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PROCEEDINGS IN SUPERIOR COURT HERE LAST WEEK

Appeal Is Noted By Seaton Patrick From 2 to 3 Year Sentence

An appeal from the sentence of from two to three years in prison has been noted by Seaton Patrick, who was found guilty of seduction by a jury in Washington County Superior Court last week.

The defendant, through his attorney, W. L. Whitley, moved for an appeal on account of errors in the trial that are to be assigned in the appeal. The motion was denied by Judge F. A. Daniels, of Goldsboro, who was presiding at the time, and the defendant appealed to the supreme court.

The notice of appeal was waived in open court and the appeal bond fixed at \$50 with the statutory time for serving the counter case. This was to begin at the end of the present term. The appearance bond was fixed at \$2,500 for Patrick.

The defendant was found guilty of seducing Mary Swain, pretty daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Swain, of the Skimmersville section. Hallett S. Ward, of Washington, aided Solicitor Don Gilliam in prosecuting the case. Walter Moore, colored, was declared not guilty of assaulting Court Arnold, who has escaped from this county, in an affray. Not guilty verdicts were returned in favor of Oscar Hassell, for larceny, and J. C. Gattin, for assault. The case against W. B. Watts for fraud was continued. Howard Bateman was dismissed on a charge of nuisance.

Judgment was suspended upon Lillie Gilliam, on a charge of trespass. For breaking and entering, Frank Johnson, jr., was given two to three years. Jasper Payton plead guilty to entering and larceny and was given six months, while Leroy Biggs was awarded no pros, but they were charged in a second case with a similar crime.

A sentence of six months on the roads for G. S. Respass was suspended upon payment of the cost as the result of a charge of violating the prohibition law. Dempsey Spruill, removing crop, continued under same bond. Nath Hassell, public nuisance and injuring property; not a true bill. J. B. Bateman, removing crop, not guilty.

Eli Raynor, larceny, tried in recorder's court and given 18 months on roads, appealed, and L. L. Basnight was ordered to release him. Frank Morris, attempted robbery, jury verdict of not guilty. A. R. Patrick, bad check, continued for the defendant. Roland Gaylord, trespass, not guilty. David Pettiford, assault with a deadly weapon, not guilty. Elmo Spruill and Maurice Whedbee, forcible trespass, off docket as it was possibly for appearance. Frank Dixon, assault, pleas guilty, 30 days on roads. Cecil James, assault with a deadly weapon, called and failed. Smith White, pleas guilty of violation of prohibition law; two years upon a suspended sentence.

Findlay Tire Companies Have Successful Year

Improved business for Findlay's two tire companies, the Cooper corporation and the Giant Tire and Rubber Co., is predicted by R. P. Bremer, of Akron, head of the Master Tire & Rubber Co., which own the two concerns, it was learned today through Dan Satterthwaite, owner of the Roanoke Service Station and Garage, dealers for the firms.

Mr. Bremer said the Findlay companies had a good year and that an appreciable number of new accounts had been added. He predicted further improvement this year.

Business for the Master company looks promising for 1933, Mr. Bremer said. The company bought the Quaker Rubber Co., of Philadelphia, recently, enlarging its line of products considerably.

The Master concern now employs more than 1,200 persons and has assets of \$5,000,000, he said. Annual sales exceed \$6,000,000.

Federal Relief Funds Big Help in County

Belief that the Federal loans, through the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to North Carolina and divided out with Washington County getting upwards of \$14,000 for relief has been a most helpful relief is expressed by those who are acquainted with the good that this money has done.

Already about 6,000 has been received by Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brewer for this work and it has been learned that Washington County will get \$3,000 in January and \$5,000 in February. This has been a help in two ways. It has helped the needy and improved business a great deal. But \$14,000 is all they will get.

TWO MEN HURT WHEN CAR HITS TRAIN MONDAY

Hoyt Davenport and Chester Craddock Injured At Crossing Here

A shattered hip bone with broken bones in his leg were sustained by Hoyt Davenport, of Creswell, Monday when an automobile he was driving crashed into a train at the crossing near the Lucas home on the highway just outside of Plymouth toward Williamston.

Mr. Davenport was rushed to a Washington hospital Monday by Dr. T. L. Bray, who made a preliminary examination and rendered first aid. Physicians think that unless an orthopedic surgeon is obtained or first-class medical aid rendered Mr. Davenport will be a long time in getting well.

The injury is so serious that it is thought that the hip will probably be weak for some time if the injured man should get so he can walk again. The pelvic bone in the hip is shattered as the most serious injury, but the broken bones will require time for healing. His nose was also broken.

Riding with Mr. Davenport at the time of the crash was Chester Craddock, who sustained minor bruises and cuts. As soon as medical attention was rendered to him he was sent to his home, while Mr. Davenport will probably be in the hospital for some time.

The train crew alleged that they knew nothing of the accident that injured the two men and practically demolished the car, but when they examined the train to find out where it was hit evidence of a crash were found on the 53rd car in a train comprising 70-some cars.

It was said at some time that the two injured men were not found until almost an hour after the accident occurred, but Dr. T. L. Bray is of the opinion that they were found shortly afterward pined underneath their vehicle. The train never stopped, and the crew claimed that they knew nothing of the accident until the wire for information from here was received.

The car in which the men were riding was loaded in the rear with eggs while a trailer behind was loaded with eggs and chickens bound for the Norfolk market. Numbers of eggs were broken, but the chickens in the trailer suffered little damage.

Old Town School Team To Play In Roper Friday

Plymouth boys will be hosts to the Old Town High School team at Roper Friday night. The same team will stay over and play Roper Saturday. The plan to visit the coast on Saturday.

The Old Town boys are from near Winston-Salem, in Forsyth County, and are coached by the younger brother of J. Frank Furches, of the local high school. The team is light but fast, and they have won most of their games. Ten players will be on the trip.

Mr. Furches urges that as many people as possible attend the game in order to pay the small guarantee demanded by the visiting team and also to finish paying the small amount due on the new boys' suits. A small admission will be charged.

The Plymouth girls will probably play the Pantego girls as a preliminary to the boys' game Friday night.

Wenona Club Out To Make Canning Record

Mrs. Ernest Rose, canning leader for the Wenona Club, has a report of 196 quarts of meats canned during the last month by club women. This consisted of pork, sausage, deer, and beef.

The Wenona people are "hustlers," anyway. They have had the "ups" on old man depression and have stood the storm test during the period that shaded so many people. They are an independent community and one of the reasons is that they "live at home." The welfare workers do not spend any time in that community because the people don't need them.

If Washington County and other counties had more Wenonas?—Home Agent.

Little Girl Hurt In Accident Christmas Week Improving

The little six-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Swinson, who was injured Christmas week when she fell from a cart and the wheels ran over her body, badly injuring her hip, has returned from Park View hospital in Rocky Mount, where she has been for treatment since the accident. She is in a plaster paris cast and must remain there for a period of three months, or until her broken bones knit together.

Iredell farmers using the seed loans for cash buying last season say they saved at least 20 per cent on the fertilizer purchases.

Property Tax Drops \$31,000 Since 1930

Washington ranks 76th in the 100 counties in North Carolina in the amount of property tax reduction from 1930 to 1931, according to statistics released by the extension division of the Chapel Hill unit of the Greater University of North Carolina.

Amount of property tax assessed against property in Washington county for 1930 was given at \$188,623 while in 1931 it was \$156,930. The amount of decrease at this time was \$31,693 a percent of decrease of 16.8.

WOULD ISSUE SPECIAL MONEY

Local Man Suggests New Plan of Helping Farmers Of Country

A novel scheme for aiding the farmers in Washington County and the country at large has been advanced here by a man who works on a salary and farms.

"As a last resort or emergency measure let the treasury of the United States issue in one dollar bills a special series to be placed in the hands of the banks to be issued to the farmers upon the following conditions:

"When the farmer sells his crop such as corn, cotton, wheat, tobacco and peanuts at less than cost of production, that for every dollar's worth he sells at market price he will receive 50 cents additional from the banks in the special dollar series after he has produced a certificate showing the sale price of the commodity.

"In each instance that these dollar bills are transferred there shall be placed on them a revenue stamp in the denomination of two cents endorsed by the holder and date of transfer until 50 transfers are made and the bill then becomes worthless as a medium of exchange. The last holder returns it to his banker and receives in exchange for it one current dollar.

"What would be the ultimate result of this I would not undertake to say, but merely mention this for what may be thought of it," concluded Mr. Dupree.

NEW OFFICERS OF FEDERATION

General Information As To Set-Up of Countywide Organization

Information on the general set-up of the Washington County Federation of Home Demonstration clubs has been released by Miss Eugenia Patterson, home demonstration agent.

Officers for this term are, Mrs. W. H. Harrison, president; Mrs. Jesse Holmes, vice president; Mrs. L. S. Brey, secretary; Mrs. Clint Everett, treasurer; Miss Pauline Smith, district home agent; Miss Eugenia Patterson, county demonstration agent.

The spring meeting will be held in March. The fall meeting will be held in October. The first gathering is mostly for social purposes while the fall assembly will be devoted to achievements and club reports.

Discontinue Many Telephones Here

Failure of the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company to reduce rentals on telephones and tolls has resulted in a number of phones having been discontinued in many offices and dwellings here.

It is understood that those in the courthouse that have been in use for some time will be discontinued. One will be left to be used by those who call and the person in that office will notify those who are wanted. This is an economy step.

Only a few remain in town. If these were cut to a rental of \$1 for offices and small businesses and dwellings here per month the number here would triple in a little while it is thought, but the telephone company has taken no reduction action.

Seed and Feed Loan Bill Passes House; Will Be Help To Many County Farmers

Under suspension of the rules, the House of Representatives Monday passed the Seed Loan Bill for crop production during the year 1933. Republican Leader Snell and other Republicans vigorously fought the measure, but its friends were able to muster the two-thirds vote by which it was necessary to pass it. No amendments could be offered. Representative Warren, of North Carolina, asked unanimous consent to offer an amendment to make the loans applicable to local farm organizations, and

JANUARY 27 SET ASIDE AS LAW AND ORDER DAY

Day Will Be Emphasized Throughout County School System

Public schools in this county will join others in North Carolina in observing Friday, January 27, as law and order day in conformity with a proclamation made by A. T. Allen, State superintendent of public instruction, according to an announcement today by James W. Norman, superintendent of public instruction in this county.

The part of the newspapers over the state in observing this day is to carry helpful material in the form of editorials and feature articles on the benefits of regulations governing traffic, school attendance, disease control, sanitation, insurance, taxes, and wholesome foods and drinks.

Mr. Norman will require every teacher to study a page of teaching suggestions or similar helps with the requirement that each teacher teach a lesson on alcoholism and narcotism on that date with the pupils participating as well as listening.

Each school in the county will be required to have a public general assembly program on law and order observance with health as a feature with the lower grades using information from books interesting to them while the high schools will study science and civics.

Also stories taken from the lives of many men and women who have not been addicted to intemperance will be used with a number of Biblical characters suggested and attention will be called to scientific investigation of the effects of alcohol.

Clubs in the town will be asked to engage in a discussion of the "Responsibility of the Adult in Safeguarding the Youth of the State from Alcoholism and Narcotism," while local ministers will be asked to speak on law and order observance in their pulpits.

New Low Fares Being Offered by N. S. Railroad

The Norfolk-Southern Railroad Company announces the inauguration of one-way fares to and from all stations on its line between Norfolk, Goldsboro, and Beaufort and all intermediate stations on basis of one and one-half cents per mile, it was learned today from W. C. Jones, local agent.

Tickets will be sold daily commencing January 15 and continuing to and including February 28, 1933, unless sooner cancelled, changed or extended. The usual baggage allowance will be transported without charge. Stop-overs will be allowed.

"These extremely low fares afford very economical transportation for either business or pleasure and offer train travel at a considerable saving in cost," writes J. F. Dalton, traffic manager.

Yard Improvement Work Begun By Club Members

Mrs. Woolard, yard leader for the youngest home demonstration club in the county, namely, Cool Springs, is doing some outstanding work in the project. In fact, the home agent is of the notion that she is leading the county at present in that line. She has been ably assisted by her son, Fred Woolard, who has done most of the work. They are certainly going to give some one some competition. The winner in this work will go to Raleigh (free) to the state short course.

Washington One of 40 Counties Now in Default

Washington is one of the 40 counties in North Carolina that has defaulted in payment of principal and interest on its bonded indebtedness, it has been announced by local government commission at Raleigh. A bill has been introduced in the North Carolina General Assembly "that the local government commission be empowered to try and effect settlement between defaulting counties and municipal corporations and their creditors."

Leader of 4-H Clubs Is Coming To County

L. R. Harrill, State 4-H club leader, will be in the county on January 26 (Thursday), and it is hoped that he will visit all the 4-H clubs, both boys and girls.

Will Meet Tonight To Discuss Repeal Local School Charter

INCLUDE PEANUT IN RELIEF BILL PASSED BY HOUSE FURTHER CUTS IN BUDGET ADVISED BY EHRLINGHAUS PATRONS URGED TO TAKE PART IN SESSIONS FRIDAY

Bill Would Raise Price of Lowly Goober Up To 3 Cents a Pound

The lowly peanut, so long kicked around as a step-child, gained recognition in the nation's capital last week when it was included in the domestic allotment plan as passed by the House of Representatives. Under the "National Emergency Act," the peanut would sell for three cents a pound during the initial marketing period.

When the domestic allotment plan was first advanced it only included cotton, wheat, and hog products, but the unusually low prices offered for peanuts gained for the goober a place in the act. The peanut has held its own in the House of Representatives, and now it has to face the Senate, and even if it is successful there, it will then face a probable veto at the hands of President Hoover.

As the bill is understood here, peanut farmers would offer their crop for sale on the open market. If they received one cent a pound on the open market, then the act would allow them two additional cents a pound up to a certain amount. If the country actually needed so many peanuts, the act would see that the price would be held to three cents for that amount. However, if production was over and above the consumption demand, then the farmer would have to take what he could get for his proportion of the surplus.

DEATH OF MRS. AMY WISWELL

Native of Canada, 77 Years Old, Dies Here Last Friday

Funeral services for Mrs. Amy Wiswell, who died Friday, were conducted at the home on Sunday afternoon by Rev. Richard Lucas. The pall-bearers were Elmer Jackson, Harry Chopeck, Jack Weede, and C. L. Simpson. Interment was in the Windley cemetery.

Mrs. Wiswell was well known to the people of Plymouth, moving here shortly after her marriage to Captain Bryan Wiswell. She was actively engaged as a trained nurse and followed that profession until seven years ago, when she received a stroke of paralysis from which she never recovered. Resigned to an invalid chair, Mrs. Wiswell remained remarkably patient in her affliction, sitting by a little window looking out upon the Roanoke River. She delighted in watching the beautiful sunsets glow. Many loving hearts and hands administered to her comfort.

Mrs. Wiswell was born in Kings-ton, Canada, September 17, 1856, her age being 77 years. Her husband is the only living relative and the sympathy of the entire community goes out to him in his loneliness.—Reported.

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Disapproves The Methods Proposed by Former Governor Gardner

Raleigh, Jan. 17.—Presenting a greatly curtailed budget to the General Assembly last night, Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus in his accompanying message disapproved emphatically of the methods proposed by former Governor O. Max Gardner for balancing the general fund budget, which shows an accumulated deficit of \$12,690,652, of which \$6,039,155 is charged to this fiscal year.

The failure of Governor Ehringhaus to propose an alternative plan was regarded as making some sort of a sales tax inevitable. The 1931 General Assembly deadlocked for five months between a general sales tax and a selected commodity or luxury tax and ended by rejecting both and adopting a bill which fell far short of balancing the budget. Although he has never publicly committed himself, Governor Ehringhaus has been supposed to prefer the general sales tax of these two plans. A production tax to apply to all manufactured articles and other sources has been proposed at this session.

However, the deficit has now reached such proportions that no one plan is expected to solve the problem. Members of the General Assembly were last night reticent in comment on the Governor's message and the outlook for a sales tax, but nearly all of them expressed a determination to balance the budget regardless of consequences.

The deficit for this year, plus the \$3,950,000 to be lost by removing the 15-cent ad valorem tax for public schools makes around \$10,000,000 by which the budget would be out of balance next year on the basis of present expenditures and present revenues.

The budget report, signed by Governor Gardner and prepared with the assistance of the Budget Commission proposed to get the \$10,000,000 by a combination of the following four methods:

- (1) Reducing present expenditures by \$3,000,000 each year.
- (2) Refunding general fund bond maturities (\$1,150,000 the first year and \$1,738,000 the second year).
- (3) Transfer of \$2,000,000 of highway revenue to the general fund each year.
- (4) Replacing the property tax by increasing the present taxes on an average of 20 per cent so as to raise \$3,850,000 each year.

Ehringhaus Objections

Predicting that the activities of the reorganization committee headed by Senator E. M. Moore, which is scheduled to report on Friday, will result in still further economies, the Governor voiced his approval of those economies and made this criticism of the economies proposed in the budget:

"I am impressed, too, with the idea that the reductions here proposed follow too largely the idea of horizontal decreases without considering, as is vital, the difference between the essential and the non-essential service. I am also of the opinion that all salary reductions should be graduated."

Concerning the proposed transfer of \$2,000,000 of highway revenue each year to the general fund (out of a total estimated revenue of \$16,353,600 the first year and \$15,411,200 the second year) Governor Ehringhaus said: "I cannot give my approval to this suggestion." He calls attention to that portion of his inaugural address dealing with the same subject and cites the decreased revenues for the highway fund, which at its peak received more than \$20,000,000 in State funds each year.

On the suggestion for refunding general fund bonds falling due in the next two years, Governor Ehringhaus said: "Most respectfully, but emphatically, I suggest that this does not constitute a balanced budget. Certainly, it does not accord with my idea of the necessities of the present situation."

County Ranks 48th in Filing Tax Returns

Washington ranked 48th among the 100 counties in North Carolina to inhabitants per Federal income tax returns filed in 1930 covering the income year of 1929. One out of each 262 filed an income tax return. In 1932 statistics would prove that none filed, it is thought, and if so not many.

Petition Now Going Rounds Asking Revocation of Charter

Taking cognizance of the fact that a petition is being circulated in the local township to repeal and do away with the charter of the local school trustees of the Plymouth Graded School district are calling for a mass meeting of the patrons at 8 o'clock in evening at the Plymouth school auditorium Friday evening, January 20.

Patrons of the school are urged to attend so that they can hear the matter fully and impartially presented and then the citizens can express their sentiments as to what is best to be done. This meeting will afford an opportunity for a patron to take an active part in affairs which are of vital interest to every child.

"If the charter should be repealed," say the Plymouth Trustees in a statement to the press, "it means that the people of the district will be solely at the mercy of the state school authorities and the county board of education."

"The people in this district have spent thousands of dollars in order to secure better school advantages, and it seems to us that everybody interested in the schools at Plymouth should be heard before the charter is repealed. Be certain to be on hand at the school-house Friday night, January 20," the statement continues.

The reason for this meeting, as stated above is the circulation of a petition for the signatures of a number of citizens asking that enough names be added to the document so that Representative Charles E. Mizelle, of Washington County, or possibly Senator Carl L. Bailey be asked to introduce in the North Carolina General Assembly a bill to repeal the charter.

If the charter of the Plymouth special district is revoked by law, then the three schools, the Plymouth High School, the Plymouth Graded School, and the Washington County Training school will be under the direct control and management of the Washington County board of Education.

For years it has been the desire of the county board to have the management and business administration of the three schools in the Plymouth district and for years this has been fought by the local community trustees. So the meeting Friday night will be an occasion to get the pulse of the sentiment of the people on this matter.

If the county board should become the business administrators of the three schools, there would be little difference in the operation of the institutions except that all bills would be prepared and paid by the county officials and that the county superintendent would recommend the teachers instead of the city superintendent.

The city superintendent would probably be demoted to the rank of a principal, but the salary would be the same, as the number of teachers under the principal's supervision would remain about the same, and his salary would be about the same thing, and there may be a few duplications of expense items that could be eliminated with the county in charge.

The County Board of Education desires that the matter of repealing the charter be done by the legislature rather than by referendum as the election, if called, would represent an expenditure of \$100 or more in order to get the people registered and voted in the special election.

Besides the mass meeting that is to be held Friday night, it is not known what steps the town officials are taking to block the "repeal charter movement." But it is known, as a member of the city board has said, "I did not secure the charter for the school, but if the people want to retain this special charter then I will fight for it."

Committee Appointments Of Representative Mizelle

Representative Charles E. Mizelle, of Washington County, has been named on the following committees in the lower house of the North Carolina Legislature for this term: drainage, pensions, public buildings and grounds, game, conservation and development, institutions for the blind.

The reason that Mr. Mizelle failed to rate any chairmanship on the numbers of committees can be ascribed to the fact that this is his first term and it is usually the fact that a new representative does not get the same recognition from the solons as does a veteran of many terms.