

COUNTY TO TAKE UPROOPERATION OF FARM THIS YEAR

Short-Term Prisoners Will Be Used in Performing Work There

A change will be made this year in the operation of the county farm that is used to supply much of the farm produce for the use of the county home and other county dependent activities, it was learned today from George W. Hardison, chairman of the Board of Washington County Commissioners.

All of the 30-day prisoners that are sentenced from the local courts will be worked on the farm, as the State will not take a prisoner that is sent up for less than 60 days, and if not enough labor is secured this way, then the State will be petitioned to allow the use of some of the longer-termed convicts on the farm.

The prisoner's work will be divided between the farm and the county home, as these two county activities are usually joined in their administration. It is not known how many it will take to do the work, but there will be supervision by Claude C. Spruill, who was in charge of the farm last year.

In 1932 Mr. Spruill rented the farm on shares with the county, and all of the expenses were paid to make it self-sustaining except the salary of Mr. Spruill, whose duty was divided between the farm and the county home, while Mrs. Spruill is in direct charge of the home itself.

A profit of \$100 was made on May peas last season, and the county and Mr. Spruill still have 165 bags of peanuts that have not been sold but which are stored for a possible upturn in price. Meat was furnished for the home from the hogs that were raised, and vegetables and milk were supplied.

This year Mrs. Spruill will receive \$33.33 a month for her services as manager of the county home, while Mr. Spruill will be given \$16.66 for his job as manager of the county farm—or, in other words, the two of them together will be given \$600 a year for their services, and reports are to the effect that they are both good at their work.

The entire tract at the county farm includes about 92 acres with about 22 acres of this not suitable for cultivation in 1932, but this season it is thought that about a dozen or more acres will be added for cultivation in 1933 as the relief labor that is furnished through State funds is being used to clear up this ground.

Last week there were 18 men employed on the farm digging up stumps, widening and dredging ditches and opening new waterways through the bottom that is in the middle of the plot of ground. In this way, it is hoped to bring in all of the land or at least about two-thirds of the 20 acres not used last year.

The stumps and forest growth that is too large to allow to remain on the ground will be used in the county home for stove and heater wood. The small growth will be ploughed into the ground to enrich the land. In a recent visit it appeared that every precaution is being used to economize.

Bill To Validate Acts of Notary Public Presented

The bill introduced in the legislature to validate the official notary activities of George W. Hardison, chairman of the Board of Washington County Commissioners, does not mean that Mr. Hardison is now a notary or that he desires to be one in the future.

The bill as introduced by Senator C. L. Bailey only means that the acts of Mr. Hardison as a notary before he resigned be acceptable in the sight of the law, as for a short time he held the office of commissioner and notary also before he discovered the offense and resigned.

In addition to his job as chairman of the board of county commissioners and auditor, Mr. Hardison is a Justice of the Peace and a number of people here wanted to know why he should desire to have his present acts as a notary validated, but this was a misapprehension, as he does not and will not practice as a notary.

Union Service To Be Held At Scuppernon Church

Scuppernon.—Columbia, Albemarle Cross Landing, Philippi, and Scuppernon, with Roy D. Respass as minister of the group, will hold a special union service at Scuppernon Christian Church Sunday night, January 29, at 7 o'clock.

Good music and talks will be features of the evening's entertainment. Every one is urged to be there early to insure a comfortable seat, a full house being expected. Several good singers and speakers from Plymouth are expected to be present.

FEW MORE DAYS

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Higher than market prices allowed on produce.

Until February 1 the Beacon will accept the following items on subscriptions at the following prices: Corn, 55 cents a bushel; soybeans, 55 cents a bushel; peanuts, 2 cents a pound; cotton 8 cents a pound; eggs, 25 cents dozen; old hens, 12 1-2 cents pound; frying size young chickens, 15 cents pound; smoked hams, 17 cents pound; and other produce higher than market prices.

These prices will be reduced after February 1, 1933, so it will pay you to pay your subscription now.

RELIEF FUNDS SPENT HERE

TOTAL \$9,162.00

Average Amount Spent Per Family Ranges From \$7.65 to \$9.33

Funds used for relief purposes amounting through the State in Washington County for the last three months in 1932 are given as follows by Dr. Fred Morrison, State director of relief work: October, \$1,000; November, \$4,014; December, \$4,148; total for three months, \$9,162.

The average amount spent per family during the three months follows: October, \$7.65; November, \$9.33; December, \$8.40. These averages are based on the actual number of families aided during the three-month period.

The total number of families aided in Washington County for two months follows: None of these are divided as non-family persons, but in November 706 families and in December 989 families were aided.

Possibly not all the families aided were entirely destitute, Mr. Morrison pointed out, as in many instances they have been given only Red Cross flour, and in the case of many rural people their aid has been confined to clothing, largely for children entering school.

PLYMOUTH WINS DOUBLE HEADER

Boys Defeat Old Trap 29-24 While Girls Win From Pantego, 26 To 19

Roper.—Plymouth's two basketball teams came out ahead in the double-header here last Friday night when the Old Trap High School boys of Forsythe County were drubbed by the Plymouth quint, 29 to 24, with the Pantego girls being routed, 26 to 19, by the Plymouth lassies.

The basketball systems of brothers were pitted against each other when Coach J. Frank Furches' boys' team licked the squad from Old Trap coached by his younger brother. Both of the games were fast, with the Plymouth boys and girls proving their superiority in both contests that were hard fought.

Individual places on the team and individual points for the boys' game were taken as follows: Plymouth, Eddie Getsinger, center, 11; Grant Sears, left forward, 10; Charlie Mizelle, right forward, 6; Bobbie Cahoon, right guard, 2; Charlie Jackson, left guard, 0.

The Old Trap boys scoring follows: Holt, right guard, 8; Shore, center, 4; Pitts, right forward, 3; Yarbrough, right guard, 7; Ogburn, left guard, 2.

The girls' team are composed of the following: Plymouth: Emily Lucas, center; Edna Ayers, left guard; Lois LeFever, right forward; Jean Martin, center; Edna Ayers, left guard; Lois Ellen Bowen, right guard; Sarah Cahoon substituted for Emily Lucas at center.

Pantego girls: Claudie Paul, center; Madge Patrick, left forward; Henrietta Hodges, right forward; Bessie Long, center guard; Dazzie Statebury, left guard; Ruth Elks, right guard.

A statement by Coach Furches of the Plymouth High School: "To those who took care of the visiting team, we thank you very much, and to those who would have taken some players if there had not been sickness in their homes, we thank you also. You will probably be able to help next time."

Presiding Elder Will Preach Here Sunday

Presiding Elder J. H. McCracken, of Elizabeth City, will preach at 11 o'clock service in the Methodist church here Sunday. After the service the quarterly conference will take place. Rev. J. W. Harrell will preach at night. Everybody is urged to attend.

WELFARE OFFICE AT COURT HOUSE IS BUSY PLACE

Work Projects Deal Mostly With Highways From Now On

Business quarters in the courthouse here of the welfare workers in Washington County is a veritable hive of workers, as Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brewer, with their staff of helpers are busy making preparations for a visit of inspection to be made by officials of the North Carolina Board of Public Welfare.

Filled-in blanks showing the activities in the distribution of the flour and garments and the money expended on the work projects must be made out so that the officials at a moment's notice can secure the information they want of the activities here to be filed for their reference.

The case cards must show a correct disbursement of every dollar expended in work projects and must include the names of the heads of families, wives and the names of their children and other like information, as well as the proper address of the recipients of government aid.

The same records are required of flour and Red Cross materials, as well as ready-made garments. And these records must be accurate in every detail, and thus a staff of workers has been secured to aid Mr. and Mrs. Brewer for a short time until they can get the matter arranged for inspection.

Clothing articles that have been received by the workers here include a dozen infant's wrappers, a gross of balbriggan bloomers, 5 dozen waist suits, 9 dozen stockings, a dozen play suits, 3 dozen pairs of men's overalls, 18 dozen women's hose, two dozen pairs of boys' knickers, 2 dozen women's union suits, dozen boys' overalls, and 9 dozen infants' stockings.

There is little or none of the above articles listed as on hand as practically all have been given away, in addition to \$7,000 cash spent in wages, shoes, medicine, groceries, and school lunches. The lunches are being served in five schools, to 2,760 children each month.

The work projects will be mostly highway from now on until the last check is received in February. Mr. Brewer states that the highway work will be in charge of overseers employed by the State Highway system.

Mr. Brewer again thanks the many people throughout the county for their splendid cooperation in helping to feed the hungry for the last few months. Today, Mr. Brewer asserts, this county has 196,000 pounds of flour and 8,000 yards of material on hand.

DEATH RATE IN STATE IS STILL ON DECREASE

Amounted to 9.6 Deaths Per 100,000 in 1932, Against 10.2 in 1931

Raleigh.—The death rate in North Carolina continues to decline in spite of both disease and automobiles, amounting to only 9.6 deaths per 100,000 in 1932, a comparison with 10.2 for 1931, Dr. James M. Parrott, executive secretary of the State Board of Health announced today. This is considerably below the average death rate for the entire United States, which is about 12.4 per 100,000.

"We feel that the people of North Carolina are to be congratulated on being able to consistently lower the death rate in times like these and that these figures indicate that without doubt North Carolina is a good state in which to live," Dr. Parrott said.

The decrease in the number of deaths from pellagra in the state during the past year has been even more pronounced, indicating that pellagra is ceasing to be one of the state's major problems, Dr. Parrott said. During 1932 there were but 465 deaths reported from pellagra, while in 1931 there were 696 pellagra deaths, and in 1930 a total of 1,015 pellagra deaths.

This decided decrease in pellagra is due more than anything else to the "live-at-home" program started in the state by former Governor O. Max Gardner in 1929-30, and which began to show its first results in 1931, according to Dr. Parrott.

This "live-at-home" program resulted in the planting of hundreds of thousands of gardens by families that had never planted any before, as well as in a tremendous increase in the number of cows and chickens in the state. This, in turn, resulted in hundreds of thousands of people adopting a different kind of diet with vegetables, eggs, and milk taking a predominant place in it. Pellagra can not exist where vegetables, eggs, milk, and chicken compose most of the diet. The result has been that pellagra has almost disappeared in North Carolina, according to Dr. Parrott.

INCOME TAX FACTS

WHO? Single persons who had net income of \$1,000 or more or gross income of \$5,000 or more, and married couples who had net income of \$2,500 or more, or gross income of \$5,000 or more must file returns.

WHEN? The filing period begins January 1 and ends March 15, 1933.

WHERE? Collector of internal revenue for the district in which the person lives or has his principal place of business.

HOW? See instructions on Forms 1040A and 1040.

WHAT? Four per cent normal tax on the first \$4,000 in excess of the personal exemptions and credits. Eight per cent normal tax on the balance of net income. Surtax on net incomes in excess of \$6,000.

BIG CROWD AT FUNERAL FOR MRS. JOHNSTON

Died At Home of Mrs. Van B. Martin, Sr., Here Tuesday

Funeral services were held Wednesday for Mrs. Pattie Johnston, who died at the home of a relative, Mrs. Van B. Martin, Sr., here early Tuesday morning. Rev. Theodore Partrick, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, at Raleigh, who was at one time rector of the Grace parish here, officiated.

Interment took place in the Grace Episcopal church cemetery with a large crowd of friends whom she had accumulated over a life period of 93 years attending and paying final tribute to the aged lady, who was well known and well liked by all who knew her. A massive heap of beautiful flowers contributed by friends far and near covered the grave.

Mrs. Johnston had been sick only a short time, being confined to her bed since last Friday, but heart trouble with infirmities of age caused a weak body to succumb to the preying qualities of the disease. Monday night at 9 o'clock she was sitting up in bed and expressed the belief to Dr. C. McGowan that she would recover.

Surviving Mrs. Johnston are the following daughters: Mrs. R. C. Forbes, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. W. F. Aushon, Plymouth; and one son, Asa Johnston, of Roper. Her husband has been dead for years.

Mrs. Johnston is a graduate of Meredith College in Raleigh, and for years she was a constant reader, but three years ago she lost her eyesight. She retained the wonderful memory that was characteristic of her. She was well known among the young folks, as they were always delighted with her stories of true incidents of the old South.

Pall bearers: Active, Henry Blount, George Hardison, Henry Spruill, Arthur Vail, John Leggett, and J. O. Everett.

Honorary: Joe Arps, R. A. Williford, C. V. W. Aushon, Henry Harrison, Johnston Ward, J. H. Smith, Alfred Garrett, Sam Beasley, Dick Harrison, L. W. Gurkin, Dr. C. McGowan, R. W. Johnstone, J. M. Horton, A. D. Bassinger, and A. G. Spruill.

Want Delegation From County at Raleigh 31st

Efforts are being made in Washington County to secure a delegation from here to attend the citizen's conference which will be held in Raleigh at 2:30 in the afternoon of Tuesday, January 31, at the city auditorium for the purpose of discussing a plan to have the people say whether or not schools and colleges must go on up to at least a minimum standard.

G. B. Phillips, chairman of the North Carolina Committee on Public Relations, has asked the Beacon to print an urgent appeal to the people in this county to attend. This is a follow-up meeting to the one held in Durham last Friday. Endorsements to the call for this meeting have been made by leaders in all of the different kinds of civic organizations in the State.

School Superintendents In Meet Here Tuesday

Digressing from the regular program that had been prepared for the occasion, 35 members of the Northeastern District of the Association of City and County School Superintendents who met in Williford's Tavern here at a luncheon Tuesday heard and participated in a general discussion of school policies.

Julie B. Warren, of Raleigh, secretary of the North Carolina Education Association, led the discussion. G. E. Hartsell, superintendent of the Elizabeth City schools, called the meeting to order and then E. H. Hicks, of Plymouth, chairman of the program committee, presided over the discussions.

Decide To Ask For Special Election on School Matter

FARMERS MEET IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY HERE

To Make Last Call for Members in Plymouth Mutual Exchange

Last call for membership in the Plymouth Mutual Exchange will be made at a meeting of farmers that will be held in the courthouse here Saturday afternoon, January 28, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, it was decided in a meeting held in the council chamber here last Monday evening by the directors.

At Saturday's meeting the conclusion of securing growers' contracts will be made for the production of tomatoes for the 1933 season, and those who wish to enter the cooperative organization are urged to be present either with their contracts signed or unsigned so that the number of acres can be determined.

The goal for the organization is 300 acres and it is thought that this will be reached with ease in consideration of the progress that is being made at the present. When the acreage is reached, then no more memberships in the exchange will be granted under any conditions, as the officials of the organization do not wish to have so many tomatoes that they can not be handled properly.

It was decided to close the canvassing soon on account of the fact that correspondence would be necessary to secure low bids on seeds, and then it would be necessary to order the seeds and have them here by the middle of February anyway, so that those joining in the association can have their seed in plenty of time for early planting.

Use of the packing shed at the Norfolk Southern Railroad station has been offered to the organization for the wrapping and shipping of the tomatoes during the season at a nominal sum. However, no arrangements have been made by the officials for a place to pack, as they are awaiting further developments in this matter.

This organization is composed of farmers mostly, with H. C. Spruill as president; E. F. Still, vice president; W. T. Stillman, secretary and treasurer; with the following directors who were present Monday night: A. L. Alexander, J. H. Leggett, Roy Manning, R. C. Jackson.

Edward S. Blount Is Recovering From Illness

Word has been received here that Edward S. Blount, of near Mackeys, former treasurer of Washington County, and who is well known as a farmer as well as a politician, is recovering from an illness from which he has been very sick. Mr. Blount is now understood to be able to be about the house at his usual duties.

Small Child Improving At Rocky Mt. Hospital

The small child of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Harrison is suffering from pneumonia and ear trouble in the Park View Hospital in Rocky Mount. The child at one time was reported to be very sick, but it is understood to be improving now.

150,000 Federal Jobs Not Governed by Civil Service

Washington.—The Civil Service Commission today informed the senate that between 130,000 and 150,000 federal jobs were not under civil service. The report was in answer to a resolution by Senator McKellar, Democrat, Tennessee, and listed the salaries of the places, ranging from the lowest paid per diem worker to cabinet officers.

Harnett County Home Kills 9,261 Pounds Meat

Twenty-seven hogs dressing 9,261 pounds of pork have been butchered at the Harnett County home and 21 additional animals are available for slaughter.

Alamance Farmers Go In For Tanning of Hides

Alamance farmers who have tanned hides at home following the recommendations of the State College animal husbandry department report good results. Some hides are tanned with the hair on to be used for rugs in the home but most are tanned for leather.

SALARIES PAID TO HEADS SCHOOLS IN THIS COUNTY

Governed By Number of Teachers in School and Certificate Rating

A study of the salaries of those engaged in the school work in Washington County reveals some interesting information of the high cost of managing the schools for the eight months that usually constitute a term.

James W. Norman, superintendent of public instruction of Washington County, gets an annual salary of \$2,000, which, divided into months, gives him \$166 monthly for 12 months. Also a small sum is allowed for traveling expense and for office help, with the state supplying the funds.

Ernest H. Hicks, superintendent of the Plymouth City Schools, gets a salary of \$311.11 monthly for eight months, with a reduction of 10 per cent, which gives actually \$280 monthly for his term, making for the year 2,240, which is more than Mr. Norman gets in salary. Mr. Hicks was allowed \$65 for traveling expense in the 1931-32 term.

Mr. Norman's salary is governed by the population of the county, while Mr. Hicks' salary is fixed by a scale of the number of teachers under his supervision, which includes those at the negro, graded and high schools in the Plymouth district, and possible consideration of certificate rating.

E. N. Riddle, principal of the Roper school, gets \$24 monthly for the eight months term, while C. H. Aderholdt, principal of the Creswell school, draws \$200 monthly for eight months. Mr. Riddle gets more on account of rating for experience which has been abolished in this scale of determining salaries in the state.

All of the principals' salaries are governed by the teachers under their supervision and their certificate rating, with A. W. Davenport, principal of the Cherry school, receiving \$120 monthly as teacher and 10 per cent as principal, making his salary \$132 per month for eight months.

There are only about four teachers in the county that get over \$90 monthly for eight months, while the colored instructors average not more than \$65 monthly for the term. The state pays all of these instructors except for the two months after the constitutional six months that is guaranteed by the State.

For the year of 1931-32 salaries on the average all over the state are given as follows: General state department, 992 employed, \$1,602,310 total salaries; \$1,625 average per year; teachers and principals, 23,290 employed, \$17,697,265, \$847.59 average per year; white teachers and principals, 17,127 employed, \$14,720,585 total salaries; \$859.50 average per year.

Benjamin S. Stearn Died Last Sunday in Belhaven

A group from Plymouth, including Mrs. Edison Swain, Miss Martha Hornthal, Mrs. T. L. Bray, Miss Nona Newman, and Mrs. R. E. Dunning Monday attended the funeral of Benjamin S. Stearn, in Belhaven, the father of Mrs. R. L. Whitehurst. Dr. and Mrs. Whitehurst were called home Friday night on account of an illness that resulted in death Sunday.

Mr. Stearn was 69 years of age and had been working for the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company in Belhaven for 40 years. He was born in Schwanfeld, Bavaria, Germany. Rev. A. H. Marshall, Episcopal rector, conducted the funeral. Interment was in a Belhaven cemetery. Mrs. Whitehurst is one of four surviving children.

Fred Blount, of Roper, Officer in Monogram Club

It has been learned here that Fred "Red" Blount, of Roper, who was a pitcher for the Plymouth baseball club last season, and who is well known here, has been elected secretary and treasurer of the Monogram Club at Campbell College at Buies Creek. This is the first athletic club ever formed at the Buies Creek institution.

W. T. Nurney Improving At Rocky Mt. Hospital

W. T. Nurney, local undertaker, who is well known in Washington County, is in the Park View Hospital in Rocky Mount to undergo a treatment for diabetes that has been a chronic ailment with him for years. Mr. Nurney was taken last week. He is expected home the last of this week.

FIFTY PATRONS AT MEET LAST FRIDAY NIGHT

Petition Signed by Fourth Of Freeholders Must Be Obtained

A referendum will be called in a short time to allow the patrons of the Plymouth school district to express themselves by ballot to determine as to what the majority wishes to do about the schools in this district, whether to repeal the charter or let it run on as in the past as a special chartered district.

However, there is a legal procedure that must be followed before it is certain that this course will be followed, as the law expressly says that in a matter of this kind, a petition bearing the names of 25 per cent of the freeholders in the district must be presented to the commissioners so they can call a special election for this cause.

If the special election is held, then the cost will not be more than \$150, but it is thought not to be much less than this amount by those who figure the matter conservatively. There will be the expense of an entire new registration, and the actual expense of the printing of the ballots and the holding of the polls on election day.

The special election was favored over two other plans presented to the 50 patrons who attended the mass meeting in the school auditorium last Friday night in an effort to give the people a fair chance to express their desires in the matter. And just before adjournment the majority voted to favor this plan.

The second plan included presenting a petition to Senator C. L. Bailey and Representative C. E. Mizelle for introduction into the legislature of a bill designed to revoke the charter, but this was not considered fair.

The third method was to ask the members of the Board of Plymouth School District Trustees to formally tender to the Board of Education of Washington County the charter for the district and also to deed to the county board all property and rights and so forth to the county officials, but this method did not appear popular.

The decision for the special election followed a series of short talks in the discussion of the subject by a number who were present. John W. Darden made the motion for the special election, which was amended by Zeb Vance Norman, and seconded by some one in the crowd.

Dr. C. McGowan talked for the city board, while E. L. Owens spoke for the county board with T. J. Swain, chairman of the county board showing the savings that would follow if the county board were in charge of the business management and general control of the school.

It appeared now that there would be no change in the rating of the school under the county system and that the salary of Mr. Hicks would be the same and the salary of James W. Norman, superintendent of public instruction, would remain the same.

As usual, there was some bickering and insinuations about the various officials, but on a whole, after Zeb V. Norman made his speech, the matter simmered down to cold facts and the theories of factions faded away as Mr. Norman in an even tone told of the evolution of schools in Plymouth.

Mrs. B. G. Campbell made a good talk calling attention to the fact that the men had talked for an hour or more about the savings in taxes, but had not mentioned the welfare of the child, but it was shown that under either system the child's welfare would not be impaired.

P. H. Darden, chairman of the town board, called the meeting together and presided. E. H. Hicks was called on to answer questions, and it was revealed that towns like Wilson, Greensboro, and Williamston were operating at a saving under the county system, having abolished their charters some time ago.

Reckons He Can Stand Being Assembly Member

Here is what a reporter around the Capitol in Raleigh has picked up on Captain Charles E. Mizelle, representative of Washington County: "I reckon I can stand it," says Captain Charlie, when asked how he liked being a member of the legislature. "I spent 30 years in the army and that didn't kill me, so a little thing like the General Assembly won't trouble me so very much."