

BOARD MAY PUT LOCAL SHERIFF ON SALARY BASIS

Bill Passed at Last Session of Legislature Gives Authority

Whether or not the sheriff of Washington County will be placed on a salary rests with the commissioners, and it may be that this will be discussed by the executive body of the county when they have their June meeting here next Monday morning.

A law authorizing and empowering the commissioners to take these steps if they are of the opinion that it will be economical or feasible, has been passed and ratified by the North Carolina General Assembly during the last session. It was introduced in the House of Representatives by C. E. Mizelle and pushed through the upper house by Senator C. L. Bailey.

It might be that the commissioners will fix the compensation of Sheriff J. K. Reid party on the basis of a salary and partly on the basis of fees collected, allowing the sheriff to retain such fees as he may obtain for the service of process and to supplement same with salary, which shall not be less than \$1,200 a year nor more than \$2,400 a year.

If the commissioners should decide to place the sheriff on a salary not to be supplemented by fees of any kind, then in that event the salary shall not be less than \$1,800 and not more than \$3,000 a year. If no fees are allowed the sheriff then all fees collected shall be turned over to the county treasurer.

If the board does place the sheriff on a salary, either with or without an allowance for fees, the sheriff shall receive no compensation for the collection of taxes, but shall pay over to Treasurer Ernest Arps the gross amount of taxes of all kinds collected, making no deduction for commissioners or otherwise.

Also the commissioners were authorized to appoint a tax collector for Washington County and to impose on him all rights and duties relative thereto as is now provided for the sheriff in respect to the collection of taxes, and to fix the amount of bond to be given such tax collector for the forthcoming of all money collected, as is now the case with the sheriff.

The board may also impose the duties of tax collector upon any other officer of the county and the officials will have the power to determine the compensation of the tax collector and to determine the additional compensation which any other officer of the county shall receive in the event the said duties be imposed upon any other such officer.

Also the board may, in its discretion, determine the number of deputy sheriffs whom the sheriff may appoint and to fix their compensation, which, in the discretion of the board, may be either a salary or fees collected by such officers, or may be a combination of both.

NEW MOTOR FUEL ON SALE TODAY

Standard Introduces Gas Guaranteeing Smoother Performance

The introduction of the new motor fuel Essolene to the public at Esso stations on June 2 is one of the major steps in a new marketing program which is involving the expenditure of several million dollars and giving employment to many workers, according to J. H. Smith, jr., local manager of the business of the Standard Oil Company, of New Jersey.

Concerning Essolene, Mr. Smith says, "I naturally am enthusiastic about all of our products, but in Essolene I am positive we have a highly unusual motor fuel. The tests indicate that it is the best regular-priced fuel on the market. The anti-knock quality is higher than in any regular gasoline and, among other things, Essolene actually reduces gummy deposits in an old engine. We've given the slogan, 'Guarantees Smoother Performance' to Essolene, and we're sure motorists will find that's so."

A red and white color scheme will distinguish the Esso stations. All the pumps are being repainted to conform to this plan, and new signs are being erected. All of this work gives employment to many men, and, in the opinion of Mr. Smith, is an indication of his company's attitude toward the future.

Lawn Party at Chapel Hill School Friday

There will be a lawn party at the Chapel Hill schoolhouse near Plymouth Friday evening at 8 o'clock for the benefit of the Sunday school. The proceeds will be used to purchase song books. Ice cream and cake will be sold.

LEADERS' SCHOOL

Miss Helen N. Estabrook, home management specialist from the State Extension Department, will hold a leaders' school at Roper next Wednesday afternoon at 1:30. Every home management leader is expected to be present with their account books or sheets, also time schedules.

Every club member is expected to be present that is keeping records or accounts of household buying and expenditures. This will be held in combination with the Roper club meeting. Be sure and come. Be on time. Every woman is asked to bring some article with her that she has made at this year.

DIPHTHERIA AND TYPHOID FEVER VACCINE IS FREE

Schedule Made for Giving Free Vaccinations in County Towns

Washington County is offering protection against typhoid fever and diphtheria, with treatment free among white and colored, it was announced here today by Dr. T. L. Bray, county health officer.

The county and the North Carolina Board of Health are joining in this effort to reduce the number of victims of these dreaded maladies in this county. In 1932 there were 1,895 people in this state to suffer from diphtheria alone, while 150 of these died. Approximately 85 per cent of these were under six years of age.

Vaccinations with typhoid vaccine has been the way of reducing the number of deaths and cases for the past 11 years. Three treatments of diphtheria toxin antitoxin, or two treatments of diphtheria toxoid are necessary. Each is harmless, practically a certain preventive, and almost painless. Neither causes any sore.

Especially is it necessary for every child between the ages of six months and 10 years to take diphtheria vaccine, and every man, woman, and child should avail themselves of this opportunity to take the three doses of this vaccine that has been proved to immunize 85 per cent of the children treated. Every one is urged to take it as their neighbor may be careless.

Vaccinations will be given on Tuesday, June 6, 13, and 20 in Creswell at 1:30 p. m.; and at Cherry at 3:30 p. m.; Fridays, June 9, 16, and 23, at Roper at 2 p. m. And those not able to reach the clinics can be treated at the offices of Dr. T. L. Bray in Plymouth on each Saturday afternoon through the months of June and July.

Spring Car Care Aids for Safety and Efficiency

This year spring car care has two important aspects—the usual steps for increased efficiency, and elimination of the unsafe factors that caused an increased number of accidents last year, according to L. V. Landing, local Firestone dealer. He gives here suggestions from his experience with thousands of motorists. He takes up the matter of safe tires first, advising that tire prices are bound to go up and now is the time to save money.

"It will come as news to many motorists that an old or worn tire is less safe now than at the height of winter; from now on tires will run hotter, and heat is their greatest enemy," he said. "Blowouts will be more common."

The axiom that any car is only as safe as its tires is one that motorists should keep in mind, Mr. Landing asserts. Unlike brakes and headlights, there are no legal specifications as to what is a safe tire. There is, however, a common-sense definition—a tire with the non-skid tread worn off or a tire worn down to the fabric is unsafe.

"Such tires should be replaced for safety of yourself and other motorists if for no other reason," he said. "But actually it will cost you less money to replace worn tires than wait until they are punctured or go flat. The last 1,000 miles in the average tire is worth only 39 cents, based on today's prices and mileages. New Firestone tires have extra values at no extra cost, and they will improve the appearance and handling of your car, give added safety, and cost you less in the long run."

Rev. Gilbert Davis To Preach at Chapel Hill

The Rev. Gilbert Davis will preach at the Charitable Brotherhood Lodge Hall in the Chapel Hill community Wednesday evening, June 7. Everybody is urged to attend. Good music will be a feature.

THEATRE HERE WILL REOPEN NEXT MONDAY

Will Be Under Direction of Ahoskie Men; Number Features Booked

Again pictures will be flashed on the screen of the New Theatre, but this time it will be under a new and ambitious management, with Shep Brinkley, recently of Ahoskie, as manager, and R. E. Dilday, also of Ahoskie, as operator and projectionist.

The movie house will open Monday, June 6, in the evening, with "State Fair," featuring Will Rogers and Johnnie Garganus as the opening attraction. Then will follow such pictures as "Gabriel Over the White House" on Wednesday, with Thursday and Friday showing John Gilbert and Mae Clark in "Fast Workers," concluding the first week on Saturday with a western.

These two young unmarried men have had years of experience in the show business and bring with them an ambition to succeed. They impressed it upon the Beacon reporter to urge the merchants, business men, and theatre-goers to render them every assistance possible as they were anxious for Plymouth to have a good amusement house.

It is the intention of the management to construct a gallery or balcony for the convenience of colored people, who are eager for an opportunity to see picture shows in this section. Mr. Brinkley is of the opinion that they can make a little extra by caring for the colored movie lovers in a separate department, as is done in many towns nearby.

Also the new management will endeavor to have a stage built so that vaudeville can be arranged as added features. This will compete with any of the showhouses in eastern North Carolina if this is done. They will have one of the best arrangements with passing shows to visit them, as well as possibly have local talent features.

This time the showhouse, which is built to have a good sound, will be equipped with RCA sound equipment. This will supplant the recently used Western Electric and is said by many to be just as good. Improvements are being made in these sound sets from time to time, and it is said now that RCA is the chief competitor of Western Electric.

Mr. Brinkley has been guest organizer on a New England circuit for Warner Brothers for years, making visits to Jersey City and other New England cities fortnightly for this reason. Mr. Dilday will be the projectionist and has been employed in this work for 10 years. The two together will be in charge of the work.

"It will be our sincere effort to give Plymouth and its environs the best in pictures at a fair price, and we are soliciting now the assistance of the merchants, business men, and theatre-goers to spend their money at home for amusement and to help us in our business and we shall reciprocate the favor by doing all we can for this community and its people," said Manager Brinkley.

The picture house will open under the old name of New Theatre, but as soon as the management gets started it is their intention to run a contest in cooperation with the Beacon, issuing prizes to the person who submits the chosen name. Details of the contest will be announced later. Watch the Beacon weekly for the programs and coming attractions.

Funeral Services Held For Mr. Milton Biggs

Roper.—Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at Zion's chapel church near here for Milton Biggs, who died at the age of 47 last Friday from a chronic malady. Rev. J. L. Mizelle, of Jamesville, officiated. A large crowd attended the last rites.

Mr. Biggs is survived by a widow and five children. Burial took place in the Zion Chapel cemetery. A beautiful floral offering was contributed. Mr. Biggs had been almost an invalid for years.

J. E. Singleton Celebrates Eightieth Birthday 21st

Roper.—J. E. Singleton celebrated his eightieth birthday at his home near here May 21 with his family present and other guests. A sumptuous dinner was served to 24 guests. A number of useful gifts were presented to this venerable old man. Despite his age, Mr. Singleton is fairly healthy, except for rheumatism.

Rev. L. T. Singleton, of Selma, could not get here in time for dinner on account of preaching on a special occasion but reached here in the afternoon. A number of friends called to extend their congratulations.

BASEBALL SIDELIGHTS

Walter Davis let Grimesland down with five hits last Friday, while his mates pounded Androlia for seven, making them count for tallies as Plymouth won, 7 to 1. Charlie Mizelle starred at second base, fielding spectacularly and smash out two safeties, with Furches leading with three hits.

Plymouth kept their winning habit intact Sunday, as they took the Caramount Mills baseball team of Rocky Mount for a merry ride, as Harry Van Horn allowed them two hits, while his mates hopped on Booth for nine safeties to defeat them, 5 to 1. Van Horn and Narran hit home. Ayers beat out a roller to Chappell for the only other hit for Rocky Mt. Howard Brown and Van Horn got two hits each, while Furches, Davis, Chappell, Mizelle, Edens, Amerson annexed a safety each.

The Sunday game with Rocky Mt. was played before over 300 people that jammed the local park to see the highly touted Rocky Mount team lose its second victory of the season. At the same time they saw Plymouth win their sixth game in as many attempts.

Fenner Fields, who played good ball here last year at second base, was released Monday. He secured a place with Columbia. Walter Davis and Harry Van Horn are from Morehead City; Tex Edens from Lewiston, an Oak Ridge Institute player; Furches, Plymouth high school coach; Amerson, captain of Atlantic Christian College 1934 team; Chappell, of Hertford; H. Brown, of Jamesville; Mizelle, Gibson and Tom Norman, of Roper; Gurganus, Plymouth; and others.

Plymouth pounded Red Blount and Stallings for 25 hits and 22 runs to defeat Creswell 22 to 16 in a long and weird game last Tuesday. Gardner and Rollins were touched for 17 hits. Blount and Hopkins smashed out 4 hits apiece for Creswell, while Van Horn nailed 6, with Chappell and Mizelle gathering in 5 apiece. The game was featured by listlessness and errors.

Schedules of games that are now on the program for the Plymouth baseball club:

- June 2, Belhaven at Plymouth.
- June 3, Plymouth at Ahoskie.
- June 6, Plymouth at Belhaven.
- June 7, Grimesland at Plymouth.
- June 10, Plymouth at Windsor.
- June 12, Windsor at Plymouth.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING HELD

Attendance Is Small at Lees Mills Township Meet Last Sunday

Roper.—The Lees Mills Township Sunday school convention convened at Zion's Chapel Christian church on Sunday. Attendance was small. The attendance pennant was given to the Saints Delight Sunday school, which had 50 pupils present. Some of the Sunday schools were not represented.

R. L. Lewis led the devotional services, followed by prayer offered by Edgar Harris, of Washington.

J. C. Knowles gave the address of welcome, and Mrs. J. E. Singleton responded.

The following 5-minute programs were rendered:

Miss Isolind Phelps, of Saints Delight gave a reading, and Misses Isabelle Twiddy and Louise Kiddick sang a duet, followed by a quartet, composed of J. C. Knowles, R. L. Lewis and Misses Lindell Lewis and Margaret Chesson, of Zion's Chapel.

A representative of each Sunday school present gave a report of the work done since the last convention. W. A. Swain was reelected president and Mrs. Mattie R. Swain, secretary and treasurer for the ensuing year.

The convention adjourned to meet with the Roper Baptist church in August.

"Let every Sunday school in the township be well represented at the next convention and be ready to take an active part," urges Mrs. Mattie R. Swain, secretary.

Ice Cream Supper To Be Served Here Friday Night

An ice cream supper will be served at the Log Cabin at 8 o'clock Friday night by the Ladies' Bible Class of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for the benefit of some church activities. The new log cabin is located at the rear of the church. Those desiring ice cream and cake for their suppers at home, please place your orders with Miss Emily Brinkley or Miss Margaret Smith.

Start Shipping Green Wrapped Tomatoes from Here This Month

NEW FARM LOAN ACT OUTLINED BY WENONA MAN

Interest Rates on Loans Are Reduced; Other Facts Of Interest

The new emergency farm mortgage act, which was signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt May 12 is designed to greatly ease the farm mortgage situation, according to H. J. Furber, of Wenona, secretary and treasurer of the Wenona National Farm Loan Association.

In this bill is a clause for the reduction of rates on Federal Land Bank loans which have been decreased from 5 to 4 1/2 per cent. This rate will apply for the next five years. This reduction in rates is expected to make other mortgage loan business do likewise. This rate goes in effect in 60 days.

During this five-year period, if borrowers are not in default with respect to any covenant of their mortgage, such as payment of interest, taxes, insurance, water, drainage, or levee assessments, they will not be required to pay the land bank's installments on the principal of their loans.

Authority is given by Congress to the Federal Land Banks to issue during the next two years \$2,000,000,000 of their consolidated tax-exempt long-term bonds to bear not to exceed 4 per cent with the interest guaranteed by the United States. Not only does the Federal Government guarantee the interest on these securities, but Congress has made them eligible for 15-day loans for Federal Reserve banks to member banks, assuring them a wider market and greater liquidity.

These loans will be made for the following purposes: Refinancing any indebtedness of the farmer, either secured or unsecured; providing working capital for farm operations and enabling the farmer to redeem or repurchase farm property foreclosed at any time after July 1, 1931. Those eligible to borrow from this fund are actual farmers engaged in farming operations.

The amount of the mortgage given by the farmer, together with all prior mortgages or other evidences of indebtedness secured by such farm property of the farmer, shall not exceed 75 per cent of the value as determined upon appraisal, and no loan shall exceed \$5,000 to be made to any one farmer. The loans will be secured by first or second mortgages upon the whole or any part of the farm property, real or personal, including crops, of the farmer.

This law will also prevent the joint stock land banks from making any further loans or issuing any additional tax-exempt bonds except as are necessary for the refinancing of existing loans or bond issues or for the sale of any real estate now owned or acquired.

Public improvement districts, such as irrigation, drainage, and levee districts, may apply to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for loans to refinance their projects by purchasing their depreciated securities outstanding, but reduction in indebtedness of such districts obtained by refinancing must be passed on pro rata to the farm owners in such areas.

Mrs. Sarah Spruill Hassell Funeral Held Wednesday

Roper.—Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon for Mrs. Sara Spruill Hassell, who died Tuesday afternoon of blood poisoning. Last rites were held at the home and the burial took place in the Oliver burying ground near the home. A good crowd attended. Many beautiful flowers covered the grave.

Rev. Mrs. Arden McCloud, pastor of the Roper Pentecostal Holiness church, officiated. Surviving is a husband, W. J. Hassell, and nine children.

Methodist Church Services Held Sunday

Sunday being the first Sunday, there will be a celebration of Holy Communion at the M. E. Church, South, with morning prayer and sermon by the Rev. W. H. Harrell. For this service special music has been arranged by the male choir.

Farmer Makes Harness From Home-made Leather

Harvey Newlin, of Saxapahaw, tanned 75 pounds of leather at home this winter. He made two sets of lines for his teams and two collars at a cost of not over \$2.

MAY CLOSE STORES

A petition is being circulated in Plymouth now in an effort to get the stores to close in Plymouth next Wednesday to begin the first of a number of weekly mid-week afternoon holidays in order to give the clerks and business men an opportunity for recreation and also to see the baseball games that are to be played here.

It looked Thursday morning as if the proponents and those who are eager to get the stores to close would be successful in their endeavors and that the stores would probably be closed each Wednesday afternoon, beginning June 7 until the fall, when it is usual for the stores to return to their usual routine.

OFFER PRIZES TO CLUB GIRLS

Style Dress Contest Being Conducted by National Organization

Four-H girls of this county are now eligible to compete in the national 4-H club girls style dress revue contest for the valuable training and many fine prizes offered, according to word from the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work of Chicago, which is conducting the contest in cooperation with the state and county club leaders.

The county champion in this contest will be awarded a gold-filled medal of honor. A finely engraved certificate of merit will be awarded the second winning girl. The county champion is then eligible to enter the state contest in the fall to compete for state championship. The winner in this contest will receive a prize trip to the national contest, which is a feature of the Twelfth National Club Congress to be held in connection with the International Livestock Exposition, December 1-9, in Chicago.

In this final contest state champions will be required to model a garment of their own making in one of four classes. They are the cotton school costume, tailored costume, afternoon costume and informal party costume. The national champion and runner-up will each receive a prize educational tour with chaperon to shrines of American history in the summer of 1934, with all expenses paid. A fine solid gold medal of honor is also awarded the national champion. The third and fourth winners will each receive a gold wrist watch valued at \$75.

Goodrich Claims To Have Eliminated Blow-Outs

"Three times safer," is the claim made by the B. F. Goodrich Company for its new "Golden Ply" Safety Silvertown which was recently announced, according to J. H. Jackson, Goodrich tire dealer located at Plymouth.

"High speeds and smaller wheels, setting up a terrific centrifugal force, together with the heat of friction caused by the rapid revolution of the tire on the road and the constant flexing of the tire carcass, bring about tire failure under today's service conditions," he said.

"A new kind of rubber compound, designed to resist heat and to bind more firmly the tread and tire plies, is the development which Goodrich tire engineers claim makes this new Goodrich tire three times safer than any ordinarily constructed tire."

"This claim is not based on theory. For months before this tire was publicly announced, it was tested on the road and in the Goodrich laboratories against every conceivable service hazard."

"The 'Golden Ply' protects the tire where protection is most needed," Mr. Jackson said.

"By preventing separation of the fabric and tread, internal blisters are eliminated. Thus, the origin of blow-outs attributed to this cause is removed and a dangerous motoring hazard overcome."

Mill Pond Baseball Team Open Season With Win

The Mill Pond boys' baseball team opened their season Saturday afternoon with a win over the Skimmersville boys of that section. Monroe Chesson pitched good ball for the winners. The final count was 23-28 in favor of Mill Pond.

Any team desiring games with the Mill Pond boys see or write to Roy Blount, Roper.

PRICE EXPECTED TO BE HIGHER THAN LAST YEAR

Premium Always Placed on Early Tomatoes From This Section

Green wrapped tomatoes shipped in refrigerator cars will begin leaving Plymouth about the last of June, or early in July, according to a number of growers while others are of the opinion that the vegetables will be plucked and ready for market as early as June 17.

Observers of the produce market think that the inflationary measures taken by Congress under the direction of President Roosevelt will boost the price of this commodity this season, as this will be in the trend of the improved business conditions in most all lines of trade.

A premium is placed on early tomatoes from this section by the brokers. Other markets will begin lagging this week, and unless other sections have had a bumper crop then there will be a scarcity when the local crop begins the trek to market and they will arrive just in time to brighten the meals of the city folk.

It appears now that there will be an increase in the amount of this produce marketed this season. Last year there were 1,000 acres planted, and the yield was fairly good. It appears now that there will be more than this on the market this season, and it also looks like the yield will be as good as last season.

The price of canned tomatoes has advanced about 25 per cent above the low level reached in the off-season, and now it appears that they will continue to climb in common with other commodities. W. R. Hampton here has plenty of the tomatoes on hand to be disposed of at the proper time, and is continually selling.

There will be two canning plants in Washington County this coming season, with one at Roper and the second in Plymouth. These plants have direct access to the ripe tomatoes of most of the growers in this county. They will begin operation about the middle of July. W. R. Hampton will be in charge of both of them.

It is not known at the present just how many firms there will be that will have representatives or buyers in Washington County. There will be the Plymouth Mutual Exchange to handle the tomatoes of their clients while the Roper Mutual Exchange will look after those growing cooperatively in the Lees Mills Township.

It is reported that there will be independent buyers. Notable among these will be John W. Darden, who will accept the tomatoes and send them to his brokers with the selling commission deducted and sent to Mr. Darden with the grower getting his own check to do with as he pleases.

FIND EASY WAY TO OPEN OYSTER

Chemical Application Discovered by Fisheries Experts

Raleigh.—The oyster is opened by making it yawn and the clam symbolically known as "tight-lipped," may be made to open its shell with comparative ease due to successful experiments made at Beaufort.

The United States Bureau of Fisheries several months ago announced it had perfected an economical and practical method of making oysters open by inducing yawns by means of a chemical application.

Today Dr. Vera Koerig and Dr. Herbert F. Phythach revealed through the State Department of Conservation that experiments they have made at the Bureau of Fisheries have resulted in simplifying materially the opening of clams by putting them in a relax narcotized state. The economic value of the new methods, the experts said, is in the fact that there is no shrinkage or apparent loss of tissue fluid and the meat is in the same condition as if the shell fish were opened raw.

May Pay Farmer To Use Sidedressing for Crops

With better prices for farm crops in prospect, it may pay the North Carolina farmer to side-dress his crops this season with quick-acting nitrogen fertilizer. Nitrate of soda and other materials are cheaper in price now than in many years.