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BANK REQUIRED TO GIVE BOND BY TOWN COUNCIL

Number Other Matters Are Attended to at Recent Meeting

Like other towns, and in compliance with the law the City Council in session here at a special meeting passed a resolution asking that the Branch Banking and Trust Company, of Plymouth, give a surety bond of \$10,000 to secure deposits in that institution by the town of Plymouth.

The motion for this was made by W. E. Waters, who explained that this action was taken for the welfare of the town and in complying with the law on this matter and not that there was any fear of the solvency of the bank. The local bank has a surety bond of \$20,000 now in effect for Washington County to protect deposits.

It was also decided that a small ad be placed in a State paper soliciting bids from certified public accountants for the job of auditing the town's books, as the officials expressed the opinion that the \$200 paid James Williams and Company last year was entirely too much. Accountants at the meeting thought that \$100 was enough.

Zeb Vance Norman was named as city attorney to meet with the board each month to render legal advice. He will get a retainer's fee of \$100 annually, to be increased when an occasion arises necessitating special services for the town from the lawyer. It may be that he will handle future tax suits, but these will be put out on bids.

The councilmen also decided to invite Attorney W. L. Whitley and I. E. Ange to meet with the board, also E. R. Jackson, former councilman, the first Monday night in June to discuss the suit brought by Mr. Ange, who is seeking about \$2,000 from the town in past-due salaries, following his discharge from the town two years ago.

The officials also agreed that the people who owed back taxes in 1929 and 1930 were to be allowed until November 1, 1933, to pay these back taxes before they were to allow the attorney handling the matter to foreclose and take the property of the delinquent taxpayers. The lawyer was to prepare the suit and file judgment on these before the time limit expired and was to hold everything in readiness to close out the matter this fall.

It was decided to wait until June to designate employees. Applicants for jobs included E. L. (Mose) Blount for night policeman and Miss Ethel M. Arps for clerk. It appears now that the same officers will be appointed, but there is nothing definite. There are others who are aspiring for the job.

The city fathers agreed to allow Attorney Edward L. Owens to continue his work already begun on the 1929 and 1930 delinquent taxes due the town of Plymouth, and that the board would render him any cooperation needed. But the attorney was not to foreclose any more property until November 1 according to instructions from Judge Barnhill in a private hearing.

PLEASED WITH WELFARE WORK

Inspector Expresses Pleasure With Projects Here

By Mrs. W. C. BREWER

The courthouse has never had a happier assembly than the children of the school lunch Tuesday noon.

A generous supply of strawberry ice cream, sandwiches, and home-made cake was served to all. The delicious cakes were given by Mesdames Paul Brinkley, H. A. Williford, E. G. Arps, A. L. Owens, Mary Cahoon, B. G. Campbell, and Sidney Ward.

Mrs. Dock Latham gave the milk for the ice cream. This service given was greatly appreciated.

Over 50 children have been fed in the Plymouth school lunch three times a week since October. Splendid gain has been made in weight, school interest and attendance.

Miss Mary Ward, the Federal Aid supervisor, met with the Plymouth Advisory Board and Welfare officers on her inspection here last Thursday. She expressed her pleasure with the plans for the tonsil clinic, the community gardens, and cooperative interest in the work that is being done for the welfare of the people of Washington County.

Blue Mold Reported In Person County

Blue mold is reported in Person County and growers are keeping a close watch over their plant beds to check the spread of the trouble.

J. Frank Askew Kicked In Face By Mule Recently

J. Frank Askew is suffering from a swollen jaw sustained one day last week when a mule smashed a hoof into his face, knocking him out of a stable. Mr. Askew went into the stable to feed the animal and for some reason touched the mule's side. Without warning the animal kicked him out of the stall. He is recovering, but the jaw is still swollen.

JUNIOR - SENIOR ANNUAL DANCE IS HELD FRIDAY

Students, Teachers, and Guests Enjoy Event; Many Features

Rhythmic motions that reached a climax in the mimetic maneuvering of the vivacious orchestra leader that added pleasure to the event as they tripped on into the night as the juniors of the Plymouth High School entertained the seniors at their annual commencement dance here last Friday.

Happy school folk brushed aside the cares of school life as they mingled with their teachers and the guests in the light fantastic that was augmented by dazzling splendor that emanated from a canopy of jack-o-lanterns attached to gorgeous streamers that blended perfectly with the white and blue draped walls with spring ornaments scattered here and there.

Punch and cake were served to the guests from a table centrally located that was decorated with blue and white paper with huge bowls filled with the beverage, Ralph Swain, Emily Gray Ambrose, Sarah Cahoon, Thurlow Spruill, Mike Atamanchuk, and Martha Ivachiv dispensing the concoction with cakes to the many who came for refreshing drinks.

Clad in their evening gowns with red and gold predominating as the shade, the beautiful damsels from the school district provided a beautiful harmony for the gallants who came from all sections to enjoy the festivities. There were no formal arrangements especially made but the boys and girls came to the affair sartorially clad.

Besides being spectators, as numbers of them lined the walls, there were two or three card tables cleverly arranged about in Young's old building, where the event was held to provide amusement for those who were not minded to terpsichorean activity. On these tables were bridge pads, decks of cards, and pencils, with everything for card-playing convenience.

The music was furnished by the Silver Moon Moochers, a group of local colored musicians under the baton of the well-known Roy Murphy, who, with his comrades, were almost as good with the Harlem music and orchestral work as the original Cab Calloway of the New York Cotton Club. These five entertainers provided plenty of action with the director putting on "all the stuff" of the nationally known colored leaders.

In the supporting cast were Willie Lee Norman at the piano, with W. M. Combs strumming the ukulele and Scott Ellis who manipulated, to the content of the dancers, the many traps to his drum combination as Arthur Lacy bore down on the guitar. Occasionally, Murphy would chant the obligato, with responses from his mates in their rendition of "hot music."

Improved Cord Defeats Tire Fabric Fatigue

Improved cord for tire fabric has been one of the most important factors in increasing tire mileage, in the opinion of T. A. Stubbs, of the Central Garage, local Goodyear dealer.

"The most talked-of and wide imitated cord is the Goodyear Supertwist, a patented cord which stretches up to 61 per cent farther than ordinary cord," Mr. Stubbs declared. "This is important, since it has been long realized that one of the major causes of tire failure is 'fabric fatigue,' which causes breaks in the 'shoulder' or sidewall of the tire. Supertwist cord is specially constructed to withstand constant flexing by springing back to normal position after each movement of the tire carcass, thereby increasing the life of the tire," Mr. Stubbs explained.

"Few motorists realize that while driving 35 miles per hour, a tire flexes between 375 and 425 times per minute, or a minimum of 22,500 times per hour and at higher speeds there is even more flexing," he said.

"Before Supertwist fabric was developed by Goodyear, flexing breaks, or fabric failure due to fatigue, were the cause of 95 per cent of all tire adjustments, but now less than 2 per cent of replacement adjustments are the result of such breaks," it was pointed out.

FAILURE TO LIST MONEY IN BANK CAUSES TROUBLE

Commissioners To Take Up Matter in June; Result Of Law Suit

Failure to list on his tax abstract a sum of money that he had on deposit in a bank may cause trouble to W. T. Phelps, as the Washington County Commissioners in June with the aid of their attorney will study the action to be taken in the matter as the result of instructions by Judge R. Hunt Parker.

The tax abstract clearly asks for a statement of the amount of money in a bank to the deposit of the lister, but if this question was called to the attention of Mr. Phelps, then he failed to do his duty or either it was neglected on his part to do it, or for some reason the abstract did not show the amount of deposit as well as other property.

This came to the attention of Judge Parker when a case in court involving Mr. Phelps and D. E. Woodley, Cashier of the Bank of Creswell, came up for trial. The matter concerned a deposit made on a certain day. Testimony seemed to bring out the following facts about the controversy and the case was continued until the abstract of taxes was scrutinized.

Mr. Phelps went to the Bank of Creswell some time ago on a certain day and made a deposit of \$3,000, or some such amount. After banking hours Mr. Woodley went to Mr. Phelps and explained that there was a miscount in the amount of money deposited, claiming the sum was \$500 short of the amount. In the meantime Mr. Woodley had given Mr. Phelps a receipt for the deposit showing \$3,000.

So, when the two met, Mr. Phelps alleged that he had the deposit slip as his receipt showing that he deposited \$3,000 and that a person in the bank counted it and accepted it at that amount before he left the window. Mr. Woodley would not credit Mr. Phelps' account with the full \$3,000. So this is how the case stands at present.

When the case came up last term of court, an attorney asked Mr. Phelps a question which showed the money on deposit had never been entered on the tax abstract for taxation. And at present the Bank of Creswell is closed, and it looks like it will remain closed. So the status of the affair will come up again for trial in Superior Court.

PROGRAMS FOR MOTHER'S DAY

All Churches Are Planning To Put On Special Programs

Mother's Day will be appropriately observed in Plymouth on Sunday, May 14.

All of the churches will have their peculiar observance of the event with appropriate programs. The stores have arranged their merchandise and are featuring the event. The people whose mothers are alive will wear a red rose, and those whose mothers are dead will memorialize her with a white flower.

The Methodist church will celebrate the event with special emphasis at the Sabbath School, where a program has been arranged by the children. A welcoming committee will be stationed at the door. The pastor will not be present at the morning sermon hour, but will preach on the subject at the evening service.

The Christian church will probably remember mother in the Bible school period. A visiting speaker will address the congregation on the subject in the morning. The Junior Christian Endeavor Society will present an appropriate exercise in the evening at 7 o'clock.

The Episcopal church will celebrate the event at the 11 o'clock service with a sermon by the rector, the Rev. Sidney Matthews, of Washington. The church will also have the memory of mother in their musical program. A children's program may be presented also.

The Baptists will observe the day with a message in the morning by the pastor, Rev. Richard Lucas. Singing of the choir will also center about the general theme. The Sunday school classes will have their attention called to the celebration of the event.

W. S. Nurney Returns From Charlotte Meet

W. S. Nurney is back home after attending a meeting of the National Funeral Directors' Association in Charlotte last week. Mr. Nurney was a guest of this organization, as his firm has not joined as yet, but they have been supporting the organization and attending many of their meetings. He spent three days.

CONTINUE WORK

Representative Lindsay Warren stated today that he is quite certain that Federal aid will be continued for vocational education and extension work. At one time both of these measures were slated to go and were to be entirely eliminated. It has already been decided to cut the appropriation for vocational education 15 per cent, and while no decision has yet been made about the Extension Act, Mr. Warren says he is confident now that the work will not be discontinued. For the last month Congressman Warren has been very active in behalf of retaining these measures, and has discussed same with the Director of the Budget and the Administration.

This will mean that the jobs of B. G. O'Brien, of Roper, and C. H. Rabon, of Creswell, teachers of vocational agriculture, R. E. Dunning, farm agent, and Miss Eugenia Patterson, home demonstration agent, are safe, as far as the Federal Government is concerned. However, some expect a change to be made in the personnel in some instances in Washington County, but the work will continue.

NEW YORK MAN LIKES LIVING IN THIS COUNTY

Gaston Freen Comes To Section on Visit; Decides To Remain

Scuppernon—This is the story about a young man who chooses to suffer the quietness and solitude of this little Washington County community rather than to enjoy the flares and bright lights of the night clubs in the city. It is none other than Gaston Freen.

Back about the first of 1933 this young man came home with a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Pritchett from the north. He settled here and liked it. The serenity of the place and the usual routine of the farm home seized him and to this day the young man has ignored all requests from a wealthy family in New York to return home.

Besides feeding the hogs and helping about the country home, the young 21-year-old fellow delights in shooting. Today he has four different guns of as many sizes with which he shoots predatory birds and animals and delights in the sport. Many a sneaking chicken hawk has received a shot from his well-aimed rifle.

Life is different here, according to Mr. Freen, who is of direct French descent. Even the climate is different. In January the young newcomer was strutting forth in his shirt sleeves with them rolled up to his elbows while many were shivering under an overcoat. When it gets cold in New York it is cold.

Then here when the folk of the countryside throw a party it is decent. Boys and girls have a good time. They enjoy cards and maybe games. But his social set up north gets the champagne to get them all "high" to enjoy the gathering and see which can get drunk quickest. This is not true at the parties he attends down here.

That is the reason that Mr. Freen likes it down here. He is tired and bored to death at the high life in the city. Champagne parties and the bright lights with dancing girls have lost their lure for him. He craves the woods with the game. He likes to shoot the bird on the wing. It is his pleasure to prow around the barn yard or mingle with the village folk for conversation as well.

Down here he has his car. Fastidious clothes. Every week comes money from home with his parents always urging him to return. But he likes it here. His folks are wealthy and life up there would be a whirl of excitement but the serenity here attracts him. So here he stays.

Four months here have not bored him of the country life. He goes around with some of the young ladies. He likes to some of the gatherings. He likes the people and is well liked in return. His quiet disposition and his congeniality has won him many friends in his adopted country.

Mr. and Mrs. Pritchett treat him as another son. They enjoy having him, and the young man has no desire to return to the hustle and bustle of the city so folk here as well as the boy himself do not know when he will return home, as it has been whispered that he may marry some country lass and settle down in these parts.

Meanwhile, who knows what the yearning of a young man will be. It is spring, of course. And what happens in June?

TEACHERS GET BUT 70 PER CENT MONTHS SALARY

State Holds Out 5 Per Cent For Each Month of Six-Months' Term

It appears now that there is some loss in salary caused by the State scramble for money that will have to be borne by the employees of the Washington County schools. At least this is the way it appeared here at the meeting of the board of education last Monday.

James W. Norman, superintendent of public instruction, reported to the board that the State Board of Equalization had withheld 5 per cent of the six months school fund and that as a consequence only 70 per cent of the six months' salaries could be paid. Also that 25 per cent of the \$5,430.27 tax reduction fund has been retained by the State.

There is no provision in the county budget to take care of this deficit. The board ruled that since no levy had been made to take care of any deficiency there is no way for the board to pay this amount, and so it appears now that the employees will have to lose this amount unless the State finally clears up this debt.

It was also ordered by the Board of Education that Edison Allen be retained as an assistant mechanic to Jack Willoughby. During the summer he is to continue as a mechanic to recondition the school trucks so that they will be ready for operation next year. His salary is to be determined later when appropriations are made by the state.

P. B. Belanga was appointed a member of the Creswell High School Committee to fill a vacancy which C. S. Smithson did not qualify for in order to accept. Other members are M. F. Davenport and C. A. Swain, whose terms of office expire in March, 1934, while Mr. Belanga and O. D. Hatfield go on to stay until March, 1935.

TONSIL CLINIC TO BE HELD HERE MAY 16TH TO 19TH

Four Days Will Be Given For Charity Patients Of County

By W. C. BREWER

Those who expect to have their tonsils removed in the clinic to be held in the Plymouth High School May 16th to the 19th must register their names with the County Superintendent of Welfare at once.

Dr. C. W. Bailey, a well known Rocky Mount specialist, assisted by Drs. Bray and McGowan, of this city, will have charge of the operations. Four days will be for charity patients only and because of the great number of applications, only the most urgent cases will be taken care of at this time. However, at the present request of several people who wish to pay for this service, Dr. Bailey has consented to remain here to care for them.

A registration of the number of the pay patients is also desired, that the doctor can get an idea of how many of these there will be. The welfare clinic will be for children of ages 3 to 13 years.

All those who will spare a cot or single bed for this purpose, please get in touch with Mrs. Brewer at once. A meeting of the advisory board will be held in the courthouse Thursday night, and a full attendance is desired. The board is composed of the following:

E. H. Liverman, G. L. Gurkin, Gilbert Davis, W. F. Winslow, W. R. Hampton, W. F. Clarke, W. H. Parson, Abe Adler, George W. Harrell, Rev. Richard Lucas, Dr. J. W. Harrell, Mrs. Minnie Cahoon, Mrs. W. R. White, J. K. Reid, A. L. Owens, Mrs. Ben Sumner.

Roper Town Election Last Week Is Quiet

Roper—No opposition to the incumbents caused the municipal election here on May 2 to pass off quietly with J. J. Hassell succeeding himself as mayor to make him eight years in office. The people here are content to leave the management of the town's executive affairs in his hands.

Town aldermen elected were J. E. Phelps, W. R. Swain, and F. D. Wilson, with Mr. Swain replacing W. A. Blount, who served last year. This was the only new officer. L. L. Allen is chief of police and Ralph Harrell is clerk.

100 Acres Tomatoes Set Out in Scotland County

Over 100 acres of tomatoes have been set to date by members of the Scotland County Tomato Growers Exchange.

All Old Officers Reelected In Election At Creswell

Creswell—This little town reelected the old officers in the municipal election held here last week. C. H. Swain was named mayor to succeed himself. Mr. Swain has handled the affairs of the office very creditably during his tenure of office.

Councilmen elected were E. S. Woodley, O. D. Hatfield, A. C. Harris, and J. W. Starr. Mr. Woodley replaces Sidney Smithson as clerk, as Mr. Smithson resigned some time ago. There was no opposition to this ticket.

URGES REDUCING PEANUT CROP BY FIFTY PER CENT

Prospects for Coming Crop Not At All Bright, Says Local Man

By A. R. DUPREE, Sr.

What are the prospects for this year's peanut crop?

The peanut grower would like to know, and maybe the cleaners are figuring on their profits to be derived from this crop.

If there has been any profits so far it has not inured to the farmer with a 1-cent average for the 1932 crop.

When we think in normal times the average price to the farmer is around 4 cents, not taking into account the high prices obtained for them during the World War, when they reached 7 and 8 cents per pound, and compare these prices with the present ones it brings to us a very solemn thought.

Can we do something to help ourselves in this critical predicament we find ourselves against our will and over our repeated protests from time to time? We find unavailing efforts to include peanuts in what is known as the farm relief bill now in the hands of Congress. Without debating the merits of the farm bill in bringing about some relief for the farmer in those commodities which are included, it points out to us vividly that the peanut does not rank in importance with other farm commodities classed as money crops. If you would like to know why peanuts are selling at such abnormal low prices, I would suggest that the cleaners could give you this information as they are better informed on statistics than any one I have found yet, and after you get all the information obtainable of the causes of low prices, sum them all up and I think you will agree "overproduction" is the predominating one. Why, I had a mill man to tell me all the warehouses on the West coast, which includes the States of California, Washington, and Oregon were filled with imported peanuts from China and Japan, millions and millions of pounds in them waiting for the American market to take them up, that the tariff imposed on imported peanuts was not required to be paid until they were released from these warehouses.

From every angle you select to support you in getting a better price, overproduction overshadows them. Then let us reason amount ourselves and agree that we will cut this year's crop 50 per cent. Can we expect a higher price if we raise another bumper crop when we are wholly at the mercy to take whatever is offered us? The burden is all on the peanut grower. From what source must he look for relief? If a reduction in acreage is not the logical one? If a much smaller crop is raised this year the grower will not be dependent on the machine to pick his peanuts, as hand labor will be too glad to get this work.

Hubert Allen Employed By Campbell's Store

For two weeks now Hubert Allen, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Allen, has been employed by Campbell's Store here. He succeeded Dave Hurley, well-known grocery salesman, who resigned to move with his family to the western part of the State to be with relatives as well as to improve his health.

Mr. Hurley was sick for some time here a few months ago when a severe attack of pneumonia kept him in bed for months. The climate appears not to be good for him. He will manage the estate of a relative. Mr. Allen worked here for some time with Pender and was employed by Pender in another town when he decided to enter the employ of Mr. Campbell.

Much Limestone Used As Filler for Fertilizer

A large increase in the amount of ground dolomitic limestone used in fertilizer this season is reported by North Carolina farmers. The limestone is used as filler and as a supplement to the usual plant food materials.

BUYER OF EELS LOCATED HERE; GOOD DEMAND

Is Considered Delicacy by Many Foreign-Born Citizens

Now the lowly eel has come into his own with a demand being created here for this marine creature with an announcement today that R. M. Andrews, of Richmond and New York, is located in quarters at the Norfolk Southern wharf with the express purpose of purchasing eels—any kind and quantity.

The local eels are voracious, elongated, snakelike, teleost sea denizens. They have a smooth slimy skin, some times without scales and sometimes destitute of pelvic and sometimes minus pectoral fins. Some have small scales imbedded in the skin.

The American eels ascend fresh water streams like the Roanoke River here, but descend to the sea and deep water to breed, and pass through a peculiar larval stage in which the body is compressed and transparent. They are noted here for their slipperiness and up to now are seldom used for food.

Mr. Andrews is here for the purpose of buying them, as many of the people in foreign countries eat them and many of them who have immigrated to America still retain their taste for this delicacy, and they provide a market for the eels in America, especially since it is a fact that they congregate in the cities in the north.

The people of foreign extraction here take the eel and kill it by piercing its head with a knife. Then they cut around its neck and peel the slippery and slimy skin from the body. And then the contents of the body are emptied. And from there the old eel goes into the spider or cooking utensil as the herring or perch does here.

The men employed here with Mr. Andrews place cylindrical wire nets in the side of the river near crevices in the shore and other such places to catch the elusive creatures. For a half mile each way from the wharf here these nets are placed with a small hole in one end for the eel to crawl through and when through he can not escape.

This is Mr. Andrews' first season in Plymouth, but last year he lived in Washington and purchased some from eel fishermen in Jamesville. He is doing business this year with the same Jamesville people, but is living here and is trapping the eels here now as well as buying them from anybody, paying cash to each fisherman.

At the present Mr. Andrews is using a boat rented from Tom Darden, but he is constructing one for his own use here, and is employing several people about his quarters. He has also erected a houseboat or some such building at the Norfolk Southern wharf for fishing conveniences. And he has also built traps and floats over the water to keep the eels alive.

With Mr. Andrews here is his wife, with the two of them located at Williford's Tavern. Also a German, Mr. Panckney, is here aiding him and he is also building the boat for the work. A number of colored men are needed to help set the traps and to take the eels and other such work.

The prices paid for the eels vary from time to time as other commodities. If a fisherman can catch 150 pounds a day he will earn a good sum, but one selling only a few pounds of eels a day can hardly live on it. But Mr. Andrews will buy eels from any one and pay cash. He is hoping that he can work up a good trade here. He ices the eels and ships them to markets.

Aged Colored Woman Dies Last Wednesday

The death of one of Washington County's old and respected colored women occurred on Wednesday evening at 7:35, when Harriet Walker, widow of the late Henry Walker, died at the home of her daughter, Emma Simmons, on McNair's farm, near town.

"Aunt Harriet," as all white folks knew her, was 95 years old at the time of her death and retained perfect hearing, sight, and all her mental faculties. Death was attributed to the infirmities of age and a weak heart.

Formula for Estimating Profit in Flock of Hens

In estimating the number of eggs a hen should lay to pay the cost of her feed, a good formula to follow is to divide the price of 100 pounds of feed by the selling price of eggs per dozen and multiply the result by 3. This will give the number of eggs 100 hens should lay each day. From this the number can be figured for any size flock. If the flock is not paying feed costs, cull out the low producers. If it is paying, cull anyway and increase the profit per bird.