

Second Power Firm Wants To Buy Light And Ice Business

Robert R. Livingston and Edward C. Gregory, New York engineers, were here Wednesday to submit an offer for the local electric power system and ice business. They would offer to the town a total of \$100,000 and free street lights for the plant, plant site, generating equipment and ice business. They came a day late as the officials had already settled with the Virginia Electric and Power Company.

Mr. Livingston made this statement to the press while he was here Wednesday. "Robert R. Livingston and Edward C. Gregory, had arranged an appointment to meet the mayor and the City Council in a special session here Wednesday evening to submit an offer of \$100,000 with free lights to the people of Plymouth for the electric power system and ice business here. However, the officials called a meeting July 23 and accepted an offer made by the Virginia Electric and Power Company, which is \$50,000 less than our offer which deprives the people of this amount."

No meeting was held with them here as the City Council had signed contracts with the Virginia Electric and Power Company the night before. The meeting was called Tuesday night to formally hear the power firm's acceptance of the offer made by the power firm.

ENTERTAINS Y. P. C. A.

Cherry.—Miss Evelyn Spruill entertained the members of the Y. P. C. A. of Phlipp Church on Wednesday evening at a house party. Numerous games were played and delicious refreshments were served. Those present were Misses Elizabeth Davenport, Mary Elizabeth and Dorothy Woodley, Erma Barnes, Ruth Burgess, Hortense Ambrose, Teodie Gibbs, Virginia White, Mae and Mayme Woodley; Caswell Adams, Earl Barnes, Murrill Sawyer, Trim Holmes, Ervin Gibbs, Winton Davenport, Marshall Woodley, Wilbur Adams, Doc and Lancelot Davenport.

Autos in County

Official records indicate that there are approximately 1,500 passenger cars and 150 trucks in Washington County. These vehicles represent an investment of nearly \$1,500,000. The average purchase price is \$876 for cars and \$955 for trucks.

Mrs. Raymond Peele has been quite ill for several weeks at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. E. Dowdy.

POET AND PEASANT

"Well, I see the County Commissioners done it," said the Peasant.

"Yes," replied the Poet. "I think that they showed the poorest judgment possible when they bought the property from Mr. Martin on which to build the Negro school."

"I don't know," replied the Peasant. "I understand that they paid Mr. Martin only \$400 an acre, which is what Mr. Burgess asked for his property and less than what Mr. Hampton asked."

"They did," said the Poet, "but they also have the responsibility of building two streets to give the Negroes an outlet. The first proposal was that they pay Mr. Martin \$2,500 for the property and he was to build the streets. That would have been much cheaper than the present bargain."

"I don't quite get you. You mean that it will cost over \$500 to build these streets. That is county property and the convicts can do the work," said the Peasant.

"Yes," said the Poet, "the convicts can do the work by neglecting the rest of the county roads. I don't see how we can possibly put any more work on Mr. Basnight when, according to complaints from Wenona and appearances of cars from that section, it is impossible for him to get out often enough to keep those roads up. Not only that, Mr. Burgess will, I understand, and he is perfectly justified in doing so, close his property, thereby making it necessary to condemn the property, buy it and then build a street."

"Let me see now if I get what you mean," said the Peasant. "You mean that Mr. Basnight, the road supervisor already has as much if not more road

Club Women Meet Raleigh This Week

Those going from Washington County to the State Short Course at Raleigh this week are: Mrs. R. C. Jackson, Sherman Jackson, Russell Harrison, and Mrs. J. T. Browning from the Hoke Club; Mrs. L. E. Hassell, Mrs. R. Stillman, and Mrs. Frank Wilson, Roper Woman's Club; Mrs. J. H. Browning; Jackson Woman's Club; Mrs. Ida Brickhouse, Albemarle Woman's Club and Mrs. George Bowen from the Alba Club. Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Heynon left Thursday.

Those attending the short course from Washington County attended the informal tea given by Mrs. O. Max Gardner Thursday afternoon.

WALKER QUILTS CHICAGO MILL JOB

Mayor R. P. Walker has resigned his position as superintendent of the local plant of the Chicago Mill and Lumber Corporation. His resignation will take effect August 1.

Incidentally, Mr. Walker is quitting the plant after having been employed there for some 28 years right on the date. He went there August 1, 1901 and resigns August 1, 1923. Mr. Walker has been employed by the Chicago Mill and Lumber Corporation since the Wiltz Veneer Company sold their interest two or three months ago.

OTIS MARRINER DENIES STEALING FATHER'S MONEY

In reply to Mrs. J. R. Roughton's statement in the Roanoke Beacon week before last, about her stating that the general reports of the community were that I stole my daddy's money, I wish to state that I have proof where I was the whole afternoon on which the money was stolen. The proof that I have is by Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Conway. I stayed to their home the whole afternoon.

I would like for Mrs. Roughton to tell me who it is that says I stole the money (outside of herself). She says I stole it, but it is an absolute lie, for I did not steal that money. Mrs. Roughton and some others have been saying it was me just to hurt my character. But they are hurting their own as well.

OTIS MARRINER.

(No more publicity will be accorded this matter by the Beacon and News.—Ed.)

SCHOOL COSTS CITED; REVIEWS TAX ON TRUCK; RALEIGH NEWS

By W. C. SPRUILL
(Beacon Raleigh Correspondent)

Raleigh.—Based on figures for 1923-24, compiled by the Bureau of Education of Washington, D. C., North Carolina ranks seventh, among the Southern States, in daily cost per pupil. Florida, Oklahoma, Missouri, Maryland, Texas, and Louisiana spend a larger daily cost per pupil than is spent for public education in North Carolina.

Washington County shows up well in comparison with her sister counties, with an average cost of \$27.81 per capita cost for rural systems. This is a decrease of \$2.83 over the 1922-27 figures. Among the rural systems, Buncombe County has the largest per capita cost, of \$50.50. Ashe County, with a per capita cost of only \$17.77, ranks lowest. The differences between these extremes would finance the Washington county rural system and leave a margin of \$5. Ranking 39th, as it does, Washington County makes an event better showing compared with some of her neighboring counties in cost of rural operation.

Currituck, with an enrollment of 1,823, had a per capita cost for 1927-28 of \$44.74 against Washington \$27.81, with an enrollment of 2,539. Carteret, with 2,508, paid \$38.35 for her system, and Wilson, with 6,448 pupils, spent an average of \$31.22.

Truck Tax Conference

After a series of conferences on the matter of whether the motor vehicle bureau should require motor trucks that carry overloads to pay an additional amount over and above the price of a license issued on a basis of the rated carrying capacity, Hon. R. A. Doughton, State highway commissioner, and A. J. Maxwell, commissioner of revenue, have decided that the question of the overload should only apply to the trucks for hire. This tax is collected under the machinery act and has no connection with the motor vehicle tax.

Visits Capital City

Leon Bray, former county treasurer, was in Raleigh Friday and part of Saturday. While here Mr. Bray took occasion to visit several of the State departments and institutions.

WANTS PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. T. J. Swain, Chairman Board of Education Washington Co., Plymouth, N. C.

Dear Sir: As you realize considerable criticism has been made both privately and in the press of the recent action of the Board of Education relative to the proposed purchase of a Negro School Building site at Plymouth, I have heretofore raised no objection because I had understood that a street would be run directly from Fourth Street and its vicinity to the proposed school site. But I understand now this is not the plan of the Board.

As this matter means much to the peoples, both white and black, of Plymouth and Washington County, from an economic and social standpoint, I request, and think I am approved in so doing by a majority of the public that your Board reconsider its action and hold a public meeting, after proper advertisement, and allow the public to attend and express their views.

With best personal wishes, I am,
Yours very truly
JERRY A. SAWYER.

ALMO THEATRE TONIGHT

Raymond Novarrio

IN

"The Flying Fleet"

PATHE NEWS

Saturday Night

Phillis Haver

IN

"Sal of Singapore

Fourth Episode

Tigers Shadow

DON'T MISS IT

Virginia Power Firm To Pay \$50,000 And Free Lights For Franchise And Local System

EX-TREASURER WEDS TEACHER; OCCASSION BIG SOCIAL AFFAIR

Creswell, July 19.—In a ceremony of beauty and impressive dignity at the Creswell Missionary Baptist Church at 6 o'clock Friday morning, Miss Perla Jane Hopkins, daughter of Mrs. Mary V. Hopkins and the late Thomas Hopkins was married to Leon Smith Brey, a prominent business man of Roper. Rev. Roy Respass, of the Christian Church, performed the ceremony.

Exceptionally attractive altar decorations of old fashioned garden flowers were used artistically with Southern pines and ferns interspersed with tall cathedral candles, forming a setting of rare charm and simplicity.

Prior to the entrance of the bridal party, Mrs. Roy T. Hopkins, sister of the bride, rendered a musical program consisting of Venetian Love Song, Sextette from Lucia, De Lammormoor, and To a Wild Rose. Mrs. Hopkins was dressed in a pink dress of sheer georgette and wore a shoulder corsage of summer flowers.

Mrs. Alton C. Harris sweetly sang "I Love You Truly," and "Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms." She was dressed in beige georgette with accessories to match and wore a shoulder bouquet of sweet peas.

Miss Esther Jordan and Miss Helen Brey were bridesmaids. Miss Jordan wore a dress of yellow chiffon and a hat of yellow braid. Miss Brey wore orchid chiffon with hat to match. They carried nosegays of old fashion flowers.

Miss Mary K. Davenport attended the bride as maid of honor. She wore a French model of coral chiffon. Her hat was a lovely creation of lace, her slippers were of coral moire. She carried an arm bouquet of summer flowers.

Little Hattie Marie Brey, dressed in an attractive frock of frilled white organdie, entered bearing the ring on a golden tray in the heart of a rose.

Nathan Thompson, of Plymouth, attended the groom as best man, and the ushers were Messrs. Barton Swain and Aubrey Phelps, of Roper.

The bride entered with her brother, Roy T. Hopkins, who gave her in marriage. She was becomingly gowned in a shell pink chiffon. The dress was made on circular lines with an uneven hemline. Her hat of brocaded pink georgette and slippers of pink moire matched the gown identically. She carried an arm bouquet of pink gladiolas and white snapdragons.

Immediately after the ceremony a wedding breakfast was given at the home of the bride's mother. Afterwards Mr. and Mrs. Brey left for scenic parts of the State. After their return they will be at home to their friends in Roper.

GIRLS TO ATTEND STATE SHORT COURSE

On Monday July 29 at 10 o'clock the girls will leave from the courthouse for the State Short Course at Raleigh.

Those expecting to go from Washington County are: Gladys Martin, Marjorie Bowen, Louise Hardison, Alice Grey Wolfe, Mattie Davenport, Thelma Smith, Louise Ainsley, and Blanche Nooney.

Gladys Martin has been selected captain of the group for Washington county, and will give a report of the work done in the girls clubs at the Federation meeting. The girl elected to represent the State at the National Encampment in Washington, D. C. is selected from the group of Captains. Lottie Hardison was one of the three girls nominated from this State a few years ago.

REVIVAL CLOSES AT OAK GROVE CHURCH

Skinnerville.—The revival meeting at Oak Grove Church closed Sunday evening. Dr. J. L. Carrick of Elizabeth City, aided by Pastor Richard Lucas of Belhaven, were the speakers.

SCHOOL BOARD AIMS ROUTE 15 TRUCKS BEST ADVANTAGES

Tentative routes have been mapped out for the fifteen trucks that will serve in transporting the children to school this term, it was learned today from James W. Norman, county superintendent of public instruction.

Every known effort was manifested by the Washington County Board of Education to plan the routes so that they would serve the most people at the most economical cost, according to Mr. Norman. Five trucks will serve each of the three large schools which are Creswell, Roper and Plymouth.

Under the present arrangement the five trucks going into Creswell will be routed as follows: the first will begin at New Lands depositing their first load in Cherry then serving the Ambers road to take high school children from both sections to Creswell; the second begins at Western Farm, taking the pupils into Creswell by the way of the creek; third, begins at Spruill's road beyond Norman's store to Creswell by way of Mount Pleasant; fourth, begins near Rhodes' store to Creswell by way of Hathaway's place, deposits load then serves Mt. Tabor road; fifth, begins Piney Grove school house thence to Creswell by way of Old Road.

Five trucks for Roper school routed as follows: first, begins at Albemarle schoolhouse to Roper by way of highway detouring around to Backwoods; second, begins Holly Neck by way of Middle Neck and Beech Neck thence by way of highway to Roper; third, begins Mackeys by Joe Davenport's store to Roper depositing load and serving highway to Henry Davenport's store; fourth, leaving Roper by way of Cross Roads thence to Woodland road thence back to Roper by Cross roads; fifth, serves Mill Pond both East and West sides.

Five trucks for Plymouth will serve sections as follows: first, from Wenona up highway number 97 to Plymouth; second, Long Acre from county line to Plymouth; third, Long Ridge from county line to Plymouth; fourth, from Westover to Plymouth by way of Chapel Hill school; fifth, from Plymouth to Garrett's Island around Satterthwaite's Mill by Moratouck Church to Long Ridge road into Plymouth.

RALLY DAY AT CRESWELL CHURCH SUNDAY

Creswell.—A rally day service will be held Sunday in the local Methodist Episcopal Church. Dinner will be served on the grounds. There will be two services. The pastor will preach at the morning service. In the afternoon special services will be held in the interest of Sunday schools.

WENONA PICNIC IS PLANNED FOR AUGUST 8

Wenona.—A field day and farm picnic will be held at the Blackland Test Farm here on August 8. J. L. Rea Jr., assistant director of the test farm, is arranging an interesting program that will be rendered during the day. Several State celebrities will be on the speaking program.

Money To Be Turned Over To City Council When Power Firm Gets Here

MUST BE READY IN TWELVE MONTHS

Referendum To Be Held, Soon For Populace To Ratify Or Annul Act Of City Officials; Many Think Election Victory Is Assured; VEPCO Does Not Buy Plant, Generating Equipment, And Site Of The Plant

Fifty thousand dollars and free energy to light the streets of the city for a period of thirty years is the price that the Virginia Electric and Power Company has agreed to pay to the town of Plymouth in return for a 30-year franchise and the local electrical distribution system.

The last official signed his name to the contract this morning following a joint meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, City Council and Water and Light Commission last evening. A quorum of members of the City Council were present at the meeting and officially set their endorsement on the proposal adopted by the body in regards to the sale of the system. The others signed as quickly as they could be found and the contract discussed with them.

No action was taken on a letter read by Mayor R. P. Walker in regards to considering an offer from R. R. Livingston, a New York engineer and speculator. As soon as the action of the officials is ratified by the populace in a referendum about thirty days hence negotiations will be ended which have been in progress for a period of three years. J. T. Chase, of Roanoke Rapids, district manager of the power firm, was here in the meeting with associates.

Officials of the power firm had not signed the contract when it was submitted here. However, City Attorney S. V. Norman said that he had examined the contract and that it was regular in every aspect. And during Tuesday afternoon Mr. Norman was in telephone conversation with a vice president of the power firm who said that he was ready to sign it just as soon as the original arrived in his office as he had already perused a copy of it. Enthusiasts predict that the election will go over with a bang.

The power firm will receive a 30-year contract with the entire electric distribution system including all customers' records, and entire electric light and power business as a going concern. This includes the power house, the power house site and the generating equipment. The distribution system is composed of poles, wires, transformers, meters, fixtures, transmission line hardware, distribution appliances, supplies and distribution material in stock.

In addition to this they will get all rights, easements and agreements which it may hold for right of way purposes along highways, roads and private property used in connection with the supply, distribution and sale of electric energy in and around Plymouth.

News For Farm And Home

By MISS ELEANOR PRATT COVINGTON, HOME AGENT
R. E. DUNNING, COUNTY AGENT

HOME AGENT'S SCHEDULE Week Beginning July 29

- Monday, Wenona.
- Tuesday, Hoke
- Wednesday, Beech Grove
- Thursday, Piney Grove
- Friday, Jackson
- Saturday, Office.

After two years of preparation, William C. Winstead, calf club member of Person County, began shipping cream from his eight cows last week.

Wheat after limestone and red clover produced 33 bushels an acre and without such treatment produced 14.91 bushels an acre for H. Roy Rogers of Person County.