

**SPLENDID PROGRAM PREPARED
FOR FARMERS' ENTERTAINMENT**

Baseball, Boat Racing, Good Speaking and the Big Dinner For All Who Bring Baskets Features of the Day

Preparations which have been in progress for the past two weeks to make Wednesday, July 28th, the biggest and most profitable occasion in the memory of the oldest inhabitant of this entire section are now approaching completion and a wave of pleasant anticipation is sweeping the town and the country.

The Pasquotank Farmers Union set on foot the movement for a big Farmer's Picnic.—A 'Get-Together Day' and the business men of Elizabeth City have united with them in the determination to make the event an entire success. Pasquotank County, Elizabeth City, Camden and Currituck Counties are expected to show the 'Get-together' spirit on that day and meet for a general social holiday.

Music will be furnished by Zeigler's Band with its twenty-five instruments. A baseball game between the Elizabeth City Cubs and the Sound-Neck aggregation—the same team which defeated Elizabeth City at Weaverville Friday, promises to be a lively feature of the day's entertainment. Boat races on the bay will interest and entertain a large number of yachtsmen and boat lovers, while horse racing on the fair ground track will attract many. Every moment of the day will be filled with opportunities for having a good time and the variety of features of entertainment will make monotony impossible.

The Pasquotank Farmer's Union has secured Dr. H. Q. Alexander, President of the North Carolina Farmer's Union, and other men of prominence to address the people on subjects of especial interest to farmers of Eastern Carolina.

A Poultry Association will be organized by those interested in poultry raising. The Tomato Girls and Corn Club Boys and those who ought to be members of these organizations will find much of special interest to them in the program of the day.

The local automobile hackmen have agreed to run a jitney line from Main Street to Markham's corner on Riverside Drive for the convenience of those desiring to get to the Fair grounds from town. For ten cents they will carry passengers all the way to the grounds.

The Sunday Schools of the city have been invited to join in this picnic with all their members and enjoy the benefits of the excellent program of entertainment and instruction which has been prepared.

Elizabeth City and Pasquotank County are getting ready to be there in full force and enjoy the greatest 'Get-together Day' that has been known in this section since the ages glad long ago. Camden County and Currituck County are urged to accept the invitation of the Pasquotank Farmer's Union and attend in equal numbers.

Every attraction at the Fair grounds will be free and no admission will be charged at the gate. The crowd expected is entirely too large for any

**HAS ARRANGED
FULL SCHEDULE**

F. D. Owens Will Conduct Free Demonstration in County

Definite arrangements have now been made for a series of demonstrations in Pasquotank county of the serum treatment for hog cholera by an expert in the employ of the United States government.

Mr. F. D. Owens, the Federal government expert who will have charge of this demonstration work here went before the Farmer's Union at their meeting last Saturday and arranged a complete schedule of his work in this county. He will conduct his first demonstration at Forks schoolhouse on August 9th. Other demonstrations will follow at the places and on the dates named below; August 10, Jackson Schoolhouse; August 11, Up River Schoolhouse; August 12, Okisko Schoolhouse; August 13, Nixonton Schoolhouse; August 16, Riverside Schoolhouse; August 17, Salem Schoolhouse; August 18, Palmer Schoolhouse.

The farmers are invited to attend the demonstration near their farms and familiarize themselves with this feasible and successful method of preventing disease among swine. The demonstration will be conducted without expense to the Pasquotank farmers, the government providing the man and the First National Bank providing the serum.

After his work here Mr. Owens will probably take up this work in Camden county and later in Currituck.

FOR GOOD ROADS IN CAMDEN

Camden citizens of prominence in Elizabeth City recently have had a good deal to say about the growth of good roads sentiment in that county and now comes definite announcement that the construction of fifty miles of good roads has been begun under the supervision of Mr. Will Morrisett. This stretch of road extends from Old Trap to South Mills.

The soil of Camden is of such nature as to be especially suited for the construction of good dirt roads. An experiment was tried near the home of Sheriff Mitchell last year to see what could be done by crowning and dragging the roads. The result was so satisfactory that more extended work has been decided upon.

community or organization to undertake to provide dinner so everybody is invited to bring a basket of good things for the big dinner, which, by the way, will be another happy feature of the day.

Notice To Tax Payers

The Committee appointed by the Mass Meeting on July 5, went before the Equalization Board and asked for a reduction in the values placed on property in Pasquotank County by the assessors so that it would not exceed 12 per cent. increase throughout the county. The Committee went before the Board on July 12th, at its meeting, and by resolution, it agreed to do this. On Friday, July 23rd, the Equalization Board, without notice, rescinded this resolution.

The Committee now asks a meeting of the people of Pasquotank County in Mass Meeting at 3 o'clock on July 31st, 1915, to take such steps as may be necessary to secure the rights of the tax payers of Pasquotank County. Everybody who feels an interest in this matter is asked to be present at the meeting as the valuations placed on the property will stand for four years.

CITIZENS COMMITTEE,

July 26, 1915. by W. L. Small, Ch'm'n.

**CHARTERED TRAIN
FOR THE KIDDIES**

First Baptist Sunday School Plans Day of Fun For Children

Members of the First Baptist Sunday School and of Parsonage Street Sunday School are looking forward to a day's outing on August 18th.

A train has been chartered for that day to take these two Sunday Schools to Virginia Beach. Members of the two schools will go without charge, and parents who are not members of either Sunday School but who wish to go with their children who are members are invited to go, but will pay for tickets as on the usual excursion train. The committee in charge of the day's pleasure trip wish to make it one of more than ordinary joy to the Sunday School children and to do away with the crowded conditions and opportunities for unpleasantness sometimes arising on a trip of this kind.

ADAMS AT MOYOCK

Rev. N. P. Stallings is conducting a series of revival services at Moyock this week assisted by Rev. M. A. Adams. Much interest is being manifested in the services and a good meeting is expected. The public is invited to attend the services.

HENNING AT TRAVIS

Dr. Thomas Speight, of Ahoskie, according to reports received here, will assist the pastor in a meeting at Shady Grove next week. The week following Dr. B. C. Henning will be with Mr. Stallings at Travis.

DR. WALKER'S MOTHER DEAD

Dr. H. D. Walker received a telegram yesterday morning announcing the death of his mother, Mrs. Alice Walker, at her home at Cresswell. Dr. Walker left for Cresswell at one o'clock this afternoon to be with his father Dr. A. G. Walker and to attend the funeral. The announcement of his mother's death came as a shock to Dr. Walker who had had no previous intimation of her illness. It is believed here that up to a very short time before the end she had been in her usual health.

ADMITTED FOR OPERATION

Nicholas Burgess of Camden B. D. Twiddy of East Lake and Miss Stella Garrett of Belhaven have been admitted to the Elizabeth City Hospital for operation. Miss Garrett is the daughter of Prof. Garrett of Belhaven and was formerly a resident here. She has appendicitis.

LITTLE BOY HURT

Davis Spence, the seven year old son of Mr. Elbert Spence was painfully but not seriously hurt in a bicycle accident on South Road Street last Saturday afternoon. He received a severe cut across the forehead.

The little fellow was struck by one of his playmates who was riding a wheel and it is thought that in falling he must have struck the curb of the sidewalk.

GOOD RESULTS AT RHEOBATH

According to reports received here a very successful revival was conducted at Rheobath Baptist Church last week by Rev. N. P. Stallings, the pastor, assisted by Rev. M. A. Adams.

Nineteen were received as candidates for baptism and the church generally greatly revived.

**BOARD OF EQUALIZATION RESCINDS
PROMISE TO REDUCE ASSESSMENTS**

Hold That to Have Kept Faith With Property Owners Would Have Been Contrary to Law and Beyond Province

The Board of Equalization, after an all day session last Friday, rescinded its action of Monday July 12th, at which time the board promised the Citizens Committee, representing the Mass Meeting of the Property owners of the county, that such reductions of the general valuations of real estate in the county would be made as not to increase the last assessment by over twelve per cent. All the members of the board were present except Mr. Pinner. The precise wording of the motion under which the first order was rescinded is as follows:

"It appearing to the Board of Equalization that the motion passed by the Board at their first meeting to reduce the values of real estate in the county to an amount not to exceed an increase of twelve per cent over last year's values was in excess of their authority and contrary to law, it is therefore on motion that said resolution be and is hereby rescinded."

The following order was then passed:

"It appearing to the board of equalization that the lands in Salem and Nixonton Township were valued by the assessors in excess of the valuation placed upon the lands in the other townships of the county, it is therefore ordered by the Board of Equalization in order to equalize the valuation of the lands in these two townships with the lands of the other townships of the county that a reduction of 16.23 per cent be made in Nixonton township and ten per cent in Salem township according to their assessed valuations as they now appear on the books with the exception of the lands of certain property owners who have already been before the board from these townships and secured substantial reduction of this assessment.

And finally just before adjournment the board took action as follows:

"On motion it is ordered that the farm lands in Elizabeth City townships be reduced in value ten per cent with the exception of that belonging to J. B. Fearing, R. L. Hinton and West End Land and Improvement Company which in the opinion of the board is already low enough."

These motions were made after the Board had heard the report of Register of Deeds J. W. Munden, prepared at the Board's request and showing a comparison of this year's real estate valuations as compared with last year's. Mr. Munden's report set out the following facts:

First, that the total assessed valuation for real estate in the county in 1914 was 3,482,634 as compared with 4,459,176 this year, an increase of \$976,542 or 28.04 per cent.

Second, that in Elizabeth City township the increase was from \$2,159,018 in 1914 to \$2,564,161 this year, an increase of \$405,143 or 18.76 per cent.

Third, that in Providence the increase was from \$200,789 in 1914 to \$239,557

this year, an increase of \$38,768 or 15.84 per cent.

That in Salem the increase was from \$333,008 in 1914 to \$430,995 in 1915, an increase of \$98,987 or 29.81 per cent.

Fifth that in Newland township the increase was from year, and increase of \$1,218,183 in 1914 to \$392,001 in 1915, an increase of \$173,818 or 84.25 per cent.

Sixth, that in Nixonton township the increase was from \$364,278 in 1914 to \$528,210 this year, an increase of \$163,932 or 45 per cent.

Seventh, that in Mt. Hermon township the increase was from \$202,894 in 1914 to \$294,252 in 1915 an increase of 81,358 or 45.41 per cent.

Before passing the motions above set out the board had already made some individual reductions during the morning session notable among which was a reduction of \$10,000 in the timber holdings of the Roper Lumber Company in Newland township. It should be also noted that in Newland and Mount Hermon the high relative rate of increase is mainly due to a higher assessment of valuable timber holdings in these townships. Large tracts of juniper timber swamp land which have previously been listed at three dollars an acre are now listed at twenty five or thirty dollars an acre. It was stated to the board, and this is probably correct, that had it not been for this increase in valuations on timber holdings the increase in Newland would have been about the same as Providence.

Individual changes made and the general reductions ordered in certain townships have of course changed the aggregate results from what they were when Mr. Munden filed his report. Until Mr. Munden has had time to make the changes ordered and find new totals it will not be possible to get definite figures. To say, however, that Salem will show approximately an increase of eighteen per cent over last year and Nixonton of 28 per cent will probably not miss the mark far, though it is no more than a rough guess. In the whole county the increase is certainly over twenty per cent.

Why the Board of Equalization went back on their first decision about this reduction does not quite appear. When the Citizens Committee in the first instance went before the Board of Equalization they were confronted with a letter from the Corporation Commission to the Board insisting that no general reduction be made. The Board questioned its right to order a general reduction and the matter was argued by lawyers representing the Citizens Committee before the Board and the law as to the duties of the Equalizing Board was read. It was after hearing both and with the letter from the Corporation Commission before them that the Board agreed to make the reduction asked for by the mass meeting.

The Citizens Committee met (Continued On Page Eight)