

PROSPECT FOR NEW BRIDGES ARE BRIGHT

Commercialists Back From A Visit To State Capitol Have Good News To Report At Next Meeting; Engineers Render Their Report

There will be no trouble in getting the bill passed in favor of the erection of bridges to cross the Roanoke, Middle, and Cashie Rivers and Broad Creek and the causeway to intercept highway number 342 in Bertie county, if the bill is ever introduced into the Legislature, according to L. W. Gurkin, member of a chamber of commerce committee who was in Raleigh Wednesday in the interest of the matter. Accompanying Mr. Gurkin were C. L. Groves, secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce, and A. L. Alexander, local postmaster.

A conference was held with a few members of the highway commission. They agreed to order an engineer down here at once to make the anticipated traffic survey. Canvassing among the Representatives from Hyde, Tyrrell, Greene, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Washington, Beaufort, Bertie, and other counties, the commercialists found that sentiment is in favor of the bridge. It is the opinion of Mr. Gurkin that the fight will center around the report of the highway commission as to whether or not they favor the bridge.

A special committee of the local Chamber of Commerce was in Edenton, Elizabeth City and Hertford yesterday in the interest of the anticipated spans that will cross Roanoke, Middle and Cashie rivers and Broad Creek, and the construction of a causeway through the swamp lining the bridges together, thus connecting Washington and Bertie counties. Representatives will soon visit Columbia and Swan Quarter and other surrounding towns that will be helped by the project.

Just as soon as the State Highway Commission has completed the formalities of a traffic survey, President Norman of the Chamber of Commerce will draft a bill for introduction into the North Carolina General Assembly, asking that the Legislature make appropriations for the bridge and that the State Highway Commission be instructed to begin work on the project at an early date.

An official report from the engineers who made the cost survey of the project reveals that the estimated cost of the Roanoke river crossing which includes the four bridges and little less than three and one half miles of causeway is given at \$594,000. The estimated cost of improving and surfacing the road from the highland at Phelps Landing to highway number 342 on the Edon House road near Mountain Hill is given at \$197,000.

The survey shows that the structure is based on a foundation of 18 feet. The bridge will be a cantilever bridge with a span of 200 feet. The estimated cost of the structure is based on a foundation of 18 feet. The bridge will be a cantilever bridge with a span of 200 feet. The estimated cost of the structure is based on a foundation of 18 feet.

The estimate for the road through the swamp is based on hydraulically placed fill with the drawn grade one and one-fourth feet above maximum high water with a width of 30 feet and surfaced with oil treated gravel for a width of 18 feet. This distance is only about three and a half miles.

The Roanoke river bridge at the foot of Washington street in Plymouth was figured as an electrically operated drawn span, providing two at 80 feet openings plus 450 feet of trestle. The Middle river bridge will have no draw but will consist of 400 lineal feet of trestle. The Cashie river consists of a hand operated swing span providing two at 60 feet clear openings plus 450 feet of trestle. Broad Creek bridge is to consist of 300 feet of trestle. All four structures will permit navigation.

The Roanoke river bridge with its approach was estimated to cost \$91,100. The Middle river structure was estimated at \$18,900. The Broad Creek bridge was estimated at \$12,000. Total for road with bridges with ten per cent added is \$394,000. Improving and surfacing of 8.5 miles of road from highland to highway is given at \$197,000.

Varied Program Planned For County Teachers Meet Today

Roper, Jan. 31.—Music, discussions, announcements and adjournments into group meetings to discuss school problems that are peculiar to the grade represented in the various departments, will be the highlights in the meeting of the Washington County Teachers Association, which will be held in the Roper school auditorium tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock when about fifty pedagogians gather for their regular quarterly meeting.

Nineteen teachers have been assigned subjects on the program which was released for publication here today by James W. Norman, county superintendent of public instruction. They include representatives from nearly all of the twenty or more white schools in the county. The meeting will open with a song which will be followed by a prayer by Rev. J. Bascom Hurley, pastor of the Roper Methodist Church.

Topics for discussions by members in the high school group meeting includes "The Teacher and the Socialized Recitation" by Miss Frances Willis; "The Advantages of the Socialized Recitation" by B. G. O'Brien; "The Disadvantages of the Socialized Recitation" by Miss Mildred Balance;

"What is Supervised Study" by Miss Sally Taylor; "Objections to Supervised Study" by Brantley Forbes; and "Objectives for Supervised Study" by Miss Dorothy Rietzel.

Teachers in the grammar grade group will discuss the following topics: "Spelling in the Grammar Grades" by Miss Mary Brinson; "Plan and Discuss the Plan of the Seventh Grade Reading Lesson" by Miss Vida Dunning; "One Phase of Seventh Grade Arithmetic" by Miss Ruth Faulkner; "Hygiene" by Miss Mary Woodley; and "Picture Study Presentation of an Oral English Lesson" by Miss Gladys Snell.

The primary group program will include discussions of "The Bird Booklet" by Miss Evelyn Cahoon; "Bird Poster" by Miss Iva S. Chesson; "Tree Booklet Showing Specimen of Bark and Leaves" by Mrs. Katherine Harrison; "Injurious Insects and How to Eradicate Them" by Mrs. Eva S. Bateman; "Sand Table Projects: Native Birds and Trees" by Miss Helen Brickhouse; "Butterfly Booklet: Terrestrial Butterflies—Brief History of Each" by Miss Lucy Swain; and "Flower Booklet" by Mrs. R. C. Chesson.

Delegates From Methodist Churches Meet In Roper Soon

Delegates from Methodist churches in Plymouth, Columbia and Roper will meet in the Roper Methodist Church on February 8 for a check up of the general condition of the churches for the past quarter, it was learned here today from the Rev. I. G. L. Edwards, pastor of the local Methodist Church. These churches will have four such meetings during the year.

This quarterly check up is a scheme inaugurated by Bishop Moun in an effort to prevent such heavy work of this kind at the end of the conference. The delegates will represent each department of the church including foreign mission work, the Sunday school, the young people's societies and the general church work. Each delegate will report the general condition of the church including its progress in membership and the condition of its finances.

Presiding Elder O. W. Dowe will preside over the meeting and will hold a quarterly conference in Plymouth on Sunday and will preach here at the evening service. This is the time that Pastor Edwards is out of town, and some may think that there will be no services, however, the presiding elder has announced his intention of preaching here at this time.

During the Sunday services there will be an installation service for the public installing of the new Board of Stewards. At this time special methods of celebrating the communion will be introduced. Special music will also feature the services.

The Board of Stewards met in the office of C. J. Norman Monday evening at which time it was agreed the special efforts would be manifested in an endeavor to increase the interest in attendance, church membership and to promote the welfare of the church in general. Church officials hope that the members will take particular pains to cooperate with them in order to make a good showing at the check up meeting.

Funeral Held For Victim Of Wreck Last Tuesday
Mackey, Jan. 31.—Funeral services were held in a Mackey Church today for Robert Snell, son of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Snell, of this place, who died in a Washington hospital Sunday night from injuries sustained in an automobile wreck in the Pleasant Grove section early Sunday afternoon. Interment was in a local cemetery. A large crowd attended the funeral. A beautiful floral offering was contributed by friends.

Mr. Snell received the injuries that terminated in his death when an automobile which he was driving collided with one operated by W. B. Barber, of the Pea Ridge section of the county. His father, James T. Snell, who was riding with him at the time of the accident escaped serious injuries. Occupants of Mr. Barber's car were only slightly injured.

Young Snell was entering the highway from a side road at Pleasant Grove when the cars collided. Both drivers seemed to be perplexed as to the other's intentions. The steering wheel broke and the handle of the wheel pierced the chest of young Snell.

As soon as the accident occurred Mr. Snell was rushed to a Washington hospital by friends who happened to be passing. He succumbed after remaining in an unconscious state for some time. The body was brought to Plymouth early Tuesday.

Van B. Martin is at home from Raleigh, where he has been studying law. He took the State bar examination last week.

Negro Arraigned On A Charge Of Reckless Driving
Herman Hart, a Negro of this section, was arraigned before Judge Ze Vance Norman in Recorder's Court here Tuesday charged with driving a truck recklessly as the result of a wreck on Washington street about four months ago when a truck he was driving crashed into a light car operated by E. W. Latham.

Neither occupant of either of the vehicles were injured. Both cars were damaged. Mr. Latham's car received the full impact of the crash thus damaging it more than the truck. Hart alleged that he had agreed to pay to the damages and had paid some of them but was slow in paying the rest of the repair bill of Mr. Latham's car.

The Negro was required to pay the costs of the court and to finish paying the damages on Mr. Latham's automobile.

Plymouth Teams Defeat Columbia
Playing one of the best games of the season, the Plymouth High School girls' basketball team trounced the Columbia quint in an easy contest here Tuesday with the final score 26 to 4. Meager information has it that this is the first time that the Columbia girls have suffered defeat in three seasons. The locals have not lost a game this season.

The boys from Columbia showed better spirit although they dropped game to the locals by a score of 20 to 11.

W. L. Grice, of Norfolk, was here this week.

Mrs. G. L. Morton of Norfolk spent last week end with Mr. and Mrs. J. Norman.

FARMERS ARE ENTERTAINED AT INSTITUTE

Farmers Supply Company In Washington Informs Farmers Of Modern Way To Till The Soil; Speakers Stressed The Need Of Machinery

Washington, N. C., Jan. 31.—Numbers of farmers from Washington county were among the three hundred that gathered in the offices of the Pamlico Chemical Company here Tuesday to attend the Farming Institute which was directed by the Farmers Supply Company. Motion pictures were used in aiding the speakers to illustrate the benefits of modern machinery on the farm.

Sam L. Grist, manager of the Farmers Supply Company, was host to the group of farmers. Among the speakers were E. L. Bush, of Charlotte, manager of the North Carolina branch of the International Harvester Company, builders of farm machinery and J. E. R. Sheeler, assistant State branch manager for the farm machinery from the Charlotte branch; and H. M. Orr, advertising manager for the Harvester Company.

One of the striking points brought out in the morning session was that the Farmall Tractor and one harrow does the work of four men, eight mules and four harrows. The cost of operating the tractor is \$3.50 a day. This is a cut of 75 percent in the old method of farming.

Stereopticon slides and moving pictures illustrated the speeches of the persons participating in the program. A two reel comedy on appropriate farm methods was one of the features of the meeting. Dinner was served by the Farmers Supply Company during the noon hour. Motion pictures were shown of the extensive work in North Carolina also.

Correct methods of operating a tractor with a plow, disk harrow, soil pulverizer drill, corn planter, rotary hoe, four-row corn planter and cultivation and a dozen other machines were demonstrated. Special attention was paid to the details in explaining the work of the various machines.

JAMES MAYO IMPROVING AFTER BLOOD TRANSFUSION

Word was received here yesterday to the effect that James Mayo, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mayo, of this place, who is in a Rocky Mount hospital is improving rapidly after a blood transfusion. Jack Peele's blood matched in the Mayo boy and the transfusion took place Tuesday.

Young Mayo was recently taken ill with a severe case of the influenza. As the boy had been weak and frail since cutting his foot while in swimming last summer, a blood transfusion was thought necessary after an examination by physicians.

TO AID TAXPAYERS IN FILING INCOME TAX RETURNS

Representatives of the United States Internal Revenue Department will be in Plymouth February 18 and 19 to assist taxpayers in filing Federal income tax returns, according to information received here from the office of the United States Collector of Internal Revenue in the United States Treasury Department. Those wishing to see these representatives should inquire at the post office. All persons that have received blanks by mail should bring them with them.

LOCAL U. D. C. SPONSORS PLAY

"The Mystery Lady," a four-act comedy-drama will be given at the Almo Theater next Wednesday for the benefit of the Major Louis Charles Latham chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Twelve persons are in the cast.

CARD OF THANKS

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

FAMILY.
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harrison were in Anlander Sunday.

Lawyers Sponsoring Bill Amending Jury Act In Local Court

DARDEN WRITES OPEN LETTER TO CITIZENS

In an open letter to the Roanoke Beacon, Representative John W. Darden, of Washington county, urges that citizens in the county communicate their views on bills of State-wide importance to him so that he can support the bills that come before the House that would be to the interest of this county. A letter may be addressed to Mr. Darden at Raleigh in care of the Bland Hotel or to the State Capitol. Letters from the citizens will be inserted in the Beacon in a copy of the same letter that is written to Mr. Darden is sent to this newspaper.

The letter follows:

To the people of Washington county. The Legislature is now well underway and many bills are being presented and considered by that body. I wish to say, that you have honored me by sending me here to represent you, all of you, and I can represent you best by supporting such measures of a State-wide nature, as will best serve you.

Therefore, I ask you to examine the daily papers and see the bills as they are introduced. Do not hesitate to write me with reference to any of them. The measures that appear to be commanding the greatest attention of the members of the body, are the ones that are looking to the reduction of taxes. School and road taxes must be reduced. I am standing for this.

Matters relating to legislation for the county will be discussed in person with those directly interested before they are introduced into the General Assembly.

Please write me at the State Capitol or the Bland Hotel, Raleigh, N. C. I wish to assure you that my first interest is in you. I am,

Your Servant,
JOHN W. DARDEN, Member
General Assembly North Carolina.

BENEFIT PARTY GIVEN FOR CHURCH SOCIETY

Mesdames M. T. Bradshaw and Katherine Harrison were joint hostesses at a benefit party given at the home of Mrs. Bradshaw last evening in the interest of the Young Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church. The party was well attended. A silver offering was taken at the door. Contests featured the amusements. Hot chocolate and cakes was served. The home was appropriately decorated for the occasion.

METHODIST CHILDREN TO MEET

Children of the Methodist Church will meet at the courthouse this evening at 7:30, at which time a silver offering will be taken for the benefit of the church.

Miss Mavis Thigpen of Weldon is here visiting Mrs. R. P. Walker.

ALMO THEATRE
TONIGHT
Mary Brian
IN
"Harold Teen"
AND
TWO REEL COMEDY
Saturday Night
Rin Tin Tin
IN
"Rinty of the Desert"
Sixth Episode of Serial
"Mark of the Frog"
M. G. M. NEWS
THURSDAY & FRIDAY
Joan Crawford
IN
"Our Dancing
Daughters"

Desire Defendant Have Two Peremptory Challenges To One For State

LAWYER WHITLEY CHAMPIONS BILL

Proponents Of Bill Claim That It Is More In Conformity With Superior Court Rulings Which Allows Defendant Four And State Two Challenges; Notice Of Opposition Served By Two Members Of Bar Association; Agree On Other Bills

Efforts are being made to introduce a bill into the Legislature to provide for an amendment to the present Recorder's Court act to allow the defendant two peremptory challenges and the State one peremptory challenge in the selection of a jury of six members to try criminal cases in the local Recorder's Court. This bill is being sponsored by about half of the members of the Washington County Bar Association which passed a resolution in favor of the amendment here in a special session Wednesday afternoon.

Attorney W. L. Whitley sponsored the resolution which was adopted by the lawyers in session Wednesday. This matter arose from the fact that in Superior Court the defendant is allowed four peremptory challenges and the State only two. Amending the act to read so that the defendant will have two challenges and the State one will put them in the same ratio as the Superior Court. The Superior Court has twelve jurors while the Recorder's Court has only six.

The dissenting members that held the minority vote in the meeting of the Bar Association have announced the fact that they will fight the bill as long as they can possibly have a legal right to do it. Although Atty. Van Buren Martin left Wednesday afternoon with a copy of the proposed bill, the opposing forces have been in communication with Representative Darden seeking his aid to defeat the proposal.

Only five of the members of the Bar Association were present. The majority in favor of the resolution was by a narrow margin. Two lawyers were absent from the meeting. The final vote was taken after a prolonged discussion over the legality of the matter. Some of the members predicted that it would not survive the first count.

Another bill has been presented to the Legislature by Representative Darden asking that the October term of Superior Court here be completely devoted to the trial of civil cases as the docket has been cleared of criminal cases and unless an unprecedented wave of crime envelopes the county it can be well taken care of at the other terms in the year.

A letter from Hon. H. S. Ward, a Washington attorney, failed to meet favor with the lawyers in session which asked that they sponsor a bill asking that this county be taken from the second district and transferred to the first district as it was years ago. The members of the Bar Association are very well pleased with the advantages of the present system.

JUNIOR CANDIDATES TO BE INITIATED

From forty to fifty candidates will be initiated at a special class initiation that will take place in the regular quarters of the Robersonville Council No. 297, Junior Order of the United American Mechanics, at Robersonville next Thursday evening, February 7, it was learned today from D. R. Chandler, chairman of the Committee on Arrangements. The Old Hickory Degree team of Washington will be in charge.

A number from the local council will attend and will likely have candidates for initiation. A barbecue supper will be given.