

TAX RATE TAKES A MOVE UPWARD

Reduction in Valuations in City and County Will Partly Counterbalance Rise From 63 To 86 Cents

Due to the increased expense of Pasquotank's road building program, the higher salaries paid teachers and the considerable reduction in valuations, the general County tax was fixed by the Board of County Commissioners in session early this week at 89 cents per \$100 valuation, as compared with 63 cents for the preceding year. The poll tax will be \$2.67, as against \$2.01 for 1920. The following special school taxes were fixed: Elizabeth City Township, five cents per \$100; Providence, 15 cents; Newland, 20 cents; Mt. Hermon, 13 cents, and Salem, 10 cents.

It will be remembered that in 1919 the high-water mark in taxes levied—considered upon the basis of property valuation—was reached, when the rate was fixed at \$1.96 per \$100, but at that time the total value of all property in city and County was but \$7,621,234, as compared with \$22,165,613 in 1920, when revaluation had gone into effect.

This year there has been a considerable reduction in assessed valuations, first of all because the General Assembly in recent session authorized a ten per cent reduction from the assessment figures of the preceding year, and second, for the reason that the valuation of property other than real estate as given in this year is lower than last. The total lowering in property valuation will, it is believed, be not less than three million dollars.

In addition to other business, the County Commissioners authorized the purchase of a motorcycle for the use of traffic policemen on the Weeksville paved road, and other County highways.

P. G. Sawyer was appointed by the Board to fill the unexpired term of E. L. Sawyer as prosecuting attorney. Mr. Sawyer handed in his resignation as effective August first, in order that he may succeed Clerk of the Court G. R. Little, who in turn has resigned to accept a position with the new Carolina Banking & Trust Company, which will begin business about the first of September.

BE SURE YOUR TIRES ARE FRESH LIVE GOODS

The automobile tire market has been flooded in recent months with great quantities of tires, many of them hoary with age. Manufacturers who guessed that the great sales of the war period were going to keep up indefinitely found themselves when the big slump came with millions of tires on their hands.

"There is a big satisfaction," says R. K. Forbes, of the Auto Supply & Vulcanizing Company, dealer in United States tires, "in knowing the tires you offer the public are fresh live goods. Everyone knows how rubber deteriorates with age—a rubber band that has been laid away for several months loses its elasticity and breaks easily. The United States Tire Company was never able to fill its orders during the period of prosperity and as a consequence today has only new fresh tires to offer its customers."

TO HELP FINANCE CHINESE RAILWAY

Tokyo, July 19.—In accordance with an understanding made with the Japanese government, the Japanese bank syndicate has decided, says the Kokumin Shimibun, to accept a proposal made by representatives of the Chinese Eastern Railway for a loan to finance the railway.

The amount is 20 million yen. The greater part of the initial advance will be used to pay wages of the railway employees, the remainder for the purchase of rolling stock from Japan. A condition of the loan agreement is that freight rates between Changchun be lowered to facilitate transportation with the South Manchurian railway, which is owned by the Japanese, adds the Kokumin.

EXCURSION TONIGHT

The North River Line will run the Annie L. Vansciver on a moonlight excursion tonight, leaving the offices of the line at the foot of Burgess street at eight o'clock for an enjoyable ride down the river and back. Those who went on the last trip reported a very pleasant evening.

BOMBING TESTS ARE POSTPONED

Newport News, July 20.—Army and Navy marine corps aviators today prepared to drop bombs ranging from 250 to 1,000 pounds in weight on the former German battleship Ostrich, land off the Virginia capes; but unfavorable weather caused a postponement of the tests.

BEER REGULATIONS SOON TO BE SIGNED

Washington, July 20.—Regulations covering the use of beer and wine for medicinal purposes will be signed within a few days unless Congress takes prohibitory action, Commissioner Blair announced to-day.

RAILWAY EXECUTIVES CONSIDER PLANS

New York, July 20.—Representatives of the railroads holding membership in the Association of Railway Executives met here today to consider the plans proposed by the Harding administration to fund five hundred million dollars owed by the carriers.

Disappointed Fans Unable Hear Trial

Chicago, July 20.—Hundreds of disappointed fans were unable to get into court when Bill Burns to-day was scheduled to continue his story of the alleged plot of the 1919 World Series baseball scandal.

Immigration Laws Bar No Newcomers

New York, July 20.—The new restrictive immigration law so far has barred no new comers who have been able to reach these shores, immigration officials on Ellis Island said today.

Cleveland Leads By Less Than Game

Cleveland, Ohio, July 20.—Possession of the first place in the American League standing is at stake in the four game series opening here today between Cleveland and New York. Cleveland is leading by less than one game.

MISS GRANDY DEAD

Miss Sue Grandy died Tuesday night at her home on North Road street after a lingering illness. The funeral will be conducted from the home at one o'clock Thursday afternoon by Dr. G. W. Clarke. Interment will be made in the family burying ground in Camden County.

Miss Grandy is survived by two brothers, Caleb Grandy, of Belcross, and Charles Grandy, of this city, and by three sisters, Misses Mary and Mattie Grandy and Mrs. Will Richardson, all of this city.

Describes Skirmishes In Mining District

Washington, July 20.—Skirmishes between the State police and men armed with high powered rifles in the Mingo, W. Va., coal fields were described before the Senate investigating committee by Captain Brokus today.

PERSONALS

Dr. R. B. Davis, of Weeksville, was in the city Wednesday.

Miss Olive Wood has returned to her home here after a week's stay at Nags Head.

George Beveridge returned Wednesday from a brief stay at Nags Head.

G. J. Morris, of Weeksville, motored to the city Wednesday.

Guirkin Cook is spending his vacation at Nags Head.

Dr. Brickhouse Wilson, of New York, was in the city Wednesday.

Taft Toastmaster At Bar Association

Cincinnati, Ohio, July 20.—William H. Taft, former president and now chief justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, will be toastmaster at the annual dinner of the American Bar Association meeting here in his home town August 30 to September 2.

Among other notables speaking on this occasion will be Sir John Simon, of London, former British secretary of state for home affairs, John W. Davis, ex-ambassador to Great Britain, and former U. S. Senator Chas. S. Thomas, of Colorado.

ARE GRAVEYARD ADVANCE AGENTS

Dr. Zenas Fearing Appropriately Names the Dozen or More Mosquito Lakes Here

The present death rate in this city from diseases ordinarily called summer troubles is considerably higher than in the larger cities, especially among children, according to Dr. Zenas Fearing, City Health Officer. Dr. Fearing calls attention to the fact that these complaints are caused by the presence of colon bacilli in water and milk and on uncooked food exposed to flies.

"The people should demand that milk sold in the city be effectively inspected," says Dr. Fearing, "and this should be done especially at the source of supply; namely, the farms and dairies that furnish the city with milk."

"All food should be most carefully screened from flies, states Dr. Fearing, and water to be absolutely safe for drinking must be boiled. Polluted milk and infected water are sure means of increasing the death rate of any community."

"Thus far there is no typhoid here; but if the city escapes an epidemic of the disease this summer, it will be by a miracle, for many of our people, in spite of all the health propaganda that has been put out in the last five years, still neglect the breeding places of the dangerous little pests—the flies. In fact, I occasionally run across a man who honestly believes that flies are of value because they eat up and carry off a lot of crumbs and refuse!"

"It is impossible too strongly to condemn the dozen or more veritable 'mosquito lakes' in the corporate limits of the city. They are nothings less than graveyard advance agents."

Island Life Is Lonely But Busy

Honolulu, T. H., July 19.—Life on the Palmyra Islands, several hundred miles southwest of Hawaii, is lonely but busy for a trio of Robinson Crusoes from Honolulu who have elected to live there and prepare copra from the coconut groves, according to advices received from them.

Colonel and Mrs. William Ming and Edwin Benner, who went there last October, have seen but one vessel, an American Navy craft, since they stepped ashore on Palmyra's quiet beach. When that ship recently came to Honolulu it brought an accumulation of mail from the three telling of life on the coconut isles.

The daily routine consists mostly of building trays on which to lay the coconuts, they related. These trays are about 100 feet long and three feet wide and day after day the nuts are gathered, gouged and left open in the sun to dry.

The little colony keeps a close watch on the weather, for an hour's showers may spoil a lot of copra. As rain and thunder storms appear to be fairly regular visitors at Palmyra, weather forecasting has become an important factor in the work.

The islands of the groups are so close together that the Mings and Benner frequently wade from one to another, always, however, with a wary eye out for sharks.

Fish are plentiful and furnish much of their food, while occasionally a bird dinner varies the monotony.

Shoes soon became a problem. They thought they had a plentiful supply, but wet weather and heavy tramping quickly wore down their stock and the three Palmyrans have been building their own footwear for some time from the rough material provided by nature.

Palmyra islands, which have been leased for their copra by a Honolulu syndicate, are the property of Henry E. Cooper, who is said to have purchased them from their English owners for \$750 and brought them under the American flag.

MAY ASK U. S. TO INTERVENE

Situation in Upper Silesia So Serious As To Threaten Peace Of World

London, July 20 (By The Associated Press)—It is stated in authoritative quarters that informal suggestions have been made for American intervention in the Upper Silesian trouble which, it is feared, will threaten open hostilities.

Paris, July 20.—British, Italian and French Commissioners of Upper Silesia have joined in a report demanding that reinforcements be sent to Allied troops of occupation, it was announced here to-day.

DAVIS FOR SENATE

Richmond, July 20.—Governor Davis today announced his candidacy for the United States Senate in 1922 against Senator Swanson.

ANOTHER MAN GIVEN TAR COAT

Lufkin, Texas, July 20.—Ben Riley was seized here last night by masked men, given a coat of tar and feathers and put out of an automobile at a prominent street corner as theater patrons were passing.

CONSIDER BIG COTTON EXPORTS

Washington, July 20.—The War Finance Corporation has under consideration proposals for cotton exports involving about 500,000 bales and \$20,000,000, Director Meyer announced today.

A SECOND MOB GETS M'KNIGHT

Man Recently Attacked and Beaten Who Sought Arrest of Assaulters Taken From Deputy by Motor Party

Tenaha, Texas, July 20.—J. W. McKnight, who was attacked by a body of masked men and severely beaten at Timson Sunday night and who came here to secure warrants for the arrest of his assailants, was taken from the deputy sheriff by another party in motor cars which then sped through Timson firing volleys of pistol shots.

Forced to Submit to Operation Shreveport, La., J. W. McKnight, who was taken from deputy sheriffs between Tenaha and Center, Texas, last night by unidentified and tarred and feathered, was also forced to submit to surgical operations, officers reported to-day.

Mrs. Kaber Taken To Reformatory

Cleveland, July 20.—Mrs. Kaber, convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of her husband, was taken to the Women's Reformatory to begin serving her sentence today.

FOR RENT—ONE SEVEN-ROOM house with all modern conveniences, on corner of Walnut and Second Sts. Apply to R. A. Ellis, 215 Broad St. July 20-31-np

Savings Bank In New Quarters

At Nine O'clock Wednesday Morning Doors of Handsome New Home Swing Open In Welcome To The Public

Wednesday morning at nine o'clock the doors of the handsome new home of the Savings Bank & Trust Company swung open in welcome to the public.

MASS MEETING AT 8 TONIGHT

The mass meeting of the Merchants Association, which was to have been held Thursday night, will instead be held tonight at the Association offices on the second floor of the Hinton Building. This meeting is being held for the purpose of acquainting the members of the Merchants Association, and any other interested persons, of the plan under which the Community Hospital is to be organized and established. The hour is eight o'clock. President Duff and Secretary Job, of the Chamber of Commerce, will be there to explain the project, and answer any questions.

Report Randolph Talked With Wife

Police On Trail of Prominent Business Man Said To Be Held For Ransom

Sharon, July 20.—The police are trying to run down a report that Thomas D. Randolph, prominent business man and reported kidnapped and held for \$50,000 ransom, talked with his wife over long distance telephone from Franklin, Pennsylvania, early today.

JUDGE NOBLE ON WAY HOME

San Francisco, July 20.—Judge A. M. Noble, for the past four years Chief Judge and Secretary of Naval Affairs at Pago Pago, Samoa, arrived here today enroute to his home at Smithfield, North Carolina. Judge Noble has been succeeded by Captain Hall, of Michigan.

START SEARCH MISSING TWINS

Twenty-six Year Old Cousins of Former President Roosevelt Strangely Disappeared

New York, July 20.—Search has been started by the police for Charles and Latrobe Leaycraft, twenty-six year old twins, and cousins of the late Theodore Roosevelt, at the request of their brother, Roosevelt Leaycraft.

Bank To Bring A Car Of Cows Here

Pure Bred Animals Will Be Sold to Farmers On Credit With a Year In Which To Pay

In order to promote the raising of pure-bred cattle in Pasquotank County, the First & Citizens National Bank is planning to bring to this city some time in the next few months a carload of blooded cattle, which will be sold to the farmers of the County at cost. The bank will, of course, pay for the cattle when they come in, but the individual buyers will be allowed a year in which to settle for the animals. They will be sold at actual cost.

W. G. Gaither, vice president of the bank, states that, in view of the low prices received by growers for the cotton and potato crops, it is the purpose of the institution which he represents to encourage the farmers to raise more livestock. The move to bring the pure-bred cattle here follows the organization of a pig club in this County several years ago, which has been a most valuable factor in improving the quality of the hogs raised in Pasquotank.

The "Little Bank Around the Corner" is now the Big Bank on the Very Busiest Corner in the city, at the intersection of Main and Poindexter streets, with Mitchells' Department Store on the west corner, the Standard Pharmacy on the South, and McCabe & Grice diagonally across the street.

Properly speaking, one enters by way of the corner vestibule. On the left are the desks of Harry G. Kramer, cashier, and P. H. Williams, president. On Mr. Kramer's desk are photographs of his handsome babies and immediately one begins to feel that the big new bank is a place where folks are human, and the cordiality of officers and employees strengthens this belief.

There is nothing of the ornate or the trivial about the place. The impression of the entire interior is that it is intended for use and will endure throughout the ages. The fixtures are of genuine Italian marble and solid mahogany. The floor of the lobby is of marble. The building is fitted with the most modern hot water heating system with twin boilers. The vault has every modern protection, including the American Bank Protection Company's burglar system which was installed at a cost of \$2,000. This is connected with two electric gongs in front of the vault and a large electric gong on the outside. That there is nothing ornate about the handsome interior does not mean, in the least, that it lacks in beauty. Quite the reverse. The warm coloring of the beautiful Italian marble, the rich tones of the genuine mahogany, the simplicity of the wrought iron chandeliers, all unite to form the most dignified, harmonious and satisfying esthetic charm, which immediately impresses the visitor as typical of the fine strength and able service of the Savings Bank & Trust Company itself.

On Main street at the end of the lobby is a large, comfortable community rest room, finished in solid mahogany and equipped with all modern conveniences for the use of the people. Out-of-town folk are especially invited to make use of this room and to feel that it was placed there to be of real service to them.

At the other end of the lobby to the rear of the working quarters is the private office of the president of the bank. At the rear of the working quarters on the mezzanine floor is the directors' room, with hardwood floor and furnished in solid mahogany.

On the second floor of the building are offices which have all been rented. The third floor has been especially fitted up for the Red Men and has been leased by them for a number of years.

The formal opening of the new building will be held on Thursday, July 28, and further interesting announcements will be made in regard to this event a bit later.

There were many visitors Wednesday morning as soon as the doors were thrown open and on every face shone pride and pleasure in this newest addition to the beauty of the business section of Bessiecity. The first depositor was A. G. James for the firm of Louis Selig. The last depositor at the old quarters on Tuesday afternoon was A. B. Walston.

TEDIOUS HEARING OPENS

Washington, July 20.—Three days oral argument before the Interstate Commerce Commission on a case involving readjustment of freight rates south of the Ohio river, including the Mississippi Valley, began here today with representatives of all the railroads interested and more than a thousand protestants to be heard.

Subscription

TO PASQUOTANK MUNICIPAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

I herewith make application for and subscribe to _____ shares of Preferred Stock of the Pasquotank Municipal Hospital Association, at the par value of \$10 per share upon the following terms: 10% August 1st, 1921, and 10% monthly thereafter until the full amount of subscription has been paid.

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