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VIRGINIA ELECTRIC & POWER CO. MAKES ITS FINAL OFFER TO TOWN

\$75,000 IN CASH AND OTHER INDUCEMENTS

Commissioners Postpone Action on Proposal For 10 Days

OTHERS INTERESTED

Telegram Received at Last Minute From Overman & Gregory, at Salisbury, Requests Delay

A final offer for the town's light and power system was made last night by officials of the Virginia Electric and Power company to the Board of Town Commissioners at their regular meeting in the mayor's office. The power company's proposal embracing a \$75,000 cash offer, free street lights and water pumping for 30 years without cost, met with a ten days' delay when another proposition found its way before the commissioners here at the last minute.

As far as the Virginia Electric and Power company's offer is concerned, Mr. J. T. Chase, general manager, stated that it was at its best, that special attention had been given to the purchase of the system here, and that the price with the other considerations could not be bettered. Mr. Chase further stated that under the present conditions, his company's offer was an exceptionally good one, that it would be out of reason to make a more favorable offer in the face of the cost that would have to be confronted in connecting with the town. As a rough estimate, Mr. Chase stated that it would cost around \$300,000 to carry out the program as outlined for building to this point.

With a telegram in hand, the commissioners asked that a delay of 10 days' duration be allowed before making a definite answer to the power company. The telegram bore out very few facts other than a request that the matter be deferred a few days, and that a proposition topping any made by other parties would be submitted. The telegram was signed "Overman and Gregory" and was sent from Salisbury. No company was mentioned, and the meeting was at a loss as to who the Messrs. Overman and Gregory represented. It was the opinion of several members of the board that they were speaking for the Southern Power company. Discussion led to the fact that that company had lines no nearer here than Durham. At that point of the discussion, it was intimated that it must be the plans of the Southern Power company to buy out the Carolina Light and Power company, resulting in a possible connecting point as near as Rocky Mount.

If there is anything to grow out of the proposition mentioned by the Messrs. Overman and Gregory, it will necessarily have to come about within the next ten days. A motion was made and seconded at the meeting that a definite answer be filed with the Virginia Electric and Power company not later than the 15th of this month. Before leaving the meeting, Mr. Chase stated that his company would establish a branch office here and a store, revamp the town lighting fixtures, bring an unlimited amount of power here and live up to what his company has said it would.

In an open discussion carried on among 20 or more of the town's citizens shortly after Mr. Chase left for his home in Roanoke Rapids, the

PLAN SERIES OF COMMUNITY MEETINGS HERE

To Be Held on Sunday Nights During October And November

GOVERNOR IS INVITED

Other Speakers Invited Include Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson, Josephus Daniels, and Dr. A. T. Allen

A series of popular community meetings to be held on Sunday nights during the months of October and November are promised for Williamston and this community. The civic organizations and the churches are sponsoring such a movement and the program will undoubtedly prove not only interesting, but instructive to all who are fortunate enough to attend.

The following well known leaders in North Carolina affairs have been invited to speak here and at this writing definite acceptance from all has not been received but there is every reason to believe all will be here.

LOCAL BOARD MET MONDAY

Final Arrangements Made For Opening of Local Schools Monday

Final arrangements were made last evening at a meeting of the local school board for the opening of the Williamston schools next Monday. Miss Nelle S. Moore, of York, S. C. was appointed to take the second section of the six grade, and Mrs. J. H. Newell, of Rose Hill, was made substitute for Mrs. W. H. Harrell, who will not be able to enter upon her duties in the school during the first month.

Mr. Louis Peel was given the contract to cell several of the rooms in the building. This will not interfere with the opening next Monday, however. Mr. Dick Dunn was given the contract to enlarge the heating unit. The columns in the front of the building are being painted, and other improvements being made ready for the opening on the 12th.

FINE VIOLATORS OF HUNTING LAW

Robert Bryant and Joseph Boyette Pay \$7.30 For Hunting Out of Season

Robert Bryant and Joseph Boyette, of Hamilton, were the first two Martin county citizens to face the court charged with violating the new game laws. They were charged with both hunting out of season and hunting without license. This being the first case brought in the county and each defendant proving good character, they were let off by paying \$7.30 cost each.

There has been a third case reported, but the details have not been given out at this time.

Mr. Chas. J. Moore, deputy game and fish commissioner in this district, was here this morning, and he stated that it was the aim of the department to enforce the law to the fullest.

MARTIN COUNTY SWINE FEATURES MARYLAND FAIR

Outclass Anything Shown At Fair in Cumberland Last Week

WIN IN EVERY CLASS

J. J. Roberson & Sons Herds Win Practically All Prize Money Offered There

In a letter to his father yesterday, Mr. David Roberson stated that their several herds of hogs outclassed anything on exhibit in the swine show at the Cumberland fair, Cumberland, Maryland last week. With two exceptions the swine of the Messrs. J. J. Roberson and Son won the championships in every class, and it was stated in the letter that a close second was run in those two cases.

The Martin county breeders placed their herds in competition with some coming from as far away as Delaware and many parts of Maryland. It would have been a clean sweep for the men from this county had it not been for certain rulings of the Cumberland Fair Association. It was ruled that only one breeder could receive first and second prizes, the third premiums going to other swine exhibitors. But in every case except two, the Messrs. Roberson and Son took first and second prize.

Premiums awarded the breeders from this county amounted to around \$275, equaling practically all the awards offered.

Mr. Roberson, with his two special cars carrying the hogs, left Maryland last Friday for Norfolk where the herds are now on exhibit at the Norfolk fair. From Norfolk the hogs will be shipped to Radford, Va. Leaving Radford the latter part of next week, Mr. Roberson will carry his hogs to Roanoke, Va. From that place the two cars of hogs and their owner will return home for the Roanoke fair here the latter part of this month.

At Cumberland, Mr. Roberson stated the breeders there from Delaware were anxious to learn his schedule so they could arrange a different routing. And they must have gone another way than that of Mr. Roberson for he stated they were not at the Norfolk fair.

NO ACTION ON OPENING TWO NEW STREETS

Right of Way Through Hassell Property Offered Town for \$2,300

MATTER IS TABLED

Matter Has Been Coming Before the Commissioners Off and On for Over Five Years

For a cash consideration of around \$2,300, the town can buy a portion of the Hassell property fronting Main and Church streets and open a public thoroughfare, or it can let the offer go by and the property's owner, Mr. J. G. Staton, will build two stores on and near where the street would run.

In an open discussion at the town commissioners' meeting last night, some of the citizens spoke for the street, some against, and some who favored the street, but not at the price stated. No definite action was taken in the matter, and a motion was made to table the offer temporarily.

For more than five years, requests in various forms have been made every now and then asking the commissioners to open a street through the Hassell property, connecting Main and Church streets. The proposed street has caused no great concern, and the matter comes and goes at random. The street, should it be built, would connect the two streets entering Main at the new post office building and running straight through into Hassell's street at the intersection of Church.

The proposed street from Main to Hutton street in New Town, beginning at Harrison Brothers' store and running across Leggett's lane and on into Hutton near the home of Mr. Bob Leggett, shares about the same fate as the one proposed through the Hassell property.

Many citizens are still hopeful for the two streets that will provide a better outlet for the people in the two sections of the town affected.

MARTIN SCHOOLS RANK EIGHTH IN EFFICIENCY TEST

3,331 White Pupils Were Enrolled in County Last Year

380 IN HIGH SCHOOLS

Three Measure of Efficiency Included in Test; Higher in Rural-School Efficiency

In a late edition of "School Facts" the schools of Martin county rank eighth in three measures of efficiency. The three measures include, 1. Per cent. of total white enrollment in high school; 2. Per cent. enrollment in average daily attendance, and 3. Index of scholarship of teachers. The measures apply to the term 1925-26.

Mr. R. A. Pope, superintendent of schools in this county states that the standards of efficiency have been set up as possible of attainment in the high schools of a county by the office of the State superintendent. Namely, the maximum percentage of high school pupils enrolled in relation to the total enrollment of pupils in a county, the percentage which the average daily attendance bears to that enrollment, and the ability of teachers to do work based on the amount of preparation reflected in training and experience.

In Martin county schools 11.4 per cent. of the entire enrollment of pupils was in the high school department or of the 3,331 white children enrolled 1925-26 term 380 were high school pupils. In the above respect Martin county is 43rd among the counties while Pringle is first, having 25.7 per cent. of the entire white enrollment in the high school department.

In our schools 85.8 per cent. of the 380 high school pupils enrolled attended daily or 326 pupils were in average daily attendance. In this respect Martin county high schools rank 22nd among the counties while Brunswick county ranks first.

An index of scholarship of teachers is 800 when all the high school teachers of a county have preparation the equivalent of four years of college training and reasonable experience. The index of scholarship of Martin county high school teachers is 788.2 or a small fraction less than the perfect index, the rank of the county in this respect being eighth.

The only counties perfect in this respect being Wilson, Tyrrell, Chowan, Swain and Scotland.

When all the counties are considered and each of the three standards are combined there are only six counties in the State which rank higher as to rural high school efficiency while there are fifty-seven counties which pay more for their teachers. The highest cost for instruction in rural high schools is found in Edgecombe county at 66 cents and 9 mills per pupil per day while the cost of instruction in Martin county High schools is 39 cents and five mills per pupil per day. Pitt county rural high school pupils cost 49 cents and 9 mills per day for instruction. According to the above standards, Pitt county ranks 37th in rural high schools and Edgecombe 57th in this respect.

HIGHEST BIDDER GETS FAIR DANCE

Commissioners Use Method of Selling Tobacco in Disposing of Dance

Following closely after the style used in the sale of leaf tobacco, the town commissioners sold to the highest bidder here last night a permit to stage the fair dance this year. With three parties in the ring, the bidding was very strong and at times auctioneer E. P. Cunningham had to go back and get the latest offer. From 10 per cent of gross receipts, offered by the fair association, the bid went as high as 26 per cent of the gross receipts. Frank Carstarphen and F. E. Wynne were the successful bidders and they get to stage the dance.

Other parties bidding were Messrs. Lyman Britt, Bruce Wynne and J. E. Griffin.

According to the offer made by one of the parties, the profits embraced in the percentage offered could or would go either to the chamber of commerce, Kiwanis club or to the tobacco board of trade.

Junior Order To Meet Thursday

Members of the Junior Order are urged to attend a meeting of the Order next Thursday at 7:30 p. m. The vacation season is most over, and the officers are expecting a goodly number present at the meeting.

325,000 Pounds Tobacco On Local Market At Opening

HUNTER LOSES HAT ESCAPING GAME WARDEN

Raleigh Manning Almost Catches First Game-Law Violator

HUNTING SQUIRRELS

Hat Is Now On Exhibition at H. G. Griffin's Store, But Owner Won't Claim It

North Carolina's new game laws were recognized last week when a hunter almost walked into the hands of J. Raleigh Manning, game warden for Jamesville township. The game warden had heard several guns fire near Jamesville and went to investigate the shots. As he drew near the spot where he had heard the reports from the guns, he heard some one whistle. Manning answered and the hunter drew nearer and nearer until he had gotten close enough to carry on a conversation. He called to the warden, wanting to know how many had he killed. This put the officer at a loss as to know what to say. He decided to keep quiet and let the hunter come on. And the hunter did come on but when he saw his mistake he turned and fled with great haste, holding tight to his game and gun. But as he leaped and jumped the bushes he lost his hat. Time was too dear for him to trouble with hats, so the game warden picked up and now has it on exhibition at H. G. Griffin's store in Jamesville. While the hat is returnable, no one has advanced to identify and claim it.

Game wardens for the various townships in the county had not been named complete at this time, but it is understood Mr. Hines has mentioned the names of those who are likely to be made wardens in the next few days.

COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEET HERE MONDAY

Apply For Loan From State To Build Three Negro Schools

JURY LIST IS DRAWN

Number Minor Matters Disposed of By Board; Special Term of Civil Court in October

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session yesterday, all members of the Board being present except J. G. Barnhill, chairman. T. B. Slade, Jr. was chosen chairman pro tem.

A loan of \$500 granted road trustees in Poplar Point township until taxes are collected.

Lumber for 16 foot bridge at Beech branch in Cross Roads township was allowed.

Upon motion, Simon E. Roberson was appointed Road Trustee for Cross Roads township to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of A. L. Roebuck.

Lionie Rhoads was employed janitor for the court house and jail at a salary of \$60 per month, one half to be paid by the sheriff.

A loan of \$14,000 from the State school fund was applied for to be used in the building of three Negro schools in Goose Nest, Williamston and Bear Grass townships.

The jury for a special civil term of court to be held October 24, 1927 was drawn as follows:

D. D. Coburn, J. M. Hassell, Jamesville township; C. W. Gurkin, W. A. Hodges, Miles R. Lilley, E. G. Taylor, Griffins; R. G. Rogerson, Henry Bailley, H. D. Ayers, J. E. Roberson, Jr., Bear Grass; H. D. Harrison, Charlie A. James, Williamston; M. V. Ayers, Cross Roads; J. T. Powell, L. N. Vick, G. H. Cox, B. F. Coburn, Robersonville; Harry Walden, Hamilton.

Second Week

W. M. Davis, L. B. Ange, Jamesville; Perlie E. Manning, Williams; Henry Roberson, Griffins; W. H. Gurganus, J. M. Rogerson, J. L. Holliday, Bear Grass; R. B. Brown, Williams; W. L. Beach, Cross Roads; C. D. Carraway, D. R. Everett, W. H. Mizelle, G. P. Bullock, Larry Bunting, C. D. Andrews, J. R. Daniel, J. A. Powell, Robersonville; R. H. Weaver, Hamilton.

Miss Hettie M. Gano who has been visiting her brother, Mr. Stephen Gano and family has returned to New York.

Reports From Other Bright-Belt Markets

Greenville reports two million pounds of tobacco on its eight warehouse floors today with a complete block.

The price from estimators given this office over long distance telephone at noon today was a 20-cent average.

Washington reports from 400,000 to 500,000 pounds on its floors today with everything blocked.

The estimated average price paid on the floors there was said to be 20 cents.

GOOD PROGRAM AT OPENING OF OAK CITY SCHOOL

Importance of Attendance Is Stressed by County Superintendent

EXPECT BEST YEAR

Representative J. A. Everett Also Makes Talk Commending Fine Record

Speaking before 100 or more parents and to 275 children at Oak City school opening yesterday morning, Representative J. A. Everett highly commended the town and its citizenry for the fine record made in the school there. Mr. Everett stressed the need for the type of teachers found in the Oak City schools in the direction of today's youth. It is through the efforts of such teachers that the mind of the youth today will be directed spiritually as well as mentally. And without this type of teachers, the country can expect no promising future, the speaker asserted. Mr. Everett asked for the cooperation of parent, child and teacher in helping to continue the splendid record made by the school during the past several years.

Supt. R. A. Pope, in a short talk, stressed the importance attached to attendance in the schools. There are three ways a school's attendance may be increased and a creditable daily average maintained according to the head of the county's schools. It is the duty of the teacher to make a survey by visiting in her district and determining a true status of attendance in the grade taught by her. Making the subjects attractive was considered as another important incentive to the building and holding of a good attendance record. The growth of attendance within itself has its effect, and must be considered where the attendance is to be the best.

Miss Hattie Everett is offering a prize for the best attendance on one of the routes served by a truck. The details have not been announced at this time.

During the morning's exercises, representatives of classes from 1922 to 1926 led in yells, and performed stunts that added greatly to the program. Miss Lila Compton, the school's new music teacher, added greatly to the success of the exercises with several selections at the piano.

Interest in the opening was at its highest possible point, and Oak City starts the 1927-28 session determined to make the year the brightest in the school's annals.

Commissioners Order Street Built in Roselawn

An order was made last night by the town commissioners for the building of a street in the Roselawn developments near the cemetery. The proposed street will connect the old Hamilton road with the highway running to Hamilton.

Machinery will be put to work on the task within the next day or so.

A request for a street light on the railroad where the old Jamesville road and a street leading off Sycamore meet, will be investigated, and a report made to the board.

Men's Bible Class Will Hold Prayer Meeting

Wednesday evening, the mid-week service, at the Baptist church will be in charge of Burras Critcher, and the men composing the Bible class of the church.

The men will conduct the service in their own manner, and the people of the church are requested to hear them.

AVERAGE SAID TO BE ABOUT 21 CENTS AT NOON

Prices Range From 40 Cents Down; About What Was Expected

MANY 25c AVERAGES

General Opinion Is That Prices Are Much Stronger Since Noon; Few Complaints Being Made

Reports coming from the tobacco sales on the local floors just before our going to press indicate a trend upward in the prices paid. Several farmers were heard to say that they believed it was selling at least \$5 better than it did when the market first opened this morning.

Williamston found 325,000 pounds of tobacco on its three warehouse floors this morning and sales began at 8:30 with a full corps of buyers. For the first row or two things seemed to move with caution, but soon thereafter everybody seemed to find themselves and sales moved along glibly.

The sales ranged from 40 cents down, the average up to noon being 20.70 per hundred.

A few farmers averaged 30 cents, and many 25-cent averages were seen. The price generally was about what both warehousemen and farmers had expected. Some said the grades did not average as well as they did last year, while others said the break was a little better.

The price was 18 per cent. lower than the 1926 opening average for the Western Carolina markets last year, while it was about 25 per cent. under the Williamston opening for last year.

There are very few complaints being made and nobody is turning tags.

PARENTS SHOULD REGISTER PUPILS

Principal of Local School Asks Registration of First-Year Pupils

To enable the teacher of the first grade in the local school to get the roll straightened out and to prevent as much trouble as possible for both teacher and parent, it is urged by school officials that all parents register their children entering the first grade at once. The registration should include all children who are now six years of age and those reaching that age not later than January 1.

Should the teacher have to secure the desired information through the small child, a delay of several weeks will result and much time lost. Mr. Davis says it will be of great help to the teacher and the school officials if they can learn at once how many children are expected to enter the first grade. "It will be necessary for us to know how many children there are to enter so that an age limit might be determined to prevent crowded conditions," Mr. Davis stated.

It would be greatly to the advantage of all concerned to have these facts in the principal's office by Friday morning so that a general announcement might be made that day.

Holiness Camp Meeting At Washington This Year

The North Carolina State camp meeting will be held this year in Washington, beginning September 10 and running through the 25th, according to an announcement received here.

The meeting will be held at the Church of God camp ground, Rev. E. L. Simmons, of Cleveland, Tenn., will be in charge.

Hassell School To Open Next Monday

The Hassell school opens the 1927-28 session next Monday, the 12th. Patrons of the school are urged to attend the opening with their children, and take an active interest in the work this year. School officials are very anxious that all the children in the district attend the first day, and help to maintain a high daily average of attendance.

STRAND THEATRE

WEDNESDAY BOB CUSTER

—in—
"Galloping Thunder"

Also
Lloyd Hamilton

—in—
"Teacher, Teacher"

and

FREE TICKET FOR FRIDAY

Always a Good Show.