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PROSPECTS FOR BRIDGE APPEAR BRIGHTER NOW

Application For Loan Of \$340,000 Will Be Made In Next Few Days

Application for a loan of \$340,000 will be made to the Federal government within the next few days to secure the funds for the construction of a span to connect the north and south side of the Albemarle Sound, it was announced today by Zeb Vance Norman, local civic worker.

This formal document will be filed by Mr. Norman as attorney for the City Council of Plymouth which has sponsored the organization of the Roanoke River Bridge Association which will sell only a very small amount of stock and which will be non-profit sharing.

The purpose of this application for loan will be to build a bridge across the Roanoke River either at Plymouth or one mile east at about the Hampton farm which it is thought is the narrowest point on the river and which will cost considerably less.

A charter has been secured from the State of North Carolina and there lacks only a few minor details before the formal application is placed and the State has already has its engineers to make estimates of the costs and to submit specifications for the structure and the project is well on its way to materializing.

This project costs less than suggested by two other exponents of plans for the connecting link across the sound or river. The Pea Ridge structure would cost \$600,000 while the Columbia proposal would mean the expenditure of \$1,400,000 while the Plymouth bridge would cost only \$340,000.

If the bridge is put across the water where the market now stands it would mean that four bridges would have to be built to span Roanoke, Middle and Cashie rivers and Broad creek but if it is placed across at the farm east of Plymouth then it would eliminate Broad creek.

Should the project go through and the money secured for the bridge, then the State would provide the engineering and supervising services and this would mean that the State would also build approaches to the bridge at each end and the State would maintain the structures and the causeways.

It is estimated by the State Highway Commission officials that the bridge would average a traffic of 60 cars a day and as soon as the structure was erected then the State could be given a deed for it and they in turn would collect the tolls and pay for the maintenance and retire the principal of the loan as fast as they could.

"If any man can borrow money to be paid back through tolls and under the existing circumstances I can't see why our application for money to build this bridge won't be passed," said Mr. Norman in answering a point blank question as to what he thought of the possibilities of success and Mr. Norman is very confident that the money can be secured.

It is understood that the engineers favor the bridge crossing at Hampton's farm near Plymouth and it is thought more than likely by those who are best acquainted with the matter that this plan has a better chance of going over than the others which are more expensive.

Mrs. W. C. Brewer Appreciates Cooperation

The encouragement of the approval of the welfare work expressed in last week's Beacon, by the advisory board, and friends throughout the county is greatly appreciated, said Mrs. W. C. Brewer.

"The backing and cooperation of the fine people of Washington County is what has made the work possible.

"It has been a pleasure to endeavor to fill this place of service.

"The government oath of office has been taken to discharge the new duties that have been given by Civil Works Administration and a sincere effort will be made to carry on the work faithfully."

Plymouth Merchants Agree On New Closing Hours

Merchants in Plymouth have agreed upon a new closing hour for their stores during the Christmas season and all next week the stores will open at 8 o'clock in the morning and close at 8 o'clock at night except on Saturday night, when they will close at 11 o'clock.

After next week the hours will revert back to their proper time with the opening at 8 in the morning and closing at 6 in the evening except on Saturday, when they will close at 9 p. m.

County Schools To Close Wednesday For Holidays

Public schools in Washington County will close down Wednesday, December 20, and will reopen on Monday, January 1, for the summer holidays, it was announced here today by James W. Norman, superintendent of schools in Washington County.

The children are delighted to get this information of the 10-day furrough from studies and they are expecting to add to the local Christmas fervor.

JURORS CHOSEN FOR NEXT TERM SUPERIOR COURT

List of Names Selected To Act At January Session Of Court

Names of those who were chosen by the Washington County Commissioners for jury service in the January term of Superior Court follows:

First Week

Plymouth—C. L. Sitterson, A. F. Arnold, W. F. Winslow, L. R. Swain, R. E. Tarkenton, Clarence Spruill, T. A. Stubbs, Chas. W. Bowen, Jim Gurganus, S. F. Garrett, Arthur Vail.

Skinnerville—Herman Phelps, Archie Barber.

Lees Mills—S. L. Lilley, T. R. Chesson, E. L. Marriner, J. H. Gaylord, B. W. Tarkenton, H. J. Ferbee, Joe W. Swain, T. E. Ainsley, A. E. Davenport, Roy C. Chesson, E. L. Davis, Aubrey R. Phelps, John D. Kinard.

Scuppernon—H. O. Barnes, Herbert L. Phelps, Luther S. Phelps, Bailey F. Phelps, Eli F. Spruill, G. A. Overton, I. S. Carter, Mitchell Spear, Bruce H. Phelps, L. A. Woodley.

Second Week

Plymouth—J. R. Beasley, J. H. Styrone, J. S. Norman, T. P. Sanderson, A. L. Watson, T. W. Snell, James H. Smith, Sr., R. C. Jackson.

Lees Mills—G. B. Peel, C. J. Ainsley, J. E. Davenport, W. H. Oliver, M. L. Swain, Eli L. Spruill, H. M. Williams, Sr., W. B. Davenport.

Scuppernon—Dallas A. Davenport, W. H. Oliver, M. L. Swain, E. L. Spruill, H. M. Williams, Sr., W. B. Davenport.

Scuppernon—Dallas A. Davenport, Renzy Sawyer, Matthew Sawyer, Arthur J. Spruill, Marvin Spruill, Linwood Davenport, Woodley Ambrose, Chesleigh Ambrose.

THEATRE NAMES EXTRA PROGRAM FOR CHRISTMAS

Outstanding Shows Booked For Entire Holiday Season

Just look at the photoplays appearing on the screen at the New Theatre this week. "Moonlight and Pretzels" opens on Thursday for a two-day engagement. This musical, Universal's contribution to the hosts of such films which are dotting the release schedule of all companies for 1933-1934 season, was produced in the East for Universal by William Rowland and Monty Brice, with Bobby Connolly staging the dance numbers.

Saturday we have Bob Steele in "Law of the West" along with Chapter 5 "Gordon of Ghost City" and a selected short.

Here's the fast moving, novel and colorful comedy of the year, "Bureau of Missing Persons," playing on Monday and Tuesday. The dialogue is peppy and there is plenty of exciting action that leads to surprising climaxes.

Wednesday brings Spencer Tracy and Fay Wray in "Shanghai Madness."

The New Theatre announces special programs for Christmas and the entire holidays. Each day will bring a change of program. There will be a midnight show on Christmas eve and another on New Year's eve. There will be two shows each afternoon and two performances each night.

Mrs. Joe Norman Wins Curb Market Prize

Mrs. Joe Norman was the lucky one at the curb market last Saturday morning. She won a half gallon of sweet cucumber pickles.

There was a fine market last Saturday, one of the best for some time. The receipts jumped up quite a bit.

There will be lots of "cold weather eats" on the market from now on, so get yours. Ask about your Christmas "wants." We might be able to help you.

TWO PROJECTS UNDER WAY IN THIS COUNTY

New County Home And Gymnasium Assured By CWA

A new county home and a gymnasium for the Plymouth High School have been assured Washington County through the CWA program of the Federal government and men are at work today on these projects.

It is not definitely known as yet what the expense will be in remodeling the old county home and adding to the buildings on this premises but it is known that the total for salaries and material will run into the thousands of dollars with the gym yet to be figured.

More than 150 men have been employed in this county or are ready to enter the work when they are called while the names of more than 900 are registered for this kind of work in the county, but, of course, there are among this number those who are not eligible and will not be called.

Under the superintendency of Lloyd Horton, a World War veteran, a group of some 75 people went into the logs woods this week on property owned by Washington County and began to send to the mill timber to be manufactured into lumber according to specifications to be used on the gym, county home and other school projects.

Jerry Johnson, experienced logman, is in charge of the colored help while Dick Perry is looking after the white crew. These men were taken from among Roper and Plymouth citizens as those down the county were too far away to get here for work each morning.

It is thought by the log experts that enough timber can be cut and manufactured and placed on the grounds in 30 or more days to take care of the county home project and that just as soon as this is possible carpenters and their helpers will be sent to work on the building.

These men are receiving for their labor of 30 hours weekly a sum of \$13.50 which is the amount allowed by the code of practice authorized on these projects and there are four or five perhaps who will draw the \$1.10 an hour salary scheduled by the same code.

No project has been approved for this county until last week after a delegation from here had visited Raleigh concerning this matter. But when they came back the projects were ready to begin work and they also are expecting approval on others as time goes on with remodeling of the Macedonia colored school already scheduled.

The payroll this week is expected to amount to upwards of \$2,000 and this will be increased as days roll on and more logs are cut and arrangements to care for more help has been made and the total amount weekly with the total of 242 people working is expected to amount to several thousands of dollars shortly.

Projects have been filed for approval from all over the county and those in charge wish to advise those who have no work in progress in their communities that they will get their share as soon as the work can be done and the projects are finally approved and work is ready.

Schedule Of Meetings For Home Demonstration Agent

By Eugenia Patterson, Home Agent

Schedule for next week in afternoon:

Monday, County Bridge.
Monday night, Creswell.
Tuesday, Pleasant Grove.
Wednesday, Swain.
Saturday morning, curb market. Be sure and come. Buy your Christmas holly and evergreens.

Christian Church Plans To Give Barbecue Supper

Roper.—The Christian church of Zion Chapel will give a barbecue supper on Friday, the 15th, from 6 to 9 at Williams store.

A. C. L. Materially Cuts Passenger Fares On Road

Passenger fares on Coast Line trains have been materially reduced by the A. C. L. company recently, the decrease amounting to almost half the old charges.

Fares to Norfolk have been reduced from \$4.45 to \$2.48; to Richmond from \$5.44 to \$3.03 and so on.

Fifty herd of young Hereford and Shorthorn steers paid F. W. Von Cannon of Avery County 1 1/2 cents a pound more than other farmers received for scrub beef animals last week.

FARM NEWS

W. V. HAYS, County Agent

The tobacco growers have been coming to the office and signing up about as fast as they could be handled. The office was crowded Saturday and again Monday with farmers wishing to sign the reduction agreement. The spirit shown in this campaign speaks mighty well for the farmers of this county. Most of them will be benefited by signing the agreement. Some who have grown tobacco only one or two years are being cut until it hurts, but they are signing to a man. Washington County so far as we know was the cent in the preliminary reduction. We only county signing one hundred per are assured by the government that those signing will receive more than those not signing. Let's sign one hundred per cent this time.

The Washington County Farmers' Club will hold their regular monthly meeting and dinner at Creswell school auditorium Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

W. W. Shay, administrator of the government corn and hog plan, will address the club on "Benefits We Might Receive by Adopting This Plan In Eastern North Carolina." The dinner will be at 7:30 and will cost twenty-five cents (25c) per plate. This goes to the Women's Club of the Creswell community. Some very interesting entertainment is also planned for this meeting. Every farmer in Washington County is invited to attend. All the qualifications necessary is that you come, pay for your dinner, and have a good time.

Have you scalded your pork barrels? Better clean 'em up and look for leaks. Dirty barrels won't keep pork.

Now is a good time to set out a few fruit trees.

No office information has been received relative to the time loans will be made on stored peanuts.

If you have not signed the tobacco reduction agreement, bring your 1933 sales receipts and do so this week.

HOLIDAY SPIRIT GRIPS ENTIRE COMMUNITY

Christmas Cheer Seems To Predominate As Festival Approaches

Christmas has at last gripped the people of Plymouth and they are now in the clutches of the holiday attack and business is getting better right along.

Stores in the town are being decorated or already have their windows and interiors sparkling with the flashy attire of the Yule season. Inside of them are bargains galore in toys, foods and other Christmas cheer that can be purchased at reasonable prices.

School will be out next week and the kiddies with their usual seasonal spirit will aid the business people and others in catching the flash of the old time jubilation that pervaded the hearts of all in this great religious festival that has been inaugurated to celebrate the birth of Christ.

Shoppers are falling in line daily. Numbers of those who have been holding back their money are now turning it loose for useful things that are predominant in the store windows. Merchants have added on extra salespeople to serve the purchasers in the most courteous and expedient manner possible.

Ribbons of lights have been stretched across the street despite a public announcement last week that these cheerful illuminations would not be used this season and this adds color and zest to the affair and has brought into the hearts of the people the old Christmas feeling.

CWA projects are expected to add cheer to the homes of 242 people in this county and it is thought that the welfare workers will care for others who may be unfortunate and then churches and other civic organizations will join in the annual effort to spread good cheer among the needy.

On a whole it appears now that the 1933 Christmas season should be one of good cheer and many happy recollections as the agencies of relief and the general business conditions of the country are said by many to indicate better times in the future.

Services Announced For St. Luke's Church Sunday

Roper.—Services will be held at St. Luke's Episcopal church Sunday, December 17th, at 11 a. m. Holy communion will be celebrated. Rev. Sidney Matthews is the rector.

MRS. BREWER EXPLAINS CWA PROVISIONS

Superintendent Of Welfare Makes Rules Of Work Very Plain

Herewith is a statement from Mrs. W. C. Brewer, superintendent of public welfare, about the new CWA projects and the work in general:

"Orders from Raleigh state that any person for any reason being discharged from any work relief project will not only be debarred from any further relief work but he and his family will be cut off from any further relief whatever.

"Each person working on a relief work project under the new CWA is being paid wages far beyond what other ordinary laborers are getting and in return all are expected to give a good honest hard day's work.

"The projects themselves are chosen that will be of the most good to communities concerned and are not just jobs on which a person is supposed to go and loaf or lean on a shovel and talk. The workmen chosen are those amply able to render actual labor and any person not willing to give honest work for honest government money will not be tolerated.

"There were approximately one hundred men discharged from one project alone near Raleigh last week. These men and their families, no matter how bad they may need work or relief, are absolutely cut off from any further work. If the family cannot get along without relief, the man will be arrested and put on the county roads.

"Cursing and vulgar language are not to be tolerated, nor drinking while at work on any civil works project.

"As was announced in a previous issue of the Beacon, the hours during which relief will be given from the office are from 9 o'clock in the morning until 3 o'clock in the afternoon and hereafter the office will be closed promptly at noon on Saturdays. All persons wishing to see Mrs. Brewer must do so before that time."

WORK BY CWA CUTS DOWN THE NEED FOR HELP

Welfare Workers Will Not Raise Funds For Christmas Baskets

The opening of work through the Civil Works Administration will make it unnecessary for the welfare office to endeavor to raise local funds to provide Christmas baskets as in several years past, it was announced today by Mrs. W. C. Brewer, superintendent of welfare.

It is thought the opening of work will greatly relieve the need of food and clothing.

There will be some families that should be remembered with Christmas cheer, the aged and sick, there should also be toys and candy for the children.

Names of such families will gladly be supplied to church groups or persons who will get in touch with the relief office.

If there are those who wish to make contributions in providing Christmas for these needy families who have not been relieved by Civil Works Administration it will be gladly handled by the Welfare Department.

Requirements Outlined In the Corn-Hog Contract

In signing the corn-hog plan contract, you agree to reduce your corn acreage by 20 per cent under the average number of acres planted to corn on your farm in 1932 and 1933. You also agree to reduce the size of your brood sow herd so that not more than three-fourths as many litters than were farrowed in 1934 as were farrowed by the average of your sows in 1932 and 1933. Liberal payments are provided both for the bushels of corn reduced and the number of pigs not produced and sold.

Methods Suggested To Prevent Hams Souring

The first thing to do to keep hams from souring is to see that the animal is not over-heated at killing time and the next is to bleed the animal well after it is killed. Clean out and scald all curing vessels before using. Before packing for cure, rub each piece with salt. Curing should be done in a cool, dry place; and, if brine cured, the brine should be examined every few days to see that the meat is covered. For smoking, the meat should be hung from 6 to 8 feet above the fire.

Mrs. Daniel Phelps Buried Near Home At Creswell

Creswell.—Mrs. Daniel Phelps died early Friday morning, December 1, 1933.

Mrs. Phelps has been a constant sufferer for over a year. The funeral took place at his home near here Saturday afternoon, December 2, with Rev. R. O. Respass officiating.

The deceased is survived by her husband, two daughters, Mrs. J. H. Craddock, Mrs. A. Swain, and one son, Earl Phelps.

NO DELIVERY OF MAIL TO BE MADE CHRISTMAS DAY

No Mail Distribution From Midnight Dec. 23 to Midnight Dec. 25

Santa Claus won't come through the mail on Christmas eve or Christmas Day this year.

It was announced today by Postmaster George W. Hardison that the postmaster general's department had ruled that there would be no regular deliveries from midnight December 23 to midnight December 25.

Christmas eve deliveries have been customary in the past but this year the day falls on Sunday.

Only special delivery packages and parcels containing perishable goods will be delivered those two days.

Printed greeting cards mailed are chargeable with postage at the third class rate of 1 1/2 cents for each two ounces or fraction of two ounces, regardless whether addressed for delivery through the post office boxes or general delivery or by city or rural carrier; the one-cent drop letter rate applicable at non-letter carrier offices does not apply to such cards in unsealed envelopes.

Printed Christmas and other greeting cards in unsealed envelopes may bear a written inscription not in the nature of personal correspondence such as "Merry Christmas," together with the name and address of the sender and the addressee, without subjecting them to more than the third-class rate.

Greeting cards, sealed or unsealed, bearing written messages other than simple instructions above mentioned, as well as all cards sent in sealed envelopes, are chargeable with postage at the first class rate of three cents an ounce or fraction of an ounce, except when the one-cent or two-cent drop letter rate applies.

Prizes Are Offered Corn Club Members

Valuable prizes of nitrate of soda and a college scholarship are offered 4-H corn club members of North Carolina in 1934 by the Barrett Company, distributors of Arcadian nitrate of soda, and by the Chilean Nitrate of Soda Educational Bureau, distributors of Chilean nitrate.

L. R. Harrill, club leader at State College, announces that the Barrett company offers to each corn club member, growing one acre of corn in the contest next season under methods advocated by the Agricultural Extension Service, a donation of 100 pounds of Arcadian Nitrate. In addition to this material, the company will award, as a state prize, a one-year scholarship to the North Carolina State College covering the cost of tuition only. Mr. Harrill says any corn club member in the State is eligible to compete for this prize.

The material furnished by the Barrett Company must be used on one acre of land designated by the county farm agent and will be delivered to the club member upon the notice of the county agent that instructions have been complied with.

The Chilean Nitrate of Soda Educational Bureau offers 300 pounds and 200 pounds of the Chilean Nitrate of Soda as first and second prizes to 4-H corn club members winning these places in their respective county contests next season. In addition, four district prizes of free trips to the annual 4-H short course at State College and a state prize of a gold medal are offered by the Bureau, Mr. Harrill says.

In this latter contest, there must be at least 25 corn club members enrolled in a county for the prizes to be awarded. Each contestant should have his name filed with his county agent by June 15, 1934.

Complete regulations governing both of these contests may be had on application to Mr. Harrill's office at State College.

Red Raspberries Planted As New Source Of Income

Red Raspberries will be planted on 184 acres by farmers of Burke County this winter as a new source of farm income.

73 PER CENT OF SCHOOL PUPILS SHOW DEFECTS

State Nurse Sends Report Of Work To Supt. Norman

Defectives were found in about 73 per cent of the school children in Washington County examined by Miss B. Dunn of Raleigh, a registered nurse working with the bureau of medical inspection of schools in the North Carolina Department of Health, statistics revealed.

Miss Dunn concluded her work here about the first of November and some short time ago sent to James W. Norman, superintendent of public instruction, the facts that she found while examining the children and inspecting the premises of the schools reporting on all 18 of the institutions.

Her report proved that she had examined 1,998 children and found that 1,551 of them had some defect in their bodies and it is hoped that the parents of these children working in cooperation with the school officials, will have their children treated for these ailments so as to avoid failures.

Steps were taken to prevent any kind of common epidemic of disease as 1,555 children were vaccinated against typhoid fever; 480 against diphtheria and 303 treated to prevent smallpox in the immunization program that has been carried out in the schools.

Defects were found in the faculties of the following: Hearing, 30; vision, 242; teeth, 578; throat, 391; breathing, 104; posture, 168; orthopedic, 14; Skin, 128.

It was found that 258 children had had their tonsils removed; 445 were under average weight; 48 over average weight.

Other ailments: Crossed eyes, 32; faulty eyelids, 20; sties, 4; dancing eyes, 3; bulging eyes, 2; other eye symptoms, 9; gums, 78; voice 6; enlarged thyroid, 12; speech, 82; defective gait, 2; other teeth trouble, 18; wash hernia, 31; protruding teeth, 23; asthmatic, 3; nervous, 5; abnormal growths, 5; nasal deformities, 3; suspended curvatures, 8.

It was pointed out that oiled floors were in five buildings; three schools with bubbling fountains; but none of approved type; a dozen schools had sanitary toilets for both sexes but they needed adjustments.

WOMAN'S CLUB TO HAVE BAZAAR

Will Serve Turkey Dinner As Well As Sell Attractive Christmas Gifts

Those who haven't finished up Christmas shopping are urged to meet at the Woman's Club room in the Brinkley Hotel Friday evening at 6 o'clock, and after a turkey dinner or salad plate we will help you select something appropriate for each and every member of the family from our rare selections displayed in the various booths at the Woman's Club Christmas bazaar.

Every person registering for a meal on Friday evening will receive a number. The holder of the lucky number will receive some worthwhile prize. Also on sale at Mrs. C. W. Cahoon's Gift Shop all this week up to Friday evening are chances on a large and beautiful doll to be given away to the lucky person at the bazaar, there are still other chances being sold by young ladies on the streets for other novel prizes which will help considerably on the gift problem should you win one that isn't useful to yourself.

Funeral Services Held For A. Gus Atkinson

Roper.—Funeral services were held Wednesday for A. Gus Atkinson, who died Sunday night as a result of a complication of diseases. Rev. Gilbert Davis officiated with the rites held in the home and the final service at the grave in the cemetery adjoining the St. Delight Christian church.

Mr. Atkinson had been sick for five weeks and the diseases that preyed on his body combined with infirmities of a man 71 years of age caused his demise. Mr. Atkinson had been an engineer in the old Roper Lumber Company here but had been out of steady employment for some time.

Surviving is a widow and the following children: Miss Annie Atkinson, Norfolk; Lloyd and Miss Belle Atkinson of Roper; Edgar and Willie Atkinson, of Portland, Maine.

A good crowd attended the funeral and an abundance of flowers were contributed.