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NORMAN THINKS LEGISLATURE TO **REDUCE TAXES**

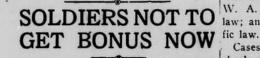
Representative Says Body More Conservative Than Usual

That the present session of the general assembly will find some method to effect a reduction of property taxes was the belief expressed last Saturday by Zeb Vance Norman, Washington County's representative, who spent the week-end at his home here. Mr. Norman said it was rather early yet to get any line on the type of legislation to be expected from the present session, but certain general trends of thought are easy to distinguish, and there seems to be an almost universal determination to effect a reduction in tax rates.

Another noticeable feature even this early in the session, the Washington County representative said, was that the legislature was going to put its foot down on any proposed bond issues, for permanent improvements being authorized by the assembly. On the whole, Mr. Norman said the legislature was composed of capable and substantial men, perhaps more conservative than the usual gathering.

The governor's message was almost universally approved, although opposition to some of the reforms sugsuggested by Governor Gardner, to become effective July 1, 1931, has a SUPERIOR COURT good chance to be enacted into law, Mr. Norman said. This saving of \$4,-000,000, it is thought, will be reflected in the reduction of property taxes, probably by being added to the equalization fund and returned to the counties in that manner.

Mr. Norman suid he doubted if there was enough sentiment to secure a general sales tax at this session, alis possible, he said that there may be biles, radios, electric refrigerators, and such items, but he does not look for a tax on cigars, cigarettes, candies, etc. The proposal to ad one more cent to the gasoline tax has a number of friends, but there will probably be opposition to this, and it is too early to make any forecasts, Mr. Norman



Representative Zeb Vance Norlanded places on important comman was very fortunate in his committee appointments at the legislature in Raleigh, particularly so in view of the fact that he is serving his first term. He was named on five major committees, being third ranking member of the committee on public roads and chairman of the committee on regulation of public service corpora-

tions. Appropriations, education, and judiciary No. 1 constitute his other major committee appointments. He was also named on the his second term. committee on drainage and joint committee on revision of laws. The appointments were announced by Speaker Willis Smith Tuesday. Senate committee appointments were also announced Tuesday, and Senators E. S. Peel, of Williamston, and H. S. Ward, of Washing-

Norman Gets Appointments JURY IS FILED IN To Five Major Committees COURT TUESDAY which includes this county, also

> mittees. Senator Peel led in being placed on the largest number of important committees, including the chairmanship of the committee on public roads. His other appoint-

ments were to the committees on finance,, judiciary No. 2, congressional districts, corporations, commercial fisheries, insurance, senatorial districts, and insane asylum; joint committees on justices of the peace and library. He is serving Senator Ward, for his first term, drew the following assignments: Chairmanship of committee on

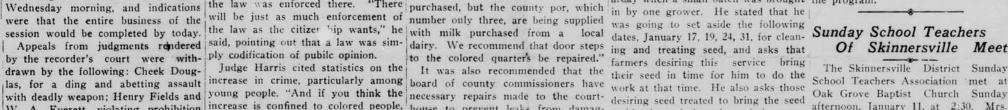
constitutional amendments; member of committees on finance, claims, judiciary No 2, penal institutions, internal improvements, railroads, and pensions and soldiers' home. ton, from the second district,

"Just As Much Enforcement Of Law As Citizens Desire," Judge Says in Charging Jury gested is almost certainly to result. The 10 per cent reduction in salaries PROCEEDINGS IN CRIME INCREASE suggested by Governor Corders to

> Criminal Docket Completed Tuesday Noon; Session To End Today

Judge Harris Makes Very Charge to Grand Jury Rapid progress was made in the

trial of criminal cases scheduled for Judge W. C. Harris, of Raleigh, be- and were well kept. superior court this week, and when the ginning his first term of superior court court recessed at noon Tuesday, the in Washington County, made a very docket was entirely clear. A number though the plan has a few supporters, of cases originally appearing on the lavorable impression in his charge to sanitary, prisoners well kept and at home demonstration club at home demonstration club at home Saturday, stated that he thought the reassessment would be docket on appeals from the recorder's the grand jury here Monday morning. work on county roads and prison farm. have their seed in the ground within meeting by marching to the front court were marked off when the delevied a sales tax on some of the more fendants withdrew their appeals, and enforcement, he told the jurymen that poor have good quarters well kept. Mr. Dunning cleaned and treated singing for the crowd a "Smile" song. several actions were continued. The the attitude of any community could A milk cow, which was recommended the first seed of the season last Sat- This was a very attractive addition to court began the trial of civil cases be determined by the manner in which by the last grand jury has not been urday when a small batch was brought the program.



SOLDIERS NOT TO law; and Joe Hardison, violating traf-

Cases against Jack Peele, on bad to 80 per cent of all crime is com- the school board have an inspection several times during the treatment. Little Hope for Redemption check charge, and Cottie Spruill, for false pretense, were nol prossed. The l6 to 23, and 60 to 80 per cent is com- well to determine whether or not it he able to furnish the sarks this

Several Recommendations Made As Result of Investigations

The Washington County jury, selected here Monday, made its report to Judge Harris in superior court Tuesdav' afternoon, several recommendations for improvements being suggested as the result of investigations conducted by members and committees of the jury. An unusual feature was the report of a thorough investigation made of all school trucks in the coun-

The trucks were found to be generally in good condition, although a number were without proper lights, and several had broken window glasses. Brakes were reported weak on three trucks, and two had no horns. The jury reported that the county had a full-time mechanic to look after the trucks, and that repairs are made as rapidly as possible by this man. It is expected that the defects found by the members of the jury will be remedied

trucks seem to have schedules which without notice which causes irregular schedule at given points. It is recom-

The committee named to investigate the road camp at Creswell stated that

dow glasses were out, and it was re-

camp and county home near here in the best month for planting beds in pectations of 200 hungry people. a body. Quarters were found to be this section, and a number of farmers | The Alba home demonstration club tative Zeb Vance Norman, who was Discussing the various phases of law The report states "The county's a few days. wednesday morning, and indications the law was enforced there. "There purchased, but the county por, which in by one grower. He stated that he to the colored quarters be repaired." farmers desiring this service bring Judge Harris cited statistics on the It was also recommended that the their seed in time for him to do the School Teachers Association met at

W. A. Everett, violating prohibition increase is confined to colored people, house to prevent leaks from damag-to him in a cloth sack, as it is neces-Henry Norman, of White Chapel



COUNTY AUDITOR

And this, folks, as most of you know, is George W. Hardison, chairman of the county board of commissioners and county accountant. Mr. Hardison took over the duties of auditor January 1, and is already beginning to feel at home in the courthouse

One section of the report reads, "All AGENT TREATING give ample time for their trip. Truck No. 1 is reported as reversing its route TOPACCO CERTS TOBACCO SEED

Beds; Care Advised in Selecting Location

County Agent R. E. Dunning has be laundered more often. The pri- tobacco plant beds, which will take ive-at-home luncheon. Mrs. W. H. postponement of the revaluation, as it



Topic of Speakers; 200 In Attendance

County Outlook Program Is Held One of the most interesting programs ever put on in Washington was ordered stopped last Sautrday by county was launched here Thursday County Tax Supervisor John W. Darwith Miss Pauline Smith, district den, after several days' agent, and Troy B. Ferguson speaking been put in by some of the township boards of assessors. The halting of before 200 men and women on "Farm for a Living. duced in the legislature proposing

Miss Smith, in a very forceful man- postponement of the revaluation until ner, discussed the nutritional needs of February 15. It is expected that this the family, showing that all the daily measure will be passed by the general foods for the family can be produced assembly, and the county supervisor on Washington county farms, with ordered the work stopped to save the the exception of sugar and salt. Mr. Ferguson's valuable farm out-

The township boards of assessors look presentation was followed by a had begun work last Tuesday, and the round-table discussion of probable Plymouth Township board had alprices and the advisability of decreased ready done four days' work when the acreage of certain cash crops. work was halted Saturday. It is un-Miss Pratt Covington, R. E. Dun- derstood that the other township

ning, Mr. Rabon, W. C. Manning, boards had put in only one days work Thomas Swain and J. W. Norman each. Should the revaluation be postmended that route be made the same January Best Month to Sow made some valuable comments on the poned for a year or two, as it is exoutlook for Washington county and pected to be, the work already done backed them up by statistics on re- by the assessors will be of no value whatever. It is understood that the sult demonstrations.

Sunday School Teachers

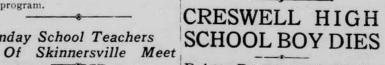
The Skinnersville District Sunday

Immediately following the program reassessment has been halted in other the home demonstration clubs of the counties in this section also. Favorable Impression by commended that bed covering should turned his attention to the planting of county served to the entire crowd a There is considerable demand for

> soners stated they received good food place on many Washington County Harrison, president of the county fe- is felt that no fair valuation could farms during the next few weeks. Ac- deration, had charge of this luncheon be arrived at this year, and any ap-The entire jury visited the road cording to the farm agent, January is and it truly measured up to the ex- preciable decrease in valuation would mean an increased tax rate. Represen-

county needless expense

thought the reassessment would be of the auditorium about 25 strong and postponed until 1932 or 1933, on account of conditions existing at this



Robert Bateman, 19, Victim Of Heart Trouble January 1

I invite you to examine the records at the state prison," he said. From 75 The final recommendation was that formaldehyde and then wash them in a solution of the final recommendation was that formaldehyde and then wash them in a solution of the state prison, as it is the state prison, the said. From 75 The final recommendation was that formaldehyde and then wash them in a solution of the state prison. The final recommendation was that formaldehyde and then wash them in a solution of the state prison. The final recommendation was that formaldehyde and then wash them in a solution of the state prison. The final recommendation was that formaldehyde and then wash them in a solution of the state prison. The final recommendation was that formaldehyde and then wash them in a solution of the state prison. The final recommendation was that formaldehyde and then wash them in a solution of the state prison. The final recommendation was that formaldehyde and then wash them in a solution of the state prison. The final recommendation was that formaldehyde and then wash them in a solution of the state prison. The final recommendation was that formal the state prison of the state pri who died in October. Mrs. Brickhouse class, Robert Bateman, on Tuesday The agent stated that he would not had been president of the association evening, January 1. He was the son be able to furnish the sacks this for three years prior to her death. of Mrs. Ida Bateman, of near Cres-Mr. Henry Norman, also of White well. He had suffered with heart Mr. Dunning stated that great care Chapel church, was elected secretary trouble for some time and was temwatson, and Wilmer Watson, for as-sault with deadly weapon with intent The increase in crime is accounted leaks in the roof and walls wooden should be used in the selection of a their interstance of the increase in crime is accounted importance of the increase in crime is accounted importance of the increase of the

within a few days.

IS NOT FAULT OF way each time."

OFFICERS ALONE it was in fair condition. Some win-

Adjusted Compensation Certificates Until 1945

certificates at the present time instead months. of waiting until 1945, when they are due.

Sheriff Reid last week received a with assault with deadly weapon. he believed it would do more than any- conditioned upon payment of the ris made several suggestions. First, will be made again this year from condition when prepared. If it is too thing else to aid the present financial costs. distress.

tion have come out strongly against October 28, 1930. this bill, and as they have 100 majority B. F. Chambers was found not guilin the House I do not think it has a ty of violating the game law. chance whatever to ever be considered. The only other way to get consi- guilty to larceny and was assigned to deration is for 218 members to sign the county roads for 3 months. a petition, and so far we have been Non suit was taken in the case able to secure 100 signatures. It is my opinion that so long as the Re-count of entering and larceny. publicans are in power we will be un-Wilson Partin was found not guilty able to get any legislation on this of trespass. matter."

stated Monday that he had received a months on the county roads. letter along the same lines from Setle hope of the ex-service men "cash- Home Agent's Schedule ing in" on these certificates before they become due in 1945.

New Schedule of Bus Line

tween here and Bethel, will begin keys Clubs at Pleasant Grove; Wed- crowd in the court room, and there and G. K. Harris. running its busses on into Rocky Mt. nesday. Swain; Thursday, Creswell; were a number of favorable comments The change was made in order to se- Friday, Alba; Saturday, curb market. made afterwards.

cure better mail facilities for other points on the route, although Ply- Important Meeting of mouth mail is not greatly affected by the change.

A slight change in schedule is also There will be an important meeting being made, the bus reaching here of Plymouth Rock Council, No. 213, being made, the bus reaching here of Plymouth Rock Council, No. 213, now at 12:15, in time to make connec-tion with the Norfolk-Southern train. Well Methodist Episcopal church Sat-tran Well Method Plymouth and intermediate points. a number of important business mat-The bus will continue to leave here ters to be attended to, and every memafternoon reaching Rocky Mount at 6. quested to be present.

false pretense, were nol prossed. The intervention of the persons, according to should be condemned. Reports were year. made to the jury that on account of Mr

Some time during the past year a to kill, was continued under a new for in a large measure, the jurist stated timbers were rottong at their inter- location for a plant bed. A loamy,

Some time during the past year a large measure, the jurist stated is porarily out of school because of ill to succeed Mr. H. L. Swain, of Reno-both church, after the latter had pre-section with the brick wall, and caus-tion requesting Congressman Warren and Senator Simmons to support the bill introduced in Congress which would pay off adjusted compensation certificates at the present time instead The State took a non-suit in the ac- tendency for each person to select the had been received.

tion against Providence Cox, charged laws he likes and obey them, while disregarding those he does not like, Will Make Cooperative

condition when prepared. If it is too and most important, he declared, was George Fagon was found guilty on the need for every one to study crime by County Farm Agent R. E. Dun-plants are materially reduced. Burn We the chances for good healthy plants are materially reduced. Burn However, the Congressman conti- a charge of entering and larceny and its cause and effect, as there can be ning are realized. The shipments are the bed if necessary to kill the grass

nues, "President Hoover and Secretary sentenced to the county roads for 12 no remedy applied until a diagnosis usually made during the latter part of and weed seed. Mellon and the Republican organiza- months, the sentence to date from is made. Another need mentioned was February and March, and many far- Lay off the bed to fit the covers al-

boy reaches 16, he said, unless he has shipping poultry by this method. Mr. If old covers are to be used they completed the compilation of the 1931 made in the old Spruill cemetery near been taught discipline and respect for Dunning asks poultry raisers to keep should be sterilized by boiling. All year book for the home demonstration Creswell. He will be greatly missed in Providence Cox entered a plea of law in the home, there is little hope this in mind, and be prepared to cull leaves and trash should be raked off clubs of Washington County. The school, church, and community.-Refor him, and when he does run foul of their flocks for shipment during this clean, and everything grubbed out of booklet is well prepared and one of the ported. the law, it is not his fault because he period. No indications as to the prices the bed except the large stumps, as most attractive being issued in the has never had a fair chance.

As an evidence that the schools and agent. churches are donig their part, Judge Harris said it was indeed seldom that Eight Firemen Attend

a boy who had as much as a high Cheek Douglas, found guilty of rob- school education ever appeared in the

to reduce taxes.

Miss Pratt Covington, county home of all departments of county activities, speaker. The next meeting will be until it is thoroughly mixed with the Chesson on Wednesday afternom. Spruill supported by a splendid teamdemonstration agent, announces her including the operation of school held at Mount Olive.

the usual stereotyped report. His L. W. Gurkin, J. B. McNair, R. A. two or three inches until the fertilizer "What A Friend We Have In Jesus" locals turning back the Roper five by Effective today, the Babcock bus Monday, January 19, Chapel Hill; charge was closely followed not only Peal, J. E. Ausbon, L. D. Jones, C. T. is well mixed and the soil has be- accompanied on the piano by Miss a 13 to 6 count. tine, which has been operating be-tinesday, Pleasant Grove and Mac-by members of the jury, but by a large Robbins, P. G. Dixon, Bill Waters, come fine and smooth.

Bank To Close Monday Junior Order Monday

attend this service. ments remaining open.

earlier plants.

to be paid have been received by the it is much easier to prepare a clean State. It contains much information Roper Cage Teams Win

outline of the year's work, schedules stumps. Use a colter or some light plow to of meetings, programs, and many

tional system in misguided attempts Eastern Carolina Firemen's Associa- bed. After sowing the fertilizer broad- Pleasant Grove Aid tion held in LaGrange Tuesday night. cast at the rate of 100 pounds for

In conclusion, the judge explained Those attending said it was a very in- each 100 square yards, plow and drag For Week Is Announced the duties of grand jurors, requiring teresting meeting, with Sherwood as before. Then use the same amount The Ladies Aid society of Pleasant local girls won by the uneven score of pleasant local girl

Account Lee's Birthday It was announced this week that the health held Monday of this week, Dr. the absence of the treasurer there was had been defeated by Roper in a pre-first quarterly conference of the Co-T. L. Bray, of this city, was elected no financial report. A splendid and had been defeated by Roper in a pre-Although next Monday, January 19, lumbia circuit will be held in the Cres- county health officer for the ensuing striking poem on "The New Year" was vious game only one point. Peacock

tion with the Norloik-Southern train. January 19, in the louge half here, The bus leaves Rocky Mount at 9 o'- it was announced this week by the lar observance of the day has been presiding elder, Rev. O. W. Dowd, of composed of George W. Hardison, laying plans for the New Year. After points for her team. clock, bringing mail from train 75 to secretary R. L. Tetterton. There are planned locally. The Branch Banking Elizabeth City. Rev. Dowd will also chairman; J. W. Norman, secretary; the social hour, the guest were served It was an easy victory for the local

on its return trip at 3 o'clock in the ber of the local council is urgently re- all of the other business establishbefore the meeting was purely routine. Mrs. N. T. Everett.

be respected, but there is a general tendency for each person to select the laws he likes and obey them, while discretived.

A motion was made and carried that He is survived by his mother, Mrs. letter from Congressman Warren stating that he had been an advocate of this measure for two years and that he believed it would do more than any-he believed it would do more than any-York; and Bruce, James and Roy, of Norfolk, Va.

> The burial service was conducted in Members Is Prepared the Creswell Baptist church Thursday morning, January 3, at 10 o'clock, His

for better home training. When a mers in the county have cooperated in ready on hand, if they are to be used, monstration agent, has just recently ses attended in a body. Interment was

bed than one full of sprouts and small of value to club members, including an Four Games in Past Week

Playing the teams of Creswell High School the following night, Roper's two teams registered four victories, taking the two doubleheaders with ease.

Society Holds Meet In their game with Creswell, the

soil. Care should be taken not to Mrs. J. C. Tarkenton presided. The work faturing the victory. The boys' Becomes Effective Today lows: schedule for the coming week as fol-lows: trucks, and asking them not to return the usual storectured received return to the usual storectured return to the usual storecture to the usual storectu

Myrtle Tarkenton. The 3rd. chapter Coming here Thursday night both of Col. was read responsively, followed the girls' and boys' teams of Plymouth Dr. Bray Elected County by The Lords Prayer. The minutes met defeat, the girls losing 47 to 18, Health Officer Monday were read by Miss Myrtle Tarkenton. and the boys taking the small end of At the roll call, each member render- a 37 to 1 score. The large marginal

It was announced this week that the health held Monday of this week, Dr. the absence of the treasurer there was as a surprise as the Plymouth sextet

At a meeting of the county board of ed an appropriate Bible verse. Due to win by the local grils came somewhat

Creswell Church Saturday

Quarterly Conference at

them to make thorough investigations Brockwell, of Raleigh, the principal of fertilizer again and plow and drag Grove met at the home of Mrs. W. B. 41 to 11, the work of Peacock and

Meeting in LaGrange break up the top layer of soil. A disk other particulars. The booklets will School here last Wednesday evening

harrow can be used if the land has be distributed to all of the clubs with- and those of the Plymouth High

