

### OLD AGE PENSION IDEA OUTLINED IN LETTER HERE

#### Kansas Man Writes Local Postmaster About Need For Protection

"The growing number of our neglected and dependent aged people deserve more and better human treatment than is now accorded to them," wrote Judge J. S. Lehman, of Humboldt, Kans., to George W. Hardison, postmaster here, who wrote for information on pensions for dependent aged citizens.

"During the 1933 legislative session five new States have passed old age pension laws, making a total of 25 states that have old age pension laws and I appeal to the ministers and others in all localities to see that our literature is distributed and to lend us aid.

"The poorhouse and almshouse are costly disgraces to our civilization. The United States, China, and India are the only populous countries that have no adequate pensions for their dependent aged. We must remove this blot from our civilization.

"I have been a strong advocate of old age pensions for many years. I hope to live long enough to see each state adopt a satisfactory pension law. I am now 84 years of age. I wish that every one would consider this old age pension law and help get it across.

"A liberal old age pension law in North Carolina would benefit everybody. It would greatly increase the purchasing power of the people and thereby reduce the burdensome surplus and stimulate employment. It would greatly decrease poverty which is driving many to crime.

"An old age pension law would greatly decrease the cost of criminal prosecution. It would at the same time save building and adding to the now too full penitentiaries and poorhouses. Abolish poverty and abolish 90 per cent of the crimes.

"This movement is an appeal to every body who believes that society owes our dependent unfortunate old citizens, not gifts nor charity, but retirement on pay well earned, just as the soldiers, teachers, mail carriers, judges, and others are now retired on pay.

"Nine-tenths of the dependent men and women over 60 years of age are the by-product of our system, just as the apple pomace is the by-product of the cider press. After their usefulness is extracted, old people are cast into the poorhouse or remain a burden to friends or society. Parents should be compensated for the children they contribute to society.

"The principal part of this pension money should come from a graduated Federal income tax and should be prorated to the states according to population. This income tax should be made to reduce the burden on property. And as all wealth is derived from labor, it is evident that those who have the largest income were more successful in reaping products of labor.

"Thus through income taxes the aged who have worn out their bodies at toil through the years become the residual of big business, which has profited most from their labors. Help to the aged is no more than accomplishing the task of doing the greatest good to the greatest number of people."

Mr. Hardison wrote to Mr. Lehman as the result of a number of inquiries from people in all sections of the county and those who are in favor of this movement should write to Mr. Lehman for literature and work for this in North Carolina.

### Spelling Bee at Court House Here Tonight

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Grace Episcopal church will sponsor an old-fashioned "Spelling Bee" on Friday evening at the courthouse at 8 o'clock. All who will are urged to compete in the contest and those who do not care to enter the race might attend and enjoy the fun. The old warfare will be as always, the men against the fairer sex, and any one may enter the ring of high-school age or over. Any one may attend to witness the affair. Worth-while prizes will be awarded.

### Home Agent Announces Schedule for Next Week

Miss Eugenia Patterson, home demonstration agent, announces her schedule for next week, as follows (all the meetings are in the afternoon): Monday, Scuppernon. Tuesday, Cherry. Wednesday, Albemarle. Thursday, Wenoona. Friday, Mount Tabor. Saturday morning, curb market, at 8:30 a. m.

### LITTLE ACTIVITY BEING NOTED IN PEANUT MARKET

#### Demand Is Light Except For Certain Grades of Jumbos

A number of readers and some advertisers in the Beacon have asked the management of this paper to give some kind of report on produce each week so that those who take only this paper can ascertain for themselves a true status of the produce market.

Below is a letter sent to a local member of the New Peanut Growers Corporation, a farmer cooperative organization, of Suffolk, Va., that operates a licensed storage warehouse specializing in peanuts, which every Saturday night sends to its members a report on the trend of the market. Here is the letter as sent to a prominent man in Plymouth dated January 3, 1934:

"The market continues quiet on all grades of peanuts except good quality jumbo stock, and prices quoted here for past few days are as follows: Jumbos, 3 1-8 to 3 1-2 cents, mostly 3 1-4 to 3 3-8 cents; bunch, 3 to 3 1-8 cents, few slightly higher; runners and shelling stock, 2 7-8 to 3 1-8 cents. Good quality jumbo farmers stock are in good demand and prices firm, but demand for other grades is very poor.

"While mills are buying farmers' stock peanuts on basis of a minimum price, many sales are being made on a higher basis due to quality. However, many lots of very small type peanuts that will sell out around 70 per cent sound meats, but will yield a very small percentage of extra large Virginia shelled, are being turned down, due to the fact that under the marketing agreement they are supposed to sell at a premium, whereas they are not worth as much as a larger type peanut that will only shell 65 per cent sound meats. Some adjustment will probably be made to take care of this condition, otherwise a lot of the small type stock will be unsalable.

"Now that a minimum price has been placed on peanuts, too much stress cannot be put on the danger of overproduction the coming year, and the thought of every farmer should turn to methods of holding the peanut acreage down. With higher prices, it is very likely that consumption will decrease to some extent, and any increase in production of peanut in 1934 over the 1933 crop is liable to cause a glutted market and make it necessary to again lower price levels. Farmers are urged to be very cautious about production until it is found there is a need for an increase. It is the duty of every farmer not only to watch his own production but to use his influence to prevent other farmers increasing acreage planted. The Government is doing everything possible to raise prices on the various commodities, but they cannot succeed unless the farmer does his part.

### CLUB IS FORMED AT MOUNT TABOR

#### Organization Perfected by Election of Officers And Leaders

By Miss Eugenia Patterson  
Creswell.—On Friday afternoon, January 19, twenty women in the Mt. Tabor community gathered at the home of Mrs. Sarah Holmes for the purpose of organizing a home demonstration club.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Annie Ambrose; vice president, Mrs. Ida Bateman; secretary, Mrs. Sarah Holmes. The following leaders were elected, since the club voted to carry the same plan of projects as the other clubs: Clothing leader, Mrs. Martha Phelps; garden leader, Mrs. Bettie Furlough; canning leader, Mrs. B. A. Williams; and yard leaders, Mrs. Ruth Davenport.

The assignments were given for home work, which is to be brought to the club for exhibition at the next meeting.

The hostess served delicious refreshments. Games were enjoyed during the social hour. The February meeting will be held with Mrs. Ida Bateman.

Charter members of the club, which is to be known as the Mount Tabor Club, are as follows: Mesdames Annie Ambrose, Ruth Ambrose, Ida Bateman, Ruth Davenport, Inez Davenport, Bettie, Laura and Alethia Furlough, J. E. Haire, Adelia and Sarah Holmes, Sallie Haire, Martha and Clara Phelps, Melinda Spruill, and B. A. Williams; Misses Lina Ambrose, Alethia and Erna Furlough, and Elizabeth Haire.

### FARM NOTES

By W. V. HAYS, County Agent

February the fifteenth is the last day for signing cotton reduction contracts. If you have not signed this contract, bring your cotton history card to the county agent's office and do this at your earliest convenience.

The corn and hog reduction campaign will commence as soon as we complete the cotton. It may be that peanuts will follow corn and hogs.

Plans are underway for securing a pure-bred Percheron stallion at the Wenoona test farm. A good number of young mares of breeding age have recently been brought into the county. These mares bred to a good stallion should produce breeding fillies which will, in turn, show a nice profit. Good work stock can be produced in this county as well as in Kentucky. Some of our farmers are in position to make money this way.

This is a good time to spray and prune the orchard if you have not yet done so.

It will soon be time to get some baby chicks started. Better clean the brooder house. If the old brooder is not working, better build a brick one. They are fool and fireproof and cheap. They actually work.

The Washington County Farmers Club will be served dinner at the Roper High School auditorium Thursday, February 15th, at 7:30 p. m.

### UNIFORMS FOR POLICE FORCE

#### Town and Officers Split Cost of New Suits Between Them

Now this little town has a police force in uniform. The city council met last Monday night, and Tuesday morning Chief of Police P. W. Brown came on the streets dressed in a complete copper's uniform like the law guardians in big cities sport, and then at dusk Patrolman George Coburn came out for night duty emblazoned in like attire. The uniforms are made of durable cloth and are the same style as those of the coppers in big towns, and the cost was given at \$55 for each uniform, with the chief buying one and the town providing the changing garment, while the same was the case with Mr. Coburn, who patrols the town at night.

Stripes for the coats and embroidered letters for the distinguished caps have not yet arrived, but the average layman will not miss these articles so much, as with acclaim they greet the new fad of the local force, as the officers here were among the last of the small town law officials to dress up. Some suggestions here to the effect that the law officials should dress up brought about the new mode of dress. Reasons assigned for this are that a stranger could locate the officer better (and also recognize him in escaping also) and it would add dignity to the position of the law guardians.

Mr. Brown has been on the local force here for a dozen or more years, starting as night man and then developed into the chief of police, which job he has held with esteem to the present, and Mr. Coburn has been on the night shift for years. They were both a little reluctant to adopt the correct mode of attire for officials.

### Income Tax Man To Be Here Thursday, March 1

A representative of the United States Internal Revenue Department will be in Plymouth March 1, 1934, to assist taxpayers in filing Federal income tax returns, it was announced today by C. H. Robertson, of Raleigh, collector of internal revenue for North Carolina.

Those having received blanks thru the mail are urged to bring them with them to the post office on that date, and those who wish further information about filing these returns are referred to Postmaster George W. Hardison here, who will furnish them the information.

### Musical Program at Scuppernon Church

Rev. and Mrs. Aubrey B. Alne, pastor of Columbia Baptist church, will give a musical program at Scuppernon Christian church Sunday night, February 11, at 7:30. This is a very unique story told in music.

The following instruments are used during the program: Marimba xylophone; saxophone, Hawaiian guitar, musical saw, and auto-valve harp.

### PLYMOUTH MAN HEADS POLICE OF ASHEVILLE

Under a boxed caption of "Who's Who and Why in Asheville," the Sunday issue of the Asheville Citizen-Times, of Asheville, tells a human interest story of W. J. Everett, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Everett, who was recently made police chief of that city.

The story follows: "W. J. Everett, who became chief of police of Asheville on August 1 of last year without previous actual experience in this line of work already has brought the department to a standard of efficiency sufficient to bring praise from members of the city council and business leaders.

"Chief Everett, however, had familiarized himself with police through his duties as assistant director of public works and safety, under J. Gerald Cowan, then in charge of these departments.

"He had an opportunity to study police methods and gather ideas that he believed would improve the morale and standards of the department. He has since put many of these into practice and is intent upon the further upbuilding of the force.

"At present he is centering his energies behind securing short-wave radio equipment for his men, believing it to be a further deterrent to crime and of assistance in quick apprehension of law breakers.

"Night patrols in business sections and close watch of that portion of the populace usually credited with petty thievery have reduced the number of store robberies and housebreaking.

"Police records show that a squad assigned by Chief Everett to enforcing the prohibition laws has confiscated on an average of more than 400 gallons of whisky per month and seized a number of automobiles. It is his belief that surprise raids have caused bootleggers to pour into sewers an amount equally as great.

"Chief Everett was born in Plymouth January 5, 1900. Following graduation from high school in 1919, he enlisted in the United States Army in the fall of 1917 and served 13 months overseas. He was in the A. E. F. dispatch service, being located, among other points, at Verdun, Chantilly, Haut-Marne, and Chailillon sur Seine.

"He was returned to the United States after signing of the armistice and discharged at Camp Lee, Va., as private first class. In 1920 he received an appointment to West Point from Governor Cameron Morris, but did not accept. While in France he refused an opportunity to attend an officers' training camp, believing he was too young.

"Following his discharge from the army, Chief Everett entered North Carolina State College, where he studied engineering. In 1922 he accepted a position with the North Carolina Farms Company, at New Holland, and drained Lake Mattamuskeet for the company, in Hyde County. He also was an engineer on a railroad constructed from Wenoona to New Holland. The company went into the hands of a receiver in 1924 and Chief Everett came to Asheville for a vacation.

"Liking Asheville and its climate, he secured a position as assistant city engineer and has remained here with the exception of one winter spent in Florida as district sales manager for the J. T. Horney Real Estate Company, with headquarters at St. Petersburg.

"In 1921 he married Miss Frances Nixon Rea, of Edenton. They have one daughter, Frances Rea Everett, 11 years of age, and live at 6 Cherry Street in Asheville.

"If Chief Everett had any spare time it would be spent in further attempts to improve the police department. This is his avocation as well as vocation."

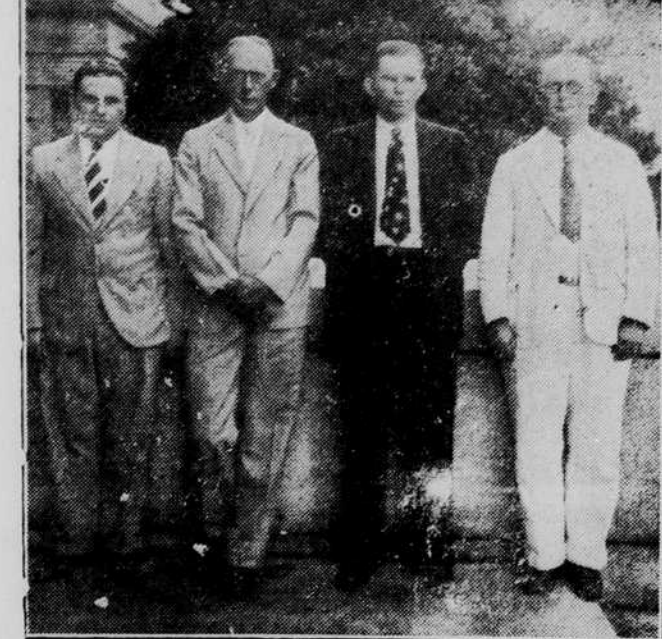
### Marriage Licenses Issued In January and February

Licenses to marry were issued during January and to date in February to the following couples by Mrs. Mary O. Sawyer, register of deeds of Washington County.

**White**  
Howard Bateman to Margaret Vail, both of Roper; Joe B. White to Mabel Barnes, Mackeys; Fred Tyson, Wadesboro, to Wilmer Davenport, of Creswell; W. J. Hassell, Roper, to Lydia Sexton, Roper; Abraham J. Newberry to Attalee Mae Allen, both of Plymouth; Abram L. Styrton to Irene Cherry, Plymouth.

**Colored**  
Esau Armstrong to Alethia Baker, Plymouth; George Bell to Mildred Alexander, Plymouth; Debro Wilkins to Edna Mae McCullough, Mackeys; William Bishop to Ida Norman, of Roper.

### FOUR OUTSTANDING TEACHERS



Pictured above are the four outstanding teachers of vocational agriculture in North Carolina for the past year. By a system of scoring these teachers were selected—one from each of the four districts—as the men who put over the most thorough and comprehensive program in each vocational agriculture. Left to right: A. B. Bushong, Ellenboro High School, Rutherford County; Tal H. Stafford, Harmony High School, Iredell County; J. Paul Shaw, Benson High School, Johnston County; and W. L. McGahey, Aurora High School, Beaufort County.

There are 208 teachers of vocational agriculture at work in as many rural high schools in 72 counties of the State.

### GUANO WILL BE DONATED YOUNG FARMERS CLUBS

#### Young Tar Heel Farmers at Roper and Creswell Make Plans

Young Tar Heel farmers in Roper and Creswell are arranging to receive 500 pounds of fertilizer that is being donated by a large fertilizer company to the chapters of this organization in North Carolina for use in conducting projects in cotton, corn, and tobacco during 1934.

C. H. Rabon, teacher of vocational agriculture in Creswell, and B. G. O'Brien, head of the farm classes in Roper, are making every effort to rent or secure in some manner the necessary land, for one crop year, for the crop to be grown. If no other means will serve, then a chapter member will be asked to loan the land.

The scope of the chapter projects is expected to be from two to five acres, and only improved seed as approved by the North Carolina Cotton Crop Improvement Association may be used for planting the crop. Some other crop besides corn, cotton, and tobacco may be grown if approved by the State Supervisor, Roy H. Thomas.

The full 500 pounds of fertilizer must be applied to the chapter project, but other fertilizer ingredients may be added to balance the necessary plant foods for cotton and tobacco according to experiment station recommendations.

The crop is to be planted, cultivated, harvested, and marketed by Young Tar Heel Farmers or under the supervision of chapter members. Proceeds from the sale of the products of the crop will be applied towards better equipping the club chapter room, for chapter supplies and expenses of growing the crop.

Messrs. Rabon and O'Brien appreciate very much the contribution of this fertilizer and are of the opinion that it will help the boys immeasurably in having given to them the fertilizer and thus they can plant, fertilize, harvest and sell their crop themselves, thus increasing their scope of experience in this work.

### PERSONNEL OF RELIEF GROUPS

#### Heads of Various Phases of Work Outlined for Information

Here is the personnel of the CWA and emergency relief organizations in Washington County as best they can be secured at present:

Mrs. W. C. Brewer, superintendent of public welfare; Julian C. Gibbs, Federal administrator for the CWA projects; Miss Athalia Gardner and Miss Mildred Waters, office workers in this department.

Tom C. Burgess, disbursing officer, with Miss Sadie Ausbon and Miss Louise Duvall as clerks.

Luther R. Ausbon, director of re-employment office in CWA, with "Red" Blount and Mrs. Clarence Blount as assistants.

D. G. Hurley, sanitary inspector for the CWA in Washington County, assisted by Charlie Jackson and others. S. D. Davis, supervisor of projects in the county.

### HOPE TO REDUCE MALARIA BY AID OF C. W. A. WORK

#### Supervisor of Malarial Control in County Issues Statement

"Malaria control in Washington County aims to reduce hazards of malaria infection near centers of population, as this malady causes its victims to develop chills and fevers due to small animal parasites which feed on the blood and destroy red blood cells," according to D. R. Pommering, acting supervisor of malarial control and drainage under the CWA in Washington County.

Humanity gets this disease by the bite of a female anopheles mosquito, which 12 days before has bitten somebody with malaria. To prevent epidemics of this disease, the malaria mosquito must be kept away from people. This can be done by preventing the mosquito from developing or by people staying in well-screened homes.

"Mosquitoes develop in fresh water. They lay eggs on the surface of water in ponds and pools which are covered with vegetation or collections of leaves, small sticks, broken wood grass stems and the like. From this they breed into mosquitoes with the female seeking warm blood from mankind or animal before she can breed, while the male feeds largely from plant and fruit juices.

"The work of malaria control in Washington County under the CWA is to establish better drainage by removing from ponds and pools near centers of population trees, branches, leaves, and trash which were blown down by the storms of last fall. However, mosquitoes will continue to breed here depending on rainfall and the number of breeding places available.

"In most instances these main drains that are so badly obstructed have leading into them a number of farm drainage ditches. Many of the farmers have told us "to clean the main drains and we will see that the farm drains entering into the principal drain is cleaned." This project means better health and better crops through better distribution of the surplus water.

"The following projects under malaria control have been approved in this county: "Cleaning silt and vegetation from ditches near National Handle Company and Plymouth Box and Panel Company in Plymouth has been completed.

"Cutting short laterals through berm on Scuppernon River and Mall Creek, Cherry, has been completed. "Clearing fallen trees and limbs from South Fork of Scuppernon River and one mile of Woodley canal, at Cherry, has been completed. "Cleaning and regrading main city canal and cleaning out ditch in Atlantic Coast Line Railroad swamp in Plymouth is now under way.

"Dynamiting stumps from main fork of Scuppernon and clearing; fallen limbs and trees from north fork of Scuppernon River, Creswell, is now under way. "Filling in small pond in Creswell is now under way.

"Clearing fallen limbs and trees from Swinson Swamp and upper end of old mill pond near Roper is now under way. "Clearing banks and cutting center in A, B, and C canals at Wenoona has been approved.

"Many projects scattered throughout the county have been made out but have not been approved. Work on these projects will go forward as soon as they are approved and men are available."

### Creswell Parent-Teacher Association Meets Friday

Creswell.—The Creswell chapter of the P. T. A. will meet Friday night, February 9, at 7:30, in the school building. The program will be in the nature of a founder's day program, given by the primary grades. Mrs. J. W. Starr will give a talk on the importance of founder's day.

### County Commissioners In Meet Here Monday

The Washington County Commissioners relieved the firemen of the town of Plymouth of their poll tax for the year of 1933 and approved the projects of a gymnasium and school building for Creswell in a meeting held here Monday.

### Burley Tobacco Growers Are Signing Contracts

Burley growers in Haywood County are signing the tobacco reduction contract, reports the farm agent, and say it is something that should be done even though the government had not aided them.