

County's Tax Rate Formally Adopted By Commissioners

Goodly Number of Tax Relief Orders Granted at Special Meeting Monday

A tax rate of \$1.10 per \$100 assessed property valuation was formally adopted by the Martin County Commissioners in special session here yesterday for the fiscal year of 1944-45. No changes were made in the estimates proposed at a previous meeting, it was explained.

In addition to the amount to be raised by general tax levy, the county will collect \$2 from all taxable polls, and a special road tax will be levied in three townships as follows: Cross Roads, 65 cents; Hamilton, 35 cents plus a special poll tax of \$1.05, and Goose Nest, 25 cents plus a special poll tax of 75 cents.

The \$1.10 rate, it is estimated, will raise \$156,796.93 of the \$248,898.93 budget for the new fiscal year.

Attended by Commissioners R. L. Perry, Joshua L. Coltrin, C. Abram Roberson and R. A. Haislip, the meeting reviewed claims for tax relief orders for quite a while and granted a goodly number. Some of the relief claims were based on death, physical and mental disabilities, errors, but most of them were granted to members of the armed forces. The relief orders covered the tax years of 1941 and 1942 and are listed by townships as follows:

Civilians — 1941
Jamesville Township: Reynolds Gardner, \$2; A. L. Stallings, \$1.49; Horace Duggins, \$2; Moses Hill, \$2; James Moore, \$2.

Williams Township: Jim Staton Godard, \$2.
Griffins Township: J. Claude Mendenhall, \$4.69.

Bear Grass Township: Geo. Mayo, \$2; and John Henry Teel, \$2.
Williamston Township: W. E. Raynor, \$2; W. A. Roberson, \$6; B. H. Wynn, \$2; Eddie Biggs, \$2; Isiah Mobley, \$3; Monk Peterson, \$2; Horace Respass, \$2, and Curtis Rhodes \$2.

Cross Roads Township: E. B. James and Herbert Evans, \$2 each.
Robersonville Township: J. F. A. Bryan, \$11.68; C. L. Johnson, \$11.73; Geo. Howard, \$2, and F. A. Modica, \$5.44.

Poplar Point Township: Arthur Cromwell, Major Latham and Geo. Purvis, \$2 each.
Hamilton Township: G. N. Cowen, \$7.54; Robert Biggs, \$4.14; Fletcher Bullock, \$3.14; Albert Sherman, \$3.48, and Peter Hassell, \$3.05.

Goose Nest Township: Charlie Hux, \$2.79; Blossom Bellamy, \$4.11, and Edgar Everett, \$3.43.

Civilians — 1942
Jamesville: Wm. H. Ange, \$3.95; Audrey Lilley, \$2; John H. Ellison, \$3.29; Willie Hopkins, \$7.68, and Tom Moore, \$3.

Williams: Jim Staton Godard, \$2.07 and Josh Pritchett, \$2.
Griffins: J. C. Mendenhall, \$5.46.
Williamston: W. R. Ingram, \$4.79; C. Alex Nicholson, \$3.45; W. E. Raynor, \$4; Eddie Biggs, \$2; Izell Mobley, \$3.10.

Cross Roads: E. B. James, \$2.69; Jesse Everett, \$2; Herbert Evans, \$2.08; Willie Joyner, \$2.
Robersonville: C. L. Johnson, \$14.70, and F. A. Modic, \$2.
Poplar Point: Geo. Purvis, \$3.
Hamilton: Peter Hassell, \$3.05; W. G. Anthony, 83 cents; Fletcher Bullock, \$3.14, and Albert Sherman, \$3.48.

Goose Nest: Blossom Bellamy, \$6.45.
Armed Forces — 1941
Jamesville: Geo. F. Cooper, \$4; Andrew Murriner, \$2, and Leon Powers, \$2.
Williams: Thomas Taylor, \$2, and W. R. Anthony, \$2.
Bear Grass: W. T. Little and Jas. Pippins, \$2 each.
Williamston: B. B. Daniel, \$13.40; P. E. Cherry, Solomon Green, Ranson Green, Charlie Ormond, John (Continued on page six)

Youth Loses Life In Conoho Creek

E. C. Stevenson, Jr., twelve years old, was drowned in a swimming hole in Conoho Creek, not far from Hamilton early last Sunday afternoon. The body was recovered about six hours later by his father and friends.

In swimming with his brother, Paul Stevenson, and James Ed Rogerson and Milton Weathersbee, the lad was reported to have stepped in a hole. His companions were unable to save him and they ran to the Stevenson home, possibly three-quarters of a mile or more away, for help.

The youth was born near Robersonville but had been living with his parents on a farm near Hamilton for some time.

Besides his parents, he is survived by a brother, Paul Stevenson and four sisters, Virginia, Rachel, Glynn and Doris Stevenson.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Robersonville Primitive Baptist Church by Elders B. S. Cowin, A. B. Ayers and W. E. Grimes. Interment was in the Robersonville Cemetery.

More Men Report For Pre-Induction Exams

RESIGNS



David N. Hix, principal of the local schools for the past eleven years, last night resigned to head the Oxford Public Schools.

Nearly 200 Tires Are Allotted By Ration Board Last Friday

Only Three Big Truck Tires Included in Large Number of Tires Rationed

One hundred and seventy-six tires—148 for passenger cars, twenty-four for pick-up trucks and light duty vehicles, three for big truck and one for a tractor—were allotted by the War Price and Rationing Board in this county last Friday.

Quite a few applications were carried over, and the truck tire situation is not at all encouraging, according to reports. Some of those applicants whose requests are still pending are talking about the "loose" use of cars granted special rations. "I can't understand why one applicant gets consideration and then uses his car for fairly numerous trips that are hardly necessary and others are forced to actually forego needs that are more or less pressing," one person was quoted as saying a few days ago. It was pointed out that the trouble originates with the individual applicant, that the rationing authorities are doing the best they can.

Passenger car tires were released to the following:
Albert Gurkin, RFD 1, Williamston, one.
H. L. Hopkins, Oak City, one.
F. L. Haislip, Hamilton, one.
Jack Biggs, RFD 2, Williamston, one.

Lenora Godard, Jamesville, two.
R. R. Carson, Bethel, two.
Andrew Haislip, RFD 2, Robersonville, two.
Jack Everett, Parmele, one.
L. K. Reason, RFD 1, Williamston, two.

M. L. Peel, Williamston, one.
Bert L. Roberson, Jamesville, two.
Sol Mobley, Oak City, one.
P. L. Rogers, RFD 1, Williamston, two.

Eustice Jones, RFD 2, Williamston, one.
W. R. Banks, Williamston, two.
Standard Fertilizer Co., one.
Kelly Rawls, Robersonville, two.
Edward S. Brown, RFD 1, Jamesville, two.

J. W. Bland, Williamston, two.
Raymond Heath, Williamston, one.
C. P. Hopkins, RFD 3, Williamston, two.

Ben Harrell, Palmyra, one.
Mrs. Daisy Lewis, Bethel, two.
W. H. Adkins, Robersonville, two.
Mrs. Audrey Williams Carter, Williamston, one.
Matthew Cotton, Oak City, one.
Joe Outerbridge, RFD 3, Williamston, one.
Oscar Jones, Jamesville, one.
Robert H. Cowen, Williamston, one.

Allen Williams, Everetts, one.
William Purvis, Oak City, one.
S. G. Burnett, Oak City, one.
A. P. Bullock, RFD 3, Williamston, one.

D. Andrew Griffin, RFD 1, Williamston, one.
Bennie Bryant, Hobgood, one.
Jim Corey, Jamesville, one.
Noah Boston, Jamesville, one.
Clayton Revels, RFD 2, Williamston, two.

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Displays Unusually Large Hen Egg Here This Week

Dallas "Tootsie" Roberson offered the unusual in hen eggs yesterday when he displayed one weighing six ounces and measuring 9 1/4 by 7 1/4 inches in circumference.

"We grow 'em big over at our house," the young man admitting that the particular egg was a bit larger than the general run of eggs.

MARKETS

A schedule for the marketing of tobacco in five states is still hanging in high air today, as politicians wrangle over prices. The Georgia markets, scheduled to open yesterday, are still idle, and it is now believed that the marketing delay will be pushed northward.

While claims for price increase may be well founded, it is now strikingly apparent that the politicians have moved in a full force apparently to score a political victory, leaving the farmer to get what he can.

18-To-26 Age Group Virtually Depleted By Draft This Week

Next Call the Latter Part of August Is Likely To Get 26-29 Age Group

Answering a current draft board call, twenty-two Martin County white youths left this week for their pre-induction examinations at Fort Bragg. One youth, James Thomas Mobley, RFD 1, Oak City, failed to report. Another one, Jimmy Mitchell, of Williamston, was turned back when it was found he had not registered before his 18th birthday and could not be called just now. A third boy, James Clarence Wallace, RFD 1, Jamesville, was rejected in accordance with rules governing physical requirements.

Only one man, Marion Thomas Hardison, of Dardens and Williamston, in the group is married. He is over 26 years of age and has three children, one report stating that he made himself subject to call by leaving the farm.

Nineteen of the twenty-two men leaving this week for the pre-induction examination are eighteen years of age, some of them registered for the draft as late as the middle of last month.

The next pre-induction call will be answered the latter part of August by white men in the county. The size of the call could not be learned, but even a comparatively small one is expected to force the draft authorities to dip into the 26-29 year old group. Very few boys becoming 18 years of age have registered in the county so far this month. A final induction call for a comparatively small number of the white men now in the reserve pool is expected the latter part of August.

A pre-induction call for colored men is expected early next month. It is believed that the call can be filled from the 18-26 age group.

The names and addresses of the white men answering the pre-induction call this week follow:
Marion Thomas Hardison, Dardens and Williamston.
Edgar Martin L. Whaley, RFD 1, Oak City, and Sharpshurg, N. C.
Julius Braddy, Jamesville and Hobgood.
Robert Knox, RFD 1, Williamston.
Zeph Roberson, RFD 1, Oak City.
Thomas Johnson Brown, RFD 1, Robersonville.
Ernest Lee Matthews, Newport News and Robersonville.
Kader Benjamin Hardison, RFD 1, Oak City.
Mack Luther Peel, Jr., Williamston.
Linward Leroy Jackson, RFD 1, Robersonville.
George Alton James, RFD 2, Robersonville.
Thurman Lee Raynor, Williamston.
King Edward Cratt, RFD 2, Williamston.

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Buck Holloman Is Now In the Pacific

Writing from somewhere in the Central Pacific, Pfc. Murray (Buck) Holloman, local boy, said, in part: "We had a mail call the other day for the first time in six weeks. My most thrilling mail was eight copies of The Enterprise I received. To read and learn that things at home are as bright as usual and going on so well makes a boy so far from home wake up and wish he was back there with his friends and loved ones. Of course where I am at the present, I'm thankful that I'm safe and getting plenty of food and cigarettes. We see a movie occasionally. Our swimming hole is the Pacific Ocean. The weather here is very hot and sticky, and we have rain almost every day.

"I have been climbing so many coconut trees, I'm almost as good as a Jap 'snipee'! At night when we get hungry there's always a nice big cocoonut to open and eat. But what a job it is to open them."

In closing, the young man wished everyone at home the best of luck.

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County Serviceman Dies In Portsmouth Hospital Last Week

Funeral Services Are Held in Norfolk Yesterday Afternoon

Daniel Davis Holliday, a petty officer in the U. S. Navy, died in a Portsmouth hospital last Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock following an illness of about two weeks' duration. The young man, heading a special mission, was in this section a little over two weeks ago and was taken ill with pneumonia a day or two after returning to his station in Virginia. He recovered from the pneumonia attack, but spinal meningitis developed, causing his death.

The son of Leonard P. and Ida Davis Holliday, he was born in Jamesville Township on September 8, 1913, and spent most of his life on the farm. About eight years ago he entered steel construction work and was assigned to jobs in various parts of the country, later locating in Norfolk, where he was a skilled workman in the Navy Yard. In February, 1942, he volunteered for service in the Navy and continued his work in the Norfolk area.

He married Miss Audrey Moore of Four Oaks about two years ago and she and his parents, six brothers, Ferd, Jilery H., and David Holliday, all of Jamesville; Cushion Holliday, Tampa, Fla.; Chief Petty Officer Paul Holliday of California, and Clarence Holliday, of Norfolk, and a sister, Mrs. H. C. Bridgers, of Portsmouth, survives.

Funeral services were conducted in Norfolk yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and interment was in the Norfolk Cemetery.

Petty Officer Holliday was the 26th Martin County man to die while in the service of our country. Members of the family and quite a few friends from this county were present for the last rites.

County Colored Man Loses Life In Ship Explosion Recently

Body of Verna Land Believed Lost in Blast That Cost 322 Their Lives

Verna Land, seaman second class, was killed on Monday last week when two munitions ships blew up at Port Chicago, California, costing 322 persons their lives. Relatives of the young colored man were notified here last Saturday morning of his untimely death, but no details were offered. Little has been said about the gruesome tragedy and relatives in this county are not certain what became of Land's body. One report intimated that the man was killed instantly and that his body was blown to bits.

Land was one of eight North Carolinians known to have perished in the explosion that rocked the port and damaged property in a radius of fifty miles or more.

'E' Bond Sales About \$32,000.00 Short of Quota In Martin County

People On the Home Front Must Wake Up In Next Five Days

Record Will Be Read by Martin County Boys in Fox Holes in Near Future

While so many have not yet seen their way clear to do as little as a few faithful leaders and other citizens are still plugging away in an effort to push the county over the top in the current Fifth War Loan Drive. Late last night, the county was \$31,987.25 short of that goal, and Herman A. Bowen, chairman of the drive in the county, frankly admitted that unless the little folks—the folks who are wandering all over the country and throwing their money to the four winds—wake up, the drive is going to fall short. It is a sad story for fighting men ducking shells in fox holes to read, but it is no use to hide the facts. Within the next fortnight on the invasion front, Martin County boys, catching their breath in fox holes, will read the record of the bond sales in Martin County. They'll see the townships that have gone over and those who have lagged behind. If for no other reason than to prove to those lads that we are backing them up, it will be worth far greater sacrifices than any of us have made to buy another bond and see that the goal is reached. Besides the investment feature, the bond drive leaders are appealing to the people of the county to buy more bonds to prove to the boys that the home front is solidly behind them. If we are going to meet the solemn obligation, we must wake up and act within the next five days.

During the past week and up until late last night, the county invested a total of \$20,772.00 in "E" bonds, boosting the total to \$253,162.75. It is true that the negotiable bond quota has been met, but the little folks—the folks who could invest at least \$18.75 or more in "E" bonds—have not responded to the call as had been expected and earnestly hoped for.

Looking over the "E" bond purchases, Martin County men all over the world will see where six townships have gone over the top and reason that if six can do it, the other four ought to do it. The figures below speak for themselves, and there is no way of denying the fact that they look terrible in Williamston, Cross Roads and Robersonville. Goose Nest has not yet reached its quota, but it is clearly in sight. However, only \$112.50 was invested in bonds there during the past week and it'll have to do better than that if the goal is reached. It is about \$11,000 behind in its negotiable purchases, but excess sales in other districts will more than offset the discrepancy. One or two other townships are lagging in the purchase of negotiables, but if the "E" bond quotas are met, everything will be all right.

Read your township "E" bond sales, figure out your fair share of the purchases that must be made to meet the goal and meet the obligation now. The drive closes next Monday.

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Two County School Principals Resign

Minister Addresses Local Kiwanis Club

Speaking before the local Kiwanis Club last Thursday night, Kiwanian W. R. Burrell reviewed briefly some of the things that could be done to make Williamston a larger and better town to live in. Among the many constructive ideas and suggestions advanced by the minister was post-war planning for a new hotel. He pointed out many things that can be accomplished now and after the end of the war. His criticism was reasonable and constructive and his talk was enjoyed by the entire membership.

A delicious dinner, consisting of barbecue and stew, was served by Mr. Exum Ward.

CHANGES

Following the resignation of C. R. Mobley as manager of the local liquor store, Garland Whitley, an employee, is being promoted to fill that position. J. W. Andrews, veteran railroad man, is being added to the store operating personnel, it was announced by V. J. Spivey, chairman of the county ABC system.

According to Mayor J. L. Hassell, Mr. Mobley late yesterday had not formally accepted the position of chief of police, but it will take the job as soon as he ends his present vacation on August 1st. The mayor also said that as far as he knew no salary schedule for the office of chief of police had been fixed.

Named On Committee To Recruit Nurses for Army

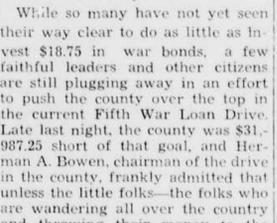
Miss Mary L. Taylor and D. R. Davis have been appointed co-chairmen for Martin County in the State drive to recruit 1500 young women in the United States Cadet Nurse Corps.

The campaign is sponsored by the North Carolina Nursing Council for War Service in cooperation with the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association.

Martin County Farm Security Committee Plans 1945 Program

G. A. Oglesby of Hamilton Is New Member of County Committee

PROMOTED



Russell T. Roebuck, son of Sheriff and Mrs. C. E. Roebuck of Williamston, was recently promoted to senior grade lieutenant in the Navy. The young man is now somewhere in the Pacific. Prior to his transfer there he served fifteen months in the Atlantic, participating in the North African and Sicilian invasions and the defense of Palermo.

The Martin County Farm Security Administration Committee met last Wednesday to continue its 1945 program planning. The program, as planned, will be carried out with FSA borrowers by James C. Eubanks, County Supervisor, and Ida O. Roberts, Associate Supervisor.

This was the first meeting of the year, and Mr. G. A. Oglesby was inducted as a committee member for the next three years replacing Mr. W. J. Beach, whose term expired on June 30, 1944. The committee is now composed of Mr. C. L. Daniel of the Holly Springs community, Mr. W. M. Harrison of Bear Grass and Mr. G. A. Oglesby of Hamilton.

At this meeting the county personnel gave the committee some general information about the county as a whole secured from 1940 census reports and reports from N. C. Department of Agriculture, and from the county health department. The committee was given a more concentrated and detailed report on the county FSA clientele.

The county information revealed the following: the number of farms in the county with 30 acres or less of cultivated lands, 684. The number of farm families in the county whose annual income was less than \$600 was 240. The number of farm families in the county whose annual income was less than \$1000 was 604. The number of tenant farmers in the county was 1781.

In studying the FSA case load, family by family, the committee and supervisors together, found the following problems to be outstanding: in some cases, lack of production of a year around food supply. This includes a shortage of the production of milk for home use, eggs, meat and lard, garden crops, dried beans and peas, and some other home needed foods. Inadequate storage for crops and food produced. Insufficient housing facilities for the livestock, poultry and farm equipment. Health problems due to poor diet. Inadequate household equipment. A lack of some or all sanitary facilities, which includes the privy, screens, and protected water supply. The need for sire service including more purebred bulls and boars. Also better sanitation methods with those on hand. This includes the worm and other pest control measures. Lack of improved feeding practices including insufficient pasture, both temporary and permanent.

The fencing problem was also studied. This includes a lack of sufficient fence to surround an adequate pasture, garden, and poultry yard in many cases.

In order to assist the families in overcoming these problems, the committee recommended that supervisors: (1) assist families individually in developing farm and home plans that will include the necessary aid for overcoming their individual problems; (2) that where groups of families have the same need for large equipment and sire service, that community services be established to meet this need, and (3) follow through on these plans as a means of overcoming the problem by individual visits, group supervision where practical, demonstration on the farm and in the home, work shops and timely releases.

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Report Series Of Highway Accidents

No one was badly hurt but some property damage resulted in a series of minor highway and street accidents in the county during the past few days.

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Smithwick Creek Church To Hold Union Meeting

The union meeting will be held at Smithwick's Creek Primitive Baptist Church next Sunday, July 30th.

Union meetings are held at this church each fifth Sunday. Several elders from eastern North Carolina will preach at the services next Sunday.