

One Year Ago Beacon And News Combined Published First Time; Wants Linotype

BY LEE ROY HARRIS

Exactly one year ago today the first issue of the Roanoke Beacon and Washington County News, combined, was mailed to the people of Washington County.

This was at that time a realization of my child hood dreams. Twelve years ago, when I was a high school student, I would hurry out of school and come down to the printing office and go to work. At that time we printed the paper on an old Washington hand press. This old press is now being used as a make up table and can be put back together for printing.

I worked three years with C. S. "Tick" Ausbon, who was then running the Beacon, when I went to Raleigh and worked as a printer with Edwards and Broughton. After leaving Raleigh, I went to work on the Edenton Daily News. It was in Edenton that I wrote my first article for print. The title of this editorial was, "Why Young Men Of Today Fail" The whole substance of the article was given in the first paragraph: "When a young man of today leaves his hometown, he builds optimistic air castles of the future later to be torn down by the searching winds of a critical world which act like a wet blanket, smothering him out of his existence."

From Edenton, I went to New York and studied. On returning from New York I took over the Hertford Herald, then edited by a Mr. Triplet. This I did for only a short time. I came back to Plymouth and graduated from the local high school and went to Atlantic Christian College in Wilson. The following summer, after leaving school, I again began work with the Beacon, where I worked until the fall of 1928. The Hertford paper had gotten into a rundown condition and I was offered one half interest to go over and take charge. This I did, but I only stayed in Hertford two weeks.

I left Hertford and went to Edenton and remained there long enough to prepare plans for the Washington County News. When the first issue of the News came out, October 19th, 1928, I was made to feel very proud of my efforts. For seven months, C. A. W. Kinnaird, of Edenton and myself struggled with this paper.

On April 19th, 1929, I thought that all of my dreams had come true. The first issue of the Beacon and News was published, with my name as publisher and owner. But my dreams, I later have learned had not come true. The Beacon and News is not what I want it to be, nor do I have the equipment that I want and need. Those who know me intimately have often heard this statement, "I want a linotype!" That is now my dream. With one of these machines, I could give the people of Washington County an 8 page paper every week or two papers. Then my dreams would truly come true.

The personal of the mechanical department of the Beacon and News is composed of young men who learned their trade along with me. When I first left the Beacon, Wesley Hardison, who is still with the Beacon, took my place; when I came back to the Beacon, Bill Arps also with the Beacon, was the printers devil. These two young men are as good a combination of printers as can be found in North

Creswell School Commencement Exercises Begins Sunday Morning

MORE FIRES NORTHEASTERN DISTRICT DURING THE MONTH MARCH

Fire reports received at the District office by District Forester L. A. Carter of the Northeastern District to date show a greater number of fires occurring during March than in previous years, but also show an improvement in the work of the forest wardens in fighting forest fires.

Not all of the fires that occurred during March have been reported in the opinion of Mr. Carter, however, all of the large fires have been reported and any not in at present will tend to lower the averages rather than raise them.

To date 114 fires have been reported as occurring during the month of March, burning over a total of 3,459 acres and causing a damage estimated by the wardens at \$15,051.00 in the eight cooperating counties of the District. Of the lands burned over 1,240 acres were merchantable timber lands, 2,010 acres of second growth lands and 208 acres of open or grass lands. The average area per fire was 30 acres, which is 12 acres lower than the lowest yearly average previously made, while the average damage per fire was \$44.31.

The number of fires by counties is as follows: Berties 36, Chowan 2, Edgecombe 14, Halifax 24, Hertford 7, Northampton 14, Warren 14, and Washington 3.

34 fires were caused by careless brush burning, 6 by railroads, 3 by lumbering, 18, by smokers, 29 fires were wilfully set, 9 by miscellaneous causes and 15 by unknown causes. Of the 114 fires probably all but the 29 incendiary fires were preventable.

EASTER DANCE

Big Easter Dance Friday night April 18th. This dance will be sponsored by the American Legion, and boys you know that we always try to show you a good time. We have engaged a 'Good Hot Orchestra' for this dance and you are going to have real music to do your stuff by. The dance will be at the Bloom Garden Warehouse. So don't forget the date, time and night. Friday Night April 18th, 10 o'clock.

ELECTRIC STORE

TO OPEN HERE

Cuthelin Electric Company will open a store in the building next to West's Shoe Shop on Waters street the first of May. Louis Horton will be connected with this new organization which will handle a complete line of electric stove, water heaters and frigidaires, also all minor electrical appliances.

Carolina. We have been working together for twelve months without a disagreement. The present printers devil, who promises to make a good printer, is Colon Overton.

I want to make the Beacon and News the best weekly paper in North Carolina and if you have any suggestions to make or feel that you can in any way help the progress, please make them.

The commencement program for Creswell High School is as follows: Sunday morning, April 20, at 11 o'clock, Baccalaureate Sermon. The speaker for this occasion will be the Rev. Roy Respass of Columbia, N. C.

Tuesday evening, April 22, at 8 o'clock, Music Recital. The special feature for the program will be a Japanese Operetta, under the direction of Miss Viola Stephenson.

Wednesday evening, April 23, at 8 o'clock, Senior Class Play, entitled, "Oh! Oh! Deacon." This will be a comedy - Mystery in 2 acts, given under the direction of Miss Frances Willis.

Thursday evening, April 24, at 8 o'clock, Class Day Exercises. This program promises to be Creswell's best class day performance. It is directed by Mrs. A. S. Holmes.

Friday evening, April 25, at 8 o'clock, Graduation Exercises. The speaker for this occasion will be Colonel A. C. Davis, an attorney at law of Goldsboro, N. C.

IT WON'T BE LONG NOW



Many will recall having seen the above picture in the Beacon and News last summer. In case you have forgotten who they are, they are George Sexton and T. W. Snell.

NOTICE OF SALE

North Carolina, Washington County. Under and by virtue of a certain mortgage deed executed by Sam Whitley and wife, Louise Whitley to J. E. Phelps, mortgagee, on the 1st day of January, 1921, recorded in Washington County in Book 77, Page 172, and default having been made in the payment of three certain notes secured thereby, and demand having been made for the payment of same, the undersigned, will expose at public sale to the highest bidder for cash on the 15th day of May, 1930, at 12 o'clock Noon the following described land:

"The first tract being that certain parcel of land, lying and being in Lee's Mill Township, adjoining the lands of Alonza Gray Howcutt & Linyear and others and bounded as follows, Viz: Beginning at Alonza Grays southwest corner in eight foot ditch and running thence southwardly along eight foot ditch one hundred and seventy-five yards to Howcutt and Linyear's line; thence along Howcutt and Linyear's line thence Northwardly one hundred and seventy five yards to Alonza Gray's line; thence along Gray's line westwardly seven hundred yards to First Station, containing Twenty five acres more or less."

Second Tract. Beginning at John Johnson's southeast corner on Johnson Street, and running southwardly to Remus Rodgers' Line; thence westwardly two hundred feet to Thomas White's line thence northerly sixty feet to John Johnson's line; thence eastwardly two hundred feet to first station, containing one-fifth acre, more or less.

A deposit of 10 per cent will be required of the successful bidder as evidence of good faith.

This 15th day of April, 1930.
J. E. PHELPS,
Mortgagee.
By N. H. Spruill, Attorney.

NORTH CAROLINA FARMERS CAN BETTER ANSWER CROP ACREAGE

"North Carolinians can answer crop acreage questions better than other Southern farmers because they have been reporting such to the tax listers for the past twelve years," said Frank Parker, Agricultural Statistician for this State, in a Raleigh radio talk last Thursday night.

"And yet few of our farmers appreciate the value of annual Farm Census information. Too few attempt to benefit by this or any other government reports. How many realize that 'A farmer's judgement is no better than his information?'"

"A doctor must have certain information before he can treat a disease. Just so it is with farm advisors and statisticians. The farmers must furnish the needed facts. One only blindfolds himself by not giving and not using basic current farm facts. This is true of Farm Census secured by the tax listers.

This census provides facts from farmers, instead of guesses. It affords yearly information by counties that is superior to any private information available to the speculators. However, the Farm Census acreage results are not speculative, nor is it available to any one until after crops are harvested. This is available for Agents and teachers aiding farmers in planning their next crop acreages.

The 1929 census results were published in the January Farm Forecaster of this year. These were sent all over the State. A copy is now being sent to your township lister. Ask for it. It locates "supply and demand" by counties.

"The tax listing machinery provides the best and cheapest possible means for getting farm acreage facts. The objection is that at 'rush times it does crowd the listing taxables. Still the farmers are certainly due this much for their heavy taxes.

Each farm owner should be prepared to report his crop acreages intended this year. If not definitely known yet, approximate in comparison with last years acreages planted. This will help the listers and the service that you expect of the Department of Agriculture."

FOR RECORDER'S JUDGE

I take this means of announcing myself as a candidate for Recorder's Judge, subject to the Democratic Primary, June 7th 1930. If elected, I promise to fulfill the duties of this office to the best of my knowledge and ability.

EDWARD L. OWENS

FOR SHERIFF

I hereby announce myself a candidate for reelection to the office of Sheriff of Washington County, subject to the Democratic primary, June 7th, 1930. If nominated and reelected, I promise to fulfill my duties to the best of my ability.

J. K. REID

Formed Washington County Tax Relief Association At Meet Courthouse Saturday

PLYMOUTH WON AWAY FROM HOME AND LOST AT HOME; DEBATE

Plymouth was one of the 192 schools to enter the State Triangular Debating Union held through out the state on the night of April 4. Plymouth's negative team defeated Snow Hill at Snow Hill, while our affirmative team lost here when Ayden's negative team won two out of three votes which gave Ayden the victory. The question this year was one that must be decided at the General Assembly when it meets next November "Resolve that North Carolina should adopt the proposed constitutional amendment Authorizing the classification of property for taxation. Those winning the victory at Snow Hill are Mildred Dixon and Janice Tetterton. Our affirmative team, Martha Bateman and Wallace Conklin, are to be commended because they gave Ayden a hard fight. These four students are to be congratulated for the work they did because they debated against two schools that have been members of the State Debating Union for several years. The high school students manifested great deal of interest in the debate this year and many of them have already expressed their desire to enter another year.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of county treasurer subject to the Democratic primary, June 7th, 1930. If nominated and elected, I promise not to ask for office for a second term.

EDWARD S. BLOUNT

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Rev. Conley Greer Minister
Bible School 9:45 A. M.
John W. Darden Superintendent
Sunrise Prayer Service 5:30 A. M.
Communion 11 A. M.
Sermon 11:15 A. M.

Subject
"Rock of Ages"

Christian Endeavor 6:30 P. M.
Dot Greer President
Christian Endeavor in charge of Group No. 3.

Easter Pageant 7:30 P. M.

Subject
"The Victorious Christ"

Prayer Meeting Wednesday 7:30 P. M.
Choir and Orchestra practice Thursday 7:30 P. M.

At a mass meeting held in the courthouse in Plymouth, at 10:30 o'clock, last Saturday, the following resolutions were adopted to be presented at the State meeting of the Tax Relief Association:

Be it Resolved by the Washington County Tax Relief Association: That we recommend the levying by the General Assembly of 1931 of taxes as follows:

1. An increase in the rate of taxes on incomes, to be distributed in such a manner among the several brackets as to cause as little hardships upon those paying same as possible, at least the major portion to be added to the upper brackets.

2. A sales tax, to be in the wisdom of the General Assembly levied primarily upon luxuries, and secondarily upon necessities if necessary, and in such form and in such sums as will most nearly disburse its burden upon all the people of the State.

3. A tax upon all electrical current sold and dispensed with in the State, such tax to be moderate in sum, and to be universal, including if possible that generated and sold by cities and towns.

4. An increase in the franchise taxes of electric power companies, which we understand to be now less in comparison than that of other corporations.

5. The repeal of the present law which exempts foreign stocks from taxation within the State.

That we recommend that the revenue to be derived from the above sources be equitably divided among the several counties to be used by them and applied to a reduction in ad valorem taxes upon property. That the State adopt a state-wide eight months term of public schools, to be supported so far as is possible by the State with funds derived from the foregoing sources.

Sections 1, 2, 3, and 4 of the foregoing were offered by Carl L. Bailey, and Section 5 offered by N. W. Spruill, and accepted as an amendment by the sponsor of the resolution. Resolution was unanimously adopted.

An executive committee composed of 27 men was elected and Van Buren Martin was elected chairman and T. J. Swain secretary.

BASEBALL RESULTS

Plymouth defeated Chowan 18-10
Elizabeth City defeated Plymouth 7-4
Plymouth defeated Ayden 10-6
Ayden at Plymouth Monday.

POET AND PEASANT

"I took a nice long walk about town," said the Peasant to the Poet as they met in Thompson-Clagon's store this morning.

"I guess that you enjoyed it," said the poet.

"Most of it," said the Peasant.

"Why not all of it?" asked the Poet.

"Well," said the Peasant, "when I came to these cemeteries I became bored. It seems that everyone is cleaning up their yards and preparing for spring, but those people who have dead ones buried in the graveyards around here are not interested in them. They are perfectly willing for their last places of abode to look like a forest in a run down condition. There is but one decent looking cemetery in Plymouth and that is the Episcopal one. Those people up there at that church certainly have some pride in the looks of their cemetery."

"People in the Methodist Church also have some pride in the looks of their cemetery but they don't have the chance to keep it up," said the Poet.

"Yes they do," said the Peasant.

"They have a much larger membership than does the Episcopal Church. But I am not talking about the Methodist Church only. I am mostly talking about that graveyard on the highway or Third street, near Swain's Filling Station. That detracts more from the beauty of Plymouth than the old city hall does even. People who have to pass through our town will see that first and then won't stop to see our town and then go off and say that Plymouth is one of the ugliest towns in North Carolina."

"I guess that you are right," said the Poet, "and I wish that the people would take some pride in the looks of our town and make it look a little bit better."

ALMO THEATRE

TONIGHT

Saturday Night

William Powell

IN

"The Green

Murder Case"

—

"Ink Well Imps"

COMEDY

Admission

15c & 25c