

Taxpayers Approve School Budget Items

EXTENDED TERM TO BE TAKEN UP NEXT MONDAY

Give Education Board Vote of Confidence at Meet Here Yesterday

The costs of the six-months school term in this county were approved here yesterday morning, when about 40 taxpayers, representing nearly every district in the county, met with members of the board of education and spent about three hours reviewing the various items of cost appropriated for operating and maintaining the next term of the schools. And following the review, a resolution was introduced and carried without a dissenting voice extending a vote of confidence in the members of the education board for their diligence in handling the county's school system.

But the taxpayers attending the meeting, or most of them, are not through with their work, for they arranged to hold another meeting next Monday to give the extended term the "once-over." The county board and all the local committees are scheduled to meet in the courthouse Monday, August 22, at 10:30 o'clock, when the public is cordially invited to attend and take part in the discussions.

As it is understood, the business of the joint meeting next Monday narrows down to one question: Whether the schools can be stopped at the end of six months or not. It was suggested that the opening of the schools be delayed until November 1 in case there are no extended terms. No action was taken in connection with the suggestion.

The matter of limiting the school terms to six months has been discussed in other counties of the State, but in no case, as far as it could be learned, has an extended term been discontinued except by a vote of the people or by act of the legislature.

Just how many will attend the meeting next Monday can not be determined, but outside the education board members and committeemen, a large crowd is not expected.

MARTINS BACK IN LEAD AGAIN

Teams Enter Last Week of Play with Determination To Win Second Half

The Albemarle Baseball League teams enter the last week of play bunched, Williamston leading Elizabeth City and Colerain by a one-half game margin, and Edenton trailing the leaders by only one whole game. Some upsets are in order as all the teams make a strong bid for leadership in the second half.

No official announcement has been made, but the "little world series" will start next week with Williamston playing the winners or runners-up in the second half.

This afternoon Elizabeth City comes here and Colerain goes to Edenton. Tomorrow Williamston goes to Elizabeth City, and on Thursday the Martins go to Edenton. The Colonials come here Friday, and Elizabeth City and Williamston will play a rained-out game here Saturday to end the regular season.

Home Demonstration Club Women Meet at Macedonia

The Macedonia Home Demonstration Club held their regular meeting at the schoolhouse Wednesday with 17 members in attendance. Canning fruit was the project for the meeting, but owing to the dry weather, it was impossible to carry out definite plans. However, methods of making tomato ketchup were outlined.

During the business session further plans for the county field day were made. At this meeting the clubs will make their reports of work done since May, and each club is expected to participate in the program. The hostess club is planning to make this the very best field day for the council.

Plans for attending the short course were discussed, and the Macedonia club, though new, plans to have three represent them in Raleigh this year.—Mrs. J. D. Griffin, Reporter.

County Farmers Kill Hog Weighing 705 Pounds

Messrs. Lester and Haywood Rogers, farmers living near here, killed a hog weighing 705 pounds last week, and Mr. Rogers declared the animal was not grown. "We had to kill her because she killed and ate so many chickens," Mr. Rogers explained.

WHERE THEY PLAY

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16th
Elizabeth City at Williamston
Colerain at Edenton

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17th
Williamston at Elizabeth City
Edenton at Colerain

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18th
Williamston at Colerain
Williamston at Edenton

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19th
Colerain at Elizabeth City
Edenton at Williamston

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20th
Elizabeth City at Williamston

STEAMBOAT DAY DAWNS AGAIN ON ROANOKE RIVER

Modern Steamer Is Added To Equipment by Norfolk Boat Line

The day of the steamboat has dawned again on the Roanoke, the Norfolk, Baltimore and Carolina Boat Line having recently added a modern steamer, the 400-ton capacity freighter "Emblane" to its equipment. With Captain George Wise as its skipper, the boat made its second trip to this point last Wednesday morning, and will make two trips between here and Norfolk weekly, according to present plans.

Since the old steamboat "Hamilton" went to the bottom of the Roanoke several miles above here fifteen or more years ago, river freights have been handled principally on motorships. But now the "Emblane" with its two 250-horsepower boilers and four-cylinder steam engine, gives return to a pride that was so marked when the "Hamilton" and other steamers used to navigate the stream. Unlike the old "Hamilton", the new boat is propelled by steam from boilers using oil as fuel. Certainly, the steamer uses large quantities of oil—almost a gallon a minute—but when the machinery is turning full ahead, the boat completes a trip from this point to Norfolk in a little over 12 hours.

The engine and storage rooms for oil and water occupy nearly one-half the space in the steel hull, and the first deck is used for freight and quarters for the crew. There are accommodations to sleep twenty-four people on the second deck, the state rooms having built-in furniture and baths, both shower and tub. A large observation room, located to the front of the boat, adds to the comfort of the crew members while they are off their watches. A spacious diningroom and a convenient kitchen managed by a Norwegian cook, complete the ideal arrangements on the second deck. With a commanding view from all sides, the pilot house is located on the third deck, and just to the rear of that are the captain's quarters.

The boat is one of the most modern and up-to-date to ever run up the Roanoke, and is a connecting medium for freights shipped to and from Williamston, Norfolk, Baltimore and Philadelphia, Wilmington, a number of other inland points and many foreign ports.

About twelve years ago, the Norfolk, Baltimore and Carolina line ran its first boat, the "Albemarle," to this point, bringing a few bags of poultry and cow feed as the first shipment. Captain Wise was on the "Albemarle" at that time, and up until now he says he can't adequately describe just how crooked he found the stream on that first trip.

From that beginning, the boat line has developed into one of the largest transportation systems plying the inland waterways and Chesapeake Bay. It has hauled thousands upon thousands of tons of freight to and from this point, saving eastern North Carolina shippers many dollars.

Young Local Boy Breaks Arm While Playing Ball

J. D. Bowen broke his arm while playing baseball here yesterday afternoon. He was sliding into third base and caught his arm under him in some way, breaking the right forearm between the wrist and elbow. An X-ray picture is being made today. He is the young son of Mrs. John N. Bowen.

ATTENDING STATE MEET OF SHERIFFS THIS WEEK
Sheriff C. B. Roebuck left early today for Wrightsville Beach where he will attend a several-day convention of North Carolina sheriffs.

164 APPLICATIONS FOR WORK FILED HERE MONDAY

County Unemployed Hope To Get Work on State Highways Soon

Receiving notice only last Friday that work would be given unemployed within the next few weeks, 164 men had filed their applications with County Superintendent of Welfare J. C. Manning up until 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Many more applications are being received here on nearly every mail, and it is believed that more than 500 applications for jobs will have been received by tomorrow or next day. Nineteen unemployed from the Jamesville section presented their applications in person, and it was estimated that 50 more are preparing or have already prepared their applications there.

One hundred and twenty of the applicants live in Williamston or in the outlying rural districts, upon which 225 women and children are dependent. Some of the applicants reported as many as ten children, and some stating they were married failed to list a single dependent. Forty-two of the 120 applicants are white.

The 44 unemployed asking work from Hamilton, Everetts, Robersonville, Parmele, Oak City, and Jamesville listed 135 dependents. There were 6 white applicants from Hamilton; 3 white and 4 colored from Everetts; 7 white from Robersonville; 3 white from Parmele; 2 white from Oak City; and 16 white and 3 colored applicants from Jamesville.

The applications are being forwarded to State welfare workers for consideration, and future developments will be announced as soon as information is received from Raleigh, it is understood.

HOLD NEGRO ON THEFT CHARGES

James Brown Charged with Stealing Chickens and Meal at Hamilton

James Brown, colored, was arrested in Hamilton last Saturday for stealing. Brown was first charged with taking meal from the home of Ed Bunting near there, but when questioned at a hearing, he admitted the theft of chickens and said that Bruce Autrey, also colored, had assisted in the chicken thefts.

Officer John Ayers immediately placed Autrey under arrest, and while papers were being procured against the colored man he escaped from the town's municipal building. Autrey was still at liberty yesterday morning, as far as it could be learned.

Brown, apparently not very bright, was placed in the county jail here by Deputy Grimes to await trial in the county court today.

NEW BUILDING & LOAN SERIES

Martin County Association Opens Its Thirty-first Series Next Month

Opening its thirty-first series the third of next month, the Martin County Building and Loan Association offers one of the surest and most profitable methods of saving yet introduced. For the person who would save systematically, there is no better way to accumulate savings little by little than by the building and loan way. And for the person planning to build a home, there is no better agency than the building and loan association to finance the project.

Savings have been made regularly in the local organization by hundreds of small investors, and today they are getting the greatest return to be had on any investment. The association continues to grow, and is now in a position to render aid to prospective builders.

There is no better time to build than now, and it is believed that prospective home owners will find it to their advantage to get in touch with the officers of the organization and make plans for the future.

"Red Headed Woman" at the Watts Here This Week

The "Red-Headed Woman" at the Watts, Williamston, this week is one of those pictures you don't want to miss. The picture, with Jean Harlow and Chester Morris, is based on the book that thrilled millions of readers, and it is even superior to the book, critics say.

The first showing will be Thursday afternoon, two more programs to follow, one that night and another on Friday night.

TOBACCO PRICES ARE SLIGHTLY HIGHER

TOBACCO YIELD 104,650,000 POUNDS OFF IN THIS BELT

Reduction in All Belts In This State Estimated at 266,560,000 Pounds

With an estimated reduction of 104,650,000 pounds in the tobacco crop of this belt, there follows a brighter hope for higher prices this season. But before the farmers can realize a difference, they will have to receive a price almost twice as high as the 7-cent average received last season. Figured at 7 cents a pound, the poundage reduction amounts to \$7,325,500. In other words, before the farmers can realize as much money this year for their crop as they did last year, they are obliged to receive a price sufficiently high to offset the reduction.

According to the State Department of Agriculture in a recent report on crop conditions, there is an estimated reduction in the tobacco crop this year of 266,560,000 pounds. More than half of the reduction is reported in this belt.

The report offers the following comments as to the condition of the tobacco crop:

"Beginning with the plant beds, the tobacco crop has experienced unfavorable seasons. While the cultivation has been excellent, the lateness of setting much of the crop combined with dry conditions has offset the favorable factors and is expected to produce low grade quality. There are spotted areas of very good and extremely poor tobacco. The plants have not grown as tall as usual, and the leaf texture is relatively thin. The leaves will be considerably lighter than usual. On August 1 the reported conditions average 49 per cent of normal, compared with 57 per cent a month ago, and 76 on August 1st last year. The following table shows the August 1st estimates for tobacco, with revised estimates for 1931:

	1931	1932
Old Belt	179,016,000	87,860,000
New Belt	251,850,000	147,200,000
S. C. Belt	43,222,000	27,300,000
Burley Belt	5,438,000	4,200,000
State	479,526,000	266,560,000

HILTON BACK IN THIS DISTRICT

Is Field Representative of Cotton Cooperative Association

Greenville.—C. C. Hilton, field representative of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association, after a year of service in Mecklenburg and surrounding counties, has been transferred back here and is now located in his old office in the Reflector Building.

Mr. Hilton, who said he was very glad to get back in this section and work with his old friends, will represent the cotton association in Pitt, Greene, Martin, Beaufort, and Wilson counties.

He said he planned to be out in his office on Saturdays for the benefit of farmers coming to town who might want to see him.

He brought his wife and child back with him and they will make their home here.

BIDS TOO LOW FOR MAIL ROUTE

Bonding Company Refuses To Stand For Any Bids Considered Too Low

Rated as the largest project of its type in the country, the Norfolk-Wilson star mail route is receiving quite a bit of attention up Washington way, according to reports received here. A contract is to be awarded today, but it is understood that the bonding company refused to sell bonds to many bidders, as their bids were considered too low.

The present carriers, who have been maintaining schedules fairly regularly during the past two weeks, stated they would not be on the route after this month.

Mr. H. H. Cowen and sons were in Washington last Friday and Saturday in the interest of their bid, which was said to have been turned down as it was considered too low for the proper handling of the project.

Cal Coburn Arrested for Being Drunk on Streets

Cal Coburn, white man of Poplar Point Township, was arrested on the streets here last Saturday for being drunk and disorderly. He is being held in jail awaiting a hearing in the county court today.

Ask Completion of Two County Roads

PAVING NO. 11 TO BETHEL URGED IN GREENVILLE

Believe Completion of No. 125 Is Due the First Consideration

While it is not known that Martin County will be granted any highway construction work during the next few weeks or months, two petitions have been carried before highway authorities, one by Martin County citizens asking the completion of Highway No. 125, and another by Greenville and Pitt County citizens asking for the hard surfacing of Highway No. 11 from Bethel to Oak City, the latter project being in both Pitt and Martin Counties.

A favorable reception was given the Martin County citizens when they appeared before highway officials in Raleigh recently asking for the completion of No. 125, and according to a report from Greenville, the delegation from that town was heard by Commissioner Leland Kitchin in Scotland Neck last Friday, when the petition was presented and discussed informally.

"While he did not commit himself," the Greenville Reflector in its Saturday edition said, "it is understood that he appeared favorably disposed to take the project (No. 11) and would take it up with the proper authorities in the near future."

The Greenville paper continued: "Members of the delegation today stated that a second delegation would be sent to Raleigh in the near future to present the matter to the highway commissioners. Another petition will be presented at that time, and it will contain the names of leading business men and organizations not only of the city but of surrounding communities."

"The Bethel-Oak City route is the most important between this section and the north, and its improvement would play a big part in the economic condition of this part of the state, supporters of the paving movement believe. Although the importance of paving this link has been realized for years, this is the first time any definite action has been taken, and promoters were hopeful of seeing their ambition become an actuality."

The question now arises whether the highway commission will undertake both projects, or complete No. 125 and not contract work on No. 11, or vice versa. And then it might be that the commission will not contract any work in the county at all.

Probably the matter will be offered for solution next Tuesday, when the commission is scheduled to meet in Raleigh.

It is understood that citizens from Hassell will go before the board that their rights might be guarded. According to information received from unofficial sources, Commissioner Kitchin is said to have considered the requests of the Hassell people, but later he is said to have withdrawn any support ever pledged the routing of No. 11 through the town.

Legion Team and Firemen To Play Here Tomorrow

The baseball team of the John Walton Hassell Post of the American Legion will play the members of the local fire department on the high school diamond tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. The Legion representatives have developed into a strong team, and the firemen have been practicing some themselves, and the boys are expected to offer a splendid exhibition.

Only a small admission fee, 10 cents is being charged.

Telephone Cable Laid Across Roanoke River

A telephone cable several hundred feet long was laid across the Roanoke River here today to replace the overhead wires torn down last Friday by a 70-foot derrick mast on a boat. Workmen will complete the job tomorrow or Thursday, the cost of the project being estimated at \$1,000.

STANDING OF CLUBS

	W.	L.	Pct.
Williamston	8	7	.533
Colerain	7	7	.500
Elizabeth City	7	7	.500
Edenton	7	8	.467

AVERAGE PRICE IS ABOUT 9 CENTS IN BORDER BELT

Inferior Grades Are Selling Higher; Dissatisfaction At Darlington, S. C.

Tobacco prices reported on the six North Carolina border markets and several in South Carolina this morning were slightly higher than those received last year on opening day, but even then the price increase was not up to general expectations.

The combined average reported on the Lumberton, Fairmont, Kingstree and several other markets was nine cents, an increase of one to two cents above the figure reported on the opening last year.

The quality of the offerings was declared slightly inferior to that on opening day last year, and the poorer quality is said to offset the price increase by about one cent. Average size breaks were reported.

While the prices received today were not up to the expectations of the farmers, no great dissatisfaction was reported except at Darlington, S. C., where many tags were turned. An eight-cent average was reported at that point.

The common grades were said to be selling some better than they did a year ago, and the better quality grades were commanding about the same price as they did last year, it was learned.

While the reports were not complete, early reports indicated that the prices would range from one to twenty-four cents a pound. Messrs. Ingram and Barnhill, local tobaccoists attending the sales at Lumberton, offered the following report:

"Lumberton—Average nine cents as against seven cents last year. Large sales and good quality."

No anyone company was mentioned as the heavy buyer, reports indicating that the buyers were watching the activities of their competitors.

BARNHILL BOND IS SET AT \$10,000

Unable To Raise Amount, Aged Man Continues In Pitt County Jail

Tom Barnhill, arrested a few weeks ago in connection with the mysterious death of his ward, Jesse Barnhill, in the Flat Swamp section several months ago, was offered bond in the sum of \$10,000 last Saturday afternoon, the law of personal liberty having been introduced in the aged man's behalf. As far as it could be learned here today, he had been unable to raise the amount, and he continues in the Pitt County jail at Greenville. Habeas corpus proceedings were held before Judge W. C. Harris in Raleigh.

Barnhill was given a preliminary hearing before a justice of the peace in Greenville a few days ago, and at that time he was denied bond. Unofficial reports received here from Pitt County indicate that additional evidence has been gathered in the case and will probably be presented when court convenes in Greenville next week or in September.

TOBACCO MEET AT KIWANIS CLUB

Warehouse Invited and All Members Are Urged to Be Present Tomorrow

The annual tobacco meeting number of the local Kiwanis Club will be held at the regular luncheon hour on Wednesday at 12:30 o'clock.

For a number of years it has been the custom of the Kiwanians to dedicate one of their meetings to the interests of the local tobacco market. Accordingly, representatives of the several warehouses will be invited as guests of the club, and a program will be carried out, the purpose of which will be to bring even closer together the tobaccoists and the members of the club, and through them the town.

Since the local markets are to open so soon, it is thought that this meeting should mean much to Williamston at this particular time. And the full membership of the Kiwanis club is urged to be present.