

## BASNIGHT HIRED BY COUNTY FOR HOME AND FARM

### To Take Over New Duties November 1; Succeeds Mr. and Mrs. Spruill

L. L. Basnight has been employed as superintendent of the county home and county farm beginning November 1, it was decided by the Washington County Commissioners in session here Monday.

Mr. Basnight has been closely connected with the county farm and home system for a number of years before the state assumed control of the county highways and then Mr. Basnight was employed by the state.

Mr. Basnight has been in charge of the county convicts for about 10 years more or less, and the quarters for the prisoners have been located adjoining the county property ever since the convicted law offenders have been worked on the county roads in this county.

Mr. Basnight accepted the offer from the county at lower rate of pay than he enjoyed from the state. It is known that Mr. Basnight has been giving satisfactory service to the state and he accepted the offer of the commissioners because he thought probably he would like the work better.

The new manager of the county home and farm succeeds Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Spruill, who have been in charge of this part of the county's business for two or more years. Mr. and Mrs. Spruill were not offered the position again because of "unsatisfactory services and other reasons."

It appeared at the commissioners' meeting that there was nothing against the work of Mrs. Spruill, but it is known that Mr. Spruill had been convicted of driving an automobile while drunk in Beaufort County and that the commissioners had frequently warned him against drinking.

Mr. Basnight was empoled at a salary of \$60 a month as long as his services were satisfactory, and the commissioners voted to install electric lights in the county home and that Mr. Basnight was to pay for the current used there monthly.

The road in Lees Mill Township leading from Pawpan road to the East Ditch road, a distance of about 1 1/2 miles was placed on the highway system.

## ONE VACANCY ON TOWN COUNCIL

### Nobody Seems To Want To Serve As Member from First Ward

Nobody seems to want the job of member of the City Council from the first ward in Plymouth.

Lawrence Jones has already refused the place tendered to him to finish out the unexpired term of E. F. Still and now W. H. Clark has turned down the same appointment as he was preferred the place last Monday night in the meeting here.

It was decided that the council would refuse the proffered resignation of Bill Waters in the same ward, as he explained that he was waiting to have his residence in the first ward repaired and enlarged and that he was living outside of town temporarily.

So this leaves this matter still in the rough with only five members on the board that should include, with the exception of the mayor, as there are supposed to be two councilmen from each of the three wards.

## 30 Creswell Agricultural Students To Attend Fair

Creswell.—Around 30 students from the Creswell agriculture department with C. H. Rabon, their instructor, will attend the North Carolina State Fair next Tuesday or Wednesday. Around 90 per cent of the class attended the fair last year for one day and each student on returning expressed himself on the educational value of having the opportunity of viewing the different farm exhibits that were to be seen other than the many attractions afforded while at the fair.

Students studying agriculture in the high school will, while at the fair, have the privilege of seeing and studying the various farm enterprises, such as different crops, breeds of livestock, poultry, and modern farm equipment. It is very appropriate for each student enrolled in vocational agriculture if possible to attend the agricultural division of the North Carolina State Fair.—C. H. Rabon.

## Shep Brinkley To Give Organ Recital Sunday

Shep Brinkley, manager of the New Theatre, will give a pipe organ recital at the Grace Episcopal church here Sunday night at 7:30. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Highway Patrolman Is Assigned To County

A. C. Rodman, of Washington, a member of the highway patrol now stationed in Williamston, will patrol Washington County. He will be in here about two days or more a week. He was transferred here from another district.

For the last few months there have been only a few visits here of these patrolmen. The organization is forced to work as best it can with only a few men to look after the highway law violators in the state, as the entire force numbers only about 53 men.

## YOUNG MAN HURT IN AUTO WRECK

### James Mizelle Slowly Recovering From Injuries Sustained Saturday

James Mizelle, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Mizelle, of Plymouth, is slowly recovering from injuries that came near costing him his life on Saturday night when an auto he was driving was in collision with a truck driven by J. T. Cooper.

Mizelle was driving the high-powered Buick owned by his grandfather, Mr. Jackson, near Dardens. The young man suffered a punctured lung. Medical attention was rendered by Dr. T. L. Bray. Fear for his life was felt by some until Monday.

Riding with Mizelle was Atwood Tetterton, who suffered minor injuries, including a lacerated lip and head and body bruises. The accident occurred just a short distance from Plymouth on the highway toward Roper.

A satisfactory theory of the accident could not be readily determined. It seems that one or the other motor vehicles was going to turn into a side road and failed to give the one in the rear the signal.

The truck driven by Cooper, negro minister, was damaged some, but the Mizelle car was damaged to a greater extent.

## MORE THAN HALF OF RELIEF FUNDS USED FOR FOOD

### Total of \$227,932 Was Spent During August for Direct Relief

Raleigh.—Sixty-two and four-tenths per cent of all money spent for direct relief in North Carolina during August was used for the purchase of food, according to statistics made public today from the office of Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, relief administrator.

During August \$227,932 was spent for direct relief, and \$146,766 of this sum was spent for food. This percentage is slightly higher than during July, when 62 per cent of all direct relief expenditures went for food.

As was the case during July, medical care was the second most expensive item, a total of \$26,515, or 11.6 per cent, being spent for this item. During July 14 per cent of the total went for medical care.

Contrary to a large popular conception, clothing represents only a small part of relief expenditures. During August it was 4.6 per cent. During the previous month it was practically the same, 5 per cent. In connection with the small amount spent for clothing it was pointed out that July and August cannot be regarded as typical months. During the fall and winter months a much larger amount will be required for clothing.

Other items of cost, in order, during August, were cash contributions, 5.8 per cent; canning and gardening expense, 5.4 per cent; and the remainder for shelter, fuel, household supplies and miscellaneous.

It was pointed out by relief officials that the above figures apply only to direct relief expenditures as contrasted to work relief. Direct relief for August constituted 45 per cent of the total expenditures of \$502,625, the remaining 55 per cent being spent in the form of work relief.

## Various Pine Trees Produce Seed At Varying Intervals

The production of seed varies with different varieties of pines. The Spruce or Virginia Pine bear seed early in life and make a fair seed crop each year. The Short Leaf and Loblolly Pines bear few seeds before reaching 20 to 25 years of age, and then produce a heavy crop of seed every three or four years, with the intervening years being somewhat blank. The Long Leaf Pine has a wait of six to seven years between its seed-producing periods. A man planning to harvest a timber crop should give consideration to this question of seed-bearing so that he may be sure his forest lands will reseed.

## CRESWELL MAN MADE DIRECTOR OF ASSOCIATION

### H. G. Walker Is Named To Board of East Carolina Association

Creswell.—Hary G. Walker, manager of A. G. Walker and Company here, has been named a director for Washington County in the Eastern North Carolina Association, Incorporated, that has headquarters in the State Bank and Trust Building in Greenville.

The officers of this organization will also serve the Carolina Shippers' Association, which will carry on its work as usual pertaining to transportation matters. The new organization will promote a general betterment movement for eastern North Carolina and will cover 37 counties.

All individuals, firms, and corporations in this section will be contacted in due time. The affairs and the program of the organization will be under the direction of a board of directors composed of 50 leading business and professional men of this section.

Officers of the organization follow: Dr. Robert H. Wright, Greenville, president of the Eastern Carolina Teachers College, president; Stanley Woodland and W. J. Corbitt, vice presidents; Martin Schwartz, superintendent of municipal utilities, Greenville, treasurer; Samuel F. Dickinson, Wilson, secretary.

"Unquestionably this is one of the most important steps forward that has been taken in Eastern North Carolina in many years. The association has only the interest of the section in mind, and it will attempt to help solve the problems and promote the interest of the entire section," said Director Walker.

## TEACHERS AND PARENTS MEET

### Large Representation At Meeting in Roper Recently

Roper.—Quite a large representation of parents and teachers attended the recent meeting of the local Parent-Teacher Association. Much interest was shown and a definite goal planned for the year's procedure. Three projects were suggested by Principal E. N. Riddle. Library project for the elementary and for the secondary schools; playground equipment project. These shall each receive consideration, yet the association chose as a definite undertaking the provision of more adequate playground facilities.

Rev. Ernest Atkinson led the devotional, then a very unique program was given. A playlet, "The Spirit of the P. T. A.," brought a crowning success to the meeting. Mrs. Edison Davenport won approval as mother. Starring with her was J. J. Burdine, who added much by his originality. Grace Windley and Woodrow were splendid in two very modern children. This program bespoke the zeal and interest of the program committee, and emphasized how much the citizens of the communities will miss when they fail to attend the regular P. T. A. meeting Thursday after the third Sunday in each month.

The national P. T. A. hymn concluded the meeting.

## ATTENDANCE ON FAIR IS URGED

### Home Agent Expresses Hope That All Citizens Will Attend

By EUGENIA PATTERSON  
The North Carolina State Fair for the year 1933 will be held October 9 to 14, and I hope that the citizens of our county will go for at least one day. It will give you a short vacation from the regular daily routine.

Every possible effort has been made to make this a great fair. A fine program has been provided, and the agricultural exhibits will be educational to visitors. A racing program is arranged for Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday of the fair. On Friday a great automobile racing program is scheduled. Saturday special daredevil stunts will be on the race track.

Tuesday, 10th, will be Farmers' Day. Wednesday, 11th, Governor's American Legion Day. Thursday, Raleigh and North Carolina Day. Friday, 13th, civic clubs and children's day. Saturday, 14th, Daredevil Stunt Day.

## Farm Timber Is Safe And Sound Investment

Farm timber is a safe, sound, and secure investment with nature as the banker, and the returns being paid through the increase in growth.

## FARM NOTES

By W. V. HAYS

A few cotton checks have been delivered. Notices are sent out to the growers immediately after arrival.

Do not rush your cotton to market. You will probably get more for it later.

Do not offer your better tobacco grades until the markets are cleared up. Until orderly marketing is re-established tobacco will not bring what it should.

Seed will be scarce next year. It will be a good idea to save every seed you possibly can. They may be too high to buy.

Roy Hearn, the government seed loan man, will be at the courthouse each Saturday afternoon. He will be glad to clear up your seed loan questions.

Use sufficient cross pieces and care in starting peanut stacks. The buyers say they can pay more for peanuts not damaged. Give them a chance.

## ORGANIZATION AGAINST SALES TAX IS FORMED

### Opponents of Tax Asked To Join State-wide Organization

Opponents of the general sales tax in this section are urged to join the North Carolina Fair Tax Association which has been organized in this state and which is now spreading over the 100 counties, according to a letter today from J. Paul Leonard, of Statesville, executive secretary and treasurer.

Objects of the association as set forth in the certificate of incorporation include: To foster, promote, encourage, and otherwise awaken an interest in governmental affairs and functions, directing particular attention to matters of taxation and economy in government.

Also the organization will attempt to further educate, instruct, advise, and inform the citizenship of this state on matters of government, public policy, and particularly taxation.

It will seek to discourage excessive taxation, waste, and extravagance in government, and to engage in any and all lawful activities having for its purpose the repeal of the general sales tax in North Carolina and the prevention of its enactment in the future.

Annual membership dues in the organization range from \$1 to \$100. This organization is anxious for some merchant or other person opposing the sales tax to solicit members here or to send them the names of those who are interested or for the individual to get in touch with them.

This paragraph they wrote to merchants: "If you consider this tax unfair to you as a tax collector, and to you and your customers as taxpayers, let me urge you to enroll as a member of the North Carolina Fair Tax Association. Helpful suggestions and recommendations relative to the association's activities will be much appreciated by the officers."

## NEGRO IS DEAD RESULT FIGHT

### Sam Henry Miller Killed in Fight With Dick Smith, Also Colored

Sam Henry Miller, negro, is dead today as the result of a fractured skull that was crushed in by a brick allegedly in the hand of Dick Smith, negro, who fled soon after the crime.

It was reported that Smith, who claimed Adell Miller as sweetheart, returned home in the Sugar Hill community, a negro settlement at the end of Water Street, to find a number of men with his girl friend and he became angry and allegedly started an affray.

First he spent his wrath on Adell Miller by administering to her a whipping, and when her brother took her part in the melee then he knocked him out allegedly with a brick after some one had stabbed Smith in the back with an ice pick. Miller died soon after the affray.

Smith came by the down-town section immediately after the fight last Sunday, and a local physician attended to his wound and then he left town by the railroad track with officers on his trail.

A warrant charging him with responsibility for Miller's death has been issued for Smith, and authorities here are tracing every clue in an effort to apprehend the criminal.

John Gurkin, member of the Norfolk City Council and airplane pilot, flew here Sunday on a visit to his brother, Luther W. Gurkin.

## REQUIRE FILING OF SALES TAX RETURNS SOON

### Deputy Collector Makes Statement Regarding Collections

John D. Langston, jr., of Plymouth, deputy commissioner of revenue in this section, today issued the following statement to the merchants and others who come under the sales tax law: "Under the provisions of the sales tax act, which went into effect on July 1st, 1933, merchants liable for the tax are required to make monthly reports if the tax during the month amounts to as much as \$10. If the tax did not amount to as much as \$10 per month, merchants are allowed to make quarterly returns."

"The first quarter under the sales tax act ends on October 1st, and at that time reports will be due to be filed which are required to be filed on or before the 15th of October for all merchants in the State.

"All merchants who have not made monthly returns and those who have made monthly returns will make returns within those dates.

"It is going to be impossible for me to see every merchant in the territory to help them fill out their returns. The law requires that returns be made out by them and sent in with check for their tax liability before the 15th of October and merchants should not wait to make their returns until I see them, but should send them in themselves directly. If any merchant should find it impossible to make his returns out, if he will communicate with me at my headquarters in Plymouth, I will be glad to be of any help that I can.

"As the sales tax law is now pretty well explained and understood by the merchants, it is expected that compliance with requirements for making returns will be made fully by our merchants. I very much appreciate the courtesy and cooperation shown me while I have been in this territory, and hereby advise the merchants if I can be of any help to them, I will be glad to do so."

## WARNS FARMERS ABOUT GINNING GREEN COTTON

### 'Gin Cutting' Lowers Value Of Cotton, Cooperative Official Says

Raleigh.—Warning that ginning cotton while it is still "too green" results in "gin-cutting" which reduces its value, has been issued by D. D. Williams, sales manager of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association.

He urged farmers to allow their cotton to "dry thoroughly" before sending it to the gin and then "to insist on better ginning."

"With our state due to have the shortest crop in years, it seems to me that our cotton producers should be interested in getting the most out of every bale," Mr. Williams said.

Pointing out that cotton is coming in freely to the association, Mr. Williams commented: "We are very much pleased with the staples that we are getting. On Friday only one bale was received that stapled below 15-16 inch, showing quite conclusively the good results that our farmers are enjoying from planting improved seed."

"A goodly percentage of our cotton is running 1-1/2 to 1-1/6, and the only criticism we have to offer is that the farmers are ginning their cotton too green and in this manner reducing its value."

The cotton cooperative, now in its 12th season, pays a premium to its more than 16,000 members on all cotton better than middling 7-8.

"The farmer," Mr. Williams concluded, "seems to have done his share with the aid of nature in producing a fine quality of cotton this year, but he should go a step further and cooperate with his ginner by not asking that his cotton be ginned while it is too green."

## Depluming Mite Causes Chickens To Pull Feathers

In answering the questions, What causes chickens to pull out their feathers and how can this be corrected, the State College Extension Division, says: This trouble is caused by what is known as the depluming mite. The parasite burrows into the skin of the birds and causes considerable irritation with the result that the birds pull out the feathers. To destroy this mite the birds should be dipped in a solution containing 12 ounces of flowers of sulphur and 6 ounces of well-dissolved laundry soap to each five gallons of tepid water. Give the treatment on a warm day and be sure the solution reaches the skin.

## E. D. Carstarphen Gets Job in State Department

E. D. Carstarphen reported to revenue officials in Raleigh Monday to assume the duties of deputy commissioner of revenue in the collection department of the sale tax after having been offered this job by Dr. M. C. S. Noble, assistant commissioner of revenue in charge of the personnel department.

Mr. Carstarphen will be placed in Durham, where he will be charged with the responsibility for the collection of the sales tax in that district.

## WANT PICTURES STORM DAMAGE

### State Administration Trying To Get Aid From Washington

Excerpts from a letter to the Beacon from Stacey W. Wade, Secretary of State of North Carolina, which speaks for itself and which the Beacon is pleased to pass along to its readers as the request of those who are interested in helping this cause: "On account of the distressing situation which was brought about by the storm last week in Eastern Carolina, the administration is bending every energy towards relief, in that disease and want shall not prevail.

It has occurred to Governor Ehringhaus that it might be possible to secure from Washington some relief from the "Storm Fund" set up some time ago and to do this we are very anxious to secure photographs of as much devastation as is possible.

"The Governor thinks that the photographs presented to the department in Washington will aid him very materially in securing additional funds for rehabilitation in the sections of the state that have been so sorely afflicted."

So those having pictures of the storm damage hereabouts should forward them to the officials at Raleigh. W. C. Brewer, superintendent of welfare, is now taking pictures of some of the damage done and any others who have private photographs are urged to send them to the Governor or to Mr. Wade.

## CLUB MEMBERS FEATURE FAIR

### Exhibits, Demonstration, and Judging Contests To Be Staged at Raleigh

Exhibits, demonstrations, and judging contests staged by the 4-H club members will be a feature of the annual State Fair to be held in Raleigh during the week of October 9.

Under the leadership of L. R. Harrell, of the State College Extension Service, the 4-H club members will have a special department which will be limited to actual members. Premiums have been secured for exhibits of corn, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, Guernsey calves, Jersey calves, and poultry. Entries in these classes must be produced or grown by the club members themselves.

There will also be a special county corn exhibit composed of 10-car displays by club members. This show was one of the interesting features of the farm crops department last year and Harrell looks for it to be the chief corn exhibit this fall.

The calf club show has been the center of attraction for all dairymen visiting the State Fair in recent years and additional entries will be made by the boys and girls this season. There will also be special awards for showmanship with valuable medals offered by the Jersey Cattle Club.

Quail Roost Farm will again offer a silver trophy cup for the member making the best record with Guernsey calves during the past club year. The poultry show and the judging contests will be other parts of the 4-H activities.

The judging contests will be held on Friday of fair week and always attract teams from most of the counties in the state. Judging will be done of farm crops and all classes of livestock and poultry. Adequate prizes, ribbons, and medals have been secured for the winners in these contests, Harrell says.

## No Seed Loans Next Year Unless New Congress Acts

Under the present plans for farm financing, no seed loans will be furnished next year, unless the Congress which meets next January authorizes the seed loans. Production credit will be handled for this state out of the new bank at Columbia, S. C., and farmers must form county production credit associations to get the benefit of the loans this bank will make. It is said that no farmer who refuses to cooperate in the new crop reduction campaigns will be extended Government credit.

## STATE CONTRACT PRICE OF SCHOOL SUPPLIES FILED

### Schedule Is Available To Those Interested at Office Here

Contract prices for school supplies are available for inspection in the office of James W. Norman, superintendent of public instruction in Washington County, according to information from A. S. Brower, director of the division of purchase and contract in the North Carolina Department of Education.

Mr. Norman was also advised by Mr. Brower that private and subscription funds or fee funds may be used in making purchases for the public schools, but that such purchases must be made through regular purchase orders issued by the school superintendent or purchasing officer, and paid for in the usual manner.

For the protection of Mr. Norman the state officials suggest that all orders for such supplies be withheld until funds are actually deposited and in hand ready for prompt payment.

It is further suggested by the state officials that all such transactions be accounted through the official accounts of the county board of education. Such will doubtless be an interesting record and will constitute a safeguard in the handling of such funds.

A number of people, including some from this county who have written to the State school officials are requesting information as to prices and procedure in buying school instructional supplies under state contract No. 365, and this occasioned this letter to Mr. Norman.

So Mr. Norman urges all of those who wish to purchase something for their schools as regards the above to please interview him and let him handle the matter in the way outlined by the State school officials.

## GARDEN NOTES FOR OCTOBER

### Home Agent Says Many Gardens Will Have To Be Started Over

By EUGENIA PATTERSON  
The garden leaders in each club have received by this time their garden calendar for October, and to the other people I am giving this. Certainly, after the recent storm, we must start our fall gardens over, and we want, and will have, our gardens to furnish green vegetables to give variety to our winter meals, if work can produce one.

Your winter lettuce bed should be made and planted the last week in October, or early in November. From this you will have spring lettuce all "headed up." In our section of North Carolina lettuce will come through the winter with a little protection, as a cloth-covered frame. Lettuce requires cool weather for its best development, so strong plants should be made ready for field setting in late winter or early spring.

Onion sets should be planted early in the month, if they aren't already in the ground. Sets planted now will produce an early crop of green spring onions.

Plant spinach, kale, rape, and mustard for spring greens. A light mulch of straw manure will serve as a protection as well as a fertilizer.

If cabbage seeds have not been planted for an early spring crop, let's be busy sowing seeds the first week in October. They can be planted in outdoor beds. The plants will be ready for field setting by January or early February.

## Willford Whitley Gives Piano Recital Thursday

Willford Whitley, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Whitley, gave a piano recital at the Plymouth High School last Thursday morning during the chapel hour. Young Mr. Whitley is only 10 years old. He has been studying piano for the past two years with Mrs. E. H. Hicks.

The entire recital was artistically rendered throughout and showed splendid training and much musical talent on the part of the young performer. Each number was enthusiastically received and brought much applause from the student body and a number of friends who were present for the occasion. The young pianist played every selection from memory.

## Creswell Parent-Teacher Meeting Friday Night

Creswell.—The Creswell P. T. A. will hold its regular meeting Friday night, October 6, at 7:30 p. m., it was announced here today by C. H. Aderholdt, principal of the local school. A general health program will be rendered with Miss B. Dunn, state nurse, as the principal speaker.