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TOWN BOARD IN REGULAR MEET MONDAY NIGHT

Pass Ordinance Prohibiting Display of Merchandise On Streets

An ordinance prohibiting the displaying of merchandise on the streets of Plymouth by merchants or any other group of persons was passed by the city council here last Monday evening in an effort to improve the sanitation of the goods.

This move has not been fully made or enacted into law, as no penalty was fixed for the violation of the principle in the council meeting. It is expected that it will be enforced as soon as efforts are made to get it in shape for the punishment of the offenders.

The council also voted to extend the monthly allowance of \$25 monthly for May and June to the use of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brewer, welfare workers, who will remain here to aid in distribution of the 200 barrels of flour that will be here this month to aid in caring for the needy.

Also it was decided to lend assistance and cooperation to the volunteer fire department, which has undertaken to clean up the town in a campaign that will act indefinitely. They will also remove debris and plant trees and shrubbery in the plans for beautification.

A request from W. R. White and George Bowen asking that rent on the market building which they have been renting for year, be reduced was tabled and will likely come up again for discussion. Space back of the ice plant was rented to the Friendly Coal Company at a nominal rate.

The officials refused to allow Taylor Parker and Company any commission on the sale of two boilers and an electrical unit that the company asserted they aided in selling to the town of Belhaven.

JURY LIST FOR SUPERIOR COURT

Drawn By County Board at Meeting Monday for Next Term

Jurors that will serve at the next term of Washington County Superior Court as chosen by the commissioners in session Monday are as follows: Plymouth, T. W. Snell, E. S. Mizelle, C. C. Craft, T. P. Sanderson, R. S. Swain, M. G. Ward, and A. F. Arnold.

Scuppernon: Joseph A. Furlough, A. Rob McGowan, W. P. Davenport, and J. J. Ambrose.

Others are in Skippersville: J. W. Spruill, Isaac F. Ambrose, E. Pritchett, and C. C. Cahoon.

Lees Mills: R. L. Davenport, J. F. Chesson, T. L. Williams, J. W. Marrow, L. L. Mizelle, W. O. Twiddy, W. T. Spruill, J. F. Leary, and D. B. Chesson.

The commissioners also passed a motion to relieve the members of the Plymouth Fire Department of their poll tax for the year of 1932.

Annual Meet at Cherry of Charitable Brotherhood

Cherry.—The Charitable Brotherhood held its grand lodge session here at the hall on April 26 and 27. Many people from throughout the entire district were present. Several very interesting speeches were made, the first being on Tuesday evening.

The people in this community were prepared for taking care of the large crowd during the night and also the day following. Supper was served to the group on Tuesday afternoon. On Wednesday a much larger number was present, making it necessary to have dinner served in the open.

Six New Entries in County Political Races This Week

Six candidates came out today for offices in Washington County, subject to nomination by the Democrats in the June primary.

C. Norman Davenport, jr., of Creswell, is seeking nomination for membership on the county board of education. George W. Hardison, Ernest R. Lewis, and O. R. Armstrong, incumbent commissioners, are opposed for nomination and reelection by M. F. Davenport and Clyde Smithson.

W. E. (Jack) Weede dropped out of the race for treasurer last week.

Senior Reception Held In Roper Last Friday

Roper.—Mrs. L. B. Windley delightfully entertained the senior class at her home on Friday night. The home was artistically decorated with potted ferns and roses. Games were enjoyed, two contests were held, with Grace Windley and Maurice Peacock winning both. Delicious refreshments were served, consisting of ice cream, cake and salted nuts. There were about 30 guests.

CORN TO CHINA

Wenona.—About 12,000 bushels of corn moved out from the local station recently to Norfolk or Newport News grain elevators to be loaded on vessels for shipping to China. Included in this shipment was about 40 or more cars of yellow soybeans that was bound for the same destination.

This is one of the greatest corn-producing sections in this state. Much corn was stored here, awaiting for a market when the chance came to sell this large quantity which was a boon to farmers in this section.

THREE INJURED IN AUTO WRECK SUNDAY NIGHT

Roy Davenport in Rocky Mount Hospital After Collision With Bridge

Roy Davenport, son of Mrs. Tabitha Davenport, is slowly recovering in a Rocky Mount hospital today from injuries sustained Sunday night when an automobile he was driving crashed into the side of the concrete Harrington bridge beyond Roper.

It is understood that the automobile was traveling at a rapid speed when it swerved from its course on the bend, smashing into the bridge concrete railing before it could be stopped, breaking a leg and cutting young Davenport about the head twice in the broken glass that resulted from the impact.

Linwood Hassell, a candidate for the office of treasurer of Washington County, an occupant of the car, is at his home here on Third Street, suffering a broken left leg that resulted when he was thrown unmercifully against some obstacle in the accident.

A brother to W. Linwood Hassell, Clyde Hassell, who is interested in the operation of the Hassell Brothers Bakery here, was cut about the hands and is still suffering from the shock, but is able to be out today. The automobile was practically demolished.

Dr. T. L. Bray is treating the Hassell brothers here, and it appears now that it will be some time before Linwood is able to be out again, as the broken bone must knit back again.

It is also uncertain as to the time when Roy Davenport will be out of the hospital, as messages from the hospital received here this week are to the effect that the injuries of this victim are considered serious.

Board of Education in Meeting Here Monday

The Washington County Board of Education in session here Monday again tabled a request that they purchase from T. C. Burgess a section of ground in order to extend Third Street to the Washington County Training School.

They did decide to allow the home demonstration clubs in the county use of a truck in carrying the delegates from this county to the short course and farmers' convention that will be held in Raleigh this summer.

Several Cases Tried By Recorder Last Tuesday

A verdict of not guilty was returned by a jury in recorder's court here on Tuesday, thus acquitting John White, 33, and Jesse Garrett, 21, white men, of the charge of violation of the prohibition law.

Buster Johnson, colored, was assigned to the roads for six months on charges of carrying concealed weapons and larceny. A nol pros was taken in the case against Robert Lee Hill, Providence Cox, Vernon Norman, and Sid Woodley, on charges of larceny.

Hoke Club Meeting

Hoke.—The Hoke club met Tuesday at the home of Mrs. W. A. Mizelle.

After the business session, Miss Patterson gave a very interesting talk on laundering. There were nine members present and one visitor. The next meeting will be held with Misses Mary, Martha, and Gladys Pierce.

Alamance Farmers Going Into Hog Feeding Business

Alamance County farmers are going into the hog-feeding business this season. Eight new demonstrations were started by the county agent last week.

CHERRY SCHOOL BUILDING TO BE TALKED MONDAY

Plans Will Be Submitted at That Time; People Seek Brick Structure

Cherry.—Patrons of the public schools in this district will attend a meeting of the Washington County Board of Education in Plymouth next Monday, at which time they will hear discussed final plans for the erection of a school building here to replace the one destroyed by fire several months ago.

A sketch of the proposed new building will be presented to the board in Plymouth by Gordon Norman, architect, who estimates that a brick structure will cost \$6,805, while a wooden structure will cost only \$4,484.58. The board will decide which they favor, as they have available for this work only about \$4,500.

The sketch that will be presented by Mr. Norman will include five classrooms with an auditorium that will seat 200 people. The building is 109 feet long and 41 feet wide, with an ell 30 by 25 feet. The building will also include a library and principal's office. Class rooms will be 30 by 20 feet. No basement is included.

Two entrances are drawn at the front of the building for the children to enter and make their exit. The halls are 10 feet wide. This tentative plan for the building is contemplating a wooden structure, which the commissioners may decide to adopt in compliance with the amount of money that they have in hand for this purpose.

The Cherry school here has an enrollment of about 174 pupils this term, with about 50 in the high schools going to Creswell daily. Incidentally, the valedictorian of the Creswell High School graduating class for the last several years has been from Cherry.

The Cherry folks are strong in their appeal for a brick structure.

FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY MADE SUCCESS OF FARM

Was Firm Believer in Value Of Livestock and Soil Conservation

To his other virtues, add that of being a livestock farmer as one of the reasons why George Washington was generally credited as being the leading farmer of his day.

"When Washington came into possession of the beloved Mount Vernon, the fertility of the soil had been impoverished by a century of almost continuous cropping to tobacco and corn," says L. I. Case, animal husbandman at State College. "He was quick to realize this condition and immediately instituted less harmful systems combined with livestock production. His carefully kept records show that he increased the capacity of his acres by the balanced type of farming followed. The records show that he had at one time on the Mount Vernon farm 34 horses, 15 jacks and jennets, 57 mules, 329 cattle, and 640 sheep which were disposed of in his will."

Mr. Case says Washington not only grew livestock of all kinds, but he received a thrill from the breeding of pure strains. He increased the wool output of his sheep by using good rams. He also enjoyed having livestock products on his table.

Finally, he was convinced that improved agricultural practices were vital to the future of the young nation which he had helped to found. "I know of no pursuit in which more real and important services can be rendered to any country than by improving its agriculture, its breed of useful animals, and other branches of the husbandman's cares," he said in 1794. Again in 1796, he compared the kind of farming done in the United States with that of some other countries and urged the farmers of America to "fall on a better mode of treating them (the soils)."

According to Mr. Case, this is advice which any farmer in North Carolina could well apply in 1932.

Class Night Exercises Are Held Wednesday Night

Class night exercises were held at the Plymouth High School Wednesday night, with Margaret Smith as salutatorian and Janice Tetterton as valedictorian. The program was arranged as a trial with the seniors come to judgment.

Others participating in the exercises were Emily Brinkley, president; William Clifton, historian; Martha Mayo, poet; Margaret Ayers, prophet; William Clagon, captain of the basketball squad; George Waters, Martha Bate-man, Matilda Stoyons, Lawrence Swain, Johnnie Spruill, Robert Conklin, Onward Leggett, Eliza Hampton, John Darden, Joseph Newberry, and Robert Ayers.

TAX LISTING

The Washington County Commissioners have arranged for the tax listers to finish the listing and return the books to them by May 16, and it has also been decided that they will have the opportunity to list on the following dates, according to John W. Darden, tax supervisor.

Dates set by the commissioners follow: Scuppernon, May 14; Skippersville, May 14; Lees Mills, May 12, 13 and 14; Plymouth, May 9 and 14. Failure to list property and poll is a misdemeanor and punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, said Mr. Darden.

VIEWS OUTLINED BY ABERNETHY

Congressman From Third District Explains Why He Opposed Cuts

"Several days ago I expressed myself on the floor of the House of Representatives as being opposed to a reduction in Federal salaries, and I am sorry that some of the people misunderstood me," writes Representative Charles L. Abernethy, brother of Mrs. Joe Blount, of Mackeys, to the Beacon.

"The program outlined by the House at that time was to cut all Federal salaries, and while I was willing to make any personal sacrifice in the interest of economy and to have my own salary cut, yet I took this position to fight the entire bill, because there are thousands of government employees who are hardly earning enough to have the bare necessities of life.

"The program of the House at that time was not limited to a curtailment of the higher salaries. It would not have reduced the present depression to have reduced the buying power of thousands of small wage earners in the District of Columbia and throughout the nation."

MRS. T. N. PIERCE DIES WEDNESDAY

Was Prominent Resident Of Pinetown Section; Funeral Friday

Pinetown.—Funeral services for Mrs. Penelope Morris Pierce, wife of Thomas N. Pierce, prominent resident of the Pinetown section, was held from the home at Pinetown, R. F. D. Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the Rev. J. R. Everett, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating.

Interment was in the Latham cemetery, also near Pinetown. Her death occurred suddenly Wednesday night. The deceased was 68 years of age and had been confined to her bed for the past several months suffering from the effects of a fall.

The pall-bearers serving were: R. N. Daniels, D. W. Wright, R. C. Jackson, E. H. Harris, W. A. Mizelle, J. S. Allen, J. F. Allen, and J. M. Allen.

Surviving are the husband, Thomas N. Pierce, five daughters, Mrs. L. V. Allen, of Craddock, Va.; Mrs. W. C. Duffie, of Portsmouth, Va.; Misses Mary, Martha and Gladys Pierce, of Pinetown; one brother, E. A. Morris, of Alachua, Fla., and five grandchildren.

Wednesday last week, exactly one week and two hours apart the deceased's daughter, Mrs. W. G. Stokes, died at her home in Portsmouth, Va.

Family Reunion Held At Cherry Last Sunday

Cherry.—The children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and a few friends gathered at the home of J. F. Davenport last Sunday to surprise him with a big birthday dinner. It also proved to be a family reunion.

Mr. Davenport was presented a gift from each of the families present. Every one enjoyed a dinner out of doors as there were 100 present. Five of the seven children were present, S. R. Davenport, A. J. Davenport, S. Davenport, Mrs. Atwood Stillman, and Mrs. N. H. Davenport, of Mackeys.

Mr. Davenport was born May 1, 1847, this making him 85 years of age Sunday. He is in splendid health.

Commissioners Postpone Tax Sales of Property Indefinitely

17-YEAR LOCUSTS ARE EXPECTED AGAIN THIS YEAR

Specimens Are Wanted by Entomologist at State College

North Carolina's best known brood of 17-year locusts will begin to emerge from the homes they have made in the soil since 1915 and will advertise their presence by an awful din in the forest trees of the State in late May or early June.

Dr. Z. P. Metcalf, head of the department of entomology and zoology at State College, says the locusts which will emerge this year are from eggs that were laid in the limbs of trees back in 1915. The eggs hatched into tiny grubs about 1-16 of an inch long and these crawled into the soil through small crevices where the grubs attached themselves to the roots. The small beaks were forced into the bark to suck sap from the living trees. Here these grubs have been living and developing for about 17 years. Their wings are now full grown and they are awaiting the coming of warm weather, when they will emerge in countless thousands.

"This is one of the most phenomenal happenings in the insect world," says the entomologist. "It was observed by the earliest settlers in this State and careful records have been kept since that time. There are some kinds of cicadas, or locusts, which appear each year. Then there are the 13-year locusts as well as the 17-year brood. Sometimes these overlap in emergence, as they did in 1898. There are also several broods of the 17-year variety and all this has caused confusion, but the brood which emerges this spring is the best known and the one on which the most careful records have been kept."

Dr. Metcalf requests that specimens of the locusts be sent to him this spring with a record about where they were found and on what date. He says the locusts will do little harm, except possibly to young fruit trees nearby to a forest which is heavily infested.

County Ranks 63rd in Amount Retail Sales

Washington County ranks 63rd in the 100 counties of North Carolina in the amount of retail trade per inhabitant for the year 1929, according to statistics compiled by the department of rural social-economics of the University of North Carolina.

The total trade was given in the statistics for this county as \$1,420,000, with the retail trade of each inhabitant averaging \$122.38.

Republican Convention To Be Held on May 12

Roper.—A meeting of the Republican Party of Washington is hereby called to meet at Roper, N. C., on May 12, 1932, at 2:30 p. m. It was announced today by B. B. Spencer, chairman of the Republican Executive committee of Washington County.

The purpose of this meeting will be to nominate a candidate for every office in the county. Therefore, it is very important that as many Republicans attend as can.

Sunday School Convention For Lees Mills Planned

Roper.—A Sunday school convention of Lees Mills Township of the Washington County Sunday school association will probably be held here about the third Sunday in May, it is hoped by President J. Bascom Hurley.

Problems of the Sunday school in every department will be discussed by leading workers in this section. In addition to this there will be music, election of officers, and other business attended to.

Representative Norman Speaker at Hyde School

Representative Zeb Vance Norman, of Washington County, was the commencement speaker at the Fairfield High School in Hyde County last Friday night. His subject was "The Call to Service." A large crowd heard Mr. Norman.

Funeral for Aged Woman At Pleasant Grove Church

Pleasant Grove.—Funeral services were held near here Friday for Mrs. Caroline Hassell, 84 years of age, who died at her home here Thursday. Burial was in a near-by family plot. Rev. J. Bascom Hurley officiated.

TRIP FOR BOYS

A free trip to Washington City in a parlor car bus, under competent care, is being arranged by this newspaper in cooperation with several other papers in this section and will be given to any young boy in this section who will get out and sell a few subscriptions to The Roanoke Beacon during the next six weeks.

The offer is not a speculative one, for remuneration awaits every one taking an interest in the trip. Read the details in a display advertisement carried in this paper today.

Remember, the trip is free and gives you six days travel and includes on its program ball games and all points of interest in the nation's capital.

FARM SHOP WORK IS BEING DONE BY CLASS IN ROPER

Many Useful Articles Are Made by Members of Agriculture Class

Roper.—The spring farm shop work of the agriculture class of the Roper High School was started the first of March, and since then a number of useful and practical shop projects have been made by the students. Below is a record of the construction and repair work done by the students during their shop project periods.

The construction work consists of the following: 2 magazine racks, 9 ironing boards and stands; 4 hammer handles; 10 flower stands, 1 work bench, 2 saw horses, 1 crow cage, 1 community bird house, 1 wheelbarrow, 4 individual bird houses, 1 corn sheller crank, 1 cart saddle, 1 writing desk, 5 milking stools, 2 self-feeders for hogs, 1 rat cage, 3 single trees, 1 science laboratory cabinet, 1 hog house, 4 shoe shine stands, 2 porch swings, and 1 chair.

The repair work consists of the following: 1 running board, 1 generator extension rod, 1 hoe handle, 1 door, 3 saws sharpened, 1 table repaired, 1 gear lever, 2 single trees, 1 office chair, 1 radiator cap, and gasket repairing on car.

The students of the agriculture class are planning a farm shop exhibit for the school commencement. The exhibit will consist of a display of some of the shop work done by the students. B. G. O'Brien is in charge.

Home Agent Announces Schedule for Next Week

Miss Eugenia Patterson, county home demonstration agent, announces the following schedule of club meetings for next week:

Monday, at 2:30, Scuppernon.
Tuesday, at 2:30, Cherry.
Wednesday, at 2:30, Albemarle.
Thursday, at 2:30, Wenona.
Friday, May 13, at 3, Roper.
The Roper girls' club will meet at 2 o'clock at school building.

Pentecostal Holiness Meeting Held in Roper

Roper.—Rev. Rawleigh Lawrence, of Elizabeth City, is conducting a revival for the Pentecostal Holiness church here in Thompson's Hall. Good singing and preaching is featuring the meeting. Assisting Mr. Lawrence is the pastor, Mrs. Ardeen McCloud. Large crowds are attending.

Captain C. E. Mizelle Is Special Guest at Fish Fry

Roper.—Captain Charlie E. Mizelle was a special guest at a fish fry on the shores of the Albemarle Sound some distance from here that was given by the Scuppernon Post of the American Legion last Friday night. There were 25 former service men and their guests present.

Piney Grove Club

Piney Grove.—The Piney Grove Woman's Club held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. A. M. Chesson Thursday afternoon. Messdames Sadie Stillman and Lillie Ange were joint hostesses.

After the business meeting, Miss Eugenia Patterson gave a demonstration on "The Selection and Arrangement of Kitchen Tools."

A large number of members were present, and one new member added to the roll. The evening was enjoyed by all. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

MANY REQUESTS MADE TO BOARD BY TAXPAYERS

Postponement Is For At Least Thirty Days and Probably Longer

Heeding the appeals of a large number of residents of Washington County, the commissioners Monday agreed not to begin advertising the land for sale for delinquent taxes, at the present deferring the matter indefinitely.

The law requires that property be ordered advertised for sale by the commissioner on the first Monday in May and sold by the sheriff on the first Monday in June, but such urgent appeals came to the officials that they decided to defer the advertising and sale for at least 30 days and maybe longer.

This delay in the advertising and sale of land for taxes will probably lead to financial difficulties unless precaution is taken in the matter, as this delay would repudiate assurances already made to holders of county securities that the law was being followed by Washington County in the collection of taxes.

Information from Charles M. Johnson, of Raleigh, director of the local government commission, reads as follows: "If it were the case that the taxpayers whose property was sold on the first Monday in June were to lose their property, I would ask the Governor to call a special session of the General Assembly and ask them to postpone the time of sale."

"But this is not the case. A period of 16 months must elapse before the foreclosure suits can be brought on these certificates, and I have advised the commissioners that where foreclosure suits have been filed on old tax sales certificates and the counties' rights protected so that the counties would not be barred by the statute of limitation, it is my opinion that they should not take final action at this time and cause taxpayers to lose their property, and in case final action had been taken that when taxpayers were able to pay, they should let them have their property back."

"Of course, up to the first Monday in June, a 4 per cent penalty has accumulated on all unpaid taxes and tax sales certificates which are issued after the land is sold carries a penalty of 10 per cent per annum from the date of the certificate, which is supposed to be made on the first Monday in June.

"If the land is not sold on that date and is sold, say, on the first Monday in November, the certificate will carry a 10 per cent per annum penalty from the first Monday in November, therefore it will not cost the taxpayer anything from the first Monday in June, when the law requires that a certificate be issued, until it is actually issued on the first Monday in November."

"It is perfectly reasonable to assume that if it is not going to cost a taxpayer anything not to pay his taxes from the first Monday in June until the first Monday in November, he is not going to pay them. Therefore, in the meantime the collections would be practically nothing."

"Local banks in North Carolina have been lending practically no money. It was, therefore, necessary for the local units to go on a cash basis at probably the worst time in the history of the country to do so. Not collecting any taxes and being unable to borrow any money, I do not see how they can operate, and serious financial difficulties are bound to result."

"I fully realize that these are terrible times here we are going through and it is a mighty hard matter for any taxpayer to pay; however, I also know that there are some who can pay and are waiting to see what action the commissioners are going to take."

"The local government commission has refinanced nearly \$10,000,000 of obligations of local units which were supposed to be paid this year. When you consider that these units paid over \$24,000,000 on their debts, you can readily see that it was necessary to do this refinancing and lighten the burden at this particular time by putting off the date of payment of some of these obligations and spreading them out over a longer period of time."

"A large part of the amount that was refinanced was handled by getting the holders of the bonds or notes to agree to an exchange. We were able to do this by the reason of the fact that the local government act was passed and that we had a central agency to deal with the situation."

"The holders of these obligations were told just what the situation was and that the local officials and the local government commission were doing."

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