

LOCAL FIREMEN PLAN REMOVAL OF FIRE HAZARDS

Will Start in With Water Front, Decided at Meet Monday Night

A campaign to clean up the water front at the rear of the buildings on Water Street will be inaugurated soon by the Plymouth Fire Department, it was decided upon at a meeting here Monday night.

The plan is to remove the debris, tidy up the wharves, and plant growth there that will make the place look better. And in addition to this, any worthless buildings will be torn down with the permission of owners in an effort to remove fire hazards as well.

Also the clean-up work will not be confined to the water front entirely, but will spread to all sections of the town in time. Efforts will be made to enhance the beauty of the streets in the town with crepe myrtle and dogwood trees planted at strategic points.

The firemen will call on the city council, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Thursday Afternoon Literary Club, and the chamber of commerce for their support and aid in any of the projects that will be undertaken in the clean-up campaign.

It is the hope of the firemen that the town can be made so beautiful by regular and consistent work with steady improvements that by next spring trees will be so planted and other beauty work done that will attract out-of-town people here to view the budding and blooming shrubbery and trees.

This idea of beautifying the town originated with the firemen, who are anxious to serve the town in any way possible, making it prettier and more attractive, thereby eliminating all fire hazards that threaten the town at the present time.

Business firms and organizations are expected to join in this effort.

EXPRESS RATES ARE LOWERED

Fruits and Vegetables Can Now Be Shipped At Pre-War Rates

A reduction of express rates on fruits and vegetables from the Carolinas and Georgia, which will bring them to pre-war levels, was put into effect on April 25 by the Railway Express Agency, W. C. Jones, agent in Plymouth, announced today.

This reduction in rates is made to meet the growing competition of peddler trucks and as an offset to the prevailing low prices of fresh fruits and vegetables throughout the consuming territory.

The growers in this section represented to the express company that owing to the drop in prices of fruits and vegetables such reductions were imperative. They indicated that it might otherwise be compelled to abandon the marketing of their crops by express and to dispose of a large part of their production to highway truckmen at the truckmen's own price or to forward by truck to nearby or distant markets at such rates as they can secure from day to day from available truck operators.

The express company's service, Mr. Jones stated, is preferred, both by growers and dealers and commission houses at the principal markets as the uncontrolled movement by highway truck and the sale of a large part of the crop to peddlers, it has been found, tends to demoralize the markets, which must serve the greatest part of the consuming public.

The express company has for many years handled the less-than-carload movement of fruits and vegetables from this section and in an effort to preserve this traffic and to aid in the orderly marketing of the coming crop it has reduced its rates from 25 to 33 per cent, or to practically the pre-war level.

The reduction is intended as an experiment to determine whether the growers prefer to continue the long established marketing by express, or whether the growing practice of selling to highway truckmen and the consequent demoralization of markets and prices is to be continued.

Creswell Youth Entered In Oratory Contest 29th

Creswell.—Ira J. Alligood, senior at Creswell High School, will represent the Creswell Agricultural Chapter of Future Farmers of America in the annual oratorical contest to be held at the Perquimans County High School on Friday night, April 29. His subject will be "The Future of the American Farmer."

The winners in this district will compete against the winners of other districts in Raleigh the last of June. Winners at Raleigh will be sent to Kansas City, Mo., during the month of November for the finals.

County Agent Gives Formula For Use Against 'Blue Mold'

Their plants threatened by the blue mold, tobacco farmers of this county are now calling regularly upon Agent Dunning for control methods. In other sections, the disease has played havoc with the plants, and over in Martin County a 50 per cent reduction and probably more was predicted this week. In other counties conditions are said to be equally as bad and probably worse.

Washington County farmers are advised to use what is commonly known as the "Bordeaux Mixture" in controlling the disease. If the leaves are kept covered with a thin coating of this mixture, the disease will be prevented, and if the plants have already been attacked, the

mixture, in many cases, will check spreading.

It is recommended that Bordeaux mixture be made so that two pounds of copper sulphate and three pounds of hydrated lime be contained in 50 gallons of water. Dissolve two pounds of copper sulphate in two gallons of water and three pounds of hydrated lime in three gallons of water. Then dilute two gallons of the copper sulphate to about 40 gallons of water and then add the lime solution, stirring vigorously while pouring together. Add enough water to make 50 gallons. One-half of one pound of calcium arsenate may be used as a spreader, Agent Dunning said.

Says Cannery Here Will Be Operated

NEGRO DROWNS IN RIVER NEAR HERE FRIDAY

Body of Herman Hart, Employee of Fishery, Taken From Roanoke

The first casualty in years, or at any time in the history of the famous Kitty Hawk and Slade fisheries occurred here last Friday night when a negro workman who had been employed by the firm every season for years was taken from the murky waters of the herring-filled Roanoke River.

The negro's name was Herman Hart and his body was recovered after a three-hour search in the darkness with only the lights of the fishery to aid them. Fishing comrades toiled valiantly until about 3 o'clock in the morning search for the body after they found him missing by calling for him at his quarters.

The negro was booked for service on the midnight shift in preparing for next day's fishing, but did not answer when called. A search revealed that a wrench that he usually carried in his pocket was seen on a platform above the water, where a few hours later his body was recovered from the treacherous waters.

It is said by some that the negro suffered an injury in the head earlier in the day when a lever attached to some of the machinery accidentally struck him about the head. Medical attention was rendered at once, and the negro seemed to have been improving.

One theory is that the negro suffered from "a swimming in the head," that made him dizzy, thus causing him to lose his balance and topple into the water, and another is that he had a sudden attack of head trouble that caused him to fall into the river.

All of these ideas are merely conjectures. The negro's body was buried Sunday with the funeral at a local church that was largely attended by comrades in the fishing trade and other friends.

Landmark Is Torn Down In Skippersville Section

Skippersville.—Wilson Chesson, Aumack Everett and Tom Basnight are building a dwelling on the farm of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. White, of Norfolk. Located on the old Noah White Estate, later owned by Mrs. Helen Tarkenton, a daughter of Mr. Noah White, the old building which was torn down was over 100 years old. Also the Albemarle school building on the farm of C. V. White and built in 1912, 20 years ago, has been taken down by the carpenters.

Only Two Cases Tried By Recorder Tuesday

Joshua Baum, colored, 19, was ordered held for superior court on a charge of assault and attempt to rape Vonie Lee. Bond was fixed at \$400 by Recorder E. L. Owens.

George Blount, 21, colored, plead guilty to an assault and was given 30 days on the roads.

Attends District Meet of Pender's Stores Managers

H. H. Allen, local manager of the Pender Grocery here, attended a meeting of the managers of stores in this district in New Bern Tuesday night. There were 15 men present from surrounding towns. G. L. Rogers, of Washington, superintendent of the New Bern district, was the principal speaker. Also a general discussion was held on the store problems in the territory.

CONCERN IS NOW TRYING TO GET STATE CONTRACT

Plant Will Be Operated At Same Location As Last Year

Tomatoes will be canned in Plymouth this season despite rumors circulating here to the contrary, it was officially announced here today by John W. Darden, manager of the canning plant here of the Crockett Packing Company.

It appears now that the local plant will can more of the vegetables than heretofore as efforts are being made by the officials of the cannery to land a State contract for 50,000 dozen cans of these ripe tomatoes that will be packed in gallon containers.

The officials are not sure they will get this contract, but they are planning to equip their plant here with machinery to handle this No. 10 stock in addition to the No. 2 and 3 cans that they pack every season. They are making a bid for this work from the State.

The Crockett Company has an acreage here of 600 acres for this season, and they will handle ripe tomatoes for this much more from other growers who are not cooperating with them if they are successful in landing the State contract. Mr. Darden explains, though, that tomatoes from their growers will be taken care of first.

Also green tomatoes for shipping to the northern markets will be wrapped at the Norfolk Southern station here this season. Nothing but local help will be employed in preparing these vegetables for transportation to the market. And in this way the money for the produce and for the labor of preparing for market will be distributed here.

It is thought that the company will start receiving the green tomatoes for shipment about June 15 and will start their plant to packing ripe tomatoes about July 20. The season for handling the tomatoes will open officially about the middle of June and will continue until about August, and they will be packed in the old plant on the Roanoke River near here.

Mr. Darden will be in charge of the local branch and will do his best to satisfy the growers cooperating with them in their work, but they will not obligate to take any of the ripe tomatoes grown by outsiders until their 600 acres have been taken care of.

Prices on the green wraps are expected to be fair. It is thought that cold injured some of the crops south of here, and if this is so and the growers can only expect about a half of a crop after replanting, then this should result in a favorable price for tomatoes grown in this section.

On the other hand, it is pointed out that if cold hurt them and they arranged for replanting and still get their usual crop coming off about the same time as these in this section, then the market is expected to be depressed.

But if the recent cold wave did those south of here no harm and they come off at the usual time, earlier than those in this section, then again no alarm is being felt, as they will be out of the way in time for the growers in this section to get their tomatoes on the market at a time when the trade is not glutted.

Leaders School Is Held Here Tuesday Evening

Miss Helen N. Estabrook held a leaders' school at 1:30 in the Brinkley Hotel Tuesday afternoon. Twenty-five women were in attendance. The subject was "Laundering."

200 BARRELS OF FLOUR WILL BE DONATED POOR

Secured From Red Cross; Will Be Here About Middle May

Flour to be used for relief purposes in Washington County will be received in Plymouth about May 15, it was learned here this week from A. J. Berres, of Raleigh, field representative for North Carolina of the American Red Cross, who paid a visit to this section.

It was at first thought that this county would receive only 40 barrels, but circumstances here this week made it possible for the local welfare workers to persuade Mr. Berres to increase this amount to 200 barrels. This flour will be allotted to any person in Roper, Creswell, and Plymouth sections who are worthy and in need of help.

This flour is being distributed in the various sections of the United States by the American Red Cross and is supplied from the vast amount of wheat that was bought up by the Federal government not long ago in an effort to stabilize the market.

Now, the government has agreed to distribute through the Red Cross this flour to the needy sections of the country. Large amounts of it have been distributed in drought and flood sections, while over around Cape Hatteras and in Dare County much relief work was done by the same organization.

This flour will arrive at a station in Plymouth with the transportation paid for by the Red Cross and the only expense that the local organization will incur will be the expense of hauling it from the station and the use of the warehouse in keeping it until it is distributed, which will be done in small quantities.

Attorney Zeb Vance Norman here has been appointed chairman of the Washington County chapter of the American Red Cross and will act in a supervisory capacity. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brewer, welfare workers, will distribute this flour to needy people.

Dates For Closing Of Schools In County

White schools in Washington County will close on the following dates: Creswell and Cherry, May 27; Wenoona, May 6; Roper, May 10; and Plymouth, May 5.

Colored school closing dates follow: Pritchett, Sound Side, Back Woods, Mount DeLane, Macedonia, Deep Bottom, Brooks and Long Ridge, on April 29; Cherry, Creswell, May 6; Moratock, May 3; Roper, May 10; Washington County Training School, May 6.

Mrs. R. G. L. Edwards To Give Up Her School Work

Mrs. R. G. L. Edwards, a member of the faculty of the Plymouth City Schools, will leave soon after the closing of school for Parkton, where she will join her husband, who is pastor of the Methodist church of that place. Mrs. Edwards resigned as a teacher in the local schools about two months ago. She will be missed as a teacher in the Methodist Sunday school and church in which she took an active part, being a talented singer.

Sunday School Program at Roper Methodist Church

By Rev. J. BASCOM HURLEY Roper.—There will be held a special Sunday school day program at the Methodist church in Roper Sunday night, May 1. This program is being arranged so as to encourage and strengthen Sunday school attendance. All the church and Sunday school pupils, officers, and teachers in the town and community are urged to avail themselves of the opportunity and be present.

Nation Is Observing Better Homes Week

This week is Better Homes Week in America. Better Homes in America was organized in 1922. Its national headquarters are at 1653 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D. C. The organization is entirely educational; that is, it works for the good of others and has no commercial products to sell. Its object is to help improve living conditions.—Home Agent.

Strawberries Begin To Move in Pender County

Thirty-five crates of strawberries were shipped from Burgaw, Pender County, in early April. Indications are that the crop will be cut in half this season.

Scotland Farmers Plant Improved Cotton Seed

Scotland County farmers have ordered 450 bushels of improved cotton seed for planting this spring.

Chicago Mill Plant Here To Stop Operations Next Week

Primary Election Calendar for 1932

For the convenience of voters of this county, we are presenting the primary election calendar for 1932, as compiled by the State Board of Elections:

April 22nd
Last day for candidates for selection as the nominees of any political party for State, District, and Congressional offices (except for the office of State Senator) to file notice of candidacy with the State Board of Elections.

April 30th
Date of opening of the registration books by the registrars at the polling places at 9 a. m., for registration of new voters. Registration books are to remain open for registration until sunset on every Saturday through Saturday, May 21st, for registration.

May 20th
Last day for candidates for selection as the nominees of any political party for the office of State Senator, member of the House of Representatives, and County and Township offices to file notice of candidacy with the County Board of Elections.

May 23rd
Last day for the chairmen of the county boards of elections in the senatorial districts composed of more than one county where there is no agreement as provided for in Section 6014 of the Consolidated Statutes to certify to every other chairman of the county boards of elections in such senatorial district, the names of all candidates who have filed notice of candidacy in their respective county for the office of State Senator.

May 25th
Last day for statements of expenditures to be filed by candidates and campaign committees. All candidates for

State and District offices shall file such statements with the Secretary of State. All candidates for State Senator in districts composed of only one county, members of the House of Representatives, and all county offices shall file such statements with the clerk of the superior court of their county.

May 28th
Day for the Registrars to attend the polling places with the registration books, from 9 a. m. until 3 p. m., when and where the registration books shall be opened to the public for inspection for the purpose of challenges.

June 4th
Date of Primary Election.

June 6th
Day for the meeting of the county boards of elections at 11 o'clock a. m. at the courthouse of the county to receive the returns of the primary election from the registrars and judges of election of every precinct in the county, at which time the county boards of elections shall canvass the returns and declare the results of the primary election for all county and township officers and members of the House of Representatives.

June 24th
Last day for candidates to file statements of expenditures with the secretary of state and the clerk of the superior court, same as shown for May 25th above.

July 2nd
Date for second primary election, where same is necessary.

July 5th
Day for the meeting of the county boards of election where a second primary is held, to canvass the returns, declare the results, and to make out proper abstracts of the election.

MRS. CLARA P. STOOKES DIES

Buried Friday Afternoon in Oak Grove Cemetery, This County

Pinetown.—Mrs. Clara Pierce Stookes, who died Wednesday night at her home in Craddock, Va., was buried Friday afternoon in Oak Grove cemetery in Washington County. The funeral services, which were largely attended, were conducted at 4 o'clock in South Street Baptist church by Rev. T. A. Russell, pastor, and Rev. Vernon L. Fisher, pastor of the Craddock Presbyterian church. During the service, the choir sang "The Old Rugged Cross," and "Sometimes We'll Understand." Miss Edna Fauncy and Miss Alice Stewart sang a duet, "Whispering Hope." The casket was covered with a spray of roses and lilies.

The pall-bearers were: Honorary, W. S. Parker, W. F. Smith, J. L. Smith, E. L. Beale, L. E. Parker, F. O. Robertson, P. H. Boyette, T. O. Williams, J. T. Sharpe, C. B. Etheridge, D. L. White, T. H. Holland, J. A. Rawles, R. S. Cuthrell, E. N. Baker, and W. F. Felton; active: S. Lloyd Drake, John Shannon, H. J. Allen, J. R. Phillips, R. R. Cooke, C. D. Jackson, Milton Wright, and Frank L. Wicker.

Besides her husband, William G. Stookes, Mrs. Stookes is survived by her parents, Thomas N. and Mrs. Penelope Pierce, of Pinetown; a son, William T. Stookes; one daughter, Joyce Hathaway Stookes; five sisters, Mrs. L. V. Allen, of Craddock; Mrs. W. C. Duffie, of Portsmouth, Va.; and Misses Mary, Martha and Gladys Pierce, of Pinetown.

Home Agent Announces Schedule for Next Week

By Miss EUGENIA PATTERSON
The following clubs will meet next week:

Tuesday afternoon, May 3, at 2:30, Hoke.

Wednesday everybody goes to the district meeting at Williamston. Wear cotton dresses.

Thursday afternoon, 2:30, Chapel Hill.

Friday, 2:30, Beech Grove.
The following girls' clubs will meet next week: Thursday morning, 9:45, Creswell.
Thursday morning, 11, Cherry.
Each girl is asked to wear the dress that she has made. The best one will be selected from each group. It is hoped that this will mean a trip to the state 4-H club meeting at Raleigh.

SENIORS GUESTS JUNIORS FRIDAY

Party Is Thoroughly Enjoyed by Students and Other Guests

Ambitious juniors threw a party here for dignified seniors last Friday night—and all had a good time. Beneath a canopy of streamers that gleamed in assorted colors these worth-while young folk enjoyed themselves with dancing, bridge, and contests, while a group of their elders looked on with pleasure, reminiscing of the same conditions existing when they played around a bit themselves.

These boys and girls had a good time. To most of them it will come only once in a life time, as hardly one per cent of this number will ever attend college for the last two or three or maybe four years. In charge of the reception was Miss Thelma Getzinger, a teacher.

Despite existing depressed conditions the young folk were well dressed and they had the party spirit, enjoying every minute of the occasion. They behaved well with Superintendent and Mrs. E. H. Hicks looking in on the merriment most of the time.

Punch was served the merry guests upon arrival by a quartet of beautiful damsels who were dressed for the part. And then the visitor could choose his or her amusement between dancing, cards, and contests. Card tables were arranged in one end of the hall and the other end was reserved for those who were terpsichorean inclined.

Between these two wings was a hall that resembled a pavilion and in this space were lounging chairs for couples and single occupants. This reception took the place of the usual junior-senior banquet as the former was less expensive. About 60 attended.

Air Traffic Increases 6.5 Percent in First 9 Months

During the first nine months of 1931, there were 348,507 passengers carried on the 38 major air lines of the country, according to the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce of America. This represents a gain of 6.5 per cent over the same period of 1930. An increase of 47 per cent in the number of miles flown is also shown for this period.

\$4.25 Top Price Paid for Pitt Hogs Last Week

Two cars of hogs containing 145 animals were sold for \$1,319.17 by nine Pitt County farmers last week. Tops brought \$4.25 a hundred net.

FUTURE PLANS NOT KNOWN BY MANAGER HERE

To Use Up Supply of Logs Now on Yards Before Stopping

Operation of the box veneer plant on the banks of the Roanoke River near here, established years ago, will cease about the middle of next week, when logs on the yards of the plant have been used, it was learned today from A. H. Stier, general manager of the Chicago Mill and Lumber Corporation.

Instructions have been issued to Mr. Stier to do this and the resident manager of the firm has not been informed of any future plans, and all other "information" that is scattered about here is utterly without foundation, as the head of the firm in Chicago, without comment, informed Mr. Stier last week to stop operations.

The local plant represents an investment of \$600,000, together with an adequate supply of timber; improved new machinery and renovations made by the Chicago firm makes the local plant rank among the leaders of its kind in the South.

With Mr. Stier as general manager the mill had developed a very efficient organization for the operation of the plant. During normal times 350 men were employed, lately using about 150 with a pay roll of \$8,000 monthly. Before the plant was purchased in March 1929, Mr. Stier spent a month here investigating the property and his report resulted in the purchase of the mill.

Mr. Stier has no plans for the future as concerning himself, and knows of no plans for the future operation of the plant by the present company or any other company. All he knows is that his company, the Chicago Mill and Lumber Corporation, is stopping operation of the plant next week. It is assumed that lack of volume and very low prices made it necessary to close the plant at this time.

Mr. Stier started with the Chicago Mill and Lumber Corporation 21 years ago, working himself into the position of plant manager at Blytheville, Ark., before coming here three years ago. E. F. Still, assistant to Mr. Stier, also came from Blytheville and has had considerable experience. W. A. Davidson, superintendent of the factory, is another Blytheville man in the organization who came here with the first two men. Also W. D. Burr, jr., of Chicago, came here with Mr. Stier to learn the box veneer business. This week Mr. Burr and his family left for their home. Others in the organization are mostly Carolinians.

"This is the worst. And anything that happens from now on in the way of news is bound to be better," said Mr. Stier, who was very warm in his praise of the personnel of his organization and the many employees of the plant who have stuck to their posts through thick and thin since he has been here.

A. Corey, of Jamesville, To Run for State Senate

According to information received here today, A. Corey, of Jamesville, is considering running for the State Senate. Mr. Corey could not be reached in time for confirmation of the report, but it was reliably learned that if he decides to enter the race he will announce his candidacy for the senate within the next few days.

Mr. Corey's candidacy will create a race for the office, Messrs. Carl L. Bailey, of this county, and A. D. MacLean, of Washington, having announced for the office some time ago.

Register of Deeds Issues Marriage Permit Recently

Marriage license was issued from the register of deeds' office by Mrs. Addie L. Brinkley on April 12 for William Maxwell Oliver, 21, and Louise Virginia Davenport, 21, white, both of Creswell. This was the only one issued to date since the last appearance of some in the Beacon, except that of a colored couple.

No Service at Methodist Church Sunday Morning

There will be no service at the Methodist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The local congregation is asked to join with other churches in attending the commencement sermon at that hour in the school auditorium. The Sunday school will meet, as usual, at 10 o'clock, and at 8 o'clock p. m., there will be preaching by the pastor.