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BIG FOREST FIRE HALTED BY RAIN IN THIS COUNTY

Careless Smokers Believed Responsible for Blaze in Mill Pond Section

Rain that came as a blessing to farmers in this section last Wednesday night also extinguished a raging forest fire in the Mill Pond section of Washington County that had damaged undergrowth and timber in an area that was valued at \$500.

The flames spread over 100 acres quickly destroying growth and chasing animals before it. No houses were close enough to the forest to be damaged as the owners of those houses in the path of danger fought valiantly to check the flames.

The cause of the fire has not been determined, but it is thought that careless smokers flipped a lighted cigarette into some dry growth on a tract close to or between some plots owned by George Cameron and Ben Snell. The rain checked the growth blaze, but stumps are burning now, it is understood.

John Taylor and D. O. Patrick fought the blaze Wednesday before the timely rain at 9 o'clock that night. The wind fanned the sparks again, starting another fire just before the rain started falling. Frank and Joe Chesson's land was also damaged.

COUNTY TO GET \$5,430 AS AID FOR EXTENDED TERM

Economies Are Expected to Eliminate Necessity for Increased Tax Rate

Washington County was allotted \$5,430.37 for aid in maintaining the two months extended public school term by the State Board of Equalization, it was learned here today.

This money for the extended term aid does not have to be paid until next March, and the matter will probably be brought before the legislature prior to that time to see where the funds are coming from. Payment of this fund to the county is doubtful unless some new appropriation is available, as the State is facing a deficit.

"Even though an increased State participating rate from 14 to 17 cents uniform was made necessary," a statement from the State Board said, "it is believed that economies and in some instances balances brought over will enable the vast majority of districts to avoid an increase in their tax rate."

EXPECT PROFIT ON HOGS DURING NEXT 2 MONTHS

Swine Specialist Says There Little Chance of Early Decline in Price

Farmers who have hogs for sale during the next two months may expect to make some profit on the animals. This applies especially to those who have followed the system of feeding the hogs with surplus corn supplemented by protein feed and minerals.

"We fully expect those men who have followed our system of converting their surplus corn into pork and who have animals ready for sale during the next two months to make some money," says W. W. Shay, swine extension specialist at State College. "Feeding demonstrations now under way show that the animals are returning from 65 to 70 cents a bushel for the corn they are consuming when sold at the present Richmond prices. There appears to be slight chance of an early decline in price."

Mr. Shay gives as his reason for this the fact that there were 64,656,000 less pounds of pork in cold storage on July 1 than on June 1, one month previous. The amount of such storage was 43,461,000 pounds less than on July 1 one year ago.

Then, too, he says, the number of hogs received at the 63 principal markets during the past June was 10.8 per cent less than in June, 1931, and 23.6 per cent less than the June average for the past five years. The stocker and feeder shipments were 28.4 and 45.4 per cent less than one year ago, and an average of the last five years, respectively.

"We are still of the opinion that the man who will get into the hog-feeding game in North Carolina and stay with it year in and year out will make a more substantial profit from his corn than by cash crop farming," Shay says. "The man who gets in or out according to the market, however, will always be doing both too late for greatest advantage. I would like to see much of the great corn crop of North Carolina sent to market as pork to the advantage of the land as well as the owner."

ISSUE WARRANTS FOR THIRTY MEN

Federal Undercover Agents Attempt to Break Up Tri-County Ring

Secret service investigators have issued warrants for 30 alleged prohibition law violators in Washington, Tyrrell and Pasquotank Counties in an effort to break up a ring that is operating in this section in the manufacture and sale of whisky.

Captain George Thompson and Pitman Sawyer, engineer, on the ferry running from Fort Landing to East Lake voluntarily appeared before U. S. Commissioner John Leggett here last night and posted bonds of \$250 each. They were cited yesterday by officers and fulfilled their pledge to come after work hours.

Henry Ross, Clarence Davenport, and Roy Alexander have posted bonds of \$300 each. Deputy Marshall Robinson, of New Bern, is serving the papers on these men and will get more as he continues his work on warrants issued by undercover men who have been securing data on alleged violators.

SEVERAL SHIPS SUNK IN RIVER DURING 1861-65

Two or Three Hulls of Old Blockaders Still Resting On Bottom of Stream

While many of the records were lost, there are a few remaining that tell about the activities on the Roanoke River during the Civil War. The stream was recognized at that time as a possible passage for Federal gunboats to points up the river, and the Confederates made extensive preparations at Rainbow Banks, just below Hamilton. Federal boats would have found it difficult to have broken through the fort there and landed troops that, once through, could have destroyed the Weldon railroad bridge, an important link in the railroad system for the South at that time. The Federals never attempted to break through, however, and no serious fighting resulted at Rainbow Banks.

Probably the two most exciting events occurring on the stream during the hectic period was the launching of the Albemarle up the river at Halifax Flats, and its sinking at Plymouth about 3 a. m., October 28, 1864, by a torpedo boat in charge of Lieutenant W. B. Cushing, of the United States Navy.

In an effort to get as complete information as possible on other boat sinkings, Captain R. G. Comstock, of the Rivers and Harbors Engineering Department, was here recently making an investigation. It was learned that four boats beside the ram "Albemarle" were sunk in the Roanoke during the war.

One vessel, the "Sea Go," was sent to the bottom of the stream just below Jamesville. After the war, Captain West, a northern deep-sea diver, is said to have raised much of the machinery from the vessel, the hull of which still rests on the muddy bottom of the Roanoke.

Another vessel, the "Chickapoo," was sunk near Hyman's Ferry, between Plymouth and Jamesville, and a third vessel, commercial like the other two, was sunk at the mouth of Broad Creek. Its name is not known. Captain West removed much machinery from these two vessels also. He was aided by a colored man, named Moore, now living in Martin County and who is assisting Mr. Comstock in locating the graves of the old ships.

Mr. Comstock says that according to reports a fourth boat, a side-wheeler used in blockade running, was sent to the bottom of the stream and later raised by Federal salvage forces. While it is not known just where the old side-wheeler was sunk, it is believed that the ship went to the bottom somewhere between Jamesville and Plymouth.

Any person acquainted with happenings, both minor and major in nature, will render a valuable service to the people to come by forwarding all the information they have to this newspaper, where it will be filed and published.

Funeral Services for Wm. R. West Monday

Funeral services were held Sunday for William R. West, 37, who died in a Norfolk hospital Sunday, with Rev. Gilbert Davis officiating, assisted by Rev. Richard Lucas. Burial took place in the Lucas cemetery on the Lucas farm. Surviving are the following brothers and sisters: John T. West, of Dardens; and S. West, of Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. L. L. Etheridge, of Newport News, Va.; Mrs. S. E. Etheridge, Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. J. A. Belcher, of Edenton.

PLAN FIELD DAY AT BLACKLAND FARM AUGUST 4

Is Sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture

Wenona.—Diversification in farming and agricultural research along with celebrated speakers will be featured at the eighth annual farmers' field day that will be held at the Blackland Experiment Station here next Thursday, August 4, it was announced this week by J. L. Rea jr., assistant director in charge of the test farm.

The principal speaker for the day will be Angus W. McLean, of Washington, Democratic nominee for State Senator, while his colleague, Carl L. Bailey, of Roper, will serve as chairman. Invocation will be made by Rev. J. Bascom Hurley, of Roper.

The welcome address and introductory remarks of the chairman will be made by F. E. Miller, director of the State Test Farms. The affair is being sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture. Mr. McLean will be introduced by William A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture of North Carolina.

A livestock program for the Blacklands will be discussed by Earl H. Hostetter, professor of animal husbandry in the North Carolina Experiment Stations. Soil troubles will be explained by L. G. Willis, soil chemist of the division of agronomy in the experiment stations. Pastures will be the subject of I. Case, of the division of animal husbandry in the experiment work.

Dinner will be served at 1 o'clock. Tables will be provided for families and groups to spread their dinners. Barbecue dinners will be sold on the grounds by Bob Melton, of Rocky Mount. Refreshments can be secured at any time. The afternoon program will begin at 2:30 o'clock.

Contests in the afternoon will feature that program with a \$2 prize being offered in the horse shoe pitching contest which will be supervised by R. E. Dunning, Washington County farm agent. The hog judging contest will be supervised by W. V. Hayes, of Columbia, farm agent of Tyrrell county. The sheep judging contest will be supervised by John Forester, of Raleigh, of the animal husbandry division of the test farms.

Tours to the experimental fields at 3:30 will be conducted by J. L. Rea, jr., Earl Hostetter, J. E. Foster, W. H. Rankin, H. B. Mann, L. I. Case, The central committee is composed of J. L. Rea jr., E. P. Welch, R. E. Dunning, F. E. Miller, W. V. Hayes, J. E. Foster and Miss Eugenia Patterson.

Music will be furnished by James Ambrose's string band of Belhaven. Marshalls will include A. P. LeFever, Holland Allen, Bryan Harris, Herbert Allen and Carlos Manning. Miss Eugenia Patterson will preside over the afternoon program that will include contests for women.

Exhibits will be under the supervision of the following: agronomy, W. H. Rankin and L. G. Willis; beef cattle, hogs and sheep, J. E. Foster and L. I. Case; better seed, W. H. Darst and G. K. Middleton; veterinary, William Moore; entomology, R. W. Leiby and farm machinery under S. S. Clapp.

GET \$5,000 AWARD IN DAMAGE SUIT

Suit Arising From Death of Robert Stubbs Settled By Agreement

A verdict of \$5,000 and all costs was awarded Mr. and Mrs. Woodson Stubbs, of Plymouth, as damages in the death of their son, Robert, who was electrocuted while employed at the Chicago Mill and Lumber Corporation plant here in 1930. The case was called in Federal court at Washington.

A compromise was reached by the attorneys for both factions. W. L. Whitley was the chief counsel for the Stubbs family, assisted by H. S. Ward, of Washington, while Z. V. Norman and A. D. MacLean opposed them for the plant.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Swain Gets Bad Knee Cut

James Harrell Swain, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Swain, is suffering from an injured right knee that was cut when the pony he was riding crowded the youth's limb into the side of a stable as the pony was entering with young Swain on his back. It was a bad cut. Dr. C. McGowan attended the young boy. It is not serious.

A Leap in Time

R. A. Stansell, of Plymouth, Eng., leaped from his automobile to safety just as the machine plunged over a 300-foot cliff.

LESS MARRIAGES

There were 5 less marriages in Washington County last year than there were in 1930, when 77 persons were joined together in "holy matrimony." But in 1931, there were seven divorces against five for the previous year. There were no annulments.

This preliminary report came from the office of the Bureau of Census. In this report the number of marriages were reported by Mrs. A. L. Brinkley, the register of deeds, and the divorces by Clerk C. V. W. Ausbon of the Superior Court.

COUNTY DOCTOR NOW WITH NAVY IN CALIFORNIA

Son of Mrs. H. L. Smithson, of Creswell, Transferred To Long Beach

Creswell.—Information has come here to the mother of Lieut. Com. J. E. Andrews that the young doctor had been detailed to the naval dispensary which has headquarters at the Seaside Hospital, Long Beach, Calif.

The naval officer is the son of Mrs. H. L. Smithson, of Creswell, and is half brother to Sidney Smithson, rural letter carrier and town clerk of this place. Long Beach is near San Pedro, Calif. The officer's picture and a story appeared in a daily paper in that section.

The article follows: "As a forerunner of the Navy Dispensary to be established in the Federal Building, Lieutenant Commander James E. Andrews (medical corps), the latest addition to the staff of San Pedro Navy Dispensary on call for navy families. 'Dr. Andrews' headquarters will be at Seaside Hospital. Captain Edward U. Reed, in charge of the dispensary, expects soon to obtain several rooms in Seaside Hospital to be used for the medical care of service men of the community and their families."

"The new Navy Dispensary, to be established as soon as the Federal Building is completed, will be an important factor in inducing navy families to live in Long Beach. It will be outfitted for medical care and for minor operations."

"Dr. Andrews has taken up residence in Long Beach at 2240 Pine Avenue. He is back to the states after two years in Guam, where he was stationed at the naval hospital and for a short period aboard the U. S. S. Gold Star. Previous to that he was on duty at the Naval Hospital, Norfolk, Va., and at the Marine Station, Paris Island, S. C."

"The officer graduated from Jefferson Medical School, Philadelphia, in 1918 and entered the navy immediately afterwards to serve during the World War. His first sea assignments were aboard the U. S. S. Kansas and U. S. S. Sacramento."

DAIRYING BUILDS SOIL FERTILITY

Improves Soils Instead of Robbing Them of All Valuable Matter

Dairy farming improves soils instead of depleting them. On every well handled dairy farm large quantities of legume hays, wheat bran, cottonseed meal and other such feeds are converted into milk through cows yet there is a considerable residue left in the form of manure which will help to build up the soil.

John A. Arey, dairy extension specialist at State College, has done some careful calculating about the plant food value of these feeds. He says that on a basis of ten cents a pound for nitrogen and five cents a pound each for phosphoric acid and potash, alfalfa hay has a plant food value of \$6 a ton; soybean hay, \$7.85; clover hay, \$6.69; wheat bran, \$9.69; corn meal, \$4.69 and cottonseed meal, \$15.92. Only about 20 percent of this plant food value is lost in the feeding process which means that there is a gradual accumulation of plant food on every well managed dairy farm. Further evidence is shown, he says, by the good crops usually produced on such a farm. Not only does dairy farming help to build up the soil but the cropping system followed prevents much washing.

"On account of the organic matter and countless bacteria in cow manure, it has a greater farm value than a chemical analysis would show," says Arey. "The organic matter improves the physical condition of the land and increases its water-holding capacity. This improved condition also makes a favorable situation for the bacterial liberate plant food in the soil particles."

Mr. Arey does not believe any system of farming can be permanently profitable unless soil fertility is maintained.

YARD CONTEST IS WON BY MRS. CARL HEYDEN

Mrs. C. N. Davenport, of Creswell, Is Awarded Second Prize

My Miss Eugenia Patterson On Tuesday afternoon, Miss Pauline Smith, district supervisor, along with a group of women from different sections of the county, visited the yards that had been entered in the yard improvement contest for this year.

Quite a number of women were gathered at the home of Mrs. C. N. Davenport, sr., in Creswell, where the inspection tour started. Her yard was second and the women were served ice water.

From there we went to the home of Mrs. S. C. Smithson. She was in the contest last year, but had made quite a lot of improvement. The beauty of all the work was shown quite forcibly by the work that is being continued by those who started working two years ago. They are still making improvements, and we hope they will never stop.

The next stop was at Mrs. H. W. Norman's home. She has a spacious yard and has done quite a lot of hard work, with the cooperation of her husband. She has a fine place to work, and her yard wouldn't be recognized as the same cornfield of five years ago.

The next yard to be scored was that of Mrs. Walter White. She also started with a cornfield five years ago, but now she has a beautiful little home on the highway all set off by nicely arranged groupings of shrubbery and flowers.

Some of the ladies requested a stop at Mrs. Clint Tarkington's beautiful home. She, too, had made some continued improvements. Her home is on the highway, and no one could help from seeing the yard in passing, for she has one of the loveliest homes in the county.

From there we went on our way to Mrs. Carl Heyden's home in Wenona. She has a lovely little home that is almost a perfect Cape Cod style. She and several of the Wenona Club members were waiting for us. Her yard was inspected, and then she gave us a summary of all the work that she had done, telling us how a part of her yard was a vegetable garden. She has a spacious yard and quite a lot of native shrubbery started. She has had splendid cooperation from her husband and boys and has a yard to be proud of. At the close of Mrs. Heyden's speech she served iced tea and lemonade, which were very refreshing after a long, hot, dusty drive.

Miss Pauline Smith then spoke to the women for a few minutes on "forging ahead," and pleaded with them to prepare for the winter by saving everything possible and by trying to can at least one jar every morning. She also asked every one to put up some extra cans for the needy next winter.

From Mrs. Heyden's a part of the crowd went to Mrs. Kenneth Allen's. Mrs. Allen started working on her yard and has made a wonderful improvement. Her shrubbery is young, but she has a fine start.

The first prize was awarded to Mrs. Carl Heyden, of Wenona, which is a free trip to the State short course in Raleigh August 29 to September 2. There were some close seconds when it comes to deciding the winner of the second prize for some of the scores were near the same. After all things were considered, Miss Pauline Smith (the judge) decided in favor of Mrs. C. N. Davenport, of Creswell.

Funeral Held Sunday for Mr. Malburn P. Bowen

Final rites were held here Sunday for Malburn P. Bowen, 39 years of age, who succumbed Friday from a severe rheumatic attack, from which he had been a chronic sufferer. Rev. Gilbert Davis officiated. Burial took place in a near-by cemetery. Surviving is a widow and an infant child.

W. T. Nurney Taken To Norfolk Hospital

W. T. Nurney, local undertaker, is in St. Vincent's Hospital in Norfolk for treatment. He left here Monday. Last reports about as well as could be expected. Intense heat and chronic ailments overcame a weak constitution resulting in Mr. Nurney being forced to bed.

E. H. Liverman Conducts Mackeys Service Sunday

Mackeys.—E. H. Liverman, prominent Plymouth merchant and church worker, spoke at the Mackeys Methodist church here Sunday to a good crowd. He took the pulpit in the place of the pastor, Rev. J. Bascom Hurley, who at the time was relieving a minister at Columbia.

HAS FINE GARDEN CLUB MEMBER

Mrs. Sarah Swain Has Had Best Garden in 35 Years; Special Seed Used

By Mrs. Eugenia Patterson Mrs. Sarah Swain, of the Albemarle Home Demonstration Club, has had a wonderful garden this year. She has been making gardens for 35 years and has had the earliest and best garden this year that she has ever grown. Her garden was planted about the usual time. She thinks this year that it was all in the kind of seeds she planted. Her brother sent the seeds from Fredonia, N. Y.

She had spinach, cabbage, and spring greens the second week of April, and by the latter part of the same month she also had green beans from her garden. In view of the lack of rain, it is remarkable to have had such unusual success with a garden, unless there is something in the kind of seeds used.

BELIEVE LOWEST POINT OF SLUMP IS NOW PASSING

Low Point of Depression Has Been Approximately Reached, Experts Say

New York.—Recent developments have strengthened the belief in some quarters that the low point of the depression has been approximately reached, said the Guaranty Trust Co. Sunday in its monthly review of business conditions.

"Not much positive change is anticipated during the traditionally dull summer weeks that lie immediately ahead," said the company. "Moreover, it is recognized that the outlook is still far from clear in many respects. But in the absence of further unsettling financial disturbances, there is a growing tendency on the part of certain commentators to believe that the beginning of improvement may be seen in the not distant future."

The net effect of economic developments of the month, said the bank, has been unquestionably good. It listed among the important incidents the Lausanne conference, the adjournment of Congress without enacting seriously adverse legislation, the cessation of gold outflow, the firmness of commodity prices, renewed confidence in the bond market, and an improvement in "some basic industries, notably iron and steel." Offsetting influences were listed as the further recession in railway car loadings, and a reappearance of banking disturbances in some areas, which, however, "have been localized and now appear to have spent their force."

The bank stressed the importance of the recent rally in prices of hogs and cattle. This, it said, has created "more optimism among the farming population than has existed in many months." Partly as a result of the month's new developments and "partly because panicky conditions inevitably tend to wear away as time goes on," the bank stated, "the psychological basis for economic progress in the United States seems stronger at the present moment than it has been for some time."

WOVEN PICTURE OF ROOSEVELT

Available To Anyone Upon Request to the Textile School at Raleigh

This paper has just received a picture of Franklin D. Roosevelt, woven in the textile school of North Carolina State College from a Jacquard design painted by N. R. Whitener, of Gastonia, a member of the 1932 graduating class, who was awarded the medal given by the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers to the most proficient textile student in the class.

The weaving of his picture represents quite a bit of work on his part. A photograph was secured from the governor's office in Albany and placed in a Saentis enlarging camera, which is a part of the equipment of the school used to enlarge and reproduce pictures or sketches upon design paper so that the outline can be traced, after which the design is painted and the correct shading added.

The textile school of North Carolina State College, Raleigh, will send a woven picture of Governor Roosevelt to any reader of this paper requesting same, if a self-addressed, envelope is enclosed with request.

Holding Mission Meet At Lake Phelps Chapel

Skinnerville.—Rev. R. L. Hethcox, of Triplett, Va., is assisting Rev. Chas. Williams, Episcopal minister of Creswell, in conducting a mission meeting at Lake Phelps.

LOCALS DEFEAT VANCEBORO, 10-6, HERE TUESDAY

Fred Blount Fans 13 Beaufort Countians; Mizelle Leads At Bat

Plymouth hopped on Jack Douglas for 13 hits, together with 9 Vanceboro errors, to defeat the Beaufort County boys, 10 to 6, here Tuesday in a ragged ball game. Fred Blount fanned 13 of the visitors, but Vanceboro got 13 safeties for 9 hits. Douglas yielded 13 home runs and fanned 7.

Gurganus, Wheaton, Cleve and Mizelle slugged triples with the latter setting the pace for the batters with four chances. McLawhorn made three bobbles out of 10 chances at first base. Jacobs was charged with two wild throws.

The box score and summary:

Vanceboro	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Cleve, ss	5	1	1	0	1	1
Satterthwaite, 2b	5	0	0	2	1	1
McLawhorn, 1b	4	1	1	7	0	3
Potts, 3b	4	0	0	2	1	0
Jacobs, c	4	1	1	9	2	2
Wheaton, lf	4	0	2	2	0	1
Stanton, rf	4	1	2	0	0	0
Jones, cf	4	1	1	1	0	0
Douglas, p	3	1	1	1	7	1
Totals	37	6	9	24	12	9

Plymouth	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Norman, lf	5	1	3	1	0	0
Mizelle, ss	5	3	4	0	6	1
Fields, 2b	5	2	1	2	1	0
Gurganus, 3b	5	1	2	0	1	1
Blount, p	4	0	1	0	0	0
P. Brown, 1b	5	1	1	9	0	1
Chesson, c	4	1	0	13	1	0
J. Brown, cf	4	1	0	2	0	0
Clagon, rf	4	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	41	10	13	27	13	3

Summary: Runs batted in: Gurganus 2; Blount, Stanton, McLawhorn, Mizelle, Three-base hits, Mizelle, Wheaton, Cleve, and Gurganus. Two-base hits, Norman, Brown, Stolen bases, Mizelle, Fields, and Brown. Left on bases: Plymouth 5, Vanceboro 5. Passed ball, Chesson. Strike out, by Blount, 13; by Douglas, 7. Base on balls, off Douglas 1. Umpires, Ayers and Andrews.

TURNIPS GOOD FEED FOR COW

Should Be Planted Before August 20th for Best Results

Turnips do not rank so high in digestible nutrients because they are about 90 per cent water, but they are relished by dairy cows and have a splen did appetizing and physical effect on the animals.

"I believe every farmer who has a dairy cow will find it profitable to plant some turnips for cow feed before August 20," says R. H. Fuener, head of the animal husbandry department at State College. "Turnips require fertile land put into good condition before planting. Actual seeding should be done between August 10 and 20 in the vicinity of Raleigh. Last year, with only a fair season, we made 1,000 bushels on 2 1/2 acres. The seed were bought from a local dealer at 40 cents a pound and sowed broadcast at the rate of about 3 pounds to the acre. Fifteen pounds of crimson clover an acre was planted with the turnips and caused no decrease in the yield."

Mr. Fuener says he fertilizes the turnips well with both stable manure and commercial fertilizer. The roots were pulled before the first hard freeze and stored in the unused box stalls with a 6-inch ventilator thru the center. A cutting box was made 4 feet long and 18 inches wide. Each day the turnips were piled into this box and cut with a shovel and each cow received 10 pounds a day after the evening milking. The turnips were given as extra feed with cows receiving their usual amounts of grain, silage, and hay. However, the college dairy is generally short on milk at the time the turnips were first fed, and the production picked up immediately.

Mr. Fuener says he would not recommend over 30 pounds of turnips a day to the average cow. The college cows would have consumed more than the amount given had they not been so well fed on their usual feeds.

Discontinue Bible Study Class in Skinnerville

Skinnerville.—The Bible Study Class, taught by Rev. J. C. Russell, at Rehoboth M. P. Church, has been discontinued until the first of September. This was due to a revival meeting being held at Mt. Hermon church near Creswell where Rev. Bascom Hurley, of Roper, is assisting Rev. Mr. Russell. During the first week in August, the pastor plans to go to Duke Hospital Durham for treatment.