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LETTER URGES IDLE MONEY BE PUT BACK IN USE

State Chairman of Reconstruction Organization Writes Mayor Owens

Idle money in Washington County that is being hoarded by a few citizens should be put back into circulation as this section joins the national movement to establish confidence that will engender a new credit basis in this nation, thus taking a step toward normalcy, according to a letter received here today by Mayor A. L. Owens from J. Lathrop Morehead, of Durham, state chairman of the Citizen's Reconstruction Organization.

Securities as sound as the government itself are being offered to pull this money out of the old socks and put it back in sound banking institutions. During this week a campaign in the entire United States will be carried on. The security offered will be liquid and callable, or cashable or 30 to 60 days' notice, and will bear an adequate interest rate with all the resources of the United States supporting it.

Mayor Owens was asked to establish an organization for the sale of this security. Cooperation is asked of the local press, bankers, civic organizations, talks in schools, churches, and any other publicity method. This security is not for a general public investment but is being offered for money not now at work.

The principal objectives of the campaign is to get money, now hidden, into circulation and to conduct a campaign of general education as to the function of money, banks, of credit, and to show the disastrous consequences when credit is restricted by money withdrawn from business.

This plan provides two fundamental arguments—unquestioned safety of investment and interest on money now idle and unproductive. It is also planned that the money paid for these securities shall be retained by the government on deposit in the local banks.

"The safest risk in the world is a share in the future of the American people. A call to the faith of a people; a call that would bring this country, the wealthiest and most powerful in history, back to normal," President Herbert Hoover said in a recent radio address to the American people.

FIREMENS PLAY TO BE STAGED HERE TONIGHT

Large Crowd Expected To See "Scalawags" At Schoolhouse

A story that seethes with overflowing with the humanness that saturates a zealous drinking father who endeavors to force the marriage of a pretty wealthy girl to his half-wit son—and the damsel's stubborn resistance to this tyranny, being rescued time and again by a handsome heroic lover.

This is a brief synopsis of "Scalawags," the show that will be presented Friday night, March 11, at the Plymouth High School auditorium for the benefit of the Plymouth Fire Department under the personal direction of Howard Vail, Washington County's own actor who at one time owned a road show, who will also take a major part.

A bright addition to the regular cast in the play is the brilliant pant dancing of the Daniel-Warner team of Washington. A partner with Miss Emma Warner will perform between acts and in the production as well. She is a dancer of note, having been on the New York stage. Mr. Vail will also appear in speciality dance exhibitions.

Unlike many of the local talent shows the players know their parts well and this will be a great addition to the play. Three critics from the various walks of life attended a dress rehearsal last night and were enthralled at the ability and competency of the players. The attire of the performers and the scenery of the auditorium blend in making a picturesque view.

Included among the actors are Clair Wilson, Mrs. Beulah McNair, Mrs. Louise Peal, Mrs. Maude Jackson, Jim Aushon, Howard Vail, Lawrence Jones, Miller Warren, Charlie Jackson. The firemen in the past have presented a number of first class home talent shows for the local audiences and a large crowd is expected.

Two Mules Killed When Barn Is Blown Down

Scuppernon.—A stock house on Tom Spencer's farm in this section was blown down by the severe wind storm Sunday afternoon, killing two mules. A cow, calf, and two other mules were not injured. Trees were uprooted and other damage done.

Public Meeting of County Board Set for March 25th

At the regular session of the Board of County Commissioners, held at the courthouse here Monday, March 7, considerable discussion was had among the members of ways and means by which the expenses of the county government could be reduced. The board is anxious to effect every possible economy without impairing the efficiency of the county government. The possibility of discontinuing certain services and agencies supported in whole or in part by county funds, and the reducing of salaries in certain departments of the county government is being seriously considered.

The members of the board feel reluctant to take final action on these questions, some of which may involve drastic changes, without laying the matter fully before such voters and citizens as may be interested. For the purpose of determining as far as may be possible the attitude of the people of the county, the board determined to have a special meeting on Friday, March 25, at 10 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of further considering these matters, and all interested citizens are invited to be present and give the board the benefit of their views. It is hoped that out of this meeting will come a safe and sane readjustment of certain of the county's affairs as will effect a worth-while saving to the taxpayers, and at the same time cause as little curtailment in the services the county government is now providing its citizens, as is possible.

Farm Loan Blanks Are Received Here

BOMBHELL!

Magistrate J. T. McNair threw a bombshell into local politics this week when he offered himself for nomination as treasurer of Washington County, subject to the Democratic primary with the public statement that "if elected I will do the work for \$50 monthly." This would be a good decrease in salary compared with the \$112.50 monthly paid to Treasurer Edward S. Blount, who is not running for reelection.

There have been no official notices filed with the Beacon by any new candidates this week. W. Linwood Hassell is still in the race. So is E. G. Arps, Clyde W. Owens, J. W. Marrow, W. E. Weede, H. C. Spruill, Sam B. Davenport.

TAX LISTERS ARE NAMED AT BOARD MEET MONDAY

John Darden Supervisor; Jury List Drawn for Superior Court

Tax listers for Washington County were chosen by the commissioners here Monday, when John W. Darden was named tax supervisor. They follow: L. E. Hassell, Lees Mills; C. L. Everett, Skippersville; E. S. Woodley, Scuppernon.

Jurors chosen for the next term of superior court are as follows:

Plymouth: Louis Hardison, H. J. Bateman, J. C. Beasley, L. S. Styrone, L. T. Weede, W. E. Weede, Ivan Pyshny, John H. Leggett, John B. Carlisle, and Jesse R. Bateman.

Lees Mills: N. H. Peacock, T. L. Lilley, B. W. Tarkenton, T. E. Ainsley, L. E. Woodley, Charlie B. Cheson, O. M. Allen, F. M. Simpson. Skippersville: M. F. Davenport. Scuppernon: A. L. Holmes, F. B. Smith, J. G. Woodley, and R. D. Davenport.

The reports of Farm Agent R. E. Dunning and Miss Eugenia Patterson, home demonstration were received. Also reports of justices of the peace were received.

Double Program At Theatre Next Week

The State Theatre here offers two for one—two good features on the same night—next week when "Freaks" and the Rose Bowl football game are presented to local theatre-goers Monday and Tuesday nights.

Playing in "Freaks" are Wallace Ford, Leila Hyams, and Olga Bacalanova. Tow Browning, master of bizarre, brings his genius to depict the loves, hatreds, jealousies, of the world's queerest people, gathered from the ends of the earth. It's novel. It's arresting. It's thrilling.

Then the Tulane-University of Southern California football game in the famous Rose Bowl at Pasadena, Calif., that determined the Southern California squad as champions is given on the screen with sound. Gridiron lovers can not afford to miss this treat. Those who don't fully understand the game will appreciate the picture.

Fishermen's Nets Suffer Result of Sunday Storm

Skippersville.—Fishermen along the Albemarle Sound had their nets damaged by the storm Sunday. Snow fell in the afternoon. On Saturday the fishermen made a large haul of fish.

TOWN COUNCIL IN REGULAR MEET MONDAY NIGHT

To Ask V. E. & P. Co. To Establish Branch Here; Other Matters

A petition bearing about 300 names will be presented to the officials of the Virginia Electric and Power Company at Roanoke Rapids by Councilman G. D. Davis and Mayor A. L. Owens, requesting them to operate an office here, it was decided by the City Council in session here Monday night.

A. L. Alexander appeared before the town officials with the petition bringing it to the attention of the councilmen that a number of citizens were in favor of this move, and also asked them to take action on it themselves. Then Mayor Owens and Mr. Davis were appointed to look after the matter.

In a few days it will be made known as to whether or not the old ice plant owned by the municipality will be leased to the Crockett Packing Company for use in canning and wrapping tomatoes. Mayor Owens and Councilman E. R. Jackson will ascertain the feasibility of leasing this plant to the Crockett people for two years.

It was pointed out that water convenience would eliminate any possibility of an offensive odor coming from the plant. The Crockett firm was represented at the meeting by Manager John W. Darden, who spoke of the good and convenient location of the plant for their use, being adjacent to railroad, water, and easily accessible.

The council agreed to refund to Z. V. Norman half of \$32 that he expended in repairing a sewer and storm water line in front of his home. Defective work of the firm that laid the water works caused it to need repairs when a heavy rain filled the water pipes.

It was decided to pave about 35 feet of sidewalk in front of Councilman B. G. Campbell's home on Jefferson Street. This will reach to the Hampton line from Campbell's front gate. However, Mr. Campbell agreed to pay half the costs of the paving.

Permission was granted Stuart Darden to load one cargo of logs at the town docks at the municipal plant, and then it would be further agreed whether or not to allow him to continue loading barges at this point. It will be determined whether to let him use it after it is found out if it damages the wharf.

The pool room zone limits were extended from Water Street only to Water and Main Streets down Washington by the board. E. L. Owens was given the uncollected tax receipts for foreclosure.

Funeral Held Saturday For Thomas Wiley Biggs

Funeral services were held Saturday at Saints Delight Christian church for Thomas Wiley Biggs, 32, who died Friday from typhoid pneumonia, following an illness of several weeks. Rev. W. Conley Greer officiated. Surviving is a widow and one child.

Aged Negro Teachers Dies at Home Near Here

William Henry Howcott, aged negro school teacher of Washington County, succumbed at his home here recently. He was a staunch and consistent member of the A. M. E. Z. Macedonia church for more than 60 years, serving as an officer for most of this time. He was a leader of the negro race and was well known in this county. He lived in this county 76 years.

Last rites were conducted by Rev. C. R. Counselor, assisted by Presiding Elder Nixon.

OH, YEAH?

Believe it or not, an intoxicated bull frog sat up on his hind legs and smoked a cigarette at Creswell last week, says a story in the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot recently. The tale goes on:

"Patrolman P. E. Sawyer, who attended a funeral of a relative near Creswell last week, was telling the story to his officer friends on his return here yesterday.

"I went into a filling station and saw some friends I knew," the officer related. "They were having some fun with a bull frog which they had made drunk on North Carolina corn. He would sit up on his back legs, just like a trained, and they put a cigarette in his mouth. As he breathed, the cigarette smoked.

"But that wasn't as funny as a drunk rooster they had in the back of the place. The rooster staggered just like a drunken man, and when he would get close to a box or barrel, he would lean against it and look just like some of the bums you see on the street here."

County Schools To Operate 8 Months, Believed by Officials

NUMBER CASES IN COUNTY COURT HERE TUESDAY

Several Fines and Sentences To Roads Meted Out By Judge Owens

G. Sam Respass was found guilty of reckless driving and operating an automobile under the influence of liquor by a jury in recorder's court here Tuesday. He appealed from a fine of \$75 and costs imposed by Judge E. L. Owens. His driver's license was revoked for three months.

The same jury acquitted Heber L. Respass, brother of Sam Respass, of a charge of assault. The trial grew out of trouble resulting when trucks driven by the two brothers swerved together on a highway. Sam Respass' bond was fixed at \$150. Family relationships were drawn into the affair.

C. W. Overton, 50 white, was fined a total of \$6.50 on two charges of issuing bad checks, one for \$2.25 and another for 50 cents. He was required to pay both checks also. Prayer for further judgment was continued.

LeRoy Biggs, 18, white, was sentenced to six months on the roads, while his companion, Jasper Peden, 26, white, was given eight months on the roads after pleading guilty to robbing the National Handle Company some time in December. Probable cause was found in their cases when they entered second and third pleas of guilty to robbery when they admitted that they robbed the B. G. Campbell Wholesale Company and T. E. Ainsley store in Macksays in the last several weeks. They are working on their first sentence and will be tried again in superior court for the last two crimes.

MILK AS FOOD TO BE STRESSED

Campaign To Be Staged in County All Next Week, Home Agent Says

A milk-for-health campaign will be observed in Washington County next week, from March 14 to March 19, it was announced today by Miss Eugenia Patterson, home demonstration agent.

Teachers, parents, and children are urged to cooperate in this movement in an effort that every child in the county will have a quart of milk a day while an adult should include a pint in their diet. Washington County uses less than the average milk consumption per capita in the United States.

By doubling the consumption of milk in Washington County the pellagra death rate could be reduced to half; all diseases of nutrition and tuberculosis cut in half; infant death rate lowered; and public welfare promoted. The campaign will be promoted widely through the schools by making posters, writing essays, rhymes and in other ways.

Education of Child Is Costing 22 Cents Daily

For 22 cents a day, 8,669,939 boys and girls in North Carolina are given an opportunity to build a foundation for life, it was learned today from statistics compiled in the office of the State superintendent of public instruction through E. H. Hicks, principal of the Plymouth High School.

This small amount is the difference between ignorance and education; between failure and success; between disappointment and happiness. For this amount a little more knowledge is added to the child's storehouse; new experience, new problems, and new facts are brought to the students for the small charge.

County Council Will Meet Next Friday

The County Council of Woman's Work in the Washington County Federation of Women's Clubs will meet Friday afternoon, March 18, at 3:15 at the Roper school building. All officers are urged to be present by Miss Eugenia Patterson, home agent.

Scuppernon Club In Regular Meeting

Scuppernon.—The Woman's Club of Scuppernon met at the home of Mrs. Joe Nooney Friday afternoon for the purpose of getting acquainted with Miss Eugenia Patterson, the new home demonstration agent. Members were very favorably impressed with Miss Patterson.

Three new members were added to the club. Ten ladies were present, Mrs. Fred Smith, of Creswell, being the club's visitor for the day.

JAS. A. HARTNESS



Mr. Hartness, whose home is in Statesville, is a candidate to succeed himself as Secretary of State. He is now serving his first term in that office.

HARTNESS OUT TO RETAIN HIS STATE OFFICE

Iredell Democrat Candidate For Renomination As Secretary State

(Note: This is the fifth of a series of articles dealing with the views and competency of candidates for offices than concern the readers of the Beacon.)

James A. Hartness, Secretary of State, candidate to succeed himself, was appointed and elected in 1928, and is now serving his first term.

A Democrat from youth up, he has taken an active interest in the party and its ticket and canvassed the state many times at his own expense as he did in 1928 and 1930 in behalf of the entire ticket.

Born and reared on a farm in Iredell County, he did every kind of farm work and was educated in the rural schools of Iredell County and at the Statesville Male Academy. He studied law under private tutelage and was licensed to practice law in 1887, and practiced this profession in Statesville until elected clerk of the superior court in 1898.

In 1893 he established, owned, and edited for a long time, a weekly newspaper in Statesville. The policy of the paper was Democratic and advocated temperance, education, agricultural advancement and the building of industrial enterprises and every progressive measure that would bring to the people betterment of conditions, health, happiness, and prosperity.

He was elected to the legislature in 1896, redeeming the county from Populists and Republicans, who had carried the county by a fusion ticket in 1894. He served in the 1897 legislature and was author of the Fellow Servant law, giving employees of transportation companies the right of suit for damages for injuries received on account of the negligence of said companies.

He was elected chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee in 1899 and served in that capacity until 1930 and increased the Democratic majority in each election until it was over 3,000.

He is a member of the Presbyterian church, the Masonic order, and for many years was active in many other fraternal orders.

In a recent statement, Mr. Hartness said:

"North Carolina is the greatest state in the union. She came out of the devastation of the War of the Sixties with a rebound into the agricultural and industrial leadership of the states and made a success in 60 years in every field of endeavor, educational, moral and material, that has made all mankind amazed at her progress and come back. The indomitable will, energy, thrift, and high intelligence of her people is a guarantee that the future of our state will be as glorious as her past."

Frigidaire Corporation Make Change in Prices

Dayton, Ohio.—Frigidaire Corporation today announced sweeping price reductions on its complete line of household refrigerators. The lowest priced model, the ML-4, is listed at \$130 at the factory.

The drastic reductions were made as a result of a nation-wide survey which indicated that there are hundreds of thousands of people who would like to own a Frigidaire, but have deferred its actual purchase because of price, according to H. W. Newell, vice president in charge of sales, who made the announcement.

TAX COLLECTION IS EXPETCED TO GAIN IN MARCH

Look For Corporations To Pay in About \$40,000 During Month

Public schools in the Washington County system will operate this term for eight months unless something unexpected happens to prohibit this, it was learned today from James W. Norman, superintendent of public instruction.

It appears now that there will be enough money in the treasury at the time needed to continue the schools for the extended two months term after the State discontinues its full support of the institutions.

The treasury is almost depleted on account of the payment of a \$10,000 loan to the Branch Banking and Trust Company Monday by the commissioners. This amount was sorely needed at this time. Despite this, corporations owning real estate in the county are expected to pay about \$40,000 in taxes during March.

It is hoped that the market on commodities produced in this county will take a rise, and this would make it possible for more taxes to be paid. Mr. Norman is of the opinion that if peanuts were to go to a little over two cents that there are enough stored to pay most of the taxes now due.

There is a total county budget of \$19,485.69; of this amount, the tax reduction fund, administered by the State, pays \$9,088.19, while the county must raise \$10,397.50. The above-mentioned county budget is for the extended term of two months and has no relation to the six months supported by the State.

If the county is unable to put up cash against the cash contributed by the State, then the State will pay nine-tenths of whatever part of this amount the county can produce in cash. Loans by teachers of their salaries, except in cash, will do no good.

POSSIBILITY OF TOWN GETTING NEW FACTORY

Representatives of Furniture Firm Are Recent Visitors Here

Possibility of a factory to be located here for the purpose of manufacturing furniture panels loomed on the industrial horizon today when it became known that three men from a furniture concern in the western part of North Carolina spent a couple of days here this week conferring with Zeb Vance Norman, vice president of the chamber of commerce, and other lumbermen.

The men, whose names were withheld by Mr. Norman, were investigating sites and also the amount of timber that they would need for a number of years operation. They were mostly interested in poplar and the better grade of gum, which is plentiful in this section. They would make the panels here, but would send to their factory in the western part of the State for finishing.

Immediately after a decision is made for location of the plant, construction will begin. And as soon as completed the factory will begin operating full time with about 40 men employed regularly. Mostly local labor would be used in the enterprise. Inducements will be made to the furniture firm in an effort to get them to locate here.

While here the visitors conferred with Mayor A. L. Owens, P. W. Brinkley, E. R. Jackson, A. H. Stier, C. L. Groves, and others, who gave them all the information they desired. Nothing definite was told to the local men, but it was learned that the visitors were favorably impressed with the matter.

Home Agent Announces Schedule For Next Week

By Miss Eugenia Patterson

The Roper girls' club will meet at Roper School building Friday afternoon, March 18, at 2 o'clock.

The following women's clubs will meet next week:

Scuppernon, Monday, March 14, at 2:30 p. m.

Cherry, Tuesday afternoon, March 15, at 2:30 p. m.

Albemarle Club, Wednesday afternoon, 2:30 p. m., March 16.

Wenona: Thursday afternoon, March 17, at 2:30. The demonstrations for the above meetings will be the arrangement of the work area and height of the work area.