

Commissioners Hold Session Again Today

COUNTY POOR TAKES TIME OF BOARD MONDAY

Considering Supplemental Budgets and Tax Rate For the Current Year

In session all day yesterday, the Martin County commissioners listened to several valuation complaints, but a greater part of the period was given over to a report made by Mr. Lucian J. Hardison in connection with the county's poor, or rather just those sharing in the indigent fund. Very few new cases were considered yesterday, but in continued session today the authorities had approximately 20 applications to investigate and pass upon.

Mr. Hardison, visiting 90 of the 92 county poor, reviewed each case before the board yesterday, the commissioners effecting a saving or reduction of \$62 in the amount appropriated for the indigent fund. A flat reduction of \$44 was made in the small monthly allowances, the board finding that some of those sharing in the fund were in an actually better condition than many who do not share in the fund at all. Two or three allowances were increased and five cases were entirely eliminated, saving the county \$14 monthly. One of the 92 sharing in the fund had died, the investigator reported.

The savings effected by reduction, and the elimination process will hardly more than offset the cost in added names, it is believed. In short, the indigent list was altered in an effort to care for more cases, and at the same time limit the expense to the county. Heretofore, the county has been appropriating \$309 monthly to care for its unfortunates. This amount, however, is separate and distinct from the appropriation allotted to the county home.

Today the commissioners are considering supplemental budgets, land valuations, and the tax rate, the combined business being of such volume to assure another long and weary session for the authorities.

COTTON CO-OPS GET PAYMENT

"Cotton Picking Fund" Is Being Mailed Out To Members

Raleigh, Sept. 7.—Distribution of a "cotton picking fund" of \$50,000 from the 1930 crop has been started by the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association, and checks amounting to approximately \$25,000 are already in the mails to optional pool members. U. Benton Blalock, general manager, has announced.

Mr. Blalock said that the final settlement checks to those optional pool members whose cotton was ordered sold prior to August 1 were being mailed out "in an effort to close up as much as possible settlement on 1930 cotton placed in the optional pool." The seasonal pool cotton of the 1930 crop has not yet been sold.

Checks amounting to \$15,000 or more, covering gin cut and two-sided bales, will be released by the association this week, and this disbursement will be followed by mailing out interest on reserve checks totaling seven or eight thousand dollars.

"It has been a custom of the association for a number of years to rework all of its gin cut and two-sided bales, reclass the cotton, and then allow the member additional valuation as indicated by the reclassification. More than 1,400 bales were reworked during the past season.

"A little ready cash is always appreciated by the cotton producers," Mr. Blalock remarked, "but a \$50,000 fund distributed just at this time will be very much appreciated by our members."

First Bale in Bertie Is Ginned Friday

Windsor, Sept. 8.—The first bale of the 1931 cotton crop in Bertie County was ginned by J. B. Gilliam here Friday and was bought by J. B. Gilliam and Sons for 5 1/2 cents per pound. The cotton was grown by Archie Castelle and weighed 505 pounds, baled.

No Session of Recorder's Court Held Here Today

In the absence of Judge Bailey, the today's session of the county recorder's court was called off. Clerk Peel stating that there were very few cases on the docket for trial. The regular session will be held next Tuesday.

TO COME HERE

Experiencing much difficulty in handling the roads in this county, especially in this section, authorities are attempting to create an additional unit to assist in the work, Assistant Engineer W. A. Cherry stated yesterday. Four units, Jamesville, Griffins, Bear Grass, and Williamston, have a total of 400 miles of roads in them. Under the proposed plan each unit would have only 80 miles. The change is now being considered, and it is the opinion of many people living on the county roads that the unit will be necessary in maintaining the roads in those particular sections.

Mr. J. E. Hines, in charge of the Griffins unit since the State took over the maintenance of the roads, was transferred to Washington County this week, and Mr. S. E. Corey is now in charge of the work there, it was learned today.

MAXWELL THIRD TO ENTER LISTS FOR GOVERNOR

Announces Candidacy Late Saturday; Also Expect Brummitt to Run

With three candidates already bidding for the chair and a fourth one expected to announce within a short time, it now looks as if there will be an interesting race for the Democratic nomination for governor in the primary next June. Messrs. R. T. Fountain, of Rocky Mount; J. C. B. Ehringhaus, of Elizabeth City, announced their candidacies several weeks ago, and Hon. A. J. Maxwell, commissioner of revenue, made a formal statement Saturday declaring his "hat was in the ring for the governor's seat. Dennis G. Brummitt, attorney general, is also expected to enter the race.

In making his announcement, Mr. Maxwell had very little to say, promising at that time that he would make known his platform later.

In addition to these entries, other candidacies have been rumored, but there is some doubt whether Josephus Daniels and Willis Smith, speaker of the House of Representatives, will enter their names in the contest.

At least a four-sided race for the governorship is assured by the Maxwell announcement. Taxation, it would appear, will be definitely forced to the front by his candidacy.

Fountain favored the levying of the luxury sales tax during the fight on that issue in the 1931 General Assembly. Maxwell, as commissioner of revenue, was strongly opposed to it. The tax lost by one vote in the Senate. Fountain had announced he would vote for it were there a tie.

Ehringhaus, in his campaign announcement, came out against the sales tax. Brummitt has not definitely committed himself on the issue, but in a civic club address in Raleigh last week he stressed the need of finding "new sources of revenue to meet the State's increasing deficit."

Maxwell has been in public life for two decades. From 1910 to 1917 he was clerk of the State Corporation Commission. He served as a member of the Corporation Commission from 1917 until 1929, when he was appointed revenue commissioner by Governor Gardner.

County Principals Hold Meeting Here Today

Meeting here today, the several Martin County school principals discussed their schedules of study, and various other matters in connection with the operation of the schools this coming term.

Skewarkey Lodge Members To Meet Here Tonight at 8

There will be a regular communication of Skewarkey Lodge, No. 90, A. F. and A. M., at the lodge hall tonight at 8 o'clock, it was announced today. In addition to the regular business degree work will be conferred for the Robersonville lodge. All members are urged to attend and visiting Masons are cordially invited.

Number Women in State Prison Now Totals 100

Raleigh, Sept. 7.—The number of women in the State's prison was for the first time in the history of the State institution above the 100-mark as has been announced by the prison officials. Of the 100 women 50 are white and 66 are negroes.

TWO PEOPLE ARE HURT IN WRECK NEAR PLYMOUTH

Children Thrown Out of Car When Crash With Train Is Inevitable

Mrs. Walter Gardner, of near here, suffered a broken ankle and Mrs. John Gardner, of Jamesville, was hurt about the side last Sunday morning in an A. C. L. train-automobile crash near Plymouth. The extent of Mrs. John Gardner's injuries could not be determined. The injured were treated by Plymouth doctors.

It was reported that Mr. Walter Gardner, owner and driver of the Chevrolet coach, saw the train, but was unable to stop the car. The engine, apparently aware of the danger, applied the emergency brakes and limited the speed of the train to about 10 miles an hour when the engine crashed into the car. Mr. Gardner turned his car to the side in an effort to miss the train and failed by a few inches. The car was knocked into a ditch and not badly damaged.

In telling about the accident, Mr. John Gardner stated yesterday that when the grown people saw it was impossible to avoid the crash, they started throwing out the children along the road. Four were thrown out, Mr. Gardner jumping out with a fifth one. None of the little folks was hurt, Mr. Gardner stating that one would hit the ground, bounce right up on his feet and stood while the older people cleared themselves of the wreck.

OAK CITY SCHOOL OPENS MONDAY

Teachers Will Hold Their First Meeting of Term Saturday Afternoon

Oak City, Sept. 8.—The Oak City public schools will open Monday morning, September 14, at 8:30 o'clock.

The enrollment for the coming year is expected to far surpass any previous record. With the consolidation of a part of Hamilton school, more interest on the part of high school students, especially the older boys, and an increase in the number of beginners, the school expects to have a larger and better student body than formerly.

Few changes have been made in the teaching personnel, and wherever a change has been effected an efficient and well-trained teacher has been employed.

The principal is entering his ninth year in the school and is requesting a continued cooperation as has been rendered the school in the past. The school has friends and they are showing their faith and loyalty in an unmistakable way. Quite a number have pledged their support and presence on the opening day.

All conditioned pupils expecting to remove the condition by examination will report to the principal at his home Saturday morning at nine o'clock. This is important that arrangements may be made for the examination.

There will be a local teachers' meeting at the school building Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Teachers will please bring pencil and paper as the contract method of recitation will be discussed. The teaching load will be much heavier, yet better results are expected.

ONE IS HURT IN WRECK MONDAY

Big Nash Car Belonging To John W. Hines Is Badly Wrecked in Hamilton

M. E. D. Pearson, of Oak City, suffered injury to his back, and Messrs. J. C. Ross, W. E. Early and John W. Hines, also of Oak City, escaped unhurt when their car was wrecked at Hamilton yesterday morning.

Mr. Hines, driving his Nash sedan and accompanied by the Messrs. Pearson, Ross, and Early, was driving into the town when a colored man drove a pair of mules, hitched to a wagon, out of a side street in front of the auto mobile. In an effort to avoid a crash with the wagon, Mr. Hines drove his car on the sidewalk and struck a tree, badly damaging the car. The front of the machine buried itself at the bottom of the tree, the rear end rising and striking the tree at a higher level.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Downing Move Here To Make Home

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Downing, of Roanoke Rapids, moved here this week and are at home in the Tar Heel Apartments. Mr. Downing is connected with the Virginia Electric and Power Company.

REGISTRATION NOW OVER 2,000

TOWN BOARD IN REGULAR MEET MONDAY NIGHT

Board Considers Appointing Meat and Milk Inspector

Other than approving a large number of bills, the town commissioners in session here last night, passed no official acts, but they did discuss several local matters.

The importance of meat and milk inspection for the town was stressed in a short talk by Mr. D. M. Roberson, and while no official order was passed authorizing the appointment of an inspector, the question will be considered again later. There will be no salary to the job, the inspector receiving remuneration for his services only by levying a fee. A veterinarian is contemplating locating here, and it is believed he could handle the inspection work. The inspection of meat and milk is said to be very important, and the service here is being seriously considered.

Requests from local merchants were made in an effort to have lights put in the back lots, and an investigation was ordered.

Town trash was a real problem, and how to secure the cooperation of the residents in handling the matter was another problem discussed. It was pointed out that a few residents would dump their trash into the streets just after the trucks made their rounds, leaving the matter there for a day or two. It was the expressed hope of the board that residents pile trash in the back yards, give the street department a ring and a steady and reliable service would be arranged. An ordinance, prohibiting the dumping of trash into the gutters is being considered if the practice continues, for it not only looks bad, but when rains fall the trash is washed into the catch basins, stopping drain sewers and causing small floods on the streets.

PLAN CONVICT CAMP HERE

Will Probably Be Built at Site of Old County Home, According to Reports

While definite plans have not been announced at this time, it was learned here last week that the State Highway Commission would construct a convict camp on the county farm near here some time within the next few months. Present plans of the commission provide for the immediate erection of five camp buildings in various sections of the State, and following the completion of that number, work will be started on the one to be built here, it is understood.

It could not be learned today just what size the camp will be or any of the particulars in connection with its operation.

SAYS ROOSEVELT NEXT PRESIDENT

Connecticut Urged to Cooperate With New York in War on Gangsters

Kent, Conn., Sept. 7.—Franklin D. Roosevelt, Democratic governor of New York, visited Connecticut Saturday and was greeted as "the next President of the United States."

The New York executive addressed a gathering of several thousand Democrats of his neighboring State to urge upon Connecticut, in an address, cooperation with New York in combating the challenge of gangdom.

"I want to introduce to you a man whose head and heart are never questioned, a man tested beyond the limits of endurance and who has withstood the test," Dyer said, "I present to you the next President of the United States, Franklin D. Roosevelt."

Roosevelt predicted success for the party which advocated the doctrine of justice in utility rates and the heaving down of the mounting cost of local government.

Speaking of the crime situation, the New York governor declared: "In these days many of our state problems are common problems. Just during the past week we over in New York have been in conference about the matter of gang wars, the shootings and killings that have occurred not only in the cities but in other places. The situation today is more than statewide."

Tobacco Prices Are Stronger On Local Market Yesterday

Tobacco prices, after resting on the bottom during the first few opening days last week, showed a little strength yesterday when the local market sold \$7,120 pounds of the leaf for \$6.923.03, or an average of nearly 8 cents. Much common tobacco held the price down, the better grades with slightly stronger prices however failing to offset the low average. The tone of the market was much stronger, the farmers accepting, with a very few exceptions, the prices paid for the better grades without complaint. No change was noted in the prices for the common grades, the price resting at the bottom.

Reports on the sales made today were not very encouraging. The local market had approximately 125,000 pounds on the floors today.

Increased sales are expected throughout the next few days on the market here, but no breaks are anticipated. It is not likely that the sales will reach any great size until a little later on, or until prices show more strength than they are at the present time.

Some farmers in this section are using the grades of inferior quality for fertilizer on their farms, and they are finding the practice a profitable one, it was stated by those making a study of the practice.

OPPOSITION TO A COUNTY WIDE PLAN STRONGER

Election Next Monday To Be Second Biggest Ever Held in This County

Reports received yesterday from the various voting precincts indicate that the election, called for next Monday to determine whether Martin County will provide equal educational advantages for all its children or retain the varied rates now levied in the several special tax districts, will be much larger than was first expected. That the election will be hotly contested is certain, one would gather from the reports received from all sections of the county.

Ten of the twelve precincts in the county reported a combined registration of 2,176 citizens at the close of the books last Saturday night, leaving one large district and one small one unheard from today in time for a tabulation of the total number registered. It is believed that the total registration will total around 2430. Full registrations were reported in a majority of the ten precincts heard from, Williamston leading the list with 427 registered. Robersonville was second with 368 and Griffins followed closely with 315 registered. Poplar Point, one of the smallest precincts in the county, reported 82 registered in that district. Large registrations have been reported in the other districts, especially in Williams township, but complete figures were not available for publication today. It now looks as if the election next Monday will fall only a few hundred votes behind the 1930 primary when 3,080 votes were cast to establish a record up to the present time.

The concerted drive, carried on more or less under cover and directed against the county-wide extended term is having a marked effect in several sections, according to reports received here yesterday. It has been reliably reported that several of the extended term opponents have circulated the story that the election, if carried, will add 20 cents to the special rates already levied. This is, of course, unfounded and untrue. The election, if carried, will wipe out the present special tax levies for schools and substitute therefor a county-wide and uniform rate, creating an actual saving to approximately 90 per cent of the property owners in the county. If the election fails to carry, then the present rates will continue unchanged. In other words, Bear Grass, for instance, will continue to levy 35 cents if the election fails. On the other hand, if the election favors the extended term, then the Bear Grass property owners will pay 20 cents or as much as is necessary up to that amount. There will be only one rate and that rate will be 20 cents or under, provided, of course, if the election is successful.

A person who is registered and favors the extended term should remember that if he fails to visit the poles next Monday, his vote will count against the proposed measure. Any one desiring to vote against the measure, will find it unnecessary to visit the poles, for when he fails to vote it counts against the measure just as much so if he visited the poles and placed his ballot in the ballot box.

The election is going to be a close contest, it is believed, and if it fails, there'll have to be some arrangements made to care for recent consolidations and especially where transportation is to be considered.

COUNTY MEN ON FEDERAL JURY

Nine Called To Serve At Convening in Washington Next Month

Nine Martin citizens were recently selected to serve as jurors at the next term of Federal court convening in Washington next month, it was learned here this week. Sixty names, selected from Washington, Pitt, Tyrrell, Beaufort, Hyde and Martin Counties, are included in the list.

The names of those citizens scheduled to serve as jurors in the Federal court next month are:

J. L. Hassell, Williamston; W. E. Early, Oak City; S. W. Casper, Oak City; Harry A. Biggs, Williamston; C. B. Fagan, Dardens; J. W. Eubanks, Hassell; M. L. House, Robersonville; H. H. Cowan, Williamston; and E. P. Cunningham, Williamston.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Crawford returned to their home in Clarksburg, W. Va., after spending a few days here with Mr. Crawford's mother, Mrs. Fannie Crawford.

Finally Raise Barge Sunk Here July 22

THREE HUNDRED TONS FERTILIZER STILL IN VESSEL

Hundreds of Sight-Seers Attracted by Salvage Operations

Sunk in the Roanoke River here the 22nd of last July with 731 tons of costly fertilizer material aboard, the barge "Lynn" was floated last Sunday morning by the Norfolk Lighterage Company. Approximately 300 tons of fertilizer were lifted with the boat, the remainder of the cargo having been pumped into the river.

In docking near the plant of the Standard Fertilizer Company on the 22nd of July, the barge struck a submerged piling and settled to the bottom of the stream during the night. Taking the contract to refloat the boat, the Norfolk Lighterage Company started the salvage work August 2, and since that time attempt after attempt to raise the barge failed. Hundreds of people were attracted to the scene during the time operations were under way, and even though they were disappointed time and again, a good number of curiosity seekers was on the river bank when the boat was raised. Diver Everett was the center of attraction, making many trips under the water and into the hold of the boat.

A short while after the pumps were started early Sunday morning, the front of the boat began a steady rise, and the hole was exposed to view. Sawing the log, about 8 inches in diameter, off even with the surface, the workmen repaired the damage just before the boat was righted. Late Sunday afternoon the salvage operations were completed, and the boat with its remaining cargo of slimy fertilizer is being held pending an inspection to be made by insurance men.

Captain Pierce, the master of the boat, and his mate are now busily occupied shoveling mud and pumping water from the boat. Other than for the captain and his mate, the story of the barge is just about finished.

The salvage ship, "John Hagerty," together with Diver Everett, the pumps and other equipment left for Norfolk in company with a tug Sunday afternoon.

Robbers Enter Store of O. S. Anderson and Co.

Robbers entered the store of O. S. Anderson and Company here last Saturday or Sunday night and stole several dollars in cash, but as far as the owners could tell, no goods were removed. The robber or robbers gained an entrance through a rear window. No arrests have been made.

A close watch in the back lots of the town is almost impossible since the lights were removed, making it difficult for night officers to observe the activities of burglars in those places.

Ford Caravan and Picture Here for Two-days Stay

The Ford caravan, a number of cars and trucks sent out by the Norfolk branch of the Ford Motor Company, arrived here this morning and arranged for the showing of a special picture of the big Ford manufacturing plants.

The picture will be shown here tomorrow and in Robersonville Thursday, it was stated.

ALTER DISTRICTS

According to information received here from the State Equalization Board, the Macedonia district children will be schooled here, and the Cross Roads children will be transported to Everetts as was originally planned.

The State authorities reviewed the consolidation program in this county late last Friday at the request of petitions signed by those children were affected by the change. Local school officials were instructed to employ an additional teacher to care for the increased number of children.

WOMEN TO CAN FOR OAK CITY SCHOOL PUPILS

Will Preserve Foods At An All-day Canning Meet There Wednesday

That the less fortunate and undernourished children attending the Oak City schools might be helped, good-hearted women of the town and community are meeting in the school building there tomorrow for an all-day canning work. A quantity of food has already been canned for the children and a successful day is planned for tomorrow, Wednesday.

Professor H. M. Ainsley stated in connection with the canning work:

"Quite a quantity of corn, snap beans, tomatoes and apples have already been promised and this will be collected early Wednesday morning. The object is to furnish a hot lunch every day during the coming term. Several high school boys have offered their assistance in collecting the raw foods and Mrs. W. D. Smith, a former teacher in the school, is considering acting as the business manager of the project. Mrs. W. D. Hyman has had training and experience in this work, and she is cooperating with Mrs. Smith in putting the work on a sound basis."

"Parents, come Wednesday, spend the day for a good cause. Enjoy the work and association and bring your lunch and have a picnic dinner. You will feel better by having come and helped the needy."

Hog Stealing Case Sent To Bertie Superior Court

Haled into the Bertie General County Court yesterday on a hog-stealing charge, Charles Raynor, Albert and John Flannagan, Martin men, were ordered to return for trial tomorrow week in the superior court of that county. Andrew Flannagan, another party in the case, continues in the Bertie jail. The other three men were directed to return to Windsor today to renew their bonds.

Three Stores Will Have Holiday Next Saturday

In observance of Rosh Hashana, Jewish new year's day, the firms of Margolis Brothers and the Norfolk Underselling Co. here will be closed next Saturday. The stores will open at six that evening as the observance of the day starts at 6 p. m. Friday and ends at the same time Saturday, according to custom.