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NUMBER CIVIL CASES TRIED IN SUPERIOR COURT

Many Bank Cases Cleared From Calendar in Last Few Days of Court

Below is a number of cases that were tried in the closing hours of the January term of Washington County Superior Court here last week, with Judge J. Paul Frizzelle, of Snow Hill, presiding. They were disposed of after The Beacon had gone to press.

Ida Boyd vs. W. W. Walker. Issues involved the division of property left by their father. Walker expended \$371.41 for taxes and insurance, making necessary improvements amounting to \$600. The place was ordered sold, with the sister to pay Walker \$431.41.

The following cases were brought by the United Commercial Bank, defendant institution:

Against L. P. Hornthal, for judgment; taken from record as the defendant was dead. It was found that Mrs. J. R. Knowles was owner of two shares instead of one, and the bank was awarded a judgment of \$200 and costs of action, to be paid by her.

The case against W. S. Fagan was dismissed, as the defendant paid the stock account of the suit. A judgment was awarded the bank for \$1,500 against Harry Stell and costs of the court. R. P. Walker paid his stock liability and the case was dismissed. G. W. Bowen paid stock liability and the case was dismissed.

In the following cases the Branch Banking and Trust Company was suing as receiver for the United Commercial Bank: W. W. Browning, stock liability paid, case dismissed; H. L. Davis, pleaded discharge in bankruptcy, case dismissed; P. B. Tomlinson, judgment for \$500 and costs of the action; G. H. Hale, failed to answer complaint, bank awarded judgment of \$300 and costs.

W. B. Cox, former cashier of the defunct United Commercial Bank, no answer to complaint, judgment awarded bank for \$1,200. Mattie R. Swain, administratrix of C. E. Swain, no answer to complaint, bank awarded judgment for \$100; Mary E. Bowen, executrix of G. L. Bowen, no answer to complaint; bank awarded judgment of \$200; Amelia L. Stillman, executrix of M. J. Stillman, no answer to complaint, bank awarded \$300 and costs.

J. H. Leggett, no answer to complaint, bank awarded judgment for \$200; Branch Banking and Trust Company, administrator of estate of Mrs. O. R. Leggett, no answer, bank awarded judgment of \$100.

In the case of J. J. Johnson, who was suing Mrs. Goldie Davis, the defendant was allowed to amend the action to bring in new parties.

SPORTS REVIEW

The Roper boys proved too strong for Creswell and downed them by a score of 25-12 Friday afternoon.

Roper exhibited an offense that was difficult to break up. The floor work of Morris Peacock, of Roper, was outstanding. Floyd Asby, Roper forward was high scorer with a total of 8 points. Rupert Ainsley was referee.

The Roper High School girls met defeat at the hands of the strong Creswell sextet Friday afternoon at Creswell. The score was 26-20. The game was fast and thrilling with both teams exhibiting good teamwork.

Creswell took the lead early and retained it throughout the game. Minnie Furlough caged 16 of Creswell's points, while Christine Spruill and Margaret Collins accounted for 10 and 8 points, respectively for Roper.

Referees: Ainsley and Tarkenton.

Roper Parent-Teacher Group Holds Meeting

Roper.—Carl L. Bailey, attorney for Washington County, and Walter H. Paramore, managing editor of the Roanoke Beacon, were the principal speakers at a meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association here Friday night. Mrs. J. B. Hurley presided over the occasion.

A duet was sung by Misses Florence Daily and Grace Windley with Miss Helen White accompanying on the piano. The Rev. J. Bascom Hurley led the devotionals. Miss Sally Taylor as secretary read the report. Attendance prizes were awarded to the eleventh grade and the first-B grade.

Program of Services By Methodist Pastor

Three sermons will be delivered Sunday by Dr. J. W. Harrell, pastor of the Plymouth circuit of the Methodist churches. The first will be at 11 o'clock in Jamesville; the second at 3 o'clock at Siloam; and the evening service at 7:30 in Plymouth. There will be no morning service in Plymouth.

VERY UNUSUAL

A man pleaded guilty here in recorder's court Tuesday, was found not guilty, and the plea was reversed.

John Hall, 31, colored, entered a plea of guilty to violating the prohibition law. Harold Smithwick, 22, colored, was an occupant of Hall's car in which officers found whisky. He also pleaded guilty. But in the hearing, and when they were apprehended, Hall claimed ownership of the whisky, so Smithwick's plea was changed to allow him immunity.

Hall proved good character, having never been in any trouble before and appealed to the court that he was selling the whisky to provide food. He was fined \$30 and costs and required to pay \$40 license on his car.

POLICE GUARD JUDGES' HOMES IN MARYLAND

Threats Caused by Conviction of Negro Slayer of Former County Man

An assassin's gun blazed four times about a year ago, blotting out the entire family of Green E. Davis, a Maryland farmer, who was once shot down on the streets of Plymouth as the result of mistaken identity—and today police are stationed at the home of three Baltimore county circuit judges following receipts of threats to bomb their residences.

The threat was received at the city hall in Baltimore, written crudely on the margin of a newspaper account of the conviction of Yuel Lee, negro, for the killing of the Davis family. And just 17 years ago a negro stationed himself at an important corner in Plymouth and fired a load from a shotgun at Davis, thinking it was another person. Davis recovered from this injury at a hospital.

During this same night a negro was killed in another part of Plymouth, and the would-be assassin of Davis was sent to the penitentiary for 20 years for the murder of the negro, never being punished for assaulting Davis, who was on his way to a plant here to work early in the morning.

Today, W. A. Ballard, negro, is pulling time for murdering the negro, after confessing to attacking Davis but denying the murder.

During his stay in a Norfolk hospital, Davis became acquainted with a nurse who later became his wife. To this union were born two children.

The family moved to Maryland, where Davis became a well known and respected farmer. Friends here who had seen him brought back glowing reports of the happiness of the man who found his wife in a hospital.

Then a negro entered their Maryland home one night almost a year ago and snuffed out the lives of the four Davises, when the culprit thought he was going to be caught at robbery.

Back in 1915 the negro Ballard went to the state prison from here, while two of his companions were liberated. He was held for the January term of Washington county superior court in 1915. He entered a plea of guilty to second degree murder, the docket showed, but the warrants could not be located in the clerk's office here.

Master of Local Lodge Returns From Charlotte

Charlie Robbins, master of Perseverance Lodge, No. 59, of the Masonic order here, returned last week-end from Charlotte, where he attended the meeting of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. The fraternal organization was in session for three days. The next will be held in Asheville in January, 1933.

Mrs. Robbins accompanied her husband as far as Raleigh, where she visited Miss Neide Ayers, a relative. Bill Waters accompanied Mr. Robbins as far as Durham, where he entered the Duke Hospital for treatment. He returned with them.

Two Students from County On Honor Roll at College

Wake Forest, January 28.—The names of two Washington county men are listed on the honor roll of Wake Forest College released today by Registrar Grady Patterson. They are William Darden, of Plymouth, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Darden, and E. Y. Brickhouse, of Creswell, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Brickhouse.

SECOND BENEFIT MOVIE WILL BE SHOWN SUNDAY

Eddie Quillen in "The Big Shot" Is Feature; Large Crowds Expected

A deserted auto camp in the desert provides the major scene for the latest Eddie Quillen comedy, "The Big Shot," which will be presented at the State Theatre here Sunday afternoon, beginning at 1:15, for the benefit of the Washington County Unemployment and Relief Association.

Although it is a comedy, the place isn't so funny for the hero when he buys it with money borrowed from his prospective mother-in-law and finds he has been framed by the villain, who covets the heart and hand of the heroine.

The thing is packed with laughs, which go not only to Eddie, but to Roscoe Ates, who plays a stuttering barber; to Otis Harlan, a village doctor; and to Arthur Stone, who was considered to have almost purloined the picture with his impersonation of the Old Timer, a desert rat, who inhabits the camp, and whose specialty is the frozen trout.

Incidentally, the picture has one intensely dramatic episode, one that made the pre-view audience gasp and clutch the seats, when the heroine's car hurtles into quicksand and begins slowly to sink, with the girl, injured at the wheel, powerless to move.

Advertising matter for the show is being broadcast this week in preparation for the event. Newspaper ads, as well as circulars and placards, are being scattered in near-by towns. In addition to the Washington County people this Sunday, there is expected to be a much larger crowd to attend the three shows.

The first show, held Sunday a week ago, only netted \$11.15 for the welfare organization but this Sunday it is expected that the crowd will be twice as large with people coming in from out of the county.

SUIT TRIED BY MAGISTRATE

O. H. Lyon Expected To Appeal From Decision Rendered Monday

O. H. Lyon is expected to note an appeal in a case tried here Monday morning in which he was suing S. A. Ward for \$100 that was paid on an insurance policy which Mr. Lyon decided not to take. Magistrate J. W. Darden held with Mr. Ward that he did not owe Mr. Lyon the \$100.

Evidence tended to show that the \$100 check was given to Mr. Ward as part payment on the insurance premium. Later another check for some \$800 was given to Mr. Ward, with the larger check not being cashed. Then Mr. Lyon decided not to take the policy and wanted Mr. Ward to give him his \$100 back.

This Mr. Ward never did, as he claimed that the first \$100 was given him in almost the form of an option and that he secured the policy and delivered it to Mr. Lyon, who decided not to take it. Written evidence signed by Mr. Lyon was introduced by Ward.

Head of Purina Mills Says Farmers To Come Back

There was a stirring note of optimism for the American farmer in the words of William H. Danforth today as he assumed the chairmanship of the board of directors of the Purina Mills, after 38 years as its president, it was learned here today from B. G. Campbell, local dealer.

Mr. Danforth will be succeeded as president by his son, Donald Danforth.

"The American farmer is going through lean years," Chairman Danforth said today, "but confidence in the farmer is unshaken. Wheat, cotton, corn, beef, pork, milk, eggs and all the other farm products, though at a low price today, are the things that make life and make business. They are now coming back to their true value."

Young Peoples Program At Methodist Church

Mrs. Earl Brain, director of the young people's division of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist church; and the Rev. H. B. Baum, of Poplar Branch, secretary of the Elizabeth City District, will be the principal speakers at the meeting that will be held here in the Methodist church tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

The meeting will be featured with a young people's program, but the older people are urged to attend also. People from Jamesville, Roper, Columbia, Creswell, and other near-by points are expected to attend.

EVENING CLASS FOR FARMERS TO BEGIN MONDAY

Major Course Will Be Culture of Tomatoes at Roper School

Roper.—Evening classes for adult farmers will be held in the agricultural classroom of the Roper High School each Monday night during the months of February and March. The meeting will start at 7:30 o'clock and will last for one hour. The farmers of the community are invited and urged to attend these meetings regularly.

The major course will be tomato culture. This course will cover completely the growing of tomatoes. Some of the essential topics to be discussed will be the construction of hotbeds for tomatoes, selecting land for tomatoes; study of seed beds; getting early healthy plants; fertilizing tomatoes; transplanting cultivation; and harvesting of tomatoes.

A course will also be offered in swine production. The most important points in swine production will be covered, with special emphasis on swine sanitation and the proper feeding of balanced rations.

B. G. O'Brien, head of the department of vocational agriculture in the Roper High School will be in charge.

SAYS HOMES CAN BE EXEMPTED FROM TAX SALES

D. P. Dellinger, Candidate For Lieutenant Governor, States His Views

"Homes in Washington County, as elsewhere in North Carolina can be exempted from sale for taxes. The first pre-requisite is for the people to demand it, and next to select members and officers of the legislature who will represent the people and heed their demands," wrote David P. Dellinger, of Cherrystone, candidate for lieutenant governor of North Carolina, to the Beacon.

"There need be no alarm about a material loss in revenue. The time is not far distant when tax on land will be entirely removed and in time all tangible property exempted. It may not be done now, but further reductions will be made from time to time and soon all will be done."

"If nothing more could be done now, it would be a great relief for the State to prohibit the sale of any home as long as the owner has any other property whatsoever."

Dellinger introduced the first State-wide compulsory attendance school bill in the legislature on the fourth day of the 1913 session. It was enacted into law, thus settling the child labor problem of that time. He has had a score of years actual experience in the legislature, where he represented Gaston County. He has served with more than 700 senators and representatives.

The position as lieutenant governor would make him head of the senate branch of the legislative body of the State. He often served as speaker pro tempore of the House of Representatives. He attended the Gaston County schools and Rutherford College and the University of North Carolina; is an active mason, and Baptist church worker.

Funeral Services For Carl McNair Sunday

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in a drizzling rain for Carl McNair, 40 years of age, who died Friday at noon following an illness of a week's duration. The Rev. Richard Lucas, pastor of the local Baptist church, officiated. Burial took place in the Windley cemetery.

A large crowd attended. A large floral offering was contributed by friends. Surviving is a widow and two children, Harry, 17, and Ruby, 10. Active pall-bearers were Al Latham, Walter Moore, Cecil Craft, Jack Weede and R. L. Tetterton.

Burke County Progresses In Improvement of Cattle

Remarkable strides have been made in Burke County during the past five years in the improvement of dairy cattle and their management, says F. R. Farnham, dairy extension specialist.

Lincoln Farmers Sell 31 Pounds Poultry Minute

Lincoln County farmers sold 31 pounds of poultry a minute from 8 o'clock in the morning until 5 o'clock in the afternoon at a cooperative sale held recently, when \$2,380.05 was realized by those selling.

Two More Organizations For Marketing Tomatoes Formed

FARMERS GROUP PLANS TO SIGN ABOUT 200 ACRES

Will Handle Only Green Tomatoes; Contracts Next Week

A fourth organization, known as the Growers Produce Company, with W. T. Freeman in charge, has been formed by farmers to market tomatoes from Washington County this season, it was announced here today. They will endeavor to get signed up only 200 acres. Seeds and contracts will be ready next week. They will handle only green tomatoes.

The only requirement of the grower is that he ship through this organization if he signs a contract. Farmers will wrap and grade them at home. Then they are to deliver them to the nearest car, whether in Roper, Creswell, Mackeys, or Plymouth. The customers will be notified daily about the market.

Boxes, papers, and nails will be furnished, along with the seed, which will sell for -1 a quarter of a pound. From the first sales will be deducted the price of the boxes, and nails and other expense, thence the checks will be sent direct to the grower.

UNDER THE BEACON LIGHT

A customer asked a delivery boy of a merchant here if there was any beef at the store. The boy replied in the negative. Later the boy returned to the customer, stating that his boss wished him to go for the beef that he desired and which the merchant failed to have in stock. The customer handed the boy the money.

Soon he returned with the beef purchased from another store. The customer offered to pay him for his trouble in the form of a tip. The delivery boy declined with these words, "No; I thank you; but that is what my boss pays me for, is to serve his customers."

Two boys under three years of age have the custom of riding a tricycle about the streets here together. The oldest pedals while sitting on the seat, while the younger rides on the back axle, holding to the seat with his hands.

"Now you must let little brother ride behind," he was told, referring to their usual method of riding. "How can I let little brother ride behind on my tricycle. I ain't got no rumber seat," replied the older.

FATHER AND SON BANQUET FRIDAY

Will Be Held in Creswell By Young Tar Heel Farmers Club

Creswell.—The Young Tar Heel Farmers Club of Creswell, composed of members of the agriculture class, is planning to give their annual banquet Friday night of this week in the school building.

The affair is to be in the form of a father and son get-together meeting, special guests being fathers of the boys in the class, members of the Creswell school board, J. T. Swain, of Plymouth, O. R. Armstrong, Principal C. H. Aderholdt, R. L. Litchfield, Coach Farabee, and County Superintendent J. W. Norman.

The food is to be prepared by members of the Parent-Teacher Association of Creswell, while the members of the club are providing the finances. An enjoyable event is anticipated, both by the boys and by the invited guests.

Masonic Sermon To Be Preached by Rev. Lucas

The Rev. R. H. Lucas will preach a Masonic sermon to the members of Perseverance Lodge, No. 59, on the second Sunday night in February, it was announced today by Master C. T. Robbins. All masons are urged to attend.

Number Attend Outlook Meeting in Plymouth

Skinnerville.—The following from this section attended the outlook meeting held in the Plymouth High School auditorium last week: Mesdames M. J. Elliott, S. A. Holton, Henrietta Swain, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Everett and Corbett Swain.

TO PREACH HERE

Myers Harrison, returned missionary from Burma, will preach in the Washington Street Baptist church on Sunday morning, January 31st, at 11 o'clock, it was announced yesterday. The public is cordially invited to attend the service.

POSSIBILITY OF TOWN SECURING NEW ENTERPRISE

Inquiry as to Vacant Buildings Received From Cardwell

Possibility of another enterprise for Plymouth looms on the industrial horizon with the revelation here of a letter from Guy A. Cardwell, of Wilmington, agent of the industrial and agricultural department of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, seeking information for a prospect.

No mention was made of the business of the party seeking the information, but it was revealed that Mr. Cardwell was in contact with an operator who desired information on "vacant buildings in reasonably good condition that could be made available."

This building should be so constructed so that it could serve large and small operators. The size and condition and the nature of construction and if it were serviced by a railroad, were some specific information that was desired.

The letter came to J. B. Edmondson, local agent of the line, and was turned over to C. L. Groves, vice president of the chamber of commerce, for reply. Owners of the buildings will probably aid Mr. Groves or the members of the commercial organization looking after the matter in locating the building and answering the letter.

Upon receipt of this information, Mr. Cardwell will get in touch with his party and aid him to "produce results in the way of directing industrial prospects to this location." The parties in touch with Mr. Cardwell are believed to be reliable.

In the meantime other letters are possibly being received by towns in this section who will bid for the industry on the merits of their locations or other attractions. Plymouth apparently stands a good chance to do something if the prospect is really interested in locating.

OUTLOOK MEET HELD THURSDAY

Splendid Talks Are Made By Miss Smith and Mr. Ferguson

Miss Pauline Smith and Mr. B. Troy Ferguson, State Specialist, from Raleigh, held a county outlook meeting here last Thursday in the high school auditorium.

Both of these specialists made splendid talks to more than half a hundred people from practically every section of the county on the outlook in general for farm crops for this year. Every person present came away fully satisfied as to just what might be expected from the depression and each person was led to see just what he might do in order to bring about normal living conditions.

Immediately after the meeting adjourned Miss Smith called the women together and spent a few minutes showing them some lovely articles that can be made at home at little cost.

Fred Bateman Breaks Arm in Skinnerville

Skinnerville.—Fred Bateman sustained a broken arm last week. Dr. T. L. Bray rendered him medical attention and then rushed him to a Washington hospital. Accompanying the child was his brother, Louis Bateman.

Mule Killed by Truck In Skinnerville Section

Skinnerville.—A truck allegedly to have been driven by Howard Leary, of Columbia, collided with a mule on the highway near here last week, instantly killing the animal. The mule was the property of S. A. Holton. The animal had been grazing in a near-by pasture but jumped the fence and came into the road.

L. W. GURKIN TO BE AGENT FOR MT. OLIVE FIRM

Will Pack and Ship Green Tomatoes From Here; Contract Details

Contracts for the third organization of tomato growers in Washington county will be ready for distribution soon for securing the growing of between 250 and 500 acres of the vegetables, it was learned today from L. W. Gurkin, who will possibly represent the new organization in Plymouth.

The sales agent for this group will be Andrews and Knowles Produce Company, Inc., of Mount Olive. H. D. Andrews, secretary and treasurer of the Mount Olive firm, was here conferring with growers in the court-house Tuesday evening. A local man will be appointed as bookkeeper here and will do the settling with growers, using the Branch Banking and Trust Company as the principal banking institution.

The sales agent will superintend the grading, packing, and advance the cost of this with the packages used in shipping. The field crates will be furnished by the grower. A reserve fund of about 5 cents a package will be kept until the end of the season so that any losses can be paid for. The growers will have to notify the sales agent the number of packages they want by June 1.

The cost of grading, packing, inspection and any other expense will be deducted from the sales returns to be paid back to the sales agent. A Federal inspector will be here to do the work and it will not cost more than \$5 a car for his services. Seven per cent of the proceeds will be allowed the sales agent for services in marketing, with them paying all expense of keeping up with the market trend.

The growers must agree to deliver all of their United States No. 1 tomatoes to the firm's offices here in Plymouth. They must be in sound, merchantable condition. They will be packed in crates or lugs at the sales agent's option. A local man will run the packing house, with a couple of experienced wrappers to aid him with the work of supervision.

Shipping will stop, when the sales agents, in their opinions, find that it is no longer profitable to market the tomatoes. A committee of three appointed by the growers will supervise all the work, with the records open to them at any time. It will cost about 25 cents a crate for packing them; which includes wrapping. Seeds will be retailed to the growers at cost in a few days.

The market will open about June 20 and close by the first of August. L. W. Gurkin will have the contracts when they are printed. Then a canvass will be made for growers to sign.

RECORDER TRIES SEVERAL CASES

Two Appeals Noted From Judgments of Judge Owens

A bond of \$250 was posted by J. Bruce Bateman in recorder's court here Tuesday, when he noted an appeal from a sentence requiring him to pay \$125 balance on 1930 rent to C. W. Cole, of Wise, as the result of an arraignment before Recorder Owens on a charge of disposing of crops.

J. C. Gatlin, of Creswell, 44, also appealed from a fine of \$5 and costs imposed upon him for assaulting J. B. Hathaway. His bond of \$45 was also posted.

Buster Johnson, 23, colored, was given six months on the roads or fined \$75 and costs for an assault with a deadly weapon. Joe Hathaway, 51, white farmer, was assessed with the costs for not having the proper license plates on his automobile.

An assault with a deadly weapon case against Joe Burnette, 23, colored, was dismissed. And the same was the case in the trial of Luther Swain, 47, white.

Pretty Hooked Rug Is Shown at Outlook Meet

Roper.—What was said to have been one of the prettiest rugs ever on exhibit in Washington County was shown at the outlook meeting held in the local school Thursday. It was made by the mother of Mrs. L. E. Hassell and was hand-hooked.

Miss Pauline Smith, district agent of home workers, declared it was the best ever shown in this district during her tenure of office. The rug was made from wool.