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## MEAL PREPARED FROM PRODUCTS OF COUNTY FARM

L. L. Basnight and Mr. and Mrs. Spruill Entertain County Officials

L. L. Basnight, former county road superintendent, and Mr. and Mrs. Claude Spruill, keepers of the county home, had the members of the county board of commissioners, Messrs. Hardison, Lewis, and Armstrong, together with the county attorney, Carl L. Bailey, County Farm Agent R. E. Dunning, Sheriff Joe Reid, L. E. Hassell, former county treasurer, and C. H. McSwain for dinner at the county home Monday.

The meal, which was prepared by Mrs. Spruill, and consisted of vegetables and meats grown on the county farm, was a most excellent one. In fact, there was such a variety of savory viands that Attorney Bailey failed to get around to all of the dishes.

Numbers of the guests remarked that they didn't think they would mind in the least at taking up their future abode at this county home, provided the menu continued the same.

Following the repast, the men were shown over the county farm by Mr. Basnight, where 27 acres is in corn. There are also fields of soy beans, field peas, hay crops, and vegetables of various kinds. The 27-acre field of corn is one of the finest in the county, and it was estimated by Farm Agent Dunning that it would yield a least 10 barrels to the acre, and probably more.

This corn is planted in rows six feet apart, and the stand of corn is very close together, the stalks measuring 10 to 12 feet in height and probably more. It will be remembered that Mr. Basnight cleared this farm from a veritable wilderness with convict labor. Any one doubting Mr. Basnight's ability as a farmer need only visit the farm and inspect the fine crop he has growing there to be convinced.

All of the guests were agreed that Mrs. Spruill was one of the best cooks in this section of the State, and that the county is fortunate in having her to manage the cooking at the county home.

## RED HILL TEAM WINS 3 GAMES

Defeats Roper, Hinson and Batts Cross Roads in Recent Games

The Red Hill baseball team is producing some true artists of swat this season. Two games were played Saturday afternoon and another Monday afternoon, with Red Hill winning all three with nifty scores.

Monday afternoon Red Hill defeated the Roper team to the tune of 10 to 5. This proved a very good game of ball, and the large crowd of spectators and fans seemed to have been satisfied.

Saturday afternoon, Red Hill defeated the Hinson team by 4 to 0 and the Batts Cross Roads team 5 to 0.

The Red Hill team is handicapped by not having a modern ball park here and members of the team are anxious to secure one by next season. Some of the larger towns have asked for games with Red Hill, but not having a park here where regular admissions can be charged, they have been forced to pass these up.

## Funeral Services for Henry Wynn Thursday

Funeral services for Henry Wynn, 57 years of age, who died last Wednesday morning at this home on Long Ridge, about 10 miles from Plymouth, were held at the home Thursday afternoon. Burial was made in Jackson cemetery.

The deceased was one of Washington County's well-known citizens and had many friends in his community and Plymouth. He had been ill for some time. Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons and two daughters.

## Respected Colored Man Dies in Scuppernon

Scuppernon, July 7.—Will London, a highly respected colored man of this community, died last Friday night on the farm of Mr. Chester Spruill, "Uncle Will," as he was known, was about 85 years of age and his death was caused from a complication of diseases.

## Attend Masonic Lodge Meeting at Swansboro

W. E. Weede and J. F. Jackson attended the meeting of the Masonic Grand Lodge at Swansboro Tuesday, representing the local Masonic lodge. These gentlemen stated that a very excellent program was carried out and that everybody had an enjoyable time.

## Epidemic Robberies In County Tuesday

TWO PLACES OF BUSINESS HERE ARE ENTERED

Norfolk Southern Stations At Creswell and Mackeys Also Burglarized

Two establishments were broken into and robbed of merchandise in Plymouth Tuesday night, while the Norfolk-Southern Railway depots at Creswell and Mackeys were also broken into and robbed. The boat line depot was entered and a supply of sugar taken, and the Standard Oil Company's filling station was entered and a supply of fly killer was taken.

The robbers at Creswell carried the depot safe clear away into Tyrrell County, where it was found behind a school building Wednesday morning by officers of that county. The robbers opened the safe and made away with the cash, but the amount of money that was in the safe could not be learned here today. It was not known here Wednesday whether the robbers succeeded in getting inside the depot safe at Mackeys or not, but they practically demolished the safe.

Officers of Tyrrell County had made one arrest in connection with the depot robberies, it was learned here Wednesday morning. Sheriff J. K. Reid was notified of the arrest, which was that of a white man, it is understood.

Sheriff Reid stated Wednesday that he and other officers were on the trail of the robbers, and it is expected that before the week is gone, all of them will be apprehended. The Creswell and Mackeys robberies are thought to have been performed by several men.

Nothing was bothered at the Standard Oil Company's filling station except the fly exterminator, while only sugar was missed at the boat line depot.

## BARGE CAPTAIN BURIED FRIDAY

Remains of W. T. Sawyer, 72, Carried to Norfolk For Final Rites

The body of W. T. Sawyer, 72-year-old barge captain, whose body was found last Thursday morning floating in the Roanoke River just above Hampton's Fishery, was carried to Norfolk Thursday night for burial, which took place Friday.

Captain Sawyer was last seen on the deck of his craft, "The Ashe," Tuesday night of last week, cleaning fish. He is thought to have fallen overboard as his craft was being towed from Jamesville to Plymouth.

At a coroner's inquest held here on Thursday afternoon by Rome Biggs, Martin County coroner, it was decided that Sawyer came to his death by causes unknown. Captain Sawyer had been master of barges for the last 40 years, and was in the employ of E. L. Hoagland until a month ago, when the Herford Lumber Company purchased this line. He was a native of New Bern, N. C., but has been a resident of Norfolk for 50 years. Surviving him are one daughter, Mrs. J. K. Graham, of Fayetteville, N. C., nine nieces, and two nephews and two grand children.

## Schedule of Prices For Curb Market Saturday

Saturday special, corn	17c
Eggs, per doz.	16c
Walnut meats, pound	70c
Beets, per bunch	4c
Butter, per pound	35c
Young chickens, pound	25c
Huckleberries, quart	15c
Peaches, peck	50c
Cucumbers, pound	2 1/2c
Squash, pound	2c
Beans (pole) per pound	3c
Butter beans, quart	23c

If prices drop after these prices are published, curb market prices automatically drop.

## 25 Operations Daily At Tonsil - Adenoid Clinic

The tonsil and adenoid clinic, sponsored by the State Board of Health, was opened in the Plymouth High School building here Tuesday with Dr. C. W. Bailey, of Rocky Mount, but formerly of Roper, in charge. He is being assisted by Dr. L. B. Gaw.

Twenty-five children have been operated on each day, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, making a total of 75, and all have stood the operation very successfully. Colored children will be operated on Friday, and it is expected that at least 25 will undergo the operation.

## TOBACCO CURING ORDER OF DAY ON COUNTY FARMS

Crop Said To Be Fair, With Prospects of Better Yield Than Last Year

Washington County farmers have already started harvesting their tobacco crops, and it is expected that by next week the harvesting will be in full swing. W. H. Gurkin, one of Washington County's well-known farmers and tobacco growers has already cured one barn of tobacco and is starting on another, it was learned here yesterday.

The tobacco crop in Washington County is said to be fair this year, while the general yield is reported to be better than last year.

During the next several weeks, the tobacco farmers of this county will be kept pretty busy in handling their crops, as the curing process necessitates day and night work. However, there is only a fraction of tobacco grown in Washington County, as compared with several of the adjoining and adjacent counties.

## HOLIDAY HERE IS VERY QUIET

Few People on Streets Monday; Big Crowds at Reas Beach

The Fourth of July, which was observed by Plymouth merchants and business men Monday, passed quietly for the most part. Very few people were seen on the streets during the day Monday, as practically everybody had themselves away to watering resorts.

One of the largest crowds ever seen in this section visited Reas Beach, where a celebration was staged in keeping with the holiday. All day and until late at night, automobiles were continually going and coming from this popular resort. Most of the people engaged in the major pastime of the place, bathing. However, during the evening the fireworks proved a big event, and dancing was enjoyed by scores.

Saturday was just another business day here and Sunday and Monday were marked for their quietness. A goodly number went to the near-by beaches, but a majority of local people rested at home.

While all sections of the country were represented in the casualty list, midwestern States led in fatalities. Eighty-six people lost their lives in that section, 35 by drowning, 30 in automobile accidents and 16 from excessive heat.

At 270 lives the nation counted the cost of its 155th Independence Day celebration. With all sections of the country sharing in the price of the annual independence observance, the highest loss of recent years was reached.

Fireworks, once the major cause for fatalities on the holiday, this year accounted for only six lives; two in the Midatlantic, one each in the Midwest, the Southwest, South and New England. But the injured from explosives totaled at least 368.

The lakes and rivers exacted the grimest reckoning. Though much of the country was free on the Fourth from the severe heat wave which last week counted its victims at nearly 1,300 dead, it was warm enough that rivers and lakes were thronged. One hundred and nine lives were lost in drownings. The Pacific Coast reported 27 of this number, 17 occurring at Los Angeles alone, where a surging rip tide swept over crowded beaches. Four men drowned in Lake Michigan near Gary, Ind., in an attempt to rescue a youth caught in a vicious undertow. The youth was saved by lifeguardsmen.

The jammed highways of the nation took 96 lives in automobile accidents as compared with 81 last year. Airplane fatalities, however, increased to eight—three in the Midatlantic, the same number in the Midwest and two in the Mountain States.

In New York extra police were called out Sunday night to handle the crowds, estimated at more than 2,000,000 people, who jammed railroad terminals, ferry and excursion boat piers and important subway points in making their way home after the two-day holiday.

## Heats Brooder Houses With Brick Furnaces

Brooder houses in Catawba County have been heated with small brick furnaces this spring. G. G. Jones, of Claremont, Route 1, reports good success with the new plan.

## MISS COVINGTON MAKES REPORT JUNE ACTIVITIES

Total Attendance of 348 Members at Various Club Meetings

By PRATT COVINGTON

The following report of Washington County home demonstration work for the month of June, 1931, was presented to the Board of County Commissioners at their regular monthly meeting here Monday:

There was an attendance of 348 members at the club meetings during June, 911 miles were traveled in conducting the work, and 15 new members were enrolled. It took eight automobiles to carry the club members to the Alba Club meeting, and then some had to walk.

There were 41 calls at the office, and 10 telephone calls. 203 individual letters were written, and four ads published for the curb market in the county paper. One special curb marketing meeting was held and one special meeting called to aid club members to secure vinegar at wholesale prices.

Nineteen steam pressure cookers have been purchased by the clubs of the county and individual members, and the interest is not lagging. More than a thousand cans have been ordered, and in some of the clubs more canned goods have been stored already than was stored last year. Each canning leader gets 10 points for every can of fruit or vegetable canned in her club. Some of the leaders now have more than 3,000 points.

The county federation has purchased two steam pressure cookers for county use. One of these cookers is placed in the upper section of the county, and the other in the lower section. The canning leader, the garden leader, and a girl from each high school in the county making the best record in club work will win a free trip to the State Short Course. A county tour will be put on July 17th for inspection of the yards that were entered in the yard improvement campaign. Miss Pauline Smith, district agent, has been asked to address the campaigners during the afternoon.

The subject for study during the month was odd pieces of furniture. The lesson was outlined under three heads, namely: Woodwork of furniture should harmonize; odd pieces lend variety in furnishing a room; every room should have from three to five colors.

Sales on the curb market for the month amounted to \$209.11. Some of the producers have been getting the county canning outfit and canning their surplus vegetables that are not sold on the curb market. One club member canned 50 quarts of vegetables by this method.

## Hoke Woman's Club Holds Meet Tuesday

The Hoke Woman's Club was entertained at its regular meeting on Tuesday, July 7, by Mrs. D. W. Wright, secretary of the club. The meeting was opened by the president, Mrs. W. A. Mizell, who read a chapter from St. Luke.

Following the devotional, the meeting was turned over to Miss Pratt Covington, home agent, who gave an instructive lesson on canning various fruits and vegetables. Following the demonstration, members of the club discussed the possibility of canning and pickling for the market.

A five minutes demonstration was given by Mrs. Wright on the art of weaving without a loom. The women then visited the garden, where several varieties of vegetables were growing. The chicken lot was also visited, where several hundred white leghorns were seen.

On returning to the house, the hostess served cake and iced tea. It was decided that at the August meeting the members take their lunch and meet at the home of Mrs. R. C. Jackson and spend the day for the purpose of canning with a steam pressure canner.

## Final Rites for A. S. Moore Held Friday

Funeral services for A. S. Moore, 57 years of age, who died here last Thursday a week ago, were conducted from the home Friday afternoon by Rev. R. G. L. Edwards and Rev. Conley Greer. Interment was made in the local cemetery.

Mr. Moore had been ill for a long time, and his death was not unexpected. The deceased was well known here, having at one time been connected with the Standard Oil Company.

## Program of Services at St. Luke's, in Roper

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Evening prayer and sermon at 8. Evening prayer and sermon every Thursday evening at 8. You are welcome.

## Buster Adler Is Drowned in Roanoke River Here Sunday

Boun' to Hab Some Relief

An aged colored man appeared before the Washington County Commissioners here Monday morning to ask for a little relief, the same as a lot of good folks are doing nowadays. He stood holding his hat in his hand, shifting from one foot to the other. A perturbed look registered upon his ebony countenance. When asked what the board could do for him, the old darky stammering replied that he was up here to "axe" the board for some kind of relief on his taxes.

Said he: "Mr. Commissioners, I've jest bound to hab someth'n done. Jes' what do you think an acre ob old no 'count swamp lan' is wuth?"

He was asked how much he paid for the land, to which he replied: "Well, suh, I paid \$15 fu it, and I hab three acres, and right next to it, I've got three mo' acres ob ole worn-out lan' dat is jes' 'bout as bad." He also stated that he had a no 'count house on the three no 'count acres. One of the commissioners told the old negro that there was nothing they could do for him unless some disaster had befallen him, such as his house being burned or his land being washed away. The portly old darky promptly replied, "Well, boss, dat's done an' gone an' happened; my lan's all done an' washed away already. I've bound to hab some relief."

## HOT WEATHER HERE REACHES NEW HIGH MARK

109 Degrees in Sun Here Wednesday; Pick-Up in Ice-Water Business

A new hot weather mark was reached here Wednesday at 1 o'clock, when the mercury touched the thermometer for 109 degrees in the sun. Ice water came into its own, and owners of soda fountains and other establishments furnishing ice water reported a decided pick-up in business. In fact, dispensers of ice water have been doing a rushing business here for the past several days. Ice cream, sodas, and cold drinks have been selling like hot cakes on a cold snowy morning.

Another thing, during the past several days, practically the entire male population of Plymouth has joined the coatless parade, and a large percentage have discarded all neckwear, such as four-in-hand ties. The women, too, have been making a special effort to beat old man weather and stay cool by dressing in light flimsy frocks. A good many of the younger set have discarded hose and are wearing only shoes.

However, a few dignitaries are still clinging to their coats. But the weather showed the most of these who was boss of the situation Wednesday, resulting in a number of gentlemen shedding their coats for the first time during the season, but they carried the coats about on their arms, folded very carefully.

## RECENT RAINS WORTH MUCH TO ALL CROPS

General Throughout This County; Improvement Is Marked

The rainfall during the last few days was worth thousands of dollars to the farmers of this county, in the opinion of prominent agricultural leaders. The precipitation, observers stated, was general throughout the county and section, and crops which began to suffer considerably from the lack of rain and moisture are now taking a new lease on life and are showing marked improvement.

While damage to mature plants is believed to be irreparable, belief was expressed by farmers that the remainder of the crop would recover from the long days under parching suns, and that the situation would show a distinct improvement in the next several days. A few more days of the intense heat without rain would have resulted in a tremendous loss to the tobacco growers alone.

The putting in of tobacco, which got under way on a small scale about 10 days ago, is expected to be slightly delayed by the showers, but will reach its peak between now and the 15th of this month.

## Call Police to Quell Riot At Meeting of Policemen

Berlin—The meeting of the Association of Democratic Policemen of Berlin, who gathered the other day to debate the subject of the steel helmet, demand for a plebiscite in Prussia as the object of throwing out the Socialist-Prussian government, ended in a serious riot. Outside policemen had to be called in to separate the combatants.

## Oats and Vetch Hay Is Favored in Johnston

A bumper crop of oat and vetch hay is being grown in Johnston County this year for the first time. The combination is fast gaining popularity in

## STRUCK SOME OBJECT UNDER WATER IN DIVE

Funeral Is Held Here Tuesday; Interment Made in Vanceboro

One of the saddest tragedies to occur in Plymouth for a long time was when Buster Adler, 23 years of age, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Adler, was drowned in the Roanoke River here Sunday evening about 7 o'clock while diving for a shoe.

Young Adler, together with Clyde Cahoon and Jimmie Smith, had been swimming in the Roanoke River just to the rear of the Branch Banking and Trust Company. They had come out and were dressing on the wharf when one of Mr. Adler's shoes was discovered to be missing. Some one said that it had fallen overboard and Adler went back into the water in an effort to recover his shoe. Eye witnesses stated that he dived a number of times, coming up at intervals to get his breath. The last time he went down was only a few feet from the wharf, where the water is only between 7 and 8 feet deep.

On failing to come up within a reasonable time, his companions started diving for him. He was finally brought to the surface of the water by Clyde Cahoon, an ugly bruise on his forehead, indicating that he had hit a log or some other object.

Two hours of artificial respiration failed to restore life, notwithstanding a number of physicians did everything that was possible.

Funeral services were conducted from the home at 9:45 Tuesday morning, with the Rev. Mr. Marshall, of Williamston, officiating. Special music was rendered by local people, Cicero Norman having sung "Across the Border."

The floral offerings were in great numbers and very beautiful, manifesting the esteem in which the deceased was held by his friends and acquaintances. Immediately following the service, the body was carried to Vanceboro, where interment was made.

The pall bearers were Joe Arps, Jimmie Smith, Clyde Cahoon, George Borden, Frank Hodges, Louis Phillip Hornthal, Jr., Van B. Martin, and Gordon Norman.

Young Adler was associated with his father in the mercantile business, and was one of Plymouth's best and most popular young men. His tragic death came as a shock to the town, and the many friends of the bereaved parents sympathize with them in their great loss.

## STATE'S DEFICIT FIXED AT \$2,230,064

Brought About by Failure To Realize Estimates Of Revenue

Raleigh, July 6.—North Carolina ended the 1929-31 biennium June 30 with a general fund deficit of \$2,230,064, it was announced at the Governor's office this afternoon.

Total general fund collections for the 1929-31 biennium were \$33,266,664 as compared with expenditures of \$35,496,728.

However, the State spent less each year of the biennium than was appropriated by the 1929 General Assembly.

More than \$3,500,000 was saved during the two years, the 1929 Assembly having appropriated \$19,333,825 for 1929-30 when actual expenditures were \$17,587,413.

"The deficit is brought about entirely by the failure to realize estimates of revenue and due, of course, to the distressful economic and business conditions," a formal statement said.

## Special Term of Superior Court Begins August 31

A special week of criminal and civil court has been called for Washington County, to convene August 31, it was announced here yesterday by local officials. Judge Henry A. Grady will be the judge to preside over this court. Therefore, there will not be any superior court here during July, as had formerly been anticipated.

## Home Agent Announces Schedule for Next Week

Miss Pratt Covington, county home demonstration agent, announces that her schedule for next week will be as follows: Monday, Scuppernon; Tuesday, Cherry, Wednesday, Albemarle; Thursday, Wenona; Friday, Plymouth; Saturday, curb market.