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Here is a typical scene of the outpouring of the good things to eat from the farm homes of this section at a traditional picnic of a rural church. The spreading of fried chicken, ham, cakes, pies and all the other delicious dishes above took place at the Friendship Free Will Baptist Church near Trenton this week. More than 400 persons attended this occasion of informal fellowship under the direction of Pastor William B. Raper, Church Clerk and Sunday School Superintendent H. M. Mallard and the ladies of the church.

Traditional Festivity Of Section Is Fellowship, Food Of Church Picnic

There is no custom in this part of the world more pleasant and satisfying than the church picnic. Its tradition has come down through the years at a time when the congregation gathers for informal fellowship and with the invited guests who come eagerly at the call.

On the tables in the churchyards are spread the finest foods—fried chicken, home-cured hams, home-made pickles, biscuits, cakes, pies and all the other delicacies. The children, turned loose, scamper underfoot, or full of food, fall asleep in the parked automobiles. Their elders, before and long after the picnic dinner, visit and talk together, relaxed from the everyday cares.

There may be a baseball game by the youths of the church in the afternoon after dinner, some other program such as a special speaker, or just talk. But, none

the less, the annual church picnic is a time for the visit with old friends long put off. At any of the events at the many churches dotted about Lenoir and Jones counties can be found members from every part of the section.

Such a picnic this past week was held at the Friendship Free Will Baptist Church in Jones County, just north of Trenton. The crowd of 400 congregation members and guests assembled there was welcomed by its Church Clerk and Sunday School Superintendent H. M. Mallard, and stepped up to the heavy-laden tables after a prayer by Pastor William B. Raper.

The almost continuous rain of the past week seemed to halt especially for the Friendship picnic. One visiting Kinstonian said happily afterwards, "I would weigh 250 pounds in no time if I ate like this every day."

POLLOCKSVILLE MYF RAISE FUNDS FOR NEW CHURCH CARPET

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of Pollocksville Methodist Church last Saturday night opened a recreation center for the young folks of their community from 6 to 75 for the purpose of raising funds to buy a new carpet for the church. Everyone in the community has been invited to come out on Saturday night and join in the fun and assist with the fund.

Sound Sleeper

One day last week four-year-old Patricia Ann Hill said she was sleepy and climbed into her mother's lap. She proved it. Patricia's father, Sidney Hill, said they could not wake up the child, and the family took a fast trip to a Kinston hospital. Five minutes after arrival there, about one hour from the time Patricia had climbed into her mother's lap, she woke up. The doctors could find nothing wrong with the youngster. Her family thinks it may have been the heat that made Patricia so sleepy.

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Twenty-Five Per Cent Cut In Tax Valuations Made By Board Monday

After carefully reviewing the budgetary needs of the county for the coming year and considering the increased valuations of property in the county under the recently completed revaluation of all real estate the Jones County Board of Commissioners Monday voted a 25 per cent cut in all the revaluation figures. For the coming year the tax rate will remain the same as last year, \$1.90 on each \$100 valuation.

Last year the valuation of real property in the county was \$3,391,000; the revaluation this year which was recently completed had boosted real property values on the tax books to \$5,070,000. The commissioners could have allowed the revaluation figures to stand and have dropped the tax rate to a figure that would have raised the money needed to run the county during the coming year. They decided against this after much consideration on the merits of both methods.

The ad valorem or real property tax rate of the county this year is being called upon to raise \$98,686. A 25 per cent cut in the overall real estate valuation and

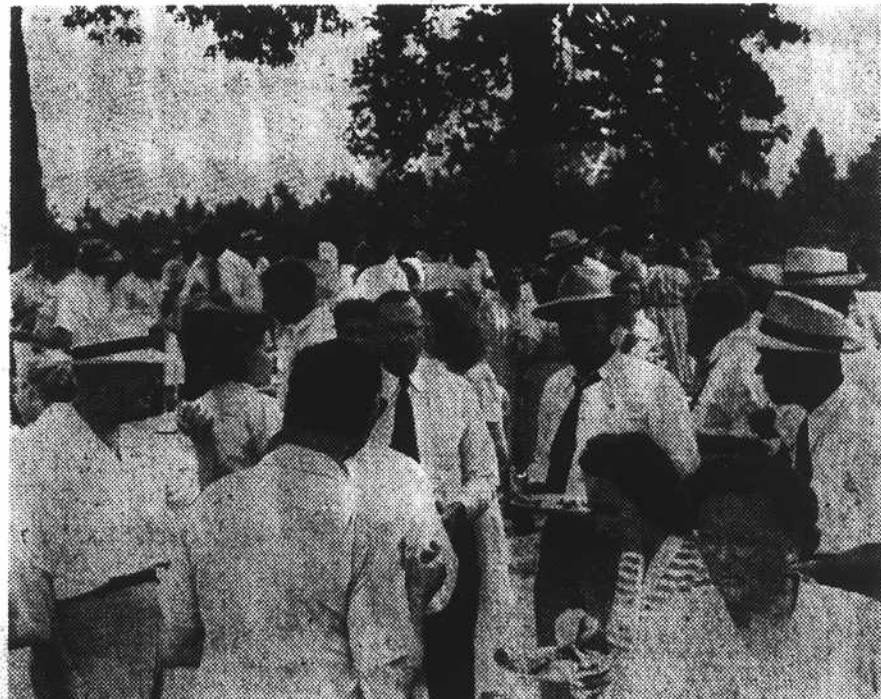
continuation of the present tax rate will net roughly this amount, the commissioners feel.

The commissioners also intimated a further considerable decrease in the general valuation in the county might be forthcoming after next Monday if there is little call on the board for specific reductions.

Next Monday the board will sit as a board of equalization to hear complaints from all taxpayers who feel their property is inequitably or unfairly listed. All persons who wish to appear in this capacity are urged to appear before the board as early as possible next Monday so the business of the day can be ended as quickly as possible. At the close of this meeting, if there have been a few complaints and adjustments made the board hinted strongly that another good sized cut in the taxable valuations would be made. In order to protect themselves, however, they had to retain a safe margin to allow adjustments in favor of those taxpayers who might show that their property has been improperly valued.



There can be no question that the best food in any county appears on the picnic tables of the rural churches of this section. Here is a typical layout of the delicious variety that makes everyone forget diets and waistlines. The ladies of the Friendship Free Will Baptist Church near Trenton are shown completing the spreading of the lunches that fed 400 members of the congregation and their invited guests. (Whitaker-Leffew Photos)



This photograph was made in Jones County, 22 miles from Kinston, at the annual picnic of the Friendship Free Will Baptist Church this week. But in the picture can be recognized 10 Kinstonians who made the trip for the fellowship—and for the delicious rural picnic dinner. Among them were city and police officials, a banker, a doctor, tobacco warehousemen and others. At any of the many rural church picnics in Lenoir or Jones County a number of town dwellers can be found as eager guests.