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Committee Urges Slashing Budget 1927 Record Shows 99.796 Per Cent of Amount

WOULD REDUCE BORDER WEED MANY SALARIES

Also Recommend Securing Opening Tuesday Marked Services of All-Time County Auditor

DETAIL SUGGESTIONS

Ask County County Commission Refuse to Approve School Budget Unless Cut As Suggested

After meeting with representatives of the board of county commissioners the early part of this week, a special committee composed of J. G. Staton, Williamston; Durward Everett, Robersonville; R. W. Salsbury, Hamilton; Eason Lilley, Williamston; and C. Fleming, Jamesville, investigated the budget and submits the following recommendations to the county board

To the Board of County Commissioners of Martin County, Greetings: The undersigned committee, named by the taxpayers of Martin County, on the 6th day of August, 1928, beg to submit herewith the following recommendations:

1. We recommend that the county

1. We recommend that the county commissioners purchase their supply of coal for county and school purposes from the mines direct in carload lots, instead of through local brokers, believing that by so doing a considerable amount will be saved to the taxpayers of the county.

2. We recommend that the superintendent of the county home be a good, active man, who is capable, and that he be vested with authority to operate and manage the county farm, and to put the same upon a paying basis; having found upon investigation that the county farm and home as now basis; having found upon investigation that the county farm and home as now run is a losing proposition to the county. We further recommend that the board consider the establishment at the county farm of a convict system for the county, believing that the said system would save the county money. This recommendation is made for the reason that we believe that prisoners could be handled at the county farm cheaper than at the county jail, and for the further reason that prisoners before trial could be worked at the county farm, thereby saving the taxpayers a considerable amount.

3. (a) We recommend that our white county demonstration agent visit more farms, and also that he write more articles for the county papers that will be instructive to farmers.

4. We recommend that the sum allowed for assistant to the clerk of the superior court be reduced from \$1,500 the reduced from \$1,500 the taxpayers of the county the sum of \$1,000 annually. Our reason for asking for this reduction in the clerk's salary is based on the belief that an all-time clerk is not necessary.

5. We recommend that the salary of the judge of the recorder's court be reduced to \$60 the produced to \$60 the recorder's court be reduced to \$60 the recorder to the reduced to \$60 the reduced to \$60 the recorder to the reduced to \$60 the reduced to \$60 the recorder to the reduced to \$60 the red

the judge of the recorder's court be reduced to \$50 per month, and that of the solicitor of the said court to \$40 per month and that of the clerk of the said court to \$12.50 per month; and that said court to held twice each month instead of four times per month. month instead of four times per month believing that two sessions of said court per month is ample, and thereby

saving to the taxpayers of the county the sum of \$690, per annum.

6. We recommend that the salary of the county attorney be reduced to \$100 per year, provided that he shall be paid such sums in addition for special and extraordinary services, said sums to be determined by the board of commissioners, thereby saving to the taxpayers of the county \$50 per annum.

7. We recommend the employment 7. We recommend the employment of an all-time county auditor at a salary not to exceed \$2,500 per annum, whose duties shall be prescribed by the board of county commissioners, such employment to start as of January 1, 1929, believing that said auditor will be able to add to the tax books of the county sufficient taxable property to more than pay his salary, and in addition save a considerable amount of money to the taxpayers of the county.

8. We recommend that at the expira-tion of the present term of office of the various county officers that their salaries thereafter shall be as follows,

SATURDAY

TOM TYLER

'THE CHERO-KEE KID'

Added COMEDY AND SERIAL The Golden Stallion'

MARKETS LOW

By Averages of From 8 To 10 Cents

Visiting several of the border markets last Tuesday, local tobacco men stated upon their return here that low prices were prevailing in practically every quarter, that a 25 per cent. reduction in prices as compared in four years, 99.796 per cent of the ly writes: with those of last year was evident. 'And it appeared to be even more than that to me," Mr. H. H. Morton of the Brick Warehouse here stated when asked about the opening near the border line.

eight and ten cents, the farmers 627.63 to be collected when the sher- farmers are mighty blue and are sellthere are said to be greatly disap- iff and his deputy started out last year pointed, but as far as it could be and when they handed in their reports, learned, the sales have continued un- they had collected \$291,032.56 of that erage 15 cents. hampered.

slightly, some of them indicating that it was some job. The deputy Export, Liggett & Myers, and Reythat several of the markets averaged had the appearance of a school child as high as 20 cents, but in the face on its last day in school. of the first-hand information received here, such reports were false in their origin.

The quality of the weed is said to be ordinary, some markets report- not so much for the list of insolvents 16 cents nor above 20 cents. I believe ing that the quality is very poor.

to wit: The salary of the clerk of the superior court shall be \$2,800, with an allowance of \$600 per year-for a clerk, if necessary. Salary of the clerk of recorder's court of Martin County shall be \$150 per annum. That the salary of the sheriff of Martin County shall be \$4,750, with an allowance of \$1,250 for a deputy, if necessary; and this shall be in full payment of all services required of the sheriff, except for actual expenses in conveying prisfor actual expenses in conveying prisoners beyond the limits of the coun oners beyond the limits of the county of Martin. That the salary of the register of deeds of Martin County shall be \$2,800, with an allowance of \$1,200 for clerk hire, if necessary. That the salary of the treasurer of Martin County shall be \$1,200 per year, and this shall include all services? Fendered for acting as treasurer for the county and the Martin County Board of Education.

8. (a) Our reason for recommend.

ty farm, thereby saving the taxpayers a considerable amount.

3. We recommend that the services of the colored farm demonstration agent be discontinued at the expiration of his present contract, thereby saving to the taxpayers of the county the sum of \$300 annually.

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5. (b) We recommend that the services of the county and the county of the various county officers be changed is based on our findings of the receipts and expension and the county officers be changed is based on our findings of the receipts and expension and the county officers be changed is based on our findings of the receipts and expension and the county officers be changed is based on our findings of the receipts and expension and the county of the receipts and expension and the county and the

court stenographers is exorbitant. So 10. Upon investigation of what it costs to run the superior court of Martin County, the figures appear exorbitant, we therefore recommend to our board of county commissioners, our senators and legislator that they use their influence and efforts to see that this source of expense is reduced that this source of expense is reduced materially, feeling that the taxpayers are unnecessarily burdened with costs for the results obtained.

11, That the county tax rate for this year be reduced 10 cents on the \$100

11, That the county tax rate for this year be reduced 10 cents on the \$100 valuation, and that the sum of \$8,000 dollars of unused courthouse and jail and county home bond money and \$8,000 of unused road and bridge money be used in the retirement of bonds and interest falling due during the fiscal year. The reason for this recommendation is that it will keep the taxpayers of Martin County from having to pay out \$16,000 for taxes, and stop an anticipated increase of 6 cents in the rate if this were not done.

12. We recommend that in the event an all-time auditor is employed January 1, 1929, that the clerk of the register of deeds only be allowed a salary of \$1,200 a year, for the reason that if the register of deeds is relieved of all work in connection with the tax lists his duties will be very much less, whereas the present salary bill allows \$1,500 per year. This will effect a saving of \$300 to the taxpayers and will also be a saving of \$720 per annum allowed at present to the register of deeds as county auditor. One hundred dollars will also be saved by employing, an all-time auditor, this being the amount paid to the tax supervisor. This arrangement, if made, will provide the sum of \$1,120 to pay on the salary of the auditor, before taking any money from the taxpayers of the county. money from the taxpayers of the coun

money from the taxpayers of the country.

13. Based upon information and belief that the State highway commission has built certain bridges and roads in a good many counties of the State without having called upon the country for any additional aid, we recommend that our senators and representative use their influence with the highway commission to the end that something may be done at the next session of the legislature to have the money refunded that our county has borrowed and expended for the purpose of enabling the State highway commission to build highways and bridges in our county; feeling that if our information is true that our country has been discriminated against.

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SHERIFF GOOD

Per Cent of Amount Levied Collected

After making a splendid record in tax collections for the county, Sheriff A. L. Roebuck and Deputy S. H. Grimes are taking things comparative ly easy now that they have completed their reports and have a few days grace before the 1928 tax books are turned over to the office. But it won't be so many more weeks, for clerks in the register of deed's office are busy preparing the books for the lety.

According to the tax colector's total amount having been collected. With the prices averaging between of the entire levy. There were \$291,amount. Not so bad, but Deputy Reports from other sources differ Grimes stated yesterday afternoon

The largest insolvent list was reamounted to \$1,379.85. However, in that our farmers will be fairly well to be exact, and naturally the larger be sick with their fancy prices.

amounts, for those owing them have left the county, died, or "skipped." The accounts unpaid are in the form of poll and personal property taxes.

AGENTS GET 5 LIQUOR PLANTS

Wednesday Was Big Day For Federal Agent And Deputies

Wednesday was quarterly meeting day when Federal Agent C. F. Alexender and his deputies visited the Free Union section in the lower part of the county and found five liquor plants. At two of the plants, the kettles had been removed, but at the other three the boilers were captur-

The officers destroyed five large vats and ninety-two barrels containing approximately 4,500 gallons of beer. A few buckets, jugs and supplémentary still tools were pick-

The Free Union section is a very Negroes with a touch of Indian were in attendance. blood, they are kind and gentle in master moonshiners were among the most dependent colored people to be found anywhere. Many of them are fairly well educated, and even after dealing in liquor manufacturing for years, they are very friendly and kind.

Their Indian instinct plays them a good hand when officers arrive in that section, for at the first sight or first sound of officers, their approach is sent through the entire section with whirlwind rapidity as if by magic or wireless communication.

And when the officers reach a plant they find it as still as death and as quite as the grave.

They take the capture of their stills as an ordinary course of law procedure, and after a few days' wait, they put new stills in the old

Mrs. E. R. Claiborne Dies in Baltimore

Last Thursday at her home in Balimore, Mrs. Elizabeth Ross Claiborne died after an illness lasting for several

Mrs. Claiborne has many friends here, where she visited her aunt, Mrs. K. B. Crawford, since childhood. They were deeply grieved to hear of her untimely death, she being only in her thirty-second year. . She is survived by her husband and a two-yearold daughter.

Special Services At

Cedar Branch Sunday According to an announcement previously made, there will be a ing service Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Cedar Branch

Church, near Jamesville.

Rev. C. H. Dickey of the Williamston Baptist Church will preach the

sermon,
The general public is invited to

COLLECTIONS BY ESTIMATES 14-15 **CENT AVERAGE OPENING HERE**

H. C. Gravely, of Washington, Writes of Situation In Georgia

QUALITY IS POORER

Says Farmers of This Section Will Probably Be Pleased With Prices For Common Tobacco

Mr. H. C. Gravely writing in the Washington Progress reviews the tobacco situation in Georgia and forecasts an average of 14 to 16 cents for books, the 1927 collections are the best the crop in this section. Mr. Grave-

Camilla, Ga., Aug. 8.-Tobaccos The percentage of taxes colected varies were some stronger today and sales very little, however, for last year it averaged 14 cents. Last Friday and was 99.452. In actual amounts the Monday the sales dropped as law as sheriff's office for the fiscal year end- 11 cents average. We are having ing June 30 collected to within \$595.07 rains every day and lots of wet tobacco is coming on the markets. The ing their crop very slowly. It is doubtful if the Georgia crop will av-

I do not consider the crop as good quality as last year's. It is too light. nolds are the haeviest buyers. There is lots of speculation.

As to North Carolina prices, my corded in 1925, the list of insolvents guess is that the opening sale will avthat year amounting to \$1,407.03. The erage from 14 to 16 cents, and that following year was a little better, but the crop average will not be lower than 1925, the total levy was above three pleased with prices on common and medium grades, but they are going to

So far, I haven't seen a pile sell down here for over 25 cents. My advice to the farmer is to try to cure the balance of their crop as orange color as possible and get it well ripe. There is very little competition on white to baccos

The Georgia farmers swear they will ourn their barns and stop raising tobacco. One buyer got whipped Friday at Moultrie by an angered farmer. There has been some talk of stopping the sales, but all that has blown over and perfect order prevailed today.

I do not think that we can possibly sell this crop by the twenty-eighth of August, so I am expecting the North Carolina markets to be postponed a week, if Georgia can possibly get it

PARTY LEADERS MEET BAYVIEW

Democratic Chieftains of First District Perfect Organization

A representative gathering of the leading Democrats of the district met with State Chairman Mull at Bayview last Wednesday to formulate plans for the political campaign in this section this fall. Most of the county and legislative candidates and peculiar one. Largely inhabited by the county executives committees

Congressman Lindsay C. Warren others made speeches.

Those attending from here were James, H. W. Stubbs, E. S. Peel, W. G. Lamb, A. R. Dunning, L. T. these regulations her certificate may Fowden, J. L. Hassell and H. M. be revoked and in addition thereto,

Program of Services At Christian Church

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Morning service 11:00 o'clock The union service will be held at this church at 8:00 p. m., the pastor preaching the sermon.

Many Watermelons Are Brought Here

While this county grows very few watermelons, it is well fed by its neighbors, Chowan, Washington, Ber tie and Beaufort shipping here by the hundreds. Chowan county prob-ably leads the list, for trucks from that county are seen on the streets here practically every day in the week. They grow them over there in forty acre plots and send out thous-

Believe Driver of Death Car Has "Skipped Out"

Washington, N. C., Aug.9 .- That Walter A. Ewell, alias W. A. Wells, arrested in connection with the automobile wreck which caused the death of Miss Nannie Smith, of Windsor, will probably never again be seen in this section was the opinion express ed locally by various officials and attorneys who are interested in the

corder Stewart Tuesday. Ewell is out under \$2,500 bond. Roberts, own-er of the car, is under \$5,000 bond.

STUDY FINDINGS OF COMMITTEE

County and School Boards To Go Into Report Next Week

Within the next few days, it is understood the county board of commissioners and the county board of education will meet to approve or disapprove certain recommendations submitted by a committee investigating the county budgets here this week. The recommendations are merely suggestive in their nature final action resting in the hands of

the officials. Many people are of the opinion that it will be impossible to make all the changes advocated by the committee of five men. Several of the suggested changes are at variance with the law and can not be changed, and in other cases the authorities might differ with the investigating committee as to whether it is advisable to make the changes proposed to be made.

The meeting was an impromptu one, many people knowing nothing about it until the investigation of the budget was well underway.

No definite date has been set when the officials will meet to discuss and pass upon the suggestions offered. It is understood, however, they will meet as soon as possible after the reports are submitted.

INSTRUCTION FOR MIDWIVES

Graduate Nurse Here To Conduct School Under Health Board

Miss Edna Oliver, graduate nurse of the Bureau of Infancy and Maternity of the State Board of Health of Raleigh arrived here this week give instruction to midwives this county. Miss Oliver's work will be under the supervision of County Health Officer W. E. Warren. A large number is expected to receive the instruction which will be

given over a period of four weeks.

Recent resolutions passed by the Martin County Medical Society make it necessary for all midwives to attend the short course of instruction. Speaking of the work, Dr. Wm. E. Warren stated yesterday that the Martin County Board of Health has adopted rules and regulations to control midwifery, which means protec-tion to the public and that the medical profession of the county is thoroughly cooperating in the work.

"Among other things it requires not only registration, but a course of instruction to be given by some repre sentative of the board of health. When these women have familiarized themselves with the course of instruction, after due examination, they are ctrified as to their proficiency in that part of the work. The next section that they must be temperate and free from contagious diseases, and must not use drugs habitually. One section prohibits the attendance of midwives on patients having the characteristics of those Mull, J. C. B. Ehringhouse, H. S. by severe hemorrhages, convulsions, Ward, W. O. Saunders and several etc. Finally the law imposes a penalty for failure to qualify and one section provides further, as a penalty C. D. Carstarphen, R. J. Peel, W. A. that if any registered or licensed midwife fails to comply with any of she may be fined.

Baptists Announce Program of Services

Sunday moning the pastor will have for his theme, "What Jesus said to the Twelve."

The union evening service is be held in the Christian church, with sermon by Rev. Hale.

The people of the community who do no thave any service this Sunday morning are invited to come with us, where they will be very welcome. The pastor of this church will hold a service for the people at

Hickman Sentenced To Be Hanged October 19

Cedar Branch Sunday afternoon at

Los Angeles, Calif., Aug. 9.-William E. Hickman today was ordered hanged at San Quentin penintentiary on October 19 next for the slaying of Marion Parker. Judge Douglas Edmonds overruled nine defense ob jections before setting the second hanging date for the youthful kid-napper who slew the 12-year-old school girl here last December.

Mr. W. E. Everett, manager of the local N. C. store, underwent an operation in the Washington hospital this week for appendicitis. He is reported to be getting along very well.

Cut Recommended In School Budget

RECORDER HAS SEVERAL CASES

Docket Is Of Little General Interest; Several Cases Continued

A recorder's court session of passing importance and of medium duration was held here last Tuesday with Judge J. W. Bailey on the bench and Herbert O. Peel prosecuting for the State.

Booker T. Williams, charged with assault with a deadly weapon was four days in its investigation of counfound guilty and sentenced to the ty budgets and preparation of its recounty jail for 90 days. The last 80 days of the sentence are to be spent on Edgecombe county's roads. The sentence was suspended for twelve months however, upon the good be-havior of the defendant. Williams plead not guilty when the case was To the Martin County Board of Edu-

Herbert Wynn was released of an assault with a deadly weapon charge after the court heard the evidence and declared him not guilty. Wynn

chas. Booth plead not guilty in the case charging him with driving a car while intoxicated, and after county Board of Education be made:

Roberts Paving Co. Gets Contract for Work; No Price Given

According to information out by the Roberts Paving pany's office in Windsor, work will be started by that company on the Williamston-Windsor road within the

williamston-Windsor road within the next fifteen days.

The company will complete the Windsor-Edenton paving project the middel of next week when machinery will be moved to the new project.

It is understood the base of operation will be at Windsor until the paving is completed to Rockwist creek when the base will be moved there.

We recommend that the request of \$50. From the Everetts white school be disallowed, thereby effecting a saving to the taxpayers of Martin county of \$150.

We recommend that the item of \$50. requested by the Farm Life school for a smoke house be disallowed, thereby effecting a savings to the taxpayers of Martin county of \$50.

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here. Traffic over the road will be main-

tained at all times. The fill will be worked in half sections, making it possible for travel at all ti Neither the price nor the time limit for completing the project

Only One Order Passed by County Board Monday

were given.

Due to unusual happenings at the courthouse here last Monday, only one order was passed by the county board of commissioners. So busy were the members of the county's governing body, that the drawing of a jury for the September term of Martin County Superior court was \$90. postponed until the next meeting which will be held within the next mate for coal at the Parmele colored few days. It was ordered that the taxes on the timber rights on the J. B. Anthony estate be reduced one-third, the estate getting one-half and reduced \$500. For Wednesday evening's service, B. Anthony estate be reduced one-the study will be "The parable of third, the estate getting one-half and the two sons; or, the test of deeds;" the National Handle company, of and is found in Matthew 21: 28-32. Plymouth, getting one-half of the one-third reduction.

Attend Opening Sale On Border Markets

H. L. Meador, Leman Barnhill, V. G. Taylor, Leman Taylor, W. Watts, F. C. Bennett and H. H. Morton attended the opening of several of the border tobacco markets last Tuesday. The several men were agreed that the prices were very low, one or two of the markets averaging hardly eight cents.

Now Making Audit Of County's Books

The M. N. MacRea Auditing Company of Rocky Mount is making ar audit of the county's books here this week. Messrs. Bullock and MacRea are working on the audit. Several days will be required to make the report. An audit is also being made of the Board of Education's books this week.

COMMITTEE OF FIVE REPORTS

Criticize Local School Committee for Lack of Interest

REDUCE MANY ITEMS

Committee Was Appointed At Meeting Of 25 Taxpayers Here Last

Struggling for the greater part of four days in its investigation of counport, a special committee claimed to have been appointed by the "Taxpayers of Martin County," released its finding late yesterday. The report to the Martin County Board of Educa-

cation: Greetings-

The undersigned Committee, named by the Taxpayers of Martin County, on the 6th day of August, 1928, beg to submit herewith the following recommendations:

car while intoxicated, and after bearing the evidence, the court accepted his plea.

The case charging Theodore Whitfield with larceny and receiving was continued one week.

The only fine during the day came when Augustus Wynn was ordered to pay \$25 for being drunk and distance of the county on the Robersonville estimate of \$360.

We recommend that the number of teachers estimated at Williamston white school be reduced one, and that

when Augustus Wynn was, ordered to pay \$25 for being drunk and disorderly. A conditional judgment of, February 28, this year, was made final, but the defendant appealed to the higher courts.

A nol pros resulted in the case of Joseph Coffield, charging him with reckelss driving.

Charged with passing a worthless check, H. M. Stubbs had his case continued two weeks.

SOON START ON WINDSOR ROAD

amounts allowed to other schools in the county.

3. We recommend that the \$1,200. item requested by the Oak City white school for building additions to dormitory be eliminated. That their estimate for trucks be reduced \$500.; thereby effecting a savings to the taxpayers of Martin county of \$1700.

\$1700. Our reason for asking the above deductions is based on information furnished by a committee from this board that was instructed to make

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8. We recommend that the estimate for water at Smithwicks' School No.

5 white be reduced \$25.

9. We recommend that the estimate for clearing grounds at the Cross Roads white school be reduced \$75, and that the estimate for heat at the same school be reduced \$10.

10. We recommend that the estimate for janitor at the Gold Point white school for \$60 be disallowed.

11. We recommend that the estimate at the Parmele white school for interesting the sum of \$60 be disallowed.

mate at the Parmele white school for janitor in the sum of \$60 be disallowed.

12. We recommend that the estimate for Bear Grass white school for repairs and supplies be reduced

13. We recommend that the esti-

15. We recommend that the esti-mate for repairs at colored school No. 2, known as Keys, for \$150. be

No. 2, known as keys, for \$100. be disallowed.

16. We recommend that the salary of the County Superintendent of Schools be reduced from \$4,200, to \$3,600, to become effective as soon as possible, and that the maximum allowed to Clerk for Superintendent be reduced to \$1,200, thereby effecting a saving to the taxpayers of Martin county of \$1,117.25.

We recommend that the salary of the attorney to the Board of Education be reduced to \$100, per annum, same to be in full for all services, except in extraordinary matters, and in these the charges to be fixed in the discretion of the Board of Education.

18. We recommend that the salary of the treasurer of the school funds of Martin county be reduced to \$600. per annum, and that this shall be in full for all services required of said treasurer.

treasurer.

19. We recommend that the white school at Jamesville be allowed the sum of \$50 for sewerage purposes, which amount was not asked for in

their request.

The deductions and recommendations hereinafter mentioned, if approved, will mean a saving to the
taxpayers of Martin county for the

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