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## NEW OFFICERS OF COUNTY ASSUME DUTIES MONDAY

### Oaths of Office To Be Given By Clerk of Court C. V. W. Ausbon

Next Monday will be a busy day at the courthouse for C. V. W. Ausbon, veteran clerk of the Washington County Superior Court, who will administer the oath of office to the new officers that are to be installed in the county positions for the ensuing term.

The new officers will include Mrs. Mary O. Sawyer, widow of the late Attorney J. A. Sawyer, who will enter upon the duties as register of deeds to succeed Mrs. Addie L. Brinkley, who has held the office a number of years, and in whose family the office has rotated for more than a generation.

John W. Darden, a magistrate of Plymouth Township, has been elevated to the seat of recorder to take the place of Edward L. Owens, who succeeded Jerry A. Sawyer in 1930. Mr. Darden served a number of years as superintendent of public instruction in this county, and will take his seat on December 6.

Ernest G. Arps, popular druggist, succeeds Edward S. Blount as treasurer of the county. This is the first political effort of Mr. Arps, but he has been in business in this county for a long time. After this time county vouchers will be signed by Mr. Arps, who will take the place at a salary of \$50 a month with bond paid.

Then there will be J. K. Reid, sheriff, who has held the office for more than 10 years, and whose big vote each year shows the esteem in which the electorate holds this officer, who succeeded his father, and whose brother is a deputy sheriff.

W. T. Nurney was reelected as coroner for the second term. He is well known and has been in the undertaking business here for some time. The commissioners, including George W. Hardison, E. R. Lewis, and O. R. Armstrong, were reelected also.

The following other officers are supposed to qualify: Plymouth Township: A. R. Latham, constable; justices of the peace: S. D. Davis, Walter H. Paramore, J. B. Stillman.

Lees Mills: C. J. Ainsley, constable; justices of the peace: W. A. Swain, R. W. Lewis, and H. W. Tarkenton.

Skinnerville: Cortez Swain, constable; H. A. Norman, C. V. White, M. F. Davenport, justices of the peace. Scuppernon: Roy T. Hopkins, constable; J. F. Snell, J. C. Gatlin, and T. F. Davenport, justices of the peace.

## CERTIFY VOTE STATE SENATOR

### Official Vote for All Counties Except Dare Are Filed Here

Election officials met in Plymouth Tuesday last week in the office of C. V. W. Ausbon, clerk of the Washington County Superior Court to certify the returns for the uncontested offices of State Senators from the second district.

Votes received in the counties follow and the election officials who certified them are as follows: Washington: A. D. MacLean 1,551, C. L. Bailey 1,544, W. L. Whitley, chairman.

Tyrrell: MacLean 691, Bailey 682; W. N. Norman, chairman.

Hyde: MacLean 845, Bailey 814; W. M. Harris, chairman.

Beaufort: MacLean 5,369, Bailey 5,194; Clifford E. Smith, secretary.

Martin: MacLean 3,726, Bailey 3,679; Sylvester Peel, chairman.

Pamlico: MacLean 1,263, Bailey 1,271; George F. Farrell, chairman.

Dare: Not reported.

## Lees Mills Township Sunday School Meeting

The Lees Mills Township Sunday School convention will hold its quarterly meeting at Pleasant Grove church on the fourth Sunday afternoon, November 24th, at 2:00 o'clock. A very interesting and helpful program has been planned.

F. D. Wilson, of Roper, will lead the devotional service, followed by the welcome address by the superintendent of Pleasant Grove Sunday school, Clinton Tarkington. Miss Blanche Phelps, of St. Delight, will give the response.

After the business session, Mrs. J. A. Chesson will favor the visitors with a vocal solo. Rev. C. E. Williams, of Creswell, is expected to make an address to the Sunday school workers. Special numbers will be given by all the Sunday schools in the township that have not already taken a part in the program.

The program is not expected to cover more than two hours at the very longest. Everyone is especially urged to attend.

## Norman Vice President Of Educational Group

James W. Norman, superintendent of public instruction of Washington County, was elected vice president of the northeastern division of the North Carolina Education Association, at Rocky Mount Saturday, November 12. It is the usual procedure that the vice president of a division advances to the presidency the following year.

## PLAN WAR ON RATS IN COUNTY

### Coordinated Campaign To Begin on December 10; Ask All To Join In

Rats which have in the past destroyed the stored harvest and farm crops in Washington are due for a surprise this fall, according to plans now being made by R. E. Dunning, county farm agent, who is cooperating with A. E. Oman, of the Federal Biological Survey, stationed at State College.

On December 10, a coordinated campaign to eliminate thousands of rats will begin in the county. Several thousand cans of the prepared rat bait has been distributed, and Mr. Oman estimates that the State will be safe for its short crop of corn and other grains and produce.

Mr. Oman is anxious for every farmer to take part in this campaign. He says one package of the bait, costing less than a bushel of corn, will save several barrels. He estimates that every half can used will slay 50 or more of the vermin and there are three of the half-pound cans in the standard farm package.

The bait to be used has been prepared under the supervision of the Biological Survey with red squill as the toxic ingredient. This is mixed at the ratio of 1 to 16 with meat, fish, and cereal. The poison is slow-acting so that it will not alarm the rat population until all have had a chance to eat some and those getting a bite will move away from the premises. The bait is relatively harmless to domestic animals.

This is a war against filth, says Mr. Oman, and farmers are urged not only to take part in this special campaign but to make this work a regular farm practice each fall. The biologist has ordered 8,000 packages of the bait for use throughout the state in his first order and says the outlook is for a use of all of this and possibly more.

## PAST MASTERS' NIGHT AT LODGE

### Will Be Observed by Local Masonic Lodge Next Tuesday

Past masters night will be celebrated in the local Masonic lodge on Tuesday night, November 29, which is the usual observance of the anniversary of the lodge which was established in 1811. A score or more past masters will be recognized. A barbecue supper will be served.

The Rev. W. C. Benson, of Tarboro, former pastor of the Plymouth Methodist church, will make the principal address. Zeb Vance Norman will act as toastmaster. Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brewer will furnish music. All master masons are urged to attend by Master C. T. Robbins and T. C. Burgess who are arranging the program.

## 4-H Clubs of County Hold Council Meeting

Roper.—The 4-H clubs of Washington County held their first club council meeting of the year here November 5.

Introductions were made and the secretaries of the various clubs gave the minutes of their previous meetings, after which officers were elected for the club council, as follows: President, Miss Helen Phelps; vice president, Miss Marie Spruill; secretary, Miss Nellie Hathaway; club adviser, Mrs. Eva Woodley.

The club council was invited to meet at the Creswell school for its next meeting in February.

## Plymouth Grid Team Makes Good Record

Coach J. Frank Furches' Plymouth football team this year made a good record, as it won 6 out of the 10 games played. The boys did well, as some of the best players were out of the games which were lost.

The scores are as follows: Washington 6, Plymouth 13; Tarboro 19, Plymouth 0; Scotland Neck 18, Plymouth 0; Washington 0, Plymouth 13; Beaufort 13, Plymouth 20; Columbia 0, Plymouth 33; Beaufort 0, Plymouth 20; Columbia 21, Plymouth 6; Edenton 18, Plymouth 6; LaGrange 0, Plymouth 20.

## GIVE UP EFFORT TO GET HOSIERY MILL FOR TOWN

### President of Concern Advises Committee To Let Matter Drop

Now the swan song has been sung to the efforts of business men to secure the establishment of a hosiery mill here and the "quietus" has been put on the movement by the man who started it, and now it is all over.

This was revealed in a letter received by the secretary of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce from D. B. T. Dell, president of the Delco Hosiery Mills, which is located at Salisbury and East First Avenue in Lexington, N. C., who advises that the matter be dropped.

Mr. Dell, with his wife, was in Plymouth November 12 and conferred with a chamber of commerce committee in an effort to get a plant started here and a committee member expressed doubt that the \$15,000 investment required could be raised, but an effort would be made.

Here is the letter to the commercialists:

"I have given considerable thought to the matter since my return from your city, and have come to the conclusion that you would find it difficult, if not actually impossible, to raise the \$15,000 I would require to move. I base this conclusion on the pessimistic attitude expressed by some of the gentlemen at the meeting, as well as on general conditions, which are no different in Plymouth than elsewhere.

"I believe under the circumstances we would be just as well off to go no further with the matter, at least for the present.

"I wish to thank you, as well as the gentlemen at the meeting, for the interest shown, and with personal regards, I am," etc.

## SUPERVISOR IS PLEASED WITH RELIEF WORK

### Lunches for 420 Children Prepared Each Week; 40 Men At Work

Miss Mary P. Ward, supervisor of the state fund for the unemployed in Eastern North Carolina, was in Plymouth on an inspection trip a few days ago. Miss Ward expressed herself as being well pleased with the start being made here and said that the co-operative spirit of the county-wide organization is really wonderful.

Lunches for 420 school children are being provided each week, and, with the exception of Plymouth, the dining hall is in the schools, supervised by the parent-teacher associations, with employed dieticians.

There are now more than 40 men employed throughout the county who are given the chance of earning a few dollars once again, and for the benefit of all, the following scale is maintained: 8 hours per day, 10 cents per hour; and three days per week; except in cases where there is a large family of children, when the father is allowed to work out the week.

W. C. Brewer is in charge of the workers, and he warns men that if they can procure employment at anything else to do so, for it will not pay to give up any kind of regular job hoping to be employed by the welfare board, as one knows just how long money will be available to continue this project.

The last few days of severe cold weather ought to move the unemployed men to getting in extra wood for there will not be any wood bought from these funds.

Mr. and Mrs. Brewer again urge the farmers to bring in potatoes or any other foodstuffs than can be used in welfare work, for the need is great, and the town of Plymouth is unable to carry on this extra burden of charity without the whole-hearted support of the county people.

## Washington Classified As Cash Crop County

Washington is classified with about 65 other counties in North Carolina as a so-called cash crop county, which means that it is not included among those which are given to farms of many types.

The types of farms in other counties include: Crop specialty, cotton, self-sufficing, general, institutional, country estates, boarding, forest products, horse farms, dairy, animal specialty, fruit, truck, poultry, cash, grain and stock ranch.

None of these other types, listed above, are found to any extent in this county.

## Plymouth Tennis Team Breaks Even in Edenton

Plymouth broke even in a tennis game with Edenton at Edenton last Monday. Cahoon defeated Elliott 6-2; 4-6; 6-1. Smith, for Edenton, defeated Hampton 6-2; 6-2. This made the scores even. Then Blow beat Campbell 6-4 but Campbell came back to tie it 7-5 in the second set. The last of this set was not played as the local boys had to catch the ferry.

## 5 CASES HEARD BY RECORDER

### Negro Is Held for Superior Court on Charge of Burglary

Five cases, including a burglary charge, were heard in recorder's court here Tuesday of last week by Judge E. L. Owens presiding.

Frank Johnston, 15, negro, was held without bond after entering a plea of guilty to breaking into the dwelling of Babe Towe. This occurred on November 1. The warrant for his arrest was signed by A. L. Towe. The defendant was held on probable cause for superior court.

James Pittman, 18, colored, was arraigned on a charge of assault with a deadly weapon, but an amendment was made to the warrant by the solicitor, and the negro was assigned to the roads for six months on a charge of assaulting a female, he being over 18 years of age. Josephine Pittman was the victim on November 2.

George Blount, 21, colored, was found not guilty of breaking into the house and threatening to kill James Blount on November 3. This warrant was issued by Magistrate John W. Darden.

A case against James Blount for assaulting George Blount with a pocket knife and threatening to kill him while asleep if necessary, on November 3, resulted from a warrant issued by J. F. Snell. This case was also dismissed. It seems that they were arresting each other.

Willie Armistead, 31, colored, was sent to the roads for three months for being publicly drunk, but the road sentence was suspended upon payment of costs and good behavior. This occurred on November 11. P. W. Brown signed the warrant, which was issued by Magistrate George W. Hardison.

## HOME AGENT AT MEET OF GRANGE

### Miss Patterson Takes 7th Degree at National Convention

Miss Eugenia Patterson, Home Agent, went to Winston-Salem Friday to the National Grange convention to take the seventh degree (the highest offered) as a grange member. This was the 66th annual convention which met for the first time in twenty years south of the Mason and Dixie line.

The National Grange is an organization for farmers and their families organized for the promotion and furthering of agriculture and everything worthwhile. The idea of the Grange was conceived in the South in 1860, and it has returned to the South for its 66th meeting.

Kenn Scott, Haw River is the North Carolina Grange master. He has done a wonderful work in the Grange and as a farm agent in his county of Alamance. Up until this year, North Carolina had seven seventh degree grangers; it now has 1,403.

## Announce Vacancies In Corps of Marines

Young men of Washington County who are anxious for service under Uncle Sam may apply to Sergeant Floyd D. Hudson, of the United States Marine Corps, who is in charge of the Marine Recruiting Station at 406 East Plum Street, Norfolk, Va.

The officer asked this newspaper to announce this information as the county's quota of marine applicants has not been filled, and he thinks that there are some "young, vigorous, and quick-thinking men of high character with a high school education" who would like to join.

## Former Resident of County Renews Her Subscription

From 804 Broadway, New York City, came a friendly letter to the Beacon accompanied by a subscription with Mrs. N. E. Armstrong as author. This lady once lived in Plymouth. Maybe her friends remember her.

An excerpt from the letter: "I would like to have the Beacon as I lived a long time in Washington County and the paper came to my home every week. I have not seen it in many years, and I often long for news of my old home county."

## Town Council Holds Stormy Session Here Monday Night

### THANKSGIVING IS CELEBRATED IN MANY LANDS

#### Festival Is Not Exclusively American Custom; Dates Back for Centuries

By WALTER H. PARAMORE  
The wee bird has its nest  
Safe in the tree so tall;  
For birdling's nest, for children's homes,  
I thank thee, Lord, for all.

Stalks of corn with half-husked ears hanging down; apple tree boughs with apples on; a small basket of potatoes; wreaths of forest leaves colored by frost; a pumpkin or so resting near the cornstalk; turkeys in the yard gobbling; the cook making pies.

It is the day before Thanksgiving. Tomorrow will be the feast. And even a depressed people will bow before a higher power that has given us some goodness during the past year—fairly good crops; national peace; freedom from epidemics; a sympathetic government; good neighbors.

Let the whole people be thankful on Thursday. Church will be held here. Stores will be closed. Families will gather around their own firesides to renew acquaintances and reminiscence about childhood days. Children will romp and play. Why not? It is Thanksgiving Day.

History teaches that each autumn the Romans held thanksgiving feasts in honor of the goddess Ceres; the Greeks, about the same time, honored Demeter. The Israelites, too, set aside days for thanksgiving, of which the Feast of the Tabernacles is the oldest one known.

The Hollanders celebrated such a day in October, 1575, for their deliverance from the Spaniards in the siege of Leyden; England celebrated September 3, 1588, as a day of thanksgiving for the defeat of the Spanish Armada.

Another English thanksgiving day was February 27, 1872, to express the gratitude of the nation for the restoration of the Prince of Wales to health, still another was celebrated June 27, 1887, the occasion being the jubilee of Queen Victoria's 50 years' reign.

The first Thanksgiving in North America was held in Plymouth, Massachusetts, in November, 1621, a little less than a year after the landing of the Pilgrims. It was appointed entirely for religious purposes, in order to give the settlers an opportunity to express their gratitude for the perils they had passed and for the bounties they had enjoyed.

The settlers entertained many Indian guests on that occasion, the great chief, Massasoit, and 90 men. The Indians reciprocated by killing five deer and bringing them to the colonists. In that first celebration the feasting continued for several days. Two years later the Puritans appointed another Thanksgiving for rain that saved their corn crop.

Three years later still another was held when a ship arrived in the nick of time. After that the custom seems to have become general and passed to other colonies. When George Washington was president he issued a national proclamation and various states followed.

But Thanksgiving was not observed uniformly on the same day in the United States until 1863. Since that year the last Thursday in November uniformly on the same day is the day it will be celebrated by our people this year is on November 24.

## Swain Club Member Makes Turkey Record

Mrs. O. A. Chesson, of the Swain Club, has a turkey raising record that is so splendid that the home agent would like to point it out to others.

Mrs. Chesson had three turkey hens last spring and from these three hens she sold ten eggs; hatched 109 turkeys and raised 101 of that number. Can you beat that? If so, come along with your record. This is a fine income. It could be a profitable business for Washington County people.

## County Superintendents To Hold Meeting Here

Fifty educators are expected to be in Plymouth some time in January, when the city and county superintendents of school of the northeastern division of the North Carolina Education Association convenes here for one day. The Plymouth teachers will be hosts. These men come from 15 near by counties.

### AVERAGE YIELD OF PEANUTS LESS THAN LAST YEAR

#### Expect Average Yield Per Acre This Year of About 900 Pounds

The average yield of peanuts in Washington County this season will be about 900 pounds to the acre, as compared with 1,150 last year, and a 10-year period average of 1,008 pounds according to the 1932 crop report for North Carolina that is issued by agricultural statisticians of the North Carolina Bureau of Agricultural Economics operating under the United States Department of Agriculture.

Conditions in the commercial peanut area of North Carolina (which includes Washington County) have been unusual this year. Until September, soil conditions were very dry and yet the plants seemed to have a healthy growth. The roots had a dearth of pods which were grouped primarily around the tap root. Many news pods were evident by November 1, but the pegging is poor.

"A poor yield was expected prior to October 1. The principal harvesting occurred during October. While the yields are distinctly better than were earlier expected, the later digging the better it was, specially in quality. The kernels are good or heavy, but the pods are discolored from wet weather conditions. It was expected that the crop would be 22 per cent below last year."

This report is partly authenticated by A. L. Owens, who is probably one of the largest growers in Washington County. He thinks that the yield of 900 pounds an acre is just about right.

## FINAL RITES FOR MRS. DAVENPORT

### Conducted by Revs. R. L. Hethcox and J. C. Russell

Skinnerville.—Funeral service was held at the home by Rev. R. L. Hethcox and Rev. J. C. Russell for Mrs. Robert Davenport, of Creswell, who died October 26. A mound of flowers covered her grave. She was the wife of Robert Davenport.

Mrs. Davenport was 31 years of age and had been a regular and consistent member of Mount Hebron M. P. Church for many years. She was Miss Sallie Barnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Barnes, and was married July 4, 1926.

Surviving is a husband and one child, Betsy Barnes Davenport; a mother, Mrs. Mary C. Barnes; and three sisters: Miss Ida Barnes, Mrs. Daniel M. Phelps, and Mrs. Bessie White.

## Eight Pound Sweet Potato On Display

A sweet potato that weighed when dug eight pounds is on display here in the office of George W. Hardison, chairman of the Washington County Commissioners. The large vegetable was grown on the farm near Plymouth operated by Sam Respass.

It grew to such large proportions that it cracked open on almost every side. It does not weigh as much as originally now, as it has been drying out for several days.

## Mrs. Martin Not After Postmaster Job Here

Mrs. Van B. Martin, Sr., widow of the late Van B. Martin, announced today that she was not a candidate for the position of post master in Plymouth. She said she had never been a candidate and was not interested in the position.

It has been learned on good authority that W. E. (Jack) Weede was an active candidate for the office when ever A. L. Alexander should step out.

## Change Made in Norfolk Southern Schedule 20th

Pursuant to an order issued on November 16 by the chief train clerk, train number two on the Norfolk Southern line will arrive in Plymouth at 12:17. Mail will leave the post office at 12 o'clock.

Train number one will arrive at Plymouth at 1:10 p. m. Mail will leave the post office at 1 p. m. This will make this dispatch 45 minutes earlier than usual. This schedule became effective November 20.

### SPRUILL TO KEEP CLERK'S JOB; TAX RATE REDUCED

#### Personalities Enter Freely Into Discussions; One Member Resigns

One councilman laid his resignation on the table demanding that it be accepted, and a second councilman was taunted with insulting remarks from an auditor in the stormy session of the City Council here Monday night, when several weighty matters came up for discussion.

Elmer R. Jackson, councilman from the first ward, laid his resignation before the councilmen with a demand that it be accepted after a heated argument with Chief of Police P. W. Brown that grew out of a charge by Clerk M. W. Spruill that Mr. Jackson had, without permission, removed parts to a boiler owned by the town plant. Mr. Spruill charged that an agent of Mr. Jackson came for the disputed part to the boiler and carried it away without permission from any members of the board and without asking Mr. Spruill's consent. He also accused Mr. Jackson of personal animosity to him as a city employee.

Mr. Jackson, in explaining the matter, endeavored to bring to the dispute some activities of Chief Brown, who denied them and there that he was connected in any activity with the removal of the part that was the subject of the controversy. This brought on sharp words that resulted in personalities between Mr. Jackson and Mr. Brown.

This was ended before the two men came to blows. But this was the second matter that smacked of personal animosities, as Frank Wall, a certified public accountant of the James Williams & Co., scathingly heaped insults on Walter H. Paramore, councilman from the first ward.

This soon cleared, though, when Mr. Paramore accepted the apologies of Mr. Wall and also extended his regrets. Mr. Wall resented the attitude taken by Mr. Paramore in some question propounded by the young councilman. Mr. Paramore was asking the auditor about dates on checks listed on the work sheet that were disputed by City Clerk Spruill, and Mr. Paramore seemed disturbed that

## 11 PERMITS TO MARRY ISSUED

### Number Issued During Past Two Months Larger Than Usual

Eleven licenses to marry have been issued to the following in the last two months from the office of the register of deeds of Washington County:

Bennie Styron, of Plymouth, to Miss Marjorie Mizelle, Jamesville.

James L. Sitterson, Plymouth, to Miss Lucy E. Lilley, Plymouth.

Roy Edward Gurganus, Wenona, to Aleameter Lamb, Wenona.

Louis Samuel Bateman to Leona C. Browning, both Plymouth.

David H. Mizelle, Jamesville, to Ruth Ausbon, Plymouth.

Sanford L. Sexton to Nancy J. White, both Creswell.

Linwood Davenport to Issler Davenport, both Creswell.

Lawrence Jones, Plymouth, to Frances Dixon, Roper.

R. Bradley Forbes, to Margaret Elizabeth Knowles, both Roper.

Delmar Sparrow to Emma Sadler, both Ransomville.

William McCoy Long, Plymouth, to Swannie Wynne, Williamston.

## High Wind Causes Damage In Chapel Hill Saturday

Chapel Hill.—Wind traveling at a rapid rate of speed blew down the front porch and raised the roof off of the kitchen and dining room of the A. L. Owens farmhouse which is occupied by Mr. Jones in this section Saturday morning.

A tree was wrung off at the stump and carried 100 yards before it dropped to the ground. Peanuts stacked in the field were scattered. Corn was leveled with the ground.

## Only 1 Out of 8 in This County Get Newspapers

There are about 8 inhabitants to each newspaper circulated in Washington County, if a survey made in 1928 is allowed credence. This includes exchanges as well as any other. Washington County's rank is 64th.