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## 26 CASES ON CIVIL DOCKET APRIL TERM OF COURT

Judge J. Paul Frizelle, of Snow Hill To Preside; One-Week Term

Below is the calendar, carrying 26 cases for trial at the civil term of Washington County Superior Court which will be held for one week beginning April 18 with Judge J. Paul Frizelle, of Snow Hill, presiding.

Monday, April 18—Mae Simmons, guardian against Emma Brantley, administratrix; H. G. Walker, et al against W. T. Phelps, et al; Plymouth Wholesale Co., against L. R. Davenport; W. T. Phelps against Virginia-Carolina Joint Stock Land Bank.

Tuesday, April 19—Tidewater Brokerage Co., against Southern Trust Co., et al; W. R. Hampton, et al against B. A. Griffin Co.; American Agricultural Chemical Co., against Joe Nowarah; E. L. Owens against Noah Paul, et al; Eastern Cotton Oil Co. against E. B. Spencer; D. I. Marrow against Eastern Cotton Oil Co.

Wednesday, April 20—Dr. C. McGowan against Alberta Swain; J. L. Swain against Romulus Ange; E. D. Kemp against J. S. Shugar; Fannie Smith against Odd Fellows Lodge; Eastern Cotton Oil Co., against J. C. Spruill; H. C. Owens against National Handle Co.

Thursday, April 21—S. F. Darden et al against Norfolk Southern Railroad Co.; Eastern Cotton Oil Co. against J. S. Davenport; Mrs. F. M. Simpson against J. S. Davenport; M. E. Smithson against S. L. Davenport, et al; W. L. Whitley against W. W. Griffin.

Friday, April 22—H. T. Davenport, Jr., administrator, against S. D. Burgess, et al; A. Davenport against Chicago Mill and Lumber Co.; Odell Sykes against Elwood Lee; Eastern Cotton Oil Co. against H. C. Boyd, et al; Eastern Cotton Oil Co. against W. M. Allen, et al.

Motion and divorce cases will be called at the pleasure of the court, Mr. C. V. W. Ausbon, clerk, said.

## GOOD RECORD BY CRESWELL GIRLS

Win Five of Eight Games Played; Lose to Roper and Jamesville

Creswell.—The Creswell girls recently ended a very successful basketball season by a 16-9 win over the strong Jamesville sextet. The game was hard fought from beginning to end. Creswell guards exhibited a defense that baffled the sharpshooters from Jamesville.

This season the Creswell team has won 5 out of 8 games, losing one to Jamesville and two to Roper. Creswell scored an average of 18.8 points in every game to their opponents' average score of 15.7 points.

The work of the Creswell guards was very commendable. They played a great defensive game, which accounts for their opponents' low score. Myra Gibbs' playing was superior in this department of the game, although Mary Tarkenton and Virginia Comstock each deserve their share of credit.

The sharpshooting of Minnie Furlough and Blanche Spear, and the accurate passing of Annie Spear, gave to Creswell this season an offense that was difficult to check.

The following is a list of the games played, with the score of each:

Creswell 21, Roper 30; Creswell 21, Columbia 9; Creswell 13, Columbia 9; Creswell 26, Roper 20; Creswell 16, Roper 25; Creswell 28, Columbia 6; Creswell 9, Jamesville 18; Creswell 16, Jamesville 9.

## Easter Services at Local Methodist Church Sunday

An Easter program will be rendered in the Methodist church Sunday school morning to be followed at 11 o'clock with special Easter music and an Easter sermon on "The Gospel of the Resurrection," by Dr. J. W. Harrell.

There will be no sermon in the evening, as the primary and juniors in the church will render a program entitled "The Garden of Easter." The special service being conducted this week will be climaxed by a sermon on Easter Sunday morning. Friday evening the subject will be, "The Cause and Cure of Mental Unhappiness."

## Sunday School To Hold Easter Service Sunday

Skinnerville.—The Sunday schools in the community are invited to attend the Easter service and egg hunt at Rehoboth Methodist Protestant church Sunday afternoon. The Easter service will be conducted by the members of the Sunday school. Pastor J. C. Russell is expected to be present.

## County Federation Meeting At Creswell Friday, April 1

Creswell.—The Federation of Washington County Home Demonstration Clubs will meet in the Creswell School auditorium at 2:30 o'clock, April 1, it was announced here today by Miss Eugenia Patterson, home agent, who urged every member to be present.

The meeting will open with a song by the congregation, with the Rev. W. H. Hollowell, pastor of the Baptist church, pronouncing the invocation. A violin duet will be rendered by Misses Sally Carter and Elizabeth Brinn. Mrs. Frank Wilson, of Roper, will talk

on "Every Day Work." Mrs. L. S. Brey will serve as secretary.

Rev. W. H. Winstead will sing a solo. "Landscape Gardening," will be the subject of Miss Georgia Piland, home agent of Tyrrell County. A chorus, including Mrs. Walter Starr, Mrs. W. H. Hollowell, Mrs. A. S. Holmes, and Mrs. Ray Hopkins, with Mrs. Herbert Bateman at the piano, will render an old folk medley.

Mrs. George Bowen, of Plymouth, will award the trophy to the club having the most members present in comparison of miles traveled.

## SPECIAL MEETING

For the purpose of determining as far as possible the attitude of the people of Washington County in the "possibility of discontinuing certain services and agencies supported in whole or in part by county funds and reducing of salaries in certain departments of the county government," the county commissioners will hold a special meeting, Friday, March 25, at 10 o'clock for the purpose of further considering these matters.

## DISTRICT MEET OF U. D. C. TO BE HELD TUESDAY

Major Charles Louis Latham Chapter Members Are Hostesses

The fourteenth district of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, including chapters in seven towns, will gather here in the Methodist church Tuesday morning, March 29, at 10 o'clock, it was announced today by Mrs. T. L. Bray, president of the Major Louis Latham chapter of Plymouth.

The local club will be host to more than 50 women that will come from clubs in Elizabeth City, Hertford, Edenton, Gatesville, Windsor, Aulander, and Plymouth, as well as women who are not members, and who are being urged to attend. Music will be rendered by talent found in the clubs and with talks which will feature the occasion.

Mrs. Glenn Long, of Newton, president of the State organization, will preside over the meeting. Mrs. F. M. Dunstan, of Windsor, a member of the board of directors representing this district, will be featured on the program with an address. Lunch will be served to the visitors in a down-town store building.

All ladies in Washington County are issued a special invitation to attend, and all the members are expected to be present, according to Mrs. Bray.

## OWENS IN RACE FOR RECORDER

Makes Formal Announcement This Week; Issues Statement

"Through and by means of the columns of your paper I wish to express my appreciation for the cooperation of the county officers and officers of the court, and for the manner in which they have assisted in carrying out the order and purposes of the recorder's court of Washington County," said E. L. Owens in a statement today when he officially announced his candidacy for nomination to succeed himself as judge of the recorder's court.

"I also wish to express my appreciation to the citizens of Washington County for their support and cooperation to the court and its officers with a view toward bringing about equal and impartial justice to all. After all, the law and order maintained in each community is dependent upon the voice of the law-abiding citizens who have resolved to enforce the peace and dignity of their community, their county and their state. The recorder's court is your court and is here for your protection, and I am glad to say that its success is the result of your efforts and assistance to the officers in bringing the same about."

Opposing Mr. Owens for this office is John W. Darden and Van B. Martin.

## James E. Davenport. Of Mackeys, Out for Sheriff

Mackeys.—James E. Davenport, of this place, entered the political race in Washington County today when he announced his candidacy for nomination as sheriff subject to the Democratic primary in June. Mr. Davenport is a well known and well-liked farmer in this section. He will oppose Sheriff J. K. Reid.

## FIX SCHEDULE OF VALUES FOR MANY ARTICLES

Figures Given To Be Used As General Basis for Listing

No minimum value has been fixed in the estimate of automobiles in Washington County for this year in the listing of personal property tax for 1932, it was announced today by John W. Darden, supervisor of tax listing. A few other commodities were reduced in the basis of estimate from last year's value.

The minimum on peanuts was established at one and a half cents a pound, with each chicken being worth 50 cents. Hogs will be figured on the basis of 4 cents a pound, with meat at 10 cents. Corn will be based on \$1 a barrel. Cattle other than milk cows will be valued at 8 cents a pound, while milk cows will go down on the books at \$40 each.

Hay will be marked at about \$8 a ton; lard at 7 cents a pound; cotton at 6 cents a pound; soy beans at 35 cents a bushel; sheep at \$2 each, and goats at \$1 each.

Mr. Darden wishes it understood that the above rates of valuation will not be iron-clad, but that circumstances will govern cases. However, the above figures have been recommended as a basis for the valuation of personal property.

In addition to being supervisor, Mr. Darden will serve as lister in Plymouth Township with these others serving in their respective localities: L. E. Hassell, Lees Mills; C. L. Everett, Skinnerville; E. S. Woodley, Scuppernon.

## TOBACCO FIRM'S PROFITS FOR 1931 SHOW INCREASE

American Company's Net Earnings for the Past Year Are \$46,189,741

In its annual financial report last week, the American Tobacco Company announced a net earning during 1931 amounting to \$46,189,741, as compared with \$43,294,769 earned in 1930.

The president of the company, Geo. W. Hill, was paid \$2,383,000 for his services, giving rise to an argument among the stockholders and a few directors.

In his statement to stockholders, George W. Hill, president, stated that in 1931, a year of generally reduced tax receipts, the company paid Federal taxes of \$158,000,000, "a high record, I believe, for any corporation or enterprise. For every dollar of profit our company earned, we earned, in addition, nearly \$3.50 for the United States Government."

"At the same time, our company has been mindful of the difficulties which have confronted the tobacco grower through the collapse of the export market, by substantially enlarging its purchases of leaf tobacco, and thereby increasing the American demand."

The company's balance sheet showed cash of \$26,810,000 and accounts receivable of \$2,683,000. Accounts payable amounted to \$3,584,000. Surplus was carried at \$106,448,000. Total assets were \$294,390,000.

The company was able during the year not only to maintain its former wage scale without laying off workmen, but in addition to give employment at full wages to a greater number of employees.

## Home Agent Announces Schedule for Next Week

Women's clubs will meet next week as follows, according to the home agent, Miss Eugenia Patterson: Cross Roads Club, with Mrs. S. A. Smith Tuesday afternoon; Piney Grove, with Mrs. J. A. Stillman, Thursday afternoon at 2:30.

Seed sweet potatoes have been bedded in preparation for the new crop in Currituck County.

## COUNTY MAN TO ATTEND RALLY AT WASHINGTON

Capt. C. E. Mizelle Invited To Attend Jefferson Day Dinner

Washington County may be represented at the national Democratic rally that will be held under the auspices of the Democratic National Committee on Jefferson's birthday, April 13, at the Hotel Willard in Washington, D. C., by Captain Charlie E. Mizelle, who has been issued an invitation.

The rally will open at 9:30 in the morning with John J. Raskob, honorary commander, presiding over the first annual meeting of the "Minute Men" of the Democratic National Committee, Inc., at which time officers will be elected, activities determined for the coming year, and other business attended to.

Joett Shouse, executive chairman of the Democratic National Committee, and John W. Davis, general chairman of the Victory Campaign of the Democratic Party for 1932, will preside over the mobilization meeting which will be held to survey the political situation and to receive reports from those engaged in the Victory Campaign Fund drive.

A luncheon will be held from 1:30 to 3 o'clock, presided over by Mr. Shouse with the following speakers on the program: Mary T. Norton, Henry T. Rainey, Joe T. Robinson, Mrs. Nellie Taylor Ross, Governor George White. The featured address will be delivered by Claude G. Bowers, nationally known editor, on "Thomas Jefferson, the First Democratic President."

Newton D. Baker will make the principal address at the Woodrow Wilson Memorial service, which will be held at the Washington Cathedral to honor this famous president. The Jefferson dinner will begin at 7:30 in the evening. John J. Raskob will preside, with James M. Cox as toastmaster.

Speakers include Harry Flood Byrd, J. Hamilton Lewis, James A. Reed, Albert C. Ritchie, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Alfred E. Smith, who will endeavor to demonstrate to the nation Democracy's unity of purpose, and the leadership and organization which the Democratic party commands to assume the responsibility of national government.

## GIVES POISON MIXTURE FOR TOBACCO PESTS

Says Flea Beetle May Be Controlled by Dusting Young Plants

The tobacco flea beetle may be controlled by dusting the young plants with a mixture of paris green and arsenate of lead where the tight trap beds were not used and there is a heavy infestation.

C. H. Brannon, extension entomologist at State College, reports wide prevalence of the flea bugs this spring due to heavy infestations in the fields last fall and the unusually mild winter. The insects are appearing in large numbers over a wide area of the State, he says, and some growers report heavy damage even at this early date. The flea beetles are at least a month earlier in their attacks.

"Those growers who are using the tight trap beds are pleased with the excellent protection afforded by such beds," says Mr. Brannon. "We have established a number of these as demonstrations in various parts of the State and if possible, near-by growers should visit such a bed and be prepared to build one like it next season. Those who do not have such beds and are troubled with the flea bugs should prepare now to poison them."

Mr. Brannon recommends the use of one pound of paris green and five pounds of arsenate of lead mixed together thoroughly and dusted on the young plants dry. He recommends using the mixture at the rate of one-half pound to each 100 square yards of plant bed. Remove the cover to make applications and so dust the poison that each plant is covered uniformly. To dust in lumps or splashes will cause burning of the tender leaves. A good hand duster is the safest machine to use.

The number of dustings will of course depend on the severity of the infestation. However, Mr. Brannon suggests making the applications once each week as long as the beetles are noticed on the beds.

## Two Marriage Licenses Are Issued During March

Marriage licenses have been issued to the following by Mrs. Addie L. Brinkley, register of deeds, during March: Joe Thomas Liverman to Mary Craddock, white, of Roper; Rufus Norfleet to Lucretia Puckett, both of Plymouth, colored.

## 550 FARMERS TILL 25,912 ACRES LAND IN COUNTY IN 1931

Farm Survey Necessary In Order To Properly Plan Crops

Washington County reported 25,912 acres planted to its principal crops in 1931. While these were not all of the acres planted, yet it indicates that a real farm survey was made. The one for 1932 is due in April.

A farm survey is an inventory. It is educational. It tells what we have and where it is. Briefly stated, it provides facts that farmers may well use for safely planning their crop acreages.

It is well known that manufacturers, professional and commercial interests are organized. They all keep daily records of "out-go" and "income," as well as yearly inventories of what they have on hand. The weak link in our farmers' work is that these essential features are usually left out.

Since individual farmers seldom really study and use statistical reports, they say that they never see these Farm Census reports. It is, therefore, necessary for this information to be interpreted and "passed on." Thus the county farm agents and agricultural teachers are its main agents.

## 7 BOYS AFTER SCHOLARSHIP

Five From Plymouth, One Each From Mackeys and Roper To Take Tests

Seven Washington County boys, five from Plymouth and one each from Roper and Mackeys, have qualified for the Culver Military Academy scholarship competition being held this year in North Carolina. They are: Louis W. Alexander, 13 Main Street; Taras Ivachiv, 113 W. Water Street; Charlie L. Jackson, 120 West Third Street; Ralph L. Swain, 507 Washington Street; and Luther W. Gurkin, 441 Washington Street, all of Plymouth; Thomas W. Davis, of Roper Route 2; and William S. Davenport, of Mackeys. The boys from Plymouth have been notified to report in Washington Saturday for the preliminary examination, while those from Roper and Mackeys will receive their preliminary tests in Edenton on the same day.

The scholarship is for three years and covers all expenses, including uniforms and textbooks. It is valued at \$6,000.

One hundred and forty-three North Carolina candidates have applied for it. The winner will be selected by a committee composed of Dr. Edgar W. Knight, of the School of Education of the University of North Carolina; Dr. A. A. Brownell, professor of educational psychology of Duke University; and R. H. Latham, superintendent of schools of Winston-Salem.

The 12 or 15 boys making the highest records in the preliminaries will be given a final examination and a personal interview with the committee at Duke University on May 7. From that group the winner will be selected.

## Local Lodge Members Are Invited To Williamston

All the members of Perseverance Lodge of Masons here have been invited to attend a special group meeting of the lodges in the section, to be held at Skewearke Lodge in Williamston tonight (Friday), at 8 o'clock. John H. Anderson, secretary of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, will be present and in charge of the program. A number of members from here are planning to attend.

## Easter Services at Creswell Church Sunday Announced

Creswell.—Easter services will be conducted at the Methodist Episcopal church, Creswell, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, with a sermon by Rev. O. W. Dowd, presiding elder of the Elizabeth City district.

Special Easter music will be rendered by the choir and members from the other churches. The quarterly conference will be held after the service. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Lenten Service at Roper Church On Good Friday

Roper.—Lenten services will be held at Roper Methodist church Friday night, March 25. All are invited to attend.

## Easter Services At Roper Episcopal Church Sunday

Roper.—Easter services will be held at St. Luke's Episcopal church on Sunday, March 27, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. All are invited to attend.

## J. A. Getsinger Dies Suddenly Tuesday

MORE TEACHERS?

Additional teachers for some schools in Washington County for the next session are almost assured if the present attendance records are maintained from now until school closes, it was announced today by James W. Norman, superintendent of public instruction. The aid of parents and teachers is requested so that these pupils will continue in school. The parent-teacher associations are urged by Mr. Norman to continue the present attendance record. Mr. Norman would not reveal the schools that he had in mind.

## BIG DAMAGE BY FOREST FIRE IN PART OF COUNTY

Homes, Barns, Timber, Cattle and Hogs Destroyed Early This Week

Fanned by a stiff breeze that swept across this section Tuesday night, a fire originating in a forest on the Long Ace and Terra Ceia road damaged property estimated into the thousands of dollars, destroying barns, produce, dwellings, timber, and bridges, it was reported today by A. W. Harris, mail driver.

The Norfolk Southern station at Pike Road with a carload of corn on a siding and camps occupied by colored workers near by were destroyed. Two trestles were burned and the rails on the track warped—the train running between Belhaven and Mackeys being forced to go around by Pine-town. A warehouse at Wenona station owned by the New Holland Corporation was destroyed.

A corn barn and some cattle at the Blackland Test Farm at Wenona were destroyed. The dwelling of J. M. Paul with a barn filled with corn, and a smokehouse burned to the ground. Four carloads of hay on the Wenona station siding were also destroyed. The middle bridge on the turnpike road from here to Wenona was burned, forcing traffic to detour by Wenona and Pantego.

The following loss was sustained by people living in the path of the roaring demon as it laid to waste that section: Louis Allen, barn and calf; T. L. Williams, corn barn and 14 hogs; W. A. Respass, corn barn; Golden Williams, barn and tractor; Marvin Barnette, corn barn.

A bucket brigade of volunteers had checked the fire today. The fire-fighters worked all night. Residents kept their dwellings wet to prevent them catching fire.

## Sunday School Institutes Planned in May, June

Trained workers will conduct institutes or lecture tours among the Sunday schools in the Pamlico Baptist Association that comprises Sunday schools in Washington, Tyrrell, Hyde and Beaufort Counties during the period between May 28 and June 5, it was learned here today. More than a score of workers will be used in this campaign. Workers of any denomination are urged to attend these services.

## Republican County Convention April 7

Roper.—The Republican county convention is called to meet at Roper April 7, 1932, at 2:30, for the purpose of electing delegates and alternates to the Congressional and State Conventions and to attend to such other business as may come up before the convention, it was announced today by J. T. McAllister, chairman.

The congressional convention is called to meet at Williamston on April 9. The state convention is called to meet at Charlotte on Thursday, April 14.

## County Students Eligible To Enter Music Contest

High school students in Washington County are eligible for enrollment by April 1 in the annual music contest that is to be held in the North Carolina College for Women at Greensboro April 28-29, it was learned here today through Mrs. E. H. Hicks, a music teacher in the local school.

The elimination contest for the Greenville district which includes Washington County will be held in Greenville with J. H. Rose in charge April 16. Last year 2,397 boys and girls from 80 high schools participated in a similar contest.

## WAS LEADER IN BUSINESSLIFE OF TOWN FOR YEARS

Stricken Suddenly at His Lumber Plant Here; Funeral Thursday

John A. Getsinger, prominent in local business affairs for many years, although his home was in Martin County, and for several terms a member of the Martin County Board of Education, died suddenly at his home in Dardens shortly before noon Tuesday, his death coming as a decided shock to his relatives and friends throughout this section.

Upon arrival at his mill in Plymouth Tuesday morning, he complained of severe pains in his stomach. Medical aid was summoned there and his removal to his home in Dardens was advised. The family physician, Drs. Jas. E. Smithwick, of Jamesville, was called but before he reached there, Mr. Getsinger was dead. His death was attributed to a cerebral hemorrhage.

Born and reared on a farm in Griffins Township, Mr. Getsinger was 55 years old. He was the son of the late John Conrad Getsinger and wife, Sarah Brown Getsinger. In early manhood, he moved to Dardens and bought a farm where he has since resided. In addition to his extensive farming operations, he owned and operated a lumber mill in Plymouth for a number of years.

He was married to Miss Alice Gibson Darden, when a young man, and she with four children, Miss Thelma Getsinger, a teacher in the Plymouth schools, Thomas, Jack, and Duncan Getsinger, all of Dardens, survives. He also leaves a sister, Mrs. Buck Roberson, of Griffins Township, and four brothers, Messrs. N. A. Getsinger, of Dardens; Fernando C. Getsinger, of Washington, D. C.; Perlie G. Getsinger, of Griffins Township, and J. Sam Getsinger, register of deeds of Martin County, Williamston.

He was a member of the Plymouth Baptist Church for a number of years, and in religious work as well as in community and county betterment activities he always took a prominent part. He had served on the county board of education for several terms, having been re-elected at the last general election. In educational work, he was a recognized leader, always taking a marked interest in the educational training and development of Martin's youth.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock from the late home by Rev. J. W. Harrell, local Methodist minister, assisted by Rev. Frank Lucas, Baptist minister. Burial was in the Methodist church at Dardens.

## PLAN SERVICES DURING SUMMER

Simultaneous Services Will Be Held At 8 Baptist Churches

Simultaneous services will be held in eight Baptist churches in Washington and Tyrrell counties between August 15 and 28 as the organization begins an evangelistic campaign in its churches this summer, it was learned here today from Rev. J. P. Harris, pastor of the Baptist church at Beaufort, and part-time field man for the North Carolina Mission Board.

Present pastors of these churches are as follows: Plymouth, Rev. R. H. Lucas; Roper, Creswell, Mount Pleasant, and Oak Grove, Rev. W. H. Hollowell, who resides in Creswell; Columbia, Sound Side, Gum Neck, and Travis, pastors' names unlearned. Ministers from up the State will be in charge of the services. Good music will feature.

## To Serve Tea At Local Library Wednesday, 30th

Tea will be served in the Library Wednesday, March 30, from 3:30 until 5 o'clock. There will be no charge, but each person who comes is requested to bring a book to be given to the library.

The members of the library committee cordially invite you to come, have tea with them, and help the library to grow.

## Mission Society To Sell Pies and Cakes Friday

The Ladies' Home Missionary Society of the M. E. Church will have a sale of cakes and pies Friday afternoon, March 25, in the Brinkley store by the post office.