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### 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 month The rat menace has already reached serious proportions here, and it is realized by the Hown tofficials and others that a vigorous campaign will have to be instituted to check the vast damage now being done by the "var

The agent explained in detail the latest methods advanced for rat control, and pointed out that a complete campaign would be necessary to check the rapidly multiplying wharf rats. The town is ful of the old whrf rats, introduced here when an old barge sank near the river bridge, and multiplied by the thousands on the town trash pile on the railroad. The wharf rat multiplies much more rapidly than the ordinary farm rat, the agent stating that the wharf rats ordinarily had litters of eleven, while the average litter of the farm rat is only 5 or 6.

During the past year or two the rats have almost undermined portions of the railroad bed leading to the river, and they have burrowed under nearly every chicken coop and smokehouse in town. Young chickens have been killed by the hundreds, and the rodents carry away small traps. They entiles from here stating that they are eating crops in the fields by day and small chickens from the roost by

before long, and the agent advises the free use of poison in and near the hole entrances. The town authorities asked the agent to inquire about prices and order a large quan-

#### LITTLE DISEASE IN PAST MONTH during that year."

Only Eight Cases of Disease Reported; One Is Typhoid Fever

fice reporting only eight cases of con- and in no event are these pupils to tagious diseases. One of the number be counted as being in average daily was a typhoid case among colored in attendance for the purpose of allot- 12 LICENSES TO Williamston Township. Eight cases ting teachers or any allotment of state of whooping cough were reported, six funds. among colored people in William- The commission adopted the fol-ston Township, and two cases a low regulation with reference to the Same Number As Issued in mong white people in Robersonville work of the superintendent's office:

can well be expected when the schools work may be done efficiently.' open week after next. As many as the number reported in August being noticed in this section several months

### **BUS ROUTES TO** BE DISCUSSED

County Board of Education Friday Morning

The Martin County Board of Education will hold a meeting next Fri- the month, the heaviest coming on day morning at 10 o'clock in the court- the 27th, when a little over two inches of this county. house to discuss and outline school were reported. bus routes with interested parties. Although the rainfall has been con-Several tentative routes have been siderably greater this year than it was Joseph Bell a

sult of the new law requiring children from dry weather, it is believed. sult in saving about 100 miles from amount of rain. the several bus routes.

#### Express Appreciation For Aid During Fire

Jamesville property, a committee reparation announced this morning. The meetresenting the town, expressed grateing will be called to order by the
ed to attend. ful appreciation for the services ren-president at 12 o'clock and lunch will dered by the Williamston volunteer be served by the ladies of the Episco-ed to be present at 7:30 for a short fire company there on Wednesday of pal church at 1, it was said. All practice session and some other pre

### INTENSIVEDRIVE 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

owners squared their tax accounts from proceeds received from tobacco sales the four days 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.

The sales were delayed by an injunction, but the restraining order will expire within the next few days, making it necessary for the authorities to proceed with the advertising and sales.

# SCHOOL CHILD

Of Age Before Nov. 15 To Enter School

City and county administrative. school officials have been advised by

uated from a standard high school, than once. if allowed to re-enter school for special courses, are to be at once reported to the superintendent of the admin-

"Any clerical assistants employed

## 75 cases were reported in one month, MORE RAIN THIS were issued to white couples.

Rainfall Last Month Was Greatest in Any Month For Two Years

Rainfall for 1933 continues well ahead of that for the first eight ry, of Martin County. months of last year. During August To Hold Public Meeting 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

considered by the authorities, but no last, the creeks, ditches, and other of Martin. definite routes will be established un- small streams continue almost dry in definite routes will be established until after the meeting, and then they
will be subject to approval by
the rainfall has been heavier in this
State Commission.

Changes in nearly all of the bus

The singles tournament got under company, Carraway vs. Western Uns
many sections. It is understood that combe County, and Lela Copeland, of
order for food, clothing, and other
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immediate community than in many
of Martin County.

Thursday, September 28: Bennett

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being run off. R. L. Coburn defeated Darden vs. Spence, Roberson vs.
Asa Crawford 8-6, 6-4; while Jim, Jr., Cherry, Harrison vs. Chierry.

Rhodes took the measure of Mr. Joe

Thursday, September 28: Bennett

Mr. Paine recently sent Emil K. routes are necessary this year as a re- ever, no great damage has resulted

who live within two miles of a school. The rainfall last month was the or a truck route to walk that dis- greatest for any one period during the tance. It is estimated that the vari- past two years. July, with a fall of ous changes in this county will re- 6.08 inches, was the closest in the

### Luncheon for Members

Following the fire that destroyed members will be held in the club hall the master. Work in the third detwo buildings and threatened other Thursday noon of this week, it was gree. All members of the lodge and members are urged to attend.

From all sources, the town expects to collect \$74,192.36, the majority of that amount coming from taxes levied against property, valued at \$1,159,171. In the list of expenditures, debt service is the

expenditure there of \$52,805. Last year the property valuation was placed at \$1,567,847. This year the valuation was decreased by about 35 per cent, but the new rate is only about 30 per cent larger than the one in effect for

big item, the budget calling for

# EDENTON NEEDS

Locals Hammer Out 21 Hits tained in 1932 and this year. For 20-0 Win Here Yesterday

bemarle League may be brought to Gardner says. a close in Edenton today, and then

Excepting the game yesterday, the that region. The rats will winter in the ground Child Must Be Six Years this afternoon will tell the story. If years shows this to be true. they can get just half as many as they they can get just half as many as they did yesterday—and they got 21 yesterday-then there is a chance for the seventh game.

tity of poison if he thinks the prices the state school commission that "the Friday, 4 to 2, the visitors recording children who will not become six their victory in the fifth when a man years of age on or before November hit for four bases with one on Kug- Schools Open at Oak City, 15 of the scholastic year will not be ler was relieved by Cherry, and he allowed to enter and attend school allowed only one or two hits during the remainder of the game, but O'-The commission also adopted the Brien held his own, although he was regulation that pupils who have grad-, in danger of being scored on more

# MARRY ISSUED

July and Five More Than

The names of the couples patron-

Grover Lilley and Ethel Holliday, both of Martin County. Marcia Levine, of New York City. Charlie McBullock and Annie Per-Colored

of Martin County.

Nathaniel Goss and Rosa Cromwell, of Martin.

William Thompson, jr., and Emma Brown, of this county.

Elisha Speller and Lucy O. Small, of Martin County Local Masonic Lodge To Hold Meeting Tonight

There will be a special communica Woman's Club Thursday tion of Skewarkee Louge of the Woman's Club Thursday here tonight at 8 o'clock, it was and the tonight at 8 o'clock a A luncheon for the Woman's Club nounced yesterday by M. J. Moye,

liminary work.

#### **MOUNTAINS CAN** FURNISH EAST SEED POTATOES

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

used by commercial producers of the of the state, says M. E. Gardner, head of the department of horticulture at State College.

Experiments with North Carolina mountain grown cobbler seed against seed from Maine was started in 1923. Eighteen tests were made that year and the North Carolina seed gave a ONLY ONE MORE yield advantage of 16 per cent. Fourteen tests were made in 1924 with the WIN FOR TITLE mountain seed showing a 10 per cent seed. After the first year, the crop, advantage. Similar results were ob-

"Our eastern farmers secure most With the games divided three for mately 375,000 bushels, representing Edenton and two for Williamston, a money outlay of between \$450,000 the "Little World Series" of the Al- and one-half million dollars," Mr.

The greater portion of this money again it may go the full limit and end can be kept in this state, he believes. here tomorrow. Some are betting the if the mountain farmers would plant series will end today, but there are more seed potatoes for certification. others who declare the series will go The erop is said to fit well into the the limit, the more optimistic avering general farming scheme of the mounthe Martins will win the cup here tain district and could be developed by far the best for hay and grazing into a major farming enterprise in

series so far has been very interest. Mr. Gardner predicts that seed po- tilizer and cultivation are not needed. ing, Williamston taking the first game tato raising is soon to develop into It will grow anywhere except in drift fore it went on a rampage yesterday afternoon and defeated the confident ber of bushels of potatoes listed for Colonials 20 to 0. The batting ability certification with the Crop Improveof the locals when they face O'Brien ment Association during the last three COUNTY BOARD

### IS SELECTED FOR The Martins dropped the game last THIRD DISTRICT

Hamilton and Hassell September the 18th

and other arrangements are just about were present, including Messrs. T. C. 1000 as administrator of the estate. ocmplete for the opening of the Griffin, chairman, Joshua L. Coltrain, The doctor was driving a big car. It Yesterday, Edenton put everything schools in the third county district J. E. Pope, H. S. Everett, and V. G. is understood that public liability in panied by control of production. she had with her in the box except the 18th of this month, Principal Taylor. O'Brien, and one fared as badly as Ainsley said yesterday in announcing. A few requests were received from The case is set for trial on Wednes-expected to average remains to be de-August, as a whole, was a healthy istrative unit, who will report the another, the locals scoring 7 runs in the faculties for Hamilton, Hassell, the poor for relief, but only one inday, September 20. one inning and 8 in another. Cherry and Oak City, the three units compris- crease was allowed. Frances Keys, Other casts on the docket are as ity figure of 15.3 cents for the 1932 to-

members are:

Hamilton: Ernest Edmondson, buck, and Mrs. W. D. Beech. Hassell: George Haislip and Mrs. Elmer Hardison.

Adeline Tew, Lena Allsbrook, and guarded against, an increase in cases ing out of reports and other clerical the July issuance, and five greater Helen Ruth Matthews, who succeeds commissioners adjourned about the Friday, September 22: Harrell vs. than the number issued in August of Miss Josephine Harrison, the first-middle of the afternoon. last year. Only three of the licenses grade teacher, who resigned to ac-

#### the smallest since the cough was first YEAR THAN LAST izing the marriage bureau are as fol- Relief Subjects Have Been DOUBLES TITLE Charged with the Sales Tax

ing welfare headquarters here, some Phil Robbins, of High Point, and Martin County merchants are adding the sales tax to purchases ordered by the relief agency. Names were with-

en by a relief agency either for work be denied, and after starting off play- Harris. Edward Allen and Lethia Purvis, of Allen and Lethia Purvis, of Girect relief, except as to ing a conservative base-line brand of Wednesday, September 27: Taylor articles generally exempt from tax by tenis, loosened up after a few games vs. Peel, fertilizer company vs. Grims-law, it was pointed out. However, and by aggressively attacking from ley, fertilizer company vs. Burney North Carolina and both may be had Joseph Bell and Mary Moore, both law, it was pointed out. However, and by aggressively attacking from ley, fertilizer company vs. Burney. Free of charge on application to the Matthew Thigpen, jr., of Edge- relief subject when he presents an

#### DEER HUNTING

With the season opening last Friday, many hunters from here went into the swamps last Friday in search of deer. Very few catches were made in the Roanoke Swamps that day, and only a small number of hunters have ven tured back to face the mosquitoes

Hunting will hardly get under way until after the middle of this month, when the season opens for squirrels. Many hunters will wait for cold weather to get the mosquitoes and flies out of the way before they enter the woods and swamps to search for game.

# **Higher Prices For Tobacco** Are Forecast After Holiday

### COUNTY FARMER | COTTON CHECKS Seed irish potatoes can be grown PROVING VALUE in western North Carolina equal, or OF LESPEDEZA superior, to the out-of-state seed now OF LESPEDEZA

early potatoes in the eastern section T. W. Holliday, of Jamesville, Having Success With Crop

While few farmers in this county are growing the Sericea Lespedeza, T. W. Holliday, Jamesville Township farmer, is having much success with six acres on his farm. Mr. Holliday will not cut the crop this year for hay, but will utilize it entirely for it is said, will bear two cuttings for hay and then produce acrop of about 1,000 pounds of seed an acre. Mr of their seed irish potatoes from Holliday displayed some of the les Maine and plant each year approxi-

This prticular type of lespedeza was introduced into this country from China for 50 years from one seeding and will grow well on almost any type of soil in this climate. When first of soil in this climate. When first brought to this country, the seed Convenes Third Monday in likely that this tremendous task can sold for \$20 an ounce. They are now selling for about \$4 a pound.

According to bulletins, the plant is planting is not necessary, and fer-

# **MEETS MONDAY**

From Poor; Few Matters Of Importance The Martin County commissioners

yesterday in their regular meeting as tally hurt, and Mrs. Cochran and her buy surplus tobacco, if that were necthey have had at any time in months, son, Leighton, about 9 years old, essary to raise prices, or would fur-Truck routes have been established ed on the minutes. All the members herself, \$10,000 for her son, and \$30.

an aged colored woman of Jamesville, follows: The names of the several faculty was allowed \$3 monthly instead of \$2, it having been pointed out to the board that the old woman was un-Hamilton: Ernest Edmondson, board that the old woman was un-Misses Effic Waldo, Allie Marie Roe- able to feed or dress herself without et al vs. Coltrain: Cotton Oil Co. vs. higher in the eastern North Carolina assistance.

The commissioners recommended Roberson: Township.

The number of whooping cough in the office of the superintendent of cases has decreased materially since the administrative units to be paid the schools closed for the summer, from state funds must be able to use but the cough continues to hang as a typewriter in an accurate and satisbut the cough continues to hang as a typewriter in an accurate and satisbut the number being the same as a typewriter in order that the fill-month, the number being the same as a decreased materially since the administrative units to be paid in the office of the superintendent of pal; Staton Williams, Misses Myrtis ands' Filling Station, on Highway No. Fertilizer Co. vs. Evans; Griffin et al vs. Ander-son discounty last son et al; Fertilizer Company vs. All stilled to the cough continues to hang as a typewriter in an accurate and satisbut the cough continues to hang as a typewriter in an accurate and satisbut the number being the same as a typewriter in an accurate and satisbut the number being the same as a typewriter in an accurate and satisbut the number being the same as a typewriter in an accurate and satisbut the number being the same as a typewriter in an accurate and satisbut the number being the same as a typewriter in an accurate and satisbut the number being the same as a typewriter in an accurate and satisbut the number being the same as a typewriter in an accurate and satisbut the number being the same as a typewriter in an accurate and satisbut the number being the same as a typewriter in an accurate and satisbut the number being the same as a typewriter in an accurate and satisbut the number being the same as a typewriter in an accurate and satisbut the number being the same as a typewriter in an accurate and satisbut the number being the same as a typewriter in an accurate and satisbut the number being the same as a typewriter in an accurate and satisbut the number being the same as a typewriter in an accurate and satisbut the number being the same as a typewriter in an accurate and satisbut the number be

## cept work in the Williamston school. YOUNGSTERS WIN

According to reliable reports reach- Oscar Anderson, Jr. and Jack Manning Defeat Cone and Green

Godard after a hot contest, 8-6, 7-5. vs. Watts et al, James vs. Watts et al, Ventre into this State to make some Rush Bondurant also got credit for Everett vs. life insurance company, investigations into the growth of sora win in the first round play when his Taylor vs. Leary; Chemical company ghum for sirup. The field man was opponent, Mr. P. E. King, announced vs. Lilley, Asa Harris et al vs. Har- surprised to find that most good farms that he would be unable to partici-pate, the match going by default. Adams, fertilizer company vs. Mc-sorghum cane for sirup purposes. He

No Meeting of Baptist Philatheas This Friday

of this week ,as originally will be announced in the church Sunday, it is understood.

The first checks for plowing up

cotton were received in the county this morning by County Agent T. B. Brandon. The first of the checks goes to Lemon James, Goose Nest Township. There are four others checks in the group amounting to \$611. Only five checks have been received, and all those go to Goose Nest farmers. Other checks are expected shortly, and as soon as they arrive they will be forwarded to the farmers taking part in the cotton reduction move

Approximately \$35,000 is expected by Martin farmers for their participation in the cotton reduction movement.

#### 65 CASES PUT ON paign. introduced into this country from Asia in 1924. It has flourished in SUPÉRIOR COURT likely continue inactive until farmers CIVIL CALENDAR

Barnhill Presiding

of any grown in this country. Re- docket for trial in the September term sibly even longer than that time. of the Martin County Superior Court, convening the third Monday in the and then dropping three in a row be- a profitable business in the mountain sand and spots frequently covered by Rocky Mount, is scheduled to pre- their grading activities. Considering side over the term. Criminal cases the uncertainty of the reopening date are scheduled for trial during the first two days, the court to hear the civil tions are not very advisable just now. actions beginning Wednesday and An acreage reduction up to 30 per continuing through the following cent was suggested at a meeting be-

> case is the most important one on Without definitely committing themthe docket. The Southern Pines selves, Chester C. Davis, farm adphysician is defendant in three suits ministrator director of production, and growing out of an automobile wreck J. B. Hutson, head of the tobacco near Robersonville several months section, indicated the government had about as uneventful a day here ago. Mr. Robert Cochran was fa would either go on the market and were badly burt in the wreck. Mrs. hish the funds for such purchases,

et al vs. Coltrain; Cotton Oil Co. vs.

Hassell: George Haishp and Mrs. that the State Highway Commission

Thursday: September 21: Roebuck in the Commission that the State Highway Commission

Oak City: H. M. Ainsley, princi-

Wynn; fertilizer company vs. Mat- Valuable Facts Relating to thews; fertilizer company vs. Anthony; Brown et al ys. Simmons; fertilizer company vs. Gore.

Monday, September 25: Harrell vs. company vs. Teel; Harrison Bros. vs. Southern farm crop and one that has Williams; Ayers and Co. vs. Warren; spined favor in North Carolina in fertilizer company vs. Hardý; Biggs these later years has been the subject vs Rea; fertilizer company vs. Gasof considerble study by the United kins; Cox vs. Roebuck; Cox vs. Roe-States Department of Agriculture re-In the doubles finals of the Mar-buck; fertilizer company vs. Forbes, cently and its experts have found some held, but the authorities are investitin County Tennis Tournament, here gating more closely the purchases or Sunday, Jack Maning and Oscar Angelosek; Stalls vs. Perry, Fertilizer Colored gating more closely the purchases or Sunday, Jack Maning and Oscal Age Robert Research Sunday, Jack Maning and Oscal Age Robert Research Sunday, Jack Maning and Oscal Age Robert Research Robert Robert Research Robert Robert Research Robert Rober P. B. Cone and Cortez Green to win Davenport et al (2 cases); Moore vs. Exemption from sales tax does not in straight sets, 6-4, 6-4. Both teams Harrell, Barnes vs. Stalls, fertilizer Best Quality Sorghum Sirup" and P. B. Cone and Cortez Green to win Davenport et al (2 cases); Moore vs. well, of Martin.

Luke Jackson and Laura Jenkins, viduals to whom money has been give but the youngsters simply would not be company; fertilizer company vs. Cannon, Davis vs., lumber the other, "How To Prevent Jellying and Slow Boiling and How To Pre-

no tax should be collected from the relief subject when he presents an The singles tournament got under company, Carraway vs. Western United States Department of Agriculture

Other matches are scheduled dur- Keithan, fertilizer company vs. Gait- soid that his office would be glad to the players.

leg, fertilizer company vs. Wilson, ferduring a better quality of product. tilizer company vs. Lucas, fertilizer Now that sirup-making time is apcompany vs. McDonald, fertilizer com- proaching, extension workers at State pany vs. Hudson.

### It was announced this morning Wilkes Farmers Undertake of value. The publications point out

Wilkes County dairymen are digging to grind; and give definite and detailed scheduled. The date for the meeting trench silos and remodeling old barns instructions obout cooking the sirup. as a part of the new program of dairy A sketch of an evaporator and furni farming in that county.

#### FARMERS TO BE ASKED TO PLANT LESS NEXT YEAR

Markets To Be Closed for Indefinite Period; May Open Next Week

With all the tobacco markets coninued closed throughout three states, and while no definite plan of relief has been announced, a virtual promise of higher prices for the year's tobacco crop has been made by farm administration officials to representatives of growers in the nation's capital this week. The promise is conditional, however, and if growers will reap a higher price they will be asked take part in what has been called "whirlwind" crop reduction cam-

are given the opportunity to sign the September With Judge be completed within a few days, indicating that the markets will continue closed certainly the remainder of this Sixty-five civil cases were placed on week, probably all of next, and pos-

It is understood that many farmers Judge M. V. Barnhill, of in this section are going ahead with for the warehouses, market prepara-

tween farm administrators and delega-Probably the Cochran vs. McBrayer tions from the South today.

such stabilization activities would be

termined, but it will be based on a par bacco crop, plus the average increase Wednesday, September 20: Cowen since 1932 in the prices of commodibelt and old belt than in the Eastern North Carolina belt and old belt than in the South Carolina and Georgia

"Long Sweetening" Are Discovered

Sorghum sirup, home-made molasses Railroad; Taylor vs. Hadley; fertilizer of Flong sweetening," a palatable

The depastment has recently issued

College suggest that the two publications issued by Mr. Paine would be that there would be no meeting of New Program of Dairying how the quality of sirup is affected by the Baptist Philathea class Friday