

REPUBLICANS CONTEST VOTES

Reduced Tax Rate Main Feature City's Budget This Year

TAXES TO SUPPLY FUND OF \$18,940.36

Property Valued at \$1,071,135;
Retired Bonds, Paid Notes
And All Indebtedness
Last Fiscal Year

Reduced taxes from \$2.40 for the year 1928 to \$1.68 for the year of 1929 which is a decrease of 72 cents was the main feature of the budget that was adopted by the City Council for the management of this municipality for the ensuing year in their meeting held last Friday evening. The general or property tax is 31 cents while the special tax is \$1.07. The poll tax rate remains the same which is \$3.45.

The valuation of property owned by both colored and white citizens is \$1,071,125. From this property the City Council wishes to raise \$6,533.92 in general taxes. The special tax figures in the budget allow that \$11,461.14 will be raised from this special method. The budget allows that \$17,995.06 will be raised from general and special tax. Upwards of \$18,940.36 will be raised from general, special and poll taxes.

The special tax fund will be used in paying 6 per cent interest on \$46,000 balance of light and power bonds 6 per cent interest on \$40,000 sewer bonds; and 6 per cent interest on \$286,000 street improvement bonds. Also it will aid in retiring \$35,000 light and power bonds and retiring \$20,000 light and power bonds and the third assessment on street improvement bonds. Provision will be made for the sinking fund for \$40,000 sewer bonds. This will make a total of \$33,471.40 expended for these purposes.

Charged against this fund will also be less collections on third year street assessments which is 6 per cent on \$93,567.80, less the amount expected from the Water and Light Commission, less balance due from uncollected accounts which makes a total of \$22,010.26 to be subtracted from \$33,471.40 which leaves \$11,461.14 that will be collected from special taxes.

Only \$11,979.22 will be expended for accounts payable, street improvements, salaries of the mayor, clerk, councilmen, hose, auditing, feed horses, miscellaneous, city property maintenance, police salaries, street laborers and town ditch.

Charged against it will be funds from estimated dog and poll taxes, rents, building permits, auto tags amount expected from Light and Water Commission amounting to \$5,445.30. The total revenue from special, general, poll and dog taxes, auto tags, rents, building permits and privilege taxes amounted to \$21,640.36.

Comparisons between the budget adopted for the year of 1928 and the year of 1929 by the same members of the City Council reveals that for the year of 1928 about \$19,188.03 had to be raised by special taxes while this year only \$11,461.14 will be allowed this fund. Also a note that was due for \$6,820 has been paid and the town has no outstanding notes at the present. At the time the present City Council members assumed control of the city's affairs there was an indebtedness against the town of \$1,600 while at the present the town only owes \$348.10.

OFFER USED CARS AT VERY LOW PRICES

Increased sales of new cars by the Woodley Chevrolet Company has caused the firm to offer a number of used cars that they have on hand at unusually low prices in order to make room for the many new cars that are placed in their sales rooms until they can be delivered

REVIEWS WORK OF LOCAL SCHOOL

By MILDRED DIXON
(Staff Writer)

The "Spirit of the P. H. S." has landed once more on its old familiar field to find many changes and improvements since it soared to its heights last June.

Among the noted changes in the local school is the fact that children from the rural districts are being transported to this school by trucks. New and larger trucks have been provided for nearly every route by the school authorities. This greatly increased enrollment as the attendance at the present is 460 against 383 last year this time. There are 143 in high school. Sixty freshmen make it necessary to divide the class and secure another teacher. In addition to the thirteen teachers employed last year, there are four extra ones this year.

Having the largest enrollment in the history of the school it was necessary to make further room arrangements. Two grades were put in the basement, however, at an early date two of the lower grades will be removed to the Old Hampton Academy which is being repaired. This affords the younger children plenty of ground for recreation away from the larger boys and girls.

Economics Class

The home economics fund has been raised from \$5 to \$10 which gives more advantages in cooking. This class has been divided into two classes. Each class cooks once a week and attends the lectures during the other three days. Miss Doris Walston of Scotland Neck, a graduate of Salem College, at Winston-Salem, is in charge of this work.

Chapel service is held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning. One of the grades entertain each time. Wednesday morning parents are urged to come.

The teachers are getting up a series of one-act plays to be given some time soon. Arrangements are being made for a faculty play also.

Athletics is claiming much attention of the students. The football squad has lost only one game this season. About 28 girls are going out for practice for the basketball team. The varsity team lost a hard-fought game to the faculty recently.

Mackeys Defeats Creswell

Mackeys, Nov. 9.—The Mackeys basketball team defeated the Creswell players on the Creswell court Wednesday afternoon to the tune of 13 to 8. This was the first game of the season among these teams. It is thought that the Creswell team will visit the locals for a game at an early date.

ALMO THEATRE TONIGHT

John Barrymore
in
"The Beloved Rogue"
AND
M. G. M. NEWS

Saturday Night Only

Gary Cooper
in
"The Legion of the
Condemed"

ALSO
Third Episode of Serial
"Perils of the Jungles"

KRAZY-KAT COMEDY
ADM. — 25 & 35 Cts.

County Returns

The following is the tabulation of the returns in the five precincts in the county for candidates for county offices, excluding Sheriff Reid and Judge Norman that were reelected without opposition:

Democrat	Precinct	Republican
For Representative General Assembly		
John W. Darden	Skinnerville	Thomas W. Snell
60	Scuppernong	202
218	Wenona	333
27	Plymouth	23
493	Lee's Mills	254
273		251
1,071	Totals	1,063

Democrat	Precinct	Republican
For Treasurer		
L. E. Hassell	Skinnerville	W. W. Ange
54	Scuppernong	207
221	Wenona	333
29	Plymouth	21
494	Lee's Mills	262
283		247
1,081	Totals	1,070

Democrat	Precinct	Republican
For Register of Deeds		
Mrs. Addie L. Brinkley	Skinnerville	W. J. Jackson, Jr.
54	Scuppernong	207
218	Wenona	332
30	Plymouth	20
501	Lee's Mills	251
282		255
1,085	Totals	1,065

Democrat	Precinct	Republican
For County Commissioners		
E. R. Lewis	Skinnerville	B. B. Spencer
52	Scuppernong	207
217	Wenona	333
29	Plymouth	23
519	Lee's Mills	219
294		250
1,111	Totals	1,092

Democrat	Precinct	Republican
For County Commissioners		
A. L. Owens	Skinnerville	J. C. Tarkenton
55	Scuppernong	207
195	Wenona	331
25	Plymouth	23
515	Lee's Mills	221
285		245
1,075	Totals	1,034

Democrat	Precinct	Republican
For County Commissioners		
J. C. Spruill	Skinnerville	W. T. Phelps
56	Scuppernong	206
210	Wenona	350
27	Plymouth	24
516	Lee's Mills	253
278		256
1,087	Totals	1,099

OYSTER ROAST FOR FIREMEN TONIGHT

Firemen with their guests will assemble in the quarters of the local Fire Department this evening to enjoy stunts, jokes, speeches and other amusements that is generally afforded at an oyster roast. Twelve bushels of oysters and a large number of pounds of soda crackers and pickles will be on the menu for the thirty-five persons that are expected to be present.

The decision to have this oyster roast was reached in a meeting of the firemen last Friday evening when a motion was made by J. F. Ausbon and seconded by W. C. Moore to have the oyster roast was unanimously carried. This marks the beginning of the social activities of the firemen for this season as it is customary to have an oyster roast about this season each year.

A motion was moved and passed that the City Council, the Water and Light Commission and the preachers of the city be invited to enjoy the occasion as guests of the firemen. Walter H. Paramore, Chief L. W. Gurkin and R. E. Tarkenton were appointed on a committee to invite the guests.

A refreshment committee composed of A. F. Lilley, J. B. Willoughby and J. L. Spruill was appointed to have charge of providing the oysters and other provisions while J. F. Ausbon and W. C. Moore were appointed on a committee to look after preparing the oysters.

The following firemen were present at the meeting last Friday evening: Chief L. W. Gurkin, J. B. Willoughby, W. F. Ausbon, J. F. Ausbon, W. C. Moore, A. F. Lilley, W. H. Paramore, J. L. Spruill, L. C. Willoughby and R. E. Tarkenton.

47 PUPILS ON SCHOOL ROLL OF HONOR

Mackeys, Nov. 9.—The following is the honor roll of the local school for October:

Primary grades: first, Joseph Cox, Julian Davenport, Louise Riddick and Virginia Tarkenton; second, Aubrey Asby, James Everett, William Riddick, Mary Dean Sallinger, Mary Davenport and Frances Blount; third, Reyonld Davenport, John Everett, Paul Harrell and Russell Kowles; fourth, Christie Davenport, Dorothy Swain and Seaton Woodley.

Grammar grades: fifth, Eloise Patrick, Greyson Everett, Francis Chesson; sixth, Elsie Chesson and Sarah Harrell; seventh, Jabie Conway, Jessie May Harrell and Margaret Collins.

High school: eighth, Alma Hassell, Margaret Everett and Christine Spruill; ninth, Louise Chesson, Robert Patrick, Fannie Clyde Chesson, Lancelot Davenport, Margaret Davenport, Evelyn Chesson, Norma Tarkenton, and Louise Ainsley; tenth, Frances Everett, Glenwood Spruill, Nathan Everett, Evelyn Phelps, Penie Harrell, Inos Alexander, Marie Patrick, Florida Collins; eleventh, Ola Chesson, Deanie Spruill and Blanche Harrell.

NEGRO LOSES FINGERS

A negro named Clark that had been working at the Wilts Veneer Company only two days lost four of the fingers on his right hand when he put his hand into the hog that was used in grinding up the waste material for use in the boiler as fuel. As he put his hand into the hog for some unknown reason the blades in the machine severed all the fingers on the right hand, only leaving the thumb.

Democrats Carry County Ticket By A Narrow Margin

ARMISTICE DAY CELEBRATION UNLIKELY

Although there are upwards of two score or more former service men in Washington County, there will be no Armistice Day celebration here on November 11 or the day following, as far as it can be learned. Some of the former soldier boys will perhaps journey to some other town in an endeavor to find those that are sufficiently interested in the services rendered by these boys to commemorate the event of the signing of the Armistice which concluded hostilities in the World War.

In some towns this day will be fittingly commemorated on Monday with parades, music, speeches, and other amusements. Among these towns is Norfolk and Portsmouth. Last year a number of the local soldiers were present at the celebration in Washington. Former soldier boys in this county are without a much needed post of the American Legion which could turn this day into a day of celebration.

In times past an effort has been manifested to organize a local post of the American Legion; however, the movement was a failure owing to the lack of interest of the former soldiers. It has been rumored in this place that the American Legion post in Columbia might stage a celebration next Monday. This rumor has not been affirmed by members of the Tyrrell county post.

No Governor, Mayor, or other official has issued a proclamation asking the citizens to observe November 11 or November 12 as a holiday, at which time stores will be closed and the day spent in rest or celebration. Schools will continue; business houses will continue the transaction of business; and factories will continue in operation as the day swiftly passes away, and the brave deeds of the soldiers on the battlefields in France will go unheralded or uncommemorated.

EXHIBITS UNIQUE TOBACCO LEAVES

Long Ridge, Nov. 9.—A stem of tobacco with three leaves on it, with two of the leaves joined together at the bottom resembling a pocket and a lily was exhibited here this week by H. J. Woolard, who has been a tobacco planter since 1919. Mr. Woolard has been a resident of Washington County for 21 years. He has sold 3,894 pounds of the weed during this season from four acres.

This unique plant was grown from Bonanza tobacco and is classed in the third grade.

FUNERAL PARLOR HAS NEW QUARTERS

The W. T. Nurney Funeral Parlor is now located in the store on Washington street formerly occupied by the L. M. T. Stores, Inc. For about 39 years, Mr. Nurney has been engaged in this work. Arrangements have been made in the new quarters that will afford a much better show room and will allow more space for storing the caskets.

SUFFERS A BROKEN HIP

Falling on his side when a step crumbled beneath his weight as he began to ascend the steps to his home Sunday afternoon, Roy Paul suffered a broken hip. He was taken immediately to a Washington Hospital, where he is undergoing a treatment. Dr. T. L. Bray was the local physician that attended the boy previous to his departure for the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Spruill of Raleigh were here this week.

F. S. Ausbon of Chapel Hill spent the week end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. W. Ausbon.

MAJORITY VOTERS FAVOR HOOVER

Democratic Voters In Wenona
Saved the County From
G. O. P. For Next
Two Years

One vote was protested, and four others were challenged by Republicans who lost a hard fought contest to the Democratic candidates in the election here Tuesday. Irregularities in voting was charged by the Republicans to have occurred in the Skinnerville precinct ballot box. Captain Charlie E. Mizelle agreed to throw the box out of the returns which would give the Democrats a greater victory. It was charged that there were more ballots in the box than there were names on the registration book.

Final returns from the five precincts in Washington County reveal that Herbert Hoover, Republican presidential nominee, carried the county by a good majority over his opponent, Governor Alfred E. Smith, Democratic Presidential nominee, in the election Tuesday. The State ticket was given to the Democratic party after a closely contested election by voters of Washington County.

The returns revealed that Herbert Hoover has been given the office of President by the majority of voters in the entire nation, as they voted for this candidate in repudiation of Governor Al Smith, who met so much opposition because of his membership in the Catholic party, his affiliations with Tammany Hall, and his views on prohibition. Hoover broke the solid South for the first time in many years. Even Virginia and Florida and part of North Carolina was given to the presidential nominee.

O. Max Gardner, gubernatorial candidate in this State, won the office with a sweeping victory for Democracy. As he swept the State the entire Democratic ticket of candidates for State offices were awarded the victory with him. Republican candidates for State offices were literally "snowed under."

County Officials

Returns from the small precinct of Wenona, which were gathered late in the night, made Washington county safe for Democracy by a small majority. This was one of the closest races that has been in Washington county for many years. More voters registered and cast their ballots than has ever been known in Washington county before. Vote-getting machinery was thoroughly organized by both sides, and workers for a time were at a loss to predict the winner.

Only one or two candidates on the Republican ticket were elected. Perhaps the most important one was J. T. Phelps, who won over Amos Owens, the Democratic nominee, by only a small majority. Most of the seasoned politicians were fooled over the majority that was given the Democrats from the Wenona precinct, as it generally is a majority Republican vote. This time the Democrats benefited, owing, perhaps, to the fact that there was an increased registration of young voters, who favored the Democrats.

There were about 2,150 voters that cast their ballots in the present election, as against 1,685 that were cast in the election two years ago. This makes a difference of 465 voters in the two years. A number of these are new voters, and the remainder are voters that have just taken the time to pay their poll taxes and register because of the increased interest in the present election.