

Charlie Bowen Offering Huge Reward To Finder Of Money; Life's Savings

C. W. Bowen went home Saturday night a sad man. His wife had lost between \$840 and \$860 for him right on Water street at about 7:30 o'clock. It seems that Mrs. Bowen was keeping the money for her husband and when she got out of the car to go and get her groceries the money fell on the street. She did not realize that she had lost it until she had given her order for groceries and started to pay for them.

"All of the money was in \$20 bills except one \$50 bill which I had had for some ten years. Only a few of the twenties were the new and small ones, most of them being the large bills and were gold certificates," said Mr. Bowen.

This represented a life's saving by Mr. Bowen and his wife. He has been farming for many years and other than what little investment that he has made, this money was all that he had made. He is offering a \$100 reward to the person who returns the money to him or makes it possible for him to recover it.

FUQUA HURLEY MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETS

Roper:- The Fuqua Hurley Missionary Society of Roper Methodist Church met at the home of Miss Jennie Knowles, Monday afternoon, at three o'clock.

The following program was rendered: Hymn, "Jesus Is All the World to Me,"—Society. Bible Lesson, "God No Respector of Person,"—Mrs. J. B. Hurley; Prayer—Mrs. Hurley; Talk, "Our Work in Brazil,"—Mrs. B. B. Spencer; A Dialogue, "At Missionary Headquarters,"—Miss Jennie Knowles.

The roll was called and minutes were read by the secretary. The Superintendents of Social Service, Mrs. A. R. Hooker and Mrs. C. E. Mizelle, reported having made twenty-one calls during the past month. The Superintendent of Children's Department, Mrs. A. R. Hooker reported a fine meeting of the Junior Missionary Society with an attendance of seventeen. Superintendent of Publicity, Mrs. Jack McAllister, read several items of interest from the Bulletin of Missionary News. A prayer circle was organized by Superintendent of Missions, Mrs. Roy Chesson.

The meeting closed with benediction and adjourned to meet with Mrs. Jack McAllister, Monday, February 17.

Delicious refreshment were served by Miss Jennie Knowles.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many faithful and loving friends for their kindly attendance during the illness and death of our husband and father, David Ange and for the beautiful floral offerings.

Mrs. David Ange and Son.

LEAVES HAMPTON'S AFTER 29 YEARS

R. G. (Dick) Hardison who has been connected with W. H. Hampton and Son for the past 29 years, resigned last Thursday to accept a position with an insurance agency. Mr. Hardison worked in the grocery and dry goods department of this, at one time, the largest mercantile business in Washington county. He was in Elizabeth City Thursday conferring with the officials of the insurance company.

CELEBRATES 58TH ANNIVERSARY

Edgar Bateman celebrated his 58th anniversary at his home on Long Acre road Sunday with his children. Mr. Bateman was enjoying good health and joined in with his children in spending a delightful day. Honor guests present were Mesdames J. W. Harrison and A. L. Alexander. The dining room was tastefully decorated using a color scheme of blue, white, and lavender.

MRS. SAM GARRETT MAKES INTERESTING REPORT ALBA CLUB

By Mrs. Sam Garrett

No. members 25, No. Leaders 2.

Last October we had a demonstration on making felt hats. There were fourteen new hats made and several old ones made over. There is some member constantly making over a hat of some kind, and our members feel that this has been a valuable lesson. We have practically 100 percent of all our members present every meeting, and we are still adding new members. One member joined at our last meeting from Robersonville. She stated that she did not intend missing a single meeting. Our two leaders attended every meeting held by Miss Mary E. Thomas, nutrition specialist, and brought back a good report from every lesson.

During the absence of our agent we never missed a single meeting. If our leaders did not give a demonstration we had a social meeting, and kept the spirit of extension work going.

Several members from our club put articles on sale in our Xmas bazaar, and a nice amount of money was realized. Our agent has been very helpful in selling lots of articles for our club members that otherwise could not have been sold, that has meant a lot to us. Several of our members have attended the curb market every Saturday and the amount taken in so far has amounted to very near a hundred dollars for our club members.

Mrs. G. W. Bowen attended the State Short Course in Raleigh this summer, and gave us a splendid report of her trip.

At the beginning of our new year we studied foods. From a Food Survey early in January we found that only 50% of our members owned cows. Our club members are doing everything possible to raise this percentage.

We are doing everything possible to build up our community, and hope to make our community a better place to live. We not only think of our community but our town as well and have helped to beautify the court house grounds.

Several members have improved their homes in a number of ways, and a number planted trees and shrubbery which was ordered at low prices through our home agent.

We are willing at all times to do everything we can for our community and county, to boost our club and curb market, and feel proud of the fact that our club so far has been represented by the largest number of club members at our curb market, and were among the first to help in shipping the first crate of eggs from the market on Saturday's.

HARDISON-BARBER

Wesley W. Hardison, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hardison of this place and Miss Odell Barber, daughter of W. B. Barber of Skinnersville township were united in holy matrimony at the home of Justice of the Peace W. O. Norman Saturday night. The bride was a student in the Plymouth high school up until this year and was a star on the girls basketball team. Mr. Hardison is in charge of the mechanical department of the Beacon and News.

VIRGINIA ELECTRIC AND POWER COMPANY MAKES NEW LOW ELECTRIC RATES

Mr. J. T. Chase, Manager of the Carolina Division, Virginia Electric and Power Company, announces a new scale of rates for electric service offering a substantial reduction to customers using electric refrigerators, ranges and water heaters, effective throughout the division. At the same time he announces a further reduction in electric rates in certain suburban sections of North Carolina for residential and commercial lighting and a reduction in rates for the larger consumers of electric power.

The new rates, effective March 1 are optional with the users of the latest electrical equipment in the home, and effect a reduction ranging from 10 to 40 per cent. The rates will not apply to customers who use only electric lights and the other ordinary electrical appliances.

Applied to the average home using electric lights and an electric range only, the reduction in the rate as announced will be from 10 to 20 per cent. For the home using electric lighting, a range and a refrigerator, a reduction of from 20 to 30 per cent will be allowed, while in the home fully equipped electrically, where lighting, refrigeration, cooking and water heating is done by electricity, the reduction will be nearly 40 per cent below the present cost of such service.

Under the present system users of electric refrigerators, or other special appliances, are allowed a special rate for that service, which is scaled according to the amount of electricity used. The lowest rate this system is about 4 cents per kilowatt hour. Under the scale of rates just announced, which will be optional with the consumer, the lowest rate will be about 2½ cents per kilowatt hour.

Announcement of the reduction rates was contained in a statement by Mr. Chase, which sets forth that the aggregate saving to the consumer in Virginia and North Carolina would amount to about \$200,000. The purpose of the reduction in rates is to encourage the use of modern electrical appliances, to encourage the home owner to avail himself more extensively of electric service.

METHODIST CHURCH OFFICIALS MEET

The board of stewards of Plymouth Methodist Church held their regular monthly meeting at the home of B. G. Campbell last Monday night with all the members present but one.

"It was one of the best meetings we have had in some time, said chairman T. C. Burgess. The business for the first quarter of the fiscal church year was completed and the second quarter begun.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETS

The Missionary Society of the Plymouth Christian Church held their regular monthly meeting in the Church Tuesday night with Mesdames G. W. Bowen, P. H. Darden and G. K. Harris as joint hostesses.

The devotional services were led by the president, Mrs. G. W. Bowen and the program was conducted under the leadership of Miss Leslie Darden. 29 members were present, including 10 new members.

Among the interesting numbers on the program was a reading by Mrs. H. W. McNair; a vocal solo by Miss Dot Greer and a quartett number by the ladies quartett.

Our sales on the curb market Saturday were \$138.16.

Judge Jerry A. Sawyer Elucidates On Plans For Reducing Advalorem Tax

Plymouth Merchants Building Booths Curb Market Water St.

Members of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce accomplished probably the biggest thing Monday night that they will accomplish during the next 12 months when the merchants agreed to furnish booths to be placed on Water street for the use of the ladies who bring their products to the curb market for sale on Saturday mornings.

Some of the merchants have gone together and are building these booths cooperatively. The total cost for each booth will be approximately \$15 and will be large enough for three or four ladies to use at the time. It is virtually the first time that the merchants of Plymouth have agreed to cooperate with each other on any kind of a proposition.

Since the beginning of the curb market some few months ago, the merchants, who at that time objected to it, have realized that it not only helps their wives to plan a Sunday dinner but that it helps the farmers wives to have ready cash that would not be had otherwise. It has done away with this street peddling of vegetables and everything is sold at reasonable prices. The local curb market, which has been under the direct supervision of Miss Elenor Pratt Covington, home demonstration agent, has grown to be even larger than a similar market in Washington where it is held twice a week.

NEW GROCERY STORE OPENS SATURDAY

The Southern T. & T. Store, formerly of Ayden will be open in the place of business formerly occupied by Jack Peele's Soda Shop. This isn't a chain store but is merely the moving of a business from Ayden to Plymouth. L. C. Hatch, owner and manager, stated yesterday that he had been in Ayden for 17 years. He will make truck delivery. Watch next weeks paper for an announcement.

POET AND PEASANT

"Have you been in one of them there chain stores recently?" asked the Peasant.

"Yes," replied the Poet, "I went in one this week and got in a conversation with the manager and he said that you and I were all the bunk. That our conversation did him more good then it did harm and that he had had many new customers as a result of it."

"He's a big liar," said the Peasant. "He not only told a lie he said that the people of Washington county are not intelligent. Don't you know that if the people of this good county of ours one time realizes that to trade with these people that they are increasing their taxes that they are not going to trade with them. These blame chain stores make the people believe that they are getting a whole lot for their money and in reality they are getting stuck."

"I don't see how they can get stuck when they get their merchandise cheaper," said the Poet.

"No they wouldn't be getting stuck if they were getting their merchandise cheaper," said the Peasant.

BOARD OF EDUCATION RECEIVED AND OPENED BIDS NEGRO SCHOOL

The Washington County Board of Education, met in regular session at the courthouse Monday and received and opened bids for the construction of the proposed Negro school building to be constructed at some time in the near future.

Approximately 15 bids were received and opened and varied from \$20,995 to \$28,900. These bids were all read and considered but the board members decided it best to table all of them for the time being as they felt that they could not do justice by the building at this time. Extra from the construction bids were the bids for wiring, heating, and plumbing. Also the cost of the lot will be added to the total expenditure for the school which will make a grand total of some \$35,000.

In order to get the \$6,000 from the Rosenwald fund for Negro schools, also to advance Negro education in Washington county, the Board of Education decided to make this school a training school or rather a high school for the entire county, which will be the only Negro high school in the county.

J. J. Johnston's recent offer to trade acre for acre, the present site for a site on the Stubbs property, to be designated by the Board, was rejected. A committee from the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce was present to ask that the Board retain the present site on which to build the proposed building.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Rev. Conley Greer Minister
John W. Darden Superintendent
Communion 11 A. M. Sermon 11:15 A. M. Subject, "The Dynamic of the Early Church." Christian Endeavor (to organize) 6:30 P. M. Sermon 7:30 P. M. Subject, "The Nineteenth Pentecost."

Mr. Editor:

In response to requests from several readers I will elucidate upon the five propositions I made last week. Taking them up in order I will explain No. 1 this week. But first I want to say that I believe the county affairs can be run under the suggestions I made on an advalorem tax of less than \$1 on the \$100 valuation. I aim to prove it before I finish these articles: Now as to proposition No. 1;

No doubt the present gasoline tax is the most equitable method of financing of building and maintaining roads. By this method of financing our state has gone from near the bottom to the top in good roads. And no one has suffered on account of the cost. But now most of the important towns have been connected by good highways that will last for years and it will require but a small part of the revenue to maintain the highways that have been built. Meantime many of the counties have issued bonds and levied special taxes to build and maintain roads and these taxes are burdensome to the people. On account of high interest rates on bonds, prohibitive cost of adequate machinery and other county expenses, there are many unimproved roads in many counties that are now in bad shape, even where many people have to pass them. People who have paid taxes for building and upkeep of the more important roads deserve relief, both from the tax burden and in better roads. The Legislature of 1929 helped some in allocating 1c of the gasoline tax to the counties, but not enough, it ought to be 2c. That would relieve the counties of much of the burden. It would relieve Washington county of almost the entire road tax of 26c on the \$100 valuation and would relieve Tyrrell of about 40c on the \$100 valuation.

Roads and Highways are not primarily facilities for everybody, and the burden of providing and maintaining them should be more widely distributed. Certainly the State Highway Commission should extend its program and assume the burden of building and maintaining all the public roads in the state, and where counties have issued bonds to build roads the state should relieve the owners from the burden of payment, from property taxes.

JERRY A. SAWYER

OFFERS EDUCATIONAL FILMS SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES

Washington D. C.- Congressman Lindsay Warren advises the readers of the Beacon and News that he can secure educational films on nearly any country in the world for exhibition in schools and churches. These films are furnished by the Bureau of Commercial Economics, Washington D. C., and the only expense is the transportation charge. Mr. Warren states that the pictures are highly instructive and enlightening, and that he will be glad to assist the schools and churches in this county in obtaining one for exhibition.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEET

The Young Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church held their regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. J. F. Ausbon Monday night with 25 members present, two of which were new members. The president, Mrs. B. G. Campbell presided over the meeting. Among the interesting things that appeared in the program was a reading by Mrs. W. H. Clark. The hostess served refreshments.

GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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