

Cost Washington County \$19,325.60 To Prepare For Pupils Failing Work

During the first four months of the school year 1928-29 there were 2916 children enrolled in the schools of Washington county. The daily attendance for this period was 2,347.9. Authorities have figured that it costs \$34 yearly to keep a child in school. Taking this as a basis, Washington county spent \$19,325.60 to educate these children during this period that did no good. That same amount is being spent again. In 1929-30, there were 2,949.7 students enrolled in the schools with an average daily attendance of 2,406. It cost Washington county \$18,483.80 during this four months to prepare for students who failed to attend school. Again next year this same amount will have to be again expended to take these children over what they should have gotten during this period.

"If the parents, who are also the tax payers, would realize how much they are handicapping their children and how much it is costing them to allow their children to stay home from school," said J. W. Norman, county superintendent of public instruction, "I am certain that our average attendance would be nearly perfect."

The board of education has to prepare for the number of children enrolled and the money is expended whether the enrolled students attend school or not. Of the many ways that taxes can be reduced, the best and most profitable one is to have every child that is in the school age, enroll every year and attend regularly, for a large per cent of the money collected for taxes goes to run our schools.

The average attendance during 1929-30 has increased about two points over the average attendance during the same period in 1928-29. This is very commendable, but school officials will not be satisfied until every child who enrolls in the public schools are in school every day that sickness does not keep them out.

UNIQUE ANNOUNCEMENT

On page four of this issue will be found the advertisement of the Hub announcing that in the next issue of the Beacon and News will be carried an announcement of the biggest surprise of the year for the buying public in Washington county. Be sure and read their announcement next week.

ORATORS SELECTED

Creswell- The orators from Creswell and Columbia Schools to participate in the contest sponsored by the American Legion subject OUR FLAG, have been selected. No other school in the two counties have reported any thing at all done on this contest.

ALMO THEATRE TONIGHT

and Saturday Night
William Boyd
IN
"Flying Fool"

Third Episode
The Black Book

NEXT WEEK

Billie Dove
IN
"Careers"

ONLY EIGHT CASES CAME BEFORE RECORDER JUDGE SAWYER HERE TUESDAY

Recorder Judge, Jerry A. Sawyer dealt out swift justice to the 8 cases that came before him Tuesday morning. This session was the first since December.

Louis Bell was given three months on the county roads for stealing beef from Jackson's Market and three months for stealing barbecue from Mr. Simpson; Mack George and Sam Miller, roommates, were given three months each on the county roads for getting drunk and cutting each other up; John Mack Pettiford was given a suspended sentence providing he would pay the costs for stealing a phonograph from the Irving Furniture Store. Pettiford first took the phonograph and decided it best to return it; G. S. Respass was ordered to pay the costs of the proceedings for shooting a dog. He registered an appeal; Lonnie James Young was called and failed. His case was continued and a capias issued; Cheek Douglas was fined \$10 and costs after being found guilty of simple assault; Lettee Gilliam was referred to the juvenile court on a charge of stealing; the case of Tom Biggs against J. C. Tarkenton was declared a non-suit.

LEGION HERE TO CONDUCT ROUND UP

Columbia- Roy L. Litefield commander of Scuppernon Post No. 182 of the American Legion, was interviewed today with reference to the participation of the local post in the week designated by the state commander of the American Legion, Department of North Carolina, as "Round-Up Week." Post commander Litefield first quoted state Commander Geo. K. Freeman of Goldsboro as having said, "This the eleventh year of the American Legion's existence finds greater demands being made upon us for constructive work than ever before. The ranks of our disabled comrades are constantly increasing, making necessary continued leadership for adequate hospitals. The number of dependent orphan children of our deceased comrades is increasing, requiring a large membership in the Legion to furnish funds, leadership and administration to insure them opportunities to which their fathers and mothers heroic service entitles them. The restlessness of our people due to adverse conditions in many sections of the state demands some unselfish organization to lead in community service. The growth of opinions subversive to our form of government require constant vigilance on the part of men and women who having dedicated their lives to the service of State and Nation stand undaunted in the face of such movement for strict adherence to the principles upon which our government was founded and in the observance of which has been maintained. These and the supreme importance of seeing that the universal draft bill (which will certainly tend to take the profit out of war as this bill provides that in case of war money-power as well as man-power shall be drafted,) and other demands to ex-service men are so impelling that the Legion has decided to put these matters frankly before, every ex-service man and endeavor to enroll them in the American Legion before Feb. 1st."

MAN WANTED IMMEDIATELY

—by giant international industry; over 7000 already started; some doing annual business \$13,000; no experience or capital required; everything supplied; realize success independence Rawleigh's way; retail food products, soap, toilet preparations, stock, poultry supplies; your own business supported by big American, Canadian, Australian industries; resources over \$17,000,000; established 40 years; get our proposition; all say it's great! Rawleigh Company, Dept NC-45-J, Richmond, Va.

WASHINGTON COUNTY PEANUT GROWERS TO ATTEND PEANUT MEET

A very small number attended the meeting of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce Monday night.

A. L. Alexander, who attended the meeting of the peanut growers at Suffolk, made a report of what was done at the meeting and of what he had done as to preparing for the meeting to be held in Murfreesboro Tuesday.

Mr. Alexander stated that three men would take the problems of the peanut growers before the farm committee at Washington City during this week.

Below is a copy of a resolution drawn up at the meeting in Suffolk and read Monday night:

RESOLVED by the committee appointed by the recent Peanut Growers meeting held in Suffolk, Virginia, January 6, 1930, at their meeting on January 16.

FIRST: That the Chairman appoint a committee of three members of this committee, of which he shall be a member and ex-officio chairman, to present to the Farm Board at Washington the proposed charter by-laws, contracts and plan of work organization of the Peanut Growers Association to be drawn by them for the purpose of allowing the Farm Board to either approve same or to recommend such changes therein as they (the Farm Board) may desire or deem advisable so as to permit them to be of pecuniary assistance to the peanut growers in their effort to obtain a fair price for their peanuts.

SECOND That, as soon as possible thereafter, a meeting of the growers and business men of this Virginia Carolina peanut section be called for the purpose of forming a new organization to act jointly with any National organization which may be formed to aid in the orderly marketing of peanuts the obtaining of assistance thereon from the cooperation of growers merchants and business men in the peanut belt in helping to increase the price of peanuts.

THIRD That each member of the present Committee invite at least ten men from his respective county to be present at the next meeting for organization.

FOURTH That the new organization be divorced from the old in so far as practical and possible. W. H. S. Burgwyn of Northampton County.

MORE POWER-MORE SPEED

Keeping in line with modern times, the manufacturers of the Willys Six is today, through the Plymouth Garage and Motor Company, announcing that this car will make 72 miles an hour with ease. The local representative urges that you come in and talk over your plans for a new car.

Farm And Home

Schedule for week beginning Jan. 27, Monday, Cherry Womens Club; Tuesday, Hoke; Wednesday, Beech Grove; Thursday, P. Grove; Friday, Wenona; Saturday, Office.

Not less than twenty dollars worth of prizes will be given to the boy or girl producing the greatest number of pounds of tomatoes on a fourth of an acre in the tomatoe contest this year. Any boy or girl interested let your Home agent know at once.

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

FOR RENT—One three room furnished apartment—One four room unfurnished apartment—Apply Beacon & News

One Hundred Girls And Boys Have Joined Poultry Club Washington County

POET AND PEASANT

"I heard a lot of folks talking about our conversation last week," said the Peasant-

"So did I," said the Poet, "and for some reason or other they agreed with our conversation."

"We have some sensible people in Washington county," said the Peasant. "In fact, all of our folks are intelligent but they haven't had time to think heretofore or haven't thought. In spite of the fact that these people agree with us, there is many of them who will continue to give their trade to the chain store and send around 90 cents of every dollar they spend out of the county, never to be seen again."

That little argument that you gave last week has caused me to do considerable thinking. I remember when Mr. Bob Campbell brother to the man who runs the wholesale house in Plymouth, had as good a little business as could be found in any small town. Now he is gone. He was one of the best citizens Plymouth has ever had but the chain stores came in and ran him out. He could not compete with them. Annually Washington county is losing approximately \$500 in taxes that this man would pay. There is a few others that have gone, all on the account of the chain stores," said the Poet.

There is a merchant here now who is merely hanging on," said the Peasant. "His taxes is annually

about \$2500 and he is not doing enough business to pay clerk hire. What has become of the business? It has all gone to the chain store. This one merchant pays five times as much taxes as does all of the chain stores in Washington county and he is gradually being forced out. Who's fault is it?"

"I don't blame the chain stores to make money if they can," said the Poet, "but I do blame the local people for trading with them."

"I remember attending a civic meeting recently when all of the big men in Plymouth were present," said the Peasant, "and one of these so called big men made a nice beautiful talk, the theme of his talk was to keep the dollar at home. Now this man is a good man and a necessity to the community and I believe that he was conscientious in what he was saying. I am expecting big things from him, but I notice practically every day that his wife goes to a chain store and purchases her needs. He shouldn't do this and then preach the trade at home idea."

"I don't know very much about this new fangled stuff called psychology, but I do think that if we can keep the idea of trading at home with the home merchants before the people that they will realize their mistake and trade with the home merchants," said the peasant

Poultry Club Expected to be a good one. Next week the names of the boys and girls who have joined the Poultry Club that is being organized by the Home and Farm agent will be printed. Already nearly a hundred boys and girls have joined. Manuals on Poultry are being ordered for the club members use.

A Currituck County girl made \$100.00 profit from her chickens last spring in just two months. Most any farm paper will tell about the splendid result boys and girls are getting from raising chickens.

There is no better time than this spring for boys and girls to make their spending money. Some will possible want to save their earnings for a college education, others for personal expenses. The Home and Farm agents in Beaufort County along with the Home and Farm agents in Washington County are making arrangements to charter a bus during the summer and take the boys and girls of each County on a trip to Washington D. C.

This trip will cost around \$15.00 for all expenses and any boy or girl interested could start now and make his or her entire expenses by joining the Poultry Club.

THE WIND

When the wind blows down the chimney,
And the flames leap high in the grate;
I know that winter is coming,
And I can hardly wait
For the ice to get right for skating,
And the snow to come flying down;
Then we'll drive the car in the shelter,
And use the sleight to ride to town.

I love the wind in the pinetrees,
It makes them whisper and sigh;
I think that they must be trying,
To sing me a lull-a-by.

Sometimes I'll have a cottage,
With lots of flowers and vines;
And the only music I'll need for my home,
Will be the wind in the whispering pines.

—SALLY CARTER
7th Grade - Creswell School

ADDS NEW LIFE TO VEGETABLES

Frigidare an electric refrigerator sold by L. O. Horton and Brothers, today announces that they have perfected the Hydrator and call it a marvelous new moist air compartment that makes vegetables and salad materials delightfully fresh and tender.

The Frigidare is rapidly becoming the popular system of refrigeration among the people of Plymouth and Washington county. Not only is this true of Washington county, but of the entire United States.

CREEPY CREST FACULTY PLAY

Creswell- Will be presented in the school auditorium at Creswell on the evening of January the 24th. This clever mystery play is both entertaining and awe inspiring.

CHEVROLET DEALER MAKES REQUEST

In this issue of the Beacon and News on page three, the Woodley Chevrolet Company is asking you to check the many features in the sensational new Chevrolet Six. Among the features listed is the hydraulic shockabsorber, 50-horse power motor, water-proof brakes, non-glare windshield and adjustable drivers seat.

Young Farmers Make Plans Work Roper School Campus

UNUSUAL

One of the most unusual and interesting advertisements that has ever appeared in the Beacon and News will be found on page two. The management of Williford's Store is telling the people of Plymouth and Washington county just how much he appreciates their patronage and how he would like to serve them in the future. It is the talk of one friend to another.

CELEBRATES FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

Creswell- Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Litchfield celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Jan. 15th. This couple has lived on Bungle Island farm 4 miles from Creswell all of that 50 years of married life. On the day of celebration they took dinner with their daughter Mrs. A. L. Holmes at Creswell. Late in the afternoon a few of their old friends, acquaintances in their prenuptial life, gathered for a period of reminiscence.

Ice cream and cake were served.

PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATION MEET

Columbia- The Columbia Parent Teachers Association met in regular session last night with 178 members and visitors present.

Interesting features of this meeting were special selections rendered by the Columbia Orchestra under the direction of Mr. Fred Rogers, a program by the Ninth Grade entitled, "A Reunion of the Class of 1932 Ten Years after Graduation," an address by Rev. C. E. Williams, Episcopal Minister, and reports of the different committee chairmen.

By Leslie B. Spruill

At the request of President T. W. Tarkenton, the Future Farmers of America met Monday night, January 20th at 7:30 o'clock to decide upon certain plans that were drawn up in the years program of the young farmers. There were thirteen present.

It was decided that young farmers give a Father and Son banquet in the Roper School building the first or middle of March.

A thorough discussion was had on the beautification of the school ground. This organization of young men began the work of beautifying the school ground some time ago and they decided to carry on what they had started. Trees will be planted and everything possible to make the grounds around Roper school attractive.

The meeting adjourned to meet again at the request of the president.

After the meeting, the afternoon section played the morning section basketball. The afternoon section defeated the morning section by only a small margin, the score being 20-19.

THOMPSON-CLAGON HAD GOOD OPENING

"In spite of the inclement weather and the so called hard time, we came within \$100 of having as good a sale opening as we have ever had," said I. S. Tompson, manager of Thompson-Clagon, Inc.

This is very unusual as last Saturday was a dreary rainy day. This is a clearance sale and is being put on to decrease the stock so as to make room for spring merchandise.