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POWER COMPANY URGED TO OPEN LOCAL BRANCH

Petition Signed By Over 100 Citizens Being Circulated

A petition is being circulated here requesting the Virginia Electric and Power Company to open and operate an office, store, and service department in Plymouth. About 100 names have been affixed to the document.

Some of the reasons cited for this request show that the office of the company is too far removed from Plymouth as it takes time to get information from headquarters, and the book-keeping department is too far away for the collector to render adequate service.

Also it was pointed out that if a consumer should lose a statement of his account the bill would be placed in the hands of the delinquent collector before the consumer could learn the amount of the bill, as no records are kept here. This involves time and expense.

Service men are handicapped by lack of material in store room. Salesmen can not do their best, as they have no merchandise to show the customer. The power concern manufactures electric current and is agent for a number of electrical appliances.

"The consumers of electric current, purchasers and users of your electric appliances ask that you open and operate an office, store, and service department in Plymouth, so that we have the advantages promised us when we cast our ballot in your favor," asserted the petition.

It was pointed out that the petition was not "intended to cast any reflection on any one now working for the company, in or out of this community, for we believe that they are giving the best service possible under existing conditions."

Among the names on the petition are the following: E. D. Carstarphen, Maurice Poteat, J. W. Cooper, G. T. Watson, A. L. Alexander, E. L. Owens, G. W. Waters, E. R. Jackson, L. V. Landing, P. W. Brown, Mrs. J. M. Chesson, R. W. Johnston, S'erriff J. K. Reid, George W. Harrison, A. E. Brothers, W. L. Whitley, W. R. Hampton, J. H. Leggett, and J. L. Horton.

H. A. Liverman, Z. T. Sawyer, H. C. Jackson, A. S. Johnston, W. S. Nurney, A. L. Brinkley, E. H. Liverman, C. L. Bailey, H. W. Tarkenton, G. K. Harris, E. G. Harrison, W. H. Clark, Z. V. Norman, R. E. Dunning, J. L. Hayes, S. W. Beasley, W. C. Chesson, Harry Stell, A. R. Modlin, J. T. Terry, J. T. Weede, D. A. Hurley, J. W. Darden, J. T. McNair, W. W. Satterthwaite.

E. H. Hicks, B. G. Campbell, J. B. Edmondson, S. A. Allen, E. D. Kemp, J. O. Everett, R. L. Bateman, M. Lockamy, Abe Adler, T. A. Stubbs, T. J. Swain, C. T. Coffield, S. D. Davis, and others.

Two Roper Boys Will Try For Scholarship

Roper.—Two Roper High School boys will try for the scholarship offered by the Culver Military Academy in memory of the founder's wife, Mrs. Emily Jane Culver. They are Bill Davenport and Tom Davis.

This scholarship is valued at \$6,000 and provides uniforms, textbooks, tuition, board and room for three years. Preliminary examinations for this section will be held at Washington and Edenton March 19. Applications must be filed not later than March 1.

This is open to boys in the ninth or first half of the tenth grade. The successful candidate must achieve in tests of personality, emotional control, life purpose, social adjustment, originality and leadership, as well as in qualities of mentality.

Two Men Bound Over To Federal Court Here

Clyde Patrick and Joe Liverman, white men, were held for the Federal court in Washington, on a charge of having in their possession devices for the manufacture of whisky by United States Commissioner J. H. Leggett here last week. Bond was fixed at \$100 each.

They were apprehended in the Mackeys section last Friday by prohibition officers from Williamston, including C. S. Coates. Most of the evidence presented in the preliminary hearing was circumstantial.

Rev. R. H. Lucas To Preach To Masons

The Rev. R. H. Lucas, pastor of the local Baptist church, will preach a special masonic sermon in the Baptist church here Sunday evening at 7:30. All master masons are urged to attend. They are also requested to assemble at the lodge hall of Perseverance Lodge, No. 49, on Water Street, at 7 o'clock and will proceed to the church in a body.

Bertie Man Puts Unemployed To Work Cleaning Up Farm

(Bertie Ledger-Advance)

It is probable that cleared land may be bought under present conditions at lower cost than clearing up new ground already held in one's name. T. E. Alston, prominent farmer of near Windsor, thinks, but in order to give employment to those who need work and have no means of supporting themselves he has kept a number of men in his neighborhood busy during the past several weeks in clearing up new lands for him, paying them in provisions.

He believes this method might

be put to use by a number of other farmers to help relieve unemployment of farm labor in this section. If, instead of supporting the men who are without provisions or turning them, they are put to work doing odd jobs, cleaning ditches, clearing new ground, making other needed improvements on the farms and provisions exchanged for their labor surplus will be reduced, much needed work done, and the distress relieved, is Mr. Alston's idea. He believes giving honest employment to men willing to work is the best sort of charity.

Farmers With Feed, Stock, Not Worried

INCOME TAX MAN

Representatives of the United States Internal Revenue Department will be at the post office in Plymouth February 18, to assist taxpayers in filing Federal income tax returns. Blanks received by mail should be brought with the taxpayer. This announcement was made by Gillam Grissom, of Raleigh, collector of Internal Revenue for the United States Treasury Department.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS MEET

Improved Attendance and Better Teaching Plan To Be Discussed

Roper.—A meeting of the township officers of the Washington County Sunday school association will be held at the Methodist parsonage in Roper Sunday evening, February 14, at 3 o'clock. It was announced here today by J. Bascom Hurley, president of the organization.

Methods of improving attendance and promoting a better teaching plan will be discussed as well as other topics of kindred nature. All of the officers are urged by Mr. Hurley to be present to aid in preparing a program for this year's activity.

Township officers are: Lees Mills, R. C. Heynen, Wenona, president; Plymouth, Walter H. Paramore, Plymouth, president; Scuppernon, E. R. Davenport, Columbia, president; and O. D. Hatfield, Creswell, secretary; Skippersville, Mrs. Henry Norman, of Mackeys, president; and Ephraim Pritchett, Mackeys, secretary.

Several Cases Tried in County Court Tuesday

Leroy Biggs, 18, white, entered a plea of guilty of prostitution in recorder's court here Tuesday. He denied that he had forced an entrance into the home of Mrs. Martha Payton, but acknowledged that he committed prostitution with Murphy Ann Payton.

Prayer for judgment was continued in the case until February 16. It was brought out in court that the couple might marry before the next session of court.

The case against Dempsey Bond and Earl Simmons for violation of the traffic laws was continued. Four months on the roads was meted out to Henry Davis, 30, colored, for an assault with a deadly weapon. J. B. Hathaway was found not guilty of an assault.

Local Girl Represents Louisburg at Funeral

Louisburg.—Miss Elizabeth Tetterton, of Plymouth, daughter of Mrs. C. M. Tetterton, attended the funeral of Dr. C. C. Alexander as an official representative of Louisburg College. Along with Miss Tetterton were two other college students who comprised the official delegation.

Miss Tetterton has annexed many honors since being a student of Louisburg College, as she is house proctor, member of the student council, a member of the home economics club, manager of the book store, a member of the Sea Gift Literary Society and the Kappa Delta Phi Sorority.

Parents-Teachers To Meet At Creswell

Creswell.—The Creswell Parent-Teachers Association of the Creswell School will hold its monthly meeting Thursday night at 7:30 in the school auditorium. The program will be a celebration of the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of George Washington. All patrons are welcome.

HOG AND HOMINY PROGRAM DOING WELL AT WENONA

Experiments Recently Conducted Show Value of Such Programs

Wenona.—"It seems that in time of depression, such as we are now experiencing, the farmer with feed and livestock is not worrying much about how he will pull through the winter and operate another year in Washington County," Fred E. Miller, chief of the Test Farm Division of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, declared in an address recently about the Wenona Blackland Test Farm.

"The experiments with beef cattle, hogs, sheep, corn, soybeans, and pastures show that this program is without doubt the most profitable plan for the farmers to follow in the large blackland region of Eastern North Carolina. J. L. Rea, superintendent of the farm, is getting fine results from his hog and hominy program.

Pasture experiments show that red top and blue grass succeed best in the blackland; also that native reeds furnish good grazing during the period between May and January. During this eight months period, 20 native cows made an average gain of 67 pounds with no feed other than reeds.

"The hog feeding experiments show that a mixture of equal parts, by weight, of cotton seed meal, fish meal, and soy bean meal is the most profitable protein supplement to corn from the standpoint of both gains in weight and costs.

"In the fertilizer and lime tests with corn and soybeans in a two-year rotation, potash alone seems to be the best fertilizer for both crops on the blacklands, and finely ground limestone is slightly better than hydrated lime or marl, although the use of lime in any form in all cases has materially increased yields on this station," concluded Mr. Miller.

"Street Scene" At State Theatre Here Two Days

The woman across the street who keeps a love tryst. Her husband, like other husbands, is the last to find it out. The daughter, who knows and understands the hunger in her mother's heart. The inevitable tragedy.

These are the thunderbolts of heart throbs that strike into the soul of every one who sees "Street Scene," which will be presented at the State Theatre here Monday and Tuesday of next week with Sylvia Sidney, William Collier, jr., and Estelle Taylor.

So a neglected mother forgot her marriage vows as her selfish husband was driven mad by gossip. A daughter torn from the boy she loves. All this makes a good picture out of a street scene.

W. Linwood Hassell Is Candidate for Treasurer

W. Linwood Hassell announced his candidacy today for nomination for the office of treasurer of Washington County in the Democratic primary to be held in June. This is the first time that Mr. Hassell has run for office, although he has been interested in politics here for about 15 years.

Edward S. Blount, present treasurer will not run for the Democratic nomination to succeed himself. This is Mr. Blount's first term.

Fall Term Honor Roll At Roper High School

Roper.—Here is the honor roll for the Roper High School for the fall term of this session. This is based on scholarship, conduct, and extracurricular activities. The students are: Hazel Spruill and Ruth Bray, tenth grade; Elsie Chesson and Tom Davis, ninth grade.

STORES HERE TO CLOSE EARLIER SATURDAY NIGHT

Becomes Effective Saturday February 20; All Firms Agree To Plan

Thirty-five business houses in Plymouth will begin closing their places earlier on Saturday nights so that employees will not be in such a worn-out condition on Sunday brought about by working late hours. This early closing will become effective February 20.

Department, dry goods, grocery, confectionary, clothing, millinery, hardware, and furniture stores will close at 10 o'clock at night every Saturday. This group also includes meat markets, notions, or 5 and 10 cent stores. They will close an hour earlier than the rest.

The second group, including drug stores and barber shops, will close not later than 11 o'clock each Saturday night. It is understood that no customer or patron will be admitted into the business houses that signed this document after the hours named.

A minister here, the Rev. W. Conley Greer, pastor of the Christian church, circulated the document for the business men to sign. It was his opinion that more people would attend church and Sunday school if they did not have to work so late on Saturday night. Also it would be better for their physical condition.

Here are the names of those signing: Yellow Front Market, W. J. Winslow, J. W. Jackson, Southern Hardware Company, E. H. Liverman, Modern Barber Shop, Pender's Store, Campbell's Store, White and Bowen, Plymouth Hardware Company, J. C. Spruill, O. Henry Drug Co., G. D. Davis, W. C. Harrison, L. S. Thompson, and Sanitary Barber Shop.

Beauty Shoppe, A. L. Owens, Central Garage, Harry Chopic, Phillips-Wright Furniture Company, W. E. Weede, E. G. Arps, P. M. Arps, E. D. Carstarphen, H. C. Hooker, J. T. Terry, Fanny Hooker, L. J. Spear, J. D. Moore, S. D. Davis, Leon Sugar, R. A. Willford and Son, Abe Adler, and O. R. Leggett's Son.

COUNTY BOARD OF BERTIE URGES SPECIAL SESSION

Want Law To Permit Postponement of Tax Sales Until Next Fall

Windsor.—A resolution calling upon Governor Gardner to convene the General Assembly in special session to enact legislation to prevent the sale of homes and farms for taxes that can not be collected and can not be paid was unanimously adopted by the county commissioners in their regular monthly meeting here last week.

Motion for drafting the resolution and forwarding it to Governor Gardner was made by Commissioner J. T. Stokes, second by M. E. Evans and unanimously accepted. L. S. Mizelle, clerk to the board, was authorized to draft the resolution.

This resolution was followed by another motion, made also by Commissioner Stokes, that the schools of the county be suspended at the conclusion of the six months term unless sufficient taxes to pay the expenses of them had been collected. The motion was adopted with Commissioners Stokes, Parker, and Evans voting favorably. Chairman Lacy M. Early and Commissioner Phelps objected to the motion as being without the jurisdiction of the commissioners and assuming authority belonging to the board of education and the school districts, they declining to vote on the motion on that ground.

County Superintendent of Schools H. W. Early called the attention of the board to their lack of authority in the matter, and protested the board's action. He had appeared before the commissioners at their request to outline the school situation. He explained that the teachers had agreed to wait upon collection of taxes for their pay, stating that no obligations would be placed on the county other than the collection of taxes already levied by the school districts.

It was later announced by the superintendent of schools that the order of the county commissioners would be ignored by his department, in view of the fact that arrangements had already been made with teachers to continue operation of the full term.

PRECOCIOUS CALF

Scuppernon.—A heifer calf that gave milk at 11 months old is the property of John W. Spruill near here. The calf is still nursing its mother. The animal gives a little less than a quart of milk daily. Mr. Spruill noticed the enlarged udder and found upon examination that the calf was giving milk.

Fountain Outlines Some of Main Features of Platform

JOHN W. DARDEN CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY JUDGE

Will Oppose Incumbent, E. L. Owens; Martin To Run for Solicitor

John W. Darden threw his hat into the political arena today seeking the Democratic nomination in the June primary for judge of the Washington County Recorder's Court.

Mr. Darden has been a magistrate here for some time. His first public office was that of superintendent of public instruction here for 17 years. Also he represented this county in the North Carolina legislature in 1929.

Opposing Mr. Darden will be Attorney E. L. Owens, who has been holding this office during the last term.

Rumor had it at one time that Van B. Martin was going to enter the race for this office. This seems to have been rejected, since C. L. Bailey's announcement that he would run for the State senate, and it is thought that Mr. Martin will seek the office of prosecuting attorney for the local court.

POOR PROSPECT FOR GROWERS OF LOWLY PEANUTS

Outlook For Profit This Year Even Worse Than Year Ago

Though many peanut growers of North Carolina used little cash outlay in producing the crop of 1931, a bumper crop was produced because of the favorable season. It was stated in the crop outlook report last year that the prospect for prices was poor and such was the case. The outlook for profit this year is even worse than it was last year.

"In spite of little fertilizer being used and in spite of the small cash outlay with the peanut crop of 1931, ideal growing weather helped to produce a bumper crop," says R. H. Rogers, associate economist at the North Carolina State College. "The forecast made as to possible low prices proved correct, and low prices were offered at the beginning of the last harvesting season. Since then the price declined steadily, and in January of 1932 was the lowest experienced in 3 years.

Many growers would not pick and bag the peanuts after having them dug, and some who had not dug permitted the nuts to remain in the ground.

Farm finances are more stringent now than one year ago. Little fertilizer can be bought. There is a bumper crop now in the markets, and the carry-over will likely be large, Rogers says. Nor does he look for growing conditions to be as ideal this year as they were last year. Two good crops can hardly be made two years in succession without fertilizer. All of which points to a poor outlook for the crop this season, he advises.

He advises growers to use the nuts for producing peanut-fed hogs or to plant corn instead and feed out hogs for the regular packer market. It is unwise to think of substituting some other cash crop like cotton, tobacco, or Irish potatoes, for these are all faced with poor sailing through the stormy year of 1932.

Alleged Mad Dog Killed In Scuppernon Section

Scuppernon.—Reports here have it that a mad dog was at large here this week. The animal attacked Curtis Rogers, colored, who drove him away with a club. The dog also endeavored to bite Leon Davenport while he was walking with his wife. He succeeded in driving him away.

The last seen of the animal Sunday he was going toward Tyrrell County. Later in the week the animal was shot in the yard of L. W. Liverman by Mr. Davenport, who recognized the beast.

To Hold Series of Revivals This Summer

Skippersville.—Rev. H. M. Harris, of Beaufort, conferred with the Rev. W. H. Hollowell, pastor, and the members of the Oak Grove Baptist church relative to a series of revivals that are to be held in the county this summer.

The churches will be furnished a minister by the State executive board of the Baptist denomination so that these revivals can be held at the same time in order to make the campaign thorough and inclusive.

R. T. FOUNTAIN



Rocky Mount man, who is candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor of North Carolina.

MORE ACREAGE TO LESPEDEZA

Creswell Section Farmers Planning Enlarged Pastures

Creswell.—Lespedeza is one of the outstanding crops in the western part of this state, taking its place as a cash commodity, as well as for pastures and soil improvement. C. H. Rabon, head of the department of vocational agriculture in the Creswell High School, told the farmers here Friday night.

Farmers in this section are joining the campaign for more lespedeza pastures. Notably among these is S. C. Smithson, who is increasing his acreage from 12 last year to 18 this season. This is in addition to three acres of lespedeza sown for hay and seed.

There were a good number present who joined in the discussion of the price of seed, and it was decided that the group present would purchase 35 bushels of seed at Friday's meeting. Money will be saved by purchasing the seed cooperatively.

These meetings with farmers will be continued on each Friday night thru February and March. A meeting similar to this one was held one night this week in the Pea Ridge section in charge of Mr. Rabon.

Louise Brinkley Member Of Salem Honor Society

Miss Louise Brinkley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Brinkley, of Plymouth, was chosen by the Order of the Scorpion to become a member, it was learned here today from Salem College, in Winston-Salem, where the young lady is a student.

This organization chooses for its membership girls who are outstanding in leadership, scholarship, influence, personality, ability, attitude, and dependability. The purpose is to supplement other campus organizations. It was founded in 1926.

Two Roper Girls Have Fine Attendance Record

Roper.—There are two girls in the Roper High School that have not been absent or tardy for the last four years. They are attempting to complete the high school course without an interruption from absence. The two girls are Opal Chesson and Christine Spruill.

FARMERS TO GET LOANS THIS YEAR

Details of Allocation Not Yet Worked Out, But Fund Available

Although details of allocation and distribution have not been worked out by the Secretary of Agriculture at Washington, farmers of the South and West are assured of another fund this year from which they may borrow to make their 1932 crops. This much has been assured by the recent passage of a huge appropriation by Congress. Under its provisions, distribution of the money is left in the hands of the Secretary of Agriculture.

Farmers throughout the State have been writing their representatives in Congress seeking their aid in securing some of the available funds; but, according to official advices, applications for help should be addressed to the Secretary of Agriculture instead. The appropriation measure was enacted by Congress only a few days ago and all details of handling the loans have not yet been worked out.

SAYS MOST FAIR TAXES ARE THOSE PUT ON INCOMES

Says Tax Laws Should Be Revised and Made More Flexible

(Note: This is the first of a series of stories that will deal with the views and competency of candidates for offices that concern readers of The Beacon.)

Tax laws should be so revised and written with sufficient flexibility so that the supply of revenue for the government of North Carolina will respond to the gradual economic changes, according to a statement made by Richard T. Fountain, of Rocky Mount, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor of North Carolina, to a representative of The Beacon in an interview this week.

"The fairest tax, in my mind, is the income tax, for the reason that this would collect tax from persons, firms, and corporations, who are sufficiently fortunate to earn some substantial income above the proper and necessary exemption. A constitutional amendment limits income tax to six per cent. It may be necessary to submit this to the people again for a higher rate.

"I believe it is the duty of the State to support the burden of the six months' school term, and on account of the great shift of wealth from real estate to other classes of property, I believe it should be supported from sources other than an ad valorem tax upon real estate and other tangible property.

"I do not favor any kind of sales tax, but if one is necessary, I prefer the so-called luxury tax in the place of the gross sales tax bill. I believe and know that there are other sources of revenue in the state from which schools and other government expense can be supplied without an ad valorem tax.

"Land should be revalued now, as it has been in the past, and I favored this in the last legislature. Also public school teachers should receive fair remuneration commensurate with the importance and character of the service performed, having regard for their equipment and professional training. And it is important now that schools give more attention to vocational education.

"If I correctly interpret the sentiment of North Carolinians, they will never be willing to give up their local government where they are being served by local men and women elected at the ballot box and substitute therefor state government in local affairs served by appointive officers unknown to them. This is the goal of those in favor of the 'short ballot,' and efforts should be made to prohibit this.

"I do not believe that there can be any true revival in business until there is a change in the Washington administration so that tariff barriers can be removed, opening channels of trade to take the surplus of produce in one section to the needy and hungry in other parts. Labor can not be prosperous unless the employer is prosperous.

"Cost of government can and should be reduced without lowering its efficiency. Officers and departments with duties which can be performed by some other department with equal efficiency and with the same cost should be eliminated and abolished," concluded Mr. Fountain.

Mr. Fountain was born at Cedar Lane in the old Fountain home place in Edgecombe County in the year of 1885. He attended Edgecombe County schools, including the Tarboro Male Academy and also the University of North Carolina, from which law school he graduated in 1907. His business career began as a lawyer in Rocky Mount.

His first office was judge of the Rocky Mount municipal court. Next he represented Edgecombe County in the legislature for a number of terms, serving as speaker of the House for some time. He now holds the office of lieutenant governor, and is a member of the North Carolina Park Commission. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, Knights of Pythias, Junior Order of United American Mechanics, the Civitan Club, and the North Carolina Bar Association.

Mission Society to Observe "World Day of Prayer" 12th

Roper.—The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church here will observe "World Day of Prayer" Friday, February 12, at 2 o'clock. A good program has been prepared. Women of all denominations are urged to attend.