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## TERMITES DO MUCH DAMAGE TO HOMES HERE

### "Flying Ants" Adding To Worries of Tax-Ridden Property Owners

Termites have been discovered in Plymouth to add to the worries of tax-ridden real property owners.

These little pests, sometimes commonly known as flying ants, have been found in numbers of houses where they do great damage to the wooden foundations of houses and work their damage so as to cause decay of the understructure in a series of seasons.

The little insects are described as pale-colored, soft-bodied, social insects of the white ant family, and are usually found damaging wood and are seen quite frequently in the underpinnings of old houses that have been exposed to their ravages.

An examination of the beautiful home here of Moye W. Spruill, on Madison Street, opposite the courthouse reveals that the pests have been at work in small way in the sills that hold the floor of the house, and which, of course, are the top of the large basement.

A study of the activities of these little insects reveal that they work toward the top of the house for food and then work back down toward the ground for moisture and in this way they do their damage to the wood by covering every section in a large area as they generally travel in colonies.

There are a number of dories in these colonies that do not work at certain intervals and they fight with the industrious ones for food, and thus many of them are killed by the slugs of their own species, but then they thrive so fast that this seems to be little help in destroying them.

The beautiful home of the Hornthals on Main Street has been treated by specialists in this work, and it has done good, as the progress of the insects has been impeded in their movement toward the top and the bottom as the chemical substance applied to the wood sinks into the pores of the sills and poisons those going both ways.

One of the oldest houses in Plymouth, that is known as the Gilbert home, on Washington Street, that is being renovated, with the front porch torn away, has revealed that in all the years that the dwelling has been standing, only a small place has demonstrated any signs of having been visited or decayed by the work of the ants.

Then there is the old home of the W. F. Ausbon family, across Third Street parallel with the Gilbert home, that was standing during the Civil War and where the bullet holes are ited by the dreaded insects that work in some seasons.

As far as could be learned, the home place of B. G. Campbell on Jefferson Street, which is said by some to be the oldest or one of the oldest in this section, has never been harmed by the insects, but they have been busy at work on the office of Magistrate John W. Darden here on Water Street.

Boys here like to see the little insects leaving their place of hibernation in wooden retreats in the spring, as it is a sign that it is time to go to "shing places and they get spring fever right away. And in some places they come out in great numbers.

So this dread pest has been here years and years and seen by everybody, but with a new name of termites instead of flying ants, numbers of people have been dreading and become uneasy about them. They are usually found in all decayed wood in forests or in houses.

## Postpone Meeting of Local U. D. C. Chapter

The meeting of the local chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy which was scheduled to be held next week will be held Friday, November 11, at the home of Mrs. B. A. Sumner on Third Street, with Mrs. Sumner and Mrs. A. L. Alexander as hostesses, it was announced by Mrs. J. K. Reid.

## Roper Church Women To Serve Supper 31st

Roper.—The ladies of the Methodist church will serve a chicken salad supper, from 6 to 8 o'clock on Halloween night, at the old company store. Immediately following the supper the "spooks" will have charge, featuring those things suggestive of the season.

## Hallowe'en Party At Creswell Tonight

Creswell.—A Hallowe'en party will be held in Mr. Wiley's store Friday night, October 28th, by the ladies of the Methodist Episcopal church. Chicken salad and other eats will be sold. The patronage of the people in the community will be appreciated.

## Deny Rumors That A. L. Owens Running Theatre

Rumors spreading here that A. L. Owens is interested in the operation of the local motion picture house is emphatically denied by Alton Harrison and E. G. Arps, who comprise the new managerial staff of the theatre.

## BIDS REJECTED FOR ASSETS OF DEFUNCT BANK

### Judge Daniels Asks Bank To Continue Process of Liquidation

A request has been issued to the Branch Banking and Trust Company as receivers of the United Commercial Bank, instructing them to retain the assets of the defunct institution and run out the executions on all those who were able to pay, by Judge Frank Daniels, of Goldsboro, in a hearing Saturday, it was reported here today.

These assets, including real estate, mortgages, and notes, were sold in a public sale here on the first Monday in September at auction and after each had been bid on singly they were sold in a lump to A. L. Owens, who bid \$5,730 for the lot, which bid was later raised by S. A. Ward to about \$6,016. A hearing was held to determine the legality of this increase in bid.

Judge Daniels returned to each bidder the amount of his bid and his bid, and all money submitted to him for the purchase of these assets with the instructions that the Branch Banking and Trust Company resume their work of liquidation of the bankrupt institution by collecting from all those whose accounts with the bank are good.

Information here has it that B. G. Campbell was the only man in the county who has been served an execution for the amount he owed, dollar for dollar, during the liquidation procedure, while there are numbers of notes in the assets which are listed as good. There have been a number of good accounts, it is alleged, that have been settled for less than their value.

It is not known now when the assets will be sold again, but when they are advertised every item is supposed to be listed separately with some description of it, and every item sold separately so that it will bring the utmost in value on the face of its worth.

Four men who have been interested in this matter from the angle of the depositors were Roy Manning, O. A. Chesson, S. A. Ward, and W. L. Whitley. Mr. Whitley secured an order for the first sale, possibly before the Branch Bank had concluded its liquidation process.

## MUCH WORK FOR POOR DONE HERE

### Many Garments Are Cut at Sewing Room in Court House Recently

"The Plymouth sewing room at the courthouse, under Mrs. Jim Norman's management, has cut many garments, and quite a number of the garments have been made, where the mother was not able to sew," says Mrs. W. C. Brewer, welfare worker.

"The service rendered by the Plymouth ladies in this work is greatly appreciated by the welfare workers and by those who have been benefited," continued Mrs. Brewer. "Also Miss Eugenia Patterson and the county club ladies have cooperated in a wonderful way, sewing and cutting garments at the different club meetings for the needy in their communities."

"The Red Cross cloth is meaning a lot to the school children of our county, and it is hoped that the school attendance will be greatly improved by the help of needed clothing that has been provided in this way."

## 133 Present at Recently Organized Sunday School

There were 133 present at the newly organized Charitable Brotherhood Sunday school that is being each Sabbath afternoon at 2:30 in the lodge hall on Long Acre road. This is possibly more than the town schools can boast of.

The place was so small that it was decided not to have classes, but Rev. Richard Lucas, pastor of the Baptist church, made an interesting talk to the assemblage after a program of singing. It is expected that an annex will be added to care for the crowds.

## 82 Years Old, Never Made a Bad Political Prediction; Says Roosevelt Is Sure Winner

No need to worry who will be the next president of the United States, as Governor Franklin Delano Roosevelt will be in the executive mansion, according to John Ward, of this place, who has never made a wrong political prediction in 48 years.

Mr. Ward at the age of 82 years has been retired as a candy salesman for 5 years, but has never lost his keen ability to forecast political results. While plying his trade he has traveled at some time or another in almost every state in the Union and has met personally Presidents Wilson and Harding.

His first prediction was that Grover Cleveland would be elected in 1884, and since then he has predicted the election of Benjamin Harrison, William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt, William H. Taft, Woodrow Wilson, Warren G. Harding, Calvin Coolidge, and Herbert Hoover. He discouraged Democrats here by predicting Al Smith's defeat last election.

"Roosevelt will be swept into office. Not over three states and maybe only two will he fail to carry. The Democratic standard bearer will sit at the head of this nation in 1933. Mr. Roosevelt has developed faster than any candi-

date that I have ever observed," said Mr. Ward.

"Can give no reason at all for my ability to predict successfully political results, only I know in this case that in a depression the poor man who is suffering will repudiate the party in power, and then it seems to me that the Democrats have a good man at the head of the party," said Mr. Ward.

Mr. Ward, who is a brother of the late Dr. W. Ward, is sure that North Carolina is safe for Democracy. These brothers have been important in Washington County affairs for a generation.

## HUNTERS KILL 3 DEER IN ONE DAY

### Party of Five Have Very Good Luck in Hunt at Lake Phelps

By S. P. WOODLEY  
Creswell.—A very successful deer hunt back of Lake Phelps was had recently by a party composed of Messrs. Aaron Davenport, Edgar Woodley, Jr., Milton Woodley, S. P. Woodley, and Harry Starr. The day previous four deer were run, but they chase lost on account of a very heavy fog which suddenly blew in from the sea.

Members of the party were much depressed owing to their complete failure, so they decided to stay for another day, which proved to be a record-breaker for deer hunting in this locality. A very nice buck was first brought down by Edgar Woodley at 8:30 a. m., and about three hours later another, but smaller, one was killed by Aaron Davenport and Harry Starr, who both took cracks at it, and each shot taking effect.

Then the third buck was killed by Milton Woodley after an exciting foot chase was made by the killer to get in position. He used a high-powered rifle of medium bore and made fair shots at a distance of from 200 to 250 yards. Mr. Woodley was accompanied by S. P. Woodley, who did not shoot, due to the distance, as he was carrying a shotgun, which is commonly used for the sport. The first bullet struck the deer in the upper part of the shoulder, which turned the buck a flying flip-flop. He missed his second shot, but the third shot took effect just behind the left ear of the animal, breaking his spine. He was a very noble animal, and he made a gallant effort to save himself.

The young men lost their first chase—a large buck and a real lord of the wilderness—and they also let pass three does. Altogether the hunt was a great success and everybody was much elated.

## Edenton Colonials Defeat Locals, 19-6, Last Friday

The Edenton Colonials defeated the Plymouth High School Trojans there last Friday, 19 to 6. Sexton featured for Edenton, while Gurganus, who was injured, went into the game in the last two minutes and made a touchdown as he received a pass from Sears for the only Plymouth score.

## Large Crowds Hearing Rev. C. H. Richards

Crowds continue to attend the meetings conducted here in the Christian church by Rev. Charles H. Richards, of Mariemont, Ohio, who is doing some good preaching and is conducting a good campaign with music as a feature. The church is filled to its capacity nightly.

## Outen Gerock Visitor In Town Last Tuesday

Outen Gerock, of Aoshkie, snappy left-handed first baseman of the Edenton Colonials in the Albemarle League last season, was in Plymouth on Tuesday, securing information for the Federal Government in its survey of chain stores. He was with John Dixon of Young's for a time.

## Creswell Club Meets

Creswell.—Mrs. R. T. Hopkins entertained the Creswell Home Demonstration Club Thursday afternoon. Twenty-one members and four visitors were present.

After the business session was over the following program was rendered: How to prepare holiday meals, by Miss Patterson; piano duet by Misses Theda Hopkins and Florence Leitchfield; a trio, by Mesdames Walter Starr, Sidney Smithson, and Sexton Holmes, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. R. T. Hopkins.

The next meeting will be held with Mrs. Tommie Holmes in November.

## GET RELIEF FUNDS

A fund of \$1,000 is in the bank here, held by the Washington County commissioners to be used in welfare work in this county.

This money was the first of a series of allotments of relief funds that is available for use of the needy. It was drawn from the loan of \$815,000 by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to help needy and the unemployed.

This money is designed to care for emergencies for the period from October 1 to October 15, and the second allotment for the last of the month will be made in a few days.

Distribution of this money will not be made until a method of distribution is decided upon and then Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brewer, welfare workers, will work according to a plan outlined by State officials.

In the meantime, cloth for needy school children and flour is being distributed for needy purposes that have arisen in an emergency. It may be that a plan of public improvement will be inaugurated so that those who need the aid can secure it by a little work.

## YOUNG TAR HEEL FARMERS MEET

### Creswell Chapter Holds Its Regular Session Last Friday

Creswell.—The Creswell chapter of Young Tar Heel Farmers held its regular meeting Friday afternoon. A very interesting program was prepared by the program committee and each boy on the program responded to his part.

These meetings will be held at least twice each month during the school year and from time to time the public will be invited to attend. The boys are realizing the value and benefits of their club work and they are really showing interest in their work.

The program was as follows: Talk on trip to State Fair by Forest Snell; Talk on the value of soil improvement by Lewis Alligood; jokes by Joe Baker Davenport; talk on soil formation and transportation, Dockie Davenport; song by Ernest Davenport; and recitation by Mercer Stillman.

In outlining the program of work, C. H. Rabon explained to the club some things that can be done to promote the work for this year.

## Thirteen From County Listed As Contributors

Thirteen names were on the list from Washington County in the News and Observer Tuesday morning of contributors who had sent at least \$1 into the campaign fund that greeted Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, Democratic nominee for President, who was in Raleigh on that day.

Names follow: Frank P. Wall, Raleigh; W. L. Whitley, J. K. Reid, Z. V. Norman, George W. Hardison, Plymouth; J. C. Gatlin, B. A. Davenport, W. T. Alexander, W. D. Peal, O. R. Armstrong, E. R. Woodley, Creswell; L. E. Hassell and C. L. Bailey, Roper.

## SPEAKINGS

Solicitor Larry I. Moore of New Bern, will be the speaker at a meeting that will be held in the Roper School Building at 8 o'clock on the evening of October 28, under the auspices of the Democratic Party, it was announced today by W. R. Hampton, chairman.

Thad Eure, Democratic presidential elector of the first Congressional district, will speak at Cherry School on November 3. Congressman Lindsay Warren will speak at Creswell some time the week of October 31. There will be a speaking in the courthouse here November 4.

## Fire Prevention Week Here Beginning 31st

Next week, that of week of October 31, will be observed in Plymouth as fire prevention week by the Plymouth Fire Department. All fire hazards are to be destroyed and all accumulated trash is to be taken from the premises while the attics and other rooms used for storage in a home are to be cleaned out to prevent the occurrence of fire.

## BARREL STAVE PLANT WILL BE CLOSED NOV. 1

### Manager Says There Is No Prospect of Operating Through Winter

Here is the letter received by C. L. Groves, chairman of the industrial committee of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, from A. B. Houtz, in Elizabeth City, in regard to the closing of the barrel stave mill that he has been operating in Washington County between Plymouth and Roper.

Mr. Houtz is manager of the firm of A. B. Houtz and Sons, Inc., of Elizabeth City, which manufactures in its plants scattered about in different sections baskets, barrels, rollers, staves, and are log and prop shippers. They are said to own a plant here, one in Columbia, and one in Elizabeth City.

The letter follows: "Answering yours of the 12th, we regret to have to say that our stave plant will close down about November 1st.

We are unable to sell any staves at all, and what we have made since July we have had to store depending on next season's barrel business taking them.

With the sack and basket making serious inroads into the barrel business, it is a question whether we do not already have more staves on hand than we will be able to market next season.

We would like very much to continue operating, but if you were to offer to finance our operation through the winter, we would hesitate to operate further for fear we would be unable to market the product and get back our investment.

Under the circumstances, we feel it would be unwise to assume such a risk in the face of present business conditions, much as we know the need of employment and much as we regret our having to close down.

We appreciate your writing us, however, and to know the industry will be missed."

## GETS \$7.20 WEEK FOR 350 WEEKS

### Widow of Herman Hart Is Beneficiary of Ruling by Commission

Upon finding that the death of Herman Hart, whose lifeless body was taken from the murky waters of the Roanoke River here about April 20, was the result of injuries by accident in the course of his employment at the Hampton fisheries here, a compensation award was made to the widow of the deceased by the North Carolina Industrial Commission it was learned this week.

The suit for compensation was brought by Zeb Vance Norman and P. H. Bell as attorneys for the plaintiff against W. R. Hampton and the Maryland Casualty Company. The defendants were required to pay to the widow, Georgia Hart, and six minor children, \$7.20 a week for a period of 350 weeks. A receipt from the widow will acquit all the claims.

It was also stated in the ruling that the defendants were to pay the funeral expenses of Hart, not to exceed \$200, to pay costs of medical attention, and to pay the cost of the hearing. Hart, a colored man, was thought to have died from heart trouble before falling into the river while in the employ of Mr. Hampton at the time of the occurrence.

## Hilton Gordon Manages Theatre in Chatham, Va.

Hilton Gordon, formerly a partner in the management of the local theatre, has opened a showhouse in Chatham, Va. A large crowd attended the opening night last Wednesday. So far the attendance has been good and Mr. Gordon is well satisfied.

Chatham is located in a large Virginia county that has a population of 60,000 people. His theater is fully equipped. He has rented fixtures and all the works ready for business.

## Woman's Auxiliary To Sell Sandwiches, Etc.

Roper.—The Woman's Auxiliary of the Episcopal church will serve oysters, sandwiches, and hot coffee on election day at Sexton's store.

## TO CELEBRATE SETTLEMENT OF FIRST COLONY

### County People Urged To Become Members of Association

Invitations have been issued to people in Washington County to join the Roanoke Island Historical Association which has been incorporated under the laws of North Carolina for the celebration of the 350 anniversary of the birth of English-speaking civilization in America on Roanoke Island in 1585.

This urgent information of the need of the support of the people in this section came from W. O. Saunders, widely known editor of the Elizabeth City Independent, who is president of the organization, and who is serving an executive director with a number of notables associated with him in the effort to put across the event.

Vice presidents of the body include Joseph Daniels, editor of the Raleigh News and Observer; Thomas C. Darst Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina; Dr. Frank Porter Graham, president of the University of North Carolina; Dr. A. R. Newsome, secretary of the historical commission of North Carolina; Dr. A. R. Newsome, secretary of the Raleigh branch of the Wachovia Bank & Trust Co., as secretary.

Dr. R. B. Drown, formerly rector of St. Paul's Episcopal church in Edenton, was elected historian with an executive committee working under the board of directors, composed of W. O. Saunders, chairman; Angus Dhu MacLean, Washington; W. D. Pruden, Edenton; Charles Whiedbe, Hertford; Dudley Bagley, Moyock; D. B. Feering, and R. P. Etheridge, of Manteo.

The board of directors carries such names as A. B. Andrews, of Raleigh; Henry R. Dwire, director of public relations of Duke University; Henry L. Stevens, former national commander of the American Legion; Dean H. Dobson Peacock, rector of Christ Church, Norfolk; and a number of others.

The celebration on Roanoke Island in 1934 will not be an exposition, but the association will endeavor to recreate in part the Roanoke Island of 1585 and in a primitive setting re-enact the drama and romance of the first settlements. Paul Green is at work on a play, while Fred Koch will direct its production. A real tribe of Indians will be used with old Fort Raleigh rebuilt.

"Executive offices for the organization comes an invitation to people in this county in every walk of life and to every descendant of early settlers in America to contribute gift or membership to the work of this association.

"There are four classes of membership: Members, \$1 a year; sustaining member, \$10 per year; contributing member, \$25 per year; patron, \$100 annually. To every member will be sent a handsome membership certificate, which should be framed and treasured as a family heirloom," says Mr. Saunders.

## Funeral Services for John Congleton Wednesday

Scuppernon.—Funeral services were held from Scuppernon Christian church Wednesday afternoon for John Congleton, familiarly known to everyone one as "Uncle John," son of the late Joseph and Fannie Congleton, of Beaufort County. Rev. Roy O. Respass officiated.

"Uncle John" had a paralytic stroke about two months ago and has been confined to his bed ever since. He was born in Beaufort County July 11, 1855, and was a resident there until 1919, when his nephew, with whom he lived, moved to this county. He became a member of Scuppernon Christian church in 1925 under the ministry of Rev. D. W. Arnold. I. J. Alligood and his children are his only living relatives.

Pall-bearers were J. E. Nooney, jr., G. W. Spruill, H. E. Ambrose, L. M. Davenport, C. C. Cahoon, and P. B. Belanga. There were many lovely flowers. Interment was made in the Scuppernon cemetery.

## Forestry Demonstrations Are Scheduled in County

R. W. Graeber, extension forester of State College, will be in Washington County November 9 and 10 to conduct two demonstrations on forest management with R. E. Dunning, farm agent.

Mr. Graeber will present a plan whereby the forest on farms here can be made to pay annual revenue as other farm products. These demonstrations will be made to thin out the growth in the woods.

Those interested in having a demonstration are urged by Mr. Dunning to get in touch with him.