

INTENSIVE DRIVE AGAINST RATS IS PLANNED HERE

Constitute Serious Menace With Condition Getting Steadily Worse

That the town is badly in need of a Pied Piper was made certain last night when the town authorities called in County Agent T. B. Brandon to discuss a far-reaching anti-rat campaign here during the next few months. The rat menace has already reached serious proportions here, and it is realized by the town officials and others that a vigorous campaign will have to be instituted to check the vast damage now being done by the "varmints."

LITTLE DISEASE IN PAST MONTH

Only Eight Cases of Disease Reported; One Is Typhoid Fever

August, as a whole, was a healthy month in this county, the health office reporting only eight cases of contagious diseases. One of the number was a typhoid case among colored in Williamston Township. Eight cases of whooping cough were reported, six among colored people in Williamston Township, and two cases among white people in Robersonville Township.

BUS ROUTES TO BE DISCUSSED

County Board of Education To Hold Public Meeting Friday Morning

The Martin County Board of Education will hold a meeting next Friday morning at 10 o'clock in the courthouse to discuss and outline school bus routes with interested parties. Several tentative routes have been considered by the authorities, but no definite routes will be established until after the meeting, and then they will be subject to approval by the State Commission.

Express Appreciation For Aid During Fire

Following the fire that destroyed two buildings and threatened other Jamesville property, a committee representing the town, expressed grateful appreciation for the services rendered by the Williamston volunteer fire company there on Wednesday of last week.

Town Tax Rate \$2.70 This Year; Total Levy Smaller

Williamston's tax rate for the year 1933 was fixed at \$2.70 this week, or an increase of 60 cents over the rate in effect for the past several years. While there is an increase in rate, there will be no actual increase in the amount of taxes; in fact, the new rate calls for less this year—less by \$1,627.17—than the amount levied last year. The levy reduction is in addition to an amount that had to be increased to care for the bonded indebtedness this year.

TAX ADVERTISING

While a number of property owners squared their tax accounts from proceeds received from tobacco sales the last week, the markets were open last week, the visits to the collectors were slowed down considerably by the closing of the markets. However, it is the hope of the collector that the markets will reopen and that property owners will find it convenient to pay their taxes before the first week in October, when the tax delinquent list is scheduled to appear.

AGE LIMIT FOR SCHOOL CHILD

Child Must Be Six Years Of Age Before Nov. 15 To Enter School

City and county administrative school officials have been advised by the state school commission that "the children who will not become six years of age on or before November 15 of the scholastic year will not be allowed to enter and attend school during that year."

MORE RAIN THIS YEAR THAN LAST

Rainfall Last Month Was Greatest in Any Month For Two Years

Rainfall for 1933 continues well ahead of that for the first eight months of last year. During August 6.26 inches were reported here, as compared with 5.25 inches in the same month of last year. Rain fell on 15 of the 31 days in the month, the heaviest coming on the 27th, when a little over two inches were reported.

Luncheon for Members Woman's Club Thursday

A luncheon for the Woman's Club members will be held in the club hall Thursday noon of this week, it was announced this morning. The meeting will be called to order by the president at 12 o'clock and lunch will be served by the ladies of the Episcopal church at 1, it was said. All members are urged to attend.

MOUNTAINS CAN FURNISH EAST SEED POTATOES

Experiments Show Money For Seed Irish Potatoes Can Be Kept in N. C.

Seed-irish potatoes can be grown in western North Carolina equal, or superior, to the out-of-state seed now used by commercial producers of the early potatoes in the eastern section of the state, says M. E. Gardner, head of the department of horticulture at State College.

EDENTON NEEDS ONLY ONE MORE WIN FOR TITLE

Locals Hammer Out 21 Hits For 20-0 Win Here Yesterday

With the games divided three for Edenton and two for Williamston, the "Little World Series" of the Albenmar League may be brought to a close in Edenton today, and then again it may go the full limit and end here tomorrow. Some are betting the series will end today, but there are others who declare the series will go the limit, the more optimistic avering the Martins will win the cup here tomorrow.

SCHOOL FACULTY IS SELECTED FOR THIRD DISTRICT

Schools Open at Oak City, Hamilton and Hassell September the 18th

Truck routes have been established and other arrangements are just about complete for the opening of the schools in the third county district the 18th of this month, Principal Ainsley said yesterday in announcing the faculties for Hamilton, Hassell, and Oak City, the three units comprising the third district.

12 LICENSES TO MARRY ISSUED

Same Number As Issued in July and Five More Than August Last Year

An even dozen marriage licenses were issued by Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger in this county last month, the number being the same as the July issuance, and five greater than the number issued in August of last year. Only three of the licenses were issued to white couples.

Local Masonic Lodge To Hold Meeting Tonight

There will be a special communication of Skewarkee Lodge of Masons here tonight at 8 o'clock, it was announced yesterday by M. J. Moyer, the master. Work in the third degree. All members of the lodge and visiting Masons are cordially invited to attend.

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