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ESTIMATED TAX RATE 4c BELOW LAST YEAR

Budget Recommended Calls For Tax Levy of \$207,913.32

RATE SUGGESTED IS \$1.34 AGAINST \$1.38 LAST YEAR

Rigid Economy Followed in Estimating Requirements For Coming Year
VALUATION \$16,100,000
Bonded Debt on June 30 Was \$943,000; Biggest Decrease in County Debt Service Fund

Martin County's general tax rate was practically determined this week when Commissioners Everett, Slade, and Griffin met here and examined the annual budget—estimate for the fiscal year beginning July 1 and ending June 30, 1930. According to the budget estimate, a rate of \$1.34 on the \$100 property valuation will be necessary to run the county during the period, the estimated rate being four cents below the rate in effect during the year just past.

According to the budget estimate, approximately \$390,198.42 will be necessary to run the county during the fiscal year ending next June. Of that amount, \$207,913.32 will be raised by general taxation, \$182,285.10 coming from outside sources such as fines, and state equalization funds.

The most marked feature in the budget is an 11-cent decrease in the county debt service fund, the drop resulting, in a large way, from a amount received from the State road fund. That a policy of rigid economy was followed in the preparation of the budget is seen in the expected decrease in the county general fund and in the six-month school term current expense fund. In the general fund, a 1-cent drop is forecasted, while a decrease of 3 1-2 cents is expected in the current expense fund for the six months school term.

In operating the county affairs, separate from the schools, the auditor estimates that 42 cents will be sufficient. This amount is 6 cents less than the rate levied for that purpose last year. Last year there were no levies made for the poor and health funds, and the adding of these two items this year boosts the rate 6 cents. The bridge fund remains the same, 5 cents. Auditor J. Sam Gatsinger estimates that \$44,965 will be necessary to care for the general expense, including salaries and similar items. Approximately \$7,265.00 will be needed for the county's poor, and \$2,360.00 will be collected for health work. According to the auditor's estimate \$55,763.52 will be required to run the county during the period separate from its schools.

Another noticeable decrease is the 3 1-2 cents drop in the current expense fund connected with the operation of the schools. Last year 59 cents were levied to care for that fund, while this year it is only 55 1-2 cents. To handle the increase in capital outlay and interest resulting from the erection of two new school buildings, one at Williamston and another at Robertsonville, the rate was boosted 5 1-2 cents. That amount, however, is partly offset by the reduction in the current expense fund, leaving an increase of only 2 cents for the operation of the schools.

In connection with the levy for the operation and maintenance of the schools, Superintendent R. A. Pope pointed out several things yesterday that is of interest to tax payers. In determining the tax rate for the year just past, the commissioners were favored with a balance of \$12,000. That amount affected the rate last year, causing it to be smaller than it would have been had the commissioners had to care for that amount in the levy. At the end of the fiscal year just closed, the levy failed by approximately \$6,000 in caring for the schools. These two items affect the comparison of the rates for this and last year.

On the other hand, the educational head pointed out that the county would lose nine teachers, causing a decrease of approximately \$5,400. This decrease, on the other hand, is partly offset by salary increments, it was stated. In addition to the expense resulting from the erection of two new school buildings, the purchase of new trucks had to be considered. The consolidation of schools calls for new trucks, and it is necessary to replace and repair old ones, and these items are to be considered.

The local school district is to get a new truck this year; Coopers gets two new trucks, and Sandy Ridge is scheduled to have a new one. Practically

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OAK CITY SCHOOL TO BEGIN TERM ON SEPTEMBER 2

Few Changes Are Made in Schedule and Order of Procedure

LOSE ONE TEACHER

New Schedule Provides for One-Hour Class Periods Instead of Usual 45-Minute Period

A few changes in the class schedules and course of procedure will greet the pupils when they begin the fall term the first Monday in September. Principal H. M. Ainsley, of the Oak City schools, stated yesterday while here attending to business matters. The new schedule provides one-hour periods instead of the more common 45-minute class. Fifteen minutes of the hour, it was pointed out, will be used for instructional study. Not knowing how to study is one of the child's greatest handicaps, the school man declared, and unable to properly approach a lesson generally causes the pupil to dislike the study hour.

That the pupils might acquaint themselves with the schedule to be followed during the coming term, the amount of work required, and the books that will be used, Principal Ainsley is planning individual schedules which he will forward to the pupils prior to the school's opening.

The Oak City school loses one of its grammar grade teachers this year even though there will be an increase in the school's enrollment. "It merely means that the burden will be greater for the other teachers," Mr. Ainsley stated.

COAL CONTRACT FOR SCHOOLS LET

D. D. Stalls, of This Place, Is Successful Bidder; \$6.30 Per Ton

A contract for the supplying of 476 tons of coal to the several Martin County schools was let Wednesday to D. D. Stalls, of this place, by school officials. There were only two bids entered, Mr. Stalls placing his price at \$6.30, agreeing to deliver the coal to the several school bins. Additional money will be paid the dealer for hauling where the building is more than a mile away from the car siding.

A large part of the coal will be used by the local schools and those at Robertsonville, approximately 57 tons being required to furnish the heat for the plants in each of the two towns. It is estimated that Jamesville will use around 38 tons and Everett's approximately 30 tons during the coming term.

The bids entered were said to differ very little in their amounts.

Warren-Weisse Fight in Washington Tonight

With a favorable turn in the weather between now and 8:30 this evening, many local people will turn out with the many from Beaufort county to see Addison Warren and Julian Weisse fight in Kugler Park, Washington, tonight.

Warren, a Beaufort county lad, has been training in Washington for some time and the people there and in surrounding territories are very much interested in the bout. Warren, former heavy-weight champion at the University of North Carolina, was in Tuney's camp for several weeks. Weisse is said to be from New York.

According to reports received here this morning, the bout will be postponed until next Monday evening if the weather continues unfavorable today.

Finds What Is Believed To Be Charred Remains of an Indian Village Near Here

DISCOVERY IS MADE ON FARM OF W. L. JONES

Finds Charred Corn and Remains of Building 4 Feet Under Ground

Specimens of burned corn believed to have been buried for centuries, were found recently by W. L. Jones on his farm near here recently. Mr. Jones stated that he was cutting away a hill on his farm, and found the charred corn and signs of a buried building four feet under the earth. The charred remains were covered by two feet of regular sandy loam soil and two feet of clay. The strata was about four inches thick and several feet wide.

The hill where the corn was found is near the Jones home and is only a few yards from Sweet Water creek. Mr. Jones states that there had been no plantation located in that section as far as any one knew.

It is probable that the charred corn is the relic of an Indian village which was burned many centuries before Columbus discovered America. As the land shows no appearance above the corn of being built up or being an alluvial soil, it is practically certain that the corn was burned many centuries ago.

The color of the corn is very similar to that of charcoal, and is somewhat harder than freshly parched corn. The grains are firm and show perfect form and are practically the same size as those grown by American farmers today.

RECORDER HAD BUT FEW CASES

Only Five Cases Are Called, and Three of Them Are Continued

Last Tuesday was a quiet day in the recorder's court here, only five cases being called during the session by Judge Bailey. Three of the cases will be called at a later session, a nol pros resulting in one of the two other cases. The court more than met expenses when a \$100 fine was imposed on one of the defendants.

The State's evidence in the case charging Lawrence Lilley with an assault with a deadly weapon and operating a car while under the influence of liquor was heard and the cause was continued until next Tuesday.

L. B. Balinga was ordered to appear before the court the last Tuesday in this month and show why he failed to appear as a witness in a case tried in the court Tuesday last week.

The case in which Timothy Keys, Leonard Boston, Jafus James, Hoyt Smith and James Moore are charged with an affray and disturbing religious worship was continued one week.

Herman Roberson, found guilty of manufacturing liquor in a trial Tuesday of last week, was fined \$100 and taxed with the costs. A six-months road sentence was suspended upon the defendant's good behavior. He was given until September 17 to pay the fine.

A nol pros resulted in the case in which Herman Roberson and Vernon Roberson were charged with an assault with a deadly weapon.

NEW WAREHOUSE TO BE COMPLETE BY NEXT WEEK

Contractors Are Rushing Work on New Planter's Warehouse

READY FOR OPENING

Drawing for Opening Day Sales Held Today; Roanoke-Dixie Gets First; Planters Second, Farmers Third

Martin county's new \$20,000 warehouse, the "Planters," will be completed next week, it was learned yesterday from an officer of the Martin County Warehouse company. The main construction work has already been completed, and the swinging of doors and other small building operations will be handled within the next two or three days, it was stated.

Messrs. Everett and Willard, proprietors of the new-house are busily engaged in field work at this time, and while the tobacco crop is not expected to weigh heavily this year, the two men are optimistic and a successful season is predicted for them.

Mr. W. B. Watts, experienced office man, has been employed by the firm and he will assist in that particular work.

At a drawing for sales this morning, the Planters Warehouse drew second sale; the Roanoke-Dixie, first and the Farmers third. The market operators are completing their arrangements for the opening, September 8, and are planning for a successful season.

Program of Services at First Methodist Church

Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald, Pastor
Preaching service at 11 a. m., subject: "The Christian Conquest."
Evening service at 8 o'clock: "The Sublime Wish."
Sunday school at 9:45. Senior Epworth League, Monday, 8 p. m. Prayer service Wednesday, 8 p. m.
Our church extends a most cordial welcome to the Baptist church to attend any or all of our services. We also joining them in prayer for the early recovery of Brother Dickey's health.

Loretta Young Stars in Picture at Trio Theatre

Loretta Young, featured in "The Girl in the Glass Cage," the First National Vitaphone picture coming to the Trio Theatre, Robertsonville, next Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, plays a movie theatre cashier in this story of life and love in a small town. It is one of her finest roles to date.

Hamilton Farmer Dies Result Typhoid Fever

Hilton N. Pittman, white farmer of the Hamilton community, died last Wednesday, typhoid fever causing his death. Interment was made in a Tarboro cemetery yesterday afternoon. The death is one of the few reported in the county this year as a result of typhoid fever.

Mrs. Fannie Roberson Dies At Her Home Near Hassell

Mrs. Fannie Roberson, of near Hassell, died at her home there Sunday following a stroke of paralysis suffered five weeks before.

The daughter of the late Ormond Gray, Mrs. Roberson was born and reared in Robertsonville township. She was 65 years old. In 1883 she married Josephus Roberson who with five children, Mrs. H. L. Rives, Bethel; Mrs. R. H. Salsbury, Hassell; W. C. Roberson, Hassell; J. Jasper Roberson, of Texas, and L. B. Roberson, of High Point, survives.

The funeral services were held at the home Monday afternoon by Rev. C. B. Mashburn. Interment was made in the Robertsonville cemetery.

Begin Construction Work on New Home

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh G. Horton recently let the contract for the construction of a new home to be erected on the corner of Watts and Main streets. The home will cost approximately \$7,500, it is understood. H. L. Winstead, of Wilson, is the contractor.

INTERESTING LETTERS WRITTEN BY CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS IN 1863-64

Front Lines, Petersburg, Va., August 8th, 1864.

My Dear Uncle:
Yours came to hand the 7th, and I was happy indeed to hear from you and Aunt Nancy. I am well; hoping this may reach you both in good health.

I suppose you have heard all about the battle of the 30th of July. That was the greatest time that I have ever seen in all my time. The ground was covered with dead Negroes; the most of the dead were Negroes. Old Grant has got the devil in him. He doesn't think he can whip us on top of the ground, so he thinks he will try us under the ground. He is worse than a mole.

A poor fellow doesn't see any pleasure here. The Yankees' sharp-shoot us all day and throw shells all night. I suppose they don't intend to let us poor rebels have any rest. I think old Grant is digging under the works about where our company is. I hope to the Lord they may not blow us up any more, but I think there is no doubt that they will blow some poor fellows up in the air, and it may be me for one of them.

This is the most awful time that I have seen in all my life. I hope the time may soon come when the Yankees will leave this country and I can go home where I can get a little rest. I have not had a night's rest in two weeks. Today is the hottest day that I have ever seen, but one.

Co. H, 61st N. C. Troops, Clingman's Brigade.
Petersburg, Va., Sept. 26, 1864.

My Dear Mother:
Yours came to hand the 26th. I was happy indeed to hear from you and all the family, but sorry to hear that Grandfather is in such bad health. I am in hopes this will find him in better health. Tell him that I want to come and see him, though there is no chance. Mother, you don't know how it would please me to see you one more time. I am as well as can be.

Mother, I have nothing to write. The Yankees still hold on at Petersburg. Some think they will take the city. They had a big battle in the Valley of Virginia the other day, and we lost 8,000 or 10,000 men. I don't see how we can stand many more such bad whippings as that. I don't think this war can go on another year.

Mother, I am glad that you made a good crop of corn. You say you will send me some honey when James Cooper comes back again.
My love to Aunt Bert and Aunt Nancy and tell them I want to see them very much indeed. I must close by asking you to write soon. Nothing more.
Your loving son until death,
ROBERT BULLOCK.
V. A. Gurganus sends his love to you all.

WATTS THEATRE

Saturday July 20
BOB CUSTER
in
"ON THE DIVIDE"
COMEDY and SERIAL

Monday-Tuesday July 22-23
Peter B. Kyne's
"TIDE OF EMPIRE"
with
RENEE ADOREE
AND OTHERS
Also FABLES and NEWS
MUSIC BY PHOTOTONE