

TAX LISTERS ARE NAMED AT BOARD MEET MONDAY

Appeals of the Unfortunate and Tax Changes Are Meeting Features

Appeals entered by the unfortunate and property valuations featured the meeting of the Martin County Board of Commissioners in their shortest session held during the past several months. Preparations were made for listing property for the current year, and a jury list was selected to serve at the two weeks term of civil court to be held here in April.

That Henry Rogers, colored, might receive medical aid in the Duke Hospital, Durham, the commissioners provided means of transportation there.

W. S. Barber, of Jamesville township, was relieved of the payment of poll tax for the year 1931 on account of disability. He was also relieved of \$1 tax on dog improperly listed.

W. E. Tice, of Griffins Township, was relieved of payment of \$12.83 special school taxes listed through error.

George Stevenson's \$4 monthly allowance was increased to \$6.

Valuation placed on the 625 acres of wood land on the J. B. Anthony estate in Hamilton Township was reduced from \$11,625 to \$10,375.

To handle property listing in the 10 townships of the county this year, C. B. Riddick, of Everetts, was made tax supervisor with ten assistants whose names are as follows:

F. C. Stallings, Jamesville Township.

George C. Griffin, Griffins Township.

L. J. Hardison, Williams Township.

John H. Roberson, Bear Grass Township.

R. T. Griffin, Williamston Township.

G. G. Bailey, Cross Roads Township.

J. B. Rawls, Robersonville Township.

L. G. Taylor, Poplar Point Township.

T. B. Slade, Hamilton Township.

J. A. Rawls, Goose Nest Township.

Prowlers Break Glass In Barbershop at Everetts

Following the dance in Everetts last Friday night and after the dancers had gone to their homes, prowlers bombarded Sam Keel's barber shop there and broke a number of window lights. The panes were comparatively small ones, the raid of the vandals resulting in no great damage. No arrests have been made.

Marked Rise In Roanoke River Is Expected Here

A 45-foot rise in the Roanoke River at Weldon during the next 48 hours was predicted late yesterday, according to information received here. If the flood predictions are correct there, a rise of nearly five feet can be expected at this point during the next week.

Fishermen along the stream are eagerly awaiting the rise, stating that swift currents in the Roanoke will attract thousands upon thousands of herrings up the stream.

Local Kiwanians To Hold Regular Meet Tomorrow

The Kiwanis Club will have its regular weekly luncheon at the club room tomorrow, at 12:30 o'clock.

The local organization has been enjoying a period of unusual activity and life in the new year. And the membership is asked to keep these meetings in mind and to give them full attendance.

Kiwanis generally is increasing its membership over the country, and, as a part of this program, the local group is planning to admit a few more members within the next few weeks.

Local Colored Team Plays In State Ball Tournament

Taking part in an all-State colored tournament in Raleigh last Friday and Saturday, Principal E. J. Hayes' basketball boys made a strong bid for honors when they defeated High Point by a 36 to 22 score. They went to the semi-finals when they were ousted by Durham by the close score of 28 to 18.

Principal Hayes said that morning, "In the many groups from every part of the state, the boys won high praise, to the extent that they have opportunity now of winning their pay in part in several colleges."

Fire Is Worst Enemy Of Forests In State

Fire is the worst enemy of the forests. It not only destroys matured timber, but it kills young growth which would replace timber as it is cut. This foe of the forest is more responsible than any other factor for the unproductive condition of millions of acres.

Tobacco Beds Damaged By Winter Wind

More than 100 shares of new stock were issued by the Martin County Building and Loan Association in its new series opening last Saturday. A number of new customers was added to the already large list of shareholders, and it is believed that many more shares will be sold before the series closes, one of the officials said yesterday.

The successful sale of shares in the new series is very encouraging in that it is opening the way for work in the building trades. The interest in the organization is a sure blow against "Old Depression," and the investment possibilities of the association are among the best to be found.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR WILLIAMS

Township Is One of Few Reporting More White Births Than Colored

Fourteen deaths and thirty-three births were reported in Williams Township last year, it was learned from records filed in the office of the register of deeds last week. The deaths were equally divided between the white and colored, the rate being 13.8 per 1,000 population, or 1.4 higher than the State average of 12.4.

Williams was one of the few townships reporting more white births than colored. Of the 33 births reported there during last year, 19 of them were white, but one of them was an illegitimate one. Four of the 14 colored births in the district were illegitimate. The birth rate in the township for 1931 was 32.5 per 1,000 population, or 6.6 units higher than that for the State.

Nine of the fourteen residents dying there last year were without medical attention, the report revealed.

MACEDONIA CLUB WOMEN IN MEET

Several New Members Added To Roll There Last Wednesday

The Macedonia Home Demonstration Club held its regular meeting last Wednesday in the home of Mrs. Heman U. Peel. During the business session following the opening exercises, leaders were appointed for the various projects: Mrs. John Gurkin, home manager; Mrs. Heman Peel, nutrition; Mrs. J. L. Holliday, garden. Miss Velma Griffin was elected assistant secretary to act in case of absence of the secretary. Five new members were added to the club roll at the meeting, Mrs. George M. Peel, Mrs. B. F. Whitehurst, Mrs. F. W. Sparrow, Miss Viola Griffin, and Mrs. W. E. Dunn, of Williamston.

Many of the members have made good use of the steam pressure cooker which was purchased for the club. Several hundred jars of meat have already been canned and no doubt the cooker will pay for itself in this community. It was decided at the meeting that the cooker should have as its club home Mrs. H. C. Green's residence and those using it will sign up for it, not keeping it more than two days at one time, thereby allowing all club members the use of the cooker during the canning season or meat canning time.

"Heights and Finishes of Work Surfaces," was the theme for demonstration and discussion. Each woman present was urged to adjust the work surfaces in her kitchen to the right height to prevent unnecessary back strain and backache. Mrs. Peel's kitchen was used for testing heights of the women in attendance.—Club reporter.

Poultry Loadings Last Week Are Cut Down Nearly Half

Nearly six tons of poultry were loaded in this county cooperatively by farmers last week, the shipment being smaller by more than one-half the loadings made in February. Hacksters, operating before and along with the car, resulted in the marked drop last week, County Agent Brandon said yesterday.

Last month, Martin farmers sold 23,910 pounds of poultry for \$3,314. Last week they sold cooperatively 11,603 pounds for \$1,546.76. Loadings were reported as follows at the four stopping points:

FASLE REPORTS ON RECOVERY OF LINDBERGH BABE

Baby Is Said To Be Safe; Lindbergh Communicatn With Kidnappers

Interest in the search for little Charles Augustus Lindbergh, Jr., kidnapped from the home of his parents in Hopewell, N. J., a week ago today, reached a climax in this immediate section last Friday when it was reported, apparently erroneously so, that the child had been carried through here on a New York car.

It was reliably reported that the car, bearing the child and its abductors, had passed through here early that morning, but it was not stopped, and where the car was driven to from this point has not been learned. Street sweepers stated that the car, believed to be the one seen near Richmond and later at Norfolk, was driven through here at a fast rate of speed, but they were unable to identify it or tell who its occupants were.

Officers here were notified that the car in question was traveling this route, and were asked to be on the look-out for it. The officers, making an immediate investigation, learned that a car, believed to be the one wanted, had passed through several hours before. In one or two neighboring towns, it was erroneously reported that the car had been stopped and the boy recovered. Several persons from as far away as Bethel heard the false reports and came here to see the world-famous baby.

At noon today, the child had not been recovered, the parents turning to private sources for aid in an attempt to find the little fellow.

GARDEN CLUB AT EVERETTS

Boys There Are Planning To Cultivate Garden There This Year

By Miss Lora E. Sleeper
All boys in the Everetts 4-H Club this year have been asked to plant at least one-tenth-acre to a garden, under the direction of the home agent. The boys will follow plans adopted by the State College. Record books have been given to all boys and each boy will keep a record of vegetables planted and amount sold. Through the help of Principal D. N. Hix, 10 of the boys have been allowed the use of 1-1/2 acres of land. William Thompson, James Mallory, and Paul Cullipher, older boys in the club, volunteered to disk and plow the land, and this has been done. The following boys are planning on garden plots within this tract of land: J. D. Peaks, Roger Riddick, Floyd Stalls, Robert Biggs, Robert Barnhill, Lois Cullipher, F. P. Raynor, Paul Cullipher, Dalbridge Riddick, and Tom Barnhill. A prize of \$5 has been set aside for the boy having the best garden and best record book to turn in. The work has to be done by the boy without the help of parents. Score cards will be used in helping to make the decision.

LOCALS WIN IN TOURNAMENT

Championship Game Will Be Played Next Friday In Robersonville

There were many "dope" upsets and broken schedules in basketball in this section over the week-end. Farm Life called off its scheduled game with Jamesville here last Friday night to take part in the four-county tournament in Ahsokie, a few fans being disappointed.

Williamston went over and copped the honors in the Ahsokie tournament last Friday and Saturday, bringing home a dented basketball trophy.

Farm Life and Jamesville are playing today, the winner to meet Williamston at Robersonville in the final county-wide championship game next Friday night. Jamesville and Robersonville girls are also scheduled to play at Robersonville next Friday night.

Good Start in Sale Building & Loan Stock

According to information reaching here early yesterday morning, many early tobacco plants were killed in this section by freezing temperatures Sunday and Monday. Strong winds lifted the thin canvas from many beds, exposing the tender plants to one of the lowest temperatures recorded here this winter.

So completely wrecked was the canvas on many of the beds that farmers found it necessary to buy new cloth, some farmers going so far as to replant their beds, it was reported.

While the exact damage to the beds can not be determined just at this time, it is believed that the early transplanting period predicted several weeks ago will be greatly delayed in the section this year as a result of the cold wave.

TWO BUILDINGS HERE RAZED BY FIRE SATURDAY

Storage Barn Wrecked and Residence Burned On Hamilton Road

The local fire company was called out twice last Saturday, answering the first call at 1:30 that morning, when a storage barn of Mr. S. C. Griffin in New Town caught fire, and the second late that night when the six-room house of Mr. Bruce Chesson was burned on the Hamilton road.

When the first fire was discovered, the entire roof of the barn was blazing, and the volunteer firemen found it difficult to bring the flames under control. Of unknown origin, the fire burned rapidly the large amount of loose and baled hay in the barn loft and threatened near-by buildings. After throwing water on the conflagration for more than an hour, the fire was under control, considerable damage resulting to the loft contents and the roof of the building. The foundation and standing timbers were damaged but little. No insurance was carried on the building.

The Chesson house fire, also of unknown origin, had gained much headway when first discovered, and the fire company, with no water mains near, was unable to check the flames. Truck hose was used on near-by buildings and some water was carried in buckets to roofs of neighboring homes, and the blaze was confined to the one house and a small garage.

Mr. Chesson stated that the loss was partially covered by insurance.

The Pace family, dwellers in the house during the past five months, had just moved away that afternoon, and no one was seen near the house late in the day.

Over in Halifax County, five miles belonging to Mr. Enoch Cherry, were killed when the stables they were in fell before the wind. A sixth animal was badly injured in the wreckage.

Damage to fishing nets along the coast was estimated at a quarter of a million dollars and heavy losses were sustained by merchants at Manteo when the water flooded their stores. The Nags Head highway was damaged \$150,000, it was estimated.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETS MONDAY

Operation of Schools During Seventh Month Is Now A Certainty

The operation of all Martin County extended term schools are assured of the seventh month, and the eighth month is virtually certain in all but one or two districts, the chairman of the county board of education said yesterday afternoon following a meeting of that body. Some of the districts are within \$100 or less of the goal to be reached in tax collections to assure the operation of the extended term.

One or two of the districts laboring under overdrafts created last term will have to struggle to continue the last month. However, the county board was very pleased with the outlook for the successful operation of all the schools the full term.

Strong Wind Reported in The Jamesville Section

"We had a strong wind in our section last Sunday, but no great damage resulted," Mr. L. F. Ange, Jamesville Township farmer, said while attending to business matters here this morning. "A car shelter was blown down and a few trees fell before the wind," he said.

MAKES FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDACY

J. C. Smith, of Robersonville Wants Removal of State Tax Levy

Dear Mr. Editor: The question, "Are you going to be a candidate to succeed yourself as a member of the next house of representatives?" is being asked daily and repeatedly, and I think the time has arrived for me to advise all of the people of Martin County where I stand on the question, and shall be glad if you will permit me to do so through The Enterprise.

If I live, I intend to file my notice as a candidate to succeed myself in the next house of representatives, notwithstanding my experience as a member of the 1931 General Assembly was not pleasant, caused mainly by the length of the session and serious differences of opinion that existed among the members of the house, and especially between the house and the senate, also the economic conditions that existed at the time and the conduct of the old-time machine politicians, who were and always are on the scene. My experience, however, would have been much more unpleasant but for the fact that the people of this county stood by me on the stand that I took and assisted me to the end that I did not very seriously suffer financially or otherwise because of my long stay from home, and I can say without fear of contradiction that no member of the last General Assembly was harassed and nagged less than the writer. My constituents gave me advice and con-

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ROB STORE OF GOLDIE HYMAN

Failing To Get Money from Safe, Robbers Remove Goods from Store

Failing to open Goldie Hyman's safe when they removed it from her home near Everetts last Saturday night a week ago, burglars raided the colored woman's store in Everetts last week and carted off merchandise valued at between \$50 and \$100, it was reported yesterday by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck. Officers have been working on the case, but no arrests have been made.

A quantity of snuff, several coats, two or three pocketbooks, a few pairs of socks, one or two overall suits and a few shirts were missed from the store by the owner.

Officers are of the opinion that the same parties stealing the woman's safe robbed the store. The mercantile establishment, operated by Peter Everitt, the Hyman woman's father, until his death, has been robbed a number of times, and several times his safe was hauled away.

GOES TO SLEEP IN SHOW WINDOW

Herbert Page Said to Have Broken \$40 Plate Glass at Everetts Friday

Prowling along the main street in Everetts late Friday night, apparently drunk, Herbert Page, young white man, knocked out a \$40 plate glass window in the J. S. Ayers & Company store, crawled in and went to sleep in the small showroom made cozy by a number of display blankets.

His sleep was undisturbed until early next morning, when James Station Ayers went down to open the place of business for his father. Finding Page snoring away in the window, young Mr. Ayers called the sheriff and returned home to notify his father.

Page, when questioned, denied that he broke the window with the intent to steal goods; in fact, he denied knowledge of breaking the costly glass. His past record indicated differently, however, and it is believed that he could go no further when he found that he had only gained entrance to the show window by knocking the glass out.

Residence at Jamesville Destroyed by Fire Today

The residence of J. W. Ward in Jamesville was destroyed by fire early today, very few details reaching here explaining the cause of the blaze.

It was reported that the fire had gained much headway when discovered, making it impossible for a bucket brigade to check it. Most of the contents were saved, however.

The building was owned by Jack and Elworth Hardison. It could not be learned here whether insurance was carried on the structure or not.

Wintry Blast Brings Season's First Snow

NO LOANS YET

"Application blanks for government loans will reach you about the middle or latter part of this week," Dean I. O. Schaub, of the extension division, Raleigh, advised County Agent Brandon here yesterday. Until these blanks arrive, no loans can be arranged in this county. If the blanks reach here Thursday or Friday of this week, the agent will announce their arrival and instruct applicants as to how and where to make their requests for loans.

More than 200 Martin farmers have already indicated that they wanted to borrow in anticipation of their 1932 crops, the agent said yesterday.

PREPARING TO LIST PROPERTY

No Great Change In Listing Procedure Expected In the County This Year

Blanks for abstracting the property lists have been ordered and work will go forward with the valuation declared as of April 1, 1932.

The list-takers will probably meet with the supervisor some time between now and April 1, when they will receive the blanks and study the instructions to be followed in taking the lists this year. No great change in the listing procedure is expected this year, and it is understood that there can be no valuation decreases unless there have been fire or wind damages since the last listing time. A blanket reduction of nearly 10 per cent was reported in the lists last year, the listers altering the valuation in some cases, but such procedure is not believed possible this year except where there have been tangible losses to property.

CAMP OPENING DELAYED HERE

Making Arrangements To Move In New Prison Next Thursday

The opening of the new State Highway prison camp here was delayed this week when freezing weather halted construction work and other unexpected obstacles presented themselves at the last minute.

Preparation are now being made very rapidly in an effort to receive the first prisoners by Thursday or Friday of this week. No water or light connections have been made so far, but it is understood that the camp will go ahead and receive convicts just the same.

Superintendent of Prison, Personal Hinton is here today assisting Superintendent C. R. Mobley and Steward A. Hassell in making ready for the first prisoners. Mattresses and blankets are being forwarded here today, and orders for feed are being prepared it was unofficially learned at noon today.

J. W. Hines Not Applicant for Guard at Camp Here

The report released last week stating that Mr. J. W. Hines, of Oak City, had applied for a position as guard at the new convict camp here was declared erroneous. Mr. Hines stated that he inquired about the conditions surrounding the superintendent's job at the prison, but that he did not apply for that task either. In some way his inquiries were considered as an application and as the superintendent had already been chosen, Mr. Hines was tendered a job as guard, a job in which he said he was not at all interested.

An appointment for the one remaining guard post has not been made at this time.

FLARE BACK

Carried into court for threatening the life of Henry Lanier, aged local colored man, Dan Purrington, a colored neighbor, reversed the evidence in the eyes of Justice Hassell and Lanier was ordered to pay the costs of the hearing. Unable to meet the costs, Lanier went to jail Saturday night, and while reposing there rogues carted away all the wood from his woodpile.

As long as the mercury is registering as low as it is now, Lanier is advised to stay where there is comfort, even if there is no consolation.

MUCH DAMAGE IS CAUSED BY HIGH WINDS SUNDAY

Local Roofs Torn Off and Several Trees Felled by Sunday Wind Storm

Springtime was plucked in the bud in this part of the country over the week-end, when the mercury dropped below the freezing point, heavy winds blew, and the first snow of the season fell. The change, following a season resembling spring in all its glory, took the section by surprise, fooling the birds of the air, killing young plant life, and driving unprepared humans to the woodpiles. It was the first really wintry weather of the season for this section.

A heavy wind, rising before daylight Sunday morning and continuing as a regular gale throughout a greater part of the day, resulted in a substantial property loss here and in various other parts of the State, an accurate estimate of the damage being undetermined just at this time.

Locally the greatest damage was reported at the Harrison Oil Company's river plant, where the wind resulted in a several hundred dollar loss. A heavy advertising sign was torn loose and dropped on a pipe leading to the Texaco Ethyl tank. The pipe was torn away and nearly 2,000 gallons of the gasoline poured into the river before the leak could be repaired. The company's equipment and employees were called to the scene, and it was an hour later before the oil flow was checked.

Several trees fell and many dead limbs were lifted from trees by the gale, causing no great damage but necessitating Sunday work by street employees.

Considerable damage resulted to the O. S. Anderson Company store when the gale lifted a portion of the roof, rafters and all, and turned them over. The roof of Sam Faulk's ice house was torn away and turned bottom-side-upwards. A goodly number of windows were broken, and storekeepers reported some damage resulting from smoke and soot driven from the wrong end of chimneys and stove pipes. Telephone communication was hampered to some extent here, and linemen of the Virginia Electric and Power Company were called out in the midst of the storm to make repairs to the lines, but light and power service was not interrupted at this point.

Water, driven by the high wind on Sunday morning, blocked the road across the Pamlico River at Washington, but traffic was resumed that afternoon when the wind shifted. A tugboat is said to have sunk there, and a large, wrecked loose at a mill there, partially wrecked the Atlantic Coast Line bridge. An oyster boat went down at Belhaven, it was reported, and a portion of the causeway from Morehead City to Atlantic Beach was washed away.

The storm along the coast was described as one of the worst in many years, but no loss of life resulted, or none had been reported up until late yesterday afternoon.

TOWN BOARD IN MEET LAST NIGHT

Grant Permission For The Opening of Two New Pool Rooms Here

Routine business marked the regular session of the town commissioners here last night, business centering around the inspection of bills and applications for pool room licenses.

C. L. Strickland, of Kinston, was granted permission to open a pool room here, provided he pays the \$25 table tax. Mr. Strickland, recommended by Kinston authorities, plans to open his pool room in the Leggett building next to Hall's barber shop about the 15th of this month.

Believed to have hardly enough money to buy food and clothing, the colored people asked permission to open a second pool room for their patrons. Jack Faulk applied for permission, but he was warned that the payment of the \$25 per table tax would have to be paid before operations were started.

Charlie Harris Arrested In Liquor Selling Case

Charlie Harris, commonly known as "Chocolate," and reputed to be the most widely known bootlegger in these parts, was arrested here yesterday afternoon by Chief of Police Daniel and placed in jail to await trial before Recorder J. W. Bailey in the county court today. Harris is charged with retailing the "spirits."