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## FOURTEEN CASES IN RECORDERS COURT TUESDAY

### Two Weeks' Accumulation Of Cases Requires All Day Session

Fourteen cases were called in Recorder's Court here last Tuesday, the large number being attributed to the fact that there was no session of the court last week on account of election day coming on Tuesday. Judge Jerry Sawyer and Solicitor Carl Bailey put in a full day on the docket and managed to have everything cleared up by night.

Cases disposed of follows: B. F. Chambers, after entering a plea of not guilty, was found guilty of violating the game laws and fined \$5 and the costs of the action. He noted an appeal in open court, appeal bond being fixed at \$100.

Hubert Griffin was also indicted and found guilty of breaking the game laws, although he entered a plea of not guilty. He likewise noted an appeal from the \$5 fine levied and was put under \$100 appeal bond.

No probable cause was found against Sam Rogers, colored, on a charge of seduction.

Beatrice and Rachel Norman were booked on charges of assault. Both entered pleas of not guilty, but Judge Sawyer decreed that they were guilty of simple assault. Judgment was suspended in each instance upon the payment of 1-4 of the court costs.

Annie, Ruth, and Civil Blount plead not guilty to charges of assault. The recorder found them guilty and suspended judgment upon the payment of one-fifth of the costs each. Each of the defendants noted an appeal, however, and bond as fixed at \$50 each.

Gus Atkinson entered a plea of guilty to charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct and carrying a concealed weapon. He was given a 30-day sentence for being drunk and disorderly, and at the expiration of that sentence he is to begin one of 60 days for carrying a concealed weapon.

Jack Cahoon, after pleading not guilty to violating the highway laws, was found guilty and fined \$35 and the court costs.

Mary Lofton, charged with being a nuisance and assault with a deadly weapon, was fined \$10 on the nuisance charge, to be committed to jail until the fine and costs were paid.

Lester Davis was freed of a charge of assault with a deadly weapon and then found guilty of carrying a concealed weapon. He was given a 60-day road sentence, to be suspended upon payment of the cost and conditioned upon his good behavior.

## LOCAL BAPTISTS MAKE PROGRESS

### 31 New Members Added To Roll During Present Year, Report Shows

The local Baptist church has made much progress during the present year, it was brought out by a recent report of the pastor, Rev. J. R. Cantrell. During the present year there have been 31 new members added to the church, and a total of five new organizations formed. This record is made the more impressive by the fact that the pastor has only been here since the first of the year.

Discussing his work this week, Mr. Cantrell said, "I began my work here the first of the year, and I am happy to say that I like to live in the east. I find myself in the midst of a friendly, clever, appreciative, good people."

During the past month that they had collected for charitable work the sum of \$52.38. The organizations have entered upon their work in a fine spirit, Mr. Cantrell said, and much is expected of them.

The pastor is teaching the subject, "Bible and Missions," at each of the two circle's meetings, and he is also devoting 10 minutes at the joint meeting of the circles held each month to the study of two verses of the seventeenth chapter of John. Missions are also being stressed at the meetings of the circles and young people's organizations.

## Roper and Creswell To Soon Get Electric Power

Work is rapidly going forward to furnish Roper and Creswell electric power from the lines of the Virginia Electric & Power Co. The transmission lines have been completed all the way to Columbia and electricians are now busy with the wiring in the two Washington County towns. The local manager of the company said yesterday that he was installing meters in Roper and Creswell, and it is possible the power will be turned on for these two places about the last of this month.

## Leader's School Will Be Held At Courthouse This Afternoon

A leaders' school for the benefit of the home demonstration club members of the county will be held this afternoon at 2:30 p. m., it was announced Wednesday by Miss Covington, home demonstration agent. Miss Helen Esterbrook, of Raleigh, house furnishing specialist, will be in charge of the meeting and will give several interesting demonstrations. The presidents and secretaries of all the clubs in the county are expected to attend.

Miss Covington also announced that there would be a meeting of the county council immediately preceding the leaders' school. In addition to having a number of routine business matters to transact, the council will elect a county president of home demonstration clubs to succeed Mrs. Ida Brickhouse, who died last month. Miss Covington is anxious to have a full representation of the council present.

## Dr. William Hardison Ward, Prominent Physician, Dies At His Home Here Sunday

### Paving Assessments Are Now Past Due

Chief of Police P. W. Brown yesterday stated that he was giving final warning to property owners who had not yet paid their fourth paving installment, that unless they did so before the first of December, their property would be advertised in accordance with the law. The fourth assessment has been due since October, 1929, and it is not expected that the time for payment will be extended any longer, as the fifth assessment became due October 1st, this year. The chief of police, who is also town tax collector, is urging prompt payment to save embarrassment and extra expense.

## DEATH OF MRS. C. L. SIMPSON

### Died At Home in White City Sunday; Funeral Monday Afternoon

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon for Mrs. Charles L. Simpson, who died at her home in "White City," near Plymouth Sunday morning. Mrs. Simpson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Baynor, of Pitt County, was born December 18, in Martin County. After her marriage to Mr. Simpson, they moved to this county, where they have been residents for a number of years.

The funeral services, which were held at the home, were conducted by Rev. W. B. Harrington, pastor of the Jamesville Baptist Church, assisted by Dr. Conley Grier, of the local Christian church. Interment was made in the old Getsinger cemetery, about seven miles from Jamesville.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Simpson is survived by six children and a host of other relatives and friends.

## DEATH OF MRS. D. PINEY SWAIN

### Highly Respected Citizen Of Swain Community Died Tuesday

Funeral services for Mrs. Drew Piney Swain, 74, well known and highly respected woman who resided at Swain's Station, were conducted from Saints Delight Christian Church Wednesday, November 12. Rev. Guy Saunders, of Belhaven, pastor of the church, conducted the final rites. Burial was made in the family cemetery on the home farm, which adjoined the Saints Delight Church.

The funeral was largely attended by relatives and friends of the deceased, and extensive floral tribute spoke in eloquent terms of the high esteem in which she was held by the people of the county.

Mrs. Swain died Tuesday, November 11, at noon, after an illness extending for several months. Her condition became worse several days ago, and her death was not unexpected. Heart trouble was given as the cause.

Mrs. Swain was a native of Washington County, being born and reared in the neighborhood where she died. She was one of the most faithful workers in the Christian church, of which she had long been a member. Her husband, the late Haywood Swain, preceded her to the grave by several years.

She is survived by three daughters, Miss Bettie Swain, Mrs. Ralph Smith, and Mrs. Luther Sitterson, all of Washington County; two sons, J. L. Swain, of Beasley; and A. H. Swain, of Plymouth; and one sister, Mrs. Sadie Sitterson, of Washington County. Her grand-sons and grand-nephews acted as pallbearers at the funeral service Wednesday.

## TEACHERS HOLD FIRST MEETING LAST SATURDAY

### Prof. E. N. Riddle, of Roper Elected President of Organization

Washington County teachers held their first meeting of the current school year in Roper last Saturday morning, with practically all of the teachers of the county in attendance. The meeting was called to order by County Superintendent J. W. Norman, who gave a general outline of the purpose of the meetings and briefly outlined some of the work the organization is expected to take up during the school year.

The first thing of importance before the teachers was the perfection of the organization by electing officers for the current year. Professor E. N. Riddle, of the Roper School, was elected president; J. M. Ray, principal of the Creswell School, was named vice president; and Miss Margaret Stockard, of Roper, was made secretary. Several matters of minor importance were then disposed of.

The district meeting of the North Carolina Education Association, which is to be held at Greenville Friday and Saturday, November 28 and 29, was discussed at length by the various members, and it was decided that as many as could would attend the session to be held on the Friday following Thanksgiving.

Another matter that claimed the attention of the meeting was the time for closing and length of the Christmas holidays. Some of the teachers favored closing one week, some one and a half weeks, while still others wanted two weeks. The final decision, which is subject to the approval of the county board of education, was to close on Friday before Christmas and open the Wednesday following, making the holidays of a week and a half duration.

Superintendent Norman, in a brief talk, urged every teacher present to join the State association so that Washington County could report itself 100 per cent in this respect. He pointed out the advantages of being a member, and it is believed that all of the teachers will join.

W. C. Manning, editor of the Roanoke Beacon, made a few remarks to the assemblage, after which the meeting was divided into two groups, one for high school teachers and the other for the grammar grade teachers. Various problems confronting them were discussed and reports given of the observations made at the Plymouth city schools the day before.

## SPORTSMEN TO MEET SATURDAY

### Meeting Is Called by Game Warden Harry Stell; To Discuss Problems

County Game Warden Harry Stell announced yesterday that there would be a meeting of Washington County sportsmen held at the courthouse here Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, when game problems peculiar to the county will be discussed. Meetings have been called in all the other counties of the State, and representatives will be selected at these meetings to attend a State meeting in Raleigh Tuesday, November 18.

At the State meeting which will be held with the State Department of Conservation and Development in the hall of the House of Representatives, the delegations of sportsmen will be invited to present their views relative to the game laws and the game situations in their respective counties.

Mr. Stell is anxious to have as many possible at the meeting to be held here Saturday, as there has been much criticism of the ruling of the State Department by sportsmen, not only in Washington County but in other sections. It is hoped to send at least one representative from the county to the State meeting next Tuesday.

## Seniors To Present Play At Jamesville Tonight

"Two Days to Marry," a comedy drama in three acts, will be presented by the seniors of the Jamesville High School tonight (Friday) at 8 o'clock in their school auditorium. A small admission will be charged, the proceeds to be used to purchase books for the high school library. Every one is cordially invited to attend.

## Mrs. H. E. Beam's Mother Dies Tuesday in Gaston

News was received here Tuesday of the death of Mrs. J. T. Hull, at her home near Cherryville, in Gaston County. Mrs. Hull was the mother of Mrs. H. E. Beam, of this city, who has been at her bedside since the latter part of last week.

## Town Tax Rate Is Fixed at \$1.62 by Councilmen Friday

### 4 SCHOOL SITES DISPOSED OF AT AUCTION FRIDAY

### Other Five Tracts Offered Are Bid In By County School Board

Nine tracts of old school property, several of which had buildings on them were offered for sale at public auction at the courthouse door here last Friday by Zeb Vance Norman, acting for the board of education. Of the nine tracts, sales were completed in only four instances, the board of education buying in the other five parcels on account of the low bids offered during auction.

The following shows the disposition made of each piece of property: Piney Grove, house and lot; high bid \$210; bought in by board of education for \$300, the bid not being considered satisfactory.

Chapel Hill, house and lot; this tract was also bid in by the board, for \$600, the high bid of \$525 not being considered satisfactory.

The lot on which the Kelly school was formerly located was sold to G. C. Phelps for \$6. About one-half an acre was embraced in the sale. There was no building on the lot.

The board of education did not consider the high bid of \$225 satisfactory for the Swain house and lot, and bought it in for \$290.

The Albemarle house and lot was bought in by C. B. White for \$511.

E. H. Liverman was the successful bidder for the Old Scuppernon school site, there being no building on the lot. His bid was \$50 for the approximately two acres of land.

\$510 was all that was bid for the old Mackeys school building and lot, the board buying in the property for \$700.

Mount Tabor school building and lot drew a high bid of \$125, which was not considered satisfactory by the school board. It was bought in for \$200.

The Pleasant Grove school building and lot brought the best price of the day, \$860, and was sold to Mrs. A. Davenport.

## NEW STRUCTURE RISING RAPIDLY

### New Garage Being Built Erected Right Over Old Building

Construction work continues to go forward on the new building for the Central Garage here, and Mr. T. A. Stubbs, the proprietor, expects to have the brick work completed within a short while, if the good weather continues. There is one feature of the construction work that is unusual in this section. That is, the old building now being used has not been torn down, although the new structure is being erected on the same lot.

This is accomplished by building the new garage right over the old one. The new structure will be considerably larger than the one now being used, and the plans call for the present building being completely enclosed by the new one, which will be made practically ready for occupancy before the old one is torn down. Mr. Stubbs is continuing his automobile repair work right along, and does not expect to lose but very little time on account of the construction work.

## Home Agent Announces Schedule Next 3 Weeks

Due to a number of changes having been made, Miss Pratt Covington is announcing her schedule for the next three weeks. The week of November 24-29 has been ordered set aside by the State Department for the home agents to make up their yearly reports, and there will be no club meetings held during the period. Heretofore the agents have been forced to get up their reports as best they could, in addition to carrying on their regular work at the same time.

The schedule follows: Week of November 17-22: Monday, Jackson; Tuesday, meeting at home of Mrs. Pete Phelps, at 2:30 p. m.; Wednesday, Swain; Thursday, Creswell; Friday, Alba; Saturday, curb market.

Week of November 24-29: Yearly report work; no club meetings. Week of December 1-6: Monday, Wednesday, Roper; Thursday, Chapel Hill; Friday, Albemarle; Saturday, curb market.

Miss Covington asks that members of the county clubs pay particular attention to the new schedules, so that there may be no confusion as to the time and place of meetings.

## Curb Market Had Good Day Saturday

Miss Covington, county home demonstration agent, said yesterday that the curb market had one of its best days in some time last Saturday. The day was the first anniversary of the founding of the curb market, and there were several items placed on sale at special prices. Eggs were graded on the market for the first time Saturday, the home agent being assisted in this work by Mr. Sheffield, of the State Division of Markets. Two grades were put on sale, one at 38 cents per dozen and the second grade at 36 cents. The No. 1 eggs were far superior to the lower grade, although both grades had a ready sale.

## ARMISTICE DAY SERVICE HELD BY LEGION POST

### Large Crowd Attends Service At Albemarle Church Last Sunday

Scuppernon Post, No. 182, of the American Legion, held its annual Armistice Day service at the Albemarle Christian Church, between Creswell and Columbia, last Sunday afternoon. Invitations were sent to the ministers of the county, to the Legion auxiliary, and to the various lodges in the section, and a large crowd was on hand for the service.

The various organizations formed in a line in front of the church at 2:30 p. m. and marched in by groups, the legionnaires leading, followed by the legion auxiliary and the various lodges. Seats had been reserved inside of the building for the various organizations and music was furnished by the Columbia orchestra.

A very interesting program had been prepared for the occasion, and a number of the leading citizens of the community made short talks before the Armistice Day sermon by Rev. Roy Respass. Among those speaking were Roy Litchfield, on "The Contempt of Softness;" Ray Armstrong, on "The Spirit of Obedience;" and D. J. Spruill whose topic was "The Spirit of Self-Sacrifice."

The subject of Rev. Respass was "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men." In his discussion he gave a brief history of wars, telling of the billions that have been killed in world conflicts, and bringing out the fact that if the same money and labor had been spent in peaceful occupations all of the needs of civilization could have been accomplished.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rogers assisted the Columbia orchestra in the presentation of music for the occasion.

## To Put Club Exhibit on Display At Local Store

### Although the exhibit of the Washington County Home Demonstration clubs did not win a prize at the Tarboro Fair recently, Miss Covington said that she had received a number of compliments of the excellence of the display. The exhibit was awarded expense money as being meritorious by the fair association.

The home agent is planning to set the exhibit up in one of the windows of the store of W. H. Hampton & Son after Thanksgiving in order that the people of the county who did not have an opportunity to go to the fair may see the exhibit.

## Local Masons Attend Meeting in Williamston

The meeting of the local Masonic lodge scheduled for Tuesday night of this week was called off, and a number of the members, including most of the officers attended a communication of Skewarkey Lodge, in Williamston where third degree work was conferred. The work was put on by the Rocky Mount team, and the local Masons expressed themselves as having enjoyed the meeting very much.

## Successful Candidates Receive Congratulations

The various Democratic candidates for county offices were the recipients of congratulations on every hand during the latter part of last week, following the clean sweep of the party at the polls Tuesday. Several of the successful men have received letters from other sections expressing gratification at the success of the entire ticket.

## 6 CENTS LOWER THAN RATE FOR PREVIOUS YEAR

### Extension of City Limits Also Under Discussion By Council Members

There were a number of important matters disposed of at the regular meeting of the Town Council last Friday night, among them the approval of the budget for the current year and the fixing of the town tax rate. The rate for 1930 taxes will be \$1.62 on the \$100 valuation, a decrease of 6 cents from last year. The council was enabled to reduce the rate by virtue of the fact that there was a surplus of around \$13,000 from the proceeds of the power franchise sale to the Virginia Electric and Power Company, and also to the fact that there have been a number of economies made in the budget requirements for the year.

Actual figures as to the amount called for by the budget were not available yesterday, due to the fact that the audit of the town's books, while completed, has not been delivered to the town officials. These figures, it is believed, will be available for publication next week. The city clerk, M. W. Spruill, said that the valuation of property in the town is some lower than last year, but that the surplus funds more than took care of the difference and enabled the reduced rate to be levied.

The water mains of the town were ordered extended 800 feet out East Main Street at the meeting Friday. This action was taken because of the fact that there are two filling stations under construction beyond the present end of the water lines, and there is a possibility that there will be several houses constructed in the near future in this section.

The Councilmen also discussed the proposition of extending the city limits. This is a matter that has been coming up at practically every meeting, and while no decision has been reached, the members are going over the question from every angle and are giving the plan some serious thought.

It was the opinion of the councilmen that extension of the limits would prove beneficial to both the town and those who live just outside the line. The plan considered most feasible by the city fathers was to take in all the improved settlements within a certain radius all around the present city limits, embracing just as little farm land as possible. This would make it possible for the town to install sewerage and other conveniences at a minimum expense; at the same time it would add several hundred people to the population of Plymouth and increase the property valuation enough to effect a general reduction in the tax rate, it is believed.

## ROPER BOYS ARE HURT IN WRECK

### Car Runs Into Telephone Pole Here Saturday Night

Charles Mizelle and Raymond Smith, of Roper, were painfully but not seriously cut about the head and face in an automobile accident here last Saturday night, while three other Roper boys who were in the car with them escaped with only minor bruises and shock. The car, a Ford coach driven by Philip Bowen, in rounding the city limits in front of the home of T. C. Burgess left the road and went head-on into a telephone pole. The accident was caused, it is said, when the driver turned his head to speak to one of the boys in the back seat.

The impact threw young Mizelle through the windshield of the car, and he was badly cut about the head and face. Raymond Smith also received cuts about the face, while Dan Marrow suffered a wrenched hip. The other two boys, Bowen and Charles Williams, escaped with bruises. The injured members of the party were brought here and given first aid treatment by a local doctor, several stitches being required to close the wounds of the boys who were cut by the flying glass. The car was badly damaged.

## Mrs. J. F. Ausbon's Mother Dies Tuesday

Friends of Mrs. J. E. Ausbon here were sorry to learn of the death of her mother, Mrs. L. R. Barham, at her home in Clayton Tuesday, Nov. 11. Mrs. Barham had been in very bad health for some time, Mrs. Ausbon having been at her bedside fight much of the time since last spring. Mr. Ausbon left Tuesday afternoon to attend the funeral.