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RECORDER HERE HAD 8 CASES FOR TRIAL TUESDAY

Two Are Fined for Illegally Passing School Bus; Other Cases

After a week of inactivity, the recorder's court here again blossomed forth Tuesday morning with a total of eight cases on the docket, one of which was remanded to juvenile court and another continued. The other six were disposed of during the proceedings, which lasted throughout the morning, the court adjourning for the day about noon.

There were two cases charging auto drivers with passing school buses while they were receiving or discharging pupils, and about which several warnings were issued by County Superintendent J. W. Norman before he turned the names of violators over to Solicitor Carl L. Bailey for prosecution. Both defendants were released upon payment of the court costs, it being their first offenses. Following is the list of cases disposed of:

J. L. Walker, of Columbia, entered a plea of not guilty to passing a school bus, but Judge Owens disagreed with him after hearing the evidence and assessed him with the costs.

The case against Joe Spruill, charged with housebreaking, was remanded to juvenile court after it was shown that he was only 15 years old.

Moses Harper, charged with assault on a female, entered a plea of not guilty. He was found guilty by the recorder, however, who sentenced him to the county roads for four months, the sentence to be suspended upon payment of \$15 and the costs.

Cases against Mrs. Joe Mike Mitchell, alias Racheede Mitchell, and E. Joseph, charged with fraud, were heard, and they were ordered held for superior court under bonds of \$300 when the recorder found probable cause of guilt.

Cases against Seaton Vanhorne, jr., and Latham Smith, indicted for larceny, were continued.

Sid Miller entered a plea of guilty to simple assault when he was arraigned for assault on a female. Judge Owens accepted the plea and sentenced him to 4 months on the county roads, to be suspended upon payment of \$15 and the court costs.

Willie Bishop also pleaded guilty of assault and was likewise given 4 months on the roads, sentence to be suspended upon payment of \$15 and the court costs.

John L. Halsey was found guilty of illegally passing a school bus and assessed the cost of the action.

NAVY DIRIGIBLE OVER PLYMOUTH

"Los Angeles" Cruises Over Town On Return From Canal Zone

The pride of the United States Navy, the dirigible "Los Angeles," passed over Plymouth shortly after 9 o'clock Monday morning while on her way back to Lakehurst, N. J., after participating in the naval maneuvers in the Canal Zone last week. Practically the entire population of the town, except those not able to be out, left their homes, offices, and stores to stand in the street and watch the big ship go over.

The noise of the motors first attracted the attention of local citizens, the ship flying so low that all of the distinguishing marks were distinctly visible. The ship passed over Jamesville shortly before and apparently followed the river down to here. After passing over the town the "Los Angeles" changed her course and turned toward Edenton, passing over that place at 9:45 and over Elizabeth City at 10:20.

Congressman Lindsay Warren had asked Navy Department officials to route the ship by Washington, Williamston, and Windsor, but after passing over Washington she turned off and came by Jamesville and Plymouth. School children were released from their studies in Williamston and citizens there waited in vain for the dirigible to put in her appearance after telephone messages from Washington had stated that the ship was headed in that direction.

The "Los Angeles" continued up the coast after passing over this section of the State and was reported safely back in her hangar at Lakehurst, N. J., during the afternoon.

Leland S. Thompson Goes To New York

Leland S. Thompson, proprietor of Thompson-Clogon, Inc., local clothing dealer, left Monday night for New York City to make his purchase of spring and summer ready to wear. Mr. Thompson makes this trip annually and stated Monday that he would probably remain in the metropolis until the latter part of the week.

Second Senatorial District Will Be Vastly Changed By Proposed Law

Number Counties Reduced From Seven to Five, While Senatorial Representation Would Be Cut From Two to One; Based on 1930 Census Returns

The make-up of the second senatorial district will be considerably changed under the terms of bills introduced last week in both houses of the general assembly. The number of counties comprising the district will be reduced from seven to five, and the number of senators from two to one. Redistricting is made necessary after the taking of each decennial census, and the bills introduced last week provide for reapportionment on the basis of 1930 population figures.

At the present time the second district is composed of Washington, Martin, Tyrrell, Dare, Hyde, Beaufort and Pamlico Counties, while under the proposed law the following counties will comprise the district: Chowan, Dare,

Martin, Tyrrell, and Washington, Beaufort, Hyde, and Pamlico will make up the third district.

Under the terms of the bill, this County will lose a fraction of its present representation in the senate, dropping from 2-7 of a senator to 1-5. The total number of senatorial districts in the State were reduced from 33 to 28, while the total number of senators remains the same, 50. Under the old plan, no district had more than two senators, while in the new line-up five districts will have three. Twenty-nine counties will gain fractionally in senatorial representation, 32 lose, and 39 remain unchanged. It is expected that the bills will pass in the legislature without material change being made.

95 PER CENT OF VETERANS IN COUNTY EXPECTED TO APPLY FOR LOANS UNDER NEW LAW

HOW VETS GET RICH

Here's what a veteran has to do to borrow half the face value of his adjusted compensation certificate.

If he has obtained a loan he may present in person or mail to one of the 54 regional offices the record of it and the application for more.

Those who have not received loans must mail to the office or present a certified note to that effect along with discharge papers and the certificate. Notes can be obtained from the regional offices and veterans organizations.

From there on the loan is in the hands of the veterans bureau, which heretofore has issued loans within ten days or receiving applications and hopes to continue issuing at about the same rate.

Regional offices are in: Atlanta, Birmingham, Charlotte, N. C., Columbia, S. C., Little Rock, Nashville, New Orleans and Richmond.

YOUNG MAN DIES NEAR PLYMOUTH

Linwood Earl Davis, 18, Is Victim of Pneumonia; Funeral Saturday

Linwood Earl Davis, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Davis, of near Plymouth, died at the home of his parents last Friday morning, February 27, after being ill for several weeks with pneumonia. The young man, a student in the local high school, was a favorite among both teachers and pupils, and his death cast a pall of sorrow throughout the community. He was born December 1, 1912.

The funeral service was held Saturday afternoon at Christian Hope Church, of which young Davis was a member, by Rev. Warren Davis, of Washington, assisted by Rev. Conley Greer, of Plymouth. Interment was made in the Jackson cemetery on the Long Ridge Road.

Paving Tax Sale Is Held Here Monday

The sale of town property for delinquent paving taxes was held at the courthouse door here Monday at noon by Chief of Police P. W. Brown, a total of 43 tracts being offered. There were no individual bidders for the assessment receipts, and all of the property offered was bought in by the town. The sale was made by reason of the failure of property owners to pay the fourth paving installments, which became due in October, 1929.

TEACHERS' PAY DAY

County Superintendent J. W. Norman stated yesterday that prospects were brighter this month, when only half of the amount due was paid. The county is doing everything possible to see that the teachers do not suffer, but last month only half salaries could be paid on account of tax collections being so slow. The teachers are standing by nobly however, and the efficiency of the schools continues on the same plane as when the teachers were being paid their full salaries. "Pay day" comes about the 12th, and around \$11,000 is required, it was said.

POST OFFICE RAN SHORT OF FORMS; MORE EXPECTED

At Least 75 or 100 Applications Will Be Sent From Here

Seven minutes after the Veterans' Loan Bill was enacted into law last Friday afternoon by the United States Senate, a loan was made, and by last Saturday evening thousands after thousands of ex-soldiers stormed the 54 regional offices to file their applications for loans. The New York regional office was forced to call police reserves, and offices throughout the United States sent rush telegrams to civil service eligibles to report at once for duty.

Washington County veterans had no office to storm, and the supply of loan application blanks at the Plymouth post office gave out shortly after it became known that the Senate had voted to pass the loan bill over the veto of President Hoover. Postmaster A. L. Alexander immediately put in his order for more blanks, and expects to have a supply on hand by the latter part of the week. Postal workers here stated that about 75 veterans had applied at the office for blanks and were told to return later.

The number of veterans in the county is not definitely known, but it is generally believed that 95 per cent of them will apply for loans under the terms of the new law. One local man checking over all the veterans he knew, about 50 or 75, could think of only three who would not make application for the maximum amount of the loan obtainable.

As far as could be learned yesterday, no checks have been received by the ex-soldiers in this county under the new bill. However, it is believed that the applications will receive immediate attention and the money, several thousand dollars, will wander into the county within the next few days. According to information gained from reliable sources, there are very few veterans in this county who have not already borrowed all they could on their certificates under the old bill. It is expected that there'll be equally as few within the next several days who have not borrowed all they could under the provisions of the bill passed last Friday.

Heavy Snowfall Tuesday Does Not Last Very Long

The first real snow of the season fell in this section Tuesday, starting early in the morning and continuing throughout the day. The flakes followed a light rain, however, and as the ground was pretty thoroughly warmed by the sun during the past few weeks, very little of the snow "stuck," melting almost as fast as it fell. Shortly after noon the fall was so heavy that citizens began thinking of "the big snow" which came four years ago to the very day. However, it soon quit, and by Wednesday night there were very few traces of the white blanket left, except in a few sheltered places.

No More "Jail for Rent" Says Sheriff J. K. Reid

"I'm not going to say the jail's for rent any more—ever," said Sheriff Reid one day this week. "The night after the Beacon was published last week," he continued, "I had to stay up—and I mean all night—on a case, and I believe it was all caused by advertising the fact that the jail was empty."

REGULAR MEET COUNTY BOARD HELD MONDAY

Carl L. Bailey Is Selected As County Attorney to Succeed Sawyer

Aside from the selection of Carl L. Bailey as county attorney to fill out unexpired term of Jerry A. Sawyer, who was killed in an automobile accident last month, the Washington County Board of Commissioners had very little business of importance to transact at its regular meeting held here Monday. All of the members of the board were present, as follows: Chairman George W. Hardison, of Plymouth, E. R. Lewis, of Roper, and O. R. Armstrong, of Creswell.

Requests for aid were made by a number of needy people and a few were granted, but in most instances the cases were referred to some of the county welfare agencies. At the last several meetings the number of pleas has constantly increased over the month before, and several cases are usually held off for investigation. As the county is contributing rather liberally to some of the relief agencies persons asking for aid are usually referred to these.

Justice of the peace reports were received from W. O. Norman and W. A. Swain, neither of the magistrates reporting any fines levied during the preceding month.

The commissioners checked and approved the report of Treasurer Ed. S. Blount, and the report of Miss Pratt Covington, county home demonstration agent, was received and approved.

The jury list for the April term of superior court was drawn. This term of court is for the trial of civil actions only. The list follows:

Plymouth Township: S. F. Garrett, John Ayers, R. R. Alexander, J. A. Tetterton, Dennis Allen, Oscar Jackson, T. W. Bateman, J. W. Francis and A. R. Latham.

Lees Mills Township: Lester Williams, O. W. Williams, T. S. Wynne, J. J. Davenport, W. Rosenthal, G. A. Holland, and H. W. Tarkenton.

Skinner'sville Township: E. W. Snell, L. G. Ayers, and W. E. Norman.

Scuppernon Township: Ashby Hare, Clyde S. Spear, S. D. Burgess, J. Roy Spruill and James M. Gibbs.

Carl L. Bailey was nominated to fill the unexpired term of Jerry A. Sawyer by Commissioner E. R. Lewis, and without objection was declared elected to the office.

Although there was no official action to be taken by the commissioners, they discussed at some length the passage of the road bill by the legislature, under the terms of which the State will take over the maintenance of all county roads July 1st. The board members were unanimous in declaring that at least one-third of the roads now maintained by the county were left off the map made by the State Tax Commission which was to be used as a basis in taking over the roads until Representative Z. V. Norman, of this county, succeeded in having an amendment accepted by which the State is to take over all legally constituted county roads, whether shown on this map or not.

W. M. LIVERMAN DIED SUNDAY

Funeral Service for Leading Chapel Hill Farmer Is Held Monday

William Montgomery Liverman, aged 74, died at his home near here Sunday, March 1st, after having suffered a stroke of paralysis the previous Tuesday. Mr. Liverman was a prominent farmer of the Chapel Hill community, and was regarded as an ideal citizen in every respect by people of the county throughout which he was well known.

Mr. Liverman was alone at his home when stricken on Tuesday, February 24, and was discovered an hour later by a neighbor, who called in. Little hope was entertained for his recovery after the stroke and his death Sunday was not unexpected by relatives and friends.

Mr. Liverman was born in Tyrrell County October 12, 1857. He later moved to Washington County, where he spent practically all of his life. He owned and operated a farm in the Mill Pond section, near Roper, up to a few years ago, when he moved to the Chapel Hill community.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Dezie Liverman and several children. He was married twice, his first wife having preceded him to the grave a number of years ago.

Funeral services were conducted at his home Monday, March 2, by Rev. Conley Greer, pastor of the local Christian church. Interment was made in the family plot on the home farm, in the Mill Pond section. A large gathering of relatives, friends and neighbors from every section of the county attended the final rites.

REVISED SCHEDULE OF WATER RATES SUGGESTED TO COUNCIL

FATHER AND SON BANQUET FRIDAY GREAT SUCCESS

Staged by Young Tar Heel Farmers Club At Creswell

The "Father and Son Banquet," staged at the school auditorium in Creswell last Friday night by the members of the Young Tar Heel Farmers' Club was declared to have been an unqualified success by all those attending. The banquet itself was financed by the boys, while their fathers, members of the school committee, the county superintendent of public instruction and several others were the special guests. The food was served by members of the Creswell Parent-Teachers Association.

Eston Brickhouse, a member of the senior class of the high school, acted as toastmaster for the occasion. After several vocal and instrumental selections by Miss Viola B. Stephenson and Mr. R. L. Litchfield, a number of brief addresses were made. Lancelot Davenport, president of the Young Tar Heel Farmers Club, welcomed the guests, and briefly outlined the purpose of the agricultural work being taught in the school.

County Superintendent J. W. Norman, of Plymouth, was the principal speaker of the evening. He told of the difficulties he encountered in his efforts to secure the agriculture course for the Creswell school, and stated that he felt the work of Mr. C. H. Rabon, who teaches the agriculture class, had more than justified the establishment of the department there. Members of the class were advised to plan to "live at home" in every respect, the superintendent closing his remarks with the statement that farm land was the source of gold, and that the farmer had the world in his hands.

Brief talks were also made by Rev. Hollowell, Principal Swain, Mr. Aaron Davenport, and the various members of the school board, which is composed of Herbert Stillman, J. C. Gatlin, C. N. Davenport, jr., Milton Davenport, and Paul Belanga.

The Young Tar Heel Farmers' Club is composed of the members of the agriculture class of the school, and it is expected that the father and son banquet will be made an annual event by the club.

The ladies assisting in serving the repast included Mesdames Sydney and Clyde Smithson, C. N. Davenport, H. G. Walker, A. L. Holmes, Herbert Stillman, and O. D. Hatfield.

CHANGE MADE IN MAIL SCHEDULE

Star Route Carrier Arrives Here 1-2 Hours Earlier In Afternoon

The schedule of the star route between here and Columbia was slightly altered this week when the last mail of the day from Columbia began arriving in Plymouth at 5:30 in the afternoon instead of 7 o'clock as heretofore. The change was made in order that postmasters on the lower end of the route would not be required to remain in their offices as late as has been the case.

The carrier now leaves Columbia at 4 o'clock picking up mail at the various points between that place and Plymouth and arriving here at 5:30. There was no change made in the other schedule of the day along this route and it is believed the change will be favorably received by patrons along the route.

Clerk of Court Reported Improving After Illness

His many friends throughout the county will be delighted to learn that Clerk of the Superior Court C. V. W. Ausbon is steadily improving from a recent attack of influenza, which has kept him confined to his home for over a week. Mr. Ausbon expects to resume his work within a few days. His son, J. F. Ausbon, has been carrying on the duties of clerk during his father's illness.

Make Inspection of All County School Buildings

County Superintendent J. W. Norman and Mr. Roach, a representative of the State Board of Health, made an inspection of the various county schools Monday of this week, going to every school in the county except one. The inspector checked up on the sanitary equipment, general conditions prevailing in the various buildings, the water supply, and other particulars.

"Hard Times" Are Over at Jamesville!

Jamesville, March 2.—Hard times are over. That's what the people around Jamesville are saying for Martin County. Almost any one with a bunch of herring—five for a quarter—could muster up a smile to over shadow the "hard times" from of financial depression. Last Friday and Saturday the herring were running in fair catches. Fishermen found the business so interesting that many of them remained out all day supplying the demands of their patrons. The fishing season is looked upon this year, as a great relief in supplying foods both wholesome and inexpensively, which means a great deal at this time for the general public in this section.

POWER RATES TO BE LOWERED BY V. E. P. COMPANY

Saving Will Amount to 12 Per Cent for Small Consumers

According to an announcement made in Richmond Monday, residential and commercial consumers of electricity served by the Virginia Electric and Power Company, which owns the franchise in Plymouth, will receive a flat reduction of one cent per kilowatt hour off the first 100 kilowatt hours used per month on and after April 1st. Besides serving a large number of towns in this section, including Plymouth, Roper, Creswell, and Columbia, the Virginia Electric and Power Company furnishes the current used in Richmond, Petersburg, Norfolk, and other large cities.

Small light and power users will be the principal beneficiaries under the terms of the proposed reduction, it is believed, the decrease amounting to 12 per cent of amounts under \$8.50 here. As the amount of energy consumed grows larger, the percentage of reduction grows smaller.

Mr. Jack G. Holtzclaw, president of the company, stated that more than 90,000 consumers would be saved a total of \$450,000 a year by virtue of the change. The Virginia State Corporation Commission already has approved informally the revised schedule in conferences during the last several weeks and Lester Booker, one of the commissioners, said tonight that final approval would be given in a letter from the commission to the company. Under the law no formal order of the commission is required for a rate reduction to be adopted by utility companies.

MANY ENTRIES IN CAMEL CONTEST

Reynolds' \$50,000 Contest Attracts Considerable Attention

Not less than 75 or 80 letters have passed through the local post office addressed to the "Contest Manager of the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., Winston-Salem, N. C.," during the past two or three days, employees of the office stated yesterday when asked if many local people were writing essays on the questions asked in large advertisements appearing in practically all newspapers during the past week. The Camel contest has been a live topic of conversation ever since the advertisement first appeared, and "wherever two or three are gathered together" the \$50,000 prize contest has practically monopolized the subject under discussion.

FARMER'S LICENSE

A bill to create the State Board of Farmers Examiners, and to require any farmer, dairyman or tiller of the soil to pass an examination, pay a \$50 fee and be licensed before "practicing" farming in the State—the most ironical bill of the session—was introduced in the Senate by Senator McLean of Polk county last week.

This and past legislatures have already passed similar laws for barbers, plumbers, undertakers and many other trades and professions, said Senator Polk in an impassioned speech for his bill. "If this is a cure-all for them it may solve the farming problem," he declared.

The bill went to the committee on agriculture.

IS MUCH LOWER THAN SCHEDULE FIRST PROPOSED

Will Probably Be Taken Up By Councilmen at Meet Tonight

Mayor R. P. Walker, who was appointed a committee of one by the Town Council at its last regular meeting to ascertain the water rates charged by other towns about the size of Plymouth in Eastern Carolina, stated yesterday that he received replies from authorities of six towns, and from these replies he has worked out an average schedule of rates which he will report to the council at its meeting tonight with the recommendation that the compromise schedule be adopted here.

When the installation of meters was started here in January, the schedule of rates announced then met with opposition on the part of many local citizens, and the council decided to find out what other towns in this section were charging. The towns selected were Louisburg, Selma, Williamston, Benson, Enfield, and Troy, and the replies received from officials at these places showed a wide variance in rates. Mayor Walker made an average of them, and from this average worked out the schedule to be proposed to the council tonight, which is considerably lower than the rates first proposed.

The suggested schedule of rates is as follows: Minimum rate, \$1.75; minimum gallons, 4,000; next 6,000 gallons at 40 cents per thousand; next 10,000 gallons at 35c; and any additional amount at 20 cents per 1,000 gallons. The rate first proposed was: Minimum \$2; next 1,000 gallons, 60 cents; next 1,000 gallons, 55 cents; next 1,000 gallons, 50 cents; next 3,000 gallons, 45 cents per thousand; next 5,000 gallons, 40 cents per thousand; next 10,000 gallons, 35 cents per thousand.

The price per 1,000 gallons for the minimum rate under the schedule suggested by the mayor is 43 3-4 cents, against 66 2-3 cents as at first announced. The average cost for the six towns above mentioned is 48 2-3c per 1,000 gallons, the lowest being 30c and the highest 75 cents. Practically all of the towns stated that they were not making any money in their water departments.

The number of consumers in the six towns ranged from 250 at Selma to 500 at Enfield, the average being 343 1-3, against 250 in Plymouth. The minimum rates ranged from \$1.25 at Enfield to \$1.75 in Williamston, the average being \$1.50, against a suggested rate here of \$1.75. However, the apparently higher rate here is taken care of in the minimum number of gallons.

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Aged Negroes Die in Skinner'sville Section

Isaac Rhodes, 71, a very honorable old negro of the Skinner'sville section, was found dead at his home there about 6:30 Friday afternoon, his neighbors failed to see him stirring around late in the afternoon, as was his usual custom, and decided to investigate. They found that he had cooked his supper and then fell over on the bed, face down. That he died almost instantly was shown by the fact that when found his legs were almost blistered from the heat of a small stove near-by.

Our correspondent, in writing of the aged negro's death stated that "it seems that we are losing all of our older negroes at his home a few days ago from old age. He was also another honorable old negro. He did much fighting in the Civil War and was drawing a pension from the United States government."

Thirty-Three Prisoners At County Convict Camp

There were 33 prisoners at the county farm last Tuesday, according to Superintendent Basnight, and all of them are from Washington County. The last Chowan prisoner was discharged on the same day after having served a term of 440 days. The majority of the convicts are colored men.

Program of Services At Episcopal Church

Sunday services in the local Episcopal Church and at St. Luke's, Roper, were announced today by the rector, Rev. Arthur H. Marshall, as follows:

Grace Episcopal Church
Sunday school, 10:00 a. m.
Afternoon service, 5 o'clock.
Young Peoples' Service League, 7.
St. Luke's, Roper
Service, 7:30 p. m.