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PEOPLE OF COUNTY WIN OUT IN FIGHT FOR LOWER ASSESSMENTS

Get Exactly What They Ask For In Mass Meeting Assembled and Yet Increase In Valuations Here Probably as Great as Anywhere Else in The State

The total taxable valuation of the property of Pasquotank county will not be raised this year over twelve per cent above the valuation of 1914.

This marks a complete victory for the Citizen's committees appointed by the mass meeting of Monday, July 5th as this is precisely what these committees were directed to ask for.

At the same time the proposed plan of adjustment works confusion to any individual whose property was far undervalued last year and who may have had the idea that he would be able to get his property listed at not more than twelve per cent above the old valuation. For instead of using the old valuations as a basis for adjustment there will be such a general reduction of the new assessment as will bring the total valuation of property in the county within 112 per cent of the old valuation.

The motion of the Board of Equalization, consisting of the county Tax Assessor and county Commissioners, under which the adjustment will be made is in substance as follows: The board will first hear and adjust individual complaints of inequalities of valuation and after these have been acted upon if the total valuation shall exceed that it undoubtedly will by over twelve per cent the valuation last year then such uniform reduction in the assessment will be made as to bring the total within the required limit.

For example, if the total assessment shall exceed that of last year by twenty per cent, each individual assessment will be reduced 8 per cent.

This motion was adopted after the board had heard addresses in behalf of the citizens committees by E. F. Ay-dlett and W. L. Small. Mr. Ay-dlett put before the Board the action of the Mass Meeting and asked the board, as representatives of the people of the county, to hear the voice of the people in this matter and to see to the demands of those who are interested in the matter. Mr. Small stated that as a member of the Finance Committee in the last legislature he felt himself in a position to say with all certainty that a general increase of 12 per cent is all that is looked for this year throughout the state.

The board then proceeded to hear individual complaints of unequal assessment. The following orders were made.

The Edwin Markham Jr. farm in Salem township was reduced from an assessed value of \$7,500 to \$1,400.

The assessment of the W. G. Coppersmith farm in Salem was reduced from 2,000 to 1,800.

The assessment on the B. F. James farm in Salem was reduced from \$1,400 to \$1,200.

The assessment of the W. W.

Eves farm in Salem was reduced from \$1,200 to \$1,100.

J. J. Morris, agent for Mrs. Mary F. Davis and W. F. Small of Salem were ordered to appear before the board on Wednesday at 12 o'clock and show why the value at which their property was assessed should not be raised.

The Assessment of R. S. Pritchard's farm in Nixonton was reduced from \$3,900 to \$3,500.

That on Sarah E. Elliott's farm in Salem was reduced from \$1,000 to \$900.

That on S. S. Wilson's woodland in Salem was reduced from \$160 to \$100.

That on M. S. Cartwright's farm in Salem was reduced from \$450 to \$400.

That on Mrs. S. K. Lumsden's farm was reduced from \$25,000 to \$22,000.

That on W. J. Sanders farm in Salem was reduced from \$1,800 to 1,600.

That on C. E. Overman's farm in Salem was reduced from \$3000 to \$2,730.

That of the S. V. Harris farm in Nixonton was reduced from \$1,500 to \$1,150.

That on the J. B. Fearing land and lots in Elizabeth City township was reduced from \$23,225 to \$16,725.

That on the Dailey farm of J. P. Eves was reduced from \$1,700 to \$1,500; and that on his store from \$900 to \$800.

FORBES IN JAIL

Sheriff J. B. Mitchell of Camden county was here Saturday and interviewed by an Advance reporter stated that Caleb Forbes, the man who a little over a week ago shot Ben Hewitt, and who was released under a \$250.00 bond, had been committed to jail.

"Forbes got himself in trouble by talking too much", said Sheriff Mitchell. He threatened shooting some body else, the man threatened swore out a warrant against him, Forbes was brought again before the recorder and a peace bond in the sum of five hundred was demanded. In default of bond Forbes was committed to jail.

Forbes release in the first instance was the occasion for a good deal of surprise here.

FARMERS TO HAVE PICNIC

Pasquotank County farmers are to have a picnic at the fair grounds on Wednesday, July 28.

Dr. H. T. Alexander of Charlotte will be among the speaker of the day and those in charge of the day's program are making every effort to prepare for a feast of profit and pleasure. The farmers have invited Elizabeth City business men to cooperate with them in making the occasion an enjoyable one.

SPENCER CHAPLIN PASSES AWAY

Many Friends Pay Last Tribute of Respect to Man Known For Kind Deeds

The body of Spencer Chaplin was laid to rest in Hollywood cemetery yesterday afternoon at five o'clock. Funeral services were held in the home and were conducted by Mr. Chaplin's pastor, Rev. B. C. Henning, assisted by Rev. I. N. Loftin.

Attending the service besides the immediate family, were numbers of friends who gathered to pay their last tribute of respect to the dead man's memory. Beautiful floral offerings also attested to the high regard and esteem in which he was held.

Mr. Chaplin's death occurred in the early dawning hours of Sunday. For several days the end had seemed at hand, and death came as a release from long suffering.

It was about six weeks ago that Spencer Chaplin, out in the yard with his chickens, was seized with an attack of what he and his friends thought at the time was a seizure of vertigo. For a number of days subsequent to the attack he remained in bed, but it was not long before he was out on the streets and about his usual work. His friends could not fail to observe, however, that his restoration to health had not been complete; and soon it became noticeable that he was losing instead of gaining ground with the passing days.

Three weeks ago Mr. Chaplin gave up his work and did not leave his yard. His physicians, questioned by anxious friends about his trouble, admitted that he had suffered something in the nature of a paralytic stroke, that a blood-clot on the brain had formed, that his condition was precarious and daily growing more serious. Time bore out their diagnosis. Mr. Chaplin ceased to leave the house, became confined to his bed, and for the last few days was unable to speak.

Mr. Chaplin was born in Tyrrell county forty-one years ago. He entered Wake Forest College in 1892, completing his course there in 1895. He then began the work of teaching, continuing this profession until about ten years ago, when he came to Elizabeth City.

He was married in 1895 to Miss Fannie Dean at Cedar Rock in Franklin county, North Carolina. Mrs. Chaplin's father, Mr. W. T. Dean, now of Nashville, N. C. was present at the funeral and is still here.

Soon after coming to Elizabeth City, Mr. Chaplin began the work of newspaper correspondent and reporter. He represented the leading dailies of the State in Elizabeth City, and was on the staff of the local dailies when Elizabeth City had a daily newspaper. He was also for a number of years a faithful and loyal member of The Advance force.

Spencer Chaplin is survived by a wife and four children, the eldest of whom, Spencer Chaplin, Jr., is a lad of fourteen. He also has a brother, L. R. Chaplin, a prominent farmer of Tyrrell county, and his mother, Mrs. Francis Chaplin, is also a resident of Tyrrell. Both of these were present at the funeral and are still in the city.

Mr. Chaplin was a member of the First Baptist Church. He

WAS SHOT DOWN ON THE STREET

Negro Named Combs Hit By Three Bullets Was Able to Walk Home

Jim Combs, a negro living on Fourth Street, was shot and seriously wounded sometime between midnight and two o'clock Monday morning by John Dunbar, generally known here as 'Dunbar'.

Combs is said to have made some statement reflecting on Dunbar's wife. This was on Walnut Street. Dunbar went to his home on Juniper Street, about seventy yards away, got his gun and returning invited Combs to repeat his assertion. 'Repeat what?' queried Combs, whereupon Dunbar drew his gun and fired.

The ball grazed the top of Combs' head and persuaded him that discretion was the better part of valor. He turned to run, but Dunbar shot twice more and the last ball striking Combs in the back brought him to the ground. The other shot lodged in his leg below the hip.

Medical aid was summoned and Combs wounds were given surgical attention. The bullet in his leg was extracted but the ball in his back is still lodged there. It is thought however, that he will recover.

Dunbar did not appear to be upset by the occurrence. After the shooting he went to his house and when officers Gregory and Holmes approached the place he walked out and gave himself up. His case will not be heard before the recorder until Combs is pronounced out of danger.

was also one of the members of the Worth Bagley Council Junior O. F. A. M. It was the purpose of his lodge to attend the funeral in a body, but a change in the time of the service prevented their doing so. A number of its members were present, however, as were also members of his church. Had there not been an error in announcing the time of the service the number attending would have been much larger, spite of the fact that it was held in the home instead of the church.

A man of kindly heart and generous impulses, Mr. Chaplin was always on the alert to help those in want or misfortune. He never seemed happier than when, having discovered some case of distress he was able to minister to those needing help. His kindness of heart and quick sympathy were so unaffected and genuine and sincere that these qualities of the man made themselves felt by all who knew him.

CHILDREN TO SING HERE

A singing class of children from the Odd Fellows children's Home at Goldsboro will give a concert here in the Alkrama Theatre on next Tuesday, July 20th. The Odd Fellows of the city are making preparations to insure the success of the event and the public generally are looking forward to the occasion with much interest.

The concert of these children is an annual event here and one which is always sure of good attendance. Tickets went on sale to day at Seligs and reserved seats should be secured at once.

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FORWARD STEP FOR CURRITUCK

County Employs Whole Time Superintendent Of Public Instruction

Currituck county has placed itself among the wideawake counties of the state in matters of education by electing to the position of superintendent of public instruction of this county R. W. Isley who for the past 2 years has been principal of the Poplar Branch High School. Mr. Isley will devote his whole time to the cause of education in Currituck.

"It was the sense of the board of education, 'one of its members is quoted as saying, 'that the county should employ a whole time superintendent from outside the county. If Mr. Isley had not accepted, we should have retained Dr. Newbern in the position. The only objection to Dr. Newbern was that he was not a school man and could not give his entire time to the work."

YOUNG MAN ENTERS MINISTRY

At a special service Sunday evening at Blackwell Memorial Church Mr. Elwyn Trueblood was licensed or set apart by the church to enter the ministry. Mr. Trueblood leaves in September to enter Wake Forest College where he will begin preparation for his ministerial work.

The service was a very impressive one. Mr. Loftin, the pastor, spoke with great earnestness upon the qualifications necessary for one entering upon the work. These qualifications being understood, Mr. Loftin said there must be absolute fearlessness in the man who entered upon this calling and an impelling and divine call. At the close of the sermon Mr. Trueblood was asked to address the congregation, and in a few simple but very earnest words expressed his determination to fight the forces of evil and asked the sanction of his church upon his decision. This was heartily given.

The public ceremony of setting apart those young men who are entering upon their preparation for the ministry is one that is no longer observed by all Baptist churches but is observed by Blackwell Memorial church, and almost every year at this season there is some young man ready to go forth as a representative of the church. Mr. Ambrose Ward of this city entered Wake Forest last year with the purpose of preparing for the ministry and was present Sunday evening with Mr. Trueblood to receive again the hearty good wishes of the church in the work he is undertaking. The choir, with anthems, duet and a male quartette, added considerably to the spirit of worship in the evening's service.

RIDER-GRAY

Mr. James Leon Rider of Kingston and Miss Vivian Gray of Coinjock were married here Saturday by Rev. I. N. Loftin at his residence on Pennsylvania avenue.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. B. L. Gray of Coinjock and the groom is one of the engineers on the government dredge now operating in the Albemarle and Chesapeake canal.

SHERIFF GRIGGS GETS GUNMEN

A Dead Negro the Result of Prank With an Unloaded Pistol

At a negro ice cream supper near Jarvisburg in Currituck County last Tuesday Mack Coston was shot and instantly killed by Halstead Brothers.

The supper was in progress at Brothers' home and a general jollification was in full swing. One of the party was paying a 'mouth organ' and presently some of his fellow merry makers began to dance to the music. Brothers objected to the dancing and ordered his friends to 'cut it out', intimating that if they did not heed his request he would find a way to make them do so. A moment later he stepped into the house, got his pistol and ordered Dave Olds, a man near the door to stand aside. "I am going to burn Coston", said Brothers. Whereupon he levelled his gun at Mack and pulled the trigger. The pistol snapped once but the second time it fired and Coston dropped in his tracks.

Examination showed that a .38 calibre bullet from Brothers' gun had drilled a hole in Coston's body a few inches below the heart. Probably Brothers thought that the gun was not loaded. Frightened at the result of what he had intended only as a joke he ran for a doctor, going to the house of Dr. J. M. Newbern, who was the nearest physician. Brothers told Dr. Newbern that he had shot a man by accident and wanted advice as to what he had best do. Dr. Newbern told him that he had better put himself in the hands of an officer, so Brothers went to Sheriff Griggs and gave himself into the officer's custody. Meantime Dr. Newbern had reached Coston and found him dead.

A hearing was held at the scene of the shooting and Brothers was held for trial at the next term of Superior court. He is lodged in Currituck jail as is also Tom Jones, a Virginia darkey who shot Coston's brother not many weeks ago. Jones, who skipped to his home immediately after the shooting ventured back into the county and Sheriff Griggs was prompt to take him in charge.

REVIVAL AT COLUMBIA

Columbia, July 10—One of the greatest evangelistic campaigns ever held in Tyrrell County is now in progress at the Baptist church here. Evangelist W. M. Huggins of Newbern and Chorus Director W. H. Rowe, also of Newbern, came on Sunday, July 4th, and began the meeting. They have fought the forces of evil without compromise and in the most vehement manner.

One of the most forceful sermons preached by Mr. Huggins was that of Thursday evening on 'The Dead Church', in which he called upon the members of the church to renew their vows with God. Mr. Huggins has denounced the errors of Russellism most emphatically in his preaching here and warned the people against its delusions.

Misses Ruth Sawyer and Mary Ferebee of Belcross were in the city Saturday shopping.