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## COUNTY BOY IS PRIZE WINNER IN ESSAY CONTEST

Wendell Peel Given \$5 for Conservation Department Essay

Competing in a recent conservation and development contest, Wendell Peel, son of Mr. Pleny Peel, of Griffins Township, presented a prize-winning essay and was awarded \$5 at the close of the Jamesville schools recently. Young Peel, a student in the Jamesville High School, has made his home in Jamesville for a number of years. The prize is one of several offered by Mrs. George A. Nicoll in the "Geo. A. Nicoll Essay Contest." The topic this year was "Why Conserve Our Game, Fish and Forests."

Young Peel's essay, receiving very favorable comment by conservation officials, follows:

When Captain John Smith and his adventurous band settled in Jamestown, this country appeared to have an unfaulible supply of game, fish and forests, but so wasteful have been our forefathers that without the aid of the various conservation laws which have been passed we would find a generation to be facing a bankruptcy so to speak of the three named resources. Even a few years ago, the people of our country thought the vast herds of Buffalo, which inhabited our western plains, were inexhaustible, but after several years of ruthless killing we find but few thousands existing, protected at last by a country awake to the necessity of doing so.

The idea of conservation was probably more advanced to the American public by President Roosevelt than by any other man and from an almost unknown subject in his day, it is now for such a rapid rise of the theory. Only this: the foresight and unselfishness of our fathers for young America and its posterity.

Following the Civil War, the game and forests of this county and North Carolina diminished greatly. Robins, which are now a rare thing, were in the memory of all our older citizens a plentiful thing—only twenty or twenty-five years ago. Another species of game which has suffered greatly from the ravages of man and nature is deer. Why is this shortage? First, the un-sportsmanlike manner in which hunting has been carried on. Second, carelessness with fires, which have caused forest fires and as a result destroying many young birds and animals. Last, but not least, the practice of deforestation which has been a common thing in which the habitation of the animals is destroyed.

Although the game and fish in the Old North State have decreased very much in comparison to most of the other states, we find that we are greatly blessed. The fame of our hunting and fishing grounds have spread far and wide, and during the proper season.

## Farmers Kill Large Bear In Griffins Yesterday

A 250-pound hog bear was killed by Messrs. Marvin Leggett and N. R. Daniel, Griffins Township farmers, Thursday morning after the animal had attacked a hog near the old Diamond City site. The bear attacked and killed a hog early in the morning, and several neighbors, learning of the bear's activities, immediately arranged the hunt. After a chase of several miles the bruin climbed a tree and was felled by the two farmers.

Only a few days ago, farmers in that section killed one of the largest bears killed there in many years. The animals are very numerous this year, and have raided the hog pastures often.

## Presbyterians Announce Their Sunday Services

Sunday, May 31, 1931.  
"The Church With an Open Door."  
Church school at 9:45 a. m.  
Worship service and sermon at 11 a. m. Rev. M. O. Sommers of Warsaw, will preach.

**Roberson's Farm**  
Sunday school at 3 p. m.  
Prayer meeting each Thursday at 8 p. m.

**Bear Grass**  
Sunday school at 9:30 a. m.  
Worship service and sermon at 8 p. m. Rev. M. O. Sommers will preach.

You are cordially invited to hear any or all of these messages. Come and worship with us.

## Bank and Postoffice Have Holiday Here Saturday

The Branch Banking and Trust Co. will observe tomorrow, "National Decoration and Memorial Day," as a holiday. The post office will also be closed for the day, handling only first class mails and offering no rural or town delivery service.

The holiday will be limited to the post office and the bank here.

## County Crops Said To Be In Better Condition Than Usual For Time of Season

### HOLIDAY FARMING

"Holiday Farming" is the latest type of agricultural pursuit advanced in this county, and incidentally it is "farming to make a living." Mr. Paul Bailey, cashier of the Planters and Merchants bank, Everetts, stated today in announcing a holiday for the institution tomorrow. Mr. Bailey, every holiday, goes to the fields, he stated.

Tomorrow (Saturday) is Decoration Day and it will be observed throughout the county as a holiday. Other than in the postoffices and the bank at Everetts and the one here, business will be carried on as usual.

## RE-VALUATION IS POSTPONED FOR TWO YEARS

Adjustments Can Be Made At Discretion of County Commissioners

Property re-valuation in the State was postponed by the legislature this week until 1933, leaving those counties and districts where the work has already been completed or almost completed in a state of confusion as to what method of procedure they will follow. In postponing the re-valuation, the assembly provided that no real values shall be reduced more than 10 per cent below the 1930 figure. An attempt to allow a reduction of 20 per cent failed to carry in the House.

In this county, several districts have completed and others have virtually completed the revaluation work, reductions as great as 25 per cent of the 1930 values have been reported. Just what step the county will take now remains unknown. It is understood the assessors in those townships where the work has not been started, will await instructions before going into the work.

As the new law is understood here, personal property values are not affected, the act allowing not more than a ten per cent reduction in real estate values. Even though the re-valuation has been postponed, the commissioners are empowered to make adjustments in land values, the total not to drop below the specified percentage. According to that provision, it is understood that the commissioners could make an adjustment as great as 20 per cent or even more in some cases, provided the increased reduction is offset by a gain in other cases. Then it is reasonable to assume that some values will remain the same as they were in 1930.

It will hardly be possible to use the revaluation figures obtained this year for a basis of revaluation in 1933 which means that the work already completed or partially completed will be a total loss to the county.

Preliminary reports coming from those townships where the revaluation work has been underway indicated that there would be a 20 per cent or an even greater loss in the property valuation in the county, as a whole, this year. Work had not been started in this township, List-taker R. T. Griffin stated Wednesday when it was learned that the revaluation task had been postponed until 1933.

Should the adjustments, subject to be made at the discretion of the county commissioners, result in a 10 per cent reduction then the total reduction will be even greater, for it is believed that personal property will show some loss itself.

## One Preaching Service at Methodist Church Sunday

Rev. C. T. Rogers, Pastor  
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.  
Preaching, 11:00 a. m.  
Young People's Group (Mrs. Rogers) 11:00 a. m.  
No service will be held in the church Sunday night.  
Epworth League, Monday 8 p. m.  
Hi-League, Tuesday 8 p. m.  
Mid-week service, Wednesday at 8. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

## Circulate Petition To Close Stores Half Day Each Week

A paper, petitioning the merchants to close their stores each Wednesday afternoon during the months of June, July and August, is being circulated here this week, but the canvass had not been completed at noon today and the outcome is yet to be determined. The practice was in effect here a part of last summer, it will be remembered.

## NEW BOARD TO TAKE OFFICE MONDAY NIGHT

Mayor States That Town Salary Schedule Will Be Scaled Downward

Elected by substantial majorities in the municipal election here early part of May, the new board of town commissioners will take the oath of office here next Monday evening at 8 o'clock, two members of the new body going in for their first terms. Mr. Robert L. Coburn, reelected mayor, will take the oath of office along with Commissioners N. C. Green, L. P. Linsley, G. H. Harrison, E. S. McCabe, and Luther Peel before Clerk of the Court R. J. Peel, according to information coming from the mayor's office.

Very little business has been scheduled for consideration or disposition at the next Monday evening meeting, but it is understood that town salary schedules will be scaled downward. To what extent the salaries will be affected had not been determined this morning, Mayor Coburn stated.

## WORK OUTLINED BY ROAD BODY

State Will Take Over 45,000 Miles of County Roads The First of July

A tentative budget and rough outline of the organization for handling the 45,000 miles of county highways, which the state takes over on July 1, and the 9,000 miles of state highways, were adopted yesterday at the second meeting of the newly appointed State Highway Commission. Chairman E. B. Jeffress and W. W. Neal, both of whom were members of the General Assembly, were sworn into office yesterday morning preceding the meeting.

Maintenance forces for State and county roads will be consolidated, with the State divided into five divisions for handling the work. These divisions replace the nine highway districts into which the State was divided under the old highway law. A resident maintenance engineer will have charge of each division, but construction work will be handled directly from the central office by a State construction engineer who is yet to be named.

Each of the 5 major maintenance districts which will have an average of 20 counties each, will be subdivided into about five districts. These smaller units will take the place of the present county units of administration. A new department will be necessary to care for the county convicts who will for the most part, be housed in camps already constructed by the counties.

## 5 CASES TRIED BY RECORDER

Heavy Fine Is Imposed In Assault Case by Judge Bailey Tuesday

A general routine of business again featured the docket of the county recorder's court here last Tuesday, Judge Bailey calling a half dozen cases and disposing of five.

P. L. Baker, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon and driving an automobile recklessly, was fined \$200 and taxed with the costs.

Charged with disorderly conduct and carrying a concealed weapon, Guilford Parvis was found guilty of simple assault, the court suspending judgment upon the defendant's paying the cost.

Bruce Outterbridge was fined \$65 when he was found guilty of carrying a concealed weapon. The defendant appealed and the court required bond in the sum of \$100.

Bruce Rollins, charged with an assault and carrying a concealed weapon, was found guilty of simple assault, the court suspending judgment upon payment of the cost of the action.

Prayer for judgment was continued one week when Mack Langley and Gussie Ford were found guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon.

John Jasper Black pleaded not guilty of carrying a concealed weapon, but no disposition of the case was reported.

## Sales Continue Strong on the Curb Market Here

The weekly sale of the curb market continues to increase. The market will be open Saturday in spite of the holiday. We hope to have prices to satisfy our patrons this week. At this time it is impossible to give the prices which will prevail at the market. If you do not find what you would like to have the sellers will be very glad to know your desires and take your orders.—Reported.

## Assembly Adjourns Wednesday After Record-Breaking Session

### LARGE CROWDS AT REVIVAL IN LOCAL CHURCH

Wilson Minister Delivering Series of Forceful Talks In Christian Church

"Heresy That Hurts," was the sermon topic chosen last night by the Rev. John Barclay in another of his special sermons delivered during the Christian church revival since the opening of the first of the week.

Touching lightly on church history, the visiting minister advanced the "creed" of the church, which he described as a simple truth—the Divinity of Jesus Christ. In developing his theme, Rev. Mr. Barclay referred to the first commandment, not one of the ten, but the first of all—"Love thy God with all thy heart and soul." Not to believe this is heresy that hurts, the minister declared. A second commandment, "Love thy neighbor as thyself," but not one of ten commonly referred to, was also pointed out as one of the standards to the Christian religion.

Large crowds are hearing Rev. Mr. Barclay nightly, and his sermons are well received by them. Services will be held at 8 p. m. today and tomorrow and Sunday, with the possibility of the revival closing Sunday night. The public is cordially invited to hear the minister in his talks.

### HEALTH CONTEST GIRLS SCORED IN

Misses Harrell and Thomas Selected to Represent Martin County

Miss Naomi Harrell, of the 4-H girls' club at Oak City, and Doris Thomas, of the Robersonville elementary school received the highest scores in the health contest which has been carried on in 4-H girls' clubs throughout the county this year.

Eight of the club girls were examined by Dr. J. H. Saunders here Wednesday afternoon. Many of the girls were kept from obtaining the highest score because of rounded shoulders, bad tonsils, slightly deformed noses, lack of vivacity and troubles which can be corrected in a short time, Miss Sleeper stated.

The two girls receiving the highest score, will go to Washington on next Tuesday with Miss Sleeper to be entered in the district contest. Drs. Britt and Taylor will examine the girls coming to them from the several counties, and the champion of the district will be held at Raleigh during the week of the boys' and girls' 4-H club short course.

### MAKES PROFIT ON MAY PEAS

J. G. Staton Ships Four Car Loads To Northern Markets

Planting 20 acres to May peas, J. G. Staton, this season, is expecting to make a fair profit on his investment. He planted 48 bags of seed on his Washington County farm and shipped 2,067 five-peck baskets of peas. For the first two carloads, the farmer received about \$1.56 a basket. Mr. Staton is expecting a similar price for the last two carloads shipped, and if the same price prevails, he will receive about \$3,100. The definite cost of raising the crop of peas is not available at this time, but the fertilizing, planting, and cultivating are not very expensive, and a fair return is expected from the crop.

### Baptist Minister Announces His Sunday Sermon Topic

Sunday morning, at the Baptist Church, the pastor will preach on the "Man Who Didn't Like Heaven."

Sunday school and young people's organizations meet at their usual time, but due to the revival meeting at the Christian church, there will be no evening preaching service. And the pastor asks all the members who will to join him in attendance at this closing service of the Christian church revival.

### County Council of Home Clubs Held Yesterday

The women's county council of the Home Demonstration clubs held its second meeting of the year in the home agent's office here Thursday afternoon at 2:30.

### INDIGESTIBLE

A "Hoover Prosperity" coin, one of the bright golden-colored pieces that were distributed to widely during the 1928 presidential campaign, was yesterday removed from the intestinal tract of Rob Bailey, 5-year-old son of E. Palmer Bailey, by Dr. John B. Wright, Raleigh specialist. The boy's father is the secretary of Senator Josiah W. Bailey.

The coin, which is nearly the size of a half-dollar and bears the inscription: "Vote for Hoover and Four Years of Prosperity," had been in the lad's intestines for several weeks before he was seized with violent illness.

Dr. Wright, who was actively engaged in the anti-Smith campaign, remarked to the boy's mother after the operation: "You just can't ram Hoover Prosperity down a boy's throat."

### LARGE YIELD OF IRISH POTATOES IS LOOKED FOR

Price Outlook Is Not So Good; Only Few Dug So Far

The outlook for the Irish potato crop in Martin and Pitt County is very good this season, in so far as yield is concerned. As to the important matter of prices for the potatoes, that is another story.

When the crop in this section was planted in late February or March, conditions were favorable and most growers got a very good stand. The spring has been rather cold, and for a time was inclined to be dry, but there have been several good rains since the potatoes were planted, and so they have made a very good growth.

Only a few have been dug in this section for local consumption, and they have turned out very well. Not many have attained their full growth yet, though left in the ground two or three weeks longer a much better yield would be secured, so some of the growers say.

National and State farming experts are advising the farmers not to dig their potatoes now. They say the South Carolina crop is now moving and that it will be a large one. The point is made that if the crops of both the Carolinas is put on the market at one time that the bottom will drop out. There was big increases in acreage in both states this year and so the crop will be large. Pamlico County is expected to produce 200,000 barrels this year and there will be big crops in other counties. Carteret County's crop may reach 100,000 barrels, which will be the biggest ever raised there. The yield in this immediate section is expected to be about the same as last year.

### 16 ENROLLED AT SUMMER SCHOOL

Pupils Desiring to Remove Conditions, Must Enroll for Work at Once

Sixteen pupils enrolled for work in the summer school opening here this week, Principal W. R. Watson stated yesterday. Five of the number are working to remove conditions that they might enter upon their high school duties for the first time next fall. The remaining eleven are removing conditions in various high school subjects.

Principal Watson, assisted by Professor L. C. Thornton, is offering ten subjects, the professors teaching from 8:15 until 12:12 each day. The school is scheduled to run six weeks. The classes are very small, and any pupils desiring to remove conditions or even advance themselves, will find it necessary to enroll at once if they would remove the conditions or get credit for any advanced work, Mr. Watson said.

### Unusually Large Hen Egg on Display Here This Week

Taken from her flock, Mrs. Ada Roberson, of Griffins Township, placed on display in the Enterprise office an unusually large hen egg yesterday. The egg, three and one-quarter inches long, measured eight inches around and weighed one-quarter of a pound.

### Dr. W. M. Parrott Named To Head Health Board

Dr. Jas. M. Parrott, prominent doctor, of Kinston, was selected to head the State Department of Health, yesterday. Dr. Parrott succeeds the late Dr. Chas. O'H. Laughinghouse.

## MARTIN COUNTY MEN HOLD THEIR POSTS 'TILL END

Passes 1,206 Bills and Resolutions During 145-Day Session In Raleigh

That legislature, for so long the center of discussion and probably the most hectic one in the history of the State, was brought to a close last Wednesday night at 9:49 o'clock, the end finding Martin county's representatives still in their seats but weary.

The assembly established a new endurance record, remaining in session five days longer than did the reconstruction legislature of 1868-69. During the 145 days the legislators remained in Raleigh, they enacted 1,206 bills and resolutions.

Many of the 1,206 bills and resolutions are local in their nature, and it will be several weeks yet before their provisions are generally known. Several of these bills have to do with this county and several towns therein.

Although the assembly failed to entirely relieve property of the burden of the six months session, it did provide substantial tax relief through its road and school legislation, and despite the general impression gained from its long revenue deadlock that it had accomplished little, the 1931 assembly did:

Adopt the principle of the MacLean School Law providing for State instead of county operation of the six months schools.

Give State supervision and control of 45,000 miles of county roads and some 4,000 convicts to be used in maintaining these roads.

Create an eleventh congressional district but fail to redistrict for the House and Senate.

Create a central purchasing agency.

Create a personnel commission.

Consolidate North Carolina State College and North Carolina College for Women with the University of North Carolina.

Provide \$400,000 for the erection of a new central prison.

Create a Local Government Commission and give it control over all local government finances.

Organize a new State system of bank supervision.

Enact largest revenue bill in history; estimated to raise about \$26,000,000 annually including a 15-cent county ad valorem tax. (Experts estimate that it will result in a \$4,000,000 deficit.)

Enact largest appropriations bill in history, estimated to spend about \$28,500,000 annually, even after reducing salaries 10 per cent.

Defeat a luxury tax, but adopt a general sales tax under the guise of a merchant's license levy.

Kill three attempts to legalize partumnet betting.

Create a constitutional commission to study a redrafting of the State Constitution.

Provide postponement of sale of land for taxes until November, discretionary with equity commissioners, town and district governing bodies.

Defer Revaluation

Provide for postponement of revaluation until 1934, but recognize revaluations already made by allowing a 10 per cent "adjustment" in the discretion of commissioners.

Reorganize the State Board of Agriculture, the State Department of Labor, the State Board of Health, the State Park Commission, and the State Highway Commission.

Authorize the issuance of no bonds, state or county, not previously issued or allowed. Power to approve the issuance of bonds for certain purposes is vested in the Local Government Commission.

Enact child labor legislation.

Enact bill to permit regulation of public service corporations.

Change basis of licensing automobiles, increasing gasoline tax one cent per gallon, to six cents.

Unanimous Report

Representative Harris brought in the appropriations conference report, which was signed by every member of both House and Senate committee.

The report cuts out the Senate increase of \$6,500 for the Department of Labor; provides for at least 10 per cent aggregate reduction of State employees' salaries, but prohibits cutting school teachers more than any other class.

The appropriation for the six months school term was placed at \$17,000,000, including fines and forfeitures estimated at \$1,300,000. The bill carries \$1,500,000 for extended term relief and \$150,000 for an emergency fund.

### Editor To Speak To the Ahoskie Kiwanis Club

Editor W. C. Manning will address the Kiwanis club in Ahoskie tonight.