

Authorities To Get First Look At Tax Books On Monday

Late Reports Indicate Values In County Will Show a Small Gain

Meeting in regular session here next Monday, the Martin Commissioners are scheduled to get their first look into the county's basic tax structure—the listings by the several townships. Very little business is slated for the commissioners' consideration at that time, but it is likely that a varied number of problems will present themselves before the meeting is adjourned by Chairman J. E. Pope.

The slot machine question has virtually been settled, the Attorney General ruling that the commissioners do not have the power to refuse machine owners licenses necessary to the operation of the gadgets. It is likely that the operation of the machines will be discussed and that authorities will instruct officers to maintain a close watch over the machines and to exercise to the limit the county's taxing power.

Late reports from County Tax Supervisor S. H. Grimes will likely be encouraging to the commissioners in that they are expected to show that the property valuation in the county will remain about the same and possibly show a slight gain. Unofficial estimates released for the Williamston township listings indicate there'll be an increase of approximately \$80,000 in the district listings this year over those for 1938. The North Carolina Pulp Company property listings in the county are said to be around \$25,000 greater than they were a year ago, and that figure combined with the gain in this township is expected to offset the losses that are being reported by several townships.

About half of the townships have turned in their tax books already and most if not all the other list-takers are expected to get their books in tomorrow.

Missionary Group In District Meeting Here on Wednesday

Nearly 250 Delegates Present For Institute in the Methodist Church

Representing nearly every church in the Elizabeth City district, approximately 250 delegates and quite a few visitors from other churches in the area held an instructive and interesting institute in the Methodist church here last Wednesday when Mrs. E. L. Hillman, State president of the church's missionary society, ably interpreted the legislation dealing with women's work as enacted by the recent uniting conference.

A picnic dinner was served in the grammar school lunch room, and a special luncheon was provided the ministers' wives in the Methodist parsonage. Special music by the Young People's choir of the local church was an added feature on the one-day program.

Mrs. J. L. Delaney presided over the morning and afternoon sessions. The institute program follows: Devotional, Dr. S. A. Maxwell; address of welcome, Mayor J. L. Hassell; response, Mrs. J. V. Roach; minutes of the past session, secretary. Departments of work: finance, Mrs. J. L. Delaney; social relations, Mrs. J. G. White; spiritual life, Mrs. Earl Meekins.

Hymn; children, Mrs. B. B. Slaughter; study, Mrs. Gertie Matthews; Y. W. groups, Mrs. W. C. Chadwick; hymn; address: "The Uniting Conference," Mrs. E. L. Hillman. Lunch. Afternoon session: devotional; report of annual conference, Mrs. Glen Pendleton; quartet, Winfall society; supplies, Mrs. W. J. Watson; Scarritt college, Mrs. Leigh Sheep; hymn; World outlook and literature, Mrs. Charles Skinner; closing remarks, Mrs. E. L. Hillman; doxology.

Library Will Get Valuable Addition

The Williamston public library is to be the recipient in the very near future of a set of the new 1939 edition of the Americana. The board of directors of the local Kiwanis club voted last night to purchase the new set of books and make them available to the general public.

The policy of the library committee has been that of procuring those titles that would tend to popularize the use of the library since its funds were so limited and the cost of reference material made it prohibitive with such a small budget. This set of reference books, which heads the lists for high school, college and public libraries, will greatly supplement the set now had in our high school library, due to its just having been revised and just off the press.

The library committee is grateful that they can not begin to build its reference shelf around this recognized standard work and will be able to keep it up due to the annual supplement that will come to the library for the next ten years.

Modern Slot Machine Offers Competition for Lowly Nickel

Re-introduced in the county mainly in and near Williamston yesterday, the slot machine is now making a strong bid for the lowly nickel. Just how much keen competition the modern gadget will offer is problematical at this time, reports stating that after the Attorney General got through with his ruling there was little or nothing left, and that the machines are not attracting as much attention as had been expected.

Centered in Williamston, nineteen machines were "planted" in the county yesterday. Owners of the sixteen gadgets placed in Williamston stores, business houses, hotels and filling stations paid the town treasurer \$160, the county collecting \$10 from each machine to boost the total tax to \$350 for town and county. The machine was not invading other sections of the county, but the owners, making a test with the ma-

chines here, are expected to cover the territory within a short time.

Unofficial reports state that two solid carloads of the machines were unloaded in one eastern Carolina town the early part of this week.

Within themselves, the machines offer little opportunity for gambling, and because they are so tame and because they offer no immediate return, the gadgets are not expected to gain very much patronage.

The State of North Carolina has delayed the collection of taxes for a few days, but in taking that action the deputy collectors warned the owners of business houses where machines are located are subject to indictment if proper licenses are not posted on or before the last of this month. No days of grace were allowed by the town and county, the officers of the two political subdivisions demanding the purchase of licenses before the first ball rolled.

Report Upward Swing In General Business

FARM LEADER



Claude T. Hall, of Roxboro, who will be given the oath of office as a member of the North Carolina State Board of Agriculture at the next meeting of the board. He is one of the state's well-known farm leaders.

Recent News From The War And Farm Fronts Is Bright

Hope For Agriculture Rests In Successful Control Vote At An Early Date

Behind the quietness surrounding the business front over the country and especially in the agricultural South at the present time rests a silver lining that is stirring the prognosticators to action. Recent reports are really encouraging along all fronts and with an election year in the offing, good times can reasonably be expected. However, in addition to that fact, the basic foundations to general business are brighter than at any time in recent months. The fellows holding to the public pulse say a better feeling can well be recorded over the outlook for general business. While the current figures are a bit disheartening and while May, like April, is being written off as a poor month, some improvement is expected in June with a gradual but steady climb to good business in the fall.

It is explained that the war scare is just about over and that world-wide confidence is being established on a fairly substantial foundation. Strenuous efforts go forward to build up increased world trade.

Coming to the national front, business and government are working closer together to promote an increased business program. Supplementing those efforts will be an extensive governmental program to meet actual relief needs and promote a general advancement program.

Consumers are already beginning to use goods faster than industry has been producing them.

Reliable reports indicate that the national debt is not such a big problem after all. The forty billion dollar debt is reduced to less than 30 when loans are taken into consideration. Ten of the major government agencies have lent in the past few years approximately eleven billion dollars. Nearly half that amount has been repaid, and the earnings to the government approximate three-quarters of a billion dollars. The record of Uncle Sam as a banker is encouraging, and his further participation in the banking field is certain to have a favorable effect.

Looking into the future for agriculture, the picture is not so dark, after all. Recent plans to call a vote on tobacco control carry hope for the tobacco sections. No panacea is even given.

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Local Library Gets Favorable Comment

Inspecting the local public library yesterday, Miss Margaret Gilbert, of the North Carolina Library Commission, Raleigh, commented very favorably on the work that had been done and the interest shown in promoting the institution. "It is quite a credit to Williamston for its civic organizations and interested citizens to give such generous support in making the institution possible," Miss Gilbert also said that she knew of no place that had developed such an efficient service in such a brief time.

A thorough review of the library activities was made by the library commission during her stay here.

Effective next Monday, the library will remain open from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. and from 7 p. m. to 8 o'clock each evening.

Next Monday night promptly at eight o'clock, all members of the book club are urgently requested to meet at the library for the distribution of books just received, Mrs. J. E. Cook announced today.

Municipal Pool Is Formally Opened Here On Thursday

Hundreds Crowd Basin Before Rain Forces Shutdown in Afternoon

Williamston's \$24,000 municipal swimming pool was formally opened yesterday morning under the sponsorship of the local parent-teacher association. Despite adverse circumstances, the event was quite successful, the sponsors cleared around \$80, \$40.65 from the baby contest, \$31 from the dance and about \$19 from paid admissions to the pool.

With the exception of the parade, planned ceremonies celebrating the opening of the pool were washed out here Thursday night.

Due to the inclement weather the pool was not opened at night and the scheduled street dance had to be held in the American Legion Hut.

Several speeches were scheduled for the celebration but with only a small crowd on hand the speakers made their remarks short and sweet. Pete Fowden, master of ceremonies, introduced the mayor, John L. Hassell. John had a pretty speech planned for the occasion but wet skies hid the moon, the surrounding hills and ravines and he made his usual timely and appropriate remarks brief. Mr. Hassell introduced Lee Wallace, area superintendent. Mr. Wallace, before introducing Glen L. Bobbitt, state director of operations, thanked Williamston and its citizens for the fine cooperation shown the employees of the Works Progress Administration since they first came to Williamston. Mr. Bobbitt spoke very briefly. He stated that it was always a pleasure for the WPA to assist Williamston in whatever way possible. "The people of Williamston are cooperative and hospitable and are worthy of the best," Mr. Bobbitt said.

Mr. Fowden read the votes of the contestants in the baby contest sponsored by the Parents-Teachers association. Bobby Coburn, with 2293 votes won the contest. He was sponsored by Patsy King and Nona Melson.

J. B. Taylor and Dora Twiddy were recognized for having sold the most tickets to the dance.

Native Of County Dies In Pasadena

David W. Corey, native of this county, died suddenly at his home in Pasadena, Calif., last week-end, the meagre reports received here giving little detailed information about his death.

The son of the late Joseph and Hannah Jane Corey, he was born and reared in Griffins Township. When a young man he went to Bethel and learned the Irish potato business as an employee of the late M. O. Blount, of Pitt County. Later he moved to Maine where he became a prominent figure in the Irish potato business. Ill health forced him to sever his business connections in that State and he moved and settled in California where he was prominently connected with a large grocery chain as director of its extensive operations in the Irish potato business.

Mr. Corey seldom returned to his old home for visits during the approximately forty years he lived in other states. In addition to his own immediate family, he is survived by several brothers and sisters, including Mr. A. Corey, of Jamesville, and Mrs. Dora Roebuck, of Robersonville.

Jamesville Votes A Straight Ticket

Showing a marked interest in a wide-awake town—government, Jamesville citizens last Tuesday cast thirty votes for a new board of commissioners and for a nominee for mayor who moved away just a few days ago. It was rumored that the names of independent candidates would be written in on the regular ticket, but the voters were consistent in their actions and it was a clean sweep for the convention nominees.

Nominated for mayor, Dr. W. T. Gibson moved away several days ago, and the new commissioners will now fill the position by special appointment possibly at their first meeting this month.

No policy for the operation of the town governmental activities has been advanced by the newly elected officers, but it is generally understood that the citizens are expecting a number of changes in the old policies.

The names of the new board members are: Messrs. C. C. Fleming, Joe Holliday and O. W. Hamilton. They are succeeding Messrs. C. A. Askew, Clarence Sexton and Watson Waters.

Irish Potatoes Are Now Moving To Northern Markets

Irish potatoes started moving to northern markets this week in quantity with prices ranging from \$1.90 to \$2.35 per 100 pounds.

Business Firms Will Observe Half-Holiday Next Wednesday

Following a well established custom, all local business establishments will observe a half-holiday schedule during the months of June, July and most of August, the schedule to go into effect next Wednesday afternoon and continue on the same day for the period designated.

Granted by business owners and operators that their employees might enjoy a few hours of leisure each Wednesday afternoon, the holiday schedule has met with much success here during the past few years. It is hoped that the housewives and shoppers, in general, will continue to cooperate with the movement by effecting their purchases early each Wednesday and making it possible for the stores to close promptly at 1 p. m. on those days.

Stores and business firms cooperating in the movement are: Modern Beauty Shop, Farmers Supply Co., Bowen Bros., Willard's Shoe Shop, Roanoke Chevrolet Co., Margolis Bros., Belk-Tyler's, Williamston Hardware Co., Williamston Motor Co., Economy Auto Supply, Moore Grocery Co., Barnhill Bros., Woolard Hardware Co., Manning and Williams, A. and P. D. Pender and Gold Star Store, Branch Bank, Guaranty Bank, Lindsley Ice Co., Mildred's Beauty Shop, Israel's, V.E.P., B. S. Courtney, Ann's Variety Store, City Market, Peele's, Jewelers, Darden's Dept. Store, Rose's, B. F. Perry, F.C.X. Colonial Beauty Shop, McClees Bros., G. W. Hardison, Proctor Shoppe, Western Auto Store, Woolard Furniture Co., Community Barber Shop, Citizens Barber Shop, Service Barber Shop, Hotel Barber Shop and City Barber Shop.

Halt Downward Trend In County Tax Values

Local Township Property Values Show Large Gain

Combined Personal and Real Property Values Increased By \$81,840.00

The downward trend in county property values reported by several townships the latter part of last month was definitely checked in the report submitted by List-taker H. M. Burras for Williamston Township yesterday. If other townships in the county not yet reported will show only nominal losses, it is possible that county values will exceed those of last year, according to County Tax Supervisor S. H. Grimes following a study of the lists now on file in his office.

The tax outlook, certainly as far as values are concerned, looks far more encouraging now than it did a few years ago when the first of the townships to submit the 1939 list of values reported a loss of approximately \$15,000. Had that decrease been proportionately maintained, a decrease of possibly more than \$200,000 could have been expected in the county property values.

With its total listings, exclusive of corporation values, adding up to \$2,455,745, Williamston Township reported a gain of \$81,840, both its personal and real values showing increases. The greater part of the gain is centered in real listings which increased from \$1,690,265 to \$1,754,345. The 1939 gain over 1938 was only a few thousand dollars smaller than the 1938 gain over 1937. Last year this township reported a gain of \$85,694 over the listings of the year before.

A comparative review of the 1938 and 1939 listings is as follows:

	1938	1939
Personal	\$ 683,540	\$ 701,400
Real	1,690,265	1,754,345
	\$2,373,905	\$2,455,745

Personal Property by Races

White	\$ 661,345	\$ 679,080
Colored	22,205	22,410
	\$ 683,550	\$ 701,490

Real Property by Races

White	\$1,545,840	\$1,607,945
Colored	144,425	146,400
	\$1,690,265	\$1,754,345

Listings of individual items varied very little this year compared with those of 1938, as the following comparative table will show:

	1938	1939
Horses	20	15
Mules	359	429
Sheep	104	110
Goats	0	10
Hogs	1111	1568
M. Cows	104	76
Cattle	46	68
Cars	586	614
Dogs	237	269
Stocks	216,250	219,360

A gain of nearly \$24,000 was reported in the value of articles in the process of manufacture. In 1938 these articles were listed at \$93,645 as compared with \$117,325 this year.

Start Construction On New Homes Here Shortly

Placing material on their lot just recently, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bowen plan to have construction work started for their new home on Watts Street just back of the Presbyterian church within a few days. They are building a one-story six-room frame house.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Speight are having a lot cleared on Martin Heights preparatory to starting construction work on a new home there soon.

Plans are fast shaping up for the construction of several other new homes here this summer and fall.

ing in the movement are: Modern Beauty Shop, Farmers Supply Co., Bowen Bros., Willard's Shoe Shop, Roanoke Chevrolet Co., Margolis Bros., Belk-Tyler's, Williamston Hardware Co., Williamston Motor Co., Economy Auto Supply, Moore Grocery Co., Barnhill Bros., Woolard Hardware Co., Manning and Williams, A. and P. D. Pender and Gold Star Store, Branch Bank, Guaranty Bank, Lindsley Ice Co., Mildred's Beauty Shop, Israel's, V.E.P., B. S. Courtney, Ann's Variety Store, City Market, Peele's, Jewelers, Darden's Dept. Store, Rose's, B. F. Perry, F.C.X. Colonial Beauty Shop, McClees Bros., G. W. Hardison, Proctor Shoppe, Western Auto Store, Woolard Furniture Co., Community Barber Shop, Citizens Barber Shop, Service Barber Shop, Hotel Barber Shop and City Barber Shop.

County-wide Drive Against Typhoid Gains Momentum

Health Authorities Urging More People To Get Protection

Entering its second week last Monday, the county-wide drive against typhoid fever is rapidly gaining momentum, but health authorities point out that more people should avail themselves of the protection being offered.

Up until noon, approximately 800 had taken the vaccine in the offices of the health department, pushing the total for the week up until that time to nearly 5,000, an increase of about 1,000 over the first week's record.

A misunderstanding held down the increase at Jamesville last Monday, but those interested in promoting the campaign are hopeful of arrangements can be made to remedy that misunderstanding and effect a still greater increase in the number taking the treatment here next Monday when the drive enters its third week.

The county board of health was called into special session at one o'clock here this afternoon to hear complaints and straighten out the misunderstanding existing at Jamesville, and according to later reports, at Dardens.

Scheduled to complete the campaign in the lower half of the county about the middle of June, the health authorities will formulate and announce a schedule for extending the drive into the upper part of the county the early part of July.

A comparison of records of the vaccinations for the first and second weeks of the campaign up until noon today is as follows:

	First	Second
Station No. 90	346	380
Jamesville	464	494
Dardens	407	405
Bear Grass	336	392
Lilly's Store	267	289
Farm Life	359	549
Corey's Store	235	409
Williamston, Col.	586	922
Williamston, White	1005	*800
Totals	4909	5030

*Approximate number at noon today.

Roy Boles Added To The Martins' Pitching Staff

Roy Boles, young right-handed pitcher just out of Guilford College, was added to the Martins' pitching staff this week. Boles, a Jonesville, N. C., youth, comes here as a rookie, and "he looks pretty good," Skipper O'Malley said today.

Boles succeeds Wilkins who was released to lighten the number of left-handers on the local club. He is going over with the Eagles over in Kinston.

Editor and Mrs. Roy Parker, of Ahoskie, visited here a short while today.

Oak City Woman Badly Hurt When Attacked By Dog

Vicious Animal Tears Muscle From Arm of Mrs. Lynch Tuesday Afternoon

Attacked by a vicious German police dog near her home a short distance from Oak City last Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Lynch, about 50 years of age, was dangerously hurt. Reliable reports received here yesterday stated that the muscle was almost torn from her left arm and that she was bitten several times on her leg. It is feared by some that the injury will paralyze her arm.

Walking along a small path between the Tyson and White farms in Goose Nest, Mrs. Lynch was attacked as she started to visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred White.

Mrs. Lynch was quoted as saying that she had not stepped on the White land, that she was still on the property of Mrs. John Tyson when the animal attacked her. She was also quoted as saying that Mrs. White who was standing nearby made no visible or strenuous effort to "break" the dog off her. It could not be learned how the attack was turned back.

Reports reaching here indicated that the dog attempted to center his attack on the woman's throat, that when she threw her left arm up to protect herself the animal took it into his mouth and nearly chewed the muscle out. Her clothes were partially torn off in the attack, it was also stated.

Treated in an Oak City doctor's office, Mrs. Lynch was, according to last reports received here, getting along as well as could be expected and that it could not be determined at that time whether she would lose the use of her arm.

Notified of the attack, officers started an investigation immediately and learned that the dog had been listed for taxes and had been properly vaccinated. No warrant has been issued in the case, but it is understood that Dennis Bunting, Mrs. Lynch's son-in-law, is considering instituting action against the owner of the dog who was quoted as saying that he would kill anyone who killed his dog.

Later reports from the Goose Nest, North Carolina, indicate that dogs are on a rampage in that territory. The dog of Thursman Joyner is said to have attacked three of Wiley Craft's children this week, but they were not badly hurt. Checking the records here yesterday, officers found that the dogs had not been vaccinated, but it could not be learned what action, if any, Oak City officers planned to take in the case.

John Q. Patrick Will Head The School At Everetts Next Term

All Teacher Positions For the Coming Term Have Been Filled

Plans for the opening of the Everetts school the first Thursday in September were virtually completed yesterday when all teacher positions were filled and John Q. Patrick was appointed to succeed C. R. Simpson, of Peachland, as principal of the school.

Announcing the election of Professor Patrick to the principalship, a representative of the Everetts Advisory Committee stated they were greatly pleased with the new man's qualifications and that the school is expecting an unusually successful term beginning next September. Mr. Patrick was graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1929. While teaching in a Tennessee preparatory school he received his master of arts degree from Vanderbilt University. During the past several years he served the Epworth school, a large plant in Craven County, as principal. His home is in Griffith.

In addition to his school work, Mr. Patrick has interested himself greatly in scouting and is a member of the staff at Camp Charles, a Boy Scout retreat in Wilson County.

The three other positions made vacant in the faculty by resignations have also been filled, it was learned yesterday. Miss Cleo James, of Robersonville, succeeds Miss Kate Turner of Halifax, as teacher of the sixth grade. Reports state that Miss Turner is marrying soon. Miss James was graduated from Atlantic Christian College just a few days ago. Miss Alma Lewis, who has been teaching with Professor Patrick in the Epworth school during the past several terms, is to succeed Miss Frances Smith. Miss Lewis, a graduate of East Carolina Teachers' College, Greenville, lives at Belvoir, Pitt County. Miss Alma Moore, of Ayden, succeeds Miss Cassie Williams of Ocracoke, in the primary department. A graduate of East Carolina Teachers' College, she also taught in the Epworth school, after serving the Ayden schools several terms. Her home is in Ayden.

Only three teachers, Misses Palmer, Everett and Edmondson, are returning to the school for the coming term.