



County Budget and Tax Rate To Be Considered by Commissioners At Special Meeting Next Saturday

Generally Believed Rate Will Be Same As For Past Year

Authorities Not Expected to Consider Revenue from Liquor Next Saturday

Martin County's budget for the fiscal year ending next June will be considered at a special meeting of the commissioners next Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock, it was announced yesterday by Mr. J. E. Pope, chairman of the board.

Property valuations and other sources of revenue are being considered by the auditor in the preparation of figures for final consideration by the commissioners at the special meeting, which, it is believed, will last a greater part of the day.

County officers hesitated to comment on the expected rate that will be in effect, but it is generally believed the figure will be held at \$1.50, the rate in effect for 1934. It is possible that a slight reduction might be effected when all figures are entered and estimates are considered.

An official report on the school requirements is not available just at this time, but it is understood that the school budget will reflect a decrease despite the proposed \$100,000 building program now pending. Bonded indebtedness, the main item in the budget, will not vary very much, it is believed. Other funds will remain about the same, any increasing probably being offset by decreases in other departments.

Profits, should there be any from the legal liquor store sales, will not be considered in preparing the new budget, Auditor J. Sam Getsinger said. It is possible that any money from liquor sales will be used for the purchase of county bonds by the county, but to consider liquor profits as revenue would only add to the confusion already surrounding the liquor laws, it is understood. Very little revenue is expected from the liquor store sales this year anyway, and inclusion of the leaving out of any revenue from that source will cause little variation in the budget figures, it is believed.

Five Apply for Farm Debt Adjustments at Meet Held Saturday

Definite Action Postponed Until August 12 When Committee Meets

Five applications for farm debt adjustments were received at a meeting of the Martin County Farm-Debt Adjustment Committee in the county courthouse last Friday, but no definite action was taken at that time. A second meeting will be held on August 12, when efforts will be made to effect adjustments. Facts in each of the five cases will be studied in the meantime, and a member of the committee said that they were hopeful agreeable settlements could be reached in most, if not all, the five cases before the group.

Other applications will be considered at that time, and those wishing to have their farm debts considered should file notice with Miss Jones, secretary to the committee, at the courthouse promptly.

Messrs. J. W. Hines, chairman, of Oak City; and Eli Rodgers, of Robersonville, represented the committee at the meeting last Friday.

Beaufort County Tax Rate Is Set at \$1.07

Beaufort County's 1935 tax rate was tentatively set at \$1.07 last week, or 11 cents above the figure for 1934. The rate is based on a property valuation of \$19,938,820, not including corporate values.

Darden's Department Store Starts Sale Next Saturday

Darden's Department store here will observe its second anniversary with a big sale beginning Saturday of this week, it was announced today.

Lespedeza Doubles Crop Yields for Union Farmer

Including lespedeza in the crop rotation has doubled the average yields of other crops on the farm of J. B. Huggins, of Lane's Creek Township in Union County.

Tobacco Said To Be Ripening Unusually Fast in Fields as Result of Recent Heavy Rains

Activities on tobacco farms in this section reached an all-season busy peak this week, when farmers threw all their resources to the task of harvesting tobacco. All facilities for handling the crop have been brought into use, and even then many farmers are already finding the task too great. A few reliable reports indicate that many farmers are finding their barns too small to handle the crops, which is said to be ripening unusually fast following heavy rains last week.

As a rule, farmers are harvesting their third curings this week, while a few others are working on their fourth and fifth pullings. Successful curings are generally reported, and present prospects for a good crop are considered fair or about as good as usual for the most part. Some curings have turned out very light, but heavier tobaccos are expected to follow the rains of last week, one of the few farmers seen here yesterday said.

Local Building Boom Still Behind Demand

Housing Shortage Will Become Acute When Market Opens

Williamston's greatest building boom continues unabated with the announcement that construction on several new homes will be started just as soon as labor is available. Many new homes have been recently completed here, but even with those and others that are planned, Williamston is still facing one of the most acute housing shortages in its history. New apartments are being opened frequently, but in nearly every case apartments and homes are rented before alterations or construction activities are even started.

Officers Conduct Big Drive on Violators of All Liquor Laws

Six Defendants Are Fined By Justice J. L. Hassell in His Court Last Night

Town officers conducted one of the most effective drives against drunkenness and resulting disorder here over the past week-end than at any time in recent months, a review of Justice J. L. Hassell's trial docket this morning shows. Six of the defendants, charged with being drunk and disorderly were fined by the trial justice last evening.

John Lincoln, Joe James, Leroy Lloyd, Daniel Ryan and Jasper Wiggins were fined and taxed with the costs, amounting to 7 in each case. They were charged with disorderly conduct. William Speller, facing a similar charge, was fined and taxed to the tune of \$6.

W. M. McClenny waived examination and the case charging him with assaulting Theodore Roberson, young white boy, was sent to the recorder's court for trial. Bond was field at \$100. McClenny then swore out a warrant charging Roberson and his brothers, Harry and Joe, with an assault with a deadly weapon, and they were bound over to the county court for trial under \$100 bonds each.

Attorney Martin Reported Better in Hospital Today

The condition of Mr. Wheeler Martin was reported some better yesterday following an operation in a Rocky Mount hospital last Saturday. Reports from the hospital where he has been confined for about two months were said to be encouraging.

Two Medical Doctors Are Locating Here This Week

Dr. W. J. Benton, of Hamlet, and Dr. W. F. Evans, of Richmond, are making arrangements today to locate here. Definite plans had not been completed this morning, but it is understood the young doctors will open separate offices on the second floor of the Margolis Brothers building.

The two young men come here highly recommended, each having made excellent records in their studies and interne work. Dr. Evans was graduated from the Medical College of Virginia, Richmond. Dr. Benton is a graduate of the medical college of the University of Syracuse, Syracuse, N. Y.

LOCALS HOLD TO FIFTH POSITION IN COASTAL LOOP

Gaddy Pitches 4-Hit Ball, But Martins Lose Game To Greenville 2 To 0

The Martins held their position in the Coastal Plain loop over the weekend even though they dropped both of the games played since last Friday. Rain apparently saved the locals a defeat at the hands of Greenville here last Friday afternoon. The visitors were leading 4 to 0 when rain started falling in the last half of the fourth, cutting short what appeared certain victory for the Greensies. Parker's home run in the first with one on failed to get into the records, adding to the visitor's disappointment.

The Greensies won the second game of the series Saturday by the close count of 2 to 0 at Greenville. Gaddy pitched a splendid game for the Martins, allowing only four hits. It was a hard game to lose, but the Greensies just got the breaks and the credit.

Yesterday Kinston turned the Martins back at Kinston by an 8 to 4 score. Keller upset the 4-all tie in the seventh when he hit a home run with three men on bases. Lyter started the game for the Martins but was relieved in the first by Cherry. Chappell was fined \$5 when he went to his knees and pleaded for consideration when Empire Morgan called what appeared to Chappell to be a strike a ball. Two strikes were on Keller at the time, and Chappell maintained that the batter should have been called out on the next pitched ball. The next offering by Cherry was knocked for a home run.

This afternoon the club is observing booster day with a double header with Kinston here. New faces are in the line-up, and more new faces will likely be in the game for the Martins tomorrow and Thursday, club officials announced today.

500 COUNTY DOGS ARE VACCINATED LAST SATURDAY

To Complete Anti-Rabies Campaign in County As Soon as Possible

The anti-rabies campaign was off to a good start last Saturday, when nearly 500 dogs were vaccinated in Hamilton and Goose Nest Townships, reports from those centers indicating that the owners are cooperating splendidly in the movement. Inspector Steve Ewell vaccinated 107 in the town of Hamilton, and Inspector Geo. Leggett vaccinated 150 at Hassell. At Oak City Inspector J. W. Hines vaccinated 164 Saturday and 46 Monday.

The number of dogs vaccinated, in one instance, was almost twice as great as the number listed in the same district for taxation, it was reported by the sheriff's office. More dogs were vaccinated in the two townships than there are on the tax books, and there are still others to be vaccinated or killed.

Following the clinics Saturday, inspectors started killing those dogs whose owners could not be found and those whose owners refused to have vaccinated. One or two of the inspectors were given supplies of ammunition today to continue their drive on stray dogs, it was said.

Wednesday afternoon, clinics will be held at the courthouse here and at the old Ballard schoolhouse in Poplar Point Township. A goodly number of dogs have been vaccinated here already, but even then several hundred will likely be brought here for treatment tomorrow.

Sheriff Roebuck, in general charge of the clinics, plans to carry the campaign into Cross Roads and Robersonville Townships within the next few days or just as soon as arrangements can be made after the serum is received. Definite dates will be announced shortly, the sheriff said. Vaccinations will be held at three points, in Robersonville Township, one at Parmele, another at Gold Point and still another in the town of Robersonville. It is understood that all vaccinations for Cross Roads Townships will be held at Everetts, but definite announcement of places will be made just as soon as the dates can be determined.

Man Badly Assaulted By Another Here Sunday

Ben Scott, colored employee for the Saunders Z Cox mill here, was badly beaten over the head by a colored man, named Albritton, from Washington, Sunday afternoon at Scott's home below the river hill here. Albritton is said to have escaped after striking Scott over the head several times with a board. Scott is expected to recover.

4-Year Contracts Will Be Given Tobacco Farmers

Three Big Corporations Have Already Paid County Taxes Even Before Rate Determined

A new record for the early payment of taxes in this county was reported yesterday, when the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company, the Standard Oil Company, and the Virginia Electric and Power Company settled their 1935 accounts, totalling about \$3,646. The payments were made even before the new rate was determined, but the money was passed on the condition that any resulting difference would be paid by the companies or refunded by the county.

Saunders and Cox Mill Expected To Begin Actual Sawing Work Here Early Part of Next Week

Logging Operations Began Yesterday in Swamps of Roanoke

Machinery Will Likely Be Tested Latter Part of This Week

Operations will likely get underway at the Saunders and Cox lumber mill on Roanoke River here some time next week, Mr. Saunders, a partner in the firm, said yesterday. "We still have right much work to do, but we plan to raise steam in the boilers this week and complete other arrangements in time to start sawing operations next week," Mr. Saunders said. Tracks have been placed in the woods, and actual logging activities were started yesterday in the swamps and lowlands along the upper Roanoke. Preparations for sawing the first board are being rapidly completed, and it is evident now that the plant, one of the largest, if not the largest, in this entire section, will be a scene of much activity within a short time.

Equipped with the latest type machinery, the plant has a capacity of about 30,000 feet of lumber daily, and will furnish employment to the largest number of laborers of any plant in this section. The plant, occupying three stories, grades the lumber as soon as it leaves the saw, and takes the output to the kilns, where heat circulated by a number of large fans conditions the lumber for shipments. The three large boilers are automatically fired with sawdust and slabs that are ground to pieces by special machinery. Logs are pulled on cars to the second story, where steam apparatus is used to place them on the carriage, which is also handled with steam. The mill is equipped with band saws instead of the circular saw commonly seen at small mills in this section.

The plant is owned by substantial men, whose coming here is regarded as one of the most fortunate events for the town in recent years.

Paul Godwin Critically Ill In Asheville Sanatorium

Paul Godwin, popular young Williamston man, continues critically ill in a private hospital near Asheville, reports received here yesterday indicated. The young man was removed to the sanatorium from his home here several weeks ago. Mrs. Godwin left yesterday to be with him.

Maurice D. Watts Seriously Ill In Washington Hospital

Mr. Maurice Watts, removed to a Washington hospital last week, is described as critically ill there. Late reports indicate that he is about holding his own, that recovery is not expected.

Mr. Watts has experienced ill health for more than two years, but he was able to be up most of the time until early last Friday when his condition suddenly became critical.

Court Again Bearing Down On Liquor Law Violators

Early reports from the county court today indicated that Judge H. O. Peel was continuing to bear down on dealers in bootleg liquors and drunken drivers. Six months road sentences were being considered in several cases, the reports stating that the defendants had not definitely decided on appeals at that time to the higher courts.

Tobacco Production Program Extensions Outlined at Capital

New Contract Forms Will Be Available Soon After Opening of Markets

Washington—The Agricultural Adjustment Administration Monday announced that growers of blue cured tobacco will be offered an adjustment program, covering the crop years of 1936 to 1939, inclusive, which is in effect a continuation of the program in force for the crop years 1934 and 1935.

As a result of adjustment of acreage and production in 1934 and 1935, surplus stocks which depressed prices have been removed, J. B. Hutson, director of the division of tobacco, sugar, rice, and peanuts, said, however, that indications were that without an adjustment program production of blue-cured tobacco in 1935 would be out of balance with consumption to such an extent that prices would decline below parity price or fair exchange value.

Ninety-eight per cent of the growers who voted in the blue-cured tobacco referendum held in June, 1935, voted in favor of a program having the provisions incorporated in the new contract.

The program for the 1936-1939 period will carry forward acreage and production basis already established with such downward and upward adjustments as will result in more equitable bases; provide for one adjustment payment at the end of each contract year, and set a limit of 35 per cent on the acreage and production reduction which may be required in any one year.

The new contracts will be signed by persons who are operating farms as owners or cash or standing rent tenants. In case a landlord does not supervise operation of his farm and the entire farm is operated by one share tenant or share cropper, either the landlord or his tenant or share cropper may sign the contract.

The contract provides for a payment which will give growers a return "not less than the difference between the average farm price and the average parity price" for that portion of the crop which is equal to domestic consumption.

In other words, the payment will be of such an amount as will make up any difference between actual farm price received and parity price on the domestic portion of the crop. A little over 40 per cent of the blue-cured crop is domestically consumed. The rate of the adjustment payment for each year will be determined after sale of the crop.

New contract forms will be available at county offices in the blue-cured belts after the opening of the markets. Notice of acceptance of contracts signed by growers must be given by the secretary of agriculture by February 1, 1936, in order to be effective for that year.

Heaviest Rainfall in Any Month in Years Is Reported for July

Record for Period Expected To Show Nearly Twelve Inches of Rainfall

The heaviest rainfall for any month since August, 1911, has already been reported this month and there's another day to go before records will be completed for the current period. An unusually heavy rainfall for July was reported prior to last Friday, when 2.27 inches of rain fell to set a new record for a single rain during recent months.

All in all, July has been a wet month. Just about the time the county voted for more and better liquor, rains began to fall, and up until today the only thing or things about to dry up, are the bootleggers, reports declare.

Last month was the driest month since last October, and the driest June in many years. Farmers were frantic and some are said to have prayed for rain, and conditions were beginning to get serious along about the early part of July when the first rain for weeks fell. But the situation reversed itself again; for farmers became frantic and prayed for dry weather, and a few more showers would have really dampened the crop hopes at one time, it is believed.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Barnes returned home today after visiting relatives and friends in Raleigh.

LATE OPENINGS

That the schools in this State would be late in opening the new term was indicated in a report released by the State Board of Health this week. The health board advises that openings be delayed until the early part of October on account of infantile paralysis. The dates for opening the schools are determined by the county authorities, but it is likely that the advice of the health officials will be followed.

It is possible that fairs scheduled for September will also be delayed until October in accordance with advice from the health board.

Several Changes Are Made in Line-up of Martins by Officials

Winning Team Is Promised by Club Officials During Remainder of Season

Making several changes in the local line-up and considering one or two more before the time limit expires on Wednesday, officials stated this morning that a real ball team would be on the field this week. "We believe the Martins will start climbing toward the top this week," an official of the club said this morning.

Numerous changes have been made in the line-up during the past two weeks or more, but the shifting is about over and some real baseball can be expected from now on, it was stated.

On the pitching staff now for the Martins are Gaddy, Cherry, Gardner, Lyter, Allen and Cassell. Bob Cassell, of Front Royal, Va., reported here last night and is scheduled for action immediately. Johnnie Doyle is now behind the bat. Cheek is on first, Chappell at second; Leary, third; and Wabler at short. Corbett, injured in the exhibition contest last Sunday, is expected to be back in the game the latter part of this week at his old position. Charlie Wood, of Richmond, played his first game yesterday in right field. House continues at center and Hack Gaylord is still in left field. Goodman is working at various positions on the diamond and field.

W. C. Manning Sailed For England Yesterday

Editor W. C. Manning sailed yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock from New York for England on the Britannic. He will attend an international church conference in Leicester, England, for several days. Leaving there the latter part of next week, he plans a tour of France and probably a visit to the Holy Land. He plans to be away about two months.

Bryant Carstarphen Here On Visit From Texas

Mr. Bryant Carstarphen, professor in the University of Texas, at Austin, returned to his home here last week. He spent several weeks visiting relatives in Wisconsin after leaving his duties in the university, and will be here until about the first of September.