

School Budget For Next Year Remains Same As Last Year

Rate of About 55 Cents Will Be Necessary For the Schools Next Term

A rate of about fifty-five and one-half cents will be necessary to finance the normal operation of the schools in this county for the new 1940-41 term, it was learned following a regular meeting of the board of education held here yesterday. The proposed rate is the same as it was last year, but there is a small variation in the size of proposed expenditures for various departments.

The current expense fund, established to care for salaries paid vocational teachers, upkeep of buildings and insurance, will be increased by about \$300 from \$25,682 last term to \$26,000 for the new year. No change in the 9-cent rate is anticipated in that department. The rate, 10 1-2 cents, for capital outlay remains the same, the board pointing out that the proposed expenditure of \$8,000 for vocational buildings at Oak City and Williamston will not effect an increase in the rate.

Debt service, a big item in the budget and representing 36 cents of the 55 1-2 school levy, calls for \$43,521 to be applied on old obligations.

A note in the proposed new budget cites the retirement of \$25,000 Oak City school bonds this year.

Most of the meeting yesterday was given over to the discussion of the proposed budget, but the board members received with reluctance and sympathetically discussed the resignation of Mr. Eli Edmondson as a member of the Hassell local committee in the Oak City district.

For forty years the old Christian gentleman had served as a committeeman in the district, his advice being sought through times and conditions that were not favorable to the education of common public. But he held to his post, and now that age makes it impossible for him to attend all the meetings, he is withdrawing from the service. The board had little difficulty in filling the position for a son of the old gentleman was appointed. E. R. Edmondson, the son, has shown much interest in the schools and the work so ably handled before him will be continued, no doubt.

The meeting marked a second change in the committee personnel for the position made vacant by another champion of common education, B. M. Worsley, was filled by the board in the appointment of his son, Francis Worsley. And so it goes. Time marches on, but the county is fortunate in having young men to call upon as time progresses and events transpire in their regular order.

Acting willing upon the request of a number of Oak City citizens, the board named the new gymnasium there after the late B. M. Worsley.

All members of the board, Messrs. George C. Griffin, J. D. Woolard, chairman; H. C. Norman, J. W. Eubanks and Leslie Hardison, were present for the meeting. Mr. Hardison serving for the first time as a member of the group.

Classes Held For County Midwives

By DR. JOHN W. WILLIAMS County Health Officer

Four days of the past week were spent by the nurses of the health department in class work with the midwives of the county. Two days at Robersonville with 12 in attendance and two at Williamston with 11 in attendance were held.

Too large a percentage of our labor cases are still dependent upon these women but until all mothers can have adequate care it is essential that our midwives be trained in this work. They must know the danger signs of pregnancy, labor and post partum, how to prepare the mother for delivery and above all, cleanliness.

In this class work the midwife demonstrates to the nurse she knows what to do and how to do it, from boiling the water, donning clean cap and apron and washing each hand for five minutes when she arrives on the scene to the last operation of making a complete birth certificate before she leaves.

There has been a time that ignorance among these necessary evils cost thousands of lives but today, thanks to the patience and persistence of public health nurses, these old women do not wait until a live birth is out of question and perhaps the mother "too far in valley" for recall, no matter how competent the obstetrician, but they know what kind of cases are less likely to give them trouble and attend only such. They also have the benefit of the pre-natal clinics to help her with the cases engaging her services for delivery.

Above all, the most important lesson learned by her class attendance has been that "she must never make an internal examination of mother." It has been an over and over process, with teaching by demonstration, in class work, but results are beginning to show and now that added assistance from pre-natal instruction by physicians at clinics has become state-wide, the infant and maternal death rates are falling.

Red Cross Chapter Reporting Slight Increase in Donations

While donations are gradually increasing, the Martin County chapter of the American Red Cross is lagging in its support to suffering humanity in the troubled and war-stricken areas across the seas. A total of \$39 has been contributed to date, the amount being just \$361 below the initial quota assigned the chapter. Based on the growing needs made startlingly pitiful in their every detail, the quota has been increased to double its initial size, and Red Cross leaders point out that the larger amounts will hardly begin to cope with the situation as it exists.

There are those who insist that we, the American people, be complacent about the whole affair in Europe, but a prominent churchman recently back from the scene of suffering and death cries out that only dumb beasts could draw into their own shelters and do nothing while millions of aged men and women and children too experience starvation and death. Possibly there is no reason for anyone to get panicky, but accepting the reports from Europe at one-half or even one-tenth of their value there is reason for one to shake off his complacency and express himself in deed. If we are the Christian people that we claim to be, we will double and redouble the Red Cross quota

even if we have to forego a few and even everyone of our pleasures. If we will help stabilize world peace, we must act now and not wait for countless millions to suffer and die needlessly.

Quite a few, unable to find Harry Biggs, county chapter chairman, have left their donations with The Enterprise. All donations left at the paper office will be turned over to the chairman immediately.

A list of donors' names not previously acknowledged follows:
Mayo Hardison \$ 1.00
Woman's Council, Christian Ch. 10.00
W. J. Hodges 2.00
Mrs. L. B. Wynne 1.00
H. L. Barnhill 1.00
A Friend 1.00
Previously reported 23.00
Total \$39.00

The need for a strong Red Cross support was never portrayed in more realistic terms than when Horace Fuller, ambulance driver in France, told of his experience in the war-torn areas. The wounded were left to die, and the dying were left to their own resources and suffering, the facilities for rendering them aid being far too inadequate. Fuller's story appeared in the State papers yesterday.

Second Major Move in War Is Expected Soon

NEW MEMBER



Nominated in the May 25 primary, Leslie Hardison, Jamesville young man, entered upon his duties as a member of the Martin County Board of Education yesterday immediately after receiving the appointment at the hands of the County Democratic Executive Committee.

Road Worker Badly Burned Near Here

Badly burned when a pipe burst and spilled hot asphalt on his face and hands, R. D. Chewning is improving rapidly. Although he was painfully hurt, the man lost little time from his work. The asphalt, near the boiling point, took the skin off part of his face including the eyelids, it was said.

The man was working on an air jet when the pipe gave way and poured the melted tar on him. He complained little.

The contractors with whom the man is employed are completing the second application on the road leading off U. S. Highway No. 17 at Old Mill Inn into Griffins Township. The project will be completed during the next two weeks.

Reports On The Foreign Tobacco Front Look Bad

Uncertain of the future, the Imperial Tobacco Company, according to unofficial but reliable reports reaching here, is liquidating its organization in this country. The action points to a gloomy outlook for the tobacco marketing season, unless the federal government steps in to take up the slack.

According to unofficial reports, the Imperial Company released numbers of its men at a meeting held in Norfolk last week-end. Included in the list of releases were men who had been with the company for as many as forty years. Given the best of references, the men left the meeting with best wishes in their searches for new jobs.

Martin farmers are still optimistic however, one of the many growers stating that he would not sell his crop for \$100 an acre at this time.

Dunkerque Retreat Regarded Greatest Success In History

British Empire Will Carry On Prime Minister Churchill Declares in Speech

As events take form for a second major phase of the current world war more horrible and even more difficult to conceive, speculation continues rife on as many fronts as there are in the path of the invading German hordes. Hitler is promising more horrible attacks on both France and England, but whether the attacks will be made separately first on France or Britain or vice versa or whether they will be advanced simultaneously, the observers do not say. The war is not over, and many think the sythe is being sharpened for the heart and life of France as an apparent lull is being experienced along the battle fronts today.

While the next onslaught is being awaited, news of the retreat to Dunkerque is being patched together to show up the event, as the greatest military feat in all history. More than 355,000 soldiers were removed from the trap under most difficult conditions, and the drive is said to have proved to be among the most costly ever experienced by an army on the offensive. As the last stand is being made at Dunkerque on the English Channel, a few remnants of a defeated army hold 275,000 Germans in temporary check. The last of the British Expeditionary forces are being debarked, Prime Minister Churchill stating today that England had lost 40,000 men, killed, wounded and missing in Flanders, and frankly stated that the Battle of Flanders was a colossal defeat for the Allies.

It is believed in military circles that the longer the Dunkerque fragments hold out, the longer General Weygand will have to prepare for a counter offensive further to the south. Little has been said about such an attack, but indication are that the Allies will start an offensive of their own.

Admitting the possible invasion and subjugation of the British Isles, Prime Minister Churchill in an address to the House of Commons today stated that even in that event, Britain would carry on until in God's own time peace is restored.

An air raid on Paris yesterday when more than 1,000 bombs were dropped, 40 people killed and 151 wounded, is bringing reprisals. Reports state that Allied airmen are working on German centers, one agency stating that eight people were killed near Munich in one of the raids. No definite details of the raids have been released, but some believe that Berlin got its first taste of death and destruction from the air sometime during last night.

Italy's stand continues in the talkative stage, some observers say she will and others saying she won't enter the war. It has been claimed that Hitler is begging Mussolini to step in. Similar reports and claims are numerous, but judging from Churchill's speech today and defense preparations in Washington the worst is yet to come.

Mussolini met with his war cabinet this morning and talk about Italy's entering the war was hardly nothing more than a gesture. In or out of the war he is helping Germany, and the Allies state they have tolerated about all they are going to from him.

Unsettled conditions in the world yesterday prompted Roosevelt to say that he would consider running again for the presidency.

Mrs. Delia Clark Dies Suddenly In The County Sunday

Funeral For Highly Respected Cross Roads Citizen Is Being Held Today

Mrs. Delia Clark, widow of William A. Clark, was found dead near her home in Cross Roads Township about 10 o'clock Sunday morning, the apparent victim of an heart attack. She was believed to have been dead about an hour when a member of the family found her. Sixty-four years old, Mrs. Clark told members of her family that she was going to visit her son about a mile away, that she preferred to walk for her health. Walking along a foot-path and a nearer route to her son's home, Mrs. Clark had gone only a short way when she suffered the heart attack, death apparently following instantly. Mrs. Clark had not complained of feeling ill, and she was unusually active for one her age.

The daughter of the late James and Susan Nicholson, she was born in Williamston Township near Williamston where she spent her early life. When eighteen years of age she was married to Mr. Clark and located in Cross Roads Township where she was soon recognized as a kind and accommodating neighbor and friend. Following the death of her husband about twenty years ago, she assumed the management of the household and little farm. Her children received the tender care of a loving mother, and their children were readily received around the fireside at the old home. Three of the grandchildren were orphaned at early ages, and they were taken into her home and recognized as her own.

For more than a quarter of a century she was a devoted member of the church at Cross Roads, remaining loyal to its teachings and faithful in its service until the end. She was a devoted mother and an ever-loving neighbor; she was a good Christian woman, one who gained and held the respect of everyone who knew her.

Four children, Mrs. Henry Leggett and Roy Clark, of Cross Roads Township; Mrs. Oscar Butler, of Robersonville; and Mrs. Eva Raynor, of Hamilton Township, survive. She also leaves one brother, Matthew Nicholson, of Baltimore. A son, Will Clark, was killed in the first World War on October 9, 1918. He was a member of Company B, 120th infantry, and it is believed that the association of the current war with that of a quarter century ago and the death of her son may have hastened the end for her. There are thirty-two grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services are being conducted at the late home this afternoon at 3 o'clock by her pastor, Rev. J. M. Perry. Interment will follow in the Clark family cemetery in Cross Roads Township.

Gives Figures On Church Attendance

By REV. JOHN HARDY, Rector Church of the Advent

Many of us think that we can worship God as well by relaxing over our newspaper, fishing, or some other means of change from our daily activity, as we can in church. It would be entirely out of keeping with the purpose and practice of Christianity to force our people to attend church services on Sunday. There is not a minister in town who would do so. Yet with these trying times abroad and the wave of war scare drawing closer to our shores, we would do well to keep our moral and spiritual faculties clear and this can best be done by worshipping God every Sunday in His church. Church attendance has already begun to decline and with the coming of summer, it is likely to do so even more unless we realize the solemn obligation that rests upon us.

	S.S.	Y.P.	Church	A.M.	P.M.
Baptist	125	15	95	42	
Methodist	85	25	48	65	
Christian	116	8	95	57	
Holiness					100
Presbyterian	15		29		
Episcopal	18		30		
Totals	359	40	297	264	
Prev. Sun.	446	40	299	197	

Ward's Market Now At New Location

Ward's Market, for many years housed in the town hall, has been moved to new quarters in the Edmondson and Ward Grocery building on Main Street between Margolis Brothers Store and G. P. Hall's barber shop. The big task of moving the heavy and costly refrigeration plants is being completed today, Mr. Ward stating that he hoped to have every detail handled within the next day or two.

Rated as one of the best in this section of the State, the market has experienced considerable expense in renovating its new home and moving its modern equipment. "We have done everything possible to maintain the rating and to continue an efficient and acceptable service for the general public," Mr. Ward said.

Board of County Commissioners Baffled By Financial Problems Centering Around Relief Budget

Market 'Monopoly' Broken by Action of Local Town Board

The "monopoly" existing here during the past years for the sale of meats has been broken, and the town board in regular session last evening made tentative plans for converting the lower floor into a strictly municipal building with the possible exception of a little space for the public library. No definite plans for rearranging the lower floor have been made public by Mayor J. L. Hassell and Commissioner Green, members of the committee named to handle the work. The town is said to be considering housing the mayor's office in the building, separating the police headquarters from the treasurer's office, enlarging the fire department and possibly assigning a small corner to the library.

Plans for altering the lower floor of the old town hall have been considered for months, but not until recently did the town call for the room occupied by the market. Ward's market is being moved to the Edmondson-Ward grocery store, and it is possible that the remodeling plans will be advanced within the next few days at the town hall.

Rev. J. L. Goff, chairman of the library board, made a strong plea for library space in the building. He reviewed the work of the library, told how generous the Legion Post had been in furnishing the library a home during the past 26 months and asked for recognition by the town.

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Status of Treasurer's Race Still Undecided

Horton Withdraws To Give Broughton Race For Governor

Ben Courtney Officially Files For Second Primary in This County

The State political situation was virtually cleared up yesterday afternoon when Wilkins P. Horton, runner-up in the first primary for governor, announced he had withdrawn and would not ask a second contest, leaving J. Melville Broughton, Raleigh attorney, to carry the Democratic banner for the Democrats into the general election next November. Horton's withdrawal, however, does not settle the second primary question in this county. Ben D. Courtney, runner-up for treasurer in the first county primary, stating late last night that he was not certain whether he would withdraw or adhere to well-laid plans for advancing his campaign through a second contest with Dick Smith as his opponent.

"I have just completed an extensive tour today and did not learn that Horton had withdrawn until I returned home," Courtney said last night when approached on the second primary question. "The outlook for my candidacy is encouraging, but I am going to contact my friends over the county and if they think it best for me to withdraw from the second primary I will do so," Mr. Courtney said. The young man is making that survey today and is expected to reach a decision not later than Thursday or Friday. He has officially filed notice of his plans to enter the second primary with the chairman of the county board of elections.

During the meantime his opponent continues his campaign, indicating that a spirited contest will follow on June 22 in the event Courtney does not withdraw. Courtney said last night that he had been assured the John Peel support, that personally he was anxious to enter the contest. It is apparent that other factors will determine his action, and those facts should reveal themselves today and tomorrow and help him make a final decision as to his plans for a second contest.

In announcing his withdrawal from the race for governor, Wilkins P. Horton stated that he was doing so in the name of party harmony. A second State-wide primary was made unnecessary when Horton withdrew and George M. Pritchard, gubernatorial candidate for the Republicans, conceded the nomination to Robert H. McNeill. While Horton's action came as a surprise, it was thought all the while that he had little chance of winning over Broughton who held a marginal lead of more than 41,000 votes in the first primary. It is possible that party harmony was considered, as early reports received here indicated that strong factions were being formed rapidly and that a heated contest could have been expected. Only last Saturday evening Horton was quoted as saying that he was more optimistic over the outlook than he was at any time during the first primary, but apparently his plans did not materialize over the week-end and he stepped down.

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Negro Is Found In County Teacherage

Overly intoxicated, Robert Lee, young colored man, harmlessly wandered into the Bear Grass teacherage some time during Sunday and was found sound asleep in the bedroom of Professor and Mrs. T. O. Hickman late that afternoon. Taken by the collar, Lee was partially carried out of the home and across the road before he showed any sign of life.

As far as it could be learned he had troubled nothing in the home, Mrs. Hickman's watch on top of the radio and within the man's reach, having been left untouched.

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Favorable Report Received On RFC Loan Application

An application for a \$47,000 sewer-water extension program for Williamston received favorable consideration in the offices of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation in Washington City yesterday, Messrs. N. C. Green, town treasurer and W. H. Coburn, town attorney, said upon their return here last night. The town representatives contacted the head of the RFC and were encouraged by a report on the loan application. Action is expected within the next few weeks.

The \$47,000 is the town's share in the cost for financing a proposed extension of water and sewer lines and the sinking of a new deep well in cooperation with the WPA. The project has been pending in the WPA offices for several months, and it is now believed that some action can be expected within the next few weeks.

Requests Received From Agencies for Increase In Funds

Appropriation for Two \$4,000 School Buildings Is Approved

Battered by numerous requests for increased appropriations, the Martin County Board of Commissioners in regular session here yesterday held firm the lines of economic defense, the victor to be determined at a later date. No requests were granted and none was refused, the commissioners calling for more time to study the needs. It is apparent, however, that any additional appropriations granted any one or more agencies will be offset by decreased appropriations for other agencies.

The authorities merely lifted the lid on the 1940-41 budget and out jumped numerous financial problems that will prove baffling even to a Wall Street wizard. After figuring with the figures, the authorities stated that if the requests are met and no decreases can be effected in cent increase in the new tax rate will be necessary. It was pointed out, however that no increase has been approved, that the budget will not be approved any time soon. At the meeting yesterday the commissioners merely discussed the relief requirements and budget for the county home. They did receive a request to increase the appropriation for the forestry service from \$1,020 to \$1,270. No action was taken. The home agent asked that she be allowed a full-time secretary, her request being accompanied by a note explaining that she had never asked the county for anything unless it was sorely needed.

The real problem centered around the WPA sewing room where about fifteen women are employed. For the operation of the project during the fiscal year now drawing to a close, the commissioners appropriated \$557.76. They are now being asked to appropriate \$2,827 for the operation of the project during the coming year. Representatives of the WPA pointed out that the sewing room made and gave to the needy 7,500 garments during the past year, that the federal government had been supplying the materials and the county had paid the rents and incidental expenses. The government funds are fast being depleted and the county is being asked to appropriate slightly more than 66 per cent of the money necessary for the purchase of the materials. It was also pointed out that the government would pay during the new year a total of \$6,480 in salaries and about \$1,000 for supplies or about \$7,480 against \$2,827 to be paid by the county. Well, the commissioners hardly know what to do about it.

They hate to see fifteen needy persons thrown out of work, but there's the tax rate to consider. No action was taken on a WPA request for \$168 to supplement a county library service similar to that made available by the bookmobile this year. The board approved an \$8,000 appropriation as its share of the cost for the construction of an \$8,000 vocational building at Oak City and a \$6,000 manual arts building in Williamston. Approval was given on the condition that the appropriation will not be reflected in the tax rate.

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Party Executive Group In Meeting

Meeting in a brief and informal session here yesterday morning, members of the Martin County Democratic Executive committee appointed Leslie Hardison to a place on the county board of education to fill the place made vacant by Mr. E. H. Ange, resigned. No other business was considered by the group and the meeting was adjourned promptly by Elbert S. Peel, chairman of the committee.

It was one of the few times in recent years that the committee has been called into meeting. Messrs. Joshua L. Coltrane, A. Corey, J. R. Winslow, H. G. Horton, A. E. James, Jesse Crisp, J. W. Eubanks and E. S. Peel were present for the meeting which was held in the commissioners' room. Mr. Hardison, a short time later accepted the oath of office as administered by Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne and entered upon the duties of office with other members of the board at 10 o'clock. The term to which he was nominated subject to the action of the 1941 legislature begins next April.