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FOR REBUILDING POWER SYSTEM

Made At Once

White Way Idea Is Abandoned; New System Will Follow Lines of Old One

all changes desired be made at once. A lengthy discussion pertaining to

tion system will remain practically the physicians in the county. the lights will remain about the same as they are now; no white way will be provided for Main Street; the lights will hang in the center of the thoroughfares as they now hang, and the nber will not vary but little, if any. A direct statement made by one of the commissioners assured the power officials that the Main Street would not be widened, that the new poles should be placed on a line with the old ones. The side lighting feature was discussed at length also, but the majority of the town authorities bitterly opposed giving up the present loca-

Pole placement could not be definite determined in every case last night, but a committee, Mayor Coburn, M. S. Moore, and E. P. Cunningham, was inted to check the stakes and ofsuggestions as to any changes that were considered necessary. The construction engineer, Mr. Gates, is completing his survey, and will mark pole sitions within the next few days.

To handle the tree-trimming situaon, a much-dreaded duty of every electric or telephone company, the town will have a representative to accompany the construction forces and make a check on that particular part of the construction work. Power of be carefully supervised and handled, that no unnecessary cutting would be

left a map of the town and the con-struction plans with the board members who will make a study of them and offer any changes that they deem necessary. Any changes or alterations will be made within the next few days, according to an agreement entered into at the meeting.

Water Line Being Built To Fertilizer Plant Here

new water line to the river wharf and the plant of the Standard Fertilizer Co., costing approximately \$4,000, will be completed by the town the latter part of this or first of next week, Around 3,500 feet of 6-inch pipe being placed in the ground, giv-fire protection to the wharf buildings and the fertilizer plant, one of most profitable industries to the

A large number of men are working

Tamesville Economics

With its attendance small as a re-With its attendance small as a result of influenza, the Jamesville Woman's Economics club held a very instructive meeting there last Friday afternoon. Home agent, Miss Sleeper, taught several interesting lessons and plans for work in the club were



WEDNESDAY SHADOWS OF THE NIGHT"

- REEL COMEDY Also

FREE TICKET FOR SHOW FRIDAY

PRESENT PLANS Committee Submits Report On Sidewalk Paving Project

NOWDECREASING

STREET LIGHTS SAME Conditions Are Gradually Improving in This Section

Last year about this time, measle Plans for the rebuilding of the light threatened the section and in fact the and power distribution here were submitted at a special session of the town the thousands. Schools were closing here last night by of- all over the State. This year the in ficials of the Virginia Electric & fluenza epidemic threatened the sec-Power Co., with a direct warning that tion and country and schools closed down. The influenza epidemic has about spent itself in this section, and treet lighting, trimming of trees, and conditions are gradually becoming norplacing of poles was carried on by the mal again. There are many cases of power company officials and the town the disease at the present time, but According to the general the peak has been passed according to trend of the discussion, the distribu- statements made by several of the

> other schools are said to be improving, and are expected to return to normal within the next few days.

Coupled with the measles epidemic ast year was a number of smallpox square yard. The program includes Around 40 cases of the disease were reported in the count, but no serious consequences resulted from the

FARMERS VISIT GUANO PLANT

19 Planters From Nash and Edgecombe Are Visitors Here Yesterday

That the "Gro-more" products of the Standard Fertilizer company are growing more popular as well as growing more crops, is being evidenced most every day now by the large number of visitors calling at the plant on Roanoke river here. Yesterday nineteen farmers from Beaufort, Nash and Edgecombe counties visited here, and with General Manager Crockett inspected the huge plant's

Visiting the plant for the time, many of the farmers in party yesterday were surprised to find such a large factory in this part of the State. They were favorably impressed with the methods of operation, stating that the plant was the most modern they had seen any-

One of the party attested the high quality of the "Gro-more" products when he washed his hands after handling the various goods and still knew that he had been in a fertilizer plant. While no orders were solicited by the plant officials, this same member of the party stated after he had washed his hands a second time and still smelt the fertilizer that he wanted a car or two for his farm this

ons almost daily now, and with num-bers and numbers of orders coming State are in the office of the com-pany, in which the farmers stated they were more than pleased with the results obtained through the use of Gro-more products last year and that Club Holds Meeting they were going to depend on the brand for better crops this year.

Farm Life School

The Farm Life High School basketball team defeated Oak City last Tuesday by the score of 37 to 16. Staten Haislip scored all 16 points for Oak City, while Lester Griffin led

his team, scoring 25 points.

The Asa J. Manning and George W Smith Literary societies combined into one society last Friday afternoon. "O Max", was decided as the name of the society in honor of our

49 Barrels of Beer Seized In Free Union Last Week

Forty-nine barrels of beer were cap-tured and destroyed by Federal reve-nue agents and officers last week in the Free Union section. The capture was one of the largest made in several weeks. The officers made a prolonged search for the kettles, but the block-aders took no chances and hid the cop-pers beyond the search of the agents. No one was seen at or near the liquor

Power Concern Warns That 'FLU' EPIDEMIC IS CONSIDERATION NOT GIVEN TO

STREET PAVING Plan As Outlined Calls for 12,761 Square Yards of Sidewalks

COST ABOUT \$17,865.40 Definite Action On Report of Com

ee Is Postponed To Meeting
In February poned until the regular first Monday meeting in February, Williamston's tentative paving program advanced another step last night when the paving committee, Messrs. W. T. Meadows and E. P. Cunningham, rendered same as it is now. This does not mean The Robersonville school is school is school town commissioners. The report was peanuts. The oulk of the peanuts after a made in detail, giving the yardage, fected are grown in this State, Viruse, rather it was pointed out that suspension of classes for almost two sidewalks to be paved and approximate ginia, South Carolina and Georgia. weeks. Attendance averages in the cost. No streets were mentioned in the report.

Approximately 12,761 square yards of sidewalks will be paved at a cost of approximately \$17,865.40, or \$1.40 per practically every sidewalk in town that is, the most important ones, and calls for walks varying in width from 4 feet on the side streets to 9 feet on parts of Main Street. According to recommendations made by the committee, the majority of the walks will

It was further recommended by th nembers of the committee that the property owner be taxed with twothirds of the cost, the town bearing the other one-third. This cost will be divided into 15 annual payments, assessments being made and collected by the town. Upon this basis, the town would actually spend \$5,955.13, or a fraction over that amount when the itersections are added.

When it was learned that the Kiwanis Club is preparing a question naire in an effort to find out just wha the people want, the board continued its discussion of the tentative program until the regular meeting night the first Monday in February, when it is believed that more definite steps will be taken in the matter of paving side-

SCHOOL OPENS AGAIN MONDAY

Believed That Conditions Will Be Favorable By That Time

CLOSED TWO WEEKS

160 Pupils and 3 Teachers Absent a Time of Closing; Poor Attendance At Lilleys Hall School

welcome, Manager Crockett stated uary 10, the Robersonville school will yesterday, and the operations are always open to inspection.

Shipments are being made from the school was closed there term. The school was closed there term. The school was closed there were the funds in a way that enough could be to invest the funds in a way that enough could be collected annually to pay off the bonds that mature from year to year, or to place the prevailing weather conditions, it was pointed out by the professor. kept from their work on account of illness. At that time, it was believed the hearing in Washington last sum would be practically impossible to that the reopening could be effected by mer, and at that time the report was pay off \$60,000, worth of bonds at in every day, the company is expecting an enormous increase over it: that the reopening could be effected by the 28th, and as far as it is known at big business of the past year. Stacks this time; class work will be carried this time; class work will be carried of testimenials from all over the on as usual there next Monday morn

ing.

Many cases of influenza were reported in that section, and it is believed that the community was hardest hit than was the case with any other in the county. The epidemic is under-sood to be subsiding there, as it is found to be in many other parts of School the county. While a normal attendNews of Interest ance is not hoped for during the first nian, a self-styled preacher and showfew days of renewed operations, it is

that the conditions are better at the

tendance report last week, showed the greatest drop of any school reporting, it was learned at the superintendent's office here yesterday afternoon. No cause was assigned to the tendance report last week, showed the ficers.

A visit to California was not to be passed up, so the officers continued to the Pacific Cause was assigned to the passed up.

PEANUT TARIFF IS INCREASED BY FIFTY PER CENT

President Coolidge Goes As Far As Law Allows in **Increasing Duty**

BENEFIT IS DOUBTED Increased Duty From 4 to 6 Cent Pound on Shelled Stock; From 3 To 4 1-2 Cents on Unshelled

While many entertain doubt as to there being any actual good in the measure for the farmer, a fifty per cent increase in the tariff on peanut was ordered last Saturday by President Collidge. It was as far as the President could go under the law, and was made effective immediately. The increase in its report submitted a week ago. This means an increase shelled peanuts and from three to four and one-half cents on unshelled

Immediate imposition of the tariff was desired by growers so as to apply to the first shipments of Chinese and Japanese peanuts, due to arrive about February first, as delay would have been an impetus to dump for eign peanuts on the market

Democrats urging the increased eanut tariff did so upon the theory that it is unfair to penalize producers of raw commodities while al lowing manufacturers of finished products to have protection. In other words, in a cariff protected world it ought to apply to all alike.

During the past several years, peanut growers in these states have suffered loss after loss on the crop, and reports from many of the sec tions state that the growers are faced with bankruptcy, and that more dequate tariff protection was essen

"We have sold at a loss for the last two years," says a prominent peanut grower in Gates county. "It is impossible for us to compete with imported a level where we can compete with be scheduled to pay a certain per-Japanese and Chinese pearuts, the centage of the paving costs.

The committee also found other

There was no tariff on peanuts prior to 1921, but importations had then grown to such large proportions that a tariff of three cents a pound was included in the emergency tariff act of that year and in the 1922 act was raised to four cents on shelled

said to be favorable to an increase.

PROBE ESCAPE OF PRISONER

Officers Lose Prisoner at El Paso, But Take Trip To California, Anyway

man, was captured in Pitt County that no great number of absences will be recorded during the next week.

Charged with the theft of an automobile. The thief was turned over to Federal authorities. United States Other schools in the county have Considered closing, but it is understood Deputy Merchal Edward's brother and Deputy Marshal Edwards, of Raleigh, present time, and that work in all of er to authorities in California. them will be continued.

The Lilleys Hall school, in its at-

present governor, O. Max Gardner, it was learned at the superintendent's office here yeaterday afternoon. No office here yeaterday afternoon. No cause was assigned to the big decrease in the regular attendance, and it is not known whether the drop is creditable to influenza, bad roads, or hog community have had the flu, but they killings.

A visit to California was not to be passed up, so the officers continued to the Pacific Coast State without their prisoner and at the expense of the government, according to press reports. They remained in California about five days and started their trip home. The United States Marshal at

Hamilton Road Saturday Night TO PUT STREET TEACHERS WILL PAVING OUERY

UP TO CITIZENS Kiwanis Club Sends Out Questionnaires Asking For Opinion

NO INCREASE IN TAX Plan Would Be To Use Money Received From Sale of Power Plant To V. E. & P. Company

In an effort to determine the wisher of local people as to the much talkedabout paving program for the town the Kiwanis club is preparing a questionnaire to be mailed to the taxpay ers here asking if they favor the use of about \$60,000 of the funds receiv ed from the sale of the municipal light and power system to the Virginia Electric and Power Company or whether they prefer the funds be held by the town for the payment of outstanding bonds.

During the past several years, and especially of recent weeks, a tentative paving program has been discussed by many people of the town, and it is merely to determine the will of the majority that the civic organization is preparing and sending out the questionnaire.

As an explanatory measure, it is stated in the club's paper that the town has a legal right, or can secure proper authority to build sidewalks and streets with the funds derived through the sale of the power and light system. The committee making an investigation of the matter states that the town tax rate is now \$2.10. and that at this rate the retirement of bonds can be effected and th regular town departments be main-tained, that the paving program could hardly increase the general tax rate. In using the funds, it is pointed peanuts. If the tariff is not raised to out that the abutting property would

The committee also found other conditions favorable to a paving undertaking, as the questionnaire now in the making points out in its explanatory sheet. It reads, "The Town Hall bonds amounting to \$13,500.00 will be paid out of the \$15,000.00 which has been deducted from the \$75,000.00 received from the sale of Peanut imports were reduced to a our municipal lighting system. The supparatively small quantity after balance of our boulded indebtedness the tariff became effective, but in will mature in annual installments of recent years have been heavy. It was from \$14,000.00 down to \$5,000 with brought out in hearings that while the last installment of \$5,000 maturyields in North Carolina are seven ing in 1960. Interest on all unpaid hundred pounds an acre, China can bonds is paid annually. All outstandproduce three thousand pounds an ing bonds bear six per cent interest, acre, while men can be hired for 40 and are non-taxable, and cannot be According to the schedule announced at the closing Thursday afternoon, January 10, the Robersonville school will are in 1926. The Tariff Commission could would be to invest the funds in A number of representatives from them in a depository where they could was pointed out by the professor. Williamston and the section attended be drawn out for that purpose. It

With this information before the taxpayers, it is hoped they will express themselves so that reliable recommendations might be made to the town commissioners.

Boys Win From Farm Life; Girls Lose To Jamesville

The local basketball teams divided in a double-header here last night, the boys winning over Farm Life, 34 to 18, the girls losing to Jamesville,

Both games were featured by hard playing of the teams, but that of the girls was voly exciting with such a close score. It was the local girls' first defeat of the season.

While the local boys almost doubled the score on Coach Talley's Farm Life boys, the game was well played by

Wounded Negro Refuses To Give Assailant's Name

nor known whether the drop is creditable to influenza, bad roads, or hog killings.

They remained in California about five days and started their trip hame. The United States Marshal at Raleigh refuses to comment on the report, it was stated. It is known, how ever, that a Department of Justice agent has been called off his vacation to investigate the case and that the weekly meeting to morrow at the Woman's club, with Little C. D. Carstarphen in charge of the program.

As there are important matters to come before the meeting, a large attendance is expected, it was stated by the club's president this morning.

They remained in California about five days and started their trip ing what was sald to have been an unfriendly crap game, near the river here late Saturday might, a negro known as "Sheep" returned to his down as "Sheep" returned to his own in the Mackey's Ferry section with a gun shot in his eye and several other mino; wounds caused by the soft the man's eye is almost certain it is thought that the several other shot hitting he face caused only and hessrs. S. C. Griffin and Roy T. Griffin have acted as vice pressing what was sald to have been an infriendly crap game, near the river here late Saturday might, a negro known as "Sheep" returned to his Many New Model Fords over all other mino; wounds caused by the Norfolk, Baltimore & Carolina it is thought that the several other shot hitting he face caused only and about this time last year, and recently shot, little to the Norfolk, Baltimore & Carolina it is thought that the several other shot hitting he face caused only and about the man who in the case. He did state, however, that he would get the man who did the shooting. As the result of a quarrel follow-

MEET SATURDAY

Bethel Policeman Is Killed on

Discussion of County Commencement Plans Is Scheduled

Postponed one weke on account of the influenza epidemic the January meeting of the Martin County teachers will be held here next Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock in the Methodist Church, it was stated this morning. A representative attendance is expected at the meeting, Superintendent Pope stating that the majority of he Robersonville school teachers are expected back in the county by that time and that general conditions are favorable for a splendid session at the 2 o'clock

Besides the regular routine matters oming before the teachers, a discussion of the county commencement will be held to determine whether or not one will be held by the schools this spring. A review of the budget shows that no provision was made for such an event, and very likely the annual year. Superintendent Pope was not in a position to offer comment on this, stating that the matter would be settled at the meeting Saturday, according to present plans.

Finishing their work in the open session, the teachers will continue their reading circle work in the various rooms of the school building, it

The meeting scheduled to be held last Saturday was postponed when it was learned that a number of the teachers were suffering attacks of influenza and that several of the Robersonville teachers had returned to their homes when the school there was closed down for two weeks.

BIG DECREASE IN ABSENCES

50 Per Cent of Those Absent From School Last Week Return Yesterday

That the influenza epidemic is fast osiding in this community was evidenced yesterday by a large decrease mature during this and next year and in the number of absences recorded in this community was evidenced yesterabsences recorded in the local school. According to Principal L. H. Davis, a 50 per cent decreased in the number of absences was recorded yesterday, approximately 75 more pupils attending than there were in the class rooms last Friday. The weather is likely to bring about a number of absences, but as far as the influenza is concerned, it has about spent itself, sents a day and women for half that. called for payment until the dates and attendance records are expected to reach normal in a short time, Mr. Da-

STOCKHOLERS TO MEET HERE

Roanoke Tobacco Warehouse Co. Annual Meeting Tomorrow

Holders of Roanoke Tobacco Ware- Martin. house Company, Inc., stock will meet | Upon examining the body, it was here in the courthouse tomorrow, ac- found that the officer had been shot cording to an announcement made by with a 38-caliber pistol. One shot enthe officers of the company a few days tered the center, upper part of the ago. At the last annual meeting held | breast, ranging straight to the back about this time in January, 1928, the Another shot struck the man in the company declared an 8 per cent divi-dend and carried 3 per cent of its earn-the left, and came out of his back. ings to the surplus fund. While the amount of the dividend to be declaredat the meeting tomorrow is not known, the wrist, and still another through it is certain that one will be paid, according to an officer of the company vesterday Since its organization, the Roanoke

Tobacco Warehouse Co. has paid exactly 100 per cent in dividends, and at the meeting tomorrow this percentage will be increased, it was stated. During the past year, Mr. Henry D. I'cel has served as president of the company and Messrs. S. C. Griffin and

BELIEVE SLAYER IS HUGO PULLEY: STILL AT LARGE

Dead Man Was Found in Middle of Road at Butlers Bridge

RIDDLED WITH SHOTS Officers All Over East Carolina On Lookout for Alleged Slayer; Once in Jail Here

While officers in Martin, Edegcome and Pitt counties are making a diligent serach for Hugo Pulley, accused murderer of Eugene Jones, Bethel night policeman, no arrest had been effected at noon today. The murder, committed early Sunday morning at a lonely spot near Butler's bridge on the Hamilton-Williamston highway, ranks with the most brutal acts of curring in this section.

Last Saturday night, according to S. H. Martin, Bethel Chief of Police. officer Jones caught a man stealing automobile parts from a car there, that the man was tried and placed under a \$190 bond. In default of bond. the man who gave his name as Wilbert Jones, asked the night policeman to accompany him to the Robersonville section where he might secure bond from a relative. Mr. Martin further stated that he warned the night officer not to go, but that he said no more when the policeman stat ed the prisoner to be so clever that he hated not to accommodate him. They left Bethel about midnight in the stranger's 1928 model Chevrolet last he heard from the officer until the following morning when he learned that he had been murdered.

After leaving Bethel that night, the whereabouts of the policeman were unknown until Sunday morning about 7:30 when S. E. Pope, operator of a local Standard filling station, was reurning here from Hamilton and saw the body in the fork of Highway 125 and the Hassell road, near Butler's bridge. Mr. Pope stopped his car near the body, sounded his horn, but received no response. Seeing that the body was lifeless, Mr. Pope drove to the home of a Mr. Rouse, nearby, and had him with others to go to the scene. When the party learned that no had been murdered, officers and the county coroner were called.

Coroner S. R. Biggs summoned jury of inquest, Harry Waldo, H. S. Johnson, F. L. Gladstone, P. H. Davenport, and J. A. Davenport, all of Hamilton, and T. W. Spruill, Williamston, and an investigation was started. After hearing evidence from four sources, the jury returned the verdict, stating that Eugene G. Jones was murdered at the hands of a party unknown to them.

Dan Pritchett, a farmer living a quarter of a mile from the scene of the killing, stated that he heard the report of several shots about 1 Sunday morning in the direction of the spot where the dead body was found. He was not sure, but Mr. Pritchett stated he heard 5or 6 or probably 7 shots fired. O. L. Burnett testified that he and Officer E. G. Jones caught an unknown man stealing parts from a car near a filling station in Bethel, the man giving his name as Wilbert Jones. Other evidence given by Mr. Burnett substantiated that offered by Chief of Police

A third shot went through a lefthand finger, another was sent through his-left arm which broke it. The criminal continued his firing and sent still another shor, this time in the back of the left shoulder, and a last one struck in the back near the left hip. Apparently seven shots had struck the victim, but according to the opinion of the coroner, the shot that hit the finger probably continued and

With his loay riddled with bullets the wounded man walked about 95 feet in a straight line, spitting large quantities of blood every ten feet or more. At that point the trail turned at a right angle and continued across Shipped Here By Boat the road for 30 feet to the fork of Shipments of new model Fords over the Hassell road where it turned and

body was found.

A review of the scene indicated that no struggle took place at the spot where the body lay face down with considerable blood under the wound in the hip and sto cigarette that had not been light was found on the ground between

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