

## Three Negroes Escape From Road Camp; One Returns; Outside Help

Officials here are continuing their search for two of the three Negroes who escaped from the county stockade near Plymouth last Wednesday evening. To date no trace of them has been found. One of the Negroes, Edgar Thigpen, who had served nearly three months of a two years sentence returned and gave himself up.

Some person or persons gave one of the escaped inmates a saw which was used to make the delivery at about one o'clock Wednesday night. Mr. Basnight, who is in charge of the camp, said yesterday that he was at the stockade about five minutes, after the three Negroes had gotten out. The entire building was thrown open and every one of the prisoners could have gotten out had they so wished.

Those escaping were: Dennis Midgett who had served two months of a 14 months sentence; Daniel Hines who had served two months of a 3 years sentence; and Edgar Thigpen who had served nearly three months of a two years sentence.

### GEORGE SAWYER COMMITS SUICIDE

Wenona: On Monday morning about 2:00 A. M., George Sawyer, while, 60 years of age, committed suicide, according to evidence.

He arose from bed at 12 o'clock and told his wife he was going to kill her and then himself. After arming himself with a pistol, he left the house for a while, then returned and told his wife he would let her live.

After giving his wife instructions about his burial and personal property, he removed his coat and shoes. Laying down on the floor, he crossed his feet, and placed his left arm across his heart. He then placed the pistol to his right temple and fired.

Mr. Sawyer had been drinking for the past few days it is rumored.

### ENTERTAINS AT BRIDGE

Mrs. A. L. Alexander delightfully entertained three tables of bridge, Friday evening. Those playing were:

Mesdames W. H. Clark, E. G. Carstarphen, R. P. Walker, Lloyd Horton, T. L. Bray, A. S. Jordon, C. L. Groves, L. H. Hubble, H. H. Alexander, Henry Midgett and R. C. Douvall. Mrs. A. S. Jordon was awarded a lovely guest towel for high score.

At the close of the evening the hostess served a delicious salad with cheese sandwiches and hot tea.

### Y. P. C. A. ENTERTAINED

Miss Hortense Ambrose was the hostess at a house party given to the members of the Young People's Christian Association of Phillippi Church, Friday evening.

After all business was transacted a delightful social hour was enjoyed.

## News For Farm And Home

By MISS ELEANOR PRATT COVINGTON, HOME AGENT  
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Schedule for week beginning Sept. 30th: Monday, Office; Tuesday, Creswell Girls Club; Wednesday, Plymouth Girls Club; Thursday, Roper Girls Club; Friday, Hoke Woman's Club; Saturday, Office.

Watch this department for interesting Farm and Home News.

## CONGRESSMAN WARREN SEEKS AID COLLEAGS IN SIX STATES

Congressman Lindsay Warren of the First North Carolina District announced today that he has sought the aid of all members of Congress from the states of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Florida to secure an appropriation of \$100,000 at the next session of Congress to investigate beef cattle tick quarantine. Mr. Warren stated that there were 1,307,000 fewer cattle in the States mentioned in 1927 than in 1922, and that there was a net loss of 19.03% in value during the same period. The appropriation would be supplemented by state funds.

If funds can be secured it is proposed to investigate the following problems together with such others as may arise in the future:

- (a) Utilization of native grasses and reeds for beef cattle production.
- (b) Utilization of home-grown feeds for finishing beef cattle.
- (c) A study of the factors affecting the production and cost of purebred beef cattle.
- (d) A study of the methods for the best utilization of soybeans and other feed stuffs for beef cattle and swine.

### SUPERINTENDANT NORMAN GETTING COOPERATION

"The parents of Washington county are cooperating better this year than they have before in some time in getting their children to school," said Superintendent of Public Instruction J. W. Norman, yesterday. "The seventh grade at Chery has not had an absence or tardy charged against them this year. That is very commendable," continued the educator.

Very often during the past school year newspapers throughout the State stated that some man had been accused for not having his children in school. This has not ever been true of Washington county and every effort is being put forth by the parents and teachers to get every child of school age in school. Virtually every home is placed within a mile of the school as the trucks run by most everyones front door.

One of the outstanding goals for the educational department in Washington county is to have every child of school age in some school. This can only be accomplished through the cooperation of the parents.

### THEATRE NEWS

Just as we go to press, Mrs. M. O. Brown informs us that the blue prints and plans for the new Almo Theatre are well under way and we have every reason to believe that Plymouth will soon be able to boast of just as good, sound equipped theatre as any small town enjoy.

## HOME AGENTS TO HAVE MEET ROCKY MOUNT THIS WEEK END

The agents of the Northeastern District will meet in the Presbyterian Sunday School Building at Rocky Mount, Friday and Saturday, September 27th and 28th, when the year's plans will be discussed. This meeting, which is held annually, is in charge of Miss Pauline Smith, Supervisor of this district.

Administrative problems will feature the discussions. Plans for the year will be checked and plans for the winter will be worked out by the agents and the specialist from State College, who will be present. These tentative plans are to be made by the County Councils in the various counties. Councils are composed of representative women from the clubs of the counties who have voted on the projects needed and wanted, by the local clubs. The county plans will be approved in full by the councils before they are completed.

It is expected that the district slogan, "Make Half the Income Do the Work of the Whole," will be adopted again. Greater emphasis on, "Make a Living First and Money Afterwards," correlated with a program for improved living conditions, both aesthetic and healthy, will feature the district plans, thus tying up the extension program with the Governors Agricultural program.

A special feature of the conference will be a talk, "Farm Home Standards," by Miss Rokahr, National Home Management Specialist, of the extension Service, United States Department of Agriculture. Miss Pratt Covington Washington County's Agent will attend this meeting.

### MUTT AND JEFF SERVICE STATION

Roper: Under the management of L. S. Brey and L. L. Mizell a new filling station, bordering the west side of Roper, was formerly opened Tuesday night.

Five dollars in gold had been offered to the person submitting the best name for the station. From among about 100 names, the judges chose, "Mutt and Jeff's Service Station," submitted by Mrs. Wesley Marrow of near Roper. Those knowing the operators will get the significance of the name.

### SWINE SPECIALIST HAS NUMBER MEETINGS

Dr. S. O. Benson, State Swine Specialist, has been in Washington county during the entire week and has been conducting various meetings where the farmers could take up their various problems. Post Mortem demonstrations were given at Roper Wednesday, Creswell Thursday and will be given at Wenona today and Plymouth tomorrow.

Every person in Washington county who is interested in swine is urged to attend at least one of these meetings during the week.

### SERVICES AT OAK GROVE SUNDAY

Skinnerville: Rev. Richard Lucas of Belhaven, filled his appointment at Oak Grove Church Sunday morning and night. Due to inclement weather only a small crowd was present. On Sunday Sept. 15 a minister Rev. Harris of Virginia, preached a trial sermon for the various churches of the Baptist Circuit.

Charlie Weeks said the other day that the person who selected these hard stop signs showed damn poor judgement.

## 232 Votes Cast Favoring Sale Electric System To V. E. P. Co.; 3 Against

### Recorder Sawyer Has Heavy Docket; 16 Cases

### TYRRELL FOLK IN HOSPITAL AS RESULT FATAL AUTO ACCIDENT

Woodville, N. C.—Seven injured persons were taken to the Albemarle Hospital Sunday afternoon following an automobile collision which occurred in front of the Mid-Way filling station about 3:30 o'clock. Three of the injured were able to leave the hospital this week while the other four are getting along as well as could be expected. Those leaving the hospital this week were Misses Elizabeth Russell and Dorothy Moore and Howard Brickhouse. These received minor injuries.

The accident occurred when a Flying Cloud, in which were J. H. Brickhouse and family of Columbia met a Buick carrying Misses Elizabeth Russell and Dorothy Moore of Edenton and A. B. Ford and Frank McMullen of High Point in a head-on collision at the curve in front of the Pasquatank county line. All of the Brickhouse family and the two young ladies in the Buick were carried to the hospital, while the two young men in the Buick received only a few scratches and bruises.

Those injured are: J. H. Brickhouse, both arms broken and cut about the head. (Not expected to live.)

Mrs. J. H. Brickhouse, fractured ribs and cut on head.

Howard Brickhouse, fractured right arm, cuts on head and fractured ribs.

Miss Mozelle Brickhouse, broken left arm and cut on throat.

Miss Dorothy Moore, cut about the head and sprained back.

Miss Elizabeth Russell, sprained back.

### ROPER CHARGE MET AT MACKEYS

Mackeys: The quarterly meeting of the Roper charge was held in the Methodist Church at Mackeys, Saturday morning. This being the last meeting to convene before the district conference.

Presiding Elder, O. W. Dowd opened the meeting with a very impressive Bible reading. Mrs. W. B. Davenport was acting secretary. The former officers were re-elected. The present pastor, Rev. J. Bascom Hurley and family, were invited to return to the charge. The presiding elder bestowed many compliments to the charge, he also stated that the financial report was very good.

### ALMO THEATRE TONIGHT

Marion Davies and William Hanes IN "Show People" COMEDY

### Saturday Night

Renee Adoree IN "The Spieler" Fourth Episode Fire Detective COMEDY DON'T MISS IT

Recorder's Court here Tuesday resembled the opening of Superior court. Most every seat in the courtroom was filled when Sheriff J. K. Read sang out his "Oh Yes, Oh Yes".

16 defendants came before Recorder J. A. Sawyer who dealt out swift justice to them. The first case on the docket was Roy Hedges who was found guilty of violating the traffic laws and confined to the county roads for 90 days. Josh Swain of Tyrrell county was found not guilty in a charge of assault with a deadly weapon. Willie Long, age 17 and George Clifton, age 22, were held in default of a \$5,000 bond, probable cause being found in a charge of highway robbery. Charlie Anderson was sent to the county Aoads for 30 days on being found guilty of a charge of larceny.

The outstanding case for the day was 11 Negroes charged separately with purchasing stolen hats. Joe Jennett, the 12 years old states witness, who sold virtually everyone of the defendants one or more hats for from 10 to 50 cents, was one of the best witnesses that has been seen in this section for some time. Both the Solicitor and the defendants lawyer tried to mix him up on cross examination but failed. He told one thing and stuck to it. Jennett stole the hats from B. A. Sumner and sold them to the various defendants. A few other Negro boys assisted him in his selling. In stead of getting their hats for from 10 to 50 cents, it cost the defendants approximately \$29.00, and they didn't get any hat at all. Chief of Police P. W. Brown having gathered them up before the trial.

### GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. A. H. Marshall, Rector Mr. Frith Winslow, Lay Reader Sunday School at 10 A. M. Morning Prayer & Sermon 11 A. M.

## POET AND PEASANT

"Say," said the Peasant, "Did you hear about the Federal Officers getting Joe Pritchard and some other fellows down the county for selling whiskey?"

"I believe that I did," said the Poet.

"That was some system they used to get him and the rest wasn't it," said the Peasant.

"I don't know as I know how they got them," said the Poet.

"Well," said the Peasant, "it seems that these revenue officers had been going down there for some time and getting next to the fellows. They shot crap with them I understand and a number of other things in order to get their confidence and then bought whiskey from them, using the tax payers good money to pay for this moonshine stuff. I wonder where it all went. Probably a pint of it will be presented for evidence and I have heard that 20 or 30 gallons of the stuff was bought at various times."

"That was alright wasn't it," said the Poet. "I have heard of in-

stances where the men have dressed like women, made out like they were farmers, had fights among themselves and many other under hand methods have been used in order to get their man. That's what they are out for."

"That system might suit you," said the Peasant, "but I'll be damned if I could get a man's friendship and then treat him like that. Years ago when the main duties of the revenue officer was to get the counterfeiters a similar system to the one now being used by this organization was used, but was thrown out of court. The officers would go up to an old countiffiter and get him started on good United States money and then arrest him. The cases were then thrown out. It seems to me that this is another instance where the government is encouraging lawlessness in order to catch a violator. Bootlegging should be broken up, but it seems to me that a fair system should be used."

"I guess you're right at that," said the Poet.

While discussing the sale of the distribution system, a new citizen of the town said, "The greatest thing that the people of Plymouth did was to pave their streets, and next to that is the sale of the distribution system."

By the first of April, 1930 Plymouth will have an unlimited power supply which will act as an incentive towards attracting manufacturing enterprizes here.

### BRIDE-ELECT HONORED

Roper: Miss Beatrice Robertson, bride-elect, was honored at a miscellaneous shower at the home of Mrs. Johnnie Phelps Saturday afternoon.

Miss Louise Sitterson graciously greeted the guests and ushered them into the living room where they participated in a game of love. The bride was given a blue ribbon and asked to wind it until she came to the end; the guests followed the eager pursuit, finally the bride came to a table in the dining room that was appointed in pink and white; the centerpiece was a miniature old fashioned bride; under her broad skirts, many lovely gifts were hidden.