

## Norman Favors Issue Of Bonds If Present Plan Of Bridges Fail

### Commerce President Also To Support Request To State To Build Road

### DELEGATION VISITS COMMERCIALISTS

### Cashie Neck Citizens Desire That Route Of Bridges And Highway Be Changed So That It Will Pass Through Their Community; Claim New Way Would Be Cheaper; Commercialists Are Awaiting Engineer's Reply

Issuing bonds for the financing of the erection of the bridges against the tolls, and petitioning the State Highway Commission to construct the causeway in conjunction with their regular highway program, is the latest idea of Judge Zeb Vance Norman, president of the local Chamber of Commerce, who has been very active in efforts to secure the erection of a series of bridges to cross Roanoke, Middle and Cashie rivers and Broad Creek and the construction of a causeway through the swamp connecting the bridges thus joining Bertie and Washington counties.

This plan has not been submitted to the commercial body as whole as the members are awaiting the report of the highway engineers that were down here recently making a cost survey of the project. Some place the cost at about \$700,000. Others think that it will take considerably less. The members of the commercial body that are manifesting such a keen interest are satisfied with the unofficial reports of the engineers who stated to them that the matter was feasible.

In the course of the conversation with the engineers they were reported as saying that materials could be easily conveyed here where they were needed that three or more contractors could bid in the jobs, and that all these matters served to make it cheaper for the State. This was remarked to C. L. Groves and L. W. Gurkin, members of the commercial body, who accompanied the engineers on their preliminary survey trip.

### Would Change Plans

Four men comprising a delegation from the Cashie Neck community in Bertie county were down here at the meeting of the organization last Monday evening asking that the plans of the commercialists be changed to meet them. Their plan is to let the bridge cross the river at a Hampton's Fishery and the Cashie river coming out through the Cashie Neck community into Merry Hill then on to the Edenton road.

Through this method they claimed that it would give them an outlet and attract trade from this section to Plymouth. Also they cited the fact that it would require only one or two of the bridges where in the first plan it would require two draw bridges and two smaller bridges. This did not meet with the approval of the commercialists as it was learned that this would necessitate a road along the river banks from the town.

### Waiting for Report

At this time the commercialists are contently awaiting the report of the engineers. They don't know anything to do until this is heard from Representative Darden announced when he was here this week end that he had not secured a conference with the officials in regard to this matter.

### NEW FIRM TO OPEN HERE SOON

W. Frith Winslow, of Washington will open a store here in the next few days to deal in groceries and other merchandise. The new firm will be located in the Ayer's buildings on West Water street. No definite date has been announced for the opening. The complete line of merchandise will be announced in a few days. Fixtures are being installed at the present.



JUDGE ZEB VANCE NORMAN

## DARDEN NAMED ON IMPORTANT COMMITTEES

Representative John W. Darden of Washington county has been placed on four important committees in the House of Representatives in the 1929 session of the North Carolina legislature by Speaker Graham. He is a member of the education, enrolled bills, federal relations, and library committees. Much interest has been manifested in the appointment of Mr. Darden as member of the committee on education as Mr. Darden has been connected with school work in this county for about sixteen years.

## Corn Raised On Three Acres Nets Student \$79.80 Profit

Roper, Jan. 17.—Corn raised on three acres on his father's farm in connection with his classroom studies in vocational agriculture class in the local high school netted Leslie B. Spruill, of near here, a profit of \$79.80 for the past season, it was learned today from Prof. B. G. O'Brien, head of this department in the school. This year was revealed in the correct records kept during the entire project season by the young farmer.

A summary of the record that was kept in connection with the corn raising project was submitted to Professor O'Brien as follows: 209 working hours spent on the crop; total yield for three acres was 137 bushels; gross income \$137; the total cost was \$57.20; net profit \$79.80; and the yield per acre was 45 2-3 bushels. The time spent on the crop was little more than average. The yield is considerably above the average as

## Officers Searching For Men Who Robbed Roper Merchant

Roper, Jan. 17.—Officers are continuing their search for four masked and robed men that entered the store of W. A. Blount, a local merchant, last Monday evening about closing time and forced him to open his safe and give them the contents. The robbers secured loot and money valued at around \$150. No violence was used, as the victim obeyed the orders of the bandits as they were ordering him around at the point of a loaded rifle. They left the victim bound to a chair with the chair tied to a post.

Details of the robbery reveals that the town commissioners had held a meeting in Mr. Blount's store during the evening. The meeting had just adjourned and he was getting ready to leave himself, having turned out all the lights but one when the robbers entered. He thought at first that they were just a bunch of the town boys trying to get a joke on him and grabbed one of them and started to put him out when a confederate pushed a gun in his side and ordered him to

## REVIEW SHOWS ATHLETES HAD FAIR SEASON

Sports fans that have manifested any interest in the athletics of the local High school are content to let the football season pass with a care-less thought as the basketball season is ushered in with the teams of the local school in better shape than ever for the contests that confront them. In a game with the Mackeys students Tuesday, the local high school boys won to the tune of 20 to 17 while the local girls' team captured the honors by a score of 46 to 2.

A review of the past season's football efforts reveals that Robersonville and Plymouth played a scoreless tie at the first of the season. The opposing team was on their own field they outweighed the locals on an average of twenty pounds to the man; and the referee ruled out a touchdown by Arnold for Plymouth.

In the second game of the series Plymouth romped on the Windsor eleven on the Bertie county's capital field. The score was Plymouth, 59 Windsor 0. Seven or eight Plymouth substitutes played in this game. Robersonville played Plymouth on the high schools grid here for the second tie with neither team scoring. This made the second time during the season the locals tied in like manner with this hard playing team.

Several of Plymouth's players were crippled and could not play in the Plymouth and Columbia tilt at Columbia which resulted in a majority of one point in the score for the Tyrrell county players. The score was Columbia 14; Plymouth 13. In a second game these two teams tied Edenton defeated Plymouth in a hotly fought contest 27 to 0.

Plymouth had a very reasonable season. Several of the best players dropped out during the first of the season. Among those who finished the season were Burl Gurganus, LaFayette Weede, Otis Ange, Barton Sitterson, Andrew Arnold, Alford Lowe, Richard Chesson, John Skiles, Tonie Holton, Edison Aller, N. C. Vail, Wallace Conklin and Paul Swain.

## TYRRELL HAD GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Columbia, Jan. 17.—Under the Constitution of the United States schools must be provided for all children of school age between the ages of 6 and 21 years, for the six months minimum term. Since many of the children in Washington and Tyrrell counties are in private schools and colleges, and many more have quit school for some reason or other, school population figures are not of much value in determining the degree to which children attend school.

The school census for 1927-28 shows that a large number of children that were within the school age limit were not in school. Records show that about 85 or 90 per cent of the children were in schools in these adjoining counties. There are many more white children than colored children in schools this year. Both have on the increase since last year.

The enrollment in the rural schools in Tyrrell county was 966 with a percentage ranging between 76.4 for the 1924-25 term and 78.7 for the term of 1927-28 in attendance. This is against an enrollment of 1,340 children in Washington county with an average attendance for the school term of 1924-25 of 71.8 and 72.5 for 1927-28. These counties compare favorably in consideration of the number of children enrolled.

School attendance seems to vary widely from year to year among the counties, however, there is a steady increase of enrollment each year. All these facts indicate the extent to which children are taking advantage of the educational opportunities offered. Attractive schoolhouses that are comfortable and have an adequate teaching staff with better transportation facilities are underlying causes of the increase of attendance in the schools.

## DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL MET WITH WHITE CHAPEL CHURCH

Skinnerville, Jan. 17.—The district Sunday School convention met at White Chapel Church Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Ida Brickhouse, the president was present and presided over the meeting. Herbert L. Swain acted as secretary. Short talks were made by superintendents of the various Sunday schools.

The Rev. R. L. Hethcox was the principal speaker of the occasion. Music was furnished by the White Chapel Church choir. The next meeting will be announced soon.

## RECEIVES IVY FROM SHAKESPEARE'S CHURCH

Miss Covington received from a friend a small leaf of English ivy that came from the church where Shakespeare is buried. The ivy will be planted on the courthouse grounds, Miss Covington stated. The home demonstration agent is using this method of beginning the planting of such flowers on the courthouse grounds in order to induce others to aid in beautifying the premises of the county's capitol.

## SUPERIOR COURT CONCLUDES ITS SESSION HERE SATURDAY

Superior Court will conclude its January session here tomorrow as the final cases on the docket will be cleaned up or continued. During the past two weeks many of the cases have been removed from the docket by settlement or other disposition. The criminal docket was cleaned up on the first day of the court. Only a few cases were tried.

## BIBLE SCHOOL SPONSORS INSTITUTE

Columbia, Jan. 17.—Songs and speeches were the chief items of interest in the program of the Columbia Township Institute that was held with the Rider's Creek Union Sunday School under the auspices of the Tyrrell County Sunday School Association last Sunday afternoon. A large crowd attended.

### Card of Thanks

We take this method stating our appreciation for the many kind and sympathetic words spoken; the many services rendered; and the beautiful flowers that were contributed during the sudden death of Mr. S. R. Bateman. FAMILY

## Financial Institution Has Served Citizens For Three Years

### RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY JUNIORS

The following resolution was passed by Plymouth Rock Council No. 213 of the Junior Order of the United American Mechanics at their regular meeting held in the Masonic Hall last Monday evening.

Resolved, that inasmuch as Mrs. Patsie Davis, mother of our brother Lester Davis, and mother-in-law of our brother, Charlie Gurkin, has passed from time to eternity as the result of a recent illness, we bow in submission to the will of the all-wise God, and acknowledge our loss as His gain.

Resolved, that we as members of Plymouth Rock Council, No. 213, of the Junior Order of the United American Mechanics, do extend to our brothers, the children, the relatives, and all members of the family, our sincere sympathies in this their hour of distress and bereavement.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be placed on the minutes of the order; that a copy be sent to the family; and that a copy be sent to the Roanoke Beacon for publication.

### PLYMOUTH ROCK COUNCIL NUMBER 213.

Committee on Resolutions: R. G. Hardison, M. T. Ward and J. L. Hayes.

### STARTING PLANTS FOR THE EARLY GARDEN

For the average farm garden, the manure-heated pit hotbed is perhaps best. In most parts of the South 12 to 18 inches of manure is enough. Less would be required for starting such crops as cabbage and lettuce than for tomatoes and peppers.

Before packing the manure in the pit it must be piled and repiled until it is heating uniformly throughout. Use fresh horse manure containing about one-third strawy litter. If dry at the time of piling, the manure should be moistened to start fermentation. Pile it 4 or 5 feet high and allow to stand until it begins to steam; then repile, throwing the inside of the old pile on the outside of the new to insure uniform heating.

In filling the pit the manure should be spread out well a layer at a time and trampled down. Fill the pit to within 4 to 6 inches of the top and finish filling with good garden soil in which to sow the seed. The temperature will run high for the first few days after the hotbed is made, so no seed should be sown until it has dropped around 85 degrees Fahrenheit. Use a good thermometer.

After digging the pit and filling with manure and soil, build a frame around the bed. For average conditions, the frame should be about 17 to 18 inches high in back and 9 to 11 inches in front. Build the bed to front toward the south or southeast in order to take advantage of a greater amount of sunlight. The best cover for a hotbed is glass sash.

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**ALMO THEATRE  
TONIGHT**  
Lloyd Hughes  
IN  
"Three Ring Marian"  
AND  
TWO REEL COMEDY  
Saturday Night  
Richard Dix  
IN  
"Warming Up"  
Fourth Episode of Serial  
"Mark of the Frog"  
THURSDAY & FRIDAY  
Buster Keaton  
IN  
"Steamboat Bill"

### Branch Banking And Trust Company Opened Here In January 1925

### FIRM'S PRESIDENT FROM PLYMOUTH

Washington County Has Given State One Of Its Foremost Bankers In The Person Of Herbert D. Bateman; Other Officials Are Eminent Men; Local Branch Has Aided Many Citizens

Three years ago this coming Tuesday week, the Branch Banking and Trust Company, with headquarters in Wilson, opened a branch of their banking system in Plymouth.

Loans and discounts of this organization is figured at over two million dollars while overdrafts is given at just a small amount over \$2,000. They have over a million dollars invested in United States and North Carolina bonds. Additional bonds and stocks increases the resources over \$13,000. Six banking houses and furnishings and fixtures is valued at over \$83,000. Cash and due from banks is \$541,004.59. Adding all this together the resources of the company is figured at \$4,992,672.07.

In the liabilities the capital stock and surplus combined amount to an even \$500,000. Undivided profits amount to over \$169,000. Deposits in the bank is given at nearly five million dollars. This institution has become to be one of the most efficient and safe banking systems in this section of the State.

### President Bateman

To some communities in which these banks are located they are just another bank, however, to the people of Washington county it reminds them of the president, H. D. Bateman who was born in Washington county in 1877. He prepared himself for college in Plymouth. He received his higher education at the University of North Carolina, and after leaving that institution he served as principal at the Windsor Academy.

Later he became cashier of the Bank of Greenville. From 1911 to 1916 he was state bank examiner, securing invaluable banking experience during this time. In 1916 he became associated with the Branch Banking and Trust Company as cashier. Later he became vice-president and then, president, a post he has held since that time.

Some of the relatives of Mr. Bateman in Washington county are J. O. Everett, Mrs. Joe Arps and Mrs. J. W. Harrison.

Officers of the Branch Banking and Trust Company that aid Mr. Bateman in his work are S. S. Lawrence, of Wilson, vice president and cashier; R. E. Harris, assistant vice president; Miley C. Glover, trust officer; W. G. Smith, Jr. assistant cashier; H. E. Beam, cashier at Plymouth; C. A. Kramer, cashier at Bailey; J. S. Brown, cashier at Whitakers; E. H. Foley, cashier at Warsaw; and A. J. Holliday, cashier at Selma. Directors are S. G. Mewborn, F. L. Carr, D. S. Boykin, H. B. Lane, F. N. Bridgers, H. D. Bateman, R. P. Watson, W. G. Carr, J. T. Barnes, C. E. Moore, E. A. Darden, W. D. P. Sharp, W. A. Finch, J. T. Cheatham, S. S. Lawrence and S. H. Anderson, chairman of the board.

In addition to Mr. Bateman's duties as president of the Branch Banking and Trust Company, he is a director of the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad and the People's Building and Loan Association. Under his direction the Branch Banking and Trust Company has branch banks in Whitakers, Bailey, Warsaw, Selma, Goldsboro and Plymouth. This chain of banks is known as one of the State's leading banking systems, especially in the Eastern part of North Carolina.

Officials of the local branch of the big banking system are H. E. Beam, cashier; D. V. Clayton, assistant cashier; Misses Lossie Hardison and May Bell Wynne, bookkeepers.