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## EXPLANATION OF PLAN

(By W. R. Hampton)

(Result—cont. from last week)

I know men in Washington county who spend most of their time talking with other men of equal breadth and vision about high taxes, extravagance of the county commissioners and the inefficiency of the schools, with often the remark that they would like to sell out and move to some place without taxes.

That the next generation must be educated did not interest him. He had no education and look what he had accumulated. It takes too much to educate. Where would we place him in the scale of evolution? He has lost his tail, but failed to gain a conscience. His hands have not known the glory of service. He is the exponent of a Material Democracy. He is one of North Carolina's forgotten children, gone to seed in manhood.

I am not particularly interested in wealth except as a means to happiness, but if I were going to prescribe for the future wealth of Washington county I would put it in one word "educate." Educate physically, educate mentally, educate spiritually. We need not hope for an enlightened spiritual democracy in North Carolina so long as the advantage of the country child is not equal to that of the city child, and with the equal distribution of wealth throughout the country, this can only be done by a uniform rate of taxation making a uniform length of school days. This will require at least an eight-months school term throughout the county. It will require consolidation that will bring units together in large enough quantities for an effective organization. There is nothing that can retard the progress of this county to such an extent as a continued lack of equal educational opportunities for the country child.

I have a faith in the sense of justice of the people Washington county that leads me to believe that they will not permit this inequality of educational opportunities to continue. Their business sense is too keen for them to allow this economical waste to go on, and at least their sense of fairness is too real for them to suffer this condition to remain a drawback to their neighbors' children.


To create a stable economic condition in Washington county the living conditions must be made as attractive for the coming generation in the rural districts as those that exist in the cities. The profits from the soil must be equal to those of the merchant, the banker and the manufacturer, and this result can only be attained by growing two stalks of corn where one formerly grew, a few improved cattle to produce the parallel of many scrub cattle, at least:

### The Cost

In most sections of this county the advantages of larger type schools are not in their yesterday's. They are no longer an experiment. It has been tried, proven, and the only question that is repeatedly asked is the cost.

A careful survey of the contemplated plan of county-wide organization has been made by the state department of education, and at their suggestion a uniform rate of fifty cents spec-

# Mother's Day



There is a house made all of gold—  
The house where Mother lives;  
It isn't really gold, you know,  
And yet her love has made it so.

For Mother-love cannot grow cold,  
While tender memory ever gives  
A loving, happy golden glow,  
About the house where Mother lives.

## PILGRIMAGE TO BATH

The congregation of Grace Episcopal Church, Plymouth, plans to make a pilgrimage to St. Thomas Church, Bath, on Sunday morning. There will be a service of the Holy Communion at eleven o'clock. After the service, the people will have their lunch on the church grounds.

St. Thomas is the oldest church in North Carolina, having been built in 1734, and is of great historic interest. At the service on Sunday morning the Rev. Theodore Partick, Jr., will preach an historical sermon. Friends from the other Plymouth churches are invited to go to Bath for this service.

### Recorder's Court

Only two cases were disposed of before Recorder Zeb Vance Norman on Tuesday:

Bill Norman, charged with a. d. w., was dismissed.

Les Price and Sid Woodley, charged with larceny. Not guilty; prosecution adjudged to be frivolous and malicious, and costs taxed against prosecutor, Geo. Hassell.

There were, however, eight other cases docketed, two of which charged murder, all of which were continued until Tuesday, May 11th.

### Of Interest to the Housewife

The attention of our readers is called to a column of splendid receipts, arranged by six of the world's most famous cooks, and will appear for several weeks, furnished by the Standard Oil Company, which appears in connection with Perfection oil stoves advertisements of W. H. Hampton & Son and A. L. Owens. They appear on page four of this issue.

### Mrs. Harris Entertains

Creswell May 4—The home of Mrs. A. C. Harris was very attractively decorated in cut flowers and ferns, when she entertained in honor of her Sunday school pupil, Miss Dorrance Harmon. Amusements of different nature were furnished throughout the evening, those present enjoyed the charming hospitality of the hostess. Ice cream and cake was served at the close of the evening.

## LOCAL NEWS

Taylor Read spent Sunday in Roper.

Mr. R. A. Sumner is home for the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Edison Swain motored to Rocky Mount Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Campbell and children spent Sunday in Tarboro.

Messrs. R. W. Johnston and Lue Read motored to Williamston Monday.

Atty. Zeb Vance Norman and family motored to Washington Wednesday.

Several articles are left out of this issue owing to lateness in reaching us.

Mrs. Tabitha Davenport and Mr. Fred Rabam spent Monday in Rocky Mount.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Willoughby and Mrs. Emma Willoughby were in Wilson Sunday.

Mrs. G. W. Marsh and B. F. Read and children motored to Washington Tuesday.

Miss Lucy Norman of Goldsboro, is spending a few days here with friends and relatives.

Miss Edna Jones Nixon of Hertford, is the guest of Mrs. H. L. Horton, E. Main Street.

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## CHURCHES WILL HOLD FESTIVAL

The spring Festival, a three-day feast of music, entertainment and instruction, which was inaugurated in Plymouth last year, will be held again this year on May 17, 18 and 19th. A number of committees are now working on programs that will offer unusual opportunities for pleasant entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Gray, of Norfolk, who so delighted an audience last year, will feature the first night's program this year. Mr. Gray, who has won a nation-wide fame in this character sketch of "Elder Cobb", should be heard by a large audience. On the second evening there will be a musical program of great variety and unusual quality. Musicians from Washington, Tarboro and other places will assist the Plymouth musicians. On the third evening, there will be representations of famous old songs and paintings. This will be under the direction of Mrs. W. H. Clark, which should guarantee its excellence. There will be other features announced later.

Season tickets will be sold to adults for \$1.00, and 75 cents to all children of school age.

The Festival is being gotten up under the auspices of the societies of the Methodist and Episcopal churches, of Plymouth, and is deserving of a large patronage.

### Jail Closed

Cripple Creek, Colo.—Once a roaring, wild mining camp of the old West, Cripple Creek, world-famous mining town, has closed its jail, because since prohibition there are no prisoners.

ial tax be voted on and the present cost of such a program that of this fifty-cents special tax there would be a levy of thirty-two cents on the hundred dollars. This will provide every child in Washington county with equal educational advantages. Standard elementary schools available by transportation from the most remote sections through the seventh grade, and accredited high schools for every graduate from these elementary schools.

## KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

A collision of two automobiles driven by Thomas McCray and Alex Norman Sunday night about eight o'clock just at the eastern limits of Roper, resulted in the death of Roxanna Norman Monday. There were three occupants of each car and all sustained injuries.

A report was received here Tuesday that another woman had died from injuries received, but later it was learned that this report was erroneous.

On account of the absence of material witnesses no trial was held at the regular session of Recorder's court Tuesday, but a hearing is set for next Tuesday.

### Oxford Singing Class

The Oxford Orphanage Singing Class has announced a concert to be held here next Wednesday night in the high school auditorium. This class makes regular yearly visits here and never fails to draw a large audience. Their programs are always high class, entertaining and pleasing. Members of the local Masonic order are handling the ticket sales, and tickets may be obtained by applying to any of them.

### Card of Thanks

We cannot express the feeling of gratitude in our hearts for the many kindnesses and expressions of sympathy extended to us at the sudden death of our husband, father and only son, George H. Harrison, Jr., on the 22nd of April. For the beautiful floral offerings we are most grateful.

If ever a time arises that our services would be of value to any of you, we shall deem it a special privilege to render them.

The Family.

### Out of the Wilds.

Homesteader (to storekeeper)—Gimme a slab of bacon!  
Storekeeper—Big or little slab?  
"Biggest slab you've got. I've eaten so darn many cotton-tails and jack rabbits that every time I hear a dog bark I run under the porch."

## FEDERATION MEETING

The Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs of Washington County will have an all day meeting at Roper, May 14th, beginning at 10:30 A. M.

We are very fortunate in having two state specialists with us, Miss Mary E. Thomas, nutrition specialist and Mr. C. F. Parrish, poultry specialist. Both specialist will lecture, and will also give help and advice on individual problems.

Roper Home Demonstration Club will be hostess to the Federation at this meeting. Each lady who attends is asked to bring a few sandwiches to supplement the salad and drink which the Roper club will serve.

You are most cordially invited to attend this Rally Day. The meeting place will be in the Roper school auditorium.

Emma G. Moorhead,  
Home Agent.

## CRESWELL NEWS

Miss Pearl Hopkins is attending the commencement at Justice this week.

Miss Viola Williams is home for the summer months after teaching near Hertford this year.

Little Miss Ruth Hethcox has returned from Washington where she underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. W. F. Ausbon and children Hampton and Miss Miriam and Mr. Dunbar were in Creswell Friday evening.

Misses Lucy and Ruth Swain and Mary Woodley, Messrs. E. S. and Ernest Swain motored to Washington Monday.

People from all parts of Washington and Tyrell counties have been in town this week attending the commencement exercises.

Mr. Leon Meadows of Greenville delivered the graduation address to the senior class of Creswell high school and Professor J. W. Norman of Plymouth delivered a short address from the Board of Education.

### Spooning Place

Boston.—There's so much spooning in Bunker Hill monument that citizens are asking the legislature to devote \$1,500 to fighting the shaft at night.

## COMMEMORATE ANNIVERSARY

The children of the fifth, sixth, and seventh grades of the Plymouth Graded School gave their regular commencement exercises on Tuesday night. The program was very appropriate, carrying out in every detail the patriotic commemoration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. We feel justified in stating that it was one of the best programs that has been put on by the pupils of our schools for a number of years. The children were so trained that they assumed the noble characters of Washington, Hancock, Adams, etc., with perfect ease. The minuet danced by the children in costumes of that day was very stately and effective. In fact, each number of the entire performance was worthy of high praise to the children and congratulations to the teachers.

### Junior Class Entertains

Creswell, May 4—On April 23rd the junior class of Creswell high school elaborately entertained the senior class at a banquet given at the home of Miss Carrie Mae Holmes. The color scheme of lavender and white which was effectively carried out in the drawing room was emphasized by the soft glow of shaded lights. Numbers were passed and matched giving each person a partner to work on a bird and key contest. Miss Lucy Spruill and Mr. Dallas Davenport won the bird contest and Miss Mary Davenport and Mr. Phillip Hathway won the key contest. A "Coo-coo" was then passed and each person was asked to try their fortune. Two ice courses were served during the evening.

The guests of honor were Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Phelps of Raleigh and Mr. Jerry Sawyer of Columbia.

### New Enterprise

The Water Street Cafe, which opens to-night under the management of Mr. L. C. Nurney, offers a special inducement to its opening visitors in the way of refreshments to be served free.