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REGULAR MEET COUNTY BOARD IS HELD MONDAY

Branch Banking & Trust Company Made County Depository

The Plymouth unit of the Branch Banking and Trust Company was again named depository of Washington County by the commissioners in session here Monday. Treasurer Edward S. Blount was instructed to deposit in the local bank all funds turned over to him by Sheriff Reid, who makes settlements with Mr. Blount.

This demonstrated the confidence that the local county government officials have in the Branch Banking & Trust Company, which has a native of Washington County as its executive officer. And shows the esteem that the local employees have won by courteous, accurate, and prompt service to the county. Herbert Bateman, of Wilson, is president of the Branch Banking and Trust Company.

The commissioners decided that it would be good business judgment to pay to Cheek Douglas, negro, \$5 in settlement with him for injuries sustained while serving a sentence in the local road prison camp. The man has suffered further trouble from this injury in the employ of another person.

Henry W. Bowen, of Scuppernon Township, an employee of John Phelps won his appeal to the commissioners in correcting an error. His tax listing called for his ownership of two dogs, while he claimed that he listed but one. This was classified as an error, and the tax of \$2 taken off.

It was also decided to allow W. T. Phelps \$25 for casket for Mrs. A. B. Ambrose, who was a county charge. Supplies of \$5 a month will be allowed for February and March to Jack Blount and wife, of Lees Mills Township. The same amount will be allowed to the wife of Winton Oliver for her expenses during this period while her husband serves a sentence of not more than two years on the roads for manslaughter. A resolution was passed relieving Sheriff J. K. Reid of all taxes up until the 1931 taxes, as result of auditor's report.

PLANS FOR PLAY GOING FORWARD

"Because He Loved Her" To Be Presented By Fire Department

"Because He Loved Her," is the title of the play written by Howard Vail, local author, that will be presented to the public by the Plymouth Fire Department some time within the next few weeks.

Those in the cast include Lawrence Jones, Frank Spruill, J. T. McNair, Wilmer Chesson, J. F. Ausbon, Miller Warren, and Howard Vail. Three women will be used also in the performance. Their names could not be secured.

Attorney Van B. Martin, jr., has been received as a member in the firefighters' organization, while a vote is to be taken at the next meeting on the application of Bosie Horton.

National Meat Story Contest Announced

Announcement of the ninth annual National Meat Story contest for high school girls, offering university scholarships as major awards, has just been made to teachers of home economics in high schools of this county and throughout the country.

This event is sponsored by the National Live Stock and Meat Board of Chicago with the cooperation of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and a number of agricultural colleges. It will close March 15. Teachers in 694 schools entered their classes in the contest last year, an increase of more than 200 schools over the previous year.

The essays may be on any subject from live-stock production to the cooking and serving of meat.

Billiard Parlor Moved Opposite Post Office

Removal of the billiard parlor operated by Bosie Horton from its old quarters on Water Street to Washington Street opposite the post office took place this week. In addition to the pool tables, Mr. Horton will operate a food stand, sell cold drinks, tobacco and shine shoes in the new quarters.

Miss Erma Holton Ill In Raleigh Hospital

Scuppernon.—News has been received here that Miss Erma Holton is very ill in a hospital in Raleigh. She is suffering from bronchial pneumonia. Word was received here by Mr. and Mrs. E. Pritchett, grand-parents of the young lady. Hope for her recovery is not so bright.

Father-Son Supper At Creswell Friday

BENEFIT SHOW RECEIPTS OFF

Last Sunday's Show Yields Only \$1.55 To Relief Organization

Receipts for the Sunday show here for the benefit of the Washington County Unemployment and Relief Association fell far below those of the first Sunday performance, it was learned here today from A. H. Stier, president of the organization.

There were \$39 worth of tickets sold while the expense of the affair amounted to \$37.50, leaving a profit of \$1.55. The finance committee of the organization and the Gordon Brothers are undecided whether to run another show or not.

STUDY MISSIONS AT CHURCH HERE

New Course of Study Will Be Started at Methodist Church Sunday

Mission study classes will be arranged at the Methodist church Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. The new mission study book, "Methodism and World Needs" will be used. Complying with a suggestion of the general board of the Methodist church, this book will be taught at the regular Sunday school class period. China will be the subject for discussion this Sunday.

The adult class for men will be taught by Zeb Vance Norman and the class for women by Mrs. J. W. Harrell. Everybody is urged to attend. The pastor, Dr. J. W. Harrell, will preach at 11 o'clock in the morning and 7:30 in the evening.

ACTION OF JAPAN RENEWS TALK OF WAR IN FAR EAST

United States Battleships and Men Are Ordered To Shanghai

With Japanese warships firing on principal cities in China and other aggressive activities increasing hourly, the threat of war in the far east is spreading rapidly. Big powers are rushing battleships and men to the scene to protect their subjects. The entire Asiatic fleet, according to reports, has been ordered from Manila to Shanghai.

The United States, Britain, France and Italy appeared to have taken a firm stand in China to combat the war threat. The four Western powers renewed protests to the Tokyo government in more vigorous terms, demanding that Japanese respect the right of neutrals in Shanghai, the Japanese foreign office answering that Japan saw no need for a change in its policies, that Japan was determined to show China that she would stand for no nonsense.

With American, British and French reinforcements en route to Shanghai, a "showdown" is expected there later this week when the question of Japan's rights to use the international settlement as a base for operations against Chinese may be brought to a head.

Japanese marines held military control over the Hongkong district of the settlement and there were many reports of new violence. A Japanese destroyer fired on the buildings of an American-owned company at the mouth of the Yangtze. The central postoffice in the settlement was invaded by Japanese marines.

Officials of the American-owned Texaco Oil company protested to the American consul general that a Japanese destroyer, steaming down the Whangpo, had spattered machine gun bullets on their plant. An officer of the company said it was a lucky thing none of the bullets ignited oil storage tanks.

Dr. John Hawk, an official of the mission activities carried on by the American Methodist Episcopal church, south, declared that Japanese blue-jackets yesterday tore down an American flag flying from a school for Chinese boys operated by the mission in the Hongkew district.

Anse Swain Is Fined \$1 For Fight Here Monday

Anse Swain was fined \$1 by Magistrate J. W. Darden Monday for assaulting George Sexton, local barber. The boys grew angry while engaging in a friendly "tussle." Swain blacked the eye of Sexton.

WAS SPONSORED BY YOUNG TAR HEEL FARMERS

James W. Norman and T. J. Swain Principal Speakers

Creswell.—Seated around banquet tables that were cleverly arranged beneath a canopy of streamers in assorted colors that beamed brilliantly in a well-lighted class room, farm boys and their fathers with a number of guests heard speeches that extolled the benefits of the vocational agriculture department of the Creswell High School Friday night.

The principal speakers were James W. Norman, superintendent of public instruction; T. J. Swain, chairman of the board of education and Walter H. Paramore, managing editor of The Roanoke Beacon. The educators spoke on the school work while the newspaperman talked on the "Breaks of the Game of Life."

Hilton Craddock acted as toastmaster of the affair. Bill Woodley, president of the Creswell chapter of the Young Tar Heel Farmers, made the welcome address. Bill Smith accompanied on a tenor banjo, while Bill Woodley danced. The Rev. William Winstead pronounced the invocation. C. H. Rabon, R. L. Litchfield, and Mr. Winstead sang a couple of songs. The radio furnished other music.

Members of the Creswell School Board present that made short talks were Milton Davenport, C. N. Davenport, jr., and E. F. Swain, with J. C. Gatlin and Paul Belanga absent. Principal C. H. Aderholdt also made a short talk describing the present time not as "hard times" but a "testing time." Fathers making talks included A. W. Davenport and Stuart Davenport.

Present among the members of the board of education of the county besides T. J. Swain, chairman, who did the talking, was H. H. Bateman and L. E. Hassell. O. R. Armstrong, a member, represented the board of county commissioners. C. H. Rabon is instructor in vocational agriculture at the Creswell school.

2,577,119 PIECES MAILED IN 1931

Extension Service Mailings Reach New High Mark Last Year

During the year ending December 31, 1931, the mailings to farmers, teachers and field extension workers totaled 2,577,119 pieces from the division of publications of the Extension Service and Experiment Station at State College. This is a new high mark over the 1930 record, and shows an increase of 34,764 pieces, it was learned today through Farm Agent R. E. Dunning.

The publications division maintains only a few mailing lists, but announces the publications as issued and fills all requests for them as soon as received. In this way waste is eliminated and only those thinking enough of the publication to write for it get a copy. The records show that for the fiscal year ending June 30, the division published 25 extension circulars, five extension folders and nine different pamphlets for the extension division alone. A number of technical and general bulletins were also published for the experiment station. The total number of publications printed amounted to 418,400 copies.

Agricultural Meeting At Creswell Tonight

Creswell.—There will be a meeting in the agricultural class room Friday evening, February 5, at 7 o'clock, to discuss "Lepidoptera, and prices and pastures for swine." Every one interested is urged to attend. C. H. Rabon, head of the department of vocational agriculture in the Creswell High School, will be in charge.

New Home Agent Will Be Appointed This Week

A home demonstration agent to succeed Miss Pratt Covington is expected here this week, according to George W. Hardison, chairman of the board of county commissioners. Three young women are being considered. A choice will be made this week. Miss Pauline Smith, district home agent, is expected to send one by the week-end.

Bible Study Class Meets At Rehoboth Wednesday

Skinner'sville.—The Bible Study class meets at Rehoboth Church every Wednesday night with the Rev. Mr. Russus in charge. Modes of baptism are the chief thoughts that have the attention of the class now. During the series he has discussed the five books of the Pentateuch written by Moses. Every one interested is urged to attend.

Cartoon Recalls Vener Mill Fire 25 Years Ago

"Also there was a \$250,000 fire in a veneer mill in Plymouth." This sentence was taken from the short sketches of "It Can Never Happen Again" department in the News and Observer conducted by Reynolds, a staff artist. It recalled this incident that took place here on February 6, 1907, just 25 years ago.

LARGE CROWD AT DISTRICT MEET IN ZION CHAPEL

Held Last Saturday and Sunday; Dinner Served On Grounds

Roper.—A sermon on "How to Apply Christianity," by W. A. Davis, of Washington, Sunday, brought to a close the first meeting of the year of the Roanoke District Convention of the Church of Christ that was held with the Zion Chapel Church near here last week end.

Despite bad weather a large crowd attended the business session Saturday and remained over for the Sunday devotional services. In the two days there were four different sessions that were called to hear speeches on various phases of church work, including missions, church schools, and ladies' organizations.

J. F. Latham, of Bath, as president, called the convention to order a little after 10 o'clock Saturday morning. W. A. Davis made the welcome address, with the Rev. Roy L. Respass, of Columbia, responding. Then Mr. Latham briefly presented an outline of the year's work. A sermon on the "World Need of Christianity," by D. W. Arnold, of Washington, was delivered at 11 o'clock.

Dinner was served to the visiting people on the grounds and in the church. There were 56 churches in a number of surrounding counties that sent their delegates to the conference. J. M. Perry, of Robersonville, discussed district missions, while W. C. Manning, of Williamston, spoke on the State mission cause.

Following a devotional service led on Saturday night by Wilbur Bennett, L. B. Scarborough delivered a sermon on "How to Promote Christianity." J. F. Latham, W. A. Davis and W. O. Ellis were on the committee that arranged the program.

A speech by W. O. Ellis, of Washington, on "Bible Schools" and an address by Roy L. Respass on district evangelism featured the Sunday morning session. It has not been learned yet where the next meeting will be held that is scheduled for the next fifth Sunday.

Charles Farrell and Janet Gaynor at State Theatre

Here's another smash from the one team in the picture business that always make good pictures—Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell in "Delicious" at the State Theatre Monday and Tuesday.

Romance is the first asset; comedy is the second; songs, the third; and in the wake of these comes spectacle, novelty, action, suspense, and glamour. With this team is El Brendel.

Miss Gaynor is a little Scotch waif and Charlie a millionaire playboy. They co-star in a peach of a romantic story with music.—WHP.

Marriage Licenses Issued in January

Marriage licenses issued in Washington County during the month of January to white people follow: Raymond E. Jackson, of Plymouth, to Sarah N. Ramey, of Williamston; H. G. Chesson, Westover, and Sadie Sitterson, of Westover; Van Williams, Rocky Mount, to Miss Lucy Mae Davenport, of Columbia; McDermel Simpson to Myrtle Virginia Spruill, both of Roper; George W. Sitterson, Plymouth, to Lenora Bateman, of Plymouth.

1,190 Bales of Cotton Are Ginned Here to January 16

Cotton ginned prior to January 16 of the crops of 1930 and 1931 in Washington County was given at 1,190 running bales by the United States Department of Commerce through the Bureau of Census. This is only a preliminary report, however.

Alice W. Starr Nominated Postmistress at Creswell

The name of Alice W. Starr has been sent to the United States Senate as a nominee for the position of postmistress of Creswell. No report had been received in Washington County when the Beacon went to press.

100 Town Automobile License Tags Are Sold

A hundred town automobile tags have been sold so far, and efforts are being made to sell the remaining 90 plates by the middle of this month. Sales this year compare favorably with the same period during the last year. Chief of Police Brown thinks that all the cars will have plates before this month is out.

Many Union county farmers are planning to sow their poor land to common lespedeza this spring and let it remain in sod for two or three years rather than plant it to cotton at present prices, says T. J. W. Broom, farm agent.

Carl Bailey Announces His Candidacy For State Senate

REPORT MADE BY RELIEF WORKERS OF WORK DONE

Appreciation Expressed by Mr. and Mrs. Brewer For Cooperation

Appreciation is manifested to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brewer to the people of Washington County whose gifts made it possible to continue a very successful period of welfare work under the auspices of the Washington County Unemployment and Relief Association from December 15 to February 1.

Here is a synopsis of their report: 121 families given groceries; 73 pairs of shoes distributed; 646 garments, 33 new girls' hats, 274 toys were presented to the needy; nine medical treatments were rendered; 19 visitations and prayers made with the sick and shut-ins; 4 services at the convict camp; 4 prayer services at the county home; 4 prayer services at homes of friends.

There were also two special meetings held at the Piney Grove church. The Rev. Mr. Payne Brown, of Edenton, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, and Rev. W. Conley Grier, of Plymouth, were speakers at these meetings that drew good crowds.

Under-nourished school children were served 115 lunches during the period. Every Tuesday and Thursday are the lunch days. They are served in the basement of the courthouse on account of limited space in the local school building. Thirty-four children usually are at each meal. Vegetable soup and sandwiches, chicken soup with rice and chicken salad are served.

Mr. and Mrs. Brewer wish to thank the many friends who have contributed to their cause in supplying the needy with comfort and food. Mr. A. H. Stier, president of the county organization, also appreciates the efforts of the workers as well as the donors.

Ground Hog Indicates Early Spring This Year

An early spring with a concluding mild winter was forecast by tradition yesterday when the proverbial ground hog failed to see his shadow Tuesday. A gloomy overcast sky would not reflect on the animal, and so he decided to stay out of his hole.

This winter has been very mild so far, as there has not been a single general freeze. And to hasten the spring along Easter will be on March 27.

Club Members Get Letters From Miss Covington

Skinner'sville.—The Albemarle Club members have received farewell letters from Miss Pratt Covington, former home demonstration agent of Washington County, who was married to Charles H. McSwain, of Troy, last Sunday. Expressions of regret at losing her have been made by the members of the club.

No Recorder's Court Held Here This Week

So many of the lawyers attended Supreme Court this week that no recorder's court was held here. Recorder E. L. Owens, as well as the other court attaches, had a day of rest. A good full docket will face them next Tuesday.

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TRESTLE FIRE

Mackeys.—Fire, believed to have been caused by sparks flying from locomotive of south bound train number three late Saturday, burned five spans of the Norfolk Southern trestle across Albemarle Sound.

Trains were delayed five hours by the damaged spans while work was in progress. A drop in temperature impeded the work as an icy gale blew across the sound making the workmen uncomfortable.

LAST RITES HELD FOR MACK HAIR

Died Friday At Home in Mount Tabor Section; Funeral Saturday

Mt. Tabor.—Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at the home for Mack Hair, who died Friday at his home here following an illness of several weeks duration. The Rev. Mr. Russell, pastor of the Methodist Protestant Church at Creswell, officiated. Burial was in a cemetery adjoining the home place.

Mr. Hair was well known in this county where he has lived for 75 years. He was a staunch and consistent member of the Mount Tabor Free Will Baptist Church for a number of years. Surviving is a widow and seven children. He married Miss Naomi Bateman in January, 1878. His reputation for kindness extended to those who needed help and spread over this section before he succumbed.

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TO AWARD \$6,000 SCHOLARSHIPS

Open to Boys From This County; Provide 3 Years At Culver Academy

Announcement of a valuable scholarship open to Washington County and other North Carolina boys who are in the ninth grade or the first half of the tenth grade has been received by Principal E. H. Hicks, of the local school. It is one of four offered this year in Culver Military Academy in memory of the wife of its founder, Mrs. Emily Jane Culver.

The scholarship is equal in value to a Rhodes scholarship and is rated among the highest prizes offered in any secondary school. It is valued at \$6,000 and provides even uniforms and textbooks, as well as tuition, board and room for three years. The winner will be at no expense whatever during his attendance at Culver except for personal expenditures.

The scholarship will go to the winner of a state-wide competition, which will be conducted under the direction of a committee of North Carolina educators, of which Prof. Edgar Knight of the University of North Carolina is chairman. Prof. W. A. Brownell, of Duke University, and R. H. Latham, superintendent of schools of Winston-Salem, are the other members of the committee.

Preliminary examinations for this section will be held on March 19 in Edenton and Washington. Each candidate must stand this examination. Candidates who make the best records in the preliminaries will be selected to appear before the committee in person for final examination about May 15. Applications must be filed not later than March 1 with the scholarships secretary of the Academy in Culver, Ind.

Scientific methods of selection will be employed. The successful candidate must achieve, in tests devised by leading educators and psychologists, above-average ratings in personality, emotional control, life purpose, social adjustment, originality and leadership as well as in the qualities of mentality expected of a scholarship aspirant.

The general requirements are that applicants must be recommended by the principals of their schools as outstanding students worthy of the committee's consideration; that their parents be unable to pay their tuition in Culver, that they be between 14 and 16 years of age, and that they be at present in the ninth grade or not further advanced than the first half of the tenth grade.

Town Council Meeting Monday Is Called Off

There was no meeting of the city council Monday night, owing to the fact that not enough members were present for a quorum. There was no special business to be attended to, anyway. Mayor Owens and E. R. Jackson and Gilbert Davis were among those present.

Advertising of Century Ago

Advertising was considered a benefit to merchants more than a century ago, it is the opinion of W. E. Blount near Roper, who exhibits an advertisement on a small pasteboard card of a progressive firm that did business in Roper when Mrs. Pattie Johnston was a child, and she celebrated her 92nd birthday this week.

The card was found in an old Bible at the home of Tom Spruill, a tenant of Mr. Blount's, on his farm in Tyrrell County. Aaron Harrison was one of the partners in the old-time firm of Harrison-Barnum. This company owned

most of the land in Lees Mills Township in those days. Their large store was in the fork of the Roper road that led to Mill Pond.

The store was known as the Lees Mills Store. Its slogan was "Cheap as the Cheapest." They emphasized the fact that they sold for cash. The card was 1-1/2 inches by 3 inches. A few items were mentioned with the bottom line carrying the following message: better quality with variety of other goods in proportion.

Sugar sold at 16 pounds for \$1,

while today it is selling for less than five cents a pound. Four gallons of molasses and 10 pounds of coffee could be obtained for \$2. Coffee is much higher today. Nine yards of calico could be purchased for 50 cents. Sheetting sold for 16 yards for \$1. Ladies' morocco shoes could be bought at 50 cents a pair.

Mrs. Johnston has a good memory and began at once to recall incidents in her life that related to the old-time firm. The Bible in which the card was found was printed in 1816, and has been in the family of Mrs. W. E. Blount for more than a century.