

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS APPROVE BUDGET FOR NEXT FISCAL YEAR AT SPECIAL MEETING HERE TUESDAY

IS PRACTICALLY SAME AS IT WAS PREVIOUS YEAR

Total Amount To Be Spent For All Purposes Is \$318,085.78

TAX RATE TO BE \$1.33

Increase in Rate Brought About by Addition of Interest and Sinking Fund; 25 Cents Higher

An annual appropriations resolution was adopted and the tax levy on 1927 assessments was made by the county commissioners when they met here in a special session last Tuesday. The appropriations resolution is practically the same as it was last year. The tax rate will be \$1.33 as compared with \$1.08 for the year ending June 30, 1927. The change in the rate was made in the interest and sinking fund, 28 cents going to that department; the school maintenance fund was decreased 3 cents, making the rate this year 25 cents higher than it was last year.

The appropriations resolution and tax levy follow:

County General Fund	
Board of commissioners	\$1,110.00
Listing and assessing property	3,240.00
County sheriff	6,865.00
Elections, general	460.00
County accountant or auditor	1,100.00
County treasurer	600.00
County courthouse and grounds	1,850.00
Register of deeds, as register	4,985.00
County coroner	300.00
County jail	1,520.00
County home	3,596.00
County farm	550.00
Outside poor relief	2,150.00
Agricultural and economic development	2,900.00
County health department	1,410.00
County aid, contributions and gifts (other than poor relief)	933.00
Superior court	2,750.00
Clerk of superior court	4,775.00
Recorder's court	2,580.00
General	1,200.00
Audit and legal	1,000.00
Total	\$45,874.00

School Appropriations

Section 3. That for the said fiscal year there are hereby appropriated out of the "Constitutional School Maintenance Fund," and of the "County-wide Expense Fund Above Constitutional School Maintenance," the following:	
Current expenses (6 mo. term):	
General control	\$10,950.00
Instructional service	104,220.59
Operation of school plant	9,548.65
Maintenance of plant	2,815.30
Fixed charges	1,450.12
Auxiliary agencies	9,643.70
Total	\$138,628.36

Capital outlay:

New buildings and grounds	\$44,102.46
Maturity of bond issues (not included in sinking fund)	7,000.00
Sinking fund installments	1,578.52
Total	\$52,680.98

STRAND THEATRE

SATURDAY WESTERN

(See Billboard)

BEN TURPIN

in

A Prodigal Bridegroom

And Episode No. 2

'RETURN of the RIDDLE RIDER'

Always a Good Show.

Local High School Faculty For Next Term Announced

Entire Faculty Will Be Announced in Few Days; Fall Term To Begin Around Middle of the Next Month

The high school faculty just announced here includes this year Professor L. H. Davis, principal; Mrs. W. H. Harrell, assistant principal, Mr. E. B. Hood and Miss Mary Fletcher. Professor Davis and Mrs. Harrell were in the school last year. Mr. Hood, whose home is in Goldsboro, comes here from Scotland Neck where he taught in the schools there last year. He is a graduate of Wake Forest. Miss Fletcher, of McCall, South Carolina, has done splendid work in the English department in the Belhaven high school, and she gives a position

STATE DIRECTOR SCHOOLS COMING

Dr. J. Henry Highsmith To Meet Principals Here September 2nd

Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, director of high schools in the State, will meet the principals of the various schools in the county here Friday, September 2 at 10:00 o'clock in the morning. Dr. Highsmith or a representative from his department generally visits each county every year and goes over the work for the coming school year with the various county school heads. While none of the schools in the county will be open at that time, it is understood that all he principals will be at their posts preparing for the opening of their schools a few days after Dr. Highsmith's visit.

5 MURDER CASES IN NASH COURT

Unusually Large Number Killings To Be Aired Next Week

Five murder cases are to be tried in Nash county next week according to the court record of that county. One of the cases is against Alfred Denton, a 14-year-old white boy who shot and killed a neighbor. A mate the neighbor was thought to have told officers that Denton was running a still. The strange thing about it was that he boy did not seem to think he did wrong when he killed his neighbor. The other cases range from liquor brawl murders to wife jealousies.

(of which \$15,000 is to be borrowed)

Old buildings and grounds	\$16,132.12
Libraries	275.00
Trucks	4,285.00
Debt service:	
State loans	15,084.35
County bonds	7,123.89
District bonds	11,970.58
Overdraft	6,638.78
Total appropriation for schools	\$212,030.80

Sinking Fund and Bond Interest

Section 4. That for the said fiscal year there are hereby appropriated out of the "County Bond Interest, Redemption, and Sinking Fund," the following:

Bond interest and commission	\$44,102.46
Maturity of bond issues (not included in sinking fund)	7,000.00
Sinking fund installments	1,578.52
Total	\$52,680.98

County Road and Bridge Fund

Section 5. That for the said fiscal year there are hereby appropriated out of the "County Road and Bridge Fund" the following:

General overhead	\$7,500.00
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Signed by board of commissioners of Martin County.

Taxes were levied by the commissioners as follows:

Poll tax, \$2.00; general county purposes, .15; bridge taxes, .05; bond interest and sinking fund, .28; for county schools divided as follows: current expense, .52; capital outlay, .077 and debt service, .258, making a total for schools of .85. The grand total is \$1.33.

For special school districts the following levies were made:

Jamesville, .30; Dardens, .10; Poplar Run, .20; Ange, .25; Farm Life,

FIREMEN MEET IN GREENSBORO

Chief Henry Harrison To Lead Local Delegation To State Meeting

The North Carolina State Firemen's association will meet in Greensboro next week. The Williamston Fire company will be represented by Chief Henry Harrison and several of his associate members. Mr. William Gray, of Robersonville expects to go as the representative of the Robersonville company. The meeting has the promise of the largest attendance since its organization.

British-American Tobacco Co. Preparing To Enter U. S. Cigarette Market

According to rumors afloat, the British-American Tobacco company is preparing to enter the American cigarette market in the near future with a blended popular-priced cigarette. The consensus of opinion seems to be that the new brand will be called "Old North State," one of the brands formerly put out by the Brown and Williamson Tobacco company, Winston-Salem, which company was acquired by the British American a short time ago.

"Snowball" Gets New Outfit of Clothes and Is Present at Wedding

Pleased almost beyond repair was "Snowball", printing office devil, when he attended the wedding of W. C. Manning, jr. business manager of the Enterprise and "Snowball's" boss as Four Oaks last Wednesday night. "Snowball", fitted up in a blue suit with long trousers, watched the final knot tied from the pastor's study in the modern church. The little fellow, when he learned he was to see the wedding, asked where it was to be. When told it would take place in Four Oaks, he expressed his wish for it to be in Norfolk. Since he had never been to Four Oaks, it was all the same as far as strange territory was concerned. The wedding for him was a solemn affair; not a smile was to be seen on his face as he watched, with all force, the ceremony.

15; Bear Grass, .10; Williamston, .35; Everetts, .30; Robersonville, .25; Parmele, .25; Gold Point, .30; Hassell, .25; Hamilton, .30 and poll .90; Oak City, .31.

The following levies were made for road improvements in the various townships:

Jamesville, .25; Williams, .25; Grifins, .35; Bear Grass, .30; Williamston, .35; Cross Roads, .35; Poplar Point, .30; Hamilton, .40 and poll for Hamilton, .120; Goose Nest, .25 and poll, .75.

Upon motion of T. B. Slade, jr., seconded by T. C. Griffin, the treasurer was directed to furnish a monthly statement of balances and showing disposition of all funds and was required to charge all depositors 3 per cent on active balances, and four per cent on dormant balances. This requirement was ordered to go into effect the first of October.

Upon motion made by L. P. Holliday, seconded by John E. Pope, the clerk of the superior court is to be required to furnish his monthly statements of bills of cost in duplicate, one of which is to be filed with the county accountant.

FRANK MEEKERS BAND TO BE AT FAIR THIS YEAR

Will Furnish Music for Nat Reiss Shows on Roanoke Fair's Midway

SIXTEEN MUSICIANS

Higgins Hussar Concert Band Is Also Booked for Free Acts Program and Grandstand Attractions

No outdoor form of entertainment would be successful without music, and plenty of it, in the opinion of the committee in charge of the big fair to be staged here by the Roanoke Fair Association, week of September 27th, on the fair grounds, and Professor Frank Meeker and his band of sixteen solo musicians will enliven things night and day during the reign of King Pleasure here, it was announced today. King Pleasure will reign supreme in Williamston during the fair, the committee members says, and Prof. Meeker will help make his role complete.

Frank Meeker is a veteran musician of the white top world and he has directed bands on some of the largest circus and carnival organizations in America. He is now musical director of The Nat Reiss Shows and he writes friends here that he has the best band of his career. The Nat Reiss Shows have been engaged to furnish all the amusement features at the fair, and Meeker's first concert Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, at the fair grounds, will launch the week of fun.

THIEVES ROB JUDGE'S AUTO

Judge Bailey Offers Reward for Conviction Of Thieves

Judge J. W. Bailey is offering a liberal reward for information leading to the conviction of the thieves who broke in and stole the accessories from his car last night in Everetts. The judge seems to be worried just as much as any other citizen at the ugly way some low-downs have in prowling about at night robbing their neighbors of any thing they can get their hands on. Replacement value of the parts stolen from Mr. Bailey's car is estimated to be around \$50. No idea as to who the thieves were has been advanced thus far.

Plans for Opening of New Theater and Drug Store Are Abandoned

Plans for the opening of a third drug store and a second theatre here have been withdrawn, and it is understood the matter will be temporarily dropped.

According to all available information the opening of the two new businesses was to have been by outside parties, that the plans were withdrawn when one of the parties changed his mind as to locating here at this time. Details relating to the exact location of the new enterprises could not be learned, but it is thought that new buildings would have been erected.

D. G. Matthews, Hamilton Merchant, Qualifies As Grower of Big Tomatoes

Mr. D. G. Matthews, of Hamilton, favored the Enterprise with the finest box of tomatoes brought in so far this season. The largest tomato weighed exactly two pounds and the next one weighed a pound and twelve ounces. Mr. Matthews is supposed to be a merchant, but he goes further and qualifies as a good tomato grower.

"What The Church Is Doing in the World," Baptist Text Sunday

At the Baptist church Sunday morning, the pastor will discuss the theme: "What The Church is doing in the World." This subject is of keenest interest to the hosts of people who affiliate with the church and it is hoped that a goodly number of people will be present. Wednesday night the Bible Study Period will center on the Book of Revelations.

The Unpardonable Sin—

To live in a town To make a living out of it To educate children in it To get everything out of it And put absolutely nothing into it.

LOCAL TOBACCO MARKET READY FOR FIRST SALE

Preparations Being Made To Handle Record-Breaking Sales

10,000,000 LBS. IS GOAL

Much Additional Storage Space Is Being Provided; Redrying Plant To Begin Work Next Week

With the date for the opening of the tobacco markets in this part of the State just a few weeks off, the local warehouses are fast preparing for the season. When asked yesterday about the markets opening before the 6th of next month, the warehousemen here stated that they could arrange all details for the opening at almost any time, that all they wanted was just a few days' notice so that auctioneers and other help could reach here in time.

In an interview with several warehousemen here yesterday it was learned that the market this year can be expected to surpass all former sales records. No exact quantity was mentioned, but it was stated that more than 10,000,000 pounds would be sold on the local market this year. To handle this amount, the warehousemen are making more extensive preparations than has been necessary in the past. Additional store rooms have been provided, and practically all the store room in the old Union Storage Co. building will be used along with the several storehouses on the Atlantic Coast Line siding.

The redrying plant will begin operation about the middle of next week, when it starts to handling tobacco from South Carolina and border markets. Tobacco coming from those markets will all be worked before the market opens here and the plant will be in first-class shape when it starts to handle tobacco sold on the local market.

Regular Meeting Everetts Modern Woodmen To Be Held Next Monday Night

The regular meeting of Everetts Camp Modern Woodmen will be held Monday night, August 22 at 8 o'clock at which time there will be a candidate initiated. All members in good standing are invited to attend and a good time is promised. One of the members of the camp states that "Big Goat Bill" is raring to take the candidates in after a rest during the tobacco season.

Find Body of Greenville Boy Who Was Drowned In Tar River Tuesday

The body of Frank Jones, the Greenville young man who attempted to swim the Tar river last Tuesday, a few miles above that town and drowned in mid stream was recovered Wednesday.

Attempts to rescue the young man made by his friend who was swimming the river also proved fatal.

Martin County Man Is Made Director of Retail Merchants Conference

Mr. H. S. Everett, of Oak City, was made a director of the Retail Merchants association at a meeting in Richmond this week. The association had one of its best meetings this year it ever had. Mr. B. F. Teale, of Chesterfield, S. C. was made president. Other directors from this section besides Mr. Everett are Mr. J. A. Warren, of Conetoe, and Mr. N. G. Phelps, of Coleraine.

Driver of Auto Held on Charge Manslaughter As Result of Accident

Edmond Ambrose, a young white man of Roper, was bound over to the Washington County Superior court by Recorder Vance Norman, Thursday on a charge of manslaughter. The evidence showed probable cause of negligence and carelessness in operating an automobile on the Plymouth-Roper road a few night ago when Guy Oliver was fatally injured. Ambrose furnished the required bond of \$1500 and was released to appear at Plymouth at the next term of the Superior court there.

Methodist Schedule of Services Is Announced For Sunday, Aug. 21

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Preaching service, 11:00 a. m. Preaching at Holly Springs, 3:00 p. m. Woman's Missionary society will hold its regular meeting in the church at 4 p. m. Monday.

MANY SIGN PETITION URGING STARTING OF WEED SALES EARLIER

Make Arrangements For Building New Guano Plant Here

Mr. Crockett, of the Standard Wholesale Phosphate & Acid Co., of Baltimore, was here this week making arrangements to begin work on the fertilizer plant at the river.

Bids for the 225,000 feet of lumber to be used in the erection of the building are expected from the several lumbermen within the next few days. Actual work on the plant will be started as soon as the bids are received and the order for the lumber given.

Mr. Crockett was accompanied by his father, Mr. T. W. Crockett, of Yorktown, Va., W. H. Porter and W. L. Hunt, of Taoma, Va., and E. M. Sluson, of Williamsburg, Va.

TOBACCO CURING ABOUT FINISHED

Most Farmers "Cooking" Last Pulling of Crop This Week

Tobacco curing in this section is about over, and with the close of this week there will be few fields having tobacco leaves in them. The majority of farmers in the county are "cooking" the last pulling this week, and with the opening of next week attention, in the main, will go to the grading of the weed.

During the past few days, many farmers have been placing their crop at the homes of the graders, where it can be worked. All indications point to a large amount of the weed being ready when the market opens.

2 MAKE FLIGHT TO HONOLULU

Art Goebel Wins \$25,000 Dole Prize; Two Other Planes Missing

Two of the racing planes which left the United States last Tuesday reached Honolulu on scheduled time. The Woolaroo, piloted by Art Goebel, won first prize while the Aloha was second in the race and it won next prize. The Golden Eagle, which cleared the American coast in fine shape has not been heard of nor has the Miss Loran which apparently was not working very well as it faded from sight in the haze of the Pacific ocean is also lost. Many ships and planes are searching for them. Experienced airmen have some hopes for the Golden Eagle owing to its equipment for holding it on top of the water in cases it was forced to the water.

The Miss Doran which carried Miss Mildred Doran, of Flint, Michigan the first woman who ever attempted to fly the Pacific ocean, is thought to be down helpless in the sea and possibly sunk as it had no means to float itself in case it had to take to the water.

Five of the planes which expected to enter the race were unable to make the start from some cause or other. Two of them crashed in their efforts to rise from the run ways.

Army Blimp Attracts Much Attention Over Here Last Tuesday

Many people in this section saw for the first time a dirigible last Tuesday when the Army Blimp, TC-5 passed over here en route to the American Legion ceremonies at Washington. The dirigible circled around the town where the celebration was going on, but could not stop as there was no anchorage facilities there. It returned to its station on the Chesapeake, going by way of Edenton and Hertford.

Tammany Priming Itself To Put Over Al Smith Presidential Propaganda

Tammany is priming itself to launch a campaign for Al Smith for president. Leaders there expect to shoot propaganda from the mouths of hundreds of speakers in almost every state in the Union during the month of September. Word coming from Washington says that Democratic leaders in their secret conferences are delighted that Mr. Coolidge does not choose to be a candidate for the high office.

ASK OPENING OF EAST MARKETS ON AUGUST 23RD

Petition Sent to President of American Tobacco Association

MOST OF CROP CURED

Request Being Made Through Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce; 40 Signs Here

Petitions from the various tobacco towns in Eastern Carolina are being sent to Mr. A. B. Carrington, president of the American Tobacco Association, Danville, asking that he use every means possible to have the tobacco markets in this section to open not later than August 30 and by the 23rd if possible. The petition circulated here last Wednesday was signed by more than 40 business houses and individuals. The request to open the markets is being made through the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, with its various members circulating the petition in the several towns.

Requests to open the tobacco markets earlier have been made to Mr. Carrington and to many of the large tobacco companies before this time, but in each case flat refusals have been made. The petition now on its way to the president of the American Tobacco association, while it may be considered is not expected to cause a change in opening dates for the markets.

The request to open the markets earlier is based mainly on the advanced season of the tobacco crop, the petition reading in part, "that practically all tobacco in this section has been cured and all will have been cured and ready for sale by August 30."

In the face of the advanced crop and the opening set for September 6, heavy marketing during the first few days is expected by many of the tobacco people. Nothing has been said about this affecting the price of the weed during the opening days, however, and it might be that the rush can be cared for without its affecting prices. It is the hope, however, of many that it will be possible to open the markets earlier than the date already set. Petitions from all the towns in this section are expected to reach the president of the American Tobacco association this week, and a reply can be expected soon after they reach the hands of Mr. Carrington, the association's president.

Splendid Picture Shown At Local Theater Last Night To Large Crowd

"Twelve Miles Out", featuring John Gilbert at the Strand last night played to a packed house and was pronounced a splendid production.

"See You in Jail", a First National picture, is on tonight, and another large house is expected.

County Farm Agent Will Be On His Vacation Next Week; Back August 29th

County Agent T. B. Brandon will take his vacation next week, visiting relatives at his home in South Carolina. He will return to his office here Monday, August 29.

Dr. and Mrs. Wade H. Atkinson and Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Lafferty, of Washington, D. C. spent Sunday with Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Warren. They were en route to Morehead City to spend some time.

Rev. E. Lucian Malone and family, of Florence, Ala. are spending a few days with his brother, Mr. Ellis Malone near here.

Mr. Harry B. Smith, representative of the Mergenthaler Linotype company, Brooklyn, was here yesterday and today.

Miss Clyde Hassell and Mrs. J. R. Stanley are attending a meeting of telephone supervisors in Tarboro this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Dunning spent yesterday in Aulander with his mother who is seriously ill at her home there.

Miss Ruth Peele is visiting relatives in Suffolk for a few days.