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TO START WORK MONDAY AT TWO RIVER FISHERIES

Equipment Has Been Put in For Canning Herring Roe This Year

The famous Kitty Hawk and Slade Fisheries near here that are operated annually by W. R. Hampton will open Monday with the new canning equipment being utilized at the plant for the first time.

The cannery will be used in caring for the roe, packing it as soon as it is cut from the fish. Also the roe will be handled this year in white enameled pans. The working quarters of the cannery and the fishing enterprise has been screened. Herrings will be caught in vast numbers.

More than 175 employees will work when the plant gets down to normal production. There will be a mixture of white and colored help. The pay roll will amount to \$1,000 weekly.

TO MAKE FARM SURVEY IN APRIL

Each Farm Owner Required To List Acreage of Various Crops

Of the 1,091 farm operators in this county, how many are actual owners? Any way, each land owner is due to report to his tax lister the number of acres of each crop that he will probably grow in 1932.

No, this is nothing new. It has been done since 1918. Most counties are reporting these surveys for practically all of their farms. This is probably news to non-farm owners. The Federal Farm Census was secured from farm operators (mostly tenants).

More than 200,000 farm owners made reports for each of 1929, 1930 and 1931. These showed acreages that are amazingly good. The cost of these surveys is extremely little, due to the commissioners using the tax-listing machinery. While considerable inconvenience is experienced by those "waiting" to list their taxables, yet the need and value of this farm "inventory" is too great to the farming interests to be overlooked.

Farmers should observe the following:

- (1) List your taxes early.
- (2) Be prepared to report each crop acreage and numbers of mature livestock.
- (3) Go prepared to wait your turn if you go late in the day or on Saturdays.
- (4) Read next week's issue for the reasons why these surveys are made.

MUCH BUSINESS IN SMALL TOWNS

Is Nearly One-third of the Total Reported in the United States

Retail trade in small city and rural areas in the United States is nearly one-third of the total for the country, figures gathered in the Census of Distribution have just revealed. This trade amounts to some \$15,515,125,000 annually, or 30 per cent of the nation's retail business.

That general stores have by no means lost their important position in the more sparsely settled areas is evident by the fact that the Census shows the 87,683 stores of this kind doing a business of \$1,927,622,697 in 1929—approximately 4 per cent of the entire retail business of the country and 12 per cent of the retail sales of all stores in the small city and rural areas.

Mr. Charles D. Bohannon, in charge of Rural and Agricultural Distribution for the Census Bureau, after studying these figures, observes that "in spite of the many discussions as to the decadence of the small city and town as a retail trading point, due to the development of good roads, automobiles and other factors, they are as a matter of fact far from dead. Stocked with desirable kinds of goods and rendering service of the desired type, it will probably be a long time before the retailer in this area passes out of the picture, if ever. This is indeed fortunate from the standpoint of both the residents in this area and from that of our national economic and social life."

County Federation To Met April 1, Creswell

The county federation of women's work will meet Friday afternoon, April 1, at 2:30, in Creswell. Every club member is urged to be present. The Pleasant Grove is now holding the trophy for attendance at these meetings.

Miss Georgia Piland, home demonstration agent of Tyrrell County, will speak at this meeting.

JOHN W. DARDEN



Mr. Darden, who has served Washington County in the past as Superintendent of Public Instruction and as Representative in the General Assembly, this week formally announced his candidacy for the office of Judge of the Recorder's Court.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS TO MEET SUNDAY IN SCUPPERNONG

Large Number Expected to Attend District Meet at Baptist Church There

Creswell.—Weather conditions are expected to be favorable this Sunday, March 20, thus increasing the number that is expected to attend the union Sunday school convention of the Scuppernon District that will be held at the Baptist church here, it was learned today from S. R. Davenport, president of the organization.

The meeting will open at 2:30 with scripture reading by Mr. Davenport, followed by prayer by Ellis Davenport. The welcome address will be made by Mrs. Fred Smith, C. Norman Davenport, jr., will respond to the welcome address. R. L. Leitchfield, secretary, will read the roll and the minutes. Then will follow a business session.

The Mount Tabor Sunday school will sing a number of choruses, while Mrs. Roy Hopkins will play a violin solo, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. W. H. Hollowell. C. H. Aderholdt, principal of the Creswell High School, will make a short talk on "Unity." Then will follow a chorus by the Mount Hermon Sunday school with a quartet by the Mount Pleasant Sunday school representatives.

A children's song will be rendered by the delegates from the Methodist Protestant church at Creswell, with Rev. Roy Respess following with a short talk. A male quartet, composed of R. L. Leitchfield, C. H. Rabon, W. H. Winstead, Luther Liverman, will be on the program also, with Rev. Mr. Winstead following with a solo.

A chorus from the Philippi Sunday school will also participate. A duet by Mrs. Roy Respess and Mrs. Stewart Woodley will add to the musical program. Awarding of banner and choosing the place of the next convention will precede the benediction, which will be pronounced by Rev. W. H. Hollowell.

"Frankenstein" At Local Theatre Monday-Tuesday

For weeks and weeks "Frankenstein" has been awaited. It is here. It is going to play the State theatre here next Monday and Tuesday. Those not shock-proof are advised not to come. "Frankenstein" is a shocker—no two ways about that. It is the most thrilling, the most exciting, and most dramatic picture of the year.

Frankenstein was the man who made a monster. It walks, talks, eats and breathes like a man. And he galvanized this 8-foot monster into life. The monster had the strength of 20 men and the shrewd, cunning, ruthless brain of a criminal.

Frankenstein could not control the monster; chains and walls could not restrain it; neither reason nor pity turned it from its ruthless course. See "Frankenstein."—W.H.P.

Civil Court To Convene Here Week of April 18

Washington County Superior court will convene here April 18 for a one-week civil term, with Judge J. Paul Frizelle, of Snow Hill, presiding. There may be an exchange among the jurists.

M'LEAN TO SEEK SEAT IN SENATE; GIVES REASONS

Says He Does Not Regard Carl L. Bailey As Opponent

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

Inasmuch as there are two candidates from the second district eligible for nomination as senator, A. D. MacLean, of Washington, does not regard Carl L. Bailey, of Plymouth, as an opponent, the Beaufort County man informed the Beacon today.

"I do not regard Mr. Carl L. Bailey as an opponent. There are of course, two nominations for the senate from this district, and so far as I am aware, he and I are now the only candidates. Of course, others may announce, and the two highest become nominees, as I understand, is the way Mr. MacLean replied to a query from the Beacon about this.

Mr. MacLean also issued this statement when he announced last week his intention of seeking nomination to the senate: "I have decided not to return to the legislature again, having been honored three times by the people of Beaufort County as their representative. Various citizens from the second senatorial district have suggested, however, that I might be of some assistance in the senate.

"With the feeling that North Carolina now needs whatever of disinterested service any of us may be able to render, I announce as a candidate for the senate from this district, subject to the action of the Democratic primary."

Mr. MacLean's platform follows: "State support of the six months' school without an ad valorem tax. This principle was established by the last legislature, and I hope to see it written in the constitution. It is everlastingly sound from the standpoint both of education and taxation.

"Economy and efficiency of administration, which I distinguish entirely from the narrow, selfish, and shortsighted policy of those who would rather cripple the State's schools and other institutions than submit to the inconvenience of providing adequate support.

"The argument that you can reduce taxes by reducing expenses is plain as a pikestaff, but it can not be patented on the ground of novelty. You can also save expenses by walking instead of riding, but it may be a penny-wise, pound-foolish policy.

"Maintenance of the state's credit by providing the necessary revenue to meet its obligation. This again implies economy and efficiency—but more revenue means more taxation, and we may as well face the fact.

"Hiding our heads like the ostrich and saying that we are opposed to any form of sales tax, without suggesting something better, pays nobody and settles nothing.

Firemen Elect Officers At Meet Monday Night

Officers for the Plymouth Fire Department that were elected at a meeting held Monday night follow: L. W. Gurkin, chief; J. F. Ausbon, first assistant chief; Bob Tarkington, second assistant chief; Frank Spruill, secretary; George Harrison, hose captain; Charlie Robbins, assistant hose captain.

J. B. Willoughby, first driver; Lawrence Jones, second driver; Carlyle Doughtie, third driver; Raymond Peal, fourth driver; Dick Hardison, fifth driver; Charlie Jackson, first marshal, and Van B. Martin, second marshal.

Recorder Had Small Docket This Week

Leroy Wright, colored, 24 was assigned to 12 months on the roads for an assault with a deadly weapon after pleading guilty, but not with the intent to kill, in recorder's court here Tuesday by Judge E. L. Owens.

Henry Webb, 18, colored, was found guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon and was sentenced to four months on the roads, while Charlie Webb was required to work under the supervision of the county commissioners for one month after being found guilty of simple assault.

Lower-Priced Models of Frigidaire On Display

Low-priced surplus-powered quality electric refrigerators on which quotations recently were dropped to sensationally low levels, have been placed on display by Southern Hardware Co. local Frigidaire dealer.

Anticipation of economies in manufacturing that can be effected by greatly increased production has enabled the company to offer to the public the advantage of these savings in advance, a factory announcement said.

McNair Withdraws Cut-Rate Offer Account Recent Ruling

Attorney General Brummit Rules It Is Violation of Corrupt Practices Act To Promise To Accept Less Than Stipulated Salary for Any Office

"I apologize for violating the law in announcing my candidacy for treasurer of Washington County for \$50 a month," said J. T. McNair today, after thinking over a story appearing in a recent newspaper given out by D. G. Brummit, attorney general of North Carolina, in which it was pointed out that those elected could not receive a reduced salary.

"I did this because I thought that the taxpayers would appreciate anything that could be done to help lift the burden of taxes, which is the target of complaints today. However, since the salary is fixed so that no change can be made, I will thank the people to help nominate me in the

primary and then elect me in November.

"I beg to say further that my intentions were good, despite the mistake. I am not mad with anybody. It is just politics. Hope that the voters will demonstrate their willingness to help any one who desires to aid them in keeping their homes.

"Everything has been cut. Farmers' produce; house rent; laborer's wages; merchants and all were forced to reduce. So line up for the man whose heart is in sympathy with his fellow man, even if the law does prohibit one from helping you," concluded Mr. McNair.

Mr. McNair has also asked the attorney general to make this clear in a statement to the press.

G. A. HOLLAND FUNERAL HELD LAST FRIDAY

Burial Takes Place in St. Luke's Cemetery; In Ill Health for Some Time

Westover.—Funeral services for G. A. Holland were held Friday at Saints Delight church, with Rev. Gilbert Davis, of Plymouth, and Rev. Hallie, of Boykin, officiating. Burial took place in St. Luke's cemetery.

Mr. Holland had been in ill health for some time, but a complication of diseases recently set in, which resulted in his death. Surviving is a widow and two children, Mrs. Steve Butler, of Carville, Va., and Pete Holland, of Westover.

Mr. Holland was reared near Suffolk, but when quite a young man he came to this county. For a long time he was employed by the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company.

Those attending the funeral included Mrs. Willie Singleton and Ben Atkinson, of Rocky Mount; Mr. and Mrs. George Freeman, of Washington; Mrs. Peyton Atkinson, of Farmville; Mrs. Mills Holland and son, Harry, of Buckhorn, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Holland, of Boykin, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Steve Butler, of Carville, Va., and Ralph Outland.

750 ARRESTS ARE MADE BY PATROL DURING JANUARY

Total of 19,996 Cars Are Stopped for Varying Violations

Raleigh.—The State Highway Patrol stopped 19,996 cars and trucks during January for varying violations of the state motor vehicle laws, the report made public recently by Captain Charles D. Farmer, commander of the patrol, shows.

Only 750 of the drivers of the 19,996 cars that were stopped were arrested, with 10,231 drivers permitted to go on after being warned by patrolmen. A total of 435 drivers were stopped because they were operating under improper licenses, and compelled to get new licenses. Drivers of 124 cars were either arrested or warned for passing other cars on curves or hills, while 4270 drivers were stopped and warned for hogging the road and 19,580 drivers warned or arrested for parking their cars or trucks on the concrete or main highway without pulling off onto the shoulders of the road, as the law requires.

A total of 1,925 cars were found by patrolmen attempting to operate without a 1932 license. All these drivers were either compelled to get new license or submit to arrest. The majority got the licenses. Patrolmen reflected the drivers of 8,889 cars with defective lights to have these lights put in proper condition. Drivers of 13 cars were stopped and warned because they were driving too slow and holding up traffic.

Of the 750 arrests made, 53 were for reckless driving, 65 for drunken driving, and 9 of pedestrians being drunk on the highways. Thirteen overloaded trucks were unloaded by patrolmen, four fires were extinguished, courtesies shown to 1,962 motorists who were in need of assistance. Fines and forfeitures totaling \$10,170 went into the school funds of various counties as a result of conviction of those arrested by the patrol, while \$72,075 in license sales resulted from the activities of the patrol in checking up on cars without 1932 licenses. With the amount shown from the recovery of 24 stolen cars, the figures show the Highway Patrol saved the state approximately \$81,000 in January, of which \$72,000 went into the highway fund and \$10,170 into the county school funds.

SPRINGTIME

According to the calendar, spring will make its debut next Sunday afternoon at 2:54 o'clock, E. S. T. According to the weather experienced during the past week or two, spring time is yet several weeks away. But when the calendar officially announces spring, one can well rest assured that the cold weather is spent. There'll be, no doubt, some chilly days and cold nights, but freezing weather is seldom experienced after spring is officially ushered in by the calendar.

GIVE PRIZES FOR BEST ESSAYS ON MILK CAMPAIGN

Contest Open To Students of Various County Schools

Three prizes are being offered for the three best essays written on the Milk-for-Health campaign that is being conducted in Washington County this week, it was learned today from James W. Norman, superintendent of public instruction.

The first prize is a girl's dress or a boy's pair of shoes that will be given by E. H. Liverman, while the second is a 5-pound box of candy that will be presented by Williford's and the third is a 50-pound pig that will be contributed by Captain Charlie E. Mizelle, of Roper.

There will be local contests in each of the Plymouth, Roper, and Creswell schools, with prizes being offered. The three best papers from each school will be offered in the county-wide contest conducted by Mr. Norman. From these nine papers will be chosen the three best, the writers of which will receive the county-wide prizes.

The papers are not to contain more than 300 words and must be written in legible long hand or typed, and it must absolutely be the individual work of the pupil. The essays must be in the office of Mr. Norman by March 25. Any subject that promotes milk as a benefit to health will be accepted.

Material from which information on the value of milk can be obtained may be secured by addressing the State Board of Health at Raleigh or the Federal Board of Health at Washington, D. C. Those participating in this contest should come up to the finals after entering in the local competition.

The name, age, address, and grade of the pupil should be written on the papers submitted, and the name of the school and teacher will help. The wording of the material should be original, but facts can be obtained from any source.

Special Pre-Easter Services At Church Here Next Week

Special pre-Easter services will be conducted each evening at 7:45 next week by the pastor, Dr. J. W. Harrell, at the Methodist church. The services will start with the Sunday morning sermon at 11 o'clock. Choir will render the special music.

"The Triumphal Entry" will be the subject on Sunday morning, while in the evening he will discuss "The Cleansing of the Temple." No other subjects were announced.

Palm Sunday Will Be Observed By Methodists

Palm Sunday will be observed at the Methodist church Sunday school Sunday, it was announced today by James W. Norman, the superintendent. Mrs. B. G. Campbell's class will be in charge of the program. Music will be featured in the exercises.

\$1,000 DAMAGE IS DONE BY BLAZE HERE THIS WEEK

Trucks Belonging To L. C. Nurney Damaged By Fire Wednesday

Fire originating in a near-by smoke house that spread through some out-buildings Wednesday night at the home on Washington Street here of Joe Dixon damaged property to the extent of about \$1,000, according to an estimate by L. W. Gurkin, chief of the Plymouth Fire Department.

The damaged property included a garage that housed two trucks, some stock and other essentials owned by L. C. Nurney, who resides with the Dixon family. The family was in bed at 11:30 o'clock when the fire was discovered by some one passing the house.

Firemen answered the alarm, reaching the spot after the garage had been burned and two trucks almost destroyed. A fire in one of the buildings to smoke some meat somehow reached the walls and spread. Stock consisting of candies, cakes, tobaccos, peanuts, and bread was destroyed.

MAKE REPORT FOR FEBRUARY

Many People Are Rendered Aid by Welfare Workers Of County

Here is the report of the welfare work in Washington County for the month of February, as prepared and submitted for publication by Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brewer, who are in charge of this work:

Distributed: 112 garments, 21 pairs of shoes, 4 loads of wood, 29 yards of dress material, 10 army blankets, 38 families given groceries; 280 lunches served school children; seven days and three nights attendance for sick rooms; prayer and visitations with sick 15.

Medical treatment was rendered to four people, while there were three services held at the county home, three at the convict camp, and three cottage prayer services.

The workers appreciate the 100 pounds of sugar given to them by W. J. Jackson, prohibition agent. Any one having chickens they wish to donate for the school lunch should bring them to the workers.

11 COUNTIES OF N. C. ARE OVER 200 YEARS OLD

Albemarle, Created in 1663, First County; Now Dead For 260 Years

Eleven of North Carolina's 100 counties are more than 200 years old—four of them being 260 years—and the youngest two have just reached their majority, 21 years.

Albemarle County was the "great first mother," but she has passed into history. "Albemarle, created March 25, 1663, has been dead 260 years, having given her life so Chowan, Currituck, Pasquotank, and Perquimans counties could be "born."

In the early days Albemarle County was a world within itself, embracing more territory than the whole of the present-day North Carolina. It reached all the way across the continent to the "South Sea"—the Pacific ocean.

But on December 5, 1672—260 years ago—Albemarle County was divided into four counties and there has been no Albemarle County in North Carolina since, although a great part of Eastern North Carolina today is referred to as the Albemarle section of the State. There is still Albemarle Sound, however.

With Chowan, Currituck, Pasquotank, and Perquimans counties holding the distinction of being North Carolina's oldest "five" counties, the seven other which have passed their 200th birthday anniversary are Beaufort, organized in 1702; Hyde, 1705; Bertie, 1722; Carteret, 1722; Craven, 1712; New Hanover, 1729; and Tyrrell, 1729.

The two baby members of the family are Avery County, created February 23, 1911, and Hoke County, created February 11, 1911.

There are several "dead" counties in the records of North Carolina, besides Albemarle.

North Carolina's next county after Chowan, Currituck, Pasquotank, and Perquimans was Bath, formed in December, 1696.

Hog Cholera Is Making Inroads on Bertie Herds

Hog cholera is making heavy inroads in the swine herds of Bertie County. The county agent vaccinated 252 animals for nine owners last week.