaret Womack, Bethel, nine; that is, not all the teachers leg-Bethel High School, East Coralina ally "earned" will be included in the J. Herbert Coltrain Dies assistant principal elementary school, The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Mr. J. H. Smith, Wake Forest, Mars does not mean that the number is terbert Coltrain, of Griffins township, Hill, Wake Forest College; public definitely determined. There are two Mr. J. H., Smith, Wake Forest, Mars

High School Department Mathematics and history, Miss Frans R. Smith, Greenville, Greenville High School, St. Mary's College, East cal tax. It is not likely that the board Carolina Teachers College; science and athletics, Mr. R. E. Price, Lake View, and the action, if any, on the part of S. C., Floral College, Duke University; the school committees is yet to be home economics, Miss Margaret E. Smith, Raleigh, R. F. D. 3, Cary High School, North Carolina College for Women; history, Miss Lynette Warren, Burlington High School, East one year instead of three. Carolina Teachers College, North Carranged in caucus by the majority party, olina College for Women; French and taking a majority on each committee English, Miss Carrie T. Smith, Foun-and leaving to the opposition to fill up tain, Fountain High School, East Carthe minority in their caucus; and as olina Teachers College; English, Latin, new members of the majority came in, library department, Miss Eva I. Peele, they were placed at the foot of the Williamston, Williamston High School, committees and gradually went up by St. Mary's College, University of scniority until they reached the head. North Carolina; commercial depart-The consequence was that Gov. Reid ment, Miss Iris Robinson, Durham and myself, being new members, were Cary High School, Flora MacDonald

Since the school term begins two the other officers also. Mr. Joseph Judge (Stephen A.) Douglas was weeks later than usual, the school of Pritchard, of Hamilton, was elected to chairman), then not very important ficials are urging the parents to send represent the Post at the convention their children in the entire district on and Messrs. Maurice Watts and John the first day of school work and each Ward were elected as delegates. Aft-

### Small Son of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Davenport, Dead Reported.

The six-year-old son of Mr. and No Kiwanis Meeting Will Mrs. Kelly Davenport, who live on the Whitley farm near here on the Hamilten road, died Friday of colitis. It

42 Cents Provided For The General County And Other Funds

Motion to Hold Rate Unchanged Fails When Boards Retire To Rooms Following Open Discussion

Martin County's tax rate for the year 1930 was officially fixed at \$1.34 by the board of county commissioners in spec-The rate, unchanged from last year, followed a series of lengthy discussions. extending from time to time over-a period of several weeks.

Ninety-two cents of the levy will go al county, road and bridge funds and interest and sinking funds.

Two times within the past few weeks nfeeting, more or less public in their nature, were held for a discussion of into special session yesterday afternoon to effect a solution to one of the most

At one time it looked as if the board members would have to return again this morning to debate the matter, but at the last minute a solution was offered, and the commissioners cleared tired

The solution to the problem came in a somewhat round-about way, and just how it resulted will probably remain unknown until unforeseen difficulties present themselves. The commissioners accepted the budget after deductions totaling approximately \$10,000 had not be officially learned just where these deductions were made, but it is understood that the number of teachers will be less by nineteen in the white and colored schools that the number actually "earned." It was also learned from indirect sources that only one of the three teachers "earned" in the loersonville would lose their economics

The action of the commissioners committees can make certain substitutions or provide the cost of an ad ditional teacher or teachers out of loof education will resort to the courts.

Approximately \$1,800 of the \$10,000 was deducted when the board suggested that the school plants be insured for

## LEGIONNAIRES HOLD MEETING

Officers Elected at Meeting Held at Headquarters Here Last Night

There was a call meeting of the American Legion at Legion headquarters here last night for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year and also to elect delegates to the comelected Commander to succeed himself and then it was voted to re-elect all er a short discussion of the recent laws affecting ex-Service men, the meeting was adjourned to meet next month.

## Be Held Here Tomorrow

Due to the illness of the president, had been ill only a short while.

The funeral was held in Pitt county
Saturday afternoon, interment following in a cemetery there.

Bue to the illness of the president,
Mr. C. A. Harrison, there will be no meeting of the local Kiwanis club to-morrow, it was announced this morning.

# AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF ASA BIGGS

Former Congressman, United States District Court Judge, and United States Senator; Material Used Herein Was First Published in 1915 By The North Carolina Historical Commission

This abuse continued and increased, until public sentiment compelled Congress to pass a law prohibiting any appropriation, upon a resolution in re-886 hogs, the greatest number to be gard to books as had been before custreated against cholera in any one tomary, and such was the law when I went into the Senate. Notwithstanding this law, the practice continued un-22 days spent in field work; 5 days til the value of the books to each memspent in office work; 168 office confer- ber was about \$1,500, and the appronces: 142 telephone calls: 182 letters priation about \$150,000. The House of written; 92 farms visited; 1,240 miles Representatives passed the usual restraveled during the month; 2 articles olution and appropriation. The Senwritten for local papers; 14 farmers ate, inconsistent with their usual course esisted with flea beetle: 8 farmers as- rejected that item in the appropriation sisted with diseases of tobacco; 4 farm- bill and that with other matters became a subject of conference between the two Houses. I was placed upon the Committee of Conference. A com-In Section Sunday Night a majority of the Senate Committee by which a part of the books was appro-Establishing a new record, the heat priated for. I opposed the report of the wave prevailing in this section and all committee in the Senate and was gratified to find that my position was sustained by a majority and the report not concurred in-something very unusual committee, and they could not agree, destroying the vitals of healthy, hon-According to reliable readings, the and on the very last day of the ses

### Under Two Presidents

When I went to the Senate, Mr. Pierce was President, His general measures of administration met my cordial support. During my term he retired and I witnessed the inauguration of Mr. Buchanan; and his administration generally met my approbation while I remained in the Senate; but his subsequent course in relation to secession I emphatically condemn.

bill was an important one, involving nillions for necessary objects and a majority of the committee again made compromise striking down the appropriation and providing for a distriution of the books in the Congresional Districts. I still opposed it, but t was passed in the expiring hours of the session. Now from this you can form some faint conception—faint though it will be-of the extravagance waste and corruption, that controlled our public council, yearly and daily est legislation.

I give you another incident. Acthe shade. The reading was checked, even thought no one doubted the action of the mercury.

conference was not harmonious. I cording to the long habit of the Senate, would not yield a principle, in defiance the Senate Committees at the commencement of as solemn act of Congress; but the mencement of each session were ar-

placed in apparently, no prominent po- College, N. C. State College, Durham sitions. I protested in caucus against College of Commerce; piano classes in this injustice (to) Gov. Reid, but I high school, Miss Jacksie Andrews, was assured by old members, it was the Bethel, Bethel High School, Southern only rule that could be adopted to Conservatory of Music, Durham; prin- ing convention which will be held in avoid difficulty, after long years of excipal, geometry, trigonometry, Mr. R. Winston-Salem August 24 and 25. perience and I of course yielded. I was I. Leake, Rich Square High School, Rev. A. H. Marshall was unanimously placed on two or three committees, but Duke University, University of North the only one of importance was the Carolina. Committee on Territories (of which but subsequently obtained great importance, in consequence of the excitng questions that arose as to the establishment of territorial governments and which shook the Union from its

During the first session my position was clearly defined by my votes, invariably against wasteful extravagance generally voting as I said in a minority of 10 to 12. When the Committee of finance, (one of the most important and distinguished of the Senate and of

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