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### PLAN TO MARKET ELECTRIC SHOE SHINE MACHINE

#### Preparing Application To Charter Company of Local People

A committee composed of Attorney Zeb Vance Norman, Mayor Gilbert Davis and Moy W. Spruill, is formulating an application for charter for an organization that might be named "The Electric Shoe Shiners, Inc.," a company proposed to promote the sale of a shoe shine device invented by Mr. Spruill.

The three men are seeking to incorporate the company with a capital stock of \$100,000 and to appoint a board of directors from among local men who are interested in the endeavor to aid Mr. Spruill in his efforts to get the machine made and put on the market.

The invention is known as an electric coin control automatic shoe shine machine and will be placed in barber shops, hotel lobbies and other places convenient to customers.

Mr. Spruill has been perfecting the device for about six years and recently had the machine patented through the United States patent office and has protected it for 17 years during which time he hopes to improve it from time to time in order to hold the patent.

Already signatures have been affixed to a paper guaranteeing him a sale of \$1,000 worth of stock in the venture, 25 percent of which will be delivered and collected in the near future in an effort to bear the expense of procuring the charter and caring for other incidentals.

Later, another 25 percent of the amount will be called for and then the remainder of the \$1,000 in stock will be assessed for immediate payment so that dies can be made and the first machine built. The first machine will cost about \$525 guaranteeing material and workmanship, and when production is reached they should cost about \$100 each.

Twenty of the 35 prospective stockholders have already attended a meeting that was held in the courthouse here last Friday night. The men who buy the first \$1,000 worth of stock in the enterprise will receive as their reward for helping start the ball rolling a double number of shares. In other words if they pay for one share at the beginning they will receive another share free of charge.

Mr. Spruill asks that the stockholders and the officers have as much patience as he has manifested during the long years of his work on the invention and that if they do and will work with him they will make a success of the venture.

It has already been decided that Mr. Spruill will retain for himself 51 percent of the entire stock issue so that he will continue to have controlling interest in the concern as he has done all of the work to date, and wishes to see it through the following days until it is on the market.

The board of directors and their officers will work with Mr. Spruill in every phase of the organization and promotion of the matter and in turn all of the first subscribers will be offered their first choice of the stock before it is offered to the public at large.

The invention has already been described once through the columns of the Beacon. The customer will insert a nickel in a slot and take a seat in the chair. Two brushes remove the dirt from his shoe and neutral polish from a fountain is automatically poured on the shoe. Then the brushes rub the shoes again, leaving a shine on the footwear as good as that done by any bootblack, according to Mr. Spruill.

As soon as the customer gets out of the chair, the device is locked and can be moved again only by the insertion of a coin that makes a contact.

### MAN IS HURT IN AUTO WRECK

#### J. Frank Askew Suffers Cuts and Bruises in Accident This Week

J. Frank Askew, of the Long Acre section of this county, was cut about the face and suffered other injuries to his right arm when his car was struck by another car and knocked onto the sidewalk at the corner of Main Street near the courthouse here this week.

Mr. Askew was driving into the highway at the corner when his car was struck by another belonging to and driven by a traveling salesman. Definite cause of the accident has not been determined.

Very little damage was done to the stranger's automobile. A wheel was torn from Mr. Askew's car.

### NAME TEACHERS FOR COLORED

#### Practically All Chosen Except for School Located in Plymouth

Colored teachers in the Washington County School system were named today by the committees and were approved by James W. Norman, superintendent of public instruction. The names of those for the Washington County Training School have not been announced as yet.

Creswell P. W. Littlejohn, principal; Allen Holley, Annie Owens. The fourth teacher had not been decided upon as yet, but it is expected that she will be employed by the first of next week if not before.

Cherry, Martha Gilliam. Whichard, Gertrude McDowell. Sound Side, Lily Mae Baum, Azalia Ferebee, and Lucille Baum.

Back Woods, Jackie K. Riddick and Maggie Boyd.

Roper, J. J. Clemmons, principal; Mary Allen, Arbutus Anthony, Eva Stewart, and Edna Wilkins.

Mount Delane, Corna Hynrbaue. Second teacher not named as yet.

Deep Bottom, Viola B. Lowe and Nina Grimes.

Macedonia, William Hurdle. Primary teacher not determined.

Brooks, James G. Price, principal. Gladys Ferebee.

Morattock, Mary Austin and J. C. Cordon.

Long Ridge, Emma Walker.

### 22 FIRMS HERE HAVE SIGNED BLANKET CODE

#### Blue Eagles Flying in Most Local Stores; Rules Outlined

Blue Eagles, the insignia of those cooperating in President Franklin Roosevelt's National Recovery Administration's drive to increase employment, are seen decorating the windows here of 22 cooperating business houses.

These men attest by displaying this emblem that they are joining other employers in the nation in reducing the number of working hours; increasing salaries and adding as many to their payroll as they possibly can do in an effort to improve conditions.

Postmaster George W. Hardison is ready and willing to extend this N. R. A. Blue Eagle to any of those who are not now on the honor roll in the post office.

A firm can procure the Blue Eagle emblem by signing the President's reemployment agreement and handing it to Postmaster Hardison and putting into practice its provisions and signing the certificate of compliance.

If an industry or firm finds that the provisions of the employment agreement if mostly impossible then they are to prepare a petition to N. R. A. asking for a stay or postponement of those provisions which will produce a hardship and this will be reviewed by N. R. A. authorities.

Mr. Hardison is well pleased with the number of firms and business men in Plymouth who have joined wholeheartedly in this drive for better business conditions and there are possibly others who will have their names on the honor roll later.

Names now exhibited are as follows: Gilbert Davis, W. F. Winslow's stores, E. H. Liverman, H. A. Liverman Drug Store, Plymouth Garage and Motor Company, Pender's store, Fannie Hooker's Cash Store, Thompson-Clogon, Inc., Blount and Davenport, W. E. Weede, Campbell's Store, New Theatre, B. G. Campbell, H. M. Ramsey Filling Station, W. T. Nurney Funeral Parlor, George Smith Abe Adler store, the Southern Hardware Company, Standard Oil Company Filling Stations, Gulf Refining Company, the Woman's Shop, A. D. Bassinger Body and Machine Works.

Next Wednesday, August 30th, is scheduled to be the last half holiday this season that the merchants will observe. And so beginning September 1 the stores will begin closing an hour earlier each day. They will open at 8 o'clock in the morning and close at 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

Customers are urged to do their buying in the allotted time so that there will be no embarrassment on the part of the merchants to have to refuse to sell to a good customer after the closing hours. And the customer is as much responsible for the NRA program as the merchant.

Archaeologists have unearthed in Babylonia what is believed to have been a beauty parlor of 6,000 years ago. Highly polished bronze mirrors, cosmetic jars, kohl sticks, crimson clay, and other aids to beauty have been brought to the surface.

This was one of the best conventions ever held, and we hope next year to break the record again.

### HUBERT LATHAM ENDS OWN LIFE WITH PISTOL

#### 25-Year-Old Man Shoots Himself At Home of Mother Here

Hubert Latham, young local white man, was found dead at his home early last Wednesday morning, Coroner Mrs. Dwight M. McKnight finding that he had taken his own life by firing a pistol ball into his head. The bullet, fired from a .32-caliber pistol, was fired into the head near the right temple and lodged just back of the right eye.

The coroner, after hearing evidence offered by the mother of the boy and by friends, reached a decision that the boy was not a victim of foul play, but died from a self-inflicted wound.

Young Latham was employed here by the State Highway Commission for a number of years, but was off duty for a few days. He was to return to work Wednesday morning.

Called by his mother, Latham got up and was expected for breakfast when she heard the pistol report. She called for help and a half-brother, Al Latham, well-known suburban merchant here, rushed to the house and entered the room, finding the body and a revolver near by. Blood was said to have been flowing freely from the head.

The act of the young man came as a surprise to his friends, although many times of late, he was said to have threatened to kill himself. He was despondent, it was said, over a fruitless love affair, but no one apparently knows the true and direct cause for the rash act. It was said that he had been drinking heavily during the past week-end.

The body was prepared at the local funeral parlor for burial tomorrow afternoon. Complete funeral arrangements had not been announced at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Services will be conducted at the home of his mother.

Mr. Latham was about 25 years of age, and is said to have been despondent for some time. He was said to have notified friends with whom he worked that he would be on the job Wednesday morning if he did not kill himself in the meantime.

He is survived by a widowed mother, Mrs. Hannah Allen, four half brothers, Clyde, Al, Dock and Tom Latham, and three half sisters, Mesdames J. W. Darden and J. E. Outten, of Plymouth, and Mrs. Bertie Stubbs, of Richmond. He also leaves two whole brothers, Hallett and Jack Latham.

### LARGE NUMBER CLUB WOMEN AT SHORT COURSE

#### One of Best Conventions Ever Held; 18 Attend From County

Probably "times have been harder," and old man depression has visited more families in the county than ever before, but whenever you want people to really do something, wait 'til the unwelcome visitor comes. You know women are the most determined humans at all, and when a group of women decide to do something things begin to move.

This year we were unfortunate in not being able to use the school buses for transportation, but by "hook and crook," 18 women, "valiant of spirit and brave of hearts" came to Plymouth to get started toward the Capital City. The last load arrived at the Y. W. C. A. at 2:30 p. m. The band of women attending was composed of Mrs. C. N. Davenport, Miss Mildred Davenport, and Mrs. Ida Bateman from Creswell, Mrs. W. W. White and daughter, from Pleasant Grove; Mrs. T. R. Chesson, Mrs. J. J. Burdine and Mrs. Ella Vail Hickman, of the Swain club; Mrs. Carl Heynen and Mrs. J. L. Rhea, of Wenoona; Mrs. L. E. Hassell, Mrs. B. G. O'Brien, of Roper; Mrs. H. J. Woodard, of Cool Springs; and the following from Alba Club: Mrs. Tom Darden, Mrs. George Bowen, Mrs. W. H. Harrison, Mrs. M. G. Darden, Mrs. Roy Davenport, Mrs. C. W. Bowen, and Mrs. Jessie Bowen, Mrs. Annie Norman, of Scuppernon; This club had the largest number there for the whole week.

The Swain Club had four members in addition to the three above mentioned, who went up for one day, namely, Mrs. Jane Vail, Mrs. R. T. Robbins, Mrs. Lewis Skiles, and Mrs. Ada Skiles.

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### Club Girls At Camp In Mackeys This Week

Thirty-four "peppy" 4-H club girls decided to try camp life for four days this week at Mackeys in spite of the prospects for rain.

The program will be well worth their while, and much will be heard from the trip later on, no doubt.

Local people will have charge of all the classes, and a real helpful week will be enjoyed. The instruction at the camp will be informational as well as inspirational.

### NAME TEACHERS FOR CRESWELL SCHOOL FRIDAY

#### C. H. Aderholdt Re-elected Principal at Meeting of Local Committee

Creswell—Teachers for the local school for the ensuing term were elected at a meeting of the local committee held last Friday evening at the school here when O. D. Hatfield was named chairman and P. B. Belanga secretary with S. D. Burgess as the third member.

C. H. Aderholdt was re-elected principal of the school for the next term and will be assisted in instructing the high school students by R. L. Leitchfield and Mrs. Sexton Holmes, making a total of three teachers in this department of the school.

Last year there were four instructors but one was dropped on account of a state ruling that only three teachers will be allowed to a high school that has an average daily attendance of less than 85 students. Last year the average was only 83.

It is hoped that an additional high school teacher will be employed by the state, and this will depend upon the enrollment for the first two weeks of the term. It appears now that with the number of promotions last year there may be enough to hold the fourth teacher if they are enrolled in high school this year.

In the grammar grade department is Misses Hilda Credle, Irene Johnson, Grace Stillman, and Mrs. O. R. Armstrong. All of these are last year's teachers, and they are well acquainted with the pupils here and are expected to render efficient service here this coming term.

The four teachers in the primary department are well known and are well liked here, as they are returning for another term. They are Miss Sadie Jane Davenport, Mrs. Eva Spruill Bateman, Misses Lucy Swain, and Hazel Craffcock.

This staff of teachers rendered very good cooperation to Principal Aderholdt and James W. Norman, superintendent of public instruction, last season, and the community looks forward to a very successful term.

### NAME FACULTY FOR 1933 TERM IN LOCAL SCHOOLS

#### One Less Teacher in High School This Year; Start Term September 4

Names of those teachers who will comprise the staff of instructors in the Plymouth white schools this coming term, were announced today by Principal Ernest H. Hicks.

First grade: Miss Ethel Perry. Second grade: Miss Elizabeth Norman and Mrs. Julian Brinkley. Another second-grade teacher is to be named later.

Third grade: Mrs. Katherine Harrison. Fourth grade: Miss Edna Mizelle. Fifth grade: Miss Nellie Tarkington. Sixth grade: Misses Annetta MacLean and Lucille Parker. Seventh grade: Miss Nevie Pickett.

In the high school there will be five teachers, including Principal Hicks, who will, in addition to his regular duties this year, teach history. Miss Thelma Getsinger will teach English, while Mrs. L. S. Thompson will teach French and share history subjects with Mr. Hicks. Gordon Norman will teach mathematics and mechanical drawing. J. Frank Furches will teach science and serve as athletic coach.

Last year there was one more teacher in the high school department than there is this year, Miss Parker having been transferred from the high school to the grades for the coming term. Approximately 137 students are expected to enroll in the high school here this year.

Schools all over the county will be beginning the new term September 4. Pupils are urged to attend their respective schools the first day and prepare themselves for a hard year's work in the various subjects of learning.

### TO APPOINT NEW BOARD MEMBER AT NEXT MEET

#### Eugene Still Resigns and Is Named to Plymouth School Board

Appointment of a councilman from the first ward to finish out the unexpired term of Eugene F. Still will be the duty of the City Council here in its next session that will be held first Monday night in September.

Mayor Gilbert Davis this week has received the written resignation of Mr. Still who resigned, in the first place, because he moved out of the first ward which he represented into the second ward which already has its representative on the council.

Had not Mr. Still resigned he would have been barred from serving on the board of councilman any way in view of the fact that when he moved from the first ward he disqualified himself as a councilman from that ward by the statutes that govern such cases.

But this did not terminate the public activities of Mr. Still as he was immediately appointed to membership on the local school board by the Washington County Board of Education to make the third member of the committee allowed under the new system.

Zeb Vance Norman and J. L. Rea, jr., are the other two members of the educational committee that will serve with Mr. Still, they having been appointed last Monday by the county board in session here and as yet found Mr. Still available he was appointed.

The local school committee met Monday evening to organize and to begin their work for the ensuing term. No teachers were elected at the meeting as the time was devoted to consideration of truck drivers and routes. A second meeting is to be held to determine the teachers.

It is rumored here that Gordon H. Norman and Mrs. Julian Brinkley will be named on the staff of teachers as two new members and the others will be re-elected.

### News of Coming Events At New Theatre Here

Get ready for a treat, picture fans! No matter who you are or where you are or what you like, here's one picture you are going to go for, "Picture Snatcher," which plays on Thursday and Friday at the New Theatre in Plymouth. Here's why James Cagney acting in this one like a house afire. Why not? With Alice White putting over a swell bit of business, as a hard-boiled, wise-cracking, snobster. Why not? With an action story that moves at so fast a pace it will hold you breathless? Why not, with a love story sandwiched in for good measure, with that exquisite young Patricia Ellis? If you don't get a delightful evening's entertainment out of this one, one of us ought to see a doctor.

Ken Maynard in "Dynamite Ranch" plays on Saturday with Andy Clyde in one of his funniest comedies: "Feeling Rosy."

Plymouth's first midnight show will take place on Sunday night at 12:05 at which time you will see "So This Is Africa." This is the picture you have been waiting for. The entire nation has laughed at Bert Wheeler, Robert Woolsey, and the beautiful and fiery Raquel Torres in this one. It will play also on Monday and Tuesday. Latest news events and shorts will be added to this program. Get ready now and make your dates for the midnight show.

Kay Francis and George Brent appear on the screen on Wednesday in "Keyhole," a delightful drama of the day. Tom Howard will lend his talents in the comedy, "Honesty Pays, But Not Much."

The Fashion Extravaganza has been definitely set for Wednesday, September 6th. There is also planned a dance, with the same orchestra furnishing the music for both the fashion show and the dance. Most of the models have been selected, with a representative each from Columbia, Roper, and Creswell. Mrs. Edison Swain of the Woman's Shop, has arrived from New York, where she selected ready-to-wear for the show, and it is arriving daily. Get ready for the treat of your life. It is not far off. She's getting his line of entertainment in shape and the fashion extravaganza is soon to be ready. Remember, matinees every day. Come and bring the children to the matinees.

Marc Picq, the 104-year-old Clammy (France) blacksmith, who attributes his longevity to the 60,000 quarts of wine he has consumed, did not quit swinging a sledge hammer until after he had passed his 96th birthday.

### Small Merchants Can Obtain Blue Eagle

Some question has arisen in regard to the status of the small county merchant. In a bulletin sent to Mrs. W. C. Brewer from Roy M. Brown, technical supervisor of relief, he says that a merchant in the country who owns his own business and employs no clerks has no restriction on his hours, and he may secure a blue eagle by applying to his postmaster.

The county welfare agency is also instructed to stamp all orders for relief "good only at stores showing the N. R. A. blue eagle in their places of business."

### MUCH CANNING IS BEING DONE BY COLORED FOLKS

#### Schedule of Demonstrations Announced by County Home Agent

By Miss Eugenia Patterson

Practically every morning is now being given over by the home agent for the purpose of holding poultry and dry demonstrations for the colored people. We are doing our best to help them save the surplus vegetables and fruits that they have for winter purposes.

This is being met with a fine response in all communities. In addition to the work of the agent, the canning leaders in each home demonstration club throughout the county are straining every point and are using every effort to help the colored people help themselves. The response is gratifying throughout the entire county.

The beginning of demonstrations was held last Friday morning at Morattock school building, when 28 colored women walked for miles around to come together and learn new ways of saving food.

The demonstration included canning of soup mixture and string beans, tomatoes, etc., and drying string beans (green), corn, and apples. Canning literature is also being distributed at these meetings.

On Wednesday morning of this week a school will be held in the Brooks school community, on Thursday at Long Ridge, on Monday a meeting will be at Scuppernon, and Wednesday morning at Roper. Other meetings will be announced later.

Not only are the canning leaders working with these people, but I find that women all over the county are helping to get these people interested and working. I want to say that it can not be done too much, and I urge you to keep on using your influence to promote this work. It is worth-while.

### SCHOOLS OPEN IN THIS COUNTY SEPTEMBER 4TH

#### Teachers Will Meet in Roper On Saturday, September 2

Public schools, both white and colored, will open the 1933-34 term September 4th, it was announced today by Superintendent of Public Instruction James W. Norman, who asks that every child enroll on the first day and prepare to get down to work at once to make the most of an eight-months term.

Children, living within two miles of school buildings, will not be permitted to ride the trucks. This applies to the smaller children as well as to larger ones. As a result of the ruling handed down by the State authorities, a large number of children will be forced to trudge their way to school, while those who live farther away will ride the busses.

Those children who become six years of age on or before November 15 will be allowed to enter school this year. Those becoming six years of age after that date will not be entered this year as every effort is being made to reduce the number who start school too young and often crowd the classes.

Two teachers' meetings and one for truck drivers have been scheduled by Mr. Norman just before the schools open for the new term.

All white teachers in the county schools are to meet in the Roper school building Saturday morning, September 2, at 10 o'clock. School trustees, as well as teachers, are urged to be present.

Colored teachers are instructed to attend a meeting that will be held that afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Washington County Training School. Truck drivers are to meet in the courthouse here Saturday morning, September 2, at 9 o'clock, to accept delivery of their busses and to receive instructions.

### TELLS OF TRIP TO MRS. L. E. HASSELL SHORT COURSE

#### Mrs. L. E. Hassell, Roper Club Member, Describes Daily Sessions

By L. E. HASSELL

I had always wanted to attend the short course. This summer the way seemed open, and I was delighted to take advantage of the opportunity. My difficulty now is deciding what to tell of the many fine things I enjoyed.

Two separate bodies of men and women were meeting at State College at the same time, the Farmers' and Farm Women's Convention, and the American Institute of Cooperation, each with a full and varied program. It was simply a physical impossibility to attend all of the interesting sessions. In order to allow as much time as possible for hearing the distinguished speakers of the Institute of Cooperation, the program for farm women included only one lesson period each day. I chose to study poultry, since that is a major interest of mine, and resolutely passed many inviting classroom doors in order to pursue that course of study. In this, there was little that was new, since the extension specialists who sometimes visit the county had already rather thoroughly covered the ground. Exception is made here of a lecture by Judge D. E. Hale, of Chicago, on the superior results to be obtained by feeding yeast-fermented foods to birds.

On the last day of the short course I could not resist cutting poultry and visiting some of the other classes. Beginning at the gymnasium beyond the railroad tracks, I looked on for a few minutes at Mr. Harrell teaching a large group to play "Pop Goes the Weasel" and to dance the Virginia Reel. Then I hurried across the campus to Peele Hall, where so many things of particular interest to women were being demonstrated. There was Miss Hunter's marvelous exhibition of clothing, which included a number of smart suits made of guano sacks and burlap, lovely cornsuck hats and purses, a dress made of a 30-year-old window curtain, and many other unusual things. Another room held Miss Estabrook's collection of beautiful fabrics for draperies and rugs crocheted from stocking tops. The demonstration in rug-making by a sewing machine concern was very popular. The machine-made rugs were beautiful and could hardly be distinguished from the hand-hooked variety. It is needless to say the attachments for making them were selling like hot cakes.

After the lesson period each day, all of the women met in Pullen Memorial church for the Daily Bright Spot, a special message from the beloved leader, Mrs. McKimmon. Other interesting speakers were sometimes present, among whom were Mrs. Morris, canning specialist, and Dr. Parrott, of the Health Department.

The afternoons were always free for recreation. This might mean a trip down town shopping or to the movies, a tour of the city, or a visit to Duke University and Chapel Hill. A little jaunt that I particularly enjoyed was to the laboratory of the State Department of Health. Then we were shown the serum for typhoid vaccination is prepared and how antitoxin is produced from the blood of a horse. The patient laboratory assistant also allowed us to peep through the microscope at the deadly germs of rabies taken from the brain of a dog that had been sent for examination.

Perhaps the best part of the day was the evening assembly on Riddick field for singing, games, and entertainment. There Secretary Wallace, arriving from Washington by airplane, spoke on the new deal to a crowded amphitheater. Other enjoyable features were the dancing of the Cherokee Indians, singing by a negro choir, and Dr. and Mrs. Greer's collection of mountain ballads.

At the close of the day's planned program, began an informal round of social calls among friends, old and new. Watermelon parties, too, were in order and wild rides on the laundry truck up down the dormitory halls. These festivities had their part in making the short course a place of real relaxation for women too often subdued by the monotonous routine of farm living.

### Freight Engine Derailed Here Tuesday Afternoon

#### A freight engine left the track Tuesday at the rear of E. R. Jackson's wood yard that faces on an extension of Water Street. The engine, number 347, was shifting when derailed. No one was hurt. Workmen from Mackeys put the locomotive back on the track.