

EAGERNESS FOR ROAD DRAWS BIG CROWD

SEVERAL DELEGATIONS MEET WITH LOCAL
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO SECURE
ENDORSEMENT FOR ROUTE OF
HIGHWAY NO. 97

TO LINK WASHINGTON AND HYDE

The need for immediate, courageous action was stressed in a ringing five-minute talk before the chamber of commerce by Atty. W. L. Whitely here Monday night. "Time is slipping," he said, "and while we sit idly by and procrastinate other sections are vigorously seeking material recognition from the State highway commission in its allotment of hard-surfaced roads."

One of the most enthusiastic meetings of such a body ever seen here was staged when delegations from Long Ridge, Long Acre, Wenona, Pungo, Belhaven and Washington met with the local chamber of commerce in an effort to persuade it to give its endorsement to routes desired by those of the different communities. The road that is understood to be scheduled to connect Washington and Hyde counties is causing a great deal of heated interest. Long Ridge wants it, Long Acre wants it, and Wenona is also ambitious to obtain it, and each faction is working hard in the interest of their particular sections.

The Long Ridge delegation, through John Browning, W. W. Ange, Julian Spruill and W. M. Stubbs, advanced the argument that such a road could be built in that direction much cheaper than in any of the other directions.

John Allen, from Long Acre, in a very creditable and forcible talk, asked that endorsement be given to a route that would traverse the Long Acre road to Acre station, and thence in an eastwardly direction to the Hyde capital. Then a history of the Long Acre road and the turnpike was rendered by Rev. N. H. Harrison, eighty-two year-old veteran of the Civil War. His remarks were spontaneous and well directed, serious and logical.

Rev. Roy Respass championed the Long Acre cause in a lengthy speech, pointing out various and divers reasons why that route should be taken.

Dr. Claudius McGowan uncompromisingly asserted his preference for the Long Acre route.

Mr. Henry Bowen, also of the Long Acre section, augmented the Long Acre arguments of those who spoke prior to him, and lamented the fact that heretofore the city of Washington has had no place in the deliberations of that body.

Atty. Tom Long of Belhaven explained that the people of Hyde and Dare counties were anxious to obtain an outlet leading to the north, and that the most feasible

route would be via Swan Quarter, Belhaven, Pantego, Wenona, Plymouth, Mackeys and across the sound, rather than any other route that could be laid out.

C. S. Heynen of Wenona asked that highway No. 97 be endorsed as is shown on the highway map, which would take the course explained by Mr. Long. His remarks were supplemented by Mr. Respass of Pungo and R. C. Heynen of Wenona. Mr. Heynen told of the Blackland Experiment Farm, State owned and operated for experimental purposes, which is located at Wenona, and that an improved road to that place would make the experiment station easily accessible for the farmers of all sections.

Col. Wiley C. Rodman of Washington contends that no definite route has been designated, and explained that the most advantageous route would be to connect with No. 91 at Everett's cross roads. He also gave the information that this district, which embraces twenty counties, was allotted only ninety-one miles under the existing program, and that if this section secured any of it immediate action was necessary.

John G. Bragaw came as a special emissary of Mayor E. T. Stewart of Washington, who was unable to be present, and extended the right hand of fellowship in a splendid speech to the people who were in the mass meeting.

Atty. W. B. Rodman, also of Washington, practically confined his remarks to the virtues of the Smith Bill which is before the Legislature now, and in closing asked that a vote supporting such bill be endorsed. This bill gives the right of discretion to the highway commission and empowers them to make any alterations they deem necessary in the construction of roads. The question was put before the mass meeting, who voted for it by a substantial majority. The principal opposition came from the Belhaven and Wenona delegations. This endorsement was an expression from the meeting as a whole, and not an official act of the chamber of commerce.

Endorsement of no particular route was made by the body, but the power to make this endorsement was delegated entirely to the committee on roads, which is composed of Z. V. Norman, Van B. Martin, C. L. Groves, A. L. Alexander and P. H. Darden, who are to meet as early as possible.

Appoints City Clerk

At a special meeting Monday night the town council appointed Moye W. Spruill as city clerk. This office was made vacant by the resignation of D. A. Hurley, which became effective on the tenth of this month. Mr. Spruill is a young man of industrious habits and strict application to business and we feel certain will make a valuable man for the office. He was a member of the Thirtieth division during the recent war.

Has Thriving Poultry Business

Asa F. Johnston of the Johnston Poultry Farm, Roper, was in town Monday in the interest of his business. This enterprise was established only a short while ago and its growth has been rapid. Incubators with a capacity of four thousand eggs are now employed and he is planning to extend and broaden the business as quickly as possible.

"I haven't a thing to wear," has been the cry of the women all through the ages but the modern women are the first to wear it. — Judge.

ENTERTAIN AT BRIDGE

Miss Louise Ayers and Mrs. J. P. Sutton were hostesses on Tuesday evening at their home on Third street at a bridge party in honor of Mrs. Clyde McCallum, formerly of Hertford, who is making her home in Plymouth.

The guests were greeted at the door by Mrs. B. A. Sumner and ushered to the attractive apartment of Mrs. Sutton by Mrs. D. V. Clayton, where hot tea and wafers were charmingly served by Mrs. W. H. Clark and Miss Lenore Stone.

Miss Ayers with Mrs. McCallum received at door of the living-room, which was tastefully decorated and arranged for six tables of bridge. Lovely corsages of parma violets were presented to the guest of honor, and Miss Mavis Thigpen and Miss Martha Hornthal as high score prizes.

At the close of the game a most delectable salad course was served by the hostesses.

Opens Pressing Shop

W. J. Jackson, Jr., recently bought the stock and fixtures of the grocery business formerly conducted by Harry Chopick, near the Norfolk Southern depot, and in conjunction with the grocery business he has established a cleaning and pressing enterprise. This element of the business is also equipped to do altering of all kinds.

To Sell Coburn Farm

One of the show places of the county, the T. Gray Coburn farm, has been subdivided and will be sold at auction January 29th by the Atlantic Coast Realty Company. This property is one of the finest and best developed in this part of the state, and much pride was taken in it by its former owner, the late T. Gray Coburn.

Plan to see "Polly With a Past," February 10th.

AMONG OUR CHURCHES

EPISCOPAL

Rev. W. H. I. Jackson

MORNING SERVICE:

Sunday School, 9:45 o'clock.
Preaching service, 11 o'clock.

EVENING SERVICE:

Preaching service, 7:30 o'clock.

METHODIST

Rev. R. G. L. Edwards, Pastor

MORNING SERVICE:

Sunday School, 9:45 o'clock.
There will be no service at the usual 11 o'clock hour.

EVENING SERVICE:

Epworth League, 6:45 o'clock.
Preaching service, 7:30 o'clock.
Mid-week prayer service Wednesday evening 7:30 o'clock.

BAPTIST

Rev. J. R. Everett, Pastor

MORNING SERVICE:

Sunday School, 9:45 o'clock.
Preaching service, 11 o'clock.
Subject: "How to Conquer the Devil."

EVENING SERVICE:

B. Y. P. U., 6:30 o'clock.
Preaching service, 7:30 o'clock.
Subject: Fifth Commandment or "Where the Home is Breaking Down."
Mid-week prayer service Wednesday evening 7:30 o'clock.

PEOPLES BANK DEPOSITORS MEET

A meeting of the depositors of the People's Bank of Creswell, which closed last week, was held Wednesday afternoon in the Community Theatre at that place. L. H. Harrison of the banking department of the corporation commission was present.

A large crowd attended and much interest was manifested in a proposal whereby the Bank of Creswell would take over the affairs of the Peoples bank as a consolidation, provided the depositors would agree to leave one-half of their deposits in the bank until the affairs could be liquidated.

Practically all depositors present signed such an agreement and a committee is now busy getting in touch with those who were not present for the purpose of acquainting them with the proposition.

It is confidently expected that the consolidation will be effected by the first of next week. In case the consolidation is arranged business will be conducted entirely in the building occupied by the Peoples Bank.

Hubby had fallen down the steps, and his wife was anxiously bending over him. "O John, did you miss a step?" she inquired with much concern.

"Naw; I hit 'em all."

SKINNERSVILLE NEWS

Mrs. M. J. Elliott and Aumack Everett were in Creswell Sunday as guests of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Phelps moved to the old home place of W. E. Blount Monday.

Miss Fannie Biggs has returned home after an extended visit with relatives in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter White and daughter were guests of Mrs. Molly Alexander Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Guilford Davenport and Miss Jessie Curles spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Pattie Spruill.

Mrs. Guilford Davenport has returned home after spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Cherry at Charleston.

Misses Alice and Eva White and mother, Mrs. C. V. White, were guests of Mrs. W. E. Blount Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Molly Wiley, Mrs. S. A. Holton and son, George Wiley, were in Roper Friday as guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Blount.

Mrs. Mary Pharr returned from Richmond and Norfolk Sunday to spend some time with her mother, Mrs. Mamie Phelps.

Rev. R. L. Hetheox passed through this community from Charleston Saturday, where he has been holding a revival meeting.

Sunday School was held at Rehoboth last Sunday for the first time since the first Sunday in January. Quite a large crowd attended.

Mrs. Lillie Everett, Mrs. C. V. White and granddaughter, Margie, spent Wednesday in Edenton as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. White.

Aumack Everett and brothers, Henry Starr and Frances, were at Mackeys Thursday night to practice for a play which was presented last Friday night.

Mrs. George Spearman and little son, John Edward, of Plattsburg, N. Y., left Saturday for their home accompanied as far as Norfolk by her brother, Corbett Spearman, and Miss Corinne Bell.

RECORDER'S COURT

Quite a large crowd made up of people from all sections of the county were here to attend the regular session of Recorder's court Tuesday morning. This was the first session held in three weeks, the past two weeks being taken up by superior court, and it was expected that there would be a rather heavy docket. The following cases were disposed of:

Mister Righton plead guilty to a charge of false pretence and was sentenced to the roads for ninety days, the sentence to be continued for ninety days upon payment to A. L. Holmes the sum of \$25.00, and payment of cost at once. Upon failure to comply with this order within ninety days, the road sentence is to begin.

Philip Boston was fined \$20.00 and cost for public drunkenness and possessing liquor.

Earl Bateman plead guilty to a charge of assault with deadly weapon and was assessed the cost, the doctor's bill and \$35.85 to the prosecutor.

Joe Hedgepeth was given eight months on the county roads for assault with deadly weapon. He plead guilty.

Layton Owens was adjudged not guilty of a charge of damage to personal property.

James Johnson faced the Recorder again under a charge of being a nuisance and was given a suspended sentence of thirty days on the roads. Capias is to be issued the first time Jim is guilty of public drunkenness.

Quietly Married

On Wednesday afternoon at three-fifteen at the home of Justice W. F. Ausbon a very pretty wedding was solemnized when Miss Beulah Louise Barber, charming daughter of Mr. W. B. Barber of this community, became the bride of Mr. Joshua Thomas Griffin of Mackeys.

Mrs. Griffin is a recent graduate of the Plymouth high school and a large number of her school friends were present on this occasion.

Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom left for the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Griffin, at Mackeys, where a reception was held Wednesday night.

Fords Collide

An accident that might have had more serious results happened here Sunday evening about seven o'clock when a Ford coupe occupied by E. C. Hassell and Luther Brown collided with a similar car of the touring variety at Swain's filling station at the eastern limit of Third street. Both cars were damaged more or less.

Mr. Hassell assumed the responsibility for the collision, agreed to pay the damages on the other car and there were no unpleasant results except that both Hassell and Brown sustained slight cuts about the head and hands.

THE VILLAGE CRACKSMITH

Beneath the spreading knowledge tree
The wise collegian stands;
Far wider spreading pants has he,
With time upon his hands;
And the bone between his flapping ears
Is thick as iron bands.

LOCAL NEWS

Ned Miller spent the week-end in Washington.

Dr. R. L. Whitehurst was in Rocky Mount Sunday.

A. E. Brothers spent Sunday in Elizabeth City with his family.

Mrs. O. H. Lyon is spending some time with friends in Henderson.

Supt. R. A. Pope of Williamson was in town Monday on business.

D. A. Hurley of Greensboro spent the week-end here with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Norman left Sunday to spend a few days in Hertford.

Asa F. Johnston and little son of Roper were business visitors here Monday.

Mesdames Clyde McCallum and H. L. Horton were in Rocky Mount Sunday.

J. C. Gatlin of Creswell began his duties here as county auditor Monday morning.

Mr. Charles, representing the Atlantic Coast Realty Company has been in our city for the past week.

Hon. Van B. Martin, Atty. H. V. Austin and Jimmy Smith made a motor trip to Raleigh Tuesday.

Mrs. W. H. Clark of Greenville and Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Davis of near Jamesville, were in town visiting relatives Sunday.

Mesdames Jas. I. Brewer and C. V. W. Ausbon left Tuesday for Norfolk. Mrs. Brewer has been visiting Mrs. Ausbon for some time.

Col. Wiley C. Rodman, Atty. W. B. Rodman, J. B. Bragaw and Henry Bowen of Washington attended the chamber of commerce meeting here Monday night.

L. H. Harrison, formerly of this place, and now of the banking department of the State corporation commission, passed through here Wednesday morning enroute to Creswell.

Rev. R. G. L. Edwards is in Elizabeth City this week in company with his little daughter, Clyde, who is receiving surgical treatment at that place. We are glad to note that she is gradually improving.

Wednesday just at nightfall, with a high northeast wind blowing and the temperature dropping every second, the fire alarm was turned in. Investigation disclosed a burning chimney in the home of L. T. Weede. As usual, the fire company answered promptly.

To Install Cleaning Plant

Mr. Everett Burgess has purchased the business and equipment of Mr. Jack Peele, known as Jack's Pressing Shop, and assumed control of the affairs this week.

The new owner informs us that he will immediately install modern facilities for dry cleaning, pressing, altering and other services usually found in such an establishment.

It takes more than free air to keep the average man's car up.

"Polly With a Past" at school auditorium Thursday night, February 10th. A comedy-drama that is sure to interest and entertain all who attend.