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OFFICERS SEIZE FOUR STILLS IN COUNTY MONDAY

Thanksgiving Whisky Will Probably Be At Premium Because of Raids

Thanksgiving whisky will be at a premium this year in Washington County as the result of a raid made in the Skimmersville section Monday, when four stills were gathered in by law officials. Two of the stills were running, and two were cold. Mash was found in five different places. About 4,000 gallons of beer and 15 gallons of whisky were destroyed.

Officials taking part in the raids were Sheriff J. K. Reid, Chief P. W. Brown, Deputy Sheriff W. D. Peal, Creswell Chief of Police John Combs, C. S. Coats, Mr. Gibbs, and Joe Roebuck and son, the latter being prohibition operators. A number of shots were fired by the elusive moonshiners as signals warning their friends of the approach of the officers.

HUNTERS ASKED TO LEND AID TO PREVENT FIRES

Main Season Open Friday; Cooperation Urged by County Warden

Starting their annual search for quail, wild turkey, and rabbits last Friday, Washington hunters are urged to cooperate with property owners in keeping the woods and fields free of fire in this county. The unusually dry conditions surrounding the fields and woods just at this time gives the warning more weight.

In calling the attention of hunters to the many possible ways woods fires are started and the methods of prevention, County Game Warden Harry Stell stated this week that carelessness on the part of the hunters is decidedly to their own disadvantage, for much game is either destroyed or driven out of its native habitat.

With the exception of a few limited areas, Martin County has escaped fire damage so far this year, and every one is cautioned against possible danger and damage.

The following rule for preventing fire in the woods were submitted by Warden Stell, and they are due every consideration.

"Be sure your match is out and break it in two before you throw it away.

"Be sure that pipe ashes and cigar and cigarette stubs are dead before throwing them away. Never throw them into brush, leaves, or needles.

"In making camp and before building a fire, scrape away all inflammable material from a spot five feet in diameter, keep your fire small and never build it against logs or near brush.

"Never break camp until your fire is out—dead out.

"Never burn slash or brush in windy weather, or while there is the slightest danger that the fire will spread."

P. S. Distillers will do well to heed the warnings, also.

FIREMEN WILL MEET MONDAYS

Regular Meetings Changed From Thursday Account Band Practice

The Plymouth fire department will hold its regular business meetings on Mondays of each week instead of Thursday, as the band will practice on the mid-week night for a while, it was announced today by Chief L. W. Gurkin.

Officers of the organization are: L. W. Gurkin, chief; J. F. Ausbon, first assistant chief; Robert W. Tarkington, second assistant chief; William Waters, secretary; J. B. McNair, hose captain; C. T. Robbins, assistant hose captain; George Harrison, hose police; J. B. Willoughby, L. D. Jones, J. L. Spruill, and R. A. Peel, engineers.

Boys' Sunday School Class To Aid Needy

Help make some child happy on Christmas by purchasing a pencil from a member of the Methodist Sunday school class of T. C. Burgess. These boys will begin selling the pencils on November 28. The money derived from the sale of the pencils will be used to provide baskets for the unfortunate children on Christmas. The class gave 25 baskets last year. Everybody is urged to purchase a pencil.

Funeral Held Friday For Mrs. Hattie Phelps

Creswell.—Funeral services have been held for Mrs. Hattie Phelps, of Newland, who died a few days ago. She is survived by her husband, Dennis Phelps, and a number of children.

A Proclamation

To the People of Plymouth:

Whereas, our early forefathers of this nation in the midst of privations and hardships were exceedingly grateful for a bountiful harvest, and out of the gratitude of their hearts set apart a day for thanksgiving in order that they might more appropriately offer up their devotions to a kind providence for their many blessings; and

Whereas, that manner of offering thanks has become a national custom approved and requested by our President and Governor: Now, therefore,

I, A. L. Owens, Mayor of Plymouth, being happy to follow this custom, do hereby proclaim and set aside Thursday, November 26th, as Thanksgiving Day, and call upon the people of the town to honor and observe it by suspending all unnecessary activities and by giving expression to the gratitude that is in their hearts for all the blessings enjoyed during the past year.

While a survey of our town reveals the fact that our business, educational and religious institutions have gone forward and made great progress in the midst of a general economic depression and that our general business conditions are much better than thousands of other communities about us, it is nevertheless true that there are some of our townspeople who are in want and need. I therefore earnestly urge the people of the town to contribute liberally to the funds for charity; that our people make real sacrifices for the relief of suffering humanity everywhere. Let us ever remember that our greatest contribution to life is the bringing of cheer, happiness and good will to those who suffer. Then when we have made sure that all of our people will be able to enjoy the blessings of food and raiment, let us on this Thanksgiving Day take time to offer up our devotions to Deity for our many blessings, and petition divine relief for suffering humanity of all nations.

A. L. OWENS,
Mayor of Plymouth.

Copy of First Thanksgiving Proclamation; Was Issued by Washington While President

ON NOVEMBER 26 1789, DATE FIRST OFFICIALLY SET

Proclamation Issued Over Protest of Several Representatives

The custom of the President of the United States issuing annually a Thanksgiving proclamation can be traced back to the time when George Washington was at the helm of the nation's affairs. On November 26, (the same day on which Thanksgiving falls this year) 1789, President Washington proclaimed for the first time a national day of thanksgiving, thereby setting a precedent for all future Presidents.

Celebration of Thanksgiving Day in America, we are informed by the United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission, can be traced back to the earliest days of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. From there the custom spread to all parts of the United States.

Washington's first national Thanksgiving Proclamation met with some objections. When Elias Boudinot, on September 25, 1789, introduced a resolution in the House of Representatives, "That a joint committee of both Houses be directed to wait upon the President of the United States, to request that he would recommend to the people of the United States a day of public Thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging and grateful hearts, the many signal fa-

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5c FOR PEANUTS

During the next several weeks, The Beacon will allow 5 cents or more a pound for farmers' peanuts, applicable on subscriptions to the paper. No broken bags are solicited, the publishing company offering a three-year subscription to the paper for a whole bag delivered to its office on Washington Street. The offer is not limited to new subscriptions but also applies to renewals.

The Beacon earnestly solicits the patronage of its subscribers during this special arrangement, believing it will be advantageous to all concerned.

MANY CHANGES MADE IN OFFICES AT COURT HOUSE

Auditor's Office Enlarged; Several Other Changes Are Effected

Changes are being made in the quarters for the county officials in the courthouse here. A door is being cut in the partition between the commissioner's office and that of Sheriff Reid. James W. Norman, superintendent of public instruction, will be located here after in the office formerly occupied by Carl L. Bailey. These three offices will then open into each other. Sheriff Reid will be located where the home agent is now, and the home agent will use the office formerly occupied by Mr. Norman. Mr. Bailey's office will continue to be located in the courthouse.

NEW PASTOR IS APPOINTED TO CHURCH HERE

Dr. J. W. Harrell Succeeds Rev. R. G. L. Edwards At Methodist Church

Dr. J. W. Harrell, formerly of Roanoke Rapids, has been appointed to this charge to succeed the Rev. R. G. L. Edwards as pastor of the local Methodist church by the North Carolina Methodist conference, which concluded its session in Greenville on Sunday evening.

Mr. Edwards has been pastor of the local church for five years. There were six men who had been pastor of their churches for five years, and every one was changed.

The Rev. J. Bascom Hurley, who has been stationed at Roper for the last three years, was returned to his same work. The church folk in this section were anxious to secure the return of Mr. Edwards and Mr. Hurley to their respective charges in this county. Mr. Edwards goes to Parkton in Robeson County.

METERS REDUCE WATER WASTED

Pumps Now Required To Run Only 4 Hours Out of 24

Meters installed for water consumers here have curtailed the amount of water being used so that it takes only four hours out of the 24 to pump enough to supply the demand, it was learned here today from Moye W. Spruill, city clerk. Before the meters were put into use it took 24 hours of pumping daily for the tank to maintain enough water.

Before the meters were installed, it was hard to keep enough pressure to fight fires, but now there is as much as the law will allow. Also the minimum rate has been reduced from \$2 to \$1.75. The revenue is about the same as it was before the meters were authorized. It is now about \$500 per month.

Hold Funeral Friday for Three-Year-Old Girl

Funeral services were held Friday for little Miss Josephine Lillian Craddock, 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Milton Craddock, who died at the home of her parents Thursday. Burial took place in the Pleasant Grove cemetery. The Rev. Gilbert Davis officiated. Death was caused by pneumonia.

Local School Is Member Of Southern Association

The Plymouth High School has been admitted to membership in the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, it was learned here today from E. H. Hicks, superintendent of city schools. Students from the local institution will not have to take examinations for entrance into higher educational institutions with membership in this organization.

Hold Last Rites Saturday For Infant At Creswell

Creswell.—Last rites were held Saturday afternoon for an infant of Mr. and Mrs. Armistead Clifton. Poisoning caused her death in two hours after she was taken ill.

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Day will pass quietly here. Stores will close and a union service will be held at the Christian church at 10 o'clock on Thanksgiving Day. It will last for a short time. School will be suspended until Monday. There will be no public celebration. A proclamation has been issued for its observance by Mayor A. L. Owens.

Several County Men Attend Peanut Meet Tuesday Night

Reports on available storage facilities and estimates of the number of bags stored in the 11 counties comprising the chief peanut-growing area in North Carolina was made at a meeting of growers, bankers, time supply merchants, and manufacturers that was held in Rich Square Tuesday night with a number from Washington County present.

A dutch supper was served for a small sum per plate. Washington County has been assured of its quota to support this work, and it was reported to this effect at the meeting in Rich Square.

Expected to attend from this county were A. L. Alexander, chairman for the county; J. C. Swain, C. E. Mizelle, L. E. Hassell, H. G. Walker, W. R. Hampton, A. L. Owens, E. H. Liverman, E. Leigh Winslow, W. H. Clarke, and H. E. Beam.

Farm Agent R. E. Dunning expected to attend the meeting, as he has been very active in the work of the organization in this county. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, with N. G. Bartlett, secretary and manager of the commercial body, in charge.

Relief Body to Meet In Roper on Friday

SHERIFF'S SON



Here is one of the most popular youngsters in town, Joseph Kelly Reid, Jr., the two-year-old son of Sheriff and Mrs. J. K. Reid.

FIRST BAG PEANUTS

The first bag of peanuts to be offered to the Roanoke Beacon on the proposition that would give them 5 cents a pound for them is to be delivered this week by G. W. Ainsley, who lives in the Pleasant Grove community. The bag of nuts will pay Mr. Ainsley up for three years and in this way he will continue to get his home paper without having to pay out any cash money, besides being allowed a premium above the market price.

CRESWELL BODY TO ASSIST RELIEF WORK IS FORMED

Central Committee Headed By H. G. Walker Is in Charge of Work

Creswell.—A committee here is organizing for the work of the local unit of the Washington County Unemployment and Relief Association. They are preparing to meet in Roper Friday night, at which time they will report on their work and secure more information on the operation of the township unit.

The central committee of the township is composed of H. G. Walker, chairman of the finance committee; O. D. Hatfield, chairman of the food committee; and Norman Davenport, chairman of the clothing group. They were named to their committees in a mass meeting held here Friday night. T. J. Swain, county chairman, Z. V. Norman, J. W. Norman, and A. H. Stier and L. W. Gurkin made talks.

Rev. A. H. Marshall To Return to Church Here

The Rev. A. H. Marshall, rector of the Episcopal churches in Williamston Hamilton, Plymouth and Roper, and who now lives in Williamston, will return to Plymouth again to live in a short time. He will be rector of the Grace Episcopal church here and will also serve other parishes near here. The governing clergy of the diocese has redistricted this section of the state, and this is the cause of the return of Mr. Marshall, who moved from here a little more than two years ago.

TO HOLD 1-DAY CONVENTION OF DISCIPLES HERE

Prominent Church Workers To Attend Meet Here December 9

Features of the one-day convention of the Christian churches in this district which will be held here December 9, will include speeches by prominent church folks on the general theme of "Our Message of Jesus Christ" and will be followed by a banquet with representative men on the program, it was announced today by the Rev. W. Conley Greer, pastor of the local Christian church.

Three sessions will be held beginning at 10 o'clock with the second at 1:30, and the evening session at 6:30 with a banquet. The banquet program will include speakers who have first-hand information about the world wide service of the church. A stewardship service will be held also, at which time duties of these church officials will be explained.

This is the ninth annual series of these conventions to be held in the United States under the auspices of the United Christian Missionary Society. Speakers for the day will include Dr. E. I. Osgood, of Indianapolis, Ind.; Miss Bertha Clawson, a missionary; Mrs. H. H. Settle; C. C. Ware, and Rev. John Barclay, pastor of the Christian church at Wilson.

These meetings are held so that in a single day the laymen of the church can get a world-wide view of the Christian service that they are supporting. Preachers, laymen, missionaries, and leaders get together and talk over the work.

AMERICAN MUSIC TO BE FEATURE CLUB CONCERTS

New Theme for 4-H Radio Broadcasts Announced By County Agent

"Learning to Know America's Music" will be the 1931-32 theme for the musical section in the National 4-H club radio programs, announces the Extension Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, through the county farm agent, Mr. R. E. Dunning.

These programs are broadcast on the first Saturday of each month in the department's farm and home hour over a coast-to-coast NBC network. They include talks on phases of 4-H club work by two club members, a boy and a girl, and by adult club administrators, combined with a group of musical compositions played by the United States Marine Band and discussed by Ray Turner of the Extension Service.

The new musical series will go on the air beginning with the program for December 5, 1931, and ending with that of July 2, 1932. The numbers on the first program will be typical Indian music. Other topics in the series are America's Negro spirituals and songs, America's patriotic songs, America's hymns and religious songs, America's country dances, America's favorite songs, and America's favorite composers.

DRIVE TO LESSEN AUTO ACCIDENTS

County Authorities Asked To Assist in Enforcing Traffic Laws

Washington County authorities have been enlisted by the North Carolina Highway Commission in its campaign to lessen the increase of deaths that are due to automobile accidents annually. Careless drivers and users of defective equipment are being arrested.

A total of 777 persons lost their lives in the State last year on account of automobile accidents. Reckless driving, blinding headlights, imperfect steering apparatus, faulty brakes, and worn-out tires are being blamed for most of the fatalities.

Responsibility of the success of the campaign to decrease the accidents rests with the automobile drivers themselves and the highway patrol, according to officials.

Thanksgiving Services at Two Episcopal Churches

The following services were announced Tuesday by Rev. A. H. Marshall, rector, for the Episcopal churches here and at Roper for Thanksgiving Day:

Holy Communion and Thanksgiving Service at Grace Church, Plymouth, Thursday morning at 9 a. m.

Thanksgiving service at St. Luke's Church, Roper, Thursday night, at 7:30 o'clock.