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## Commissioners Cut School Bond Issue To One Million

On motion of Commissioner Cameron Langston Monday morning, seconded by Commissioner Willie Measley, the Lenoir County Board of Commissioners unanimously voted to cut in half the proposed two million dollar school bond issue that had been called at the regular August meeting.

Commissioner Langston prefaced his motion by reading from school enrollment figures for the past 15 years which revealed an increase of just over 1500 students in that period. And in that period, principally during the period since the end of World War II, Lenoir County has spent nearly four million dollars on its schools, Langston pointed out.

His motion, Langston reminded, will provide "everything the two boards asked for in their regularly offered 1953-54 budget," to wit, \$474,000 for consolidation of the Negro schools in the county system and a \$517,000 elementary school for Northeast Kinston.

In the motion made by Langston \$520,000 would be allocated to the city system and \$480,000 will go to the county system.

Harvey School Parent-Teacher Association President Jack Hankins, when asked for his views, stated he felt a million and a half dollars would be more nearly in line with the present physical needs of the systems. Hankins admitted that he agreed with Langston that it is not wise to build anything except class-

Both agreed that recreational facilities were a pressing need but that such facilities should come from regular capital outlay allocations as normal revenues will allow.

Answering Hankins' query about funds for another elementary school for Northwest Kinston, the board pointed out that funds expected from the state school bond issue plus regular capital outlay allocations from the county general fund would provide this school in regular order and on the heels of the construction of the Northeast Kinston school.

Oil Distributor Courtney Mitchell spoke briefly, querying the commissioners if they did not see some way to finance the school program without any bond issue at all? Mitchell  
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## The Last Load Is Hauled, It's Selling Time Again



The last load is hauled and it's selling time again. Those magic, wonderful words have been spoken.

The tall stalks stand bare in the fields, stripped of their golden crop that go into the nation's "smoking habits."

The last gummy, tired, sweaty primer has come from the fields.

The last "trucker" has guided his load to the looping shed.

The last quick, expert flip of the hand has looped the last hand of tobacco on the stick.

The last barn has been "killed" and the leaves are packed away in the barn that bears the name, packbarn.

Gone for another year is the monotonous, hot, back-breaking work of getting the leaves off the tobacco stalk, to the barns, on the stick, into the barn, cured to the proper color and water content, removed from

the barn. But nobody's sad; to the contrary they're happy.

Even the little ones who now stare straight ahead into the double-barrel disaster of school days are happy.

Knowing full well that the days in the "old Swimming Hole;" the days in the fields with fun and frolic are drawing to an end and that just ahead are the school bus, bell and the sing-song of teacher "teaching." In spite of all this even the little ones are happy.

It's tobacco selling time.

That's the story. To old and young, to rich and to poor that IS the story.

The long, hard work that began with "fixing the plant bed" nearly a year ago, the tedious, aggravating job of "picking the plant bed" free of weeds so the tender nicotna tabacus weed

could grow faster and stronger. The transplanting of these tiny, tender shoots to the richly fertilized and carefully manicured fields. The almost reverent care those tender plants are given through April and May and on into June when the lugs begin to "ripen up" and when the primers move into the field and begin ripping those next-to-the-ground leaves off and sending them on to the curing barn.

All this, and much more is over for another year and it's time to take it to town and hear the auctioneer sing his peculiar price song that few can understand but love to hear.

From the back fields and the pocsin farms where "Tobacco Road" types hide during most the year come the hopeful with their offerings. From the fine  
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## Hurricane Footnotes

Last week Hurricane Barbara lashed in and stormed out of North Carolina in fine female fashion, inflicting great damage and killing one person, but as usual there were some lighter sides to this visitation. Lenoir County Sheriff Sam Churchill who was attending the annual Sheriff's Convention at Nag's Head is being ribbed by his friends who claim that not too many hours after "Barbara" hit around Nag's Head Churchill was seen sitting in a rocking chair on the front porch of a motel in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. Sam says it ain't so. It was not a motel, it was a hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Grubbs of the Airy Grove Section of Lenoir County were at the Taylor Camp at Kennel Beach when "Barbara" was having her tantrum. They kept their ears glued to the radio as the storm progressed and kept hearing some c a l m, collected announcer repeat. "Stay where you are. Do not get onto the highways. There is no immediate danger in this area." So they took his advice—until the water got about waist deep and then they decided to cut off the radio and hunt for higher ground.

## Maj. Williams On UN Commission

PAMMUNJON, Korea.—Army Maj. Royce M. Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Williams, La-Grange, N. C., is serving with the United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission (UNCMAC) at Pammunjon, Korea, as a member of the joint observer team.

UNCMAC supervises the implementation of the Armistice Agreement reached recently that effected a cease-fire in the Korean conflict. It settles through negotiations any violations of the armistice. Immediately after the armistice became effective, the commission, staffed by several hundred officers and enlisted men technicians, moved into the "demilitarized zone" formed when the front lines of both sides moved back two kilometers.

Prices paid by North Carolina farmers for most feed items have changed little this year.

## Holloway Park Pool Dedicated Sunday Afternoon



Sunday afternoon formal dedication ceremonies for the Mary K. Holloway Pool were conducted with state and city officials taking part in the program. At the microphone above is Master of Ceremonies C. B. Stewart while the visiting dignitaries are seen seated on both sides of the mike and at the right

is a picture of Mrs. Holloway for whom the pool and the park were named by the Kinston Recreation Commission.

She was lauded as a pioneer in the field of recreation work in Kinston.

Following the speech making a swimming and life saving exhibition by the pool team was pre-

sented and after that the pool and its facilities were opened to the public for inspection.

Among those on hand for the dedication were Ralph Andrews, director of the North Carolina Recreation Commission, Jim Stevens, assistant director of the state commission, Bill Fay, director of the Kinston recreation

department, Mayor Guy Elliott, Alderman John Rider, Recreation Members Jack Skinner, Quincy Hart and Jack Rider and Charlie Graves of Atlanta, the architect-engineer who designed the pool.  
(Polaroid Photo in a Minute by Jack Rider)

