

## SCHOOLS COST \$29.69 PER PUPIL IN STATE, 1927-28

Average in Colored Schools Was \$11.84 for Same Year

## CITY COSTS HIGHEST

Cost Run As High as \$53.40 Per Pupil; Cherokee County Has Lowest Cost, \$15.40

Raleigh, Aug. 19.—On a per pupil basis, according to State School Facts, the average instructional service cost for 1927-28 in the white schools is \$29.69, and in colored schools it is \$11.84. The average annual per pupil cost of instructional service for the rural white schools of the State is \$25.15, whereas in the city white schools the corresponding cost is \$43.04. "The highest instructional costs," the publication continues, "are in the largest cities, \$53.40 per pupil. The costs in city groups II and III are very close together, \$40.95 and \$39.35 per pupil in each respective group. Rural white instructional costs vary from county to county—from \$42.44, the highest, in Northampton County, to \$15.40, in Cherokee."

Several reasons are advanced by School Facts for the differences in instructional costs throughout the several administrative subdivisions of the State. The publication lists and discusses the following four factors as directly affecting these costs: (1) Number of pupils per teacher employed, (2) cost per teacher and principal employed, (3) training of teachers and principals, and (4) length of school term. The summary of this discussion is as follows:

"It would seem from the facts presented that the number of pupils per teacher or principal, the amount spent per teacher or principal, the training of the teachers and principals, and the length of the school term, each affects the per pupil cost of instructional service. It would seem also that the last three factors act in conjunction; that is, well trained teachers secure higher salaries as well as positions in schools having longer terms, and vice versa; the teachers having less training are paid less as well as for a shorter period—shorter term schools."

## MILK INSPECTION IS ASSURED TOWN

State Health Officer Commends Club and Dr. Warren

That the town's milk supply will be regularly inspected was practically assured yesterday when State Health Officer Lewis met with local health officials and discussed the need for the inspection of milk. In an effort to provide this service, the Woman's Club at a meeting some time ago passed a resolution urging the town commissioners to pass such laws that would require the regular inspection of milk delivered to local customers.

Dr. Lewis commended the Woman's Club and County Health Officer W. E. Warren for their interest in the matter, stating that impure milk is one of the chief sources of typhoid fever, cholera, and perhaps tuberculosis. It is understood that the commissioners here will pass an ordinance within the next few days, providing for the regular inspection of the town's milk supply.

## Robersonville People Hurt In Auto Wreck

Mrs. Lewis Johnson, of Robersonville, was seriously injured and Mr. Johnson was slightly hurt, when their car, a Ford, was struck by a Tarboro car entering the highway between Robersonville and Bethel last Sunday night.

Mrs. Johnson was rushed to a Rocky Mount hospital where it is said her condition is grave.

## Many Old Buyers to Return To Local Market This Year

Twelve Buyers Have Already Been Assigned to Williamston for Season; All Large Companies and Independents to be Represented

According to information given out here yesterday afternoon, twelve buyers have already been assigned to the Williamston tobacco market for the coming season. That this number will be increased was practically made certain in letters received from several of the large independent companies who are planning to have representatives on the market during the season, but who have not, at this time, made definite assignments.

While practically all the old buyers will be on the market here again this year, many new ones have been assigned to the market, it was stated by the chairman of the local tobacco board of trade yesterday afternoon. Mr. W.

T. Timberlake, known to thousands of tobacco farmers as "Uncle Tim," will be on the market this year. Mr. Timberlake was here several seasons ago and made numerous friends among the farmers of this and adjoining counties. The companies that will be represented in the big list include the W. I. Skinner & Co., Imperial, Export, American, R. J. Reynolds, the Bright Leaf, and others. Six independent companies, calling for all types of tobacco, will also be represented, it was stated.

Several of the buyers, having completed the season in Georgia, are here ready for the opening of the 2nd of next month.

## MANY ARE HELD IN COUNTY JAIL

Total of 17 In Bastille Saturday Night; 5 Freed Since Then

The Martin County jail here has developed the characteristics of a house for transient boarders, some going in and others going out regularly, a few remaining as regular and reliable customers. Last Saturday there were 17 prisoners in the jail, the sheriff stating that they could handle a few more inmates, but patronage was not solicited.

Yesterday morning the number was decreased when five made arrangements to get their liberty.

The list of prisoners includes L. H. Rouse, white, who is serving a Federal sentence, which expires next month. Henry Daniel, colored, is being held on a larceny charge in default of bond. Luther Clark, white, is held under a similar charge in default of bond.

Willie Whitfield is awaiting trial in a Federal court.

John Sawyer is awaiting trial in the Britton murder case; and his wife, Fannie Sawyer, is also being held in default of bond with connection in the killing.

Joe Wheeler James, colored, is being held on an assault charge.

Tilghman Carr, colored, unable to raise a \$100 bond, is being held for the next term of superior court when he will face a rape charge.

Charged with assault with a deadly weapon, Frank Roberson, colored, is awaiting trial.

Isaac Ampie, colored, will either be returned to the roads where he escaped last March or be tried on an assault and housebreaking charge in court here next month. The man was sent to serve a 12 months' sentence on the roads and escaped to return here and commit a similar crime.

Arthur Lee Daniel, white, is awaiting trial in a Federal court in default of bond.

Unable to pay a small fine, Delzora Skinner is meeting the obligation by staying in jail.

## CAPTURE MAN AND TWO STILL

Officers Have Good Day in Free Union Section Yesterday

Willie James, colored, two stills, and a quantity of beer and liquor were captured by Federal Prohibition Agent F. E. Street and Deputies J. H. and Warren Ruebeck in a raid in Free Union section yesterday afternoon.

In the first raid the officers captured a 150-gallon still and 950 gallons of beer. Continuing their search around the plant, the agents found 18 gallons of liquor about 150 yards away. The fire under the stills had not gone out, and the officers secreted themselves to await developments. Willie James and an "unknown" friend visited the still and started partaking of the spirits shortly after the officers had hid themselves. The officers, rushing the two men, captured James, but his friend escaped.

Continuing their work, the officers found and destroyed a second plant, a 75-gallon capacity kettle and 450 gallons of beer. No one was captured at this plant.

James, at a hearing here yesterday afternoon, was required to give bond in the sum of \$500 for his appearance before Judge Meekins in Federal court at Washington next October.

## Photographers Open Studio Here Today

Offering a 24-hour service, Lucas Brothers, formerly of Greensboro, have opened a studio on the third floor of the Farmers and Merchants bank here. The photographers, specializing in Kodak finishing and picture enlarging, have had many years experience in the business.

## 70 SCHOOLS IN THIS COUNTY 20 YEARS AGO

Average Length of Term in 1909 Was Only 84 Days

## SCHOOL TAX 18 CENTS

Total Value of Rural School Property Was \$31,000; Other Facts of General Interest

Continuing the historical sketches by Edward L. Conn, printed in the Raleigh News and Observer 20 years ago, one finds a brief and interesting account of the schools operated in this county at that time. A comparison is unnecessary. "The sketch: "There are 70 schools in Martin County, of which 48 are white. The average term, yearly, is 84 days. There are four special tax districts. The value of the rural school property in the county is \$31,000. The value of the school property created by special act of the legislature is \$10,000. The school tax is 18 cents and \$1.50 on the poll, exclusive of special tax districts. In the building of new schoolhouses for the past two or three years the citizens and patrons have been generous enough to give, out of their own pockets, one-half, and have not shortened their terms; \$4,600 was expended in improving and building schoolhouses last year, about \$2,000 of this amount was contributed by the various districts, and the money, coming from private sources, did not in any way affect the school terms. Three of the poorest districts in the county today are contributing one-half of the expense of a building, and the average schoolhouse will cost \$600, exclusive of the school ground. The school fund for last year, exclusive of the special tax school districts was \$17,510.88. The number of white rural school teachers employed was 47; of these 13 have normal training; 33 have had four years and over in experience; 7 of them have college diplomas. Ten teachers are employed in the city schools. There are two county high schools, one at Robersonville and one at Williamston, doing three years' work.

## LOCAL MAN HURT IN AUTO WRECK

Attorney A. R. Dunning Suffers Broken Shoulder When Car Turns Over

A. R. Dunning, local attorney, suffered a broken shoulder in an automobile wreck near Sanford early last Friday evening. Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Crockett and Miss Mary Cook, other members of the party, escaped uninjured when the car, a Buick sedan, turned over.

Just out of Sanford, the car struck two bad bumps in the road, causing it to turn to one side and making it impossible for Miss Cook, the driver, to regain control of the machine. Mr. Dunning was given treatment at a Raleigh hospital, continuing the trip home early Saturday morning. Attending physicians stated that the injury would confine Mr. Dunning to his home for some time.

## CONFEDERATE VETERAN DIES

Zeph Howell, 86, Dies at Home Near Spring Green Church This Morning

Zeph Howell, Confederate veteran, died at his home near Spring Green church this morning at 2:00 o'clock at the age of 86 years. He had been in feeble health for some time. The funeral will be held from the home tomorrow afternoon, and interment will follow in the Hassell cemetery at 2 o'clock, according to funeral arrangements announced here this morning.

Mr. Howell was born in Wayne county, moving to this section many years ago to engage in farming. He nobly supported the South's Cause in the sixties, taking part in several of the important battles.

He was one of the quietest, most unassuming as well as one of the most honorable citizens of the county. He was always willing to stand up for the things that were for the good of his neighbors and friends. Although uneducated, he was of that culture that gave his generation the name of Southern gentlemen.

He is survived by six children, Mrs. Vira Edmondson, Mrs. Bettie Harrison, Mrs. John Lee, Mrs. Mamie Cross, E. N. and John Howell. His direct descendants number 140.

## Bethel Man Killed When Struck by Auto Saturday

Joe Ford, 72, was run down and killed by an automobile on the Flat Swamp road in the Bethel community some time Saturday night, according to information brought to this city yesterday by residents of Bethel. Although no definite information had been obtained as to who ran over the dead man, Jesse Barnhill and Mack Worthington, both of the Bethel section, were being held today in connection with the death. Barnhill is at large under bond of \$1,000 and Worthington is in jail awaiting developments in the case.

Coroner E. S. Williams, of Greenville, was busy Monday rounding up all the available evidence, and it was indicated that a hearing would be held some time this afternoon in an effort to fix the responsibility for the crime.

## Special Warehouse Meet Here Tonight

The Martin County Warehouse company will hold a special meeting in the town hall auditorium here this evening at 8 o'clock, according to an announcement made by the president, Mr. C. A. Harrison, yesterday. All stockholders are urged to attend and the public is extended an invitation.

Plans for operating the house will be completed at the meeting and other business matters are to be handled, it was stated.

## Town Board Cancels \$35,000 Worth Fire Insurance Policies

Entire Amount Carried on Old Power Plant Cancelled; Means a Saving of Over \$500 in Yearly Premiums to Town

With a lessening of fire risks resulting from the additional increase in the town's fire-fighting equipment, the commissioners in special session here last night cancelled approximately \$35,500 insurance on municipal property. An additional decrease was suggested, but final action there was held up pending an investigation.

The majority of the policies cancelled were written on the power plant, \$35,000 on the plant, was ordered cancelled in view of the fact that practically all the machinery had been withdrawn, from use, and the sale value had dropped to a negligible point. The reduction in the insurance premiums will amount to \$525 each year. Other cancellations affect the town clock, which has carried a \$500 policy. Additional cancellations on other prop-

erties were considered, but no official action was taken in those cases.

Mayor Coburn and Treasurer N. C. Green were appointed to handle the cancellation of the policies and rearrange others so as to have them handled under the new insurance rate.

A number of other business matters were advanced at the session. An additional \$100 was ordered paid the owners of the Atlantic Hotel, bringing the price paid for the removal of the porch to \$200 and afford a more even distribution in the sum paid the owner for the removal of the Britt Hotel porch and that paid the Atlantic owners for the removal of their porch.

Mayor Coburn and Treasurer Green were appointed to meet with the auditor and discuss the recent audit of the town's books next Thursday afternoon.

## CAR TURNS OVER ON RIVER FILL

Bertie Man Painfully Hurt In Accident Near Here Saturday Night

Malvern Butler, of Bertie County, was badly cut about the face last Saturday night when the car in which he was riding turned over on the Roanoke River fill near the Conine Creek bridge. Gurney Hughes, driver of the car, a Pontiac coupe, escaped uninjured.

According to information received here; Hughes and Butler were returning to their homes near Windsor when they struck a Ford parked on the road near the Conine bridge. The gas supply in the Ford, belonging to a colored man, ran out, and as the machine was one of the old models the lights went out when the engine stopped. The driver of the Pontiac failed to see the Ford until he was almost upon it and too late to avoid hitting it. After striking and tearing off a wheel on the Ford, the Pontiac ran down the road several yards and turned over. The machine was a complete wreck, it was stated.

## LET CONTRACT FOR NEW WHARF

Town Board Authorizes Increase of Facilities At River

Work was started yesterday morning on a new wharf and warehouse at the river here following the letting of the contract by the town commissioners last Friday. The contract calls for the erection of a new house, 50 by 80 feet, covering the roadway between the present warehouses. Albert Gurkin, the successful bidder, agreed to do the work for \$2,500.

According to the present plans, one of the old warehouses will be replaced and the new building made to connect the storage rooms on either side of the road.

Freight shipments to this point during the past season or two have materially increased, making additional room necessary. The boat line officials met with the commissioners here some time ago and agreed to accept a raise in the rental fees provided additional wharfage and store rooms were provided.

The contractor stated that the work will be rushed to completion, that the new buildings will be ready for use by the latter part of next month.

## Revival Being Held At Holly Springs

The revival started in the Holly Springs Methodist church, near here, last Sunday afternoon, is attracting large crowds, it was stated by the pastor, Dr. O. P. Fitzgerald, this morning. Services are held each evening at 8 o'clock and according to present plans the meeting will continue throughout this week and into a part of next. Two services will be held next Sunday, one at 8 o'clock in the afternoon and a second at 8 in the evening.

Dr. Fitzgerald is conducting the meeting and he extends a cordial invitation to the public to attend the services.

## Prayer Meeting at Christian Church

The Christian Church will hold its regular mid-week prayer service on Wednesday evening. Our topic will be "Jesus' Teachings on Wisdom." Every one is cordially invited to attend our discussions of the teachings of Jesus each Wednesday evening. After the service there will be a short meeting of the board of the church. All officers are urged to be present.

## FARM BOARD TO AID MARKETING OF COTTON CROP

Will Lend Cooperative Marketing Association From 5 to 10 Millions

## PREVENTS "DUMPING"

Aid of Farm Board Will Make It Possible For Farmers To Get Full Value On Delivery

Washington, Aug. 19.—An agreement to lend cotton marketing associations between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000 to help finance the movement of this year's crop was announced today by the Federal Farm Board.

This was the fourth such agreement made public by the board. Shortly after its organization an emergency loan of \$300,000 was made to Florida fruit growers to help them fight the Mediterranean fruit fly. Yesterday the board made known its decision to lend \$9,000,000 to raise grape growers and an undetermined sum to fresh grape producers of California.

Cotton cooperatives are already able to borrow from Federal intermediate credit banks up to 65 per cent of the value of cotton, the board said in announcing its most recent loan, and the purpose of the new loan is to enable them to get an additional 25 per cent.

"Thus cotton growers will be able to borrow up to 90 per cent of the definite value of their crops as fixed by a locking transaction in the future market."

The board placed no limit on the amount to be loaned for this purpose, but estimated the total at between \$5,600,000 and \$10,000,000.

"The effect of the secondary loans by the Federal Farm Board will be to permit the cooperative associations to make final settlement with the member growers when they desire to sell their cotton without forcing that cotton onto the market when buyers may already be over-supplied," Commissioner Williams explained.

The 10 per cent of value not loaned by the intermediate credit banks and the board "can be supplied from the capital reserve of the cooperatives themselves," Williams said, allowing the farmer in distress to receive full pay for his crop without dumping it into the open market.

## BOXING SMOKER IS A 'KNOCKOUT'

However, Fans Are Victims And Not One of the Boxers

The "Boxing Smoker" in the town hall here last Friday evening was a decided "knockout" for the fans alone, however. Even though the affair was billed as a farce, unending records were established. "One man" was felled for the count when he received a blow on the hip. The other bouts dragged. The so-called "big battle royal" probably met with greater approval than did any other feature. The four little Negroes offered their best for the promised reward, 10 cents to the winners.

The Philadelphia and Norfolk "Batters" and "Kids" failed to appear, and it is said two boys from Rocky Mount filled their places.

## Martin and Berties Playing Here Today

Winning two games each last week, the Martin County Monks and Bertie Bells were rained out yesterday afternoon in their attempt to determine the champions in the Bright Leaf Belt League. The local journeyed to Windsor yesterday afternoon and led the Bertie boys, 4 to 2, at the end of the fourth inning when the game was called on account of rain.

With fair weather prevailing, it is understood that the championship race will be brought to an end next Thursday afternoon. Today the two teams are playing on the local diamond.

## Colored People Will Have Another Picnic Excursion

The number limited by a heavy rain on their last trip, the colored people here and in other towns along the Plymouth branch of the A. C. L., are planning another excursion to Norfolk Monday, September 2, according to a schedule announced by train agents this week. The train leaves Plymouth at 6 a. m., arriving here at 7 o'clock. After a several hours' stay in Norfolk the train leaves there at 11 p. m. for the return trip. It is understood that a goodly number is planning to take the trip since many failed to go last month on account of the heavy rain.

## Caldwell Farmers Are Eradicating Scrub Cattle

A campaign to eradicate scrubs and add pure-bred dairy sires has been started in Caldwell County.

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**WATTS THEATRE**

Wednesday August 21

**WM. S. HART**

in

**"WHITE OAK"**

Also SERIAL and COMEDY

Thursday-Friday August 22-23

**NORMA SHEARER**

in

**"THE LAST OF MRS. CHENEY"**

NEWS and COMEDY

MUSIC BY PHOTOTONE