

## COUNTY NOT TO AID IN FIGHT ON FREIGHT RATES

Chairman Says It Is Matter For Individual Action By Shippers

Holding that it is the individual duty of the growers to organize and sponsor their own opposition to the effort of the railroad companies to increase the freight rates on potatoes, George W. Hardison, chairman of the Washington County Commissioners, announced that the commissioners would take no action in the matter.

Urgent letters have been received from H. R. Marshall, of Wilson, president; and Samuel F. Dickerson, of Wilson, secretary and manager of the Carolina Shippers' Association, asking that the commissioners contribute \$35 as Washington County's part in the expense of fighting this proposed increase of rates before the Interstate Commerce Commission.

It was pointed out in the correspondence to Mr. Hardison that "if the proposed rates go into effect next season, which they will if immediate action is not taken, it will cost growers and shippers in Washington County approximately \$3,600. There were 188 cars shipped from here in 1931. The new rates will mean an average increase of \$20 per car."

"We must prevent these rates going into effect; if not, it would eventually ruin our potato business, as we could not compete with other sections already enjoying a better rate. Virginia growers are in competition with North Carolina. In November, 1931, the commission found that reasonable rates from all parts of eastern North Carolina should not exceed the rates from the Norfolk section by more than 4 cents per 100."

The last letter received from the shippers organization implied that "unless we proceed as we have planned the rates will be increased before the next shipping season. We filed on July 8 a formal complaint before the Interstate Commerce Commission involving these rates. It has been set for hearing September 12.

"Our time is very limited in which to prepare the case. Unless we can get sufficient money with which to proceed we will be forced to postpone the case indefinitely. This will mean that the higher rates will go into effect before the next shipping season. If we proceed with the case it will be disposed of before the next shipping season."

Mr. Hardison thinks that those who are directly interested in shipping potatoes should make some organized or concerted effort to oppose the increased rates, but does not feel that the commissioners should use money collected from taxes to be distributed in this manner.

## LOCALS GET TWO HITS BUT WIN, 4-3

"Slim" Gardner Wins Own Game Against Belhaven Here Tuesday

"Slim" Gardner won his own ball game here Tuesday afternoon when he came to the bat with Goodman on second and the score knotted at 3-3 and smashed a hard-hit liner across second base for a perfect hit that scored the winning run.

Richards, hurling for Belhaven, allowed the Plymouth boys only 2 wee hits, one by Chappell and the second by Slim Gardner. The local twirler yielded 7 safeties. Chappell stole two bases in one inning and then came home to tie the score.

The strength of the team has been increased with the addition of "Chub" Goodman, of Hertford, who led the Albemarle League batters with 487, including 14 home runs, this season. Buddy Richardson, of Elizabeth City, is receiving and is a fairly good hitter.

## Jim Stewart Dies At His Home in Creswell

Creswell.—Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon for Jim Stewart, who died Wednesday morning following a stroke of paralysis. Interment took place in a cemetery adjoining the church yard of St. David's Episcopal Church. Rev. C. E. Williams officiated. Mr. Stewart was sick only a few days. He was a merchant here.

## Miss Edna Earl Nurney Reported Seriously Ill

W. T. Nurney, local undertaker, who was taken ill during the hot sultry summer days in July, was able to be down town this week. He has been to a hospital.

It is understood that his daughter, Miss Edna Earl Nurney is desperately ill at their home on Jefferson Street. Miss Ernestine Overton, a registered nurse, is attending Miss Nurney.

## Wide Distribution of Free Flour in County Reported

Government flour has been distributed to upwards of 4,000 people in Washington County, it was learned today from W. C. Brewer, welfare officer.

There were 598 colored and 200 white families that have received some of this flour in the last few months. If the average family had only four members then there would have been 3,192 persons who had eaten of the flour, but officials think that the number in the family here would average about five or six, thus increasing the number to about 4,000.

Between the dates of June 7 and

August 4, 1932, there has been distributed among the needy 51,188 pounds of this government flour. Now a number of regular recipients have been increased.

Mr. Brewer requests that any person having old school books lying around not in use are urged to bring them along with any children's clothes that they can spare so as to help the needy children prepare for attending school this term.

Also Mr. Brewer is eager to secure corn, potatoes, or any kind of food that can be used in distributing to the hungry in Washington County.

## WORK IS AGAIN URGED ON ROADS

Chairman of County Board Wires Chairman of Commission

Herewith is a telegram that was sent to E. B. Jeffress, in Raleigh, chairman of the North Carolina Highway Commission by George W. Hardison, chairman of the Washington County Commissioners, one day this month. The message explains itself.

"Permit me to call your attention to route number 97 between Washington and Hyde Counties. It urgently needs improving and paving. Please note as fact that only pavement in Washington County is one road that runs straight through county. Industries here shut down and unemployment situation bad. Please lay these matters before commission. Hope favorable action."

And on August 18 this letter was received in reply to the telegram: "Your telegram of July 26 relative to improving route number 97 south of Plymouth was duly received. Our board is giving careful study to the needs of your section in allocating funds, and this project will be included in the list for study." (signed) "E. B. Jeffress."

In the meantime Representative Z. Vance Norman had appeared before the commission on the date the commission met and he in turn has secured the assurance from the State that this road is to be placed on the list with the worthy projects and would be considered by the officials.

## Mrs. M. C. Cooper Dies At Home in Pike Road

Pike Road.—Mrs. M. C. Cooper, of Pike Road, died August 16 at her home. Pneumonia and a complication of minor diseases caused her demise. She was 62 years old.

Mrs. Cooper was married to M. C. Cooper at Pike Road in 1887. She was a member of the Christian church and a loyal worker in the ladies' aid society.

Surviving are a husband and five sons, Earl, Page, M. M., Clifton, and Carson Cooper, and one daughter, Ella Oliver Cooper, all of Pike Road.

## Mrs. Groves Entertains with Bridge Luncheon

A bridge luncheon marked by its beauty and attractiveness was given last Thursday morning by Mrs. C. L. Groves at her West Third Street home. The soft glow from many colorful bridge lamps shed its radiance on the bounteous profusion of choice summer flowers that fill tall urns, baskets and vases throughout the first floor of the residence.

Bridge was played at eight tables until high noon, then scores proved Mrs. J. A. Sawyer the winner, and she was presented a dainty luncheon set of linen with appliqued flowers. Mrs. Colin Stokes received an unusual electric clock while Mrs. Marion Ramsey was awarded low score prize, a pair of delicate china vases.

When cards had been removed, dainty Maderia cloths were laid and a delicious frozen salad course with sandwiches, pickles, saltines and iced tea, was served by the hostess, assisted by Mrs. H. S. Midgett, Mrs. T. L. Bray and Mrs. H. V. Austin.

Those forming the party were Mesdames M. W. Spruill, J. R. Campbell, J. A. Sawyer, T. L. Bray, R. W. Johnston, S. A. Ward, E. D. Cartwright, H. V. Austin, Edison Swain, Z. G. Lyon, C. McGowan, B. A. Sumner, W. C. Jones, R. E. Dunning, A. L. Alexander, H. A. Willford, H. S. Midgett, C. E. Ayers, F. M. Hodges, Leon Rose, Marion Ramsey, E. H. Hicks, Z. V. Norman, R. L. Whitehurst, J. W. Read, J. K. Reid, Eugene Hill, P. M. Arps, C. Stokes and Miss Martha Horntal. The out-of-town guests were: Mrs. Wilbur Spruill, of Winston-Salem, Mrs. E. C. Caton, of Hampton, Mrs. William Cotter, of New York.

## SCORE COUNTY FOLKS TO GO TO STATE MEETING

Is Looked Forward to By Many As Vacation Excursion

A score or more of farmers and farm women from Washington County are expected to attend the State Farmers Convention that will be held at State College during the week of August 29, according to Farm Agent R. E. Dunning and Miss Eugenia Patterson, home agent.

About the same number went to the convention from this county last year. Many of them look to it annually as their vacation that affords them an opportunity to mingle with other farm women and farmers, getting information from farmers in other sections of the State as well as experts.

The convention formally opens on Tuesday morning, August 30, at 10:30 o'clock, but the delegates gather Monday. In the evening, Dr. Robert B. House, executive secretary of the University of North Carolina, will be the principal speaker.

Tuesday morning addresses by W. Warren Watson, of Hyde County, the president of the association, and Mrs. D. A. McCormick, of Robeson County, president of the State Federation of Home Demonstration clubs, will be made. Greetings will be extended by Dr. E. C. Brooks, president of State College, and William A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Senator Josiah W. Bailey and Representative Lindsay C. Warren will both appear on the programs for men and women. Mrs. Ethel J. Hammond, former Congresswoman from Massachusetts, and now head of the home economics department of the National Grange, will speak Tuesday evening.

David R. Coker, of Hartsville, S. C., will be the principal speaker on the program at the annual banquet of the Crop Improvement Association on Wednesday evening. Mrs. E. L. McKee, former State Senator, will speak at the annual meeting of home demonstration clubs on Thursday, and Dr. E. C. Brooks will speak to graduates of the farm women's short course on Friday.

Good farmers and talented women will aid the experts of the college in the class room work and sectional meetings. And those from Washington County will enjoy this as well as the social benefits and contacts of the meetings. These local agricultural workers urge all who can to go to this meeting.

## Mrs. Colin Stokes Honored with Buffet Dinner Party

One of the most gala social affairs of the summer season was the buffet dinner party given on Wednesday evening, when Mrs. T. L. Bray delightfully entertained a number of her friends, honoring Mrs. Colin Stokes, who is soon to make her departure from Plymouth to reside in Emporia.

As the guests arrived they were served refreshing iced beverage and then ushered into the dining room where a central table was covered with a dainty imported lace cloth, centered with a big silver bowl of gorgeous pink verberna flanked by burning pink tapers in silver holders. Here a most delicious dinner was served buffet style followed by a delightful ice course.

Bridge was enjoyed at four tables the remainder of the evening. At the conclusion of the game, high score prize was presented Mrs. H. S. Midgett while to the honoree a pair of sheer chiffon hose was given as guest prize.

Attending were Mesdames Colin Stokes, Nona Newman, Edison Swain, H. S. Midgett, C. L. Groves, Corinne Austin, R. W. Johnston, R. E. Dunning, Claudius McGowan, E. H. Hicks, Eugene Hill, P. M. Arps, J. W. Read, Zeno Lyon, H. A. Willford.

## Roland Gaylord Fined \$10 On Trespass Count

Roland Gaylord was assessed a fine of \$10 and costs in recorder's court here Tuesday on a charge of trespass on property rented or leased by Mr. Gaylord to C. J. Ainsley.

For some reason Mr. Gaylord is reported to have become dissatisfied or worried about the business, or for some reason he went to the filling station on his lot, operated by Mr. Ainsley and locked the business up and nailed it up. Mr. Ainsley appealed to the court for relief.

## Cardinals Defeat Eagles In Game Here Tuesday

The Cardinals in the juvenile play defeated the Eagles, 13 to 8, here Tuesday with Howard Potat pitching and Joey Brown catching. The battery for the Eagles was composed of Hubert Cox and Max Darden. Thurlow Spruill and Billy Davidson each hit a home run.

## County Schools Will Open for New Session September 12th

### TARBORO WINS 11 INNING CONTEST HERE SUNDAY, 5-4

700 Fans See First Sunday Game Here; Locals Get Only 5 Hits

A single by Perritt that sent Lang across the plate with the winning run broke up an 11-inning baseball game Sunday, giving Tarboro a 5 to 4 victory over Plymouth in the first Sunday game ever played here, as upwards of 700 paid customers looked on.

Lang, first up in the 11th, binged and then stole second. Joyner struck out. Perritt singled, scoring Lang. Sharpe then tied to the right field and Keene to short stop. Preston Chappell, snappy young shortstop for Plymouth, thrilled the large crowd with a spectacular stop of a hard grounder, making a perfect throw to first lying almost flat on the ground.

Jack Jenkins pitched heady ball for the visitors after a wobbly start, allowing two hits and a run in the first and three hits and three runs in the second. He then settled down, allowing only two other safeties in the game. Jack Davis walked four visitors and yielded 7 hits in 5 innings. Slim Gardner replaced him with the score tied and allowed 2 hits and 1 run in the remaining 6 frames.

The box score and summary:

Tarboro	AB	R	H	P	O	A	E
Duke, cf	4	1	1	4	0	0	0
Griffin, 3b	5	0	1	0	1	0	0
Lang, lf	2	2	2	3	0	0	0
Joyner, 1b	5	0	2	12	1	0	0
Perritt, c	4	1	2	7	0	0	0
Sharpe, 2b	5	0	0	2	5	0	0
Keene, ss	5	0	0	1	1	0	0
Savage, rf	4	1	1	4	0	0	0
Jenkins, p	4	0	0	0	4	0	0
Totals	38	5	9	33	12	0	0

Plymouth	AB	R	H	P	O	A	E
Chappell, ss	4	0	0	1	4	0	0
Gaylord, rf	5	0	0	3	0	0	0
Hudson, 1b	5	1	1	14	2	0	0
J. Brown, 3b	5	0	1	2	1	0	0
Blount, cf	4	0	1	0	0	0	0
C. Brown, cf	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fuller, c	3	0	0	5	0	0	0
Fellers, 2b	2	1	1	4	5	3	0
Mizelle, 2b	2	0	0	2	1	0	0
Gurganus, lf	4	1	1	1	0	0	0
Davis, p	2	1	1	1	2	1	0
Gardner, p	2	0	1	0	3	0	0
Totals	39	4	5	33	13	4	0

Summary: Runs batted in: Joyner, Brown, Savage, Lang, Perritt. Two-base hits: Joyner, Jimmy Brown, Duke. Sacrifices: Chappell. Stolen bases, Chappell, Lang, 3; Double plays: Brown to Fields to Hudson; Davis to Chappell to Hudson; J. Brown to Mizelle to Hudson. Left on bases: Tarboro 5, Plymouth 4. Passed balls: Perritt. Wild pitch, Davis. Hit by Pitcher, Fuller by Jenkins. Struck out, by Davis 3, by Gardner 1, by Jenkins 6. Bases on balls, off Davis 4, off Jenkins 2. Hits off Gardner, 2 in 6 innings, off Davis 7 in 5 innings. Losing pitcher, Gardner. Umpires: Ayers, Harris, and Hart.

## Bridge Party Given By Mrs. Leggett Saturday

Friends of Mrs. G. R. Leggett were charmingly entertained on Saturday evening at bridge. Tables were arranged in the spacious living-room which was enhanced with an abundance of pretty summer flowers. Punch was served upon arrival.

High score was presented Mrs. A. J. Riddle while Mrs. H. E. Beam won low score. Both prizes were attractive pottery vases.

At the conclusion of the game, delicate ice cream with devil food cake was served the following: Mesdames J. H. Smith, A. J. Riddle, D. V. Clayton, H. E. Meam, C. J. Swain, Rasser Edwards, Van B. Martin, jr.

## HOSTESS TO CLUB

Mrs. J. W. Blount was hostess to the Miscellany Club Friday afternoon at her country home near Mackeys. Attractive decorations of crepe myrtle branches were used in the hall and living room. The guests enjoyed contract at two tables, after which Mrs. Blount served sandwiches, tea, and a tempting sweet course. A spirited contest was engaged in during the social hour following the games, Mrs. Edison Davenport winning the prize, a piece of pottery, for the correct answers.

Those present were Mesdames W. R. Hampton, Ben Sumner, Claudius McGowan, R. W. Johnston, Sidney A. Ward, Edison Davenport, and Haywood Hyman.

## STORES CLOSE

Business houses continued to be closed Wednesday afternoon, despite the fact that the first agreement to close on Wednesday afternoons during the summer months expired last week. The new agreement calls for half-holidays until September 7. Patrons are urged to continue trading in the mornings as heretofore to allow the clerks this afternoon for recreation during the week.

## SEVERAL WOMEN WIN FREE TRIP TO SHORT COURSE

Good Canning Work Has Been Reported in County So Far This Season

By Miss Eugenia Patterson

The farmers' convention and women's short course will be held in Raleigh next week at State College. Washington County will be represented by several women.

There were three prizes offered this year for the best work done in three projects. Mrs. Carl Heynen, of Wenaona, won first prize (a free trip to the short course) in yard improvement. Mrs. Dick Chesson, of the Swain Club, won the trip in home management. Swain Club, being so much on the job, won first prize in canning also, with Mrs. O. A. Chesson as leader. The Swain club has canned thus far 2,102 quarts of vegetables, fruits, and meats, and they have not thought about stopping yet. Mrs. Chesson held three canning meetings, two white and one colored, and in addition to this helped 18 white women in canning and 14 colored women.

Good canning work has been going on throughout the county, and especially since we had some rain. The clubs standing next to Swain Club, in the canning done is: Beech Grove, with Mrs. L. V. Chesson as leader; Scuppernon, with Mrs. Johnnie Spruill leader; Cherry, Mrs. Robert Davenport, leader; Pine Grove, Mrs. Sadie Stillman, leader; Alba, Mrs. Roy Davenport; Chapel Hill, Mrs. Clyde Latham; and Pleasant Grove, with Mrs. W. B. Chesson, leader.

## SHARP ADVANCE IN LEAF PRICES MADE THIS WEEK

Prices On All Grades Show Marked Increase on the Border Markets

Florence, S. C., Aug. 22.—The broadest price advance since the opening last Tuesday took place today on the tobacco markets of the Eastern South Carolina and border North Carolina belt.

Not only did prices for lower grades improve, but superior grades, which have remained almost stationary, commanded higher prices.

The United States Department of Agriculture said that on the Pamlico and Darlington markets "quality leaf grades average 30 per cent higher, and lug grades averaged 17 per cent higher."

Sales were not as heavy as had been anticipated. Growers who sold at Conway expressed general satisfaction following a spurt in prices. Rains held sales to 52,000 pounds, which brought an estimated average of \$13.57 per 100, several dollars higher than any previous average of the year. Not a ticket was turned.

Mullins reported an advance in prices on better grades, more noticeable in the ripe, orange types. Prices averaged better than 10 cents a pound. Fairmont, N. C., reported a sharp advance in all medium and better grades. The official report was sales of 413,458 pounds and an average of \$11.69.

## Plymouth To Play in Tarboro Again Sunday

Plymouth will play Tarboro again Sunday in the Edgemont county capital at 4 o'clock. These teams have won a game each in the series, with Plymouth taking the first, 8 to 0, and Tarboro taking the second here last Sunday, 5 to 4. A good game is promised by Manager Sumner Sunday. Plymouth will get half of the gate receipts Sunday. Manager Sumner urges good attendance from Plymouth.

## DECIDE UPON SCHEDULE AT MEET MONDAY

Close 2 Days for Thanksgiving and 10 Days Christmas

Public schools in Washington County will open September 12 for the 1932-33 term, it was announced here today by James W. Norman following a meeting of the Board of education Wednesday.

Two days will be given for holidays at Thanksgiving with the schools closing down on Wednesday afternoon and reopening on Monday of the following week. They will close December 22 and reopen January 2, giving 10 days for Christmas.

Easter Monday will be a holiday also. The term will officially end on May 5, 1933, with a total of 160 school days counted in the eight months that the schools will run.

The board decided that a petition presented by a group from Cherry objecting to certain teachers employed by the Cherry local committee did not deserve action from them, as it was strictly a local controversy and should be settled by the citizens of that community.

Truck drivers for the season employed follow: Plymouth School; Chapel Hill, William Roebuck; Long Acre, Samuel Garrett; Long Ridge, Clarence H. Waters; Westover, Bob Ayers; Wenaona, Edison Allen.

Creswell: Pea Ridge, Hilton Chesson; Scuppernon, to be employed; Piney Grove, Whitford Swain; Mt. Pleasant, to be employed; Newlands, Hillie Davenport; Mount Tabor, to be employed; Western Farm, Junior Spear.

Roper: Woodland, Stuart Lewis; Mackeys, Charles Snell; Cross Roads, Floyd Ashey; Mill Pond, Maurice Peacock; Holly Neck, William Spruill; Back Woods, Henry Everett.

## WANTED ON BAD CHECK CHARGES

Maryland Officers Want to Locate S. C. Corbin, of Corbin and Lowe

Officers in Maryland are endeavoring to locate S. C. Corbin, of Corbin and Lowe, tomato brokers, who operated here this summer, according to information received here. These men are accused of having issued a number of bad checks during their operations here this summer.

L. V. Landing, Colon Bowen, and R. W. Johnston received the worthless checks, and others are thought to have been issued these worthless checks also during the summer.

The Crockett Packing Company was also said to have issued papers for the arrest of Corbin and Lowe on a charge of purchasing tomatoes that were under contract to be delivered to them. It is alleged that this was done in Bertie County, where Crockett operates as well as in Washington County.

## Cut Train Service From Marsden To Columbia

The Norfolk Southern Railroad Company is now operating only two trains between Marsden, Belhaven, and Columbia, thus eliminating from the run an entire crew and economizing on this route. There is no train on this route Sundays.

A train now leaves Marsden each week day for Columbia by way of Pinetown, Belhaven and Mackeys, and a second train leaves from the other end of the line. There is no change in connections with the main line train at Mackeys.

## Baptismal Service Held Thursday at Church Here

A unique baptismal service took place Thursday morning at 11 o'clock at the Methodist Episcopal church, when the triplet daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Gershon Lieberman, of Hollywood, Calif., were baptized. Rev. B. T. Hurley, of Smithfield, performed the ceremony, baptizing the children in the order in which they were born. Quite a number of relatives and friends attended the ceremony.

## Sales Alfalfa To Rabbit Breeder Near Charlotte

A Lincoln County farmer sold 80 bales of alfalfa last week to a rabbit breeder near Charlotte. The alfalfa acreage in Lincoln is being steadily increased. One cooperative carload of limestone was recently ordered for the crop.