

## Budget Just About Same As Last Year

**TO BE SUBMITTED TO BOARD AT ITS AUGUST MEETING**

**Largest Increase, Except For Schools, in Interest And Sinking Fund**

**APPROVAL EXPECTED**

**Commissioners Expect To Make Very Thorough Study of Contemplated Expenditures**

Prepare by the county's accountant, J. Sam Gotsinger, the operating budget for Martin will be placed before the Board of Commissioners in regular session here the first Monday in August for the members' approval or disapproval. The budget has been before that body, but final acceptance was postponed until the first Monday when a thorough study of the various items will be made. It is expected that the figures will be accepted in the main just as they now stand.

As compared with the budget of 1927 and 1928, the budget for the year beginning July, 1928 and ending June 30, 1929, is in close proximity to the figures of those two years. Probably the largest increase in the budget separate from the schools' operating estimates, is found in the interest and sinking fund. In 1927, the amount was \$44,678.55 and in 1928 it was \$52,659.84. The budget, this year, calls for \$55,290.72. The main items affecting the interest and sinking fund include principal and interest on county home and jail bonds, Roanoke River bridge bonds and bonds issued for the construction and maintenance of roads and bridges.

Around a \$500 decrease is expected in the income other than that raised by taxes. In 1927 the income other than that raised by taxation, amounted to \$4,676.14. The next year the salary system was in effect, and the income was \$25,046.41. This year the expected income is placed at \$24,560.00. This income originates in the main from various licenses, court fees, recording fees and a dozen or more other similar sources.

The budget calls for an expected outgo of \$7,500 for maintenance and construction of bridges and roads. In 1927, the county commissioners received for their personal services, \$945. Last year, that is, the year just closed June 30, \$435.00 was paid the commissioners for their personal services. The budget calls for \$600 for the current year. The variation in the budgets for the several years is due to the number of meetings held.

For tax list-takers and assessors, the county expects to spend \$3,925.00 for the year, that figure including supplies. Last year \$3,500.57 was spent in listing the taxes and assessing property.

A sum amounting to \$6,900.00 is provided in the budget for the sheriff's office. That amount includes the sheriff's salary, office supplies and salaries of assistants. Last year \$6,855.56 were spent in running that office.

The county expects to spend \$416 during the year for the holding of elections, registrations and supplies connected with such elections and registrations that might be called. Last year \$462.69 were spent for such purposes.

The salary of the county accountant, including clerk hire and supplies is estimated at \$1,100. Last year it amounted to \$914.25, but there were few supplies bought during that period.

The treasurer's salary calls for an appropriation of \$900. Supplies for

## CHURCH TURNS OUT 19 MEMBERS

**Fail To Comply With Decision of Council and Are Excluded**

Nineteen members of the Smithwick's Creek Primitive Baptist Church were excluded from the roll last Saturday when they failed to comply with the decision of the council of that church, it was learned through a copy of the minutes of a conference held there July 21. For several months a break in the church's membership has been expected, but it was not until last Saturday that final steps were taken to make the division complete. Holding to the opinion that Elder W. B. Harrington was not adhering to the doctrine of that Church in his sermons, the group of nineteen members failed to comply with the rulings of the council of the Church, and when the strength was determined, the nineteen members were in the minority and their dismissal followed.

While members to both sides of the controversy have held firm their opinions and beliefs, the break came peacefully and was confined to the Church, according to those acquainted with the conditions in the section where the membership resides. Just where the nineteen members will carry their memberships could not be learned yesterday, but it was the opinion of several from that section that they would affiliate themselves with other Primitive Baptist churches in the county.

That office will cost around \$100, according to the estimated budget.

The estimated cost of maintaining the courthouse and ground amounts to \$1,775, as compared with \$1,262.02 last year. The year before, \$1,180.72 were spent for upkeep and improvements of the courthouse and grounds.

The register of deeds office is expected to operate on \$5,350, that figure including register's salary, clerk hire and supplies. Last year the cost was \$4,941.68.

In 1927, \$220.20 were spent for coroner's services. Last year only \$38.70 were spent for that work. The budget calls for an appropriation of \$200, this year.

For personal services, supplies and other expense in running the county's jail, \$1,900 have been placed on the budget. Last year the cost was \$2,017.91, an expected decrease of \$117.91. The preceding year, \$2,043.91 were spent in running the jail.

The operation of the county home for the past year includes personal services at \$600; supplies, \$2,396.53 and other expense, \$344.37 in 1927 and in 1928 it was: personal service, \$787.00; supplies, \$2,076.33 and other expense, \$580.95. The budget calls for an expenditure of \$800 for personal services; \$2,700 for supplies and \$119.62 for other items of expense during the year ending June 30, 1929.

The county farm calls for an expenditure of \$775.00, \$600 being allowed for supplies, \$125 for other expense and \$50 for additions.

Two thousand dollars will go to the indigent fund as compared with \$1,928.60 last year and \$1,861.50 the year before. The list of county poor increases, not very rapidly but its increase is sure, it would appear.

For agricultural and economic purposes, that is salaries of the three farm and home agents, supplies and other items connected with the work, \$3,020.00 will be appropriated, it is thought.

To carry on the county health work, \$2,875 will be needed. That figure includes health officer's salary, vaccinations and other allied work.

## KIWANIS CLUB TO AID IN BOOSTING LOCAL MARKET

**Was Center of Discussion At Luncheon Meeting Wednesday**

**SEVERAL MAKE TALKS**

**Special Committee Appointed To Cooperate With Tobaccoists; Can Handle 12,000,000 Pounds**

With facilities to handle twelve million pounds of tobacco, the local tobacco market was the center of discussion at a meeting of the Kiwanis club here last Wednesday. In a way of cooperating with the warehousemen who are following one of the most effective and thorough methods of advertising the market has ever had, the Kiwanians appointed a committee to formulate plans for assisting the tobacco men in carrying on a campaign.

The meeting was well attended, with many of the town's tobacco men present, as guests. In their talks the warehousemen pointed out that the market's facilities had been increased by approximately twenty percent, that one of the best seasons in its history is expected. With one of the best sets of buyers to be found, the warehousemen are working with more zeal and interest than ever before. And the townspeople, while they have made no open move at this time, are planning to back the market to the fullest. Several of the buyers have established their residences here, and they attended the meeting, assuring all that the market would have their loyal support.

While the outlook for the season is not the brightest, it is the general belief that the tobacco crop will be fair, and that prices will not fall to a dead-poor level.

A meeting of the club's advertising committee will be called within the next few days when definite plans for advertising the market will be worked out.

## 2 BOYS HELD ON MURDER CHARGE

**Columbia Youths Alleged Killers of Merchant in Moyock Saturday**

Charged with the murder of P. H. Flora, aged Moyock merchant, two youths by the name of Ainsley, were captured in their beds at the home of their father, near Columbia, early Wednesday morning by Chowan County officers and Sheriff Roebuck, of this county who assisted in the search.

Saturday night as P. H. Flora was closing his store in Moyock two youths attempted to hold him up. The merchant drew his gun, and the boys fired a shot into his breast and fled. Tuesday morning, the boys left Edenton about 8:30 and caught a ride as far as Williamston. Leaving here before noon, the y walked around twenty-one miles and bummed rides the rest of the way to their home near Columbia. They were captured and carried back to Currituck where a Negro who saw three boys speed away from the Flora store, identified them.

A third boy was chased to this point, but here officers lost his trail, and as far as it is known, his capture has not been made.

## Town Commissioners Order Dogs Shut Up

With many dogs thought to be running mad here, the town commissioners is ordering a strict enforcement of the laws affecting dogs and their care. From now until September 1, loose dogs will be shut up and a fine will be placed on the owners, it was stated by one of the town officials yesterday.

## Many Masons Attend Picnic At Coleraine

Many Masons from here and adjoining territory attended the annual Masonic picnic at Coleraine yesterday. The picnic is big event in that county, and each year hundreds of people attend.

## Epworth League Will Have Picnic Tuesday

The Senior and Intermediate Epworth Leagues of the Methodist church will have a picnic at Coleraine next Tuesday afternoon, it was announced by one of the league officials last night. The members are asked to meet not later than 2 o'clock that afternoon.

both up and down, will not affect the final general county tax rate with the exception of the interest and sinking fund where an increase of 6 cents on the \$100 valuation will be necessary. This does not include the school's budget.

## RECORDER TRIES 7 CASES TUESDAY

**Lot of Evidence Submitted, But Little of Importance Is Determined**

An increased number of cases over those of previous sessions faced Recorder Bailey here last Tuesday and it was necessary to carry the court into an afternoon session. Seven cases were on the docket, but in none was there heavy fines imposed or straight jail sentences meted out. Negligible as a revenue raising medium, the day's session was for the hearing of a plentiful supply of evidence.

Moses Warren, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, entered a plea of simple assault, and Solicitor H. O. Peel accepted it. Judge Bailey suspended the sentence upon condition that Warren pay the costs in the case, settle a \$6. account with Dr. V. A. Ward, of Robertsonville, and pay \$4. to David Cooper, the prosecuting witness.

In one of the two assault with deadly weapon charges against John Green, colored, a nol pros was ordered, and in the other Green pled guilty. The court heard the evidence and disagreed with the defendant's plea. He was given a suspended 60-day jail sentence, and required to pay the cost.

After hearing the evidence, the court overruled a plea of not guilty entered by J. S. Williams who was charged with assault with a deadly weapon. The court held that the defendant was guilty of an assault on a female, and handed down a suspended four months jail sentence. Payment of costs was ordered. Williams appealed to the superior court, and bond was filed in the sum of \$100.

John Brown plead not guilty to a larceny and receiving charge, and after hearing the evidence in the case, Judge Bailey continued it one week.

Dennis Barber, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, entered a plea of nolo contendere, which plea was accepted by the court. The case was continued for a term of four weeks for final judgment.

A civil case was on the books in which the true ownership of a \$200 truck was the center of the argument. The plaintiffs were declared the true owners, but the defendants appealed the case.

## Reestablish Sunday Boat Service To Nags Head

Local people who go to Nags Head off and on during the summer were greatly upset last week when they learned that the boat running from Elizabeth City to Nags Head would make no more Sunday trips. That week end there were almost a dozen local people planning to go down, but the removal of the boat stopped them.

At the request of friends throughout Eastern North Carolina, Mr. C. H. Brock, treasurer and general superintendent of the North River Boat Line, has arranged a Sunday schedule, and regular excursions will be made to and from the beach each Sunday until further notice.

Each year many people go from here to Nags Head to spend several days, and even a larger number go on the Sunday excursion trips.

## James R. Gardner Dies At His Home Near Jamesville

James R. Gardner, the 18 year old son of Mr. Staton Gardner who resides on a farm near Jamesville, died Wednesday after an illness of several weeks, dying of blood poison.

He leaves his father, mother, two brothers and two sisters.

Rev. A. Corey conducted the funeral rites and burial was made yesterday afternoon.

## Many Dogs Thought To Have Been Mad Killed

Thought to have been made, many dogs have been killed and their heads sent to Raleigh for examinations during the past few days.

Joe Godard, jr. was bitten by one of his poodles, and he carried it to Raleigh where the dog's head was examined. No trace of rabies was found.

## Represent County at Convention in Raleigh

Mrs. J. E. Smithwick, of Jamesville, Mrs. E. P. Hyman, of Palmersville, Mrs. C. L. Wilson, of Robertsonville, Mrs. R. J. Hardison, of Holly Springs, and Mrs. J. D. Biggs and Miss Lora E. Steeper, of this place, are representing Martin county at the twenty-sixth annual session of the North Carolina Farmers' and Farm Women's Convention in Raleigh this week.

Professor R. A. Phillips, of Everetts, was here last night attending to business.

## FEW GROWERS ATTEND PEANUT MEETING HERE

**Only Seven Attend Gathering At Courthouse Tuesday**

**LAWRENCE SPEAKER**

**Gives Details of Tariff Hearing Held In Washington; Believes Some Good Will Result**

Meeting here last Tuesday night, a small number of farmers, seven to be exact, heard Mr. J. D. Lawrence, a director in the Peanut Growers Association, tell about the tariff hearing in Washington July 17, and stress the importance of cooperation among farmers. All but disappointed by the meagre attendance, Mr. Lawrence developed his subject as though the courthouse was packed, and gave the details of the tariff hearing as he learned them during his four days' stay in the capital.

"I can't say that we will accomplish what we went out to accomplish but I honestly believe that the action of the tariff commission will be favorable to the farmer," Mr. Lawrence told the few faithful association members in his opening remarks. He reviewed the work done by the Association during the past few years, and told of the untiring efforts of J. R. Worsham and Chas. Shields in presenting the case of the farmers before the commission. One of the strong points at the hearing, according to the speaker, was when P. D. Paine, one of the largest raw peanut dealers in this country, took the stand in behalf of an increased tariff, and stated that the farmer needed protection, that he was entitled to it. Mr. Woodley, of the Columbia Peanut Company, shared the same views as Mr. Paine in the matter.

The members of the tariff commission, it was stated by Mr. Lawrence, were won to the cause when Judge John E. Kerr told them that the property of four hundred farmers was advertised in one of the counties in his district, and that fifty percent of those who had paid their taxes were forced to borrow the money to do so. That county, Mr. Kerr pointed out is one of the largest peanut growing counties in the United States.

There were 180 men from North Carolina and Virginia at the hearing, and the farmers' side of the question was well presented; in fact, those in charge of the fight for an increase were well pleased, Mr. Lawrence stated.

The large candy manufacturers, Mr. Lawrence pointed out, furnished the strongest opposition to the proposed increase of the tariff, and while they stooped to any and all measures, not one of the arguments could offset the fact that peanuts in North Carolina during the past three years have been sold, as a whole, below the cost of production.

After finishing his report on the Washington hearing, the official talked a few minutes on cooperation among the farmers. "If we work a whole life time and give our savings away, we will suffer in our old age," Mr. Lawrence stated in stressing the importance of cooperative marketing. In that connection, he was of the opinion that in the event an increase in tariff is granted by the President, the protection of an association would be needed more than ever to hold such an increase as is made. Unless there is some one at the wheel to protect the farmer, the big candy makers will send their high-salaried men down and have the tariff removed.

The association's difficulties were reviewed, but in spite of them Mr. Lawrence stated that the present nineteen directors have held to their guns and would continue to hold to them as long as peanuts are grown in North Carolina and Virginia. But the work of the association could be made much more effective and without additional expense if the farmers would only lend their support in its operation. In some of the nineteen counties in this part of the State, the farmers are hardly lukewarm in the support of the organization, and it is they who will forget that the association is pulling with all its might to further the interest of the farmer. "We have a gold mine right here in Eastern Carolina, and the speculators know it," the speaker pointed out. "But we will have to join together and work to the interest of our fellow-farmers before that gold mine will become productive for Eastern Carolina farmers," he continued.

A drive will be made for additional members for the association this fall, and while it is backed by no expensive program, it is the expressed desire of those interested in the cooperative measure to the extent that they have sacrificed their own money and time that at least 300,000 bags or more will be pledged to the association this year.

## UNION REVIVAL AT HAMILTON

**Begins Sunday Night; Will Be Held in Auditorium Of School**

Beginning Sunday night, the churches of Hamilton will hold a two weeks' revival here in the school auditorium, it was announced yesterday by Rev. E. P. West, pastor of the Hamilton Baptist Church.

Rev. Mr. Price, of Lake Junaluska, will occupy the pulpit. Mr. Price has recently held meetings in Scotland Neck and Hogwood, where he attracted large crowds and conducted successful meetings. He is a high type Christian gentleman and a splendid preacher.

The church people of Hamilton and community are taking a marked interest in the coming meeting, and arranging time and thought to its preparation. Each day, four prayer meetings are held here, one for the men, one for women, one for young girls and a fourth for the young boys. Large crowds are expected to attend the services, and the public, at large, is extended a warm welcome.

Services will be held each evening at 8 o'clock and the meeting will continue through August 12.

## HARRINGTON QUILTS AS ELDER

**Resignation Is Regrettably Accepted by Smithwick's Creek Baptist Church**

The resignation of Mr. W. B. Harrington as Elder of the Smithwick's Creek Baptist Church, made recently, was accepted by the conference of that church last Saturday. The elder's resignation comes as a result of a dissenting opinion fostered by certain members of the Smithwick's Creek Church as to the doctrines followed in his sermons. The resignation was accepted by the conference upon the condition that it be allowed to supply Mr. Harrington with a letter of recommendation, as follows:

"Since some of the elders of this faith and order do not endorse Elder W. B. Harrington's views on some points of the doctrine, we desire to place with him this greeting of recommendation, that he is a man of high Christian character who desires to teach the Holy Scriptures in their fullness, even declaring the whole counsel of God.

"But because of some contention against him by some of the clergy and to avoid further contention and division and at his request, we grant him a dismissal without any charge of misconduct, and invoke God's blessings upon him."

Mr. Harrington has been with the Smithwick's Creek Church approximately fifteen years, during which time he has served faithfully its members, and it was with hesitancy that his resignation was accepted.

## Program of Services At Baptist Church

"Equal Religious Opportunity For Everybody," and "Emergency Religion" will be the two themes which the pastor of the Memorial Baptist Church will use at the two services Sunday.

As the Baptist church is the only church having services this Sunday, the pastor invites everyone who feels so disposed to worship with us that day.

Because the pastors of both the Methodist and the Christian churches are out of town, the pastor of the Baptist church will preach the sermon Sunday night for the union services, and the service will be held in the Baptist church.

The people are assured that during the very warm weather, all the services at this church will be unusually brief.

## Montgomery Lumber Co. Lose Mill at Spring Hope

The mill of the Montgomery Lumber Company at Spring Hope, was destroyed by fire late yesterday afternoon. A total loss of mill, kilns, generating rooms and boiler rooms was reported. The fire was supposed to have started from an overheated engine bearing.

During the past several months the Montgomery Lumber Company has purchased large tracts of timber in this county, and while it was not officially stated it is thought that the company was planning to remove the Spring Hope mill to this county within the next two years.

will be filed August 20, and the action of officials is eagerly awaited by the association heads and farmers. Officials for the ensuing year in this county for the year in the meeting last Tuesday include W. C. Manning, chairman; Chas. M. Peel, secretary; Harry M. Waldo was nominated as one of the directors.

## REPUBLICANS OF FIRST DISTRICT IN MEETING HERE

**Practically Every One of 14 Counties Represented at Meeting Tuesday**

**H. F. SEAWELL SPEAKS**

**Candidate for Governor and National Committeeman Both Pay Their Respects To Tammany Hall**

"George Washington condemned it. Jefferson and Jackson and practically every other president has condemned it," stated Hon. Herbert F. Seawell, Republican nominee for the governorship, here last Tuesday afternoon when he paid his respects to Tammany Hall and maintained that it was the most corrupt and oldest political organization in the world. "With its powerful ally, liquor Tammany has extended its bounds until now its evil forces are felt in all corners of the country," Mr. Seawell continued in his address before the meeting of his party's members in the courthouse.

While the gubernatorial nominee did not predict his own election, he did remind his hearers that if the Republicans will arouse themselves to the party's cause and vote their full strength there would be no Democratic governor in North Carolina next term. His expression of hope went home to the few party members present, but the Democrats, later learning of his prediction, could see no strong foundation for the statement.

Mr. Seawell charged the Democratic Party with needlessly adding offices, stating the practice was done that the hungry politicians might have food when there was no real need for their services. To substantiate his charge, he mentioned the Salary and Wage commission.

Frank in his statements, Mr. Chas. Jones, of Lincolnton and a national committeeman, followed Mr. Seawell in addressing the meeting and stated that the great task of the Republican Party was to so live and conduct itself that voters of other parties might affiliate themselves with it. Mr. Jones predicted that North Carolina will be in the Republican column in the very near future. He cited as proof the gain of his party, stating that the Democratic vote in this State in 1926 was 18,000 less than the vote polled by J. J. Parker, Republican nominee for governor, in 1920. "If we can arouse the 300,000 Republicans in this State next November, Seawell will beat Max Gardner in the race for governor," Mr. Jones declared.

The man also paid his respects to Tammany Hall and had a few things to say about Herbert Hoover and Al Smith. He urged an intensive campaign in this State.

Mr. M. B. Prescott, who is running for Congress from this district, attended the meeting and made a short talk.

Republicans from all over the First District were here for the meeting, practically every one of the fourteen counties being represented.

## Miller's 5c to 5\$ Store Will Open Tomorrow

Operating a store featuring articles priced from 5 cents to five dollars, Mr. O. C. Miller opens his first store here tomorrow. For the opening, the management has prepared a long list of specials, and a busy day is forecasted.

Located in the Tar Heel building, the store has recently been remodelled and equipped with fixtures and slow windows suitable to the store's needs.

The store here is the first owned and operated by O. C. Miller Stores, Inc.

## Hearing for Driver of Car In Fatal Wreck Is Set

Washington, N. C., July 25.—Hearing for H. B. Roberts and W. A. Wills, alias Watts, alias Waters, who were in the auto wreck last week which resulted in the death of Miss Nancy Smith of Windsor has been set for August 7.

Roberts has recovered sufficiently to leave the hospital. He was released under bond of \$5,000. Wills was released from custody under bond of \$2,500 the day after the accident.

## Christian Church Program of Services

Sunday school, 9:45. All members are requested to attend and are urged to be on time.

There will be no preaching services in the church Sunday morning, but the congregation will join in the union services at the Baptist church in the evening at 8:00 o'clock. Rev. C. H. Dickey will preach the sermon that evening.

**STRAND THEATRE**  
SATURDAY  
**BUZZ BARTON**  
in  
"THE SLING-SHOT KID"  
Added  
**COMEDY AND SERIAL**  
"The Golden Stallion"