

Miss Lossie Hardison Of Plymouth State Historian

Raleigh, N. C., August 15.—Mary Emma Powell of Turkey in Sampson County was elected president of the North Carolina 4-H club organization at its final business session closing the annual short course held at State College this month. Associated with Miss Powell in the administration of club affairs for the coming year will be Boyce Brooks of Calypso, Duplin County, vice-president; Vernon James of Weeksville, Pasquotank County, secretary and treasurer, and Lossie Hardison of Plymouth, Washington County, historian.

These four young people have been leaders in 4-H club work in their home communities and counties for the past several years. Each one was also prominent in some way at the recent short course. Miss Powell has been especially successful in her work in Sampson County. Recently when the county commissioners of that county decided to discontinue the work of the home agent, Miss Powell was among those prominently engaged in the effort to retain the work. She not only appeared before the commissioners but also aided in the movement to have hens donated by farm women and sold to defray the county's share of the home agent's salary. She is an excellent presiding officer and a good speaker.

Boyce Brooks, with Ruth Coleman of Alamance County, was one of the State health champions at the recent short course. He is a perfect specimen of physical manhood, making a score of 99.1 percent out of a possible 100. He is the son of Rev. and Mrs. C. V. Brooks of Calypso, is 17 years of age, 67 inches tall and weighs 134 pounds. He is active in the garden club of his home community.

Vernon James scored 96.6 percent in the health contest. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. James and president of the Weeksville club.

Miss Hardison was one of the most popular girls at the short course, attracting all those about her by her sweet disposition.

LOG SCHOOL HOUSE RAPIDLY PASSING OUT OF EXISTANCE

The little log school house has almost disappeared in North Carolina, according to the State Department of Public Instruction, which issues a statement today showing that there were only 28 houses of this type during 1927-28, and all of these used by Negro children.

Of this total number, 23 were in Caswell County and one each in Alamance, Durham, Halifax, Person and Vance Counties.

The records for 1927-28 further show that there were in use throughout the State 896 rural schoolhouses with brick construction and 4,856 with frame construction, which with the 28 log house makes a grand total of 5,780 rural schoolhouses in use during the year.

Five years ago there were 7,130 schoolhouses used by rural children, 424 brick, 6,642 frame, and 64 log. Thus, within five years there has been erected 472 new brick buildings for the rural boys and girls, whereas there has been a net decrease of 1,786 frame houses.

During the year 1927-28 176 new rural schoolhouses containing 1,079 classrooms were erected. These buildings cost slightly more than four million dollars, or an average of \$24,000 each. During the preceding year, more than five million dollars were spent in erecting 241 new rural schoolhouses, and costing on an average \$22,000 each.

There is a tendency, as seen from these figures, therefore, for log and frame buildings to disappear, and for better and larger houses constructed of brick to be erected in their stead.

Lloyd Horton and Lue Read were in Richmond during the past week end.

HERE THEY ARE!



The above picture was taken of Tom Snell and George Sexton when they appeared on the streets of Plymouth a few days ago attired in pajamas.

OVER 50 PER CENT OF LAND IN STATE IS WOODLAND

According to the United States Census of 1925, which was the principal source of information on which the Department of Conservation and Development relied, North Carolina has 21,056,400 acres of woodland. This is 68 per cent of the land area of the State. Of course, much of this so-called forest land is cut-over or swamp land, containing no great amount of merchantable timber. It is estimated that the State still has a stand of 13,420,000,000 board feet.

Dare county has 98 per cent covered forest, Tyrrell county has 90 per cent, Martin 70 per cent, and Washington has 81 per cent. There is a total of 171,587 acres in forest in Washington county.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION FOR A SALE AND GRANT TO THE VIRGINIA ELECTRIC & POWER COMPANY AND OF A NEW REGISTRATION FOR SAID ELECTION.

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Plymouth has this day called and ordered to be held a special election in the town of Plymouth on the 24th day of September, 1929, for the purpose of ascertaining the will of the qualified voters within said town as to whether or not the town shall enter into an agreement, a copy of which is open to the public at the office of the town clerk, looking to a sale of the town's electrical distribution plant and a grant to the Virginia Electric & Power Company of a thirty year franchise to do a general retail and wholesale light and power business in Plymouth. At said election those favoring such sale and grant shall vote a ballot on which shall be printed the words, "For the sale to the Virginia Electric & Power Company," and those opposed to the sale and grant shall vote a ballot on which shall be printed the words, "Against the sale to the Virginia Electric & Power Company." If a majority of the qualified voters of the Town of Plymouth shall vote in favor of such sale and grant, then the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Plymouth will immediately enter into the execution of the agreement as filed with the clerk, as aforesaid.

Further notice is hereby given that the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Plymouth has this day ordered a new registration of the voters residing within said town and has designated the entire town of Plymouth as the voting precinct, and the registration books will be kept open by the registrar, hereinafter named, in said precinct, for the registration of all electors residing within said town and entitled to registration, between the hours of 9 o'clock A. M. and sunset on each day for the period commencing with Friday, the 23rd day of August, 1929, and ending with Saturday, the 14th day of September, 1929. Provided, that on each and every Saturday embraced within the above described period of time, said registrar will attend with his registration book at the polling place, hereinafter designated, for the registration of voters.

Further notice is hereby given that the following registrar has this day been appointed by the Board of Aldermen of the town of Plymouth for the registration of voters and for conducting and holding said election in said town: J. S. Brown.

Further notice is hereby given that said election will be held between the hours of sunrise and sunset on Tuesday, the 24th day of September, 1929, as heretofore set out, at the following polling place in said town: County Courthouse in said town.

This 2nd day of August, 1929.
By order of the Board of Aldermen of the Town of Plymouth.
M. W. SPRUILL,
Town Clerk.

Roper Going Back To Rough Stone Age Says Former Resident Of City

DEMOCRACY! BAH!

Today and yesterday we heard that the United States was a nation governed for and by the people. Tomorrow we will hear the same bunk. Not only is this characteristic of our nation and state, but it is also characteristic of our county. None but the choice few have a say about what are the public needs. This choice few is the little politicians.

The Beacon and News has urged and begged the present executives of Washington county to listen to the will of the people who put them there and apparently the urging of the press and the words of the people have been as so much breath and energy wasted.

We have as capable executives as any county in the state but they are apparently weak, or blinded with that political desire to go farther in the political world. They don't realize that to accomplish the most politically, if that be their idea, is to please the masses and not the choice few.

A lady voter of Plymouth expressed her opinion, which is the view of the general public, of the county executives in the following manner, "Before I would vote for one of the present members of the county commissioners or the county board of education, I would vote for Oscar DePriest and I voted for every one of the present executives except the one Republican who is a county commissioner. I have been a Democrat all my life, but if that is the policy of the Democratic party, the Republican too, I don't know what I will be. I sure won't be a member of either of these parties."

Wake up politicians if you have any political ambition and do what is right by the people who have put you in office!

ENJOYS 75TH BIRTHDAY WITH CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN

Roper.—R. H. Davenport, born August 9th, 1854, was entertained at his home by his 11 children, 16 grandchildren and 56 friends, at a birthday dinner last Sunday at 1:30 o'clock.

Each one of the children brought a ready prepared box and a handsome present for the aged father.

The dinner was laid out by the ladies and the 83 guests gathered around the table and R. W. Lewis returned thanks.

Mr. Davenport is the father of Messrs. H. D., L. R., Willie, Ramon, Wilber, Henson, Robert, and John Davenport and Mrs. Mary Spruill, Mrs. Sadie Gray and Miss Margaret Davenport.

CRESWELL MAYOR REJECTS POET-PEASANT CONVERSATION

Creswell, N. C.
August 9, 1929.

Dear Leroy:

Your article concerning the street is false. We have the best dirt streets in the State of North Carolina. You need not take my word, ask the man that knows or come down to a real town and enjoy the smoothness of riding.

Before throwing off on our town, be sure that you are right. Remember the old statement: "I had rather be right than rich."

Trusting that you will visit our town and correct this article.

Yours very truly,
JOSH G. WOODLEY, Mayor,
Town of Creswell.

Editor's Note: This article was not written to throw off on any town, but it was written and gave the facts as they really exist in both Roper and Creswell. In less than two hours after the paper was out last week, Mr. Gatlin, one of Creswell's citizens was thanking the editor of the Beacon and News for the article and said that a drag went to work on the streets right after the article was read. If Creswell's streets are the best dirt streets in North Carolina, we certainly have some bad streets in our state.

HARRELL-EVERETT

Miss Edith Everett, of Plymouth, and William Howard Harrell, of Ahoskie, were married in Suffolk August 1, it was learned at this office yesterday. Mrs. Harrell is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Everett, of this place. She has been connected with the Hertford County Schools for some time and has many friends there.

POET AND PEASANT

"Say, but that was some mess they had in Recorder's court Tuesday, wasn't it," said the Peasant.

"I don't know," said the Poet. "I wasn't up there."

"You missed some of the best fun I have ever had," said the Peasant. "Tell me about it," said the Poet.

"Well, they had four or five Negroes up for fighting and before Carl Bailey got through with them they were charged with everything on the map and it seemed some more besides. Witnesses were arrested for assault, vagrancy, prostitution and most everything else possible. One witness was charged with running a house of prostitution. Luckily for her she was not convicted," said the Peasant.

"I don't see anything funny about that," said the Poet.

"If you had heard the trial you would have," said the Peasant. "Carl Bailey can ask some of the funniest,

On board a special out of Roper, N. C. August 1, 1929.

Editor,
Beacon and News,
Plymouth, N. C.
My dear Editor:

A former resident visiting Roper was hardly able to recognize the old town as it now stands, more especially during the summer months when the weeds are allowed to take the town growing so high in some places as to obscure the buildings. Mosquitoes naturally find this place a paradise in which to hide and at the proper time attack the residents and deposit disease germs. The town was poorly drained and in some places I found water standing that had turned green. I remember when I lived in Roper we had an ordinance requiring all property owners to keep their lots free of weeds. Now, some of the town streets have grown up, furnishing a rendezvous for frogs and mosquitoes.

I found a few streets in the town my friends were struggling to drive over, but these were in terrible condition and in driving over them you ran the risk of breaking a spring of your car or your neck. Picture their condition next winter unless something is done to improve them now. Right on Main street mud was standing on the paved side-walks three inches deep that had actually become offensive. It was explained to me that this was unusual as the paved walks were as a rule covered with good sandy soil in some places.

In going over the town I was shocked to find abandoned residences (or fire traps) standing. I was surprised to learn that these houses had never been condemned and torn down, not withstanding the fact that most all the windows to the houses were missing and parts of the houses torn off and used for fuel or other purposes. The old mill was standing adding to the dilapidated scene.

In view of this condition, you know my surprise upon being informed that Roper was still an incorporated town.

It was represented to me that the town had a nice little surplus in the treasury, but my informant requested me not to divulge his name in speaking about this as he thought it was a secret and that the money was to be saved for some future generation. I found that although five thousand dollars or more had been collected from the taxpayers of the town in the past two or three years, not one financial statement had been rendered during this time showing the receipts and disbursements of said town. I was told that so much money was accumulating in the town treasury that the town fathers found it necessary to reduce town taxes from ninety to seventy cents on the one hundred dollar valuation.

In consideration of the above I must confess I am puzzled to explain why the town should present such an untidy appearance.

A FORMER RESIDENT.

J. S. Shugar left today for a hospital in Washington where he will undergo a minor operation.

COUNTY NEWS

WESTOVER NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Bateman and family of Dardens are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Holland.

Misses Beatrice Ashby and Catherine Phelps of Markeys were the guests of Miss Beulah Ange on Sunday.

Grover Spruill and daughter Miss Johnnie are visiting relatives and friends in Edenton this week.

Jas. Chesson of Danville, Va., who has been visiting his father, Mr. Gilham Chesson, left for his home last Saturday.

Mrs. C. H. Spruill who has been visiting her brother-in-law, Grover Spruill, returned to her home in Winston-Salem, on Monday.

SKINNERSVILLE

Mr. Percy Everett, of Belhaven, is here the guest of his brother, Mr. Clinton Everett.

Mrs. R. L. Hethcox and children, of Creswell, were the guests of Mrs. C. V. White Sunday.

Mrs. Lessie Bane and two sons, of Norfolk, were here the past week as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Everett.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Blount and family, of Roper, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Davenport.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Davis and family, of Virginia Beach, were here the past week, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Spruill.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Blount and family, of Virginia Beach, were here the past week the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Spruill.

WENONA NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Rose and family were in Pantego Sunday.

Ted Rosenthal spent a few days last week at Norfolk with friends.

Mrs. J. L. Rea is visiting relatives at Matthews, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. John Kinard are spending a few weeks with Mr. Kinard's mother at Spartanburg, S. C.

Mrs. Luther Brickell from Belhaven spent a few days last week with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Otis Williams.

MT. TABOR NEWS

Mr. Whitney Dail and Mrs. W. A. Dail of Greenville motored to Mt. Tabor Saturday.

Mrs. Herbert Ambrose of Virginia spent the week end with her sister Mrs. A. J. Eurlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Spruill of Cherry were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Barnes Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Furlough of Roper is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Furlough.

S. D. Phelps and Bruce Phelps left for Norfolk Monday in company with Lonnie and Philip Davenport of Creswell.

ROPER NEWS

Mrs. John Hassell is visiting her son Malbon at Norfolk.

Mrs. Frank Bailey was hostess to the Baptist Missionary Society Monday.

Mrs. Mary Hopkins of Creswell was the guest of Mrs. Leon Brey Tuesday.

Rev. J. Bascom Hurley of the M. E. Church conducted his regular services Sunday.

Misses Eloise and Dolores Kemp of Ahoskie are visiting Mrs. William Bateman.

Miss Irma Chesson is spending a few days in Norfolk as guest of relatives there.

Mrs. W. Warrenton and children from New Bern are the house guests of Mrs. Wesley Marrow, Sr.

MACKEYS NEWS

Miss Hazel Oliver of Hopewell Va. and Miss Agnes Spruill of Pleasant Grove are visiting Miss Georgia Collins.

Some of the farmers in this section are losing quite a bit of tobacco due to wildfire.

Miss Suda May Griffin returned last Friday from Norfolk where she has been visiting relatives.

Miss Frances Abernathy of Raleigh spent the week end visiting her sister Mrs. J. W. Blount.

Warren Griffin and sister Miss Alma spent Sunday in Durham guests of Miss Matilda Swain and Ada Blount.