

CRESWELL MAY BE IN LINE FOR SCHOOL HOUSE

One-Third of Cost Would Be Paid by Federal Government

Creswell.—Visions of a 16-room school building to cost upwards of \$50,000 for Creswell have been seen by some who know of the crowded and congested conditions of the local school and who are aware of the fact that the National Recovery Administration has millions of dollars to loan for permanent improvements.

A letter has been received by James W. Norman, superintendent of public instruction in Washington County, from Warren H. Booker, of Raleigh, chairman of the National Recovery committee for waterworks construction of the American Water Works Association, calling attention to the liberality of the Federal government in lending this money.

As soon as Mr. Norman secured the letter from Mr. Booker, and it was told about here, then a number called to their mind the need of a school plant here, as today the local school has enrolled 450 children and two miles away in Cherry there are 200 more who should be in the local school. All of the local pupils are crowded into nine classrooms in the brick building with three classes in rooms in a wooden building on the campus.

"The special appeal of this letter," said Mr. Booker, "is that you consider your permanent school improvement needs for the next two to five years or more, especially the running water and the sewage requirements of every school in Washington County as well as your permanent buildings."

"Secure an architect, or engineer, to make preliminary sketches and estimates, and together with the county attorney and county auditor, make out applications and get yours while the getting is good. Whether or not communities avail themselves of this opportunity, the \$3,300,000,000 is going to be invested somewhere—in some harbor, dam, or other public works, and we have the privilege of paying for it regardless of whether we get any of it or not.

"Furthermore, 30 per cent of the cost of labor and material will be a grant—a gift. The remaining 70 per cent can be borrowed for only 4 per cent.

"Finally, the attorney general rules that county boards of commissioners have the authority to issue school bonds direct without calling an election and that provision for adequate school sanitation is not optional but mandatory.

"Let's get all the school projects, especially those involving running water and sewage, in Washington County underway and that right now. It is unwise and unpatriotic not to undertake construction of public works at this time and later you will be proud of the improvements made and of your part in the recovery program."

Those who visualize the new building say that if erected now it will not have to be enlarged in generations, as the old building can be used for the lower grades and the new building for the high school, and it will take some of the children out of the small, below standard-size class rooms.

One Day Missionary Convention Here 29th

Devotions led by Mrs. H. H. Settle, beginning at 10 o'clock, will open the one-day session of the local district of the North Carolina Christian Missionary Convention that will be held with the Christian church here on Friday, September 29.

E. B. Quick will explain "Why We Are Here," with C. C. Ware, of Wilson, corresponding secretary of the state, giving some facts on state missions. There will be a 10-minute social period before lunch that will be served at 12:30. Group conference will feature the afternoon.

A representative from Atlantic Christian College will be here. W. H. Brunson will bring the inspirational address at the local meeting. Morning and afternoon sessions will be held.

Former Baseball Player Is Hurt Playing Foot Ball

Information has reached here that Tex Edens who played rightfield for the Plymouth baseball club this summer and who has reported to Coach Jim Weaver at Wake Forest College for football, was injured in practice Thursday or Friday of last week.

Edens was trying out for freshman fullback on the squad when he sustained a dislocated shoulder. This will mean that he will be out of the game for quite a while. Edens was a former Oak Ridge football star.

NRA Consumer's Drive Will Get Under Way Here Monday

Consumers and employers in Washington County have a definite responsibility to cooperate to the utmost to make the NRA a success as this great national economic experiment is destined to aid in the return to prosperity.

This is the general consensus of opinion of Mrs. C. W. Cahoon, chairman of the NRA consumers' pledge campaign committee in Washington County that starts on October 2 and George W. Hardison, chairman of the membership drive committee.

The NRA calls on every employer to shorten hours of labor so as to make room for more employees. It is to the employer's interest as more people working with bigger payrolls will increase

the market for his goods and every dollar he pays out will mean more business for him.

The consumer's responsibility is to purchase from those employers who have taken the increased burden of increased payrolls to bring back prosperity. It will reflect itself in increased values and will make the consumer's job more secure by reversing the process of deflation.

"There is nothing complicated about the NRA plan," according to the local leaders, "as it goes back to the basic idea of society and of the nation itself that people acting in a group can accomplish things which an individual acting alone could not even hope to bring about."

SCHEDULE FOR TEACHERS PAY IS ANNOUNCED

Range for White Teachers Is From \$45 To \$90 Per Month

Salaries of school teachers of Washington County and the state as a whole have been announced by State school officials, it was learned here today from James W. Norman, superintendent of public instruction, who received the schedule.

Teachers with class A certificates start at \$70 a month and increase with experience to \$90 a month for eight years' experience. Class B certificates call for \$60 to \$75 for six years in the service. Class C starts at \$55, scaling upward to as high as \$65 for four years.

Elementary A certificates register from \$50 to \$55 for two years, while elementary B and non-standard start at \$45. But hardly any of these are used in local schools, as the officials demand that these ratings be increased with summer school and extra hours of studying.

The scale for classified principals in Washington County, which includes the salaries of A. W. Davenport, of Cherry; C. H. Aderholdt, Creswell; E. N. Riddle, Roper; and E. H. Hicks, Plymouth; is governed by their experience and the number of teachers in their school.

Figuring on a basis of from 11 to 16 teachers in each of these white schools the salary will range between \$140 monthly to about \$159. But they receive this salary only for eight months and no employment is offered them until the next term after this time.

The figures in the schedule indicate that the teachers will receive an increment of \$2.50 per month for each year of experience. That is, they will be given \$2.50 more a month on their salary for each year's experience that they have in certain classes up until about the eighth year. Beyond that may be uncertain.

MR. JOE M. ARPS DIES WEDNESDAY

Stroke of Paralysis Two Weeks Ago Proves Fatal

Funeral services were held Thursday for Joe M. Arps, 78 years of age, who succumbed at his home near here Wednesday morning. He was stricken with paralysis about two weeks ago and had not responded since the attack.

Interment took place in the Grace Episcopal church cemetery. A large crowd attended the last rites for Mr. Arps, who was well known in this county, having moved here when about 30 years of age, and he has been a resident of Plymouth since that time.

Mr. Arps had been in declining health for years, but the end came somewhat unexpectedly. He was not active in business since his retirement some years ago.

Surviving are his widow and the following children: Mrs. S. D. Davis, Mrs. A. J. Riddle, Miss Ethel Arps, Bill, P. M., and E. G. Arps, all of Plymouth; and Harry and Joe Arps, of Norfolk.

Suffers Injury To Back During Recent Storm

H. A. Blount sustained an injured back during the storm of September 15 when he fell down the stairs at his home on Main Street when he was coming down to look after the house. He is gradually recovering from the injury and hopes to be out soon.

FARM NOTES

Government reports tobacco selling better. Be sure to keep your tobacco sales slip. It may mean money to you later.

Begin feeding hens a good ration now if you expect eggs in November when they are usually heavier.

Sow some oats for the hens; they may be sown twice as thickly as for seed.

No cotton checks have been received from the Government. Those who plowed up will be notified immediately when they arrive.

Mr. George Coburn has a Jersey bull out of one of the highest producing cows in the state and by a tried sire.

Prices on good cows are going to pick up. There is a good bull in most communities in the county. The cost is no more in raising a good heifer than a less good one. The difference she will bring on the market is a neat profit.

H. W. Taylor, the Federal tobacco specialist, from Washington, held two tobacco grading demonstrations in the County Tuesday. One was held at A. L. Owens' warehouse in Plymouth. The other was held at John McAllister's farm near Roper. The demonstrations were well attended and very interesting. Mr. Taylor showed the folks how to classify and grade tobacco as well as a few tricks about grading.

Tree Bears Fifty Bushels Of Pears This Season

Roper.—A tree on the farm of L. A. Parrisher, near Roper, bore 50 bushels of pears this year. The first storm blew and beat off 32 bushels and the last gale caused 12 more bushels to drop, making 44 bushels. Prior to the first storm and since the last one, Mr. Parrisher is sure that at least 44 bushels or more have fallen.

Apply Nitrogen To Apple Orchards In The Fall

Recent experiments have shown that the apple tree stores up nitrogen in the fall and many growers are now making fall applications. No winter injury nor increase in twig growth has been noted from the application. The nitrogen is applied in September, and is taken up by the tree for use the following spring. As this practice is not applicable to all conditions, the grower should try it first on a small block of trees before making a general application.

Gives Suggestions for the Control of Cabbage Worm

Answering the question: "Is it too late to dust cabbages and collards with calcium arsenate for worm control," the State College Extension Division experts say:

"If the cabbages are well advanced it would be better to apply the Pyrethrum dust rather than the arsenate, but, if the arsenate is applied, there would be no danger from the poison. Either dust can also be applied to collards but, as the collard, is not headed as much as the cabbage, the calcium arsenate should be used.

Pet Is Nuisance

A pet crow which removes pins from the clothesline after family washings have been hung up has aroused the ire of Waupaca (Wis.) housewives.

COMPANY HERE ADDS EMPLOYEES

Business Conditions Called for Increased Help at the National Handle Office

Business conditions at the National Handle Company here, a unit of the American Fork and Hoe Company, has increased to such an extent that two additional employees were made necessary in the office force.

W. T. Stillman is the last one of the new office employees to be added to the payroll. Mr. Stillman was once assistant cashier in the Washington County Bank, and then for 14 years was cashier of the Richlands Farmers Bank.

The second was employed several months ago when J. Stuart Windt, of Fort Wayne, Ind., was transferred to Plymouth from another of the organization's plants in another state and has been in the office force here since that time.

A third employee in the office is Miss Ethel Arps who has been working as office executive and office assistant to the manager for about 10 years and who will continue with the firm in its new increase of business that has come about in the last few months.

Then in the office is Carl L. Groves who has been living here for almost a dozen years as general resident manager of the unit that once made only the handles used on forks and hoes but now the implement comes from the plant ready for the market.

The plant is now operating with as many as at any time in its history.

About 54 or more men are employed with one or two added weekly as the requirements present themselves. Joe Dixon is not an office worker, but is superintendent of the plant and works mostly in the mill.

AGRICULTURAL CLASS AT ROPER IS ORGANIZED

Students at Roper Elect Officers and Prepare for Year's Work

By WOODROW COLLINS
Roper.—The students of the agriculture class of the Roper High School met in the agriculture classroom last Thursday morning and organized their club, electing new officers for the coming year. All students were present, and it was considered a very successful meeting.

Class officers for the year are as follows: President, John McCloud; vice president, Elmer Spruill; secretary, James Chesson; treasurer, Willie Peacock; reporter, Woodrow Collins; advisor, B. G. O'Brien.

The program was outlined as follows: Hold meeting Saturday night twice each month; father and son banquets; White Lake Camp; attend State Fair; picnic; support athletics; livestock judging contest; send delegates to state meeting; improve classroom; chapel exercises.

The boys in the class are: Wesley Halsey, John Tarkenton, Frank Williams, Arthur Marriner, Harry Cleson, Elbert Tarkington, Henry Davenport, Cecil Craft, John McCloud, Johnnie Everett, Harold Swain, Irvin Hassell, James Chesson, Floyd Asby, Willie Peacock, Eric Spruill, Raymond Ambrose, Elmer Turner, Elmer and Donald Spruill.

C. L. Blount Opens New Laundry Here

C. L. Blount has opened the Roanoke Laundry in the metal building on Water Street adjoining Winslow's store. They opened for business on Monday morning, and there were 12 customers to patronize the home enterprise the first day.

He will add a second washing machine this week. He has two hand irons for the dainty linens and has an ironer that is operated by electricity. He will soon put a small truck on in the delivery service. He hopes to add to his work from time to time.

Colored Boys Taken To Training School

Mr. W. C. Brewer made a trip on Tuesday to Morrison Training school in Hoffman, N. C., with the colored boys who have been in jail here since breaking in and stealing from a local filling station.

There has been an unusual number of young people entered in the training schools this year, and it is hoped the training they will receive will greatly benefit them and turn them to right living.

The American Association of Bank Women has 300 members, all of whom are officials in banks throughout the United States.

106 RECEIVE AID

There were only 106 families in Washington County that received relief from the Federal fund during August, it was stated here today by Mrs. W. C. Brewer, superintendent of public welfare. The number receiving help is decreasing steadily in this county.

These families used \$1,143 during the stated period and it is not known what will be the number in September, as the winter months are coming, and it is expected that there will be an increase.

VACANCIES ON THREE BOARDS TO BE FILLED

T. J. Swain Resigns From Board of Education; To Move To Greenville

Who will succeed T. J. Swain as a member of the Washington County Board of Education and who will be named as councilman from the first ward in Plymouth are the perplexing questions that have many puzzled in this place today.

Mr. Swain resigned last Saturday before the expiration of his six-year term on the county board of education when he moved his residence to Greenville, where he will be nearer in the center of the territory that he travels for the Virginia-Carolina Chemical Corporation.

His firm has been anxious for him to move for some time and Mr. Swain decided some time ago to move his family and thus save expense to himself and company of traveling this far during the week-ends and at other times and also to save him extra driving.

L. E. Hassell, of Roper, has been named temporary chairman of the county board of education and C. N. Davenport, jr., of Creswell is the second member and Democratic leaders in the county will caucus this week to recommend the third member at Monday's meeting of the board. The custom is that this member will be from the Plymouth section.

Also Monday night the City Council will consider applications for membership in that body to succeed E. F. Still and E. E. Waters, of the first ward. Mr. Still moved out of the ward to disqualify himself and then was made a member of the school board.

Mr. Waters is now residing at the home of Mrs. Van B. Martin just outside of the town limits. This disqualifies him as he does not reside in the first ward but only a driveway marks the line of division. Leaders in the party would not drop any hints as to who was scheduled for the three posts.

DEER HUNTERS MEET SUCCESS

Two Bucks Killed in Warneke Section by Party This Week

Deer appear to be getting numerous in this section, judging by the game brought back here by hunters who venture into the regions in the Warneke section adjoining Martin County.

A party including Ernest Hardison, Louis Smith, Ben Tetterton, and Paul Sawyer brought back a 100-pound buck that was shot by Ben Tetterton. One of the hind legs of the animal had been broken before by a hunter or by a trap. The animal ran like a streak, though, on three legs until he came by the stand occupied by the hunters, with dogs close on his heels.

The first hunt was early Saturday, and again Tuesday the same group with Dr. C. McGowan brought back a buck that weighed more than the first victim. He was brought down by a gun in the hands of Louis Smith. They were both killed in the same vicinity and the Tuesday hunters explained that they saw more.

Home Agent Announces Schedule for Next Week

Schedule of meetings for next week: Tuesday, October 3, Hoke Club. Wednesday, October 4, Roper Club. Thursday, October 5, Chapel Hill. Friday, October 6, Beech Grove. Saturday morning, 8:15, curb market. Come and bring your market basket.

Special Program To Be Put On By C. E. Sunday

The Christian Endeavor of the First Church here will give a special program at the evening hour of worship Sunday evening. Everybody is urged to attend.

PAY \$1 TAX OR REMOVE SIGNS

Highway Commission Will Tear Down Signs Where Taxes Are Not Paid

Tax on the outdoor advertising signs in this section must be paid or the signs will be removed, according to a letter received here today by John D. Langston, jr., deputy commissioner, from O. S. Thompson, of Raleigh, assistant commissioner in the Department of Revenue.

Mr. Langston's attention was called to the fact that unless the outdoor advertisers paid the required tax the signs would be removed or destroyed as provided in section 151 by the maintenance force of the State Highway Commission.

The deputy in this district has been notified to collect this tax from the local advertiser and the revenue office at Raleigh has requested names and addresses of those advertisers who do not have local offices, and who cannot be contacted by the field man in this section.

Revenue officials will attempt to collect the non-resident tax, and, of course, will assist Mr. Langston in any way possible in the collection of local tax.

Already A. J. Maxwell, commissioner of revenue, has started plans to secure cooperation of the State Highway Commission in destroying outdoor advertisements not carrying the proper tag or serial number. The tax collection officials are anxious to avoid destruction of the property without due notice.

A number of people are endeavoring to get these road signs removed anyway on account of beautifying the highways. But the revenue department has no interest in this matter and is only going to remove those on which the taxes have not been paid.

MANY COUNTIES LOWER VALUES

Washington in Line With Other Counties of This Section

Washington is in line with other counties in the state in the valuation of property in its domain, as it has recently reduced the valuation in a horizontal cut by 20 per cent. It also reduced by about 7 cents the tax rate.

Ashe County reduced their property valuation by 63 per cent, and then on top of this reduced the tax rate by a big margin. Buncombe, Greene, Transylvania, and Wilson reduced their valuation about 50 per cent, while Camden, Currituck, and Dare made none or only nominal reductions.

About 50 of the counties made a reduction along with Washington, ranging anywhere between 20 and 33 per cent, which is referred to as being one of the general reductions with Tyrrell, next door neighbor, reducing theirs by 30 per cent.

TOBACCO FROM CANADA GOES TO ENGLAND

Rapid Progress Being Made By Canadians in British Market Development

Canadian tobacco, grown in direct competition with tobacco produced in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee is rapidly making progress in the British market.

The commerce department's tobacco division reported that during the first half of 1933 deliveries of the Canadian product in the United Kingdom for home consumption amounted to 4,487,000. This is an increase of nearly 50 per cent over the same period for 1932.

Southern tobacco growers are indirectly responsible for this increase in favor of Canadian tobacco. All tobacco produced in Canada, the department said, is grown from seeds or plants produced in the south. Carolina tobacco farmers sell much seed stock to Canadian farmers.

For the most part, the department said, Canadian tobacco is planted, harvested, and cured by or under the direction of farmers from the states mentioned. These farmers journey to Canada each season under contract with Canadian land owners or manufacturers and take charge of the crop.

This development began in early nineteen hundreds and has gone on from year to year with increased momentum.

Canada's production of tobacco in recent years has been more than ample to satisfy demands of the home market. Consequently, a growing export trade has developed, virtually all of which is with the United Kingdom.

STORM DAMAGE REPORTS STILL BEING HEARD

All Buildings at Reas Beach Destroyed; Crops Are Badly Damaged

Further reports of the ravages of the storm on September 16 that lashed this section have trickled into town and even though this is late the Beacon is of the opinion that it will be interesting news and so the space for these reports is being filled.

Friday night, while the storm was raging, burglars attempted to rob the wholesale house here on Water Street belonging to B. G. Campbell. They broke the glass in a rear window. Tom Sanderson, an employee, who sleeps in a bedroom as a watchman in the rear of the building, fired a shot and the robbers fled. It appeared that the robbers thought they could squeeze through the iron bars that guard the windows.

Damage at Reas' Beach on the Albemarle Sound about eight miles from town was great. This place is operated by L. W. Gurkin as a resort in the summer. He closed the place for the season on the first of September. Boats anchored at the beach were sunk or carried out to sea. The buildings were blown down and the lumber washed away by the surf. Nothing remains of the cottages, pavilion, and other buildings but a part of the bath houses. The one bright item in the great wreck at the beach was the fact that the waves rushing toward the shore made a beautiful shore line.

A reason for the good service rendered by the Virginia Electric and Power Company here during the storm was the efforts of C. R. Winecoff, local employee, and three others who came from Williamston at the instructions of Dale Tetterton, manager of the division of distribution for the Williamston branch, who ordered the men down at the request of Mr. Winecoff.

The truck driven by Mr. Winecoff drowned out on Washington Street and the heavy wind blew the vehicle on down the street. With his helpers they made a number of connections and patrolled the streets watching the light lines. They found one line pulled in two pieces and disconnected it in time to prevent damage to the electric system.

Crops were damaged to a vast extent. Heber Reppason on the Long Acre road told of the damage in that section to corn, cotton, and peanuts and tobacco where the winds blew off the top of the houses or left the weed unprotected from the weather. H. C. Spruill also added that his cotton was damaged. A. L. Owens, with 35 farms in this section, suffered loss from mature cotton that blew from the bolls.

F. M. Barnes' fishery at Newbury's ditch on Albemarle Sound suffered a great loss. Several boats that he owned were swept out to sea. A cottage that he lived in filled with water. Cortez Spruill's place, two miles this side of Barnes' fishery suffered the loss of nets, fish house, nets, and a Patrick lost fish house, nets, and a boat. Will Patrick had a boat in a cove and a house behind a hill in this section that were not damaged.

STATE DEBT NOW UNDER \$180,000,000

Cash Balance of Over Five Millions Is Shown on August 31

Raleigh.—North Carolina's state debt has dropped under \$180,000,000, and there is a cash balance of \$5,806,836.96, as shown in the combined statement of the state auditor and the state treasurer.

The general fund, as usual, is up against it, but the state's great banking institution, comes to the rescue with its surplus. There was a cash overdraft of \$2,677,601.71 on July 1. The receipts for the month were \$2,380,717.98, and disbursements \$883,113.51. That made August 31 a cash overdraft of \$1,129,909.24.

But the highway fund had a cash balance of \$5,666,902.12 August 1 and gathered in \$2,688,411.58. It disbursed \$2,095,962.12. That left a balance of \$6,191,351.52 in actual cash. When the general fund debit balance of \$1,129,909.24 is subtracted, there is a net balance of \$5,806,836.96.

Mrs. Caroline Virginia Ward Dies in New Bern

Funeral services for Carolina Virginia Farrier Ward, who died at her home in New Bern Tuesday, was held Wednesday afternoon. She died in her sleep. Mrs. Ward is the mother of Miss Mary Pickett Ward, district supervisor of welfare work, who has become widely known through her visits here to Mrs. W. C. Brewer.