

### V. E. P. CO. BUYING RIGHTS OF WAY FOR POWER LINE

Representative Now Here To Make Investigation Of Titles

### SOON TO BEGIN WORK

Do Not Expect It To Require More Than Two or Three Weeks After Starting Construction

After completing the work connected with the purchase of a right of way for the lines of the Virginia Electric & Power Co. in Edgecombe and Pitt Counties, Mr. Arden Howell, a representative of that company, arrived here this week to carry on a similar work in this county, preparatory to the construction of a power line from Tarboro to this place.

A preliminary survey of the route over which the power company's lines will be constructed was completed several weeks ago, and the final survey with the examination of titles will be completed within the course of the next two weeks, the representative stated. The rights-of-way will be purchased soon after that time, it is thought.

In Edgecombe and Pitt counties, Mr. Howell stated that the property owners had been very friendly to the power company and it was his opinion that the work would be rushed to completion.

A site for the power sub-station here has already been purchased from the town, and actual construction work is expected to be started within a short time. According to a statement made by one of the officials several weeks ago, orders for the line equipment has already been placed, and once the construction is started, it will be rushed to completion. Around 200 men from the Stone & Webster organization are expected to take part in the line's construction, requiring only a few weeks' time to complete the task.

### LOCALS DEFEAT STONEWALL, 3-0

### Dick Cherry, Pitching for All-Stars Allows But Three Hits

Playing in New Bern Wednesday afternoon the Martin County All-Star baseball team defeated the strong Stonewall nine 3 to 0. Cherry, pitching for the locals, performed well in the box, striking out 18 men and allowing only four hits.

Members of the Stonewall nine were greatly surprised when the Martin County lads walked on the field and turned them back scoreless. And while the locals had no idea of holding the champions scoreless, they had planned a close game and played well in their respective positions.

During the course of the game, Cherry was in danger only once, and that was in the first inning when a hit counting for two bases was made and when a man went to first on error. A walk followed, and with the bases loaded, Cherry tightened and struck out two of the best batters on the Stonewall nine.

Arch Roebuck led the locals at the bat, the entire team registering eight hits.

A tentative schedule for two games in New Bern next week has been arranged, but it is not certain that the county lads will make the trip or not.

### Mrs. J. E. Rodgers Suffers Stroke Paralysis

Mrs. J. E. Rodgers, mother of Mr. John L. Rodgers, of this place, is seriously ill at her home in Elizabeth City, following a stroke of paralysis yesterday noon. Mr. and Mrs. Rodgers left immediately after learning of his mother's illness for that town to be at her bedside.

## STRAND THEATRE

SATURDAY JACK DONOVAN in "THE BULLET MARK" Added COMEDY AND SERIAL "The Golden Stallion"

## Various School Committees Protest Cuts Recommended By Investigating Committee

Martin County Board of Education Meets Here Thursday And Hears Representatives of School Committees Before Passing on 1928-29 Budget

Upon the request of several committees of different schools affected by the reductions of certain items in the Martin County school budget suggested by a tax investigation committee recently, the board of education met here yesterday to review and consider the proposed changes. Committees from several of the county's schools were in attendance upon the meeting, and offering first-hand information they, with the member of the educational body thrashed out, in the best possible way, the changes proposed by the investigating committee of five men. The schools represented at the meeting included Oak City, Williamston, Sandy Ridge, Jamesville, Farm Life, Cross Roads, and Hamilton.

Before opening the discussions, the schedule of local tax balances was taken up for consideration and review. A financial report of the schools, cash receipts, and disbursements was presented and ordered signed and forwarded to the State Superintendent.

The minutes of the meeting are as follows:

Mr. E. H. Ange presented a request for additional equipment, the appropriation \$56.30 to be added to the budget requested for the term 1928-29 and for Jamesville School, No. 3, white. Same was granted on motion of Mr. Worsley, seconded by Mr. Getsinger, and ordered entered in the budget, because the teachers need equipment with which to teach. Unanimous approval.

Mr. Ange also stated the sewer was in need of repair, roots having grown through and into the openings of terra cotta. He wished to know if the board concurred in the recommendation of the investigating committee that \$50 be added to 1928-29 budget for remedying the situation. The order of confirming same was made on motion of Mr. Worsley, seconded by Mr. Getsinger, recognizing the fact that the State Board of Health would compel said action, if necessary.

The case of Williamston Township Consolidated School request for three trucks was presented by Mr. C. A. Harrison and other members of the school committee.

Facts developed:

1. Average load on old type Ford truck, 24 children.
2. Total number of children outside the 2 1-2 miles limit were 129, divided as follows: Whiteley, 52 pupils; Burroughs, 26; other children not transported last year, 18; and transported last year on the Elmer Peel truck, daily average, 33 pupils.
3. Deducting 29 for the old truck load, there would be 100 children outside the 2 1-2 mile limit and a daily mileage of truck routes to collect same compelling the use of three additional trucks.

It was moved by Mr. Getsinger and seconded by Mr. Rogers that the three trucks already asked in the budget, one of which was suggested to be taken out by the investigating committee, be, and are hereby, ordered retained in the budget of 1928-29, because the mileage covered and the load to be conveyed will, in our opinion, be excessive for less than three trucks, and operation will be economized by not overloading and requiring too much mileage of each.

The matter of hiring 5 teachers in the high school at Williamston and 12 teachers in the elementary school was debated. It was agreed that 5 teachers be added to the prior year average daily attendance of prior year in the high school department. The board was informed of the prior year average daily attendance in the elementary school, 324 children, merited under the law 10 teachers. It was then pointed out that the prior year average daily attendance of outlying schools was 40, which would mean at least 40 additional and perhaps more pupils for term 1928-29. The consensus of opinion on this point was that the elementary school should open with 11 teachers, and if an emergency later developed present same to the proper boards.

Mr. Harrington, of Farm Life committee, explained that the keeper of the teahouse at Farm Life needed storage room for meat (home raised) which enabled him to feed teachers cheaper than otherwise he might. Sympathizing with this point of view and at the same time concurring in the idea of the investigating committee, that it would be a dangerous precedent to set up, that of erecting smokehouses at the schools, the board asked Mr. Harrington if he would accept the deduction of \$50 for this purpose, no further contention being made.

The committee of Oak City School wanted to know why the teahouse property should not be repaired and the two additional rooms erected, the money for the same being placed in

the 1928-29 budget? The board of education agreed that in May, when the matter was ordered, there was an unspent balance in the 1927-28 budget with which to do it and that had the fiscal year extended to September, 1928, instead of closing July 1st, no hitch would have occurred. Opinion given was that no new appropriation would have been needed to be asked in the 1928-29 budget if the law did not provide that on July 1 a moratorium exist until balances might be turned over and the county commissioners appropriate for a new budget.

In light of the above facts, and the fact that the Oak City committee, thinking it was free to proceed on the order of the county board of education alone, did proceed to make the needed alterations, Mr. Getsinger moved and Mr. Norman seconded the motion to the effect that \$1,200 be retained in the Oak City budget for 1928-29 term, in accord with the May minutes. Same was carried by approving vote of all members.

Mr. Roebuck, spokesman of committee of Cross Roads School, No. 16, white, came to protest the omission of \$75 from their budget of \$175 for building porches, clearing wood from the grounds and also reduction of \$10 from \$80 estimated for three stoves, pipe, toilet and repair to furniture. The board pointed out that a part of the first appropriation might be used to remove the wood and provide fuel, thus effecting a saving. Whereupon the committee decided to go as far as their appropriation would reach and see the county board again for what was lacking.

Mr. P. L. Salsbury, appearing for Hamilton Committee, thought the \$2,500 for additional rooms which had been deleted should be replaced and stated that library books in the sum of \$369.44 would be needed if they were cut out. He likewise called the attention of the board to the failure of the superintendent to copy the amount of the cost of an additional truck on the 1928-29 budget.

The board felt the building program was already very heavy and that only six teachers being allowed at Hamilton on basis of last year's average daily attendance, and there being six class rooms in the building, that the matter of additional rooms should be deferred.

The policy of the board of granting a \$50 appropriation, when requested by a committee, for library purposes, if the local committees will secure \$50 from outside sources and \$50 from the State, was explained. Whereupon \$50 was left in the Hamilton budget for libraries for 1928-29.

It was moved that \$903 be added to the Hamilton budget for a truck to replace one that will need to be discarded and has heretofore been overlooked. Mr. Worsley made the motion, and Mr. Getsinger seconded same.

### To Show Picture of Tuney-Heeny Fight Here Tuesday

Next Tuesday night will see a special attraction on at the Strand theatre, a two reel picture of the Tuney-Heeny fight and Billie Dove in "The Heart of a Foolie Girl" making up the program. The followers of the ring in this section since they are unable to attend in person, never fail to see a picture of the bouts when the opportunity presents itself. A large crowd is expected to see the pictures.

### Trapped in Western Part of State by High Water

Visiting in the western part of the State this week, W. C. Manning, editor of this paper, was unable to return home today on account of high water there cutting off transportation. Much damage has been reported in that section, and in many cases bus schedules having been canceled temporarily.

### Washington Christian Endeavor Here Sunday

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Christian church in Washington will hold a deputation meeting in the Christian church here Sunday night at 7 o'clock. The society will have complete charge of the meeting. Former president of the society, Mr. Joe Wilkinson will make the principal talk, following short talks from others. Miss Hattie Mae Ricks, a student of Atlantic Christian College, will render a solo.

The young people of the town are invited to attend.

### RECORDER HAS TWELVE CASES

Six Are Continued For Various Reasons; Several Witnesses Absent

A docket of 12 cases faced Judge Bailey here last Tuesday in the county's recorder's court. Six of the cases were continued for one reason or another, many of the main witnesses being unable to attend. Fines totaling \$35 were imposed, but one case was appealed, reducing the fines to \$10.

L. L. Keel plead guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon and appealed his case when he was fined \$25 and charged with the cost of the action.

The case charging Henry Rogers with an assault with a deadly weapon was continued one week.

The failure of the prosecuting witness to appear caused the case charging William and Theodore Whitefield with larceny and receiving to be continued one week.

A. M. Smallwood plead guilty of assaulting a female and judgment was suspended upon his paying the cost of the action.

M. E. Riddle plead guilty of the illegal possession of liquor and was fined \$10 and charged with the cost.

The case charging Aaron Riddle with assault was not pressed.

Judgment was suspended in the case charging James Mizelle with reckless driving. He plead guilty to the charge.

Failing to kill a dog supposed to have been mad, Charlie Beacham was brought before the court, but his hearing was not held, the case being continued one week.

Two charges against James Crandle were continued one week. In one case he was charged with disposing of mortgaged property, and in a second he was charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

The case charging J. L. Nicholson, C. B. Bell, and E. B. Kugler with violating the liquor laws, was continued three more weeks.

There being probable cause of guilt, the case of John Brown charging him with larceny and receiving was sent to the superior court under \$100 bond. His case will be heard at the next term.

### Rev. Harrington Will Preach in Jamesville

Rev. W. B. Harrington will preach Sunday morning at 11:00 o'clock in the Jamesville Baptist church, clock in the Jamesville Baptist Church, it was announced by one of the members there yesterday afternoon.

Having resigned as Elder in the Smithwick's Creek Primitive Baptist Church several weeks ago, Mr. Harrington goes to the Jamesville church for the Sunday service as a minister of the Missionary Baptist Faith, he having affiliated with that denomination last Sunday afternoon during a service held in the Cedar Branch Missionary Baptist Church.

Rev. C. H. Dickey, of the local church, held the service and accepted Mr. Harrington's membership on the part of the church.

The public is cordially invited to hear Rev. Harrington.

### Permanent Clinic To Be Established in East

A permanent monthly clinic for the treatment of crippled children of the eastern part of the State will be opened in Goldsboro the 16th of this month in the memorial community house. This is the first clinic of its kind to be opened as a part of the extension work of the orthopedic hospital at Gastonia, and every effort is being made to make it practical and useful.

Goldsboro was chosen as a seat of this clinic because of the fact that it was accessible to counties in this section of the State. The hospital will have its old cases in the eastern part of the State report here for observation, will see new cases, and do minor procedures in connection with their treatment. Children needing beds will be referred to the orthopedic hospital.

### No Damage Caused Here By Recent High Water

While there have been heavy floods in many parts of the State recently, this section has so far escaped damage from high waters. At Weldon the Roanoke went as high as 44 feet, causing traffic to be turned from the highways in that section. The water here is hardly over the banks, and no high water is expected since a drop has been reported at Weldon. The highway forces are talking no chances, however, as they have been preparing sand bags for low spots in the fill across the swamp.

A large amount of dead wood and trash are floating down as the unusually yellow water flows on to the sound.

Mr. Robert Everett, of Rocky Mount spent this week here as the guest of his sister, Mrs. P. H. Brown, and Mr. Brown.

### LOCAL BREEDERS EXHIBIT HOGS AT FAIRS IN NORTH

D. M. and Mack Roberson Take Prize-Winning Herds North

### SHIP FOUR CARLOADS

Four Breeds Are Being Shown; Will Return For Showing At Roanoke Fair

Messrs. D. M. and Mack Roberson, poplar farmers of this county, are showing two herds of hogs at Northern fairs this week. They arrived in Kutztown, Pa. a few days ago where they are showing for the first time since leaving here last week. Next week the two breeders will put their swine on exhibit at the Lewistown, Pa. fair. During the following week, Mr. D. M. Roberson will exhibit at the Cumberland, Md. fair while the other Mr. Roberson carries his two carloads of hogs to Syracuse, N. Y. to exhibit at the state fair there.

There are four cars of the hogs, one herd numbering 45 and the other 43. Mr. D. M. Roberson is showing prize Chesterwhites and Durocs, while Mack is exhibiting the Berkshire and Hampshire breeds.

The two breeders will exhibit north of here until the latter part of next month when they will return here for a showing at the Roanoke fair. Immediately after the fair here they will go South, where they will show until some time in December, according to their present plans.

A letter from one of the two breeders stated that they arrived in the Pennsylvania town safely, and found keen competition awaiting them there.

Mr. D. M. Roberson, who is the superintendent of the swine department of the Roanoke fair will carry on the duties of his department while away, and assures patrons of the fair here that the swine show will be equally as large if not larger than it was last season. It will be remembered that the swine department here last year was the largest held in this section.

### SAYS SOUTH WILL SUPPORT SMITH

Josephus Daniels Discusses Situation in Conference With Governor Smith

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 15.—The "Solid South" will go to the polls for Alfred E. Smith, the New York Governor was assured today by Josephus Daniels, of Raleigh N. C., Secretary of the Navy in the Cabinet of President Wilson. But the usual Democratic majority below the Mason and Dixon Line will be cut down if Governor Smith's acceptance speech is displeasingly pugnacious in the matter of prohibition, he believes.

Daniels discussed directly with newspaper men his conference with the Democratic Presidential candidate only insofar as to say he would tell Smith of conditions in the South.

But speaking to newspaper men of these same conditions before he saw the Governor, he used words freely.

He left not the slightest doubt with his hearers that he would urge Smith to soft-pedal the prohibition issue. He told newspaper men he did not personally consider it the most important issue of the campaign by any means, and denied the Governor's affiliation with the Catholic Church was the cause of much opposition in the South.

Daniels recalled the statement he made at Houston, just after the convention, in which he stated he thought Smith's telegram boldly setting forth his stand on prohibition was a mistake.

"I see no reason now to change that opinion," said Daniels. "However, the Governor's statement is not a repudiation of the Democratic platform on prohibition."

"There is more interest being manifested in the South on the Governor's forthcoming acceptance speech than I have ever known before, and many of us in the South think much depends on it."

### Will Open New Store Here in Next Few Days

Preparatory to the opening of Rose's new five, ten- and twenty-five-cent store here within the next few days, Mr. M. R. Spivey, of Edenton, arrived here yesterday to take up his duties as local manager. No definite date for the store's opening has been announced at this time, but it is understood it will be determined within the next few days. During the past several days, a large number of workmen has been busy applying the finishing touches to the new building, and they will practically complete their work by tomorrow night, it is thought.

### SUMMER SCHOOL BEGINS MONDAY

Principal L. H. Davis to Return Sunday; To Meet Pupils Next Day

Returning here Sunday, Mr. L. H. Davis, principal of the local school, will be in his office Monday afternoon to confer with all those pupils desiring to do extra work before the fall session opens next month. This applies to both grammar grade and high school students, the principal stated in a letter received here yesterday.

A short course of instruction was scheduled for the early part of the summer, but several of the students desiring to attend were out of town at that time and the school was postponed.

### URGES LEADERS TO GET OUT VOTE

1,200 Martin Democrats Did Not Vote in Last General Election, Says Judge

One thousand and two hundred Martin County Democrats stayed away from the polls in the 1926 general election after voting in the State-wide primary, it was pointed out yesterday by Judge George Pell who made a story of the votes cast in the primary and later in the election.

Judge Pell states that a clear hundred thousand Democrats who voted in the State-wide primary in 1926 stayed away from the polls in the general election of that year. And at least 50,000 Democrats never voted in the primary. That would make 150,000 Democrats who did not vote in the general election of that year. "I want to indict the Democrats in the following forty-three counties (the largest Democratic counties) for gross negligence in that campaign."

"I have figured up the difference in the counties, which totals 71,000, between the primary vote and the Democratic vote in the election. In round numbers it is as follows:

- Anson 1,400, Halifax 3,400, Beaufort 700, Haywood 2,000, Bladen 1,000, Hertford 1,000, Camden 750, Hyde 700, Caswell 300, Jones 600, Chowan 800, Lee 700, Cleveland 1,800, Lenoir 2,400, Craven 1,800, Macon 1,200 and so on for the remainder of the 43 leading Democratic counties.

"Anyone can easily see that if the Democrats in these counties will perfect a close organization and will bring out the vote there is not the slightest danger of losing a single man on our ticket. Let me beg Democrats to get to work at once to back up our most excellent State Chairman," Judge Pell concluded.

### Baptists Announce Sunday Program

The pastor will preach at the Sunday morning hour.

The union services comes to the Baptist church Sunday night at 8:00 o'clock with Dr. O. P. FitzGerald of the Methodist church preaching the sermon.

Wednesday evening's service will have to do with "The Lost Sheep" and "The Lost Coin."

The attendance at this church has held up remarkably well during the summer months; and we invite the people to come in as large numbers as possible.

Strangers, and any people visiting in our community are welcome to our services; and the communicants of any of the churches not having services, are always invited to come with us when they will.

### To Begin Revival In Hassells Church

Rev. C. B. Mashburn, of Robersonville, will begin a revival in the Hassell's Christian Church Monday night, August 20, it was announced by one of the church officials there this week.

Mr. Mashburn has conducted many revivals in this section, bringing to a close on in Fairfield, Hyde county, this week.

The people of the community are extended a welcome to all the services.

### Loses Money On Way To Doctor

Mr. Will Perry, of Hamilton township, met with adverse happenings recently when his son, John Thomas Williams, aged 15, broke his arm and while taking the boy to a doctor lost his pocketbook containing approximately \$50. The boy broke his arm cranking a Ford.

As they were going through a sand bed in Poplar Point, Mr. Perry got out to help push the car through, and he thinks he dropped the money there. So far nothing has been heard relative to the loss.

### ROBERSONVILLE SCHOOL TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 3RD

Expecting Largest Enrollment in History, States Superintendent

### FACULTY COMPLETE

R. I. Leake Is Again Superintendent; Many Members of Last Year's Faculty Return

Expecting the largest enrollment in its history and a banner year in its work, the Robersonville school opens the 1928-29 session Monday, September 3, according to an announcement made this week by Mr. R. I. Leake, the school's principal. While practically all the teachers of last year will return this fall, many new ones will be added, it was stated.

The faculty for the 1928-29 session:

Elementary Department  
First grade, "A" section, Miss Minnie Cochran, Robersonville; first grade "B" section, Miss Minnie Hobbs, Belvidere, N. C.; second grade, Miss Maude Maness, Biscoe, N. C.; third grade, Miss Leona Moore, Robersonville; fourth grade, Miss Millie Roebuck, Robersonville; fifth grade, Miss Ida Whitehurst; sixth grade, Miss Bertha Kridler, Robersonville; seventh grade, "A" section, Miss Elizabeth Elliott, Edenton; seventh grade, "B" section, Miss Ornah Woods, Durham; public school music and piano, Miss Catherine Deaton, Mooresville, N. C. Miss Elliott, of Edenton, will also serve as head coach for girls' athletics.

High School Department  
History and algebra, Miss Agnes Jenkins, Ayden; general science, biology, chemistry, physics, Mr. T. R. Jenkins, Durham; history department, Mr. L. C. Crisp, Falkland, N. C.; French and assistant in French, Miss Mary Alice Gray, Cary; head of department of English, Latin, Miss Eva Peele, Williamston; home economics, Miss Alma Murray, Durham; piano teacher, Miss Essie Robinson, Hickory; principal, mathematics, typewriting, R. I. Leake, Robersonville. Mr. Crisp will be head coach for boys' athletics.

### CROWD ATTENDS WATER CARNIVAL

More Than 3,000 Attend Event at Tuscarora Beach Thursday

That the inland beaches of North-eastern Carolina are coming to the front very rapidly, was evidenced yesterday when more than 3,000 people visited Tuscarora Beach in Hertford county, near Winton to attend the water carnival staged by the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce and the management of the beach, jointly.

Although it began raining about noon, the crowd did not seem to mind, for a steady stream of automobiles poured into the grounds from ten in the morning until 9 o'clock that night. It was estimated that about 1500 automobiles were handled in the parking room in and around the beach.

The program for the day consisted of fast speed boat races in the afternoon from 2 to 4:30 which were followed by the presentation of the beauty queens from more than half a dozen towns in Eastern Carolina. A free band concert was given from 7 to 8 p. m. and the bathing beauties were then introduced for the second time. This time they were viewed from the water front. The big day closed with a dance in the pavilion.

The judges voted that Miss Kington, represented by Miss Margaret Amos, was the winner of the beauty contest. She was crowned and given \$50. in gold by the management of the beach at 9 o'clock. Miss Winton, represented by Miss Edna Buck, won second prize.

The object in holding this one-day and one-night water carnival, according to Newell G. Bartlett, secretary of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, was to call attention to the splendid beaches of northeastern North Carolina. "Eastern North Carolina can be made the playground of the southeast" Bartlett said, if the real natural advantages are ever gotten across to the public, not only locally but in a larger way as well. It was decided to make this an annual affair for the Tuscarora section, Mr. Bartlett said.

### Junior Club To Meet Monday Afternoon 4:30

The regular monthly meeting of the Williamston Junior club will be held Monday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at the Womens Club building. All chairmen of committees are expected to have a written report, and the officers in charge urge a large attendance.