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ums a Latchkey to Over Sixteen
Hundred Martin County Homes

ESTABLISHED 1898

BONUS ARMY MEN REFUSED PERMIT TO SOLICIT HERE

Mayor Declares Community Bleed To Death In Effort To Care for Its Needy

Representatives of the Bonus Army coming here Wednesday afternoon were refused permission to solicit funds in town for the support of the paraders in Washington City, Mayor R. L. Coburn—himself a World War veteran with a record of over 12 months overseas at the front—advising them that the town was almost bled to death in repeated attempts to care for its own people. While the mayor admitted the veterans are probably due some consideration, he was also of the opinion that the actions of the Bonus Army in Washington are doing much to harm the cause of the veterans and it would be better for them to disband now that Congress has adjourned.

"The actions of the paraders should not be encouraged, and it just isn't right to call upon our people to lend aid in supporting an undertaking so far away from here, where there are hundreds without jobs who need help right here at home," the mayor said. "You are welcome to use our town hall or any other public buildings for your speeches if you care to use them, but we don't think it advisable for you to make a drive for funds here," the Mayor told Veteran Tyndall, leader of the bonus seekers.

It is believed the town officer saved the aid-seekers trouble, for the people of this little town with its estimated 500 jobless are hardly in the mood to dig into their pockets to support the marchers in Washington City.

Discussing the visit of the aid-seekers, several men who saw service in the front-line trenches stated they did not favor the activities now under way in the Nation's Capital, and added that the men should leave. Others differed, stating that the men should stay there and that they could see no reason why the representatives were refused permission to solicit aid here.

The representatives, five of them, riding in a District of Columbia taxi, voiced their resentment and boasted that they would advertise the town to the world. They are said to have left here for Robersonville.

With a part of his person showing, one of the men created good will from the rear, but with a cigarette bobbing in his mouth as the curse words poured forth and with a hard look on his face, he was not so appealing from the front. Several of them were quiet-spoken, accepting the refusal to solicit here as a matter of course. One of the men is said to have remarked that this was the first day town that had refused them all liberties.

It is understood that the aid-seekers are collecting a little food and clothing here and there, but hardly enough to more than make a dent in the needs of the army in Washington.

LEAGUE TEAMS FIGHT FOR LEAD

Possible To Knot Standing of All Four Teams In Games Today

Another week neared its close yesterday in the Albemarle League with all four teams fighting hard for first position. Colerain and Edenton, while having the edge over Williamston and Elizabeth City, were tied for first place, with the last two teams trailing by only one game.

The Martins started the week off in a hurry here last Tuesday by shutting out Elizabeth City 14 to 0. The Jaybirds pitched most of the staff and called one or two from regular positions on the diamond and in the field to the mound to stop the slugfest of the flying Martins. Kugler went the full route for the locals, allowing only four hits. Latham and Dick Cherry contributed home runs in succession in the seventh inning to help things along. The following day, the Jaybirds took advantage of the break in one inning to register an 8 to 1 win. Errors accounted for the seven runs, spectators declaring that the score should have been tied at the end of the ninth. Jimmie Brown pitched his first game of the season for the Martins.

Going to Edenton yesterday afternoon, the Martins won their third game of the second half, with Herring pitching, by a 10 to 2 score. Home runs featured the game, Latham, Herring and Arps collecting one each for the locals, while Suttonfield hit one a mile for Edenton. Herring also got two other hits, a single and a double, besides pitching a good game.

This afternoon, the Colonials come here for the second game between the teams this week. Next Tuesday the Martins play Colerain at Windsor, the two teams meeting here on Wednesday for another game.

Estimate From 1,200 to 1,600 Now Unemployed in County

While the unemployment peak in this county is believed to have been reached some time ago or just before the planting and harvesting of crops were started, there are many without jobs now, according to a preliminary report made by the county welfare department a few days ago.

According to the best estimates that could be had, there are between 1,200 and 1,600 jobless in the county at the present time. Of course, some of this number work a day or two now and then, but that few do not know today whether they will work tomorrow or the next day.

While there has been a heavy demand made upon charity resources during the past months, a majority or an estimated two-thirds of the total number, have

eked out a living by gardening, picking berries and doing whatever odd jobs they could find.

Labor prices have reached a new low level on the farms and in other lines of industry in this section, but even then the wages paid or believed to be higher in proportion than the prices received for farm products. In many instances the wages have hardly been sufficient to offset food and clothing costs.

With the opening of the marketing season, some relief is expected in the unemployment situation, but that work will hardly care for more than one-half of the jobless in the towns, it is believed.

Of the 1,200 or 1,600 unemployed now, around 500 of them are said to live in this town and immediate community.

County Budget Will Be Studied Monday

"GOOD TIMES"

LITTLE HOPE OF LOWER TAX RATE IS IN PROSPECT

Fixed Charges Make Rate Reduction Almost Impossible This Year

Next Monday is the time when county commissioners especially wish they weren't county commissioners, for at that time the authorities will study the budget for the coming year. With the task of providing necessary revenue for the operation of the county government on the one hand a loud cry for reduced taxes on the other, the job is a huge one for the commissioners to ponder over.

And while the budget will be given minute attention, there is not much leeway for the commissioners. Fixed obligations, including bond interests and maturities demand so much, and there is no way of escaping levy to care for them. Right there is where more than a majority of tax money is spent. Salaries have already been cut, and general operating expenses are at a minimum, and there isn't much room for a tax reduction, for in addition to all that, there is a decreased property valuation to be considered.

County employees were not in a position yesterday to forecast what the rate would be for the year 1932, but it is generally believed, after considering everything, that there will be no marked decrease in the rate. But while there will hardly be a reduction in the rate, the total amount of the tax levy will be considerably less, it is understood.

The problem will be given the best thought of the commissioners at their meeting next Monday. Whether they will complete the job that day is very doubtful.

Agent Announces Partial Price List for Curb Market

More new sellers are coming to the market, and the curb market is glad to have them. Twenty-four sold on the market last week. The 12 tables bought for the sellers were filled to overflowing and sellers resorted to tables, boxes, and even the floor of the courthouse. Hereafter, all sellers coming to the market will be given numbers, so that each seller will have a fair chance to sell at the market. This month will surpass all months for sales on the market—and for number of sellers.

A partial list of prices for tomorrow follows:

Eggs, 12 cents dozen; buttern beans, 15 cents pound; string beans, 7 pounds for 25 cents; field peas, 2 quarts 25 cents; corn, 12 cents dozen; cucumbers, 4 for 5 cents; squash, 2 cents pound; cantaloupes, 5 cents each; watermelons, 20 to 25 cents; peaches, 5 cents pound; apples, 3 cents pound; grapes, 10 cents pound; rhubarb, 8 cents bunch; cakes 15 and 18 cents pound.

WHERE THEY PLAY

FRIDAY, JULY 29th

Elizabeth City at Colerain
Edenton at Williamston

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2nd

Elizabeth City at Edenton
Williamston at Windsor

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3rd

Edenton at Elizabeth City
Colerain at Williamston

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4th

Elizabeth City at Williamston
Colerain at Edenton

LOCAL RAINS ARE BIG AID TO CROPS IN THIS SECTION

Long Drought Is Partially Broken by Showers This Week

The extended drought that has damaged crops to the extent of thousands of dollars was partially broken this week when rain fell in all parts of the county. While some communities have had fair seasons, others have had only enough rain to lay the dust, but even the small quantities were welcomed. A more optimistic spirit was noted in messages received from several parts of the county this morning telling about the rains falling shortly after midnight and just before daybreak this morning.

Medium-sized gains are said to have fallen in the Jamesville and Farm Life sections, where the drought is said to have exacted its greatest toll on all forms of plant life. "We had enough rain to wet the ground about an inch early this morning, and that was the most we have had in a month," Mrs. C. T. Roberson, of Griffins, said today, adding that the shower was heartily welcomed.

"There is a little water standing in the low places around here, but we did not have a big rain," Mr. Wendell Hamilton, of Jamesville, said when questioned this morning.

Probably with the exception of the Farm Life and Jamesville communities, all other sections of the county have had fair seasons this week. A very helpful rain fell in all parts of the county except in the Jamesville and Farm Life sections last Wednesday night.

For more than three hours the rain fell, coming down rapidly for a short time, but falling slowly during a greater part of the time.

The value of the rains can not be determined, but crops were greatly helped, and more rain will be of still more help, it is believed.

MANY ATTEND MASONIC PICNIC AT EDENHOUSE

Several Hundred Dollars Raised for Orphanage At Oxford

The annual Masonic Picnic at Edenhouse Beach Thursday was attended by several thousand people from a dozen counties in this state, with a number of visitors from Virginia.

The program was in charge of Judge Francis D. Winston, of Windsor, and every feature of the program went along without a hitch.

Following the invocation by Rev. T. W. Lee, the Ross Church male quartet rendered several selections and Hon. C. W. Spruill, of Bertie County, extended a warm welcome to the visitors. Mayor J. L. Wiggins, of Eden-

ton, then spoke on the history of the Albemarle section, the cradle of the

the American colony.

State Senator W. H. S. Burgwyn, of Northampton County, made the principal speech of the day, outlining the condition of things and telling of the needs and duties of the hour, urging the people to face the future with confidence and with patience.

Quartets representing a number of lodges in the district engaged in a contest. Each quartet was allowed three songs, and the singing really touched the large crowd in attendance.

Some were sacred songs, some were folk songs, and a few rendered old "glory hallelujah" negro spirituals.

First prize in the contest was awarded to Ross Church quartet, with the representatives of Windsor getting second place.

Stunting by Boy Scouts and swimming filled every minute of the unoccupied time.

The big event of the day, and one which drew the entire crowd, was the bathing beauty contest. Six young ladies—Aulander, represented by Miss Payne; Ahoskie, by Miss Parker; Cole, by Miss Newsome; Elizabeth City, by Miss Marie Spruill; Williamston, by Miss Tillie Perry; and Windsor, by Miss Walker—were presented to the cheering crowd from a stage aboard a flatboat anchored near the shore.

The contest was regarded as very close, with Miss Newsome, of Colerain, winning first prize, and Miss Spruill, of Edenton, second.

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However, the cost of the schools will be reduced by several thousand dollars, it is understood. That amount, it is to be remembered, is accounted for in the reduced aid from the state and the decrease in property valuations and will not be reflected in the tax rate.

Prayer for judgment was continued in the case charging Jim Chance with an assault with a deadly weapon, the defendant being required to furnish bond in the sum of \$750. He pleaded guilty to the charge.

The case charging C. G. Gurganus with passing a worthless check, was sent back to a justice of the peace for trial.

Clarks' Drug Store is announcing today a mid-summer sale with the greatest reductions in prices known in years.

There are many sizeable savings to be had during this sale on drugs and toilet articles that are in daily demand. A partial list of the unusual buys is carried in this paper. Look them over.

Start Construction Work On New Residence Here

Preliminary construction work on a new home for Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Brown was started here this week, the project being the fourth to have been started here during the past two weeks.

The home, located on Academy Street adjoining the Episcopal church property, will be built of brick after the Cape Cod type, it is understood.

Healthy Places

A recent survey discloses that 110 Vermont towns are without physicians.

Live Tobacco Market Here Is Assured by Action This Week

County Will Get \$10,376.86 From State for Operation of Extended Term in Schools

IS DECREASE OF \$2,000 FROM LAST YEAR'S AMOUNT

Decreased Amount Will Effect 3-Cent Increase in Special District Rate

Martin County will receive \$10,376.86 from the State for the operation of its extended school term, the amount being in addition to the approximately \$117,000 allotted the county for the operation of the six-month term. Experiencing a huge deficit, the state passed the burden, in part, back to the counties, decreasing the amount allowed Martin for the operation of its extended term more than \$2,000, while the amount allotted the six-month term remains about the same as it was last year.

Where the State distributed the extended term, allotments on a 14-cent basis last year, it has raised the base rate to 17 cents for the coming term, using the valuations of 1930. In other words, the special tax districts in this county will have to levy 17 cents, if that amount is necessary—and it is necessary—before the state will participate. Last year the districts levied on the state standard basis, 14 cents on the \$100 property valuation, the state paying the difference. It is to be remembered, however, that the state participated only in the actual operation of the schools, leaving the special districts to levy an additional few cents to care for maintenance of the plants.

It is estimated that the seventh and eighth months of school will cost \$30,740.69 during the next term, leaving the county to pay around \$20,300 after the amount given by the state is deducted.

Last year the state had one and one-half millions of dollars, known as the tax reduction funds and which was created to assist the special tax districts. This year it only has a million and fifty thousand dollars for that cause, the reduced amount being felt in this county to the extent of about \$2,000.

With the aid from the state limited and with a marked decrease in the value of properties to be levied upon, the Board of Education will find it necessary to lower their budgets to care for the 7-cent loss on the \$100 property valuation before any change in the rate is noted.

The decrease in the state is equal to a 3-cent levy on property and the valuation decrease represents a 4-cents loss, making a total of about 7 cents on the \$100 property valuation to be cared for before a decrease in rate can be effected. In addition to that amount, the education authorities have cut their budgets, effecting a 2-cent drop in the regular school rate from 40 to 38 cents. However, to carry on the extended term, an increase of 1 or 2 cents in the rate will be necessary.

Last year the county levied 40 cents on the \$100 property valuation through out the county, the special districts levying from 15 to about 22 cents in addition to that amount for the extended term.

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Bear Grass Ball Team Wins Thirteenth Game of Season

Playing in Oak City last Wednesday, the Bear Grass team defeated Oak City 13 to 5. Stalls, pitching for Bear Grass, allowed only 6 hits which he more than offset by scoring 5 times himself. Roswell Rogers led the hitting for Bear Grass with four hits, a triple, double and two singles. These two teams will meet again next week. Bear Grass has lost but four games this season.

Edgecombe Farmers Buy Pure-Bred Bull

Bass Brothers, of Edgecombe County, have secured a pure-bred shorthorn bull from the United States Department of Agriculture farm at Beltsville, Md., to be used in starting a herd of beef cattle.

STANDING OF CLUBS

CLUB LEADER



Miss Mary Wildman, of Par-mele, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wildman, was selected from the 132 girls camping at Camp Neuse Forest recently as the most outstanding girl. She was captain of the health tribe, and the tribe was awarded a club pin for being the most cooperative, helpful workers and campers. She was also awarded a free trip to the girls' short course at Raleigh this week.

Having made his acquaintance here last year, Mr. Berger returns with Mr. A. M