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THREE HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT HERE LAST WEEK

Car Leaves Highway At High Speed and Strikes Electric Pole

Thurlow Spruill, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Spruill, of Washington Street, suffered serious injuries when a car driven by Mike Atamanchuk, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Atamanchuk, near here, in which Spruill was riding, turned over late Friday afternoon.

Young Spruill sustained a fractured nose, a nasty cut on the right leg above the knee and a serious abrasion on the back of the neck that revealed a cut from ear to ear that was dangerously close to the spinal column. This cut was large enough to cover a hand.

The driver of the machine suffered bruises on the body and minor cuts. Miss Gladys Lilley, of Martin County, a student of Farm Life School, also an occupant of the car, sustained two lacerations on the left side of her face and her left ear was split.

The accident occurred just this side of the railroad at Hopkins' store on the approach to Plymouth from Williamston. The car severed one pole of the Virginia Electric and Power Company's line and swung another off at the top.

Reports here have it that Mr. Atamanchuk was riding at a high rate of speed and the vehicle swerved as it rounded the bend. The driver lost control and the vehicle plunged down an embankment close to 10 feet deep, turning over twice.

The car was almost demolished. The engine is probably the best part of it, as the chassis is bent badly. Motorists on the road tell of the fast speed of young Atamanchuk.

Dr. T. L. Bray rendered medical attention to the injured young people, and he asserted that he thought young Spruill would suffer much, but the injuries were not necessarily serious, although he was cut "dangerously near the spinal column."

Miss Sarah Frances Cahoon, of Plymouth, was the first one to reach the wrecked car and she tugged and pulled until she brought young Spruill from beneath the overturned car. She was riding with Aubrey Liverman in a car behind Atamanchuk.

She and her comrades in the Liverman car aided in bringing the injured to the doctor here. It has been said on very good authority that Atamanchuk passed the Liverman car at a high rate of speed and lost control as the car rounded the bend in the path of an approaching machine.

DEATH OF MRS. GABRIEL ALLEN

Funeral Services Are Held Tuesday for Aged Woman

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon for Mrs. Gabriel Allen, 83 years of age, of Long Acre section of Washington County, who succumbed Monday as the result of complicated diseases and infirmities of age after having been confined to her room for three or more weeks.

Her remains were deposited in a grave in the old family burying ground on the Long Ridge road. Rev. Mr. Stubbs, of Pinetown, a Primitive Baptist minister, officiated. A good crowd attended and a beautiful floral offering was contributed by friends.

Surviving her are the following in this immediate section: a daughter, Mrs. Henry Overton, of Plymouth; two sons, Albert Alexander, sr., of Plymouth, and Asa Craddock, of the Long Acre section. The funeral was under the direction of the Nurney Funeral Parlor here.

Unemployed Tenants Will Be Given Aid

Luther R. Ausbon, manager of the National Reemployment office here, is now calling for a re-registration of all unemployed who may be interested in securing farms as tenants.

This call also includes those men who are now employed on CWA projects throughout the county, as the administration has instructions to begin reducing these forces a once.

Mr. Ausbon wants all who are interested to call at the reemployment office for an interview as soon as possible.

WARNS AGAINST SENDING MONEY

Warren Says Not Necessary To Send Contributions to Kansas Justice

Word has been received here from Congressman Lindsay Warren, who advises the people of Washington County and this section in general to refrain from sending contributions to Judge J. H. Lehman, of Humboldt, Kansas, to be used in furthering the cause of old-age pension activities in this county.

Mr. Warren advised that the House of Representatives of the United States this week passed a resolution authorizing the committee on labor to investigate the entire subject of old age pensions and that money contributed to any organization or person to further this cause would be worthless.

So far as is known no money has been given to J. E. Pope, of Texas, reputedly a man of long criminal record, who is president of the National Old Age Pension Association. On the other hand, small individual sums have been sent to Judge Lehman from white and colored citizens in this section.

The Beacon calls the attention of the people in Washington County to this warning from Congressman Warren because in a previous issue a story recited the views of Judge Lehman (who is in reality a justice of the peace) as expressed in a communication to Postmaster George W. Hardison.

A good many requests have been made at the post office here by white and colored in regard to the activities of those in favor of pensions for the dependent aged and in order to correctly inform the people here Mr. Hardison troubled himself to get the information.

"Citizens should not think of sending this man a dime, because it would be money thrown away," said Mr. Warren. However, the communications from Mr. Lehman to Mr. Hardison gave some of the leading citizens including ministers of his town as references.

TENANT FARMER ASSURED RELIEF

Contract Violators Forfeit All Rights To Rentals or Stated Benefits

Memphis, Tenn.—Tenant cotton farmers today were assured by Oscar Johnston, manager of the A. A. A. cotton option pool, of government relief from possible mistreatment by land owners.

Land owners who violate the provisions of the 1934 production control contract, which apply to the treatment of labor, will forfeit all right to rentals or benefits provided for in the contract," Mr. Johnston said in a telephone conversation from his plantation home at Scott, Miss.

Ruffin - Stokes

Coming as a complete surprise to their many friends here and throughout the state was the announcement of the marriage of Miss Iris Elizabeth Stokes, daughter of the late Exum E. Stokes and Mrs. N. A. Hughes, of Colerain, to J. B. Ruffin, jr., of Powellsville, son of Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Ruffin, in Suffolk, July 23, 1933, Rev. J. W. Johnston officiating.

The groom attended Duke University, but is now a student in the Medical College in Richmond, while the bride is a graduate of Eastern Carolina Teachers College at Greenville and is now a member of Plymouth Primary School faculty.

Plans Underway To Hold County Kitchen Contest

SPEAKERS WILL OUTLINE PLAN OF CONTROL OBARD

Believed Present Congress Will Make Peanuts a Basic Commodity

Peanut growers in Washington County are urged to attend a meeting that will be held in the courthouse at Plymouth Saturday morning, February 24, at 11 o'clock, it was announced today by A. L. Owens and W. R. Hampton, who are calling the meeting at the request of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce.

The purpose of the meeting is to explain the program of the peanut control board recently set up under the marketing agreement. Also the farmers will be asked for expressions as to the plan they favor for controlling production this year.

Sam N. Clark, grower member of North Carolina on the National Peanut Control Board, has the following idea for control, and it will be discussed at the meeting Saturday:

"The allotment program is to be formulated with regional, state, and county associations of growers organized by county agents under the extension director of State College. Committees must sign all growers for their allotment for production in 1934.

"The county committee is to make daily summaries of the sign-up for the county agent, who in turn will report to the state officials and they to the national leaders. Signers of these contracts have the right of electing their representatives to state meetings.

"Allotments will be made on the basis of tonnage to the farm, rather than tonnage or acreage to the grower.

"The base allotment for 1934 is to be the average of the total production in pounds for the three years, 1931, 1932, and 1933. County committees under the farm agent are allowed to make equitable adjustments of allotments, if possible, but must hold the county totals within the base of allotment to the county by the state officials.

"The miller's marketing agreement and license is to be amended to provide that they purchase peanuts from those holding allotment certificates unless authorized otherwise. Growers will not be allowed to obtain peanuts from others to complete their allotments.

"Only allotment certificate peanuts may be warehoused by growers and receive government loans available on the same basis as other basic commodities.

"Growers will be asked to agree to an assessment not to exceed 1 per cent of the sales of the 1934 crop to be deducted by the millers and forwarded to the secretary to pay the expense of setting up the allotment program outlined above, varying it for the 1934 crop."

Those who are growing peanuts in this county should attend this meeting, and their expressions in the matter of outlining a plan will be heard, and the local men will have present a speaker who will answer questions and explain the plan to all.

Native Talent Gets Most Applause At Show Here

It remained for a former resident of Plymouth to feature the performance in the entertainment presented in the New Theatre Wednesday night when the management presented a troupe known as the Golden West Cowgirls, and which was represented to comprise only girls from the west.

But the most applause and interest was manifested in the adagio dance by Miss Virginia Bradshaw, talented daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Bradshaw, of Washington. Mr. Bradshaw lived here for years as local agent for the Norfolk Southern railroad, leaving about three years ago.

Next in interest was the hula dancing of Miss Priscilla Lyon, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Lyon of this place.

Henry Spruill Made CWA Administrator in Bertie

Henry Spruill, a former resident of Plymouth, last Thursday was appointed administrator of the CWA and Federal Emergency Relief of Bertie County, it was learned here today. He fills the vacancy created by the resignation of Dr. T. A. White.

FARM NOTES

By W. V. HAYS, County Agent

Cotton acreage reduction agreements for Washington County are about completed. If there is anything wrong with your contract, I suggest you call at the County Agent's office right away and attend to it. Cotton grown outside this agreement may prove embarrassing next marketing season.

Corn and hog farmers will get a letter of information and instructions within the next few days relative to that reduction agreement. A word of caution in signing reduction agreements: The tendency is to overestimate yields. It is much better to understate and have a contract pass the board of review than to have this contract returned. Very few have done this, but it holds up other contracts and delays the whole transaction for a county.

The government ruling plainly says, "Estimates above county averages must be supported by substantiating evidence. Also a misstatement automatically cancels other contracts."

Peanuts have not as yet been made a basic commodity. Plans are under way for this, and doubtless within a few days reduction plans will have been completed. Then loans will be available on storage receipts.

The corn-hog rulings have been so amended that farmers growing less than ten acres of corn may sign to reduce their hogs and receive benefits without reducing their corn acreage.

Get your evidence in shape for all hogs sold during 1932 and 1933, if you expect to sign the "hog and hominy" agreement.

Seed loans will be available soon. Only to those who have cooperated in reduction of commodity crops will these loans be available. Borrowers must first apply for loans through the crop production loan office.

CWA FORCES TO BE REDUCED BY 58 THIS WEEK

County and Town Officials Ask Completion of Present Projects

Officials of the CWA in Washington County will begin Thursday to whittle down their force of men and women, slashing 58 off of the payroll at one time. This will leave about 208 employed. They will probably be removed according to their needs and the classification under which they began work.

At a joint session of the city council of Plymouth, the Washington County commissioners, and the county board of education held Tuesday, it was decided to ask Julian E. Gibbs, Federal administrator for the county, to present a request to the district and state officials signifying their preference of completing the building program now in progress.

Mr. Gibbs was scheduled for conferences with CWA officials here on Wednesday and Thursday, and nothing definite in regard to the projects that will be continued could be secured for this issue of the Beacon.

Believe Work on County Home Is To Be Finished

W. R. Hampton, chairman of the board of Washington County commissioners, thinks that there is no need to worry about the completion of the new county home that is under construction, as it is his information that this and many of the other projects in this county will be completed before the CWA funds are depleted for this county.

Much progress is being made on the building now, but in view of the fact that reports from Washington, D. C., that there will be a gradual decrease in the number of people employed on this kind of work until May 1, when all of the work will be stopped, some entertained fears that the needed home for the dependent would not be finished.

Leland Thompson Buys Goods in New York

L. S. Thompson, owner of Thompson-Clagon, Inc., local clothing store, left Tuesday for New York, where he will purchase his spring merchandise. He is expected to be back in a short time.

Mrs. H. W. Latham, owner of Reene's Beauty Shop here, is back from northern points, where she has been to purchase spring and summer merchandise.

TEACHERS HOLD BANQUET HERE LAST THURSDAY

School Officials of County Have Enjoyable Meet; Several Speakers

"Animals are a necessary part of every well-rounded subject of the curriculum," said Principal E. H. Hicks, of the Plymouth High School, to 50 members of the Washington County Teachers Association and their guests in a banquet at Hotel Brinkley Thursday night, speaking on the subject of "Horsefeathers."

"As a worker the horse is unexcelled, and students taking care of the animal would learn to use adjectives fluently. If the horse stepped on the pupil that would be a cause of intersections. And this same situation in science work would promote 'stimulus.' In music the horse could produce pitch and motion.

"A camel should be provided to illustrate curved surfaces of the earth—hills and valleys. A giraffe would enable students to study distances, proportions, and geometric designs. Henceforth, history should evolve around the horse.

"A cow's distress signal after losing a young calf could be used in music. And the same cow is useful in teaching French, especially when the student milks the animal when both are hot, tired, and mad. A stubborn mule is of little value, but the eleventh grade history class has its characteristic of being slow."

The teachers threw aside for a little more than an hour and a half the cares and anxieties of the classroom and lapsed into a merry, cheerful mood, as leaders among this profession discarded their dignity and interspersed their speeches with wisecracks, gags, and rollicking jokes.

James W. Norman, superintendent of public instruction, made a short welcome address, while A. L. Davenport, of Cherry, responded. Miss A. C. Carstarphen, dean of teachers, gave a toast to the pedagogues. Three solos were rendered by Albert Sculley.

C. H. Aderholdt, Creswell principal, spoke for a short time in a humorous vein on "Influence of Monkeys on North Carolina People." Little Miss Priscilla Lyon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Lyon, sang a couple of modern numbers and danced.

Shep Brinkley provided the accompaniment for all singing and dancing and then played all during the dinner. E. N. Riddle, of Roper, acted as toastmaster. Short talks were made by the following: J. W. Norman, W. H. Paramore, while L. E. Hassell and C. N. Davenport and A. L. Holmes were recognized.

A patriotic color scheme of red, white and blue was adhered to throughout as in the middle of the table a ribbon of these shades was strung out. On the wall was a picture of George Washington draped with American flags and bunting. Potted plants, ferns, and pine were cleverly arranged to add lustre to the decorations.

Demonstration club women and girls prepared and served the repast. They included: Mesdames A. T. Darden, S. B. Lucas, P. M. Ambrose, Roy Swain, Hilda Robertson, Fannie B. Robertson, Charles Bowen, Matilda Bowen, Gladys Ange, Hugh Allen, and Misses Marjorie, Ellen, Sybil, and Jessie Mae Bowen and Ada Weede.

USE LESPEDEZA AS SUBSTITUTE

Can Be Used in Place of Other Legumes; Seed Is Scarce

The two hurricanes which swept over northeastern North Carolina last fall almost wiped out the commercial soybean crop. Cowpeas, also, are scarce, and it is perhaps advisable for eastern growers to think of substituting lespedeza for these two popular summer-growing legumes.

"Lespedeza seed is scarce also, but less so than soybeans and cowpeas," says Enos C. Blair, extension agronomist at State College, who has been making a survey of the situation. "The lespedeza may be planted on small grain from February 1 to March 15 and those who plant spring oats might also scatter some lespedeza seed on the oats immediately after they are covered. In other cases, the lespedeza should be covered with a weed-er, a section harrow, or a brush drag. In sown in this way at the rate of 25 pounds to the acre, the crop will make as much hay as will soybeans or cowpeas except on extremely light, sandy soils."

Home Agent Announces Schedule for Next Week

Afternoon club meetings for next week were announced as follows by Miss Eugenia Patterson, home agent: Monday, sewing 4-H group at Plymouth.

Tuesday, Cross Roads. Wednesday, Cool Springs. Thursday, Piney Grove. Friday, Lake Landing. Saturday morning, curb market. Fresh meat and chickens a specialty.

CRESWELL BANK IN LIQUIDATION

Action Taken By Commissioner of Banks Hood Last Friday

Creswell.—The Bank of Creswell is one of the five small banking institutions in North Carolina that has failed to open for unrestricted operation since the banking holiday last March and last Friday it was placed in liquidation.

This action was taken by Gurney P. Hood, commissioner of banks of North Carolina, after he had rejected several proposals made by D. E. Woodley, cashier; E. S. Woodley and T. D. Woodley, directors, to reopen the institution which has been closed a year next week.

It is understood that the main objection to the institution was its lack of capital stock and in these days it is hard for the officials of such an institution to sell stock in a bank, much less one that is closed at the time of the selling efforts.

A statement published in the Beacon on February 2 revealed that the total resources of the bank were \$34,961.35 with the total liabilities of \$25,880.26. Capital stock is given at \$5,000, with a lot of it owned by the officials. The total capital was \$9,081.09.

Name of the liquidating agent was not given in the information from Mr. Hood. By throwing this bank into liquidation Mr. Hood tied up a total of about \$25,000 in deposits. This means a blow to the expectations of those who had money in the bank.

If it takes the same time to liquidate this bank as has been the case with others in this section, there will be months and maybe years of waiting before the depositors get their money, and they may not get it all even then.

GIRLS LOSE TO WILLIAMSTON

Junior Varsity Girls Put Up Good Fight But Drop Contest, 12-3

Not being used to playing on indoor courts and handicapped by lack of experience, the junior varsity girls basketball team of the Plymouth High School yielded to the Williamston High sextet last Friday night, 12 to 3, in a game more interesting and thrilling than the score would indicate.

In the first half the invaders were swept off their feet almost by the Williamston girls, but in the last quarter they rallied enough to save a whitewash when Clagon tallied a point on a free throw and then Stillman made a field goal to count two more points.

Weaver led the scoring for Williamston with three points, while Wilson, L. Gurganus, Harrison, and another Harrison girl made two points each with Williams making one point.

Players follow for Plymouth, their positions and points made: Hopkins, right forward; Clagon, center forward; Browning, left forward; Bateman, center guard; Robertson, right guard; Gurkin, left guard.

Stillman went in as a substitute to score her two points. Gurkin was taken out in the third quarter as a penalty for three personal fouls. Bryan was referee.

Local Colored Cagers Win Over Beaufort Five

Principal W. H. Berry, of the Washington County Training School, not only knows how to coach his cagers, but when in the course of human events it becomes necessary to demonstrate his ability he can do it.

Last Monday night, one of his forwards did not play. So the coach took his place in the lineup against Leondis' Big Five from Beaufort. Inasmuch as the visitors were possibly rated as amateur-professionals, his playing was permissible.

BASEBALL TALK LINKS PLYMOUTH WITH ALBEMARLE

Local Representatives Will Attend Meeting of Directors

Renewed talk of the entrance of Plymouth into the Albemarle Baseball League this spring is being talked here by fans including P. W. Brown, who last year piloted this club to a very successful season.

Mr. Brown will attend the meeting of the league officials next month, or whenever they get ready to start arrangements for the pastime in this section this season, and they will renew the request for membership that was made last year.

Enthusiasts here think that with Williamston, Plymouth, Windsor, Ahoskie, Edenton, and Elizabeth City or six teams so situated that the league will be compact enough to operate, especially would this be so if some of the clubs at the extreme orders of the league failed to have an entry.

League rules in regard to players would not be violated, as Plymouth has enough players that have been living here long enough to establish their residence in Plymouth, according to league regulations, and this will give the local club some good players to start with.

There is Howard Brown, second baseman, and Monk Morris, outfielder, who have been employed for some time here by the National Handle Company, and it is understood that the NRA hours in the local plant would permit the boys to play in the afternoon and hold their jobs at the same time.

Also added to this list will be Red Sculley, a member of the pitching staff last season, a teacher in the local schools, with J. Frank Furches, also a teacher, who has been gone only a short time, is expected to return to third base, with Jack Brown in reserve.

Preston Chappell, shortstop, and Tex Edens, outfielder, both of Wake Forest, are expected back home in Plymouth this summer. Also the league would permit the playing of Slim Gardner, ace hurler, with the local club without restrictions, as he has been playing here two summers and also lives in Jamesville.

What the team will really need this season will be a first baseman, outfielder or two, catcher, and pitchers. Burl Gurganus, outfielder, who has been in CCC service up the state, may return, but this is not definite. It is not known whether Walter Davis and Harry Van Horn will be recalled or not.

Some leaders here have advanced the idea of getting the town to lease the ball park for a nominal sum from P. W. Brinkley, the owner, and thus get GWA aid in rebuilding the park and improving the grounds about it.

AUTO DEALERS MET THURSDAY

Dan Satterthwaite Named To Executive Committee Of Code Authority

Dan R. Satterthwaite, owner of the Satterthwaite Chevrolet Company here was named a member of the executive committee of the Virginia Dare Automobile Dealers Association which met in Ahoskie last Thursday night.

The association, which is the code authority for this district, embraces all automobile dealers in this section. G. H. Cox, of Robersonville, a member of the Cox Brothers Motor Co., which has a branch in Plymouth, is president of the organization.

The automobile dealers' code fixes trade-in allowances, regulates wages and hours of salesmen and service men, and sets up other rules of fair competition to protect the purchaser, the dealer and the salesmen. Prices for the trade-ins are fixed monthly on a basis of used car resale values.

The next meeting will be held in Robersonville March 29. J. R. Manning, a partner in the Plymouth Motor Co., here, is a director from this county in the organization.

Cherry Club Meets

Cherry.—The Cherry home demonstration club met with Mrs. R. A. Gibbs on Tuesday. Seventeen members answered to the roll call. One new member was enrolled.

Miss Patterson read the "Do's and Don'ts" about fashion by Travis Benton. Her demonstration was on getting the most for your money when you buy clothes.