

Commissioners Make 43¢ Reduction In Taxes; Total Valuation \$8,070,171.00

In last week's issue of the Beacon and News was carried a summary of the uniform annual budget estimate of Washington county for the year beginning July 1st, 1929 and ending June 30th, 1930. This summary did not carry the special tax which was reduced from 33 to 23 cents.

From this budget estimate and the special tax reduction, it is found that taxes for the coming year has been reduced from \$2.48 to \$2.05 on the \$100. This makes a total reduction of 43 cents on the \$100.

The total assessed valuation of real and personal property in Washington county is \$8,070,171.00, making a total revenue from taxes during the coming year of \$144,222.68 as compared with approximately \$175,000.00 last year.

These savings were made possible through the economical handling of the county affairs and the consolidated school system. It is hoped to make a similar reduction next year and so on until the cost of operating the county affairs can be reduced to the minimum.

WILD ANIMAL CIRCUS COMING HERE

Downie Bros. Largest motorized Circus in the world here one day only Three times its former size all new and entirely on Auto Trucks Friday October 11, is Circus day in Plymouth.

75 Mighty Motor trucks are required to transport this Monumental City of Tents, Fun and Amusement.

50 great acts all new and novel gathered by the Downie Bros. agents from all parts of the civilized world.

Performing Lions, Leopards, Pumas, Tigers, Bears, Horses, Pigs, Goats, Dogs and Birds. Animals of every kind and description from the deepest dens of the African Jungle are to be seen in the incomparable Menagerie.

Herds of ponderous Elephants headed by the internationally Famous Teddy of New York Hippodrome Fame and followed by the loveable little baby Elephant Babe Positively the smallest Performer of the Pachyderms on the road today.

A mile long free street parade at noon starts the day off with the true Circus atmosphere.

PLYMOUTH IS GOING TO HAVE A NEW THEATRE!

J. O. Highsmith, J. M. Highsmith and J. M. Clagon purchased a lot 48 feet by 130 feet on Water street, between W. F. Ausbon's office and Towe's Shoe Shop last Saturday for the purpose of building a Theatre building which will cost approximately \$30,000.

J. O. Highsmith and J. M. Clagon both live at Roper, while J. M. Highsmith runs the Trio theatre at Robersonville. These three men propose to build as modern a show house as there is in North Carolina.

The above grew out of a conference here September 5th, between the two Highsmith's, Mr. Clagon and a Dr. White of Suffolk. Dr. White was the owner of the property which was sold for \$100 a foot front.

It is also rumored that Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Brown, along with Dr. D. B. Mizell of Charlotte have made arrangements to purchase the lot now occupied by the Plymouth Music Shop from Mrs. Lula Hampton and will build a modern picture house.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown were in Charlotte Thursday and Friday of last week and were accompanied on their return by an architect who will probably draw the plans for the proposed theatre.

Can Plymouth support TWO theatres?

REHOBOTH CHURCH GIVES ANTIQUE TO COLLEGE

Skinnerville—Dr. Sam Taylor, president of the N. C. M. P. C., at Greensboro, preached at Rehoboth Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

The historical Pulpit Post and Bible Stand was given to Dr. Taylor for High Point College. This will be a great souvenir and a history of Rehoboth in years to come.

REVIVAL AT PLEASANT GROVE SUCCESSFUL

Pleasant Grove—The revival meeting at Pleasant Grove closed Sunday afternoon with four additions having been made to the church. Rev. R. L. Hethcox of Creswell delivered several wonderful sermons, while the pastor, Rev. J. B. Hurley lead the singing and rendered several impressive vocal solos.

JURY LIST FOR OCTOBER TERM SUPERIOR COURT

At the last regular meeting of the County Commissioners, the following were paneled to serve during the October term of Superior court in Washington county:

Plymouth township; Paul Gurganus, A. J. Ange, B. A. Sumner, R. W. Ayers, E. G. Arps, E. W. Harrison, Albert Bratten and A. C. Blount. Lees Mills; C. W. Blount, Jr., T. E. Ainsley, J. T. Griffin, A. N. Wintz, J. H. Gaylord, J. R. Swain, O. A. Chesson and Ralph Smith. Scuppernon; H. R. Stillman, Linwood W. Bateman, L. A. Woodley, Hoyt R. Davenport, Arthur W. Furlough and Ellis L. Phelps. Skinnerville; L. S. Bateman and M. F. Davenport.

REVIVAL BEGAN AT ZIONS CHAPEL MONDAY

ROPER—A series of services began at Zions Chapel church Monday night with Rev. J. B. Jones of Florida, former pastor of the church in charge.

People of Plymouth and Washington county will remember the Rev. Mr. Jones from having delivered a number of sermons at the Plymouth Christian church during the early spring. The members of this church invites everyone who will, to attend these meetings.

MRS. TARKINGTON ENTERTAINS

Pleasant Grove—Mrs. Mary E. Tarkington entertained the Ladies' Aid Society of Pleasant Grove at her home Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. J. C. Tarkington presided and Miss Myrtle Tarkington gave the secretaries report, while Mrs. C. W. Snell read the financial report.

After the business was discussed, a very enjoyable social hour was enjoyed. A course of delicious fruit salad and loaf cake was served by the hostess.

North Carolina Washington County IN THE SUPERIOR COURT BEFORE THE CLERK John L. Roper Lumber Company vs. Norfolk Southern Railroad Company and Others.

NOTICE In the Matter of Registration of Title to Certain Lands in the County of Washington.

William Wallace Evans the respondent in this proceeding, will take notice that in the above entitled special proceeding in the Superior Court of Washington County, a motion has been made for the cancellation of the Certificates of Title heretofore issued to William Wallace Evans, covering Lots Numbers, Registered Numbers and recorded as follows:

- Lot 68 Registered Number 274 Book 6 page 82
- Lot 69 Registered Number 275 Book 6 page 84
- Lot 70 Registered Number 276 Book 6 page 86
- Lot 71 Registered Number 277 Book 6 page 88
- Lot 72 Registered Number 278 Book 6 page 90
- Lot 73 Registered Number 279 Book 6 page 92
- Lot 74 Registered Number 280 Book 6 page 94
- Lot 75 Registered Number 281 Book 6 page 96
- Lot 40 Registered Number 255 Book 6 page 78
- Lot 50 Registered Number 256 Book 6 page 80.

That all of the above is alleged and referred to in the petition filed in this proceeding. That said William Wallace Evans will further take notice that he is required to appear before the Clerk Superior Court of Washington County, in his office in Plymouth, North Carolina, within ten (10) days from the 27th day of September, 1929, and answer or demur to the petition filed in this proceeding, or the petitioner will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said petition.

This the 31 day of August, 1929. C. V. W. AUSBON, Clerk Superior Court.

Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27.

MERCHANTS PROTEST TO BEING USED AS "THE GOAT"

At the regular meeting of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce Monday night the commercialists present expressed themselves as being opposed to the system used in getting advertising for programs and other false means of soliciting advertising. "It is nothing but a damn graft," said one of the commercialists. "If the schools, churches or any other worthy organizations want a contribution I would be more than glad to contribute to them, but I want to be sure that all of it goes to what I contribute it and not just half of the contribution as was the case this week when a company carried away approximately \$38.50 so that the school could get a similar amount," said another member present. "What is the matter with our board of education that they can't furnish the necessary equipment to run our school," said the president.

It was decided at this meeting to run an advertisement in the Beacon and News setting out the advantages, financially of selling the lighting equipment to the Virginia Electric and Power Company, also to ask that the town councilmen apply the amount received from this sale on outstanding bonds against the power plant, thereby reducing the tax rate 57 cents.

The idea of an air port was also discussed along with the progress being made on the proposed bridges across Roanoke, Middle and Cashie rivers. "We are going to have a bridge across in less than five years," said President Norman. "It has gone so far as to have the plans nearly completed by the architects," he continued.

C. L. Groves reported that preparations were under way to have the name Plymouth and other required markings painted on the Harney building for the direction of aviation. This will put Plymouth on the National Aeronautics map and will probably be the beginning of an airport here.

FAVORS SUGGESTION OF BEACON AND NEWS

Creswell, N. C. Editor, Beacon and News:

Dear Sir— I notice your note referring to the county commissioners, and think your suggestion with reference to the Wenona and Turn Pike roads, is the proper thing to do.

With reference to my protest will say that you failed to put it as it was made and put it in a blinding form. I will appreciate your making the corrections of my protest and print it as it was made as follows: W. T. Phelps, enters protest against paying \$4.00 per day for making out tax receipts and allow as the law prescribes 10 cents per name for doing said work. Entered September 2nd, 1929. Refer you to Fiscal Code for County Officers, page 103-4, Section 300.

Yours very truly, W. T. PHELPS

ALMO THEATRE
TONIGHT
Betty Compson
in
"Say It With Diamonds"
COMEDY

Saturday Night
Jack Holt
in
"Avalanche"
Third Episode
Fire Detective
COMEDY
DON'T MISS IT

Roper Not Going Back To Rough Stone Age; Very Progressive

U. D. C. MEETS WITH MRS. R. P. WALKER

By Mrs. W. B. CHESSON

The Major Louis Charles Latham Chapter of the United Daughters of the confederacy met Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. R. P. Walker with Mesdames P. W. Brown and A. R. Dupree as joint hostesses. Mrs. B. A. Sumner, president of the local chapter presided.

Mesdames R. P. Walker and J. W. Norman were appointed delegates to attend the State convention to be held at Statesville in October. Mesdames Claudius McGowan, R. P. Walker and J. W. Norman were appointed as a nominating committee for the election of new officers which will be held at some time in the near future.

After the business session adjourned, a very interesting program was enjoyed by the large number present. "The real cause of the war between the States," written by Miss Augusta Carstarphen and read by Mrs. R. P. Walker. Eulogy, "Admiral Simmons," by Mrs. T. L. Bray; "Our flag and what it means," by Mrs. R. W. Johnston; eulogy, "North Carolina soldier," by Mrs. J. B. Edmundson and "Where was the Confederates formed," by Mrs. W. B. Chesson.

The hostesses then served a delicious course of ice cream, with national flags printed on each block. Loaf cake, salted nuts and favors of miniature flags were also served.

NEW TRIAL GRANTED OWENS-CARSTARPHEN CASE

The Supreme Court of North Carolina last week granted the plaintiff A. L. Owens a new trial in suit against E. D. Carstarphen.

This case will be brought back to Washington county for the trial and will probably come up in the October term of Superior court. Attorneys for the defendant are E. L. Owens and Z. V. Norman, while Martin and Martin will represent the defendant.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to take this method of thanking our many friends who were so kind to us during the illness and death of our husband and father, G. L. Bowen, who passed to the great beyond Friday, September 13, 1929. Also we wish to thank the many friends who contributed flowers.

Mrs. G. L. Bowen and Children.

The Golden Age for the Roper community in all probability has passed forever, yet its passing does not necessarily decree a return into the dark, dim ages of prehistoric man, when men knew little nor cared little for progression.

When Roper mills closed and the bank failed, the town received almost a mortal knock; the very life of the place was sapped. It takes courage and optimism to face such truths as these, yet the citizens were made of the proper stuff and did not lose all of their hold on life. Now they have much to boast of that not all towns of Roper's size have.

The streets have been dragged, neglected weed plots mowed, old buildings moved or torn away now furnish sites for new business enterprises.

The Plymouth Oil Company purchased the former site of the company office and has begun construction of a Spanish-type filling station. A novel, unique station that no other part of the county can boast of.

Just on the outskirts of the town limits, L. S. Brey and Louis Mizell, two of Roper's most alert and progressive citizens started this week, operating a new service station that a salesman declared to be the best looking station on highway 90 between Columbia and Williamston. Just opposite is West End Filling station, where service is reputed to be unequalled in any part of the state.

One finds in Roper a modern millinery shop, two soda shops, and a number of dry goods and grocery stores.

Good churches? Yes! A good school? Indeed! Alert business fellows? Surely! Brainy men? Such men as Washington county chooses to attend to her financial status.

With such factors as these, Roper can never retrograde to the prehistoric man. Some of these factors existed when the excitement of Roper sent his letter to the Beacon and News concerning his old home town. Perhaps his conclusion was too hastily, surely unfair.

Roper may be dying, but a slow death to be sure. We must have many symptoms of death before the end of the trail is reached and the loved ones of the community have to say "ashes to ashes" over the dead remains of live little Roper. A ROPER CITIZEN

The editor was told yesterday to keep a certain person's name out of his paper. Watch next week's issue for the low down.

POET AND PEASANT

"What do you think of the way that women have been dressing for the past number of years and especially for the past two years" asked the Peasant.

"I think that they are both dumb and crazy," replied the Poet.

"I will have to disagree with you there," said the Peasant. "The women of today are dressing in an economical and healthful manner. They do not have to have about ten yards of cloth with which to make a dress, they don't wear any expensive petticoats, and, although they don't wear very much underwear what they do wear is good and comfortable."

"Maybe that is all true," replied the Poet, "but the women of today can wear comfortable and healthy clothes and still preserve the appearance of the human body. Years ago they had something about them that caused them to have some sexual appeal, today they have no more of that than 'a snake has hips'."

"Boy you're crazy," replied the Peasant. "The women of today have nothing else but sex appeal. They dress in such a manner as to

display their feminine form. Today a man doesn't have to wait until he has been married forty years before he has some conception of what a woman's body is like. He is much wiser today than the married man of yesterday in reference to this."

"That is what I am talking about," said the Poet. "He is so wise that no one woman has any especial appeal to him. Today he doesn't think any more about a girl's knee than did our forefathers of seeing above a girl's ankle. It has lost all of its beauty in a vulgar manner. There is nothing quite so feminine as a long tight waisted dress. The most beautiful girls that I can remember was the girls of 1922 and 1923. During the fall and spring of these years, the dresses were only about six inches from the ground, today some of the dresses are six inches from the ground—when they are on their knees."

"I guess you are right," said the Peasant, "Looking at it from the sexual side."

"Yes," said the Poet. "They have done away with most all of their clothes and sex appeal also."

News For Farm And Home
By MISS ELEANOR PRATT COVINGTON, HOME AGENT
R. E. DUNNING, COUNTY AGENT

TARBORO DISTRICT FAIR

OCT. 29TH-NOV. 2ND.
Every woman in Washington county interested in sending articles to the Tarboro District Fair should see the Home Agent at once. Last year around \$70.00 in prizes were won by the women of this county. This year we want this amount doubled. State Fair 14th-19th.

Schedule for week beginning September 23rd:

Monday, Hoke; Tuesday, Piney Grove, Creswell Girls Club; Wednesday, Beech Grove; Thursday, Plymouth; Friday, Rocky Mount Agent's Conference; Saturday, Conference.

4-H Club Day at Raleigh Fair

October 19th. Free Admittance.
A special 4-H Club Day will be held Friday October 18th in connection with the State Fair. All Club members will be admitted free of charge on that day. A special badge has been arranged for the 4-H Club Members.

This will be a red letter day for 4-H Club work. All Club members are asked to notify the Home or Farm agent if they intend to attend the fair on this day.

Every Irish Potatoe grower in Washington county is urged to attend the potatoe growers meeting at the courthouse in Columbia this afternoon.