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UPWARDS \$8,000 HAS BEEN PAID CWA WORKERS

Mrs. Brewer To Try To Secure Projects In Which Women Can Work

Upwards of \$8,000 has been paid out in wages by the Civil Works Administration in Washington County in the last four weeks, it was announced here today by Tom C. Burgess, disbursing officer for this county.

This is a good sum and has been well distributed among the unemployed when one considers that not a single person in the county at the present is drawing the top wage scale of \$1.10 but the salaries for the workers at the present range from 45 cents to 75 cents an hour with none getting over the latter amount.

However, it may be that after this work is concluded and the work on the gymnasium and county home begins then carpenters will be added to the payroll and the best of these mechanics may pull down the full wage limit of \$1.10 an hour.

The full quota of 242 employes allotted to Washington County is now engaged in the work and on account of the dire needs of the people here it has been the effort of Mrs. Brewer, welfare agent, to get the quota for this county increased and to get through projects for women.

The payrolls for the last four weeks has been as follows: First week, \$1,040.80; second week, \$1,902.30; third week, \$2,130.13; fourth week, the payroll has not been made out as yet, but Mr. Burgess is of the opinion that it will amount to close to \$3,000.

There are three projects in at the present time that are to be approved and they are known as the Plymouth gymnasium erection; repairing of the Macedonia colored school; actual repairing and construction of a county home as the project of cutting the timber for this purpose has already gone through and the work is in progress.

Here is a gist of the projects and how they stand at the present time and the amount approved for the work: Roofing top of firemen's quarters, \$78 expenditure, completed; beautifying Plymouth school grounds, five men employed, \$135 expended, completed; repainting the interior of the Roper school, one man employed, \$13.50 expended, completed; repairing doors and other work at Plymouth high school, two men, \$54, completed.

Repairing new school privies all over county, three men, \$121.50 expended, completed; beautifying the grounds and repair work on Cherry school, two men, \$27 expended, completed; Plymouth grammar school repair work and beautifying grounds, two men, \$27, completed.

Plymouth street cleaning and draining, 30 men, \$810 expended, completed; Creswell street cleaning and draining, 30 men, \$810 expended, completed; Roper street cleaning and draining, 15 men, \$405, completed; repairing pavement in Plymouth and laying new pavement on Jefferson street, six men, \$81, completed.

Work on the road from Westover to Pleasant Grove, 37 men, in progress, maximum expenditure, \$5,447; work on road from Cherry to Creswell, 27 men, \$3,147, in progress; work on river and canals between Cherry and Creswell, 40 men, \$1,350 maximum expenditure, in progress now; Roper school, repairing and plumbing, two men, \$54, in progress.

Cutting timber for county home, gymnasium and schools, 55 men, \$5,700 maximum expenditure, work in progress; flooring municipal building, \$76.50, five men, in progress; painting buildings at the Blackland Test Farm in Wenoona, two men, \$180 approved expenditure.

Construction of a road in the Pea Ridge section, 42 men, \$4,928 maximum to be spent, in progress now; ditching and draining at State Test Farm, 10 men, \$1,080, now in progress.

The way the organization is now is as follows: Mrs. W. C. Brewer, Federal administrator for the CWA funds in Washington County; Luther F. Ausbon, manager of the reemployment office; T. C. Burgess, disbursing officer; Julian Brinkley, malaria control engineer; D. A. Hurley, sanitary inspector.

Christmas Tree And Program At Mt. Hermon

Cherry.—A Christmas tree and program will be given at Mount Hermon M. P. church Wednesday night, December 27. The public is cordially invited.

SALES TAX IN STATE LOWERS PROPERTY TAX

A. J. Maxwell Says State Is On Sound Financial Basis

Property tax relief afforded in Washington County by the sales tax and other acts of the 1933 General Assembly of North Carolina was given at \$34,823 by A. J. Maxwell, commissioner of revenue of North Carolina, with the cooperation of Harry McMullan, director of the sales tax division.

It was pointed out that \$1,971.38 was collected in sales tax for the first three months of the operation of the new system of revenue with July yielding \$599.15; August \$572.52 and September accounting for \$799.71 which demonstrates clearly that there is a steady increase in collections.

Property tax reductions in this county have been afforded by the removal of the 15 cents levy for schools and the elimination of levies for current expense for districts, county-wide and special charter schools and the State now is responsible for eight months school to every child.

The district levies for this county before the assumption of the school burden by the State was \$22,820 with a 15-cent county-wide levy of \$12,003 showing a total savings in levies on property of \$34,823, which means that the property taxpayer loaded to the capacity escapes this amount of taxation.

When the State took over the schools these officials reduced the expenses of operation from \$23,000,000 for 1932 to \$16,000,000 in 1933, thereby resulting in a savings to the taxpayers in the State of approximately \$7,000,000 in operating cost.

The sales taxes collected in Washington County for the first three months are below the average collections for the entire year as collections are being improved from month to month. Property owners in this county are relieved of property taxes in the amount shown while the sales tax collections are far less than the property tax relief.

If the relief afforded property taxpayers in this county is not fully reflected in the 1933 taxes it is on account of levies being made for purposes which were not included in the levy of 1932 or for increases in debt service requirements of relief work.

"By enactment of the sales tax and economies and consolidations in operation of schools, the State is on a sound financial basis, its revenue is now exceeding its expenditures and property has been relieved entirely of all operating cost of schools," commented Mr. Maxwell.

While opponents of the sales tax do not think that this is fair, the burdened taxpayers are jubilant over the loss of this load from their shoulders as they are probably reluctant to pay, the sales tax but rejoice together that "the sales tax payments are made by all of the people."

16 Women Attend District Meeting Last Saturday

On Saturday morning the three districts consisting of Morrattuck, Brooks and Long Ridge met with 16 women present.

The officers were elected at a previous meeting with Eliza McNair as president, and Allie McNair as secretary.

The agent discussed the arrangement of kitchens, especially emphasizing the sanitation of this room with the women.

A wonderful response is being given by these women. Allie McNair, already, has done some creditable work in her yard. These women gave a wonderful response this past summer when the canning schools were being held.

Joe W. Patrick Dies After Short Illness

Pea Ridge.—Joe W. Patrick died at his home Thursday morning after about a week of suffering. Mr. Patrick was 85 years old, and died as a result of an abscess in his throat. Rev. P. E. Bingham officiated with the rites at the home.

Production Credit Body Has \$80,000 Capital Stock

The production credit association organized by Pitt and Greene County farmers has a capital stock of \$80,000.



ADDED PROGRAM FOR HOLIDAYS AT LOCAL THEATRE

Midnight Shows Scheduled For Christmas Eve And New Year's Night

The New Theatre takes pleasure in presenting on Thursday and Friday "The Torch Singer," starring Claudette Colbert with Ricardo Cortez, David Manners and Baby LeRoy.

"Samarang," the most beautiful photoplay ever filmed and with an all native cast will have an all day showing on Saturday along with chapter 6 of "Gordon of Ghost City."

Christmas week opens with a midnight show on Christmas eve at 12:03 sharp, showing Lilian Harvey in her latest Fox production, "My Lips Betray" with John Boles and El Brendel.

A Fox short, "Cinderella" and Fox News complete this bill. The same program will be presented all day Christmas. An added attraction at the night performance on the stage, Miss Julia Gibson and her dance pupils in a dance recital.

"One Sunday Afternoon" with Gary Cooper, Fay Wray, Neil Hamilton and Frances Fuller will play on Tuesday. "Five and Dime" and "Strange As It Seems" round out the program. The dance recital will be repeated on Tuesday night at 9 o'clock.

Wednesday brings "The Worst Woman In Paris" with Adolphe Menjou and Benita Hume. One of the year's best selected short subjects, "Kkakatoa," will complete this presentation.

During the Christmas week there will be two complete shows each afternoon beginning at 2 o'clock and a midnight show on New Year's eve.

Curb Market Scheduled To Be Held On Friday

By Eugenia Patterson
The curb market will be held Friday morning of this week, December 22nd. There will be holly, cedar and evergreens of all kinds for decoration. We are holding the market on account of extra cooking for Christmas.

Be sure and come, bring your baskets and purses. This will probably be the largest market held lately. Mr. Ernest Arps' name was the lucky one Saturday morning. Come and see who will be next Friday morning's lucky number.

LIST OF COUPLES LICENSED TO WED

Mrs. Mary Sawyer, Register Of Deeds, Issues Report For Last Two Months

Licenses to marry have been issued to the following couples in the last two months by Mrs. Mary O. Sawyer, register of deeds of Washington County:

White
Edison Knowles, Roper, to Blanche Ricks, Mackeys; W. A. Spruill, Creswell, to Minnie Pritchett, Creswell; Ben Davenport to Elizabeth Phelps, both of Creswell; Almond Phelps, Roper, to Lena Belle Hare, Creswell; Mack Davenport, Creswell, to Verdine Furlough, Roper; William Cures, Roper, to Alice Maitland, Columbia; Melvin M. Ambrose, Wilmington, Delaware, to Dorothy Goodman, Plymouth; Grover Mobley, Jamesville, to Melba Wright, Jamesville; Loomis Reason, Dardens, to Dare Hardison, Plymouth.

Colored
Robert Phelps, Creswell, to Louise Basnight, Creswell; Moses James, Jamesville, to Naomi James, Jamesville; Saryl Cooper, Plymouth, to Matilda Norman, Plymouth; Arister Belcher, Plymouth, to Josephine Stilly, Plymouth; Jessie Lucas, Plymouth, to Annie Pitman, Plymouth; Cecil Spruill, Roper, to Mildred Jones, Roper; Joseph Jefferson, Plymouth, to Carolina Virginia Boston, Jamesville; Willie C. Davis, Roper, to Cottie Norman, Roper; David Simmons, Plymouth, to Thelma Moore, Plymouth.

Funeral Services Held For Monroe Davenport

Pea Ridge.—Funeral services were held Wednesday for Monroe Davenport, who died Tuesday afternoon as a result of acute indigestion. Rev. Tom Davenport officiated with the rites held at the Pine Grove Baptist church.

Mr. Davenport had been sick for only about an hour. He was taken suddenly and passed away in a short time. He was 69 years old.

Pallbearers included Alvah, Tom Graham, Arthur Alexander, Fay Spruill, Theadie Alexander and Duard Spruill.

Surviving is a widow and the following children: Lewis Davenport and Mrs. Frank Chambers.

Mabel Riddick And Laddie Swain Married In Columbia

Skinnerville.—Miss Mabel Riddick and Laddie Swain were quietly married in Columbia on December 16 by Rev. W. J. Underwood, pastor of the Methodist church. Miss Riddick is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Riddick and Mr. Swain is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Swain, all of Skinnerville.

DANCE PUPILS TO PERFORM AT NEW THEATRE

Miss Julia Gibson Of Roper Will Present Accomplishments of Her Pupils

Shep Brinkley of the New Theatre presents Miss Julia Gibson of Roper, North Carolina, and her pupils in a dance recital on the nights of December 25th and 26th on the stage at 8 o'clock.

Miss Gibson is an artist in her profession recognized by some of our best exponents and instructors in the South. Her training was ably guided under the direction of Mrs. William Dean of the well known Dean Dancing School of Columbia, S. C. She was later trained under Leo E. Byrum of the University School of Dancing, Greensboro, and was selected by Mr. Byrum as an instructor in that institution.

Miss Gibson is an able exponent of all types of dancing, although she much prefers the popular tap and enchanting ball room dancing. She is the possessor of a completed teacher's dancing course.

The stage of the New Theatre will be in holiday keeping at the presentation of the dance recital.

Can Only Increase Food and Feed Crops Next Year

Under the tobacco contract a grower can increase the acreage to crops, other than tobacco, on his farm.

The acreage to food crops for home consumption and for feed crops for use on the farm may be increased. No increase, however, can be made in the acreage planted to wheat, cotton, field corn or rice, nor can any increase be made in the production of hogs for sale or milk or its products above the average of 1932 and 1933.

Few Timely Suggestions To Treat Chickens With Roup

Roup is not necessarily fatal to chickens, but in acute cases the birds rarely respond to treatment and should be destroyed. Where the disease is not acute all birds showing any disease symptoms should be isolated and given Epsom salts—one-half a pound to each one hundred adult birds. The salts should be dissolved in the drinking water. The eyes of each bird should then be cleaned with a piece of soft cotton and treated with a ten per cent solution of argyrol.

A. C. L. To Pay Expenses To National 4-H Camp

The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company has offered to defray the expenses of one boy and one girl to the national 4-H club camp in Washington next summer provided the successful person is selected from one of the counties served by the railroad.

ALL PREPARED TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

Real Christmas Spirit Appears To Pervade Entire Community

Christmas in Washington County will be celebrated with good cheer this year.

Indications are now that the future will be faced bravely by the 11,000 people in the dominions of this little political division who in the last three years at Yuletide have had nothing encouraging to look forward to as their needs multiplied and their assets dwindled.

However, with general business conditions improved and with a little higher price for farm commodities and with government work here to be carried on in the county until the middle of March and with the outlook now pointing to better and more hours for local mills, the people should rejoice.

Churches here and societies have taken over into their hands the administering to those not in line for public welfare relief and these good people will spread cheer among many with baskets of food and things that are needed.

Merchants here have filled their stores with toys, food and Christmas merchandise of all description and the peak of the trading season is expected to reach its height here by the week-end and then on Monday the tradesmen will rest from their labors to reopen their stores on Tuesday morning.

Shoppers are expected to descend upon the stores here in numbers Friday and Saturday or before to clean out the places. The wise purchasers will be here before the week-end to choose from among the best that is left so that their choice can be over a wider range of commodities.

Then the season's greetings are extended to townsmen and visitors alike by the ornamented stores and the brightly colored lights and the highly decorated store windows. Everywhere is the jubilant spirit of the occasion portended. And people are cautioned to be on their guard.

Churches here will exchange presents among the members while the whole membership and the Sunday schools carry out the spirit of the season as they hear lessons taught and sermons preached on the Christmas story that is about 2,000 years old but it is as interesting today as in the years gone by.

So one and all are urged to participate in the celebration as in years past and to have within them hope, good cheer and happiness as the future appears brighter today than in the last four years and a burdened and weary people are expected to make glad their homes at this time and to have faith that the future will bring better things.

Mrs. Everett Narrowly Escapes Serious Injury

Skinnerville.—Mrs. C. L. Everett, secretary of the Albemarle Home Demonstration Club and well known in Washington County, narrowly escaped serious injury Wednesday afternoon when she fell on a slippery pavement just as two cars were approaching her from as many directions.

The L. C. Nurney bread truck driven by Willie Weede was approaching from one direction while a second vehicle driven by Jack Cahoon of Columbia was meeting the Weede truck. The Nurney truck had just driven off from Walter White's store.

It was Mr. Cahoon's intention to pass Mrs. Everett on one side but when she fell it became necessary to stop his light truck which he did just as it eased up to Mrs. Everett, who was lying on the roadside. She received some minor injuries.

Interesting Service Planned At Union Chapel Church

Long Acre.—At 7 o'clock on next Sunday evening, December 24, a very interesting and pretty service will be given at Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. Practically every member in the Sunday school at this place will have a part on the program. It will be composed of recitations, drills, pantomimes, tableaux and special choir music. A special feature in the program will be the awarding of a number of Bibles and other awards to those who have been most faithful and given the best service in the Sunday school work this year.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend this service and enjoy the evening.

ENRAGED NEGRO SPREADS TERROR OVER WEEK-END

Excitement Ends When Man Received Blow Over Head With Shotgun

It took Roland Gaylord just a short time to tame LeRoy Sherrod, who ran amuck here last week-end and spread terror among the white and colored residents of the highway just beyond the ball park.

Sherrod, a colored man, became enraged for some reason and clipped with wires of an automobile of some other colored people and then gave chase to a Negro girl who darted among a group of white people looking on to escape the vengeance of the maddened Negro.

When he ran into the group the Negro spectators fled in terror and the white people retreated to their homes or stood about in protective groups. The Negro ran into the home of Hillary Jackson, white, in search of a weapon that had been taken from him.

Then back into the crowd he came again seeking the same Negro girl with whom he had had some trouble prior to this time. It was said the girl snatched the weapon from the angry colored man while he was engaged in an altercation with a relative.

So in his activities of cutting with knives and frightening others, the Negro spread an alarm of terror and someone was despatched for help with the request to bring Sheriff J. K. Reid, but the Negro returned from some place while the crowd was still talking and he leaped into the crowd of white people to find the Negro girl.

He came toward Mr. Gaylord, white man, who was standing in the crowd and when he came abreast of him Mr. Gaylord somehow acquired a shotgun and when the Negro's hand darted to his shirt as if for a pistol that he was understood to have had hidden, Mr. Gaylord came down across his head with the shotgun.

The Negro lived to tell of the lick and in court the bent barrel of the shotgun was exhibited and the Negro was sentenced to six months on the roads for the affair and the white and colored people in the vicinity breathed easier.

DECIDED THAT JOBLESS WOMEN CAN GET WORK

Must Show, However, That They Need Work And Are Unemployed

Raleigh.—It is not necessary that women who seek employment in work relief projects must have been on relief rolls, but only that they need work and are unemployed, it was announced by Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, state civil works and emergency relief administrator. The opinion prevailed in some quarters that only those women who have already been receiving relief would be eligible for employment on the work projects for women which are to be organized as soon as possible. But instead, any women who are unemployed and who can show that they actually need employment, even though they may not be entirely destitute, will be eligible for jobs with these projects.

"There are thousands of women who have not applied for direct relief, and who still have families or relatives who have been partially supporting them, who at the same time are in real need," Mrs. O'Berry pointed out. "Of course, no jobs will be given to women whose husbands or families are entirely able to support them, nor will jobs be given to any who quit regular jobs hoping to get relief jobs at higher pay."

"But we do intend to do everything possible to provide employment for the thousands of women who have been and still are in real need, but who have been unwilling to apply for direct relief."

Thus the employment of school teachers on special teaching projects will not be limited only to those teachers who have been on the relief rolls, as was believed for a while. For any unemployed teacher who can show that she is eligible for this employment and has the necessary training, can get a chance at any of these special teaching jobs.

"If a teacher is unemployed and living with her family and that family entirely able to support her, she cannot expect a relief job," it was pointed out.