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COUNTY TAX LEVY REDUCED \$44,000

Tentative Budget for Schools Is Submitted

MEMBERS LOCAL COMMITTEE ALSO NAMED MONDAY

Budget Calls for Levy of 52 1-2 Cents; To Build Small School

The Martin County Board of Education in session here yesterday adopted a budget for the coming term, appointed the various local school committees and asked bids for the construction of a four-room school building in Hamilton Township.

The budget adopted subject to the approval of the county board of commissioners calls for a levy of 52 1-2 cents, as compared with a levy of 57 1-2 cents last year, resulting in a decrease of 5 cents for educational purposes. A 2-cent reduction effected in maintenance of plants and capital outlay. However, debt service called for an increase of 14 cents on the \$100 property valuation, which increase was more than offset by the lifting of the 17-cent levy for the support of the state school term.

On the face of it, the rate reduction appears small, but a reduction in property values had to be considered. Under ordinary circumstances an increase of about 17 cents would have been necessary, for it would have required about that amount to offset the 33 1-3 per cent decrease in property values allowed by the county commissioners. The board decreased its budget figures to care for the property value decrease and effect a 2-cent saving on plant maintenance and capital outlay.

Committee appointments were completed and the members are being notified this week with instructions to handle immediately or as soon as possible the work ordinarily assigned to them. The names of the committees are as follows:

- District No. 1 (Williamston): R. L. Coburn, W. J. Taylor, and R. A. Critcher, all of Williamston.
- District No. 2 (Robersonville): L. A. Clark, of Everetts; J. M. Dixon, Parrale; and Eli Rodgers, Robersonville.
- District No. 3 (Oak City): T. B. Slade, Hamilton; E. R. Edmondson, Hassell; and B. M. Worstley, of Oak City.
- District No. 4 (Jamesville): C. C. Fleming, Jamesville; H. L. Davis, of Dardens; and F. W. Holliday, Jamesville.
- District No. 5 (Farm Life): P. E. Getsinger, George Griffin, and J. C. Gurkin, all of Griffins Township.
- District No. 6 (Bear Grass): Urrin Rogers and Sam Mobley, of Bear Grass; and Henry D. Peel, of Cross Roads.

While the districts include one or more schools and will be known by numbers, the six units are centered around the high schools named.

Sealed bids will be opened Monday, August 14, for the construction of a four-room school building in Hamilton Township, on Highway No. 11, about one mile from Hassell. The school is for colored children in that district.

Small Child Dies Near Washington Early Sunday

Irving Bowen, two years old, died at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Cherry, in Washington, early Sunday morning. The little fellow had something like a boil near his eye, and it is believed that an infection resulted and caused death. He had been ill for about one week and was visiting his grandparents.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Bowen, who live about three miles from here on the old Greenville road. Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon and interment followed in the family burial ground near the D. O. Bowen home.

W. I. Skinner Company Starts Operations Here

The W. I. Skinner Company tobacco plant started preliminary operations for the season here yesterday, employing 40 women and about 15 men laborers. The plant is handling Georgia tobacco at the present time, and full capacity operations will not get under way before next week, when large shipments of tobacco are expected from the South Carolina and Border markets, Iverson Skinner, a firm partner, said this morning.

WHERE THEY PLAY

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8
Williamston at Colerain.
Ahoskie at Elizabeth City.
Windsor at Edenton.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9
Colerain at Williamston.
Elizabeth City at Ahoskie.
Edenton at Windsor.

COLORED CHILD STRUCK BY CAR, FATALLY HURT

Robert Brown, jr., 5 Years Old, Victim of Accident Here Yesterday

Robert Brown, jr., colored boy about 5 years old, was fatally hurt yesterday morning when he was struck by an automobile near the home of his father, Louis Brown, a short distance from the Martin County home. He was removed to a Washington hospital where he died yesterday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock. The child suffered a fractured skull and bled freely at the ears and mouth. He never regained consciousness.

The boy was behind an ice wagon parked on the right side of the road facing Williamston. He started across the road and dashed into the path of a car driven by G. W. Peed, Pitt County farmer. Mr. Peed did not see the child behind the truck, but he did see the ice man and sounded his horn as a warning to him. The farmer was said to have been running about 25 miles an hour when he struck the boy, dragging him a short distance before he could stop.

Mr. John Bland accompanied by Deputy Grimes and Peed rushed the child to the hospital.

The driver of the car was questioned at length by officers, who declared the accident was unavoidable on his part.

County Needs Now Canning Winter Food

Martin County's needs are now canning approximately 1,000 quarts of vegetables and fruits daily, it was learned from Welfare Agent J. R. Manning yesterday. It is now believed that the needy will have sufficient food to care for their needs during the coming winter, provided the campaign continues to succeed.

Lester Brown Entertains With Chicken Stew Friday

About 150 neighbors and other friends of Mr. Lester Brown enjoyed a chicken stew at his tobacco barn near Hassell last Friday night, the event being one of the largest of its kind held in the section in years. The young folks enjoyed games while the older ones cooked and prepared a meal.

Little Change in Batting Marks in Past Two Weeks

There were few changes in the batting line-up of the Williamston club during the past two weeks. Troy Goodmon, who came to the Martins just before the close of the first half, continues to lead the team in batting with a mark of 417 for the 12 games he has participated in. "Red Proctor," pitcher, and also a newcomer, is in second place with a percentage of .375. Brake slipped a little during the past two weeks, dropping from .398 to .370, but he still leads those members of the squad who have been here since the start of the season. Uzzle boosted his percentage from .311 to .317, while Earp fell from .301 and fourth place to .276 and sixth. Gaylord maintained his standing, climbing one point from .300 to .301. Others remained in about the same relative position, except that Bill Herring climbed while Latham went down. Brake is still leading in total number of hits, total bases, and two-base knocks. Earp lost his lead in runs scored to Gaylord, who also leads in sacrifice hits. The team average suffered a few points, falling from .287 to .280. Following are the facts and figures for the season's play, not including exhibition games, however:

Player & Position	G	AB	R	H	2B	3B	HR	TB	SH	Pct.
Goodmon, 2b	12	48	10	20	5	0	0	25	1	.417
Proctor, p	3	8	0	3	0	0	0	3	0	.375
Brake, cf	36	149	27	55	15	4	1	81	3	.370
Uzzle, 3b	34	139	17	44	10	3	2	66	3	.317
Gaylord, rf	36	153	39	46	10	2	1	63	5	.301
Earp, ss	36	156	38	43	6	6	0	61	3	.276
James, lf	33	124	14	33	8	3	1	50	3	.266
Herring, p-rf	31	93	16	24	6	4	1	41	0	.258
Taylor, 1b	36	134	12	32	6	0	0	38	2	.239
Latham, c	36	143	29	34	14	4	0	56	2	.238
Cherry, p	18	45	4	10	1	0	0	11	0	.222
Herring, p	20	37	3	4	1	0	0	5	2	.108
Others	—	64	6	14	1	1	0	17	2	.219
Totals	36	1293	215	362	83	27	6	517	26	.280

PEANUT PLANT HERE OPERATING UNDER NEW CODE

Working 8 Hours Daily; Pay 12 1-2 and 25 Cents Per Hour

Business and industry here is now nearing the 100 per cent mark in support of President Roosevelt's National Recovery program, the Columbian Peanut Company having started operating under a new code here yesterday morning. Retail business houses signed 100 per cent in support of the program one week ago today.

The Columbian company, hiring more than 100 people daily, starts operations at 7:30 a. m., and closes for the day at 3:30 p. m. While no additional employees are added under the new code, a marked increase in wages was announced by Manager Pritchard last Saturday. Women are now receiving \$1 a day, and men are getting 25 cents an hour, or \$2 a day, the wage scale having been almost doubled that paid during the spring. It is understood that the plant will consider increasing its number of employees when the new crop of peanuts is placed on the market.

The code under which the local plant is operating is being followed by other peanut companies and is subject to the approval of the National Recovery Administration authorities.

Business and industry here are experiencing the usual seasonal lull in activities, and the effect of the code on employment can hardly be determined at this time. Beginning the latter part of this month a marked increase in industrial activity is expected, and ordinarily the labor supply is exhausted.

TWO TOBACCO BARNS BURNED

Farmers Finding It Necessary To Crowd Barns, Increasing Hazard

Two tobacco barns, one belonging to N. R. Daniel and the other to Ed Hardison, both of Jamesville R. F. D., were destroyed by fire last week. With the crop ripening rapidly, the farmers are finding it necessary to crowd their barns in an effort to save their tobacco in the fields, but at the same time increasing the fire risk in the barn.

Only a few barns have burned in this county this season as far as it could be learned, but curing activities are far from complete and other losses are very likely. Crowded barns call for higher temperatures and the higher they go the greater the risk is in curing the tobacco.

Robert L. Coburn Named To Board of Trustees

Attorney Robert L. Coburn has been recently appointed a member of the board of trustees for the Caswell Training School, Kinston, by Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus. Mr. Coburn was county manager for Mr. Ehringhaus in the last campaign.

Rate Will Be Higher, But Amount To Be Raised Is Considerably Under 1932

Tobacco Horn Worms Appearing in Large Numbers; Control Measures Are Suggested

Tobacco farmers in this county are now experiencing another menace in the activities of the August or horn worm, according to County Agent T. B. Brandon. The pests are appearing in great numbers, the agent said, and even though many farmers have already started dusting their crops in an effort to control the worms much damage can be expected. In a few fields the worms had not made their appearance up to yesterday, but by the latter part of this week the worms will have attacked crops throughout the territory, it is believed. Many farmers have already started dust-

ing their crops, using paris green and arsenate of lead as recommended by authorities. The "1 in 6 mixture" is highly recommended for control of the horn worm and flea beetle. One pound of paris green and five pounds of arsenate of lead are recommended to the acre when the poison is dusted by a machine. A like portion of hydrated lime can be mixed with the poison when dusting is done by hand with a sack. One application will last several days when there is no rain to wash the poison off the tobacco. Dusting will prove more profit-

able when applied late in the afternoon, it is said. The tobacco crop continues to ripen rapidly in this section, but harvesting of the crop is far from complete, as a whole. Many of the farmers did not top their crop until it had grown to heights almost unheard of in this section before. As a result there will be more separate curings than is ordinarily the case. A few farmers are completing their harvesting work this week, and many will pull their tips about week after next. There are many others, however, who have only pulled their first and second primings.

SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT LEVIES ARE ELIMINATED

Saving Is From 20c To 50c On \$100 Valuation, Due To Smaller Valuation

Martin County property owners will save approximately \$44,284.17 in their tax bills this year, it was learned yesterday following the regular meeting of the county commissioners. The savings were effected despite an increase of 35 cents in the rate made necessary by the marked decrease in property values below those of last year.

Last year the county levied a county-wide rate of \$1.25 on the \$100 property valuation to raise a total of \$171,517.99. This year the rate was placed at \$1.60 on the \$100 property valuation to raise approximately \$152,000, a resulting saving of \$19,517.99. In addition to that amount, the property owners will save approximately \$24,766.18, an amount paid last year for special schools. The State has assumed this cost, which added to the county-wide saving of \$19,517.99, reduces the levy by \$44,284.17. There will be no special school district tax levies in Martin County this year.

A property owner listing his belongings last year at \$100 paid \$125 taxes for county-wide purposes. If he was in a special school and a special road district he paid those extra, running the amount of taxes up to as high as \$2 on the \$100 worth of property he owned. This year the same property owner will pay \$1.05 for county-wide purposes—provided, of course, that he enjoyed the 33 1-3 per cent reduction in valuation allowed by the county commissioners on real property. In addition to that amount he will be called on to pay the special road tax, which varies from nothing up to about 35 cents, according to townships.

In short, owners will save from 20 to 50 cents on the \$100 worth of property that they own in the county this year. A rate of \$1.57 was considered yesterday, but the anti-typhoid fever campaign cost was far greater than anticipated and an increase in the rate was necessary. And in addition to that the cost of an election on the repeal of the 18th amendment had to be considered, the two costs pushing the rate to \$1.60.

There may be a slight variation in the budget figures and the total property valuation for the county, but the change, if any, will hardly affect the established rate of \$1.60. The savings that will accrue to property owners when they pay their 1933 taxes were effected despite increases in debt costs, an extra election, anti-typhoid campaign, and the marked loss in property values. Had these factors not been present, the rate would have been around 75 cents on the \$100 property valuation.

COUNTY NATIVE DROWNS IN TAR

Dr. Samuel N. Harrell, of Tarboro, Disappeared Last Sunday

Dr. Samuel N. Harrell, a native of the Oak City section, this county, and a well-known and greatly beloved physician of Tarboro for a number of years, was drowned in the Tar River early last Sunday morning. Dr. Harrell, suffering ill health following a serious operation some time ago in a Baltimore hospital, disappeared from his home in Tarboro about 5 o'clock Sunday morning. A search was instituted, and bloodhounds trailed him to the river, but his body was not discovered until last night near the spot where the dogs stopped at the edge of the stream.

The physician owned several farms in the upper part of this county, and is survived by relatives in that section. Funeral services are being conducted in Tarboro this afternoon.

Regular Meeting of Town Commissioners Postponed

The regular scheduled meeting of the local town commissioners was postponed last night as several of the board members were out of town. No date has been set for a meeting.

TOWN STRUCK BY SEVERE STORM

Spectacular Electrical Display Does Some Damage Late Friday

One of the worst electrical storms experienced in this section in recent years centered over the town last Friday afternoon, doing considerable damage to electrical lines and equipment. Sharp bolts of lightning burned the wires of a number of cook stoves and splintered one or two radios. A direct strike was reported at the home of Furney Howard in New Town, where a chicken coop was splintered a few fence posts split.

Probably the most damage was done to light meters and the motors in the gasoline pumps at the Texas Service Station, near the A. C. L. station. The lightning fired the wiring and almost fired the gasoline. Fire fighting equipment was rushed from the fire station and the flames were checked before they reached the gasoline.

Light and power service was interrupted for more than two hours when lightning struck and destroyed a pole on the main transmission line near Everetts. Current was back on the lines at 8:30 o'clock here, but electricians were busy a greater part of the night repairing damage in other sections.

MAIL DELIVERY HERE REDUCED

Curtailment of Service Here Ordered by Post Office Department

Postal delivery service was curtailed here this week by the Post Office Department, and during the remainder of this month and probably all of September there will be no deliveries in the town on Monday afternoons and Tuesday evenings. The half holiday each Wednesday, in effect for some time, will continue unchanged. Service on the rural routes will continue as usual.

The carriers here will be off duty without pay during those periods, and the government does not provide for pay to substitutes.

Patrons, receiving their mail by carrier twice each day except on Wednesdays and Sundays in the past, may call at the office when they expect mail on Monday afternoons or Tuesday mornings.

Paul Jones Takes Over Operation Gulf Station

Mr. Paul Jones has acquired the management of the Gulf Filling Station just across the street from the Planters Warehouse. Mr. Jones succeeds Mr. Jos. Gregory, who operated the station for several years, but who retired yesterday on account of his health.

Name Means Nothing As Cotton Plows Up Cotton

Matthew Cotton, colored farmer living in Goose Nest Township, plowed up an acre of cotton as his part in the cotton reduction movement. Names counted for little as far as Cotton was concerned, when it came to supporting the President of the United States and his price-raising policies.

CLUB STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Elizabeth City	8	4	.667
Williamston	6	5	.546
Ahoskie	6	5	.546
Windsor	5	5	.500
Colerain	5	7	.417
Edenton	3	7	.300

BORDER MARTS OPEN THURSDAY

Farm Adjustment Administration Uses Pressure for August 10 Opening

The South Carolina and border tobacco markets will open the season Thursday of this week, it was announced Sunday by the farm adjustment administration. The opening was scheduled for next Tuesday August 15.

The change in the opening date is the result of efforts by the farm administration to get the South Carolina and border markets opened earlier than August 15. South Carolina growers suggested an opening date on August 8, and the date fixed recently was a compromise.

Only a day or two ago, the sales committee of the Tobacco Association of the United States, representing the principal tobacco buyers, refused to change the August 15 date, but they receded from their position under pressure of the farm administration.

Very little or nothing has been said about an earlier opening for this belt, and it is generally believed that no change will be made, the markets opening Tuesday, August 29.

Escaped Convict Captured And Returned to Prison

Lester Briley, the young white man convicted several months ago in the Edgecombe County Superior court for the robbery of a store in Gold Point and another in Leggett's, was captured on the Crisp farm, near Hamilton, last Sunday night, following his escape from a road camp at Mocksville the Wednesday before. County officers made the arrest. He was turned over to State authorities yesterday.

Kiwanis Club To Have Its Luncheon Tomorrow

The local Kiwanis Club will hold its regular luncheon at the usual hour, 12:30 o'clock, in the Woman's Club building tomorrow.

ALMOST GONE

Choice lots of last year's peanuts have in one or two cases sold for 3 cents per pound within the last two or three weeks, but the latest quotations for the best goobers is only 2 3-4 cents. The heavy decline in acreage this year and the small stocks of former years on hand was expected to reflect on the price of peanuts, but for the last few days the market has been indifferent, the buyers not being inclined to buy at any price.

With but a few exceptions the 1932 crop has been sold and unless there is a drastic change in prices the crop will be disposed of during the month of August.