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COMMITTEE IS NOW BUSY ON PAVING PLANS Influenza Epidemic Cause

Recommendations Will Be Presented to Town Board Within Few Days

NO DEFINITE FIGURES Committe Is Working on Tentative Only

committee appointed by the board of town commissioners at a regular meeting last week to prepare tentative paving program for the town has almost completed its work, and the program will be presented to the board some time within the next few days, it was learned yesterday. No definite facts as to the program are obtainable at this time, but the bers of the committee, Messrs. W. T. Meadows and E. P. Cunningham, have prepared a complete map of the town and are now considering the streets to be included in the pro-

This program, now in the making, will include sidewalks only, it was stated by one of the committee members yesterday. The recommendations to be made to the board of commissioners will be limited to the paving program, leaving the question of how the money will be raised to the general board, it was learned.

While the committee is in no posi-tion to give any definite figures at this time, it is the general opinion of those acquainted with paving costs than an expenditure varying from twelve to twenty thousand dollars will be necessary to build sidewalks on the principal streets of the town.

OAK CITY SCHOOL HAS GOOD WEEK

Patrons and Pupils Cooperating to Maintain Attendance

Opening the winter-spring term Monday of last week, the Oak City school brought to a close a successful week last Friday with a large per cent. of the old pupils and a number of new ones in attendance. Reports show a few cases of influenza among the student body, however, it was stated by the principal, Mr. H. M. Ainsley, that bad roads are a greater handicap tothe school's attendance than the disease. Unless there is a decided drop in attendance, the authorities there state that classes will be continued as

Professor Ainsley stated that the patrons and pupils are cooperating wonderfully in an effort to maintain a good attendance at this particular time. Toward this end the following incident was related by the school's head: "Friday morning truck number five proved almost the impossible. The truck got stuck in the mud and the driver decided the only thing to do was to walk about two miles to town Frances Council acted "Joan of Arc" and dispatched pupils to a nearby farm house to secure some sacks boards. After placing all the puaid of two colored men working on the road, she took the wheel and proved her efficiency by driving the truck in and surprised the driver when she met him with help on the edge of town.

Bank Of Oak City Has Good Statement

The Bank of Oak City, according the institution, is showing continu growth in its activities, and like other Martin County banks, is strong and has the support of efficient and capable leaders at its head. The institution's statement as of

December 31, 1928, appears in this issue and gives the true condition of the bank's operations.



WEDNESDAY

FIVE-REEL WESTERN

2 - REEL COMEDY

FREE TICKET FOR SHOW FRIDAY

TEACHERS MEET IS POSTPONED

Of Postponement; To Be Held Saturday, 26th

The meeting of the Martin County achers scheduled to be held here nex Saturday has ben postponed until the fourth Saturday, the 26th of this month, according to an announcement made yesterday in the office of the county superintendent, here. It was first stated that the meeting would be held according to the schedule adopted some time ago, but after discussing the matter with the county superintendent, President D. N. Hix, postooned the meeting one week.

While it was not stated in the last should the meeting be held next Sat-urday, the attendance would be small as the Robersonville school is closed and many teachers in other schools are suffering attacks of influenza, making t impossible for them to attend at this

With the influenza epidemic subsidng in many communities at the present time, it is believed by the officers of the association that the disease will have spent itself and that a representaneeting the fourth Saturday.

ASSEMBLY GETS DOWN TO WORK

Martin Representative Gets Chairmanship of Agriculture Committee

J. A. Everett, Martin county repreentative in the legislature, was made chairman of the Agricultural Committee last night when the General

Governor Gardner's Budget mesage was transmitted to both branches, cutting out the session's task for finance and appropriation

mittees, giving the House machinery for getting to work immediately. Senator Lawrence, Hertford, introduced the mooted State Highway Pa-

trol and Driver's License measure. Representative Nash, of Richmond, presented bills to abolish the Salary and Wage Commission and to con-Judge system inaugurated by the last Assembly with the exception that eight special judges instead of six be authorized, and the geographical limitations be abolished

bles at 25 cents for school purposes. The Senate proved itself of less stating that a large percentage of the economical bent than the House receipts come from those patrons.

Since moving to new quarters in the by President Pro-tem T. L. Johnson, recommended appointment of 16 year ago, the office has experienced such a big increase in business that it recommendation of a bonus. The House last week cut its number of before more space will have to be pro-load.

The senate proved itself of less stating that a large percentage of the pulled to a local garage for repairs. Returning to the liquor's hiding place Saturday afternoon, the transporters were too bold with their re-loading operations and attracted the attention of the officer while he was returning home from the Jamesville neighborhood.

No arrests have been made so far in

of State-wide significance. The Sen- however, Postmaster Price and his ate got six new bills, one of State-jassistants are offering a service as

ittee chairmen were well in House Appropriations and Finance Committees, respectively. As soon as ittees are announced the chairmen of these committees will introduce simultaneously the revenue and appropriations bills and under the law public hearings be started in one week. iblic hearings on them will

Hancock, of Granville, heads the Election Laws Committee, which will get the Australian Ballot measure, upon which a real fight is in pros-

MacLean, of Beaufort, he Education Committee, which will pass on a Poole bill, if one material-izes, and all sorts of school propo-

sals, including term proposals.

Judiciary No. 1 was assigned to Judiciary No. 2 to Sutton drev Moss, of Nash, and No. 2 to Sutton, of Lenoir. Cox, of Forsyth, drew Counties, Cities and Towns.

Smith of Wake, was reassigned the Committee on Judicial Districts, which will have to iron out court reform proposals.

The important Roads Committee

The important Roads Committee was not named, but it is generally conceded that Woodard, of Nash, will be reassigned that job.

The first bill of the session that provides for the licensing of all automobile drivers and for the establishment of a State highway patrol was introduced in the Senate by Senator Lawrence of Hertford, According to

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RECEIPTS SHOW \$17,000 INCREASE

Largest Increase Is in Mail Order Business; Totals \$16,658.44

OCTOBER SALES LEAD Stamp Sale Shows Small Increase; Service Has Been Greatly Improved During Past Decade

An increase of \$17,387.89 in stamp and money order business was reported for the local postoffice during the year 1928, according to Postmaster Jesse T. Price. This gain is in keeping with former ones, Mr. Price stated and reflects the growth of the postal business here-during the 12 months period just ended. Dividing this increase, the report shows that there was a jump of \$729.45 in stamp receipts and one amounting to \$16,-658.44 in money orders issued, was re-

During the year, the local post office issued 10,402 money orders as compared with 10,080 sold in 1927, showgain of 322 orders. These orders, representing \$123,659.65, varied in denominations from a few cents to \$100, the highest amount an order can be issued for. The greater number ranged in the sphere of small figures, t was stated. In 1927, the 10,080 orlers represented cash in the sum of

The stamp sale more accurately reflects the growth of the local office than does the records kept on money orders, the postmaster said. In 1927, the office sold \$12,156.66 worth of the little stickers, while last year the sale bounced up to \$12,886.14, an increase of \$729.45.

Each month in the year 1928 led the both features of the business. The peak in the money order business was reached in October when \$14,804.40 were paid out for the orders. The greatest gain in the money order busines was recorded in the early part of the year, while toward the last of the securely packed, ready for travel. period, the months' business for the two years varied very little in amounts. With this increase in business has gone hand in hand the service of the office, "About 1907 we would get the News and Observer at 6:30 in the evening; now we get the paper shortly after 7, o'clock in the morning," tinue the special Superior Court Mr. Price stated in describing the rise

and with business increasing at the Representative Winston, of Bertie, rate recorded in the past few months, Union section Friday night, and that presented a measure that would additional help will be necessary, it is additional help will be necessary, it is believed. The rural business handled the car, forcing the driver and occufix the maximum school tax on tangi- over the five routes is much larger pants to hide the liquor along the road the busines was of only passing im than is ordinarily believed, Mr. Price in a smal wood until the car could be

pages from 18 to 12 and its clerks vided. When the mail is delivered from 16 to five and added a rule here for the Windsor star route, the the case, it is understood. specifying that there would be no local office is, as a rule, badly crowded session-end bonuses as has been cus- and during the busy months, there is LOCALS DEFEAT The House got nine new bills, four employees to walk. In spite of this,

good if not better than any office to be Speaker Graham's appointments of found anywhere. Mr. Price has been in the service line with forecasts. Wilson, of Pas-quotank, and Mull, of Cleveland, were that the growth of the local office durnamed chairmen of the all-important ing the past few years has been more

Square Dance At Brick

scheduled to have been held at the Brick warehouse here last Friday night was postponed when unfavor-able weather and bad roads kept home. According to an announcement drastic tests will be made as the seamade this morning by Bob Taylor, the dance will be held Friday night of this week. As far as it is known at this time there are no basketball games scheduled for that night, and themselves, it was stated.

Youngs To Begin Annual

Young's annual January clearance sale will begin Friday, January 18th. In this issue, an announcement of the sale is made with details of the opening and closing dates and a few of the specials that are being offered at this annual event.

Regular Meeting of Kiwanis Tomorrow

ment of a State highway patrol was introduced in the Senate by Senator Lawrence, of Hertford. According to the Senator's plan, there will be a supervisor and five officers over the patrol an at least one patrolman for members are requested to be pressured in the growth made possible in charge of the program. All members are requested to be pressured in the growth made possible in the continuation of their many customers' business during the current year are extending cordial thanks for the growth made possible in the continuation of their many customers' business during the current year are extending cordial thanks for the growth made possible in the continuation of their many customers' business during the current year are extending cordial thanks for the growth made possible in the continuation of their many customers' business during the current year are extending cordial thanks for the growth made possible in the continuation of their many customers' business during the current year.

WILL REBUILD

AT POST OFFICE Engineers of V. E. P. Co.
Are Now Making Survey Here

> Engineers of the Virginia Electric and Power Company have started a survey of the light and power distribution system here, preparatory to rebuilding within the next few weeks, it was learned yesterday. According to information received here, the company plans to tear down all the old equipment and replace it with new material out and out. The definite date when the actual rebuilding of the system would be started could not be learned, but it is understood that the work will be put underway as

Messrs T. W. Gates and Colon Parker, of Roanoke Rapids, are in charge of the survey now in progress.

CAR AND LIOUOR ARE CAPTURED

Dodge Touring Car and 13 1-2 Gallons Liquor Seized On Jamesville Road

A Dodge touring car, thought to have belonged to J. S. Hassell, of Rosemary, N. C., and thirteen and onehalf gallons of liquor were captured the local school board were o. kehed between here and Jamesville on Route by the county body, and the alterations

During the earlier part of the day parked in a small wood near Salome demands of the pupils now enrolled. church. The officer stopped his car By one of the changes two rooms are and went back to investigate Going provided for science laboratories into the scene, the officer and his son stead of one room for laboratory work saw thre men packing the liquor and another for science classes. A seccorresponding month during 1927 in three bootleggers assisting in the operations. Activities ceased immediately tion of a commercial class, substituting when the officer drew near enough for vocational agriculture. The latter for the six men to recognize him, and course, according to attendance recthey fled to parts unknown with great ords, past and present, will not be haste. The car was left behind and the 27 one-half gallon jars of liquor were years, and during that time the com

> The car carried a N. C. license tag numbered 293,222 and its motor that work. As a means of better safe-number was 368,708. Several marks of guarding the children, electric wires identification in the form of left in the car and bore the name of first planned. J. S. Hassell, Rosemary. The machine s here in storage where it will remain

being held in the courthouse. Investigating the case more thor-

Union section Friday night, and that the heavy rain that night had drowned The Senate proved itself of less stating that a large percentage of the conomical bent than the House receivts come from those patrons.

Returning to the liquor's hiding place

No arrests have been made so far in

WINTERVILLE

Boys Win, 39 to 18; Girls Also Winners Friday, 24 to 5

Coach Hood's high school basketball boys, in one of their best games of the reason, defeated Winterville's strong team 39 to 18 here last Friday night in the Brick warehouse. The game was hotly contested, much more Warehouse Friday Night so than the score would indicate.
The visitors put up a determined The old-fashioned square dance fight, but the locals held their own held at the and led practically all the way thru

the game. Indications are that Coach Hood is able weather and bad roads kept turning out a winning team in the many of those planning to attend at realm of basketball, however, more

son advances.

The same night the local girls defeated those of Winterville in a game

Tonight the two teams are schethe dancers will have the floor all to duled to play return games with the Windsor girls and boys there, and Thursday night they are to meet the

Nashville teams here. Clearance Sale Friday Planters & Merchants Ends Successful Year

ber 31st was the largest in history for the Planters and Merchants Bank, Everetts, according to the in-stitution's official statement, appear-ing in this issue. The year just ended added many new customers and friends to the bank's list, and the institution's work has been carried on

during the year 1928.

COUNTY SCHOOL

Minor Changes in School Building Here Are Approved

MAY CLOSE HURST Unless Average Daily Attendance of 15 Is Maintained, School Will Have To Be Closed

While the business coming before the Martin County Board of Education was of no great importance yesterday, all matters referred to the body were discussed and placed in the minates of the meet. All members of the board were present and the session was closed about the noon hour.

Considering the attendance in the Hurst school, the board decided that an average of 15 pupils daily would be necessary in continuing the school, that in the advent the community failed to maintain this average the school would necessarily be closed. Should the school fall below this average in its daily attendance and be closed, the pupils will be at liberty to continue their work in the Everetts school.

The one or two minor changes in the local school building suggested by will be made as the construction work is being carried on. These changes, if the officer with his son had visited in was pointed out, will not add any cost the Jamesville section, and while re- to the original contract price and will turning home, Mr. Roebuck saw a car greatly aid the school in meeting the necessary within the next several mercial course can be made available for those pupils desiring training in were ordered run underground to the

The purpose of the changes recommended by the local school-committee utnil instructions are received from was very well received by the county prohibition authorities. The liquor is board, the members of which expressed themselves as being heartly in favor of the county having one standard accredoughly, Mr. Roebuck learned that the ited commercial school. These changes liquor had been purchased in the Free were recommended as the groundwork

Other general matters were brought before the board, but in each case,

9TH BIRTHDAY

Nine Years Old and Still Crawling," Says Local Man

The ninth birthday of National Prohibition will pass just as the other noticed. "Nine years and still crawling," remarked a man on the streets

here this morning.

The revenuers will hardly cease their operations, and the manufacwill not hardly cease theirs to observe

They will toll bells in Asheville, according to the following press report:

Asheville, Jan. 14 .- "Anything important coming before the commis-sioners Monday?" a reporter asked at the courthouse yesterday.

"Why yes", responded a board "we shall take definite action on a matter laid before us by the W. C. T. U. This body has asked that Buncombe county observe Wednesday, the ninth birthday of national prohibition by tolling the courthouse bell nine times."

"Well, I suppose the request is going to receive favorable consider-

"Yes, I suppose so, this year, though when the tenth birthday comes around. There's no bell on the new down by then."

G. P. Hall Is Badly Bitten By Dog

G. P. Hall was badly bitten by his dog yesterday afternoon while hunting squirrels across the river in Corenine two dogs when they started fighting over a squirrel, and while engaged at The officers and directors in invit- man's hand with two teeth and made several wounds with his other teeth. although the wounds are painful Mr. Hall is able to be out. However, he is unable to work.

POWER LINES BOARD HOLDS Better Methods of Tobacco MEETING HERE Culture Subject at Meetings

HUNT ALL OVER

Stove Roaring Was Cause Of Alarm Turned in Saturday

Thinking her house was burning when she heard the fire in a cook stove oar, a member of the Henry Beach family ordered the fire alarm sounded and caused a general commotion firemen and townspeople here last Saturday shortly after the lunch hour. So loudly did the stove fire roar that those near-by thought the building was burning in the attic, and naturally they wanted the assistance of the fire company, Grover Wynn raced to the fire station, and reported that Henry

For several minutes while the unteer firemen assembled at the fire ouse, the sirene poured forth its deafening sound, causing a temporary afternoon in the courthouse and lissuspension of the regular Saturday tened attentively to the suggestions busines while the customers and clerks gathered on the streets to see the fire, tobacco tests all over the belt and apparatus go out. And the people to several right here in this county. the sidelines were given two opportunities to see the apparatus pass. The extra run was not intentional, however, for in giving the alarm it was not stated whether the structure burning was the Beach house on Haughton street or the residence near the Blount Manufacturing Company at the railroad on Smithwick street. After the truck was carried several blocks up Main street, the chief gave orders to turn around and a quick dart was made to the house across the railroad. Here the firemen were fooled again along with a countless number of spectators traveling in as

ut to see all the commotion near his door, and when asked if his house books, letters, and other articles were building instead of in the air as was lalarm, learning that young Wynn had ordered the company out in good faith at the request of one of the members of the Beach family who was exercising advance precaution against

making the call, but the doings of be prepared. "The Selection and many automobile drivers while the call was being answered will likely lead form, is being prepared and will be to enforcement of ordinances supposed in the hands of County Agent Branto be in effect while the fire company

MANY ABSENCES AT JAMESVILLE

OF PROHIBITION Bad Roads, Hog Killings, and 'Flu' Hold Down Attendance

"We can't determine which is afthe most, influenza, bad roads or taking into consideration the types of hog killings," Mr. W. T. Overbyr soil and other factors common to the professor in the Jamesville schools, stated yesterday when asked about the the agriculturist. These materials While he was not certain, the profes- phate of ammonia for the mineral sor stated that the influenza epidemic was not so bad in their school comturers provided they are not caught, munity, and that he believed the bad roads and hog killings were responabsences.

The school man said that the number of absences was greater than is exceed two per cent. from high the case usually, but that this number grade muriate of potash. The reis not as large as one would expect mainder of the potash should be from under the present conditions. School sulphate of potash or potash of magauthorities will not stop the work nesia. The best analysis, according there unless conditions force them to to the tobacco man, for use on the take such action, it was stated.

Local School Attendance

Laughinghouse, head of the State yield per acre.

Health department, the majority of The last factor the schools can well expect a decrease of 20 per cent. in daily at- ings have to do with the method of I am speaking only for myself. I tendance during the prevailing industry and cultivation, disease and insect condon't know what we'll do about it fluenza epidemic. While the average trol. In this connection, the county is around 20 for the section, records in the local school show that the atcourthouse, you know, and the old tendance has fallen short during the be followed in detail. last few days from only 10 to 18 per cent. The majority of the absences of the leading tobacco specialists in recorded is found in the lower grades, the State, said this morning that he Principal L. H. Davis stating at noon is well pleased with the today that there were only ten pupils out in the high school this morn-

Store Uses Loud Speaker

At frequent intervals a voice an-"waiting for his mother, at the in-quiry counter." today and tomorrow he goes to the where he will hold meetings quiry counter."

80 FARMERS AT TOWN FOR FIRE MEETINGS HERE AND JAMESVILLE

E. Y. Floyd, Tobacco Specialist, Makes Address at

Each Meeting PUTS QUALITY FIRST Recommends Smaller Acreage With Better Yield Per Acre and

Better Quality Interested in better methods of growing tobacco, eighty Martin County farmers met with County Agent Brandon and E. Y. Floyd, tobacco specialist, here yesterday afternoon and at Jamesville last night, when the production of the crop was discussed from the time the plant bed is prepared until the leaf is ready for the market. Forty or more farmers attended the meeting here yesterday made by Mr. Floyd who has made

Mr. Floyd's treatment of the subject was not based on theory, but rather it was given as found from various and practical tests. Quantity was made secondary in the tobacco specialist's discussion, he stating that larger returns would result from the production of better quality and a bigger yield per acre. A decrease in acreage is being encouraged not only by the tobacco specialist but also by others acquainted with the crop productions

In stressing better quality, Mr. Floyd urged the use of only the best adapted varieties for cigarette trade These varieties include, Cash, White Bonanza. To get seed of good origin, it was suggested that the growers see County Agent Brandon who is in a position to direct them to seed sources. The preparation of the plant bed was pointed out to be an important step in the production of the crop, since a good bed insures proper transplanting at the right time. The instructor stated that sufficient beds for the acreage to be planted should Preparation of Plant Beds" in folder don within the next few days. Mr. Floyd urged the farmers to call Mr. Brandon for one of these folders as they contain useful information relating to the preparation of plant

Proper fertilization of the crop was onsidered in detail by the specialist and the farmers at both of the meetings, Mr. Floyd giving the facts that have been determined in tests in this county and in others throughout the belt. "Be sure to have materials in fecting the attendance in our school the fertilizers that give best results, number of absences in the school there, should include nitrate of soda, sulnitrogen. Cottonseed meal, tankage, or blood or Peruvian guano were given as the best sources of orsible for the large percentage of the eral should be 50 per cent and the organic matter, 50 per cent. The potash, to give best results, should not average type of Martin County soil, should be an 8-4-6 fertilizer, made up of materials already mentioned. Continues to Hold Up tests made, will produce a better According to Dr. Chas. O. H.'- quality as well as make a larger

The last factors in the production of tobacco as mentioned in the meetagent has been provided with bulletins, describing the best methods to

Mr. Floyd, who is considered one shown by tobacco farmers in this section, and gave as his opinion that better quality tobacco will be grown in the future than has been raised in

past years.

At the Jamesville meeting held To Find Lost Children the school house there last night, the two hours, and while no one expres adopting foud-speakers to locate children who become separated from their mothers in bargain counter rushes.