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New School Budget Submitted; 7 Cents Lower Than Before

Budget Presented To Commissioners Here Yesterday

The Board of County Commissioners met yesterday for the purpose of further hearing complaints in tax values. All members of the Board were present and a full day was given to various complaints.

The Board of Education presented its budget to the Board, and a seven-cent decrease from that of last year has been made. The budget was approved by the Board and is as follows:

Teachers' salaries	50
Operating equipment	20
Payment on loans	18
Total	88

The Board ordered that correction be made in the list of Joe Gorham so that it would read \$100 instead of \$1,100.

The Adeline Duggan lot in Williamston was placed on the tax books at 700 instead of \$1,000.

Application of John L. Rodgerson for a reduction of valuation on house and lot in Williamston was rejected.

Several changes were ordered to be made in the property of the Harrison Oil company. The lot and tank at the river is to be changed from 100 to \$800, the Central Filling station increased from \$9,000 to \$6,000, and the Texaco Filling station to be changed from 1,350 to \$3,000.

Dave Biggs was refunded \$7.17 to correct error in taxes collected from him.

The valuation of the stables of Mrs. C. A. Martin is to be decreased from \$6,000 to \$4,500 and that of the law office from \$3,000 to \$2,000. Mrs. Martin is to be refunded taxes paid on \$2,500 listed by error in 1925.

Mrs. H. H. Coving was charged with \$260 on one-half of Main street lot instead of \$500 on whole lot which she did not own.

The property value of Joshua L. Griffin was reduced \$500.

Amanda Canada was released from payment of taxes on 938 solvent credits improperly listed in Bear Grass township, year 1925.

The Board ordered that the vacant lot in Williamston, listed by O. S. and J. W. Anderson be raised from \$600 to \$2,500.

Other Tax Rates to be Levied

Tax rates outside of the one for schools will be levied at the next meeting of the Board which will be held the first Monday of next month. There has been a decrease in valuation in most of the townships of the County, and the exact rate the Board will be forced to levy will depend partly on this decrease and on the present financial condition of the County.

ENTERTAINMENT OF CHILDREN BY CLUB GETS UNDERWAY

Mrs. A. R. Dunning held the first children's hour at the rooms of the Womens' club yesterday afternoon. Many children were present and enjoyed the hour's entertainment.

An hour each Thursday will be given to the children between the ages of 5 and 10 and some form of entertainment will be provided each time.

Mrs. Stephen Gans, of Norfolk, returned to her home after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Lindsley.

Miss Elizabeth Braswell of Battleboro is visiting Miss Velma Harrison.

STRAND THEATRE

Tonight—Friday
Ben Lyon, and May McAvoy in
"THE SAVAGE"
Pace Makers
"Three Bases East"
RADIO GIVEN AWAY

Tomorrow, Saturday
"FIGHTING JACK"
Last Episode of
SECRET SERVICE
SANDERS
and "Our Gang"

The Enterprise Sunday School Lesson in Brief

July 18.—"The Call of Moses". Ex. 3:10-15 and 4:10-12.

By C. H. DICKEY

If you lift up the curtain it will reveal to you some very interesting things about many of the world's leaders:

Aesop was a slave, Homer was a beggar, Demosthenes was the son of a butcher, while Martin Luther was the son of a miner. Robert Burns was a plow boy, Ben Johnson, a brick layer and Blackstone, the son of a draper. Carlyle was the son of a stone mason, and the mother of William the Conqueror was a washer woman. Shakespeare was the son of a bankrupt butcher, and a mother who could not write her name. Beethoven was the son of a consumptive mother, while the father was a confirmed drunkard. Schubert's father was a peasant, and his mother in domestic service. Eleanor Duse was born in a third-class rail road compartment. Michael Faraday was born over a stable. Jesus, in a stable.

If then, this man Moses who is to be one of the greatest of the great, was taken from the weeds at the brink of the Nile, as a slave child, what of it? It means nothing at all. God can use men like that. He often-times passes the homes of the worldly-wise and the rich and picks out just such characters.

The Lord had a mighty task to be performed. It stands to reason that He employed the very best man He had for the undertaking. His purpose was to take the Hebrew nation out of Egyptian bondage, and usher them into the Promised Land, and make a great people of them—a people who, by training and adversity and schooling would be able, eventually, to give the world its Savior.

The Lord thought Moses could perform it. He was a man of natural ability. He was also a man of training. He was born a slave, he was reared a prince. He had both seen how the oppressed and the oppressors lived. He knew both sides of the case. This fitted him to be the master of any situation that might arise. And he was the master, with God, as further events disclose.

When God called him to his high mission, Moses, of course, objected. We all do. And that is one of the very finest signs in the world. Humility and dependence—these are the qualities the Lord wants in His leaders.

The Lord promised Moses to be with him. And whether Moses realized that, or not, that promise was sufficient. For, if God is with us, who can be against us. One man and God constitute a majority.

A man is too small for any great God-given task alone; but with God any man can perform miracles.

The objective which was set for Moses was a most difficult one, but was capable of being realized. The Lord never calls a man to an undertaking that can not be performed. The fact that He called Moses, was evidence that with God Moses could see it through.

Finally, accepting the call, and leaning on the Everlasting Arms, Moses marches back down into Egypt, and from Egypt we shall see him, one good day, marching out at the head of a mighty army emancipated slaves. And this army is going to change the face of the entire earth.

Ex-Secretary of War Weeks Dead

Ex-Secretary of War John W. Weeks, who resigned that office last year on account of ill health, died at his summer home in the White Mountains of New Hampshire Monday. He had gone there after passing some time in California and in South America trying to regain his health, neither of which proved of any avail.

Secretary Weeks was appointed as Secretary of War by President Harding, being reappointed by President Coolidge when he was elected, and held the office until he was unable to perform the duties required of him when he resigned. He had also served in the Senate of the United States from Massachusetts.

Federal Commissioner



Rear Admiral H. O. Stickney, Federal Commissioner to the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition commemorating the 150th anniversary of American Independence and which will be held in Philadelphia from June 1 to December 1. Admiral Stickney will be in full charge of the United States Government exhibit, which will be the largest of its type ever made.

East Carolina Exposition at Rocky Mount

Number Cities Bid for Exposition; Rocky Mt. Best Suited

Rocky Mount, July 25. ROCKY MOUNT was selected as the city for the 1927 Eastern Carolina Exposition by the board of directors of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon at a meeting of this body in Kinston.

Several cities bid for the exposition, but the board regarded the offer of Rocky Mount as the best suited to the needs of the organization and announcement was made this morning to E. C. Austin, secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce that Rocky Mount had been selected.

The Shrine automobile show, annually conducted in the Spring at Rocky Mount, which the exposition will occur has been postponed, announcements indicate, and will not be held in order that all interest may be given to the success of the Eastern Carolina show. No announcements concerning the program for the showing have been made, but plans, it is understood, have been discussed and tentative arrangements begun.

Methodist Program For The Next Week

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.—E. P. Cunningham, supt.
Preaching, 11 a. m.
Junior Epworth league, 2:30 p. m.—Mrs. J. F. Thigpen, supt.
Preaching at Holly Springs, 3:30 p. m.
Senior Epworth league, Monday at 8 p. m.—Martha Leggett, supt.
Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 8 p. m. Intermediate Epworth league, Thursday, 8 p. m.—Mrs. W. H. Booker, superintendent.
Womens' Missionary society, Monday, 4 p. m.—Mrs. W. C. Liverman, president.

49 Banks Closed In 3 Days in Georgia

A blow that will be felt all over the State of Georgia caused forty-nine banks to close their doors in three days this week. The blow is said to have been delivered by the boll weevil. This little insect has caused great financial disaster in a large part of all the cotton growing states, and no doubt, the cause of the failure is due to it. It may be, however that Florida land speculation helped to weaken the banks, as the nearness of the two states aroused the sympathetic feeling.

SPLENDID PICTURE AT STRAND THEATRE TONIGHT

Ben Lyon and May McAvoy appear in a splendid picture tonight at the Strand Theatre. "The Savage" is worth seeing according to the statements of those who have seen it.

Advertising of Local Market To Begin Soon

Definite Plans Drawn up At Meeting Held Wednesday

Definite plans were drawn up at a meeting of the advertising committee of the local chamber of commerce when the committee met in Lawyer R. L. Coburn's office last Wednesday night for the purpose of staging an advertising campaign during the remainder of this and the next two months.

The work accomplished last year was reviewed and the committee hopes to surpass the work of last year. The plans offered at the meeting will be announced from time to time, and it is safe to say right now that the local tobacco market, the merchants and the town as a whole will be well advertised this year.

Mr. James E. Griffin, an alumnus of the University of North Carolina, has been appointed to take the active work of the campaign over, and he will devote his entire time for the next several months to the work. He will work in conjunction with the advertising committee which was selected at a recent meeting of the chamber of commerce.

The amount of money to be used in the campaign this year has not been determined, but according to the President, Mr. Frank J. Marolis, the amount will exceed by at least three times that spent last year.

Last year was the first year in the history of the local tobacco market that the chamber of commerce joined hands and worked for the good of market, merchants, farmers, town and all. The cooperation of these two units went a long way in making last year one of the best in the market's history. With last year's experience the work this year should be better directed and should prove to be of even more value than that of the past year.

There were grounds to believe our market on last year's crop, these grounds are even better this year, and there is no reason why a most extensive advertising campaign should not be staged this year.

The exact nature of the proposed plans will be made known from time to time, the first set to be announced as soon as a joint meeting can be arranged with the commerce advertising committee and the local warehousemen.

Tobacco Crop Estimated 66 Per Cent of Normal

The North Carolina Crop Reporting service in its July report predicts the tobacco production to be around 600 pounds to the acre this year.

The acreage is about the same as that of last year, but the condition is about 66 percent this year compared with 81 percent a year ago.

The report says, "The northwestern part of the State shows the poorest area of growth, the average being about 59 percent normal, while the eastern part of the State shows an average of about 77 percent."

The outlook for this immediate section is very good.

In early spring crop conditions appeared very unfavorable, but the past few weeks have seen much improvement in the growth of crops, and the counties of Pitt, Beaufort, Pamlico, Bertie and Martin have fine crops. In fact, all the counties east of Wilson have good crops.

Sunday Program at Baptist Church

"When God Disciplines His Children" will be the general subject of the sermon at the Memorial Baptist Church, Sunday morning.

The summer audiences have held up remarkably well at this church, and the pastor takes this means of expressing his gratification.

The initial service of the Summer Evening Meetings, which was held in the Christian church last Sunday evening, was well attended. The house was filled, and chairs were placed in the aisles. The splendid beginning should be carried on to a great success.

The pastor of this church noticed, with pleasure, that a large number of his people were in that service.

Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, the Union Service will be held in our church. Rev. T. W. Lee will preach the sermon.

We should all feel especially solicitous about a good attendance at this service, since our own church is the host.

"Behold! how good and how pleasant it is, for brethren to dwell together in unity."

Woman's Club Invites Women of County to Meet Home Agent at Reception Tuesday, July 20

The Williamston Womens' Club will entertain the women of the county with an informal reception next Tuesday afternoon from 5 to 7 o'clock. They are invited to meet Miss Anna Trentham, our new Home Demonstration Agent.

The Club will not be able to send invitations to every woman in the county and they extend through this column invitations to all of them.

It is really for our women to

get together and get acquainted so that they can support the agent in her work, and help each other in any cause that is for the betterment of our County.

Women, don't forget the day and be at this informal party. The Club greatly desires your presence.

The reception will be held in the club rooms of the Masonic building on Church and Smithwick streets.

Kinston Paper Lauds Martin as Place to Live

Says Farmers Have Better Diversification Than Is Usual

The following article comes from the Kinston Free Press, Kinston's five daily newspaper. The article is of real merit, and we reprint it, feeling our indebtedness to the Free Press.

"Martin County farmers have solved 'what ails' eastern Carolina. They are diversifying and their varied crops this summer promise to be among the best in the entire South. For many miles in all directions from the town of Williamston, the county seat, bumper yields of tobacco and cotton are in prospect, along with good yields of corn, peanuts and other crops. The countryside are overrun with pigs and poultry. There are hundreds of cattle grazing in the meadows and pastures. Barns are being made ready to house the harvests and additional shelters have been erected for the additions to the herds and flocks.

"The Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce today cited Martin as one of the most progressive counties in the Southeastern States, as a comparison between Williamston and the Beaufort County line the country is in better shape, is better kept, than in most any other part of Eastern Carolina," it was stated at the commercial organization's headquarters here.

"Such enterprising people pay little heed to drops in the prices of cotton and tobacco. They grow other crops. They are acquiring more and more cows, swine and dairy cows. Their farms are larger than the average. Their homes are better kept than the average in the cities of the section. Their farming equipment is extensive and well cared for. They have good roads and they are finding markets for the increased production."

"At the edge of Martin County some miles from Williamston is a community once regarded as a staid and rather lawless. This neighborhood is now a model 'for all of the south.' The towns are thriving. Williamston, a very small city, has a fine civic spirit. It has rather imposing business buildings, pretty homes and good streets. Williamston is growing. Apparently it intends to continue. The corporate line extends in one direction nearly a mile beyond the last street in the town. There are five hard-surfaced roads leading from it toward Norfolk, Richmond, Raleigh and other centers."

Town of Tarboro Makes Proposal to Buy Power

The Town of Tarboro has made a proposal to purchase from any company wishing to connect with them at its city limits at the sum of .012c per kilowatt. This figure seems to be the low cost of production that Tarboro has reached with its present plant.

The Virginia Power company has already contracted to furnish some of the Tarboro cotton mills and are going to that town anyway.

They are interested in the town's contract as they will have their lines so near the limits.

To Erect New Parish House in Washington

Accompanied by impressive ceremonies, in which the Bishop of the Diocese, a number of visiting clergymen, the rector of the local parish, and visitors from neighboring towns, will take part, the cornerstone of a new parish house of St. Peter's Episcopal church in Washington will be laid next Tuesday. The exercises will begin at 11 o'clock.

Lieutenant and Mrs. C. H. Yost and daughter are visiting her sister, Mrs. Lawrence Lindsley and family.

Operating Cost School Trucks Is Very Small

Cost Less Than Quarter Cent Per Mile Per Pupil Last Year

The school transportation figures in Martin county for the past season gathered from the books of the Board of Education of the County, show that it cost less than a quarter of a cent per mile to convey each pupil to school last year.

The cost per day for each truck was as follows:

Everetts, 24 miles	\$3.10
Jamesville, A., 14 miles	1.44
Jamesville, B., 14 miles	2.80
Jamesville, C., 13 miles	3.40
Oak City, A., 18 miles	2.50
Oak City, B., 27 miles	3.12
Oak City, C., 18 miles	3.82
Oak City, D., 18 miles	2.46
Oak City, E., 18 miles	1.93
Oak City, F., 23 miles	2.07
Hamilton, A., 14 miles	3.25
Hamilton, B., 20 miles	1.89
Hamilton, C., 23 miles	2.63
Williamston, 19 miles	1.34
Farm Life, 22.3 miles	2.00
Rear Grass, A., 24 miles	2.04
Rear Grass, B., 20 miles	1.45

Private transportation was provided for three pupils in Hassell school at a cost of \$44.10 for 98 days for an 18-mile haul.

Sandy Ridge school, 17 pupils, 8 miles for 120 days showed a cost of \$450.00.

Farm Life, B., 10 pupils, 14 miles for 69 days showed a cost of \$102.15. Gold Point spent \$57.09 for four pupils for 10 miles during 96 days.

The statement for the 1925-26 term shows a slight reduction in cost from that of the previous year. The items include all things necessary to run the trucks except depreciation.

If school children can be transported over muddy roads in rain, snow and sleet for a quarter of a cent per mile, how much can a street car make hauling passengers at 7 cents per ride?

J. L. Williams To Move To Greenville

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Williams will in the near future, move to Greenville where they will make their home.

Mr. Williams will open a ready-to-wear store for both women and men in one of the best locations of the business section of Greenville. Associated with him in business will be Mr. Lloyd Chapman, his brother-in-law, of Grifton.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams have leased a home in Greenville and are already taking up their residence there in the early fall when Mr. Williams will begin business.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Williams are very fine citizens and they will be greatly missed here. Mrs. Williams came here as a primary teacher and made a reputation of being one of the finest teachers ever in the local schools. Mr. Williams came here from Norfolk about the same time, 6 years ago, and has been with Harrison Brothers where he has, through association with our people, become one of the most popular store men in the town and county.

Scotland Neck May Make Power Contract

The Virginia Power company has made a proposition to the Town of Scotland Neck, according to reports made in the Commonwealth, the town's newspaper, asking permission to enter under a three years' contract and to sell power for lights and motor purposes on a flat wholesale basis. The proposal is made with the understanding that if at the end of that period the town found that it could not operate without an additional expenditure on its local plant the authorities would enter into a new contract.

The town authorized a committee, representing it, to make a full investigation of all features of the proposal.

To Organize League At Holly Springs

The Senior Epworth league of the Methodist church will go to Holly Springs church Saturday night to organize an Epworth league.

There will be a program arranged and the different members will tell what the league is and what it means to the young folks of the church.

Little Child Dies of Colitis Monday

Thurman A., the one-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Corey, of Maple Grove, died Monday after a two-weeks illness with colitis, which failed to yield to medical treatment and nursing.

The funeral was held at the home on Tuesday by Elders A. J. Manning and W. B. Harrington. Burial was at the family plot in the Robertson-Hardison burying ground.

Statements from various sections of this county are to the effect that the tobacco is curing up very nicely. Similar statements come from our neighbors over in Washington county, and even go so far as to say that the tobacco crop in that county is better than the one in our county.