

BRIEF REVIEW OF LAWS PASSED AT RECENT SESSION

Appropriations Cut About 20 Per Cent; 35 Cents Tax Reduction

Until the 1933 laws are printed and distributed, much of the work of the past legislature will remain a secret, and surely after the laws are received much of the work will remain a puzzle. However, the most important activities during the term can be summed up as follows:

Appropriations have been cut down about 20 per cent, as compared with those made by the 1931 General Assembly. The 15-cent ad valorem tax has been removed from property, and in addition to this, the property owners will get an average reduction of about 20 cents in their tax bills—due to the fact that the state has taken over entire support of the eight months term of school. That means around 35 cents reduction altogether. And that's not a bad reduction at that.

The school system of the state has been revolutionized and the state now has complete supervision. All schools will run on an eight-months basis, although some individual units have the privilege of voting supplementary funds on themselves, either for the purpose of paying more salaries or extending the eight months' term to nine months.

The cost of foreclosure proceedings has been reduced so that it doesn't make any difference how big a bill of costs is incurred—the total charge can not and must not exceed \$6. That's another big help. Furthermore, where suits already have been brought delinquent taxpayers may enter into an agreement whereby they can make good their back payments in installments covering a period of five years.

The sale of beer has been legalized, race tracks and betting have been allowed to six different counties in the state, including Pasquotank and New Hanover in the east—providing that the people in those counties want it. Divorce has been made easier and an election has been called for the purpose of seeing whether the people of the state want to repeal the eighteenth amendment or not.

The highway and prison departments have been consolidated and the corporation commission has been abolished. Salaries have been cut and other economies have been instituted. That is only a brief list of what has been accomplished, but it gives some idea of the scope of work which was undertaken by the legislature. And, of course, there is the 3 per cent general sales tax. That will become effective on July 1.

Unusual Program At The Watts Theatre Next Week

An unusual program of pictures is scheduled at the Watts here for next week, it was learned from the management here today.

Next Monday and Tuesday, Helen Hayes and Clark Gable appear in "The White Sister". This is recognized as a splendid picture. Wednesday, Joe E. Brown plays in "Elmer, the Great," a picture of much mirth. "The Kid from Spain," featuring Eddie Cantor, is scheduled for Thursday and Friday.

"I Am a Fugitive from a Chain Gang," the story and picture that caused nation-wide comment is scheduled for Saturday, June 3.

Only One Service At Baptist Church Sunday

Following out an old church custom in this town, there will be no preaching service at the Baptist church Sunday evening, because at that time the Christian church will be holding the last of a week's series of services. The membership and the friends of this church are invited to participate with them in this service.

Following the sessions of the Sunday school Sunday morning the pastor will preach. The morning subject will be, "The Church in Accord." The young people's organizations will meet Sunday evening at 7 o'clock.

Two Services in Hamilton Episcopal Church Sunday

This Sunday being the fourth of the month, Rev. E. F. Moseley will be at Hamilton for both morning and evening service. Rev. Mr. Mackie, of Windsor, will also be present for the morning service to celebrate the Holy Communion. In the evening the subject of the sermon will be, "The Work of the Holy Spirit."

Announce Birth
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leggett announce the birth of a daughter at their home on Warren Street, Tuesday morning, May 23.

HOLIDAY TUESDAY

The Branch Banking and Trust Company and the post office will observe next Tuesday, National Memorial Day, as a holiday. While few other business houses or institutions in this county will enjoy a holiday that day, business in the larger centers of the country will be at a standstill. No mail deliveries will be made on either the rural or city routes that day.

Exercises will be centered in Washington City, where speeches will be made by prominent national figures. Graves of soldiers will be decorated in Arlington and other cemeteries throughout the land that day.

CLUB COUNCIL MET YESTERDAY

Meeting Is Held With Mrs. C. L. Wilson At Robersonville

The Martin County Council of Women's Club held its second meeting of the year in the beautiful home of Mrs. C. L. Wilson in Robersonville yesterday afternoon with 51 members in attendance.

Mrs. Enid Gray, president of the Woman's Club in Robersonville, presided over the meeting of the combined clubs. Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, of Williamston, addressed the women, taking as his subject, "What Makes a Woman Great." The points brought out were practical helpfulness to ones fellow men, an abiding contentment, and a big faith. The women were much pleased with this timely address and regretted that work called Mr. Piephoff away before the meeting was concluded.

The group sang, "Follow the Glean" and the county demonstration club women put on their playlet. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rogers, well-known musicians in Robersonville, favored the group with many selections during the afternoon and young Mr. Martin, of Jamesville, concluded the program with a few well-selected readings.

A sandwich course with iced tea was served and all enjoyed a social hour renewing old friendships. The hostess, Mrs. C. L. Wilson, invited all the women to go over her house and gain new ideas in household furnishings and color harmonies.

MAKE EXTENDED PREACHING TOUR

Elders Stone and Hutchinson Leave for Northern States and Canada

Elders E. C. Stone and H. F. Hutchinson, of Smithwick's Creek, are scheduled to leave tomorrow for an extended tour in several of the northern states and parts of Canada, it was learned here yesterday. Their first appointment is at Hopewell, N. J., near the scene of the Lindbergh baby kidnapping tragedy. They will then spend several days in the Adirondack Mountains. After a short stay in New York they will go to Niagara Falls and during the latter part of June will attend the yearly meeting at the Covenant Baptist church in Ecfrid, Canada.

On their return trip they plan to visit Detroit, Indianapolis, Louisville, and Pineville, reaching Asheville on the first Sunday in July. They are scheduled to reach home on July 4. During their tour the two men plan to attend many church meetings at which Elder Hutchinson has been invited to preach.

HALF OF TOWN'S TAX COLLECTED

Collections Fail To Take Care of Obligations, However

Approximately one-half, or \$20,657.65, of the 1932 tax levy for the Town of Williamston has been collected, it was learned from the treasurer's office here yesterday. Compared with payments made on the 1931 levy up to the same time last year, the receipts this year are smaller by a sizeable sum, it is understood.

Up until this year, the town had met all its bond principal and interest obligations, but collections on the 1932 levy have been insufficient for the maintenance of the town's bond interest and principal payments.

Under the new laws, delinquent tax accounts will be advertised the first week in August, and it is believed that at least two-thirds or three-fourths of the unpaid taxes will be cared for by that time.

The 1932 levy amounts to \$41,848.48, as compared with \$43,888.38 for the tax year 1931.

PREDICTS CROP OF 675 MILLION POUNDS IN 1933

"Uncle Buck" Says There Is Encouragement for Local Market

(By W. T. MEADOWS)

There is much speculation going the rounds as to the tobacco situation now and next fall, especially as it concerns poundage and price. It is all guess work when it comes to calculating about what will be and what will not be. However, I reckon my guess is just as good as the other fellow's. I have certainly studied the situation. In the bright-tobacco growing states, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia, I guess around 675 million pounds will be produced this season, or about 15 million pounds over the 1931 crop. Now as Will Rogers would say, I base much of my guess on what I see in the papers and journals, and the balance on a personal talk with some of the best tobacco men in the tobacco business. I have also talked with many farmers in Bertie, Halifax, Martin, Washington, Beaufort, Edgecombe, Pitt, Nash, Wilson, Johnston, Wayne, Wake, Durham, Orange and Granville Counties. And in addition to that I have had letters from many personal friends in other states. Regardless of what many of them said, I am sticking to my guess that the crop will not be over 675 million pounds. Some of those I heard from believe the crop now in the making will be the largest ever produced. Of course all these things are based on a normal crop.

Now as to prices that is another guess. I could guess if I knew anything about the farm bill recently passed by Congress. Everybody says with few exceptions that that bill is a jigsaw puzzle. A very intelligent man told me a few days ago that they had knocked "it" out of it so far as a farmer was concerned; that they would not even guarantee the cost of production. Others say exactly the opposite thing. They say let tobacco start selling at below cost of production and Mr. Roosevelt would send his men down here and close every warehouse in the county, and make them give the farmer a profit on his tobacco. I hope they are right. If the poor warehouseman and the poor farmer ever needed anything they certainly need it now. They have been naked, despised and forsaken for three years.

In about ten days I hope to have more definite views to offer. Locally, things look bright for our market this year. An old school mate of mine who is now in the tobacco business in the middle belt took dinner with me a few days ago. I showed him our town, our steam plant and storage houses. He was greatly surprised to know that we had a steam plant the size of the one in operation here. I told him that the company was the largest buyer on our market and represented nearly every independent concern in the United States and Europe.

There is more encouragement this year for our tobacco market. I have always been 100 per cent simon pure for the local market, and I am still 100 percent for it. In my 31 years of labor here, Williamston has always held its own. And I promise my friends that it will have the greatest backing this year from all clubs and citizens, warehousemen and farmers it has ever had. There have been fat years and there have been lean years, but during it all the warehousemen and others have worked for their money and their reputations were at stake. Watch Williamston this year, and you'll see a hustling tobacco market.

I wish all the boys luck this year, and hope they will make a good crop. And I hope and pray they get a good price for it. Let me remind you here and now that Williamston is a good place to sell your tobacco.

Few Seed and Feed Loans Are Incomplete

The exact amount of money lent Martin County farmers through the seed and feed loan act has not been made public here, there being a few loans yet incomplete, it was learned from Field Inspector Roy Hearne here this week.

It is understood that the amount advanced this year is considerably greater than it was last season, the number of loans having been increased by several hundred.

Riddick's Grove Services For Sunday Announced

Rev. W. B. Harrington will conduct the regular preaching services at Riddick's Grove Baptist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, it was announced today.

NEW POSTMASTER

Mr. Leslie T. Fowden, for many years an insurance man, a peanut broker, and all-around man, entered upon the appointive duties as postmaster at the local office yesterday morning, succeeding Mrs. Fannie Biggs Anderson, who was acting postmistress from February 28 up to last Wednesday night.

Mr. Fowden is completing the unexpired term of former Postmaster Jesse T. Price, who resigned several months ago. Mr. Fowden's insurance business will be continued by Mr. Price and Reg Simpson, it is understood.

REFeree HEARS CIVIL ACTION

Proceedings Here Attract Number of Lawyers And Witnesses

A civil action, apparently containing a number of complicated issues, was called before Referee W. L. Whitley, Plymouth attorney, here on Wednesday morning, with the Messrs. F. L. Gladstone, Watson Sherrod, and J. R. Bunting as the principal parties to the suit.

The case developed back in 1931, when Bunting rented the Sherrod farm, near Hamilton, from Sherrod, and Gladstone agreed to finance the operations, taking a mortgage on the personal property as collateral. As the case is understood here, Sherrod agreed to give the holder of the mortgage first claims on the property, including his half. The property was sold, Bunting claiming the action was illegal, that part of the crops was sold in addition to the personal property included in the mortgage. Much evidence has been offered by both Watson and Bunting, around whom the litigation is centered.

Fair-sized crowds, including witnesses and attorneys, mostly, attended the hearing Wednesday and yesterday. Evidence was concluded late yesterday afternoon, and Referee Whitley now has the case in his hands.

PENSIONS FOR CIVIL WAR VETS SHOW DECLINE

Total of \$3,030 Paid Out in This County Last Year To Vets and Widows

Sixty-eight years have passed since Appomattox and time has taken a heavy toll of Lee's and Jackson's men, but the South still spends more than \$8,000,000 annually in pensions to Confederate veterans, their widows, and in some states, servants.

Figures from eight of ten states, from Virginia to Texas, show fewer than 7,000 who wore the grey uniform of the south on the pension rolls. Widows receiving a bonus number almost 20,000.

Unlike the hosts of Grant, the Confederate veteran draws his small honor pay directly from the state. Union men are pensioned by the national government. Historians have figured the youngest veteran of the War Between the States now is about 85 years old. Five years, many historians believe, will find only a handful of the Confederate pensioners left.

Virginians appropriate about \$643,200 annually to pension 900 veterans and 4,000 widows. The net decline in total pensioners during the past year in Virginia has been about 10 per cent. North Carolina appropriated \$720,600 for veterans and their widows in 1933-34 and \$630,000 for 1934-35. The money comes from the general fund and is set aside by legislative action.

Martin County's lone veteran and its 23 veterans' widows received approximately \$3,030 last year. Several of the widows have died since the last pension checks were prepared. The amount paid veterans has been decreased from well over \$2,000 to around \$365 a year within a comparatively short time.

Revival To Begin at Local Methodist Church Monday

Church services Sunday at 10:30 a. m. Service will last about 45 minutes. Take notice of the change.

No services Sunday night.

Sunday school at 9:45. Monday night at 8 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Rees, of Washington, will begin what we hope may be a revival. Begin at the beginning. Don't miss a service.

An educational institute will be held at this church Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Out-of-town speakers will be present.

SHORT DOCKET IN RECORDER'S COURT TUESDAY

Negro Sent to Roads for 18 Months as Aftermath of Shooting Scrape

The county recorder's court last Tuesday had one of its shortest dockets in several months, Judge H. O. Peel calling only five cases. One of the number was continued.

S. L. Woolard, colored man, pleading guilty of shooting one Theodore Freeman, also colored, at a party several weeks ago, was sentenced to the roads for eighteen months, twelve months for the assault and six months for carrying a concealed weapon. The shooting took place on the Joe Lilley farm near Williamston. Freeman, while he still carries a part of the lead in his body, is getting along all right.

Fannie Ruffin was fined \$10 and taxed with the costs in a case charging her with an assault with a deadly weapon.

Thomas Cain was found not guilty in the case charging him with larceny and receiving.

J. D. Riddick was fined \$25 and taxed with a part of the cost in the case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon. Junior Wynn, a defendant in the same case, asked prayer for judgment be continued until August 22.

The case charging Oliver Gilliam with reckless driving was continued. Despite the stringent times, particularly in the financial realm, the court imposed sufficient costs and fines to pay its way.

MUCH INTEREST IN BALL TEAM

Number Aspirants from All Parts of County to Try Out Next Week

According to information received here there is much interest throughout the county in the approaching baseball season here. Players from several sections of the county are planning to report and take part in the initial practices next week. No line-up has been suggested so far, but it is understood that several of the out-of-county players holding positions on the county team last year are planning to return. However, contracts have been closed in only one or two cases, it is understood.

The managers are planning to have the team ready for action week after next, but even after that time several changes might be made.

Material from Jamesville, Robersonville, Bear Grass, Oak City, and Williamston has already been assured, and the initial practice week is expected to attract much attention.

Balanced Ration Should Be Fed Chicks Regularly

When eggs have watery whites and weak yolks, the exhausted condition of the egg producing organs is the cause. In the spring there is a tendency for eggs to become watery due to the increase in water and green feed consumption. A properly balanced ration in addition to the green feed should be fed at all times especially during the spring months. The frequent collection and careful storage of eggs in warm weather will also help.

To Visit in Enfield
Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Mishoe and family are spending the week-end in Enfield.

In Greenville for Week-end
Mr. and Mrs. P. V. Jones are spending the week-end in Greenville.

Returns from Tennessee
Mr. D. M. Roberson has returned from a business trip to Tennessee.

In Elizabeth City Yesterday
Sheriff C. B. Roebuck made a business trip to Elizabeth City yesterday, returning Joe Davis, colored, who is charged with the theft of a pair of trousers from Harrison Bros. and Company here about a month ago.

BUSY DAYS

Farmers in this section are adhering strictly to the old adage, "Make hay while the sun shines." These days are busy days on the farms. All available forces are completing the resetting of tobacco, chopping cotton, planting peanuts, plowing corn and tobacco, setting sweet potato plants. And they are working rapidly in an effort to check the rapidly growing grass and finish planting before the season passes.

PROPERTY VALUES

"It is difficult to estimate the decrease just at this time, but there'll be no unusually large drop in personal property values in our township," Mr. T. B. Slade, list-taker for Hamilton Township said this week. Few replacements have been made and the main loss in values will be due to depreciation, Mr. Slade explained. Of course, there'll be the 33 1-3 per cent decrease in real estate values, that percentage being agreed upon for all districts in the county.

No reports have been filed on values throughout the county so far, and just at this time it is humanly impossible to even offer a guess as to the county-wide decrease in property values.

HONOR ROLL AT FARM LIFE

Final Honor Roll of Term Lists Total of 38 Students

The names of 38 pupils in the Farm Life school appear on the eighth and last month honor roll, as follows:

First grade: Reba Fay Griffin, Josephine Hardison, Noah Roberson, Dorothy Roberson, George Dean Roberson, McDonald Hardison.

Second grade: Paisley Corey, Lola Hardison, Hael Corey, Blanche Heath, Mary Manning, Elizabeth Manning, B. F. Lilley, Martha A. Roberson.

Third grade: Thomas Daniel, Robert Whitley, Francis Manning, Vera Pearl Williams.

Fourth grade: Ida Mae Corey, Maurice Roberson, Elbert Heath, Oscar Wiggins, G. W. Corey.

Sixth grade: Sarah Getsinger, Verona Smithwick, Joe Peel.

Seventh grade: Eva Manning, Evelyn Peel.

Eighth grade: Joseph Lilley, James Peel.

Ninth grade: Thelma Coltrain, Bettie Ruth Heath, Beulah Roberson, Sarah Roberson.

Tenth grade: Lillian Daniel, Louise Manning.

Eleventh grade: Eva Brown Coltrain, Veona Roberson.

BAPTISTS UNITED AFTER 88 YEARS

Split Over Slavery Question Finally Closed at Meet In Washington

Washington, May 23.—With a warm handclasp of their leaders, northern and southern Baptists, long split over the slavery question, got together today for the first time in 88 years. Meeting in the huge Washington auditorium, Dr. M. E. Dodd, president of the southern Baptist convention, clasped hands with Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, head of the northern organization across what Dr. Dodd termed "an imaginary Mason-Dixon line."

Earlier the Baptists united to dedicate the new Baptist memorial church here with prayer, sermon, and song. Hundreds were turned away.

An attack on sweatshops was made by Rev. Clyde Turner, of Greensboro, N. C., who made the address for the southern church at the morning service.

The Rev. John MacNeill, of Hamilton, Ont., the speaker for the northern Baptists, said:

"My presence here swings the whole northern continent into this meeting—imaginary lines have disappeared." Announcing the hymn, "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds," Dr. Dodd said, "Now forget north and south, you rebels and you Yanks, and shake hands with your neighbors, saying to each other, 'I love you.'"

The huge congregation sang with much shaking of hands and smiling.

Temperature Goes Above 90 Two Days This Week

The record-breaking hot and sultry days this week started people talking about the weather, but still nothing more than predictions has been done about it. Mercury readings have been unusually high during the past two days, reaching above the 90 mark.

While this section has experienced unusually favorable seasons so far, other parts of the State have not fared so well, it is said. Weather prophets are already predicting a hot and dry summer.

SEE BODY OF MAN FLOATING DOWN ROANOKE RIVER

Seen Near Hamilton by Two Men; Has Not Yet Been Recovered

The body of a colored man believed to have been drowned at Norfolk, above Palmyra, was seen floating down the Roanoke River near Hamilton early this week, it was learned here yesterday. Mr. Bob Brown and William Lynch are said to have seen the body and reported it to authorities. Those seeing the body are said to have reported it in a badly decomposed state and that the birds of the air were feeding on it. They made no effort to recover the body.

Authorities are said to have failed to find the body when they made a search for it later.

According to reports reaching here the man was drowned about a month ago while floating logs.

More than a month ago H. O. Gillespie, white man, was drowned in the Roanoke at Clarksville, Va. Whether the body of that man has been recovered is not known here, and while those seeing the body at Hamilton described it as that of a colored man, it is possible for them to be mistaken in the identity because they were some distance from the body when they saw it. The Clarksville man dressed in high-top lace boots, lace pants, black sweater and cap when drowned. The superintendent of the Wisconsin Bridge and Iron Works, E. Eastlund, posted a \$50 reward for the recovery of Gillespie's body, but the reward expired the 14th of this month.

Efforts are being made to locate and establish the identity of the body seen near Hamilton, but as far as it could be learned today, there have been no new developments in the case.

SELECT COUNTY HEALTH CHAMP

Miss Doris Thomas, of Robersonville, Makes High Score of 98

Miss Doris Thomas, 4-H club member, of Robersonville, was selected county health champion in a contest conducted here Wednesday afternoon. Examinations were made by Drs. Saunders and Warren, Miss Thomas receiving a score of 98.

Other competing here yesterday were Doris Teel, of Williamston, Glen Willoughby, of Hamilton, Selma Ange, of Jamesville, and Idell Wells, of Jamesville. Health defects were largely teeth, bad shoulders, and bad feet. Those girls failing to notify the reason for not being examined were Irene Hodges, from Bear Grass, Alberta Keel, from Everetts, and Florine Moye, from Oak City.

Miss Thomas will go to Washington, N. C., Monday, May 29, to participate in the district health contest.

Government Holding Peanuts Off Market

Receipts for peanuts held in storage as collateral for loans advanced farmers in this section by the government last year have been returned to headquarters in Washington, indicating that the government will continue to aid peanut farmers to hold the crop off the market for better prices, it was unofficially learned this week.

While many of the peanuts held in storage as collateral for the loans have been sold, there are a number of lots yet on hand. It is understood the government recalled the receipts when the market weakened a few days ago.

Robert Everett, Jr., Is Badly Hurt in Fall

Robert Everett, Jr., young local boy, was painfully but not seriously hurt last Tuesday afternoon when he fell from the arch over the Better Chevrolet Company garage entrance. The cement cap to the arch broke off, throwing the boy to the paved sidewalk about 15 feet below. His head struck an unpaved surface, and the remainder of his body fell on the concrete, causing a painful injury to his hip. The child continues in bed, and yesterday afternoon he was not getting along so well.

Arrested for Stealing From Inmate of County Home

Levi Williams and Lee Winbush, both colored, were arrested near here last Tuesday afternoon by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and placed in jail in connection with the theft of a set of carpenter's tools from Ben Glisson, inmate at the county home.

Williams, a former charge of the welfare authorities, is said to have stolen the tools and went to work.