

Creswell Clergymen Form Organization For Local Ministers

Rev. C. E. Williams Elected President And Rev. R. L. Hethcox Secretary

SPONSORS COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Rev. N G Duncan Spoke For A Few Minutes On "What Should Be The Mission Of A Minister In His Community?" Session Ends By Prayer; Refreshments Served By Host; Meet With Rev. Hethcox Next Friday

Creswell, Jan. 24.—Clergymen of this place organized a Creswell Ministerial Association during a meeting in the apartments of Rev. C. E. Williams on last Friday evening. The Rev. Charles E. Williams, rector of the local Christ Episcopal Church, was elected president of the association while the Rev. R. L. Hethcox, pastor of the local Methodist Protestant Church, was elected secretary.

Rev. N. G. Duncan, pastor of the Baptist Church, spoke for a few minutes on "What Should be the Mission of a Minister in His Community?" The minister mentioned the fact that a minister's first duty was to preach the gospel. In order to do this, he stated, "that a minister must give himself to devotion and prayer, and must not be burdened with other cares that would hinder his preparation for services."

The Rev. R. L. Hethcox talked of "How Can the Church Best Serve the Community?" in commenting on the social life of the church, he stated: "the nature of the young life of the church demands many things under this head, and the church should fulfill this demand. Speaking of politics in the church the minister asserted "that the church members should manifest their interest by voting a they pray, and not by stump speaking."

The minister pointed out by these methods of participating in politics the country would know that the church members would cast their vote for the righteous. "Above all," he stated, "the church should lead in morality." "Everyone should get a square deal when dealing with church members," he said.

Prayer by the Rev. N. G. Duncan closed the meeting after it was decided to meet with Rev. R. L. Hethcox February 1. Rev. Mr. Williams served a course of fruit followed by cream and cake. The Creswell organization will sponsor a county ministerial association.

News received here last week of the birth of a son, Leslie Earl, to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Thraillkill, Port au Prince, Haiti, on January 9, 1929.

Mrs. Claudia Read returned home Wednesday after spending some time in Norfolk with Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Read.

New Pontiac Six On Display In Showroom Of Local Dealer

Fulfilling advance promises of big car performance, big car appearance, and big car value, the Pontiac Big Six, essentially a brand new car from radiator to tail lamp, went on display today at the showrooms of Barnhill Motor Company, local Oakland and Pontiac dealers.

Chassis improvements that give the car flexible performance, comparable with cars in a higher price range with bodies styled along entirely different lines, distinguish every model in this newest General Motors line.

While only rounding out its third anniversary, the Pontiac Six enters upon its fourth year a definitely established volume leader, in which position officials of the Oakland Motor Car Company are confident it will more firmly entrench itself by reason of the extraordinary value evident in the car for 1929.

All bodies are entirely new, the line

FERTILIZER FOR THREE CROPS IS TESTED

Roper, Jan. 24.—Fertilizer recommendations obtained from field tests made in this community by the students of vocational agriculture have been released for publication by Prof. B. G. O'Brien, head of this department in the school. These recommendations are given at this time so that the farmers of Washington county who desire to make use of them in purchasing their fertilizer for the season. The recommendations are for corn, cotton and Irish potatoes.

These recommendations were derived by actual field tests that were conducted last year in this community. Good results were obtained. The adherence to the recommendations may require some home mixing of the fertilizer. Home mixing of fertilizer has many advantages over the complete fertilizer, and farmers are urged to adopt the approved practices of modern farming.

For Cotton
Kind and amount of fertilizer per acre recommended for cotton: 500 pounds of acid phosphate; 300 pounds of nitrate of soda; 75 pounds of muriate of potash. Apply the acid phosphate and muriate of potash and 50 pounds of nitrate of soda at planting time. Apply a half of the remaining 250 pounds at first cultivation after chopping. Apply remaining 125 pounds of soda at appearance of first squares.

For Corn
Kind and amount of fertilizer per acre recommended for corn: 200 pounds acid phosphate; 25 pounds of muriate of potash; 200 pounds of nitrate of soda. The potash and acid should be applied at planting time. Apply nitrate of soda when corn is from knee to thigh high.

For Irish Potatoes
Kind and amount of fertilizer per acre for Irish potatoes: 675 pounds of acid phosphate; 500 pounds of cotton seed meal; 360 pounds of nitrate of soda; 180 pounds of muriate of potash. Apply 200 pounds of nitrate of soda at planting, and 160 pounds when plants are up to a good stand.

Fertilizer Experiments
The fertilizer experiments on each crop were run in five plot plans—using a different kind and combination on each plot. When the plots were harvested an accurate comparison of yields were made on each crop. The plot having the best yield was selected as the best combination of fertilizer, and it is from these higher producing plots that the fertilizer is recommended. These experiments were made possible through the cooperation of the Chilean Nitrate of Soda Educational Bureau, at Raleigh and the support of the vocational agriculture students.

Lue Read and Louis Horton were in Williamston Monday.

Judge Norman In Raleigh In Interest Of Proposed Bridges

Official Figures On Bridges Reveal Estimated Cost Of About \$594,000. Could Pave Road From Highland Out To Highway For \$197,000. Commercialists Enthused Over The Prospects

Prospects for the erection of a series of bridges to span the Roanoke, Middle, and Cashie Rivers and Broad Creek, and the construction of a causeway joining the bridges together, thus Counties brightened today with the re-connecting Washington and Bertie port from Zeb Vance Norman, president of the local chamber of commerce, who is in Raleigh in the interest of the matter, stating that according to the cost survey and information gathered from prominent legislators that the anticipated plans for bridges and road are feasible.

Figures compiled by the engineers that were down here recently making a survey reveals that the plans could be carried out at a cost of about \$594,000. This includes one electric draw bridge and one open draw bridge, with the other two bridges having good substantial structures but no draws. The road through the swamp would be constructed of sand and gravel covered with tar. After reaching the highland at the opposite side the seven miles of road to the highway could be paved at an estimated cost of \$197,000.

Impetus is being added to the material facts that makes the matter

more favorable in the sight of the highway commission and the commercialists. A petition has been in circulation in the lower end of the county asking the State highway commission to recommend an appropriation for a part maintenance of the Edenton and Mackeys Ferry. Such an act met with disfavor in the legislature recently. Those interested are invited by the commercialists to aid in securing the bridge that will give them an outlet. The ferry company has been losing money lately owing partly to the fact that traffic is being directed across the Chowan Bridge.

President Norman had this information to begin work on yesterday when he reached Raleigh as it was disclosed to L. W. Gurkin, a member of the chamber of commerce, who was in Raleigh during the latter part of last week. Mr. Gurkin conferred with highway officials while in the city. In this conference was Frank Kugler, district highway commissioner, Representative John W. Darden, of this county, and other officials. Mr. Norman will work toward a speedy introduction of the bill to the house.

Endeavor Exempt Churches From Paving Tax Assessments

Churches and church property in Plymouth will be exempted from paying any future paving assessments that may come due if the resolutions adopted by the City Council in their special session here Monday evening is enacted by the legislature during this session.

The petition, comprised of resolutions drawn up by City Attorney Zeb Vance Norman, stated that all real estate now owned, or which may hereafter be acquired by any churches in the town of Plymouth and used for church and parsonage purposes or cemeteries, should be relieved from special paving front foot assessments, which shall come due from any after the ratification of this act.

The resolutions also provided for an annual levy of ad valorem tax sufficient to cover the total annual special assessments against church property in the town to be collected and applied in lieu of the special assessments. When any church property shall cease to be used for this purpose the property shall become liable for unpaid paving assessments.

Three assessments have already been charged to the churches. If the tax exemption proposal is made law by the legislature the churches will be held liable for the three assessments that have come due before the ratification of the law. One or two of the churches have paid some of their assessments.

There is no doubt but that the exemption of the churches from the assessments will increase the tax rate, for the simple reason that this fund that was to be derived from the revenue from the churches taxed will have to be levied separately. The exact amount of the increase has not been announced.

Representatives from the churches that were present were A. L. Alexander of the Grace Episcopal Church; J. W. Norman, of the Methodist; J. B. Edmondson, of the Baptist; and M. G. Darden, of the Christian. These men presented the matter to the city council.

Attorney Writes About Queer Incidents In Political Circles

By JERRY A. SAWYER

When it comes to politics fiction can't even hold a light to truth.

The strangest things happen, and some of us don't know why! I don't know anything except what I pick up as I graze around on the street. But it is passing strange what does happen in elections and local political affairs. Without any comment or attempt to explain the wherefore or whyfore of how such things could happen, the following incidents are offered those who feel the political bee buzzing under their hats and are thinking about setting their stakes for two years hence:

First. In the spring of 1926 the sheriff of Tyrrell County announced his intention to retire from his office and run in the Democratic primary for county commissioner. He ran, was nominated. His son also ran for representative, was defeated. But, strange to say, he who had been for several years sheriff was defeated by a Republican in the general election for county commissioner. Why?

Second. During the past year the chairman of the board of commissioners of Washington county ran in the primary for re-nomination, was nominated. His son also ran for representative, was defeated. And in the general election he who had been chairman of the board of commissioners and had been re-nominated by the Democratic Party was defeated by a Republican. Why? I'll ask you another.

After the last general election, the son-in-law of one of the commissioners of Tyrrell County was indicted for violation of the prohibition law. Said commissioner, who had been re-elected, went to see the county attorney about the matter. "Nat" Meekins was then county prosecuting attorney serving on a fee basis, as the commissioners did not provide a salary. "Nat" and the commissioner-elect didn't agree about the case of the son-in-law, and when the case was tried before the recorder the son-in-law was required to fork up a stiff fine.

When the new board of commissioners went into office the first Monday in December this particular one was elected chairman. A motion was made to reappoint "Nat" Meekins county prosecuting attorney. The new chairman "bucked," and after a conference between themselves the board of commissioners appointed another man to the office and voted him a salary of \$75 per month to take it. How are they going to pay him his salary, since no provision was made in the county budget for it I don't know, do you? He will get it, though. But poor ole "Nat." It was told me that the reason he "got the air" was that he was too zealous in prosecuting frivolous little things. Maybe so. I don't think he has suffered from such a blow financially, but it is certain to my mind that "Nat" has felt the political axe.

Columbia's Citizens Now Have 24-Hour Electrical Service

PENDER STORES CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Today the D. Pender Grocery Company will celebrate its thirtieth birthday. Thirty years ago Mr. David Pender of Tarboro North Carolina came to Norfolk and opened a small grocery store on a side street. This store was destined to develop into the largest department grocery store in the South, doing a business of one million dollars a year.

About ten years ago a branch store was opened to take care of the overflowing business from the main department grocery store. The success of this store was so marked that additional stores were opened and operated on a cash and carry basis and these yellow fronts are now located in one hundred and twenty cities in Virginia and North Carolina.

During the past six years the expansion has been more marked. Stores are being opened as fast as suitable locations can be found. The opening of meat markets has been popular. There are fifteen of these highly sanitary meat markets, with the very latest type of display case and Frigidaire equipment.

This company also operates its own bakery, producing daily, forty thousand Our Pride Bread, thirteen thousand Pan O' Pride rolls and such other bakery products as Sponges, Cake, layer cake, pound cake and fruit cake.

It has always been the policy of this company to assist in the development of local enterprises. They are members of the Chamber of Commerce in practically every city where they have a store, and the local superintendent or manager is their representative. They also purchase liberally from manufacturers in Virginia and North Carolina, and in fruits and vegetables particularly do they assist locally. One of the largest purchases made in Virginia on Apples was made by our fruit buyer, and he purchases sixty carloads of this delicious fruit. The Statesville Flour Mills of North Carolina furnish us with Wonder and Palace Flour, which has had a remarkable sales. Inks, Ammonia, Glue, Furniture polish, and other items are purchased in Virginia and the shelves of these stores carry several articles made in Virginia and North Carolina such as Fanning's Pickles, White House Coffee, Madolene Pickles and other items. Even the paint, bag and boxes, and articles of that nature are purchased in Virginia and made in Virginia.

The company for the ensuing year will maintain its present policy of expansion, and will probably develop to a greater extent, with meat markets throughout Virginia and North Carolina.

SPECIAL SERVICE OF MUSIC

There will be a special musical service at the Methodist Church Sunday, at which time a silver offering will be taken. Morning services will begin at 11 o'clock. Evening services will begin at 7:30 o'clock. Every one is urged to attend these services.

ALMO THEATRE TONIGHT

Helene Costello

IN

"Husbands For Rent"

AND

TWO REEL COMEDY

Saturday Night

Milton Sills

IN

"The Hawks Nest"

Fifth Episode of Serial

"Mark of the Frog"

Town Expend \$35,000 For Entirely New Electric Power System

PLANT HOUSED IN NEW BUILDING

Wires Now Have A Capacity Of 2300 Volts; New Lines And Meters Installed In Many Residences; New Plant Has 150 Customers; Previous 12-Hour Plant Yielded A Profit Of \$1,200 During Last Year Of Operation

Columbia, Jan. 24.—Patrons of the local municipal light and power plant are enjoying twenty-four hours a day service as the result of an expenditure of some \$35,000 in improvements. Practically all of the former equipment that was used in running the previous plant that gave only a twelve hour a day service has been replaced by new and modern fixtures since the renovation of the plant began early in October of last year.

The plant is equipped with two crude oil engines purchased from the Anderson Engine and Foundry Company. One of these engines is a 50 horse power motor and the other is a 100 horse power motor. In addition to the fixtures in the plant, a complete new electric distribution system has been installed throughout the entire town. Wires having a capacity of about 2300 volts has been placed on a series of new poles. New meters have been installed in order to car for the highpowered lines.

The new plant is housed in a well constructed brick building on the Southern end of Elm street which was erected at a cost of several thousand dollars. The building has many modern conveniences found in electric plants in much larger towns. Engineers are still working in order to turn over to the town a working electric system that will be complete in every detail.

Although no industries have made suggestions for obtaining power from the new plant up until now, the city officials under the direction and aid of Mayor W. J. White are now figuring on estimates and rate for a sliding scale to attract these customers. The tax rate is fixed at \$1.95 and has not been increased in order to pay for this new plant. Last year the small plant that furnished only a twelve-hour service yielded an income of about \$1,200. The new plant has at least 150 steady customers. Officials believe that the plant will secure enough profits from the revenue to retire the bonds due each year, and to create a sinking fund and have other necessities.

Contracts and agreements have been signed by the city officials of Columbia and the officials of Creswell whereby the local municipal plant will furnish electric current to the citizens in the Washington county town just as soon as the bonds are sold and the money is obtained to construct a main line from Creswell to this place, and to build a local distribution system in Creswell. Poles have already been placed along the highway.

This electricity will be sold to the Creswell officials from a meter on the switchboard in the plant. The purchasers have agreed to erect the line after the proposition was settled by a referendum in Creswell during the summer. Officials have agreed that the price to be charged the Creswell citizens will be about the same as is general paid for current for residence.

CLUB DISCUSSES CLEAN-UP WEEK PROGRAM

Creswell, January 24.—A discussion of the date and the methods of observing fire prevention and clean-up week in this place was discussed by the members of the local Woman's Club which met here yesterday afternoon with a large number present. Miss Pratt Covington, home demonstration agent, gave some lecture demonstrations, which were enjoyed.