

NEW SHOE SHINE DEVICE WILL BE TRIED OUT HERE

Working Model of Spruill Invention Is Expected Here This Week

A working model of the new shoe-shining device invented by Moye W. Spruill, of Plymouth, is expected to be here Friday or Saturday of this week, according to Mr. Spruill, who returned last week-end from Cincinnati, Ohio, where he saw the machine in operation.

Upon arrival, it will be placed in J. E. Outten's barber shop on Washington Street for a public trial period, and it will be operated just as if the device were on the market, so that defects in the machine can be detected and remedied before more machines are put on the market.

Mr. Spruill is of the opinion that since a number of new improvements have been made since the first plans were presented to the Crescent Tool Company, at Cincinnati, which organization built the machine according to the blue-print submitted by Mr. Spruill adding improvements as they went along.

Just as soon as the trial period expires and defects are noted and corrected, then an order for a dozen more will be placed with the manufacturer for use in hotel lobbies, barber shops, and other public places where it is expected business can be obtained.

What is needed now, according to Mr. Spruill, is a man unemployed who has mechanical ability and who will be willing to learn to service these devices, as Mr. Spruill will be unable to look after them in this way especially, when they are located elsewhere.

These contraptions will shine both shoes at the same time. It was originally built to shine only one at the time. This improvement was added at the factory. The polish used is neutral in color and will work on tan as well as black shoes.

All that is necessary is for the customer to sit in the chair and slip his shoes in the place prepared, where they are held tight, and then drop a coin in the slot. The machine then does all the work.

An organization of local men, including George W. Hardison as secretary and treasurer and Mayor Gilbert Davis and others are promoting the business and stock has been sold to a number of people here, but M. W. Spruill, as manager, retains the controlling interest.

HOLD CLINIC AT ELIZABETH CITY

Crippled Children in This County Urged To Attend On April 24th

Crippled children in Washington County are urged to attend a clinic that will be held in the Y. M. C. A. building in Elizabeth City Tuesday at 10 a. m., it was announced today by Mrs. W. C. Brewer, superintendent of public welfare in Washington County.

H. E. Springer, state rehabilitation representative, will be at the clinic on Tuesday, April 24, and he urges all of those who have been meeting with him in this county to be there for examination by Dr. Shave, bone specialist of Duke hospital in Durham.

Also, Mrs. Brewer adds, those who have crippled children who might be benefited by the clinic, whether or not their case has been called to the attention of Mr. Springer or herself, they are urged to attend the clinic in Elizabeth City also.

This clinic is being sponsored by the D. H. Hill Post of the American Legion in Elizabeth City. Indigent children are urged to attend, as while in their growing condition more can be done for their limbs than at any other time in life.

4-H Club Federation To Be Held Here Saturday

The girls' 4-H federation of clubs will hold its annual meeting Saturday morning, April 21st, at 10 o'clock, at the high school auditorium in Plymouth. All 4-H club members, their friends and parents are expected to attend. Everybody is invited. Please bring lunch, which will be served picnic style.

Miss Ruth Current, one of the district agents in North Carolina, and Miss Virginia Layton, Vermont state club leader for girls, will be our guest speakers. This is an unusual treat. A very interesting program has been arranged. Miss Current will have charge of the recreational program in the afternoon. All who have attended a short course in Raleigh will remember Miss Current. Everybody come.

Funeral for Miss Inez Voliva Held Wednesday

Funeral services were held Wednesday for Miss Inez Evorah Voliva, 29 years of age, who died Tuesday in the Columbia hospital. Last rites took place at Malachi Christian Church, with Rev. Mr. Underwood, of the Baptist church in Columbia, officiating.

Surviving is a sister, Mrs. D. N. Blake, and her mother and one brother, Claudia Voliva. The W. T. Nurney Funeral Parlor here was in charge of the funeral.

COUNTY NATIVE, HOME ON VISIT, FOND OF HAWAII

Mrs. K. W. Nesbit Now in Roper After 4 Years in Honolulu

Roper.—Four years in Honolulu, Hawaii, have convinced Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Nesbit that it is a veritable paradise for the people who allow the tropics to cast about them a panorama of romance and plenty.

Mrs. Nesbit is here on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. McD. Peacock, and she is continually singing the praises of this island possession of the United States and it is seldom that one from this climate is ever so elated over another country after such a long time there.

In leisure hours, Mrs. Nesbit and her two children, Nancy and Gene, explore the regions of the land of music and hula dancers. They saw the palms and beauties of nature in the faraway country. They observed the apparently lazy natives who sang and danced.

They knew little of hard times until they came back to New York a short time ago. In the island country the rich people flocked to its sun-kissed beaches and played around in the silvery waters and cared little for the struggle of mankind for a living.

For four years they observed the frolics of the rich and pleasure seekers and they saw that those who went out for pleasure found it. And that all seemed to be happy as Honolulu is a playground for the rich. Of course some were up against it, but Honolulu is of the resort kind and those who can't spend generally stay away.

Dr. Nesbit served his tour of duty in this place in his office as a government physician. He doctored the ailing service men and little did he know of the conditions in the United States except for newspaper reports and these seemed on the contrary in view of the fact that apparently there was plenty.

Fate brought Mr. and Mrs. Nesbit together in Norfolk with the former hailing from Richmond and serving his internship in the Marine Hospital while Mrs. Nesbit was employed as a beautician. After the usual courtship they were married.

From Norfolk the physician was transferred to San Francisco where he did duty for two years and from there he went to Hawaii City where he concluded a four-year tour of duty. Now he has been transferred to Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Peacock are elated over having their daughter and her husband and children back to the farm. She is greeting many old friends and having a good time in general.

Two Funerals Held Sunday at Cherry

Cherry.—Two funeral services were held Sunday by Rev. Roy Respass, of Creswell, in addition to the sermons that he preached in his churches in the morning and evening.

The first was that of Caleb Phelps, 77 years of age, who leaves a wife and nine children. This one took place at 2:30 p. m.

The second was Jim Davenport, 84 years of age, who is survived by six children. He served as deacon in the Philippi Christian church for 50 years. Both were buried in the same cemetery.

Roper and Creswell Boys To Attend State Banquet

Farmers and boys from the Creswell and Roper High School in Washington County are expected to be among the 280 from vocational agricultural departments in rural high schools that will attend the banquet at State College in Raleigh, April 21, at 1:30 p. m.

This banquet is made possible for the students having good records in this work by the Department of Vocational Agriculture in the N. C. Department of Public Instruction in cooperation with the Chilean Nitrate Educational Bureau.

SEEK REVIEW OF FREIGHT RATE ON IRISH POTATOES

Carolina Shippers Association of Greenville, Takes Initiative

Freight rates on Irish potatoes shipped from points in Washington and Tyrrell Counties and other points in the eastern section of North Carolina is the theme of a second petition that has been filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission by the Carolina Shippers' association of Greenville.

The organization of shippers is seeking reargument and reconsideration by the entire commission of ICC Docket 25,441. This docket involves all rates on Irish potatoes to all points in the central west and to points in the east, and has been before the commission since September 1932.

Complaints were registered in the original document filed before the commission and to be reiterated before the same body that some of the rates that have been assessed and collected from the complaints were indefensible and unjustifiable under any condition or adjustment.

It was pointed out that one of these complainants shipped a carload of potatoes from Helms, North Carolina, to Beckley, West Virginia, a distance of 445 miles on which a rate of 66 cents per hundred pounds was charged and total freight rates of \$244.20 collected.

It was also shown that complainant's competitor in the Norfolk section of Virginia, located 402 miles from Beckley enjoys a rate of 33 cents per hundred pounds and would pay a total freight charge of \$122.10.

This means that the North Carolina shipper pays a rate exactly 100 percent higher than his competitor while they are located only 43 miles nearer the destination.

In another instance, a shipment was made from Beaufort, North Carolina, to Bay City, Michigan, a distance of 899 miles, on which a rate of 76 1-2 cents per hundred pounds was assessed and a total of \$283.05 freight charges collected while the Norfolk shippers, located 886 miles from Bay City, enjoy a rate of 49 cents per hundred pounds and would pay freight charges of \$181.30.

FARMERS APPLY FOR \$200,000 FROM CREDIT CONCERN

Farmers in This County Have Borrowed Only \$5,000 of the Amount

Creswell.—Applications have been made for close to \$200,000 through the Washington Production Credit Association, with headquarters in Washington, N. C., it was learned today from J. W. Starr, vice president and director for Washington County.

Although the same opportunities have been extended to this as to either of the other four counties included in the five-county group, only about \$5,000 has been lent in Washington County. A total of \$150,000 has been distributed already.

Mr. Starr says the lack of loans being made to farmers in this county is due to the fact that fees for applying for money have been high and also many have become attached to the old seed-feed loan plan which now lends as high as \$150 without an application being made first to the production credit group.

A few applications have been returned on account of the failure to correctly fill them out. Farm Agent W. V. Hays and L. E. Hassell, of Roper, as a director of Tyrrell County, have done right much work on it with Mr. Starr.

G. K. Harris Expects To Return to Work Monday

G. K. Harris, letter carrier on route two out of Plymouth, will be back on the job by Monday, according to Mr. Harris, who recently returned from Duke Hospital, in Durham, where he has been for a kidney treatment. He is much better and is responding well to the treatment he is now taking.

Mr. Harris has been off of the job for about three weeks, and his daughter, Mrs. C. T. Robbins, has been taking his place.

Sunday School Day To Be Observed in Roper Church

Roper.—Celebrating the sesquicentennial of American Methodism, Sunday school day will be observed at Roper M. E. Church Sunday, April 22, at 11 a. m. The public is cordially invited to attend. A good program is planned by H. L. Lewis, superintendent.

FARM NOTES

By W. V. HAYS, County Agent

One batch of checks for tobacco acreage rental payments were delivered this past week. Cards will be sent as a notice when these checks arrive. Equalization payments should be ready for delivery in a short while.

The Wenona Percheron stallion is at Roper for two weeks. Farmers interested in good horses should stop by Mr. Clayton's stable and see this fine animal.

Mr. Morrow suggests that early to tomato growers get finely pulverized and well-rotted compost ready to mulch tomato plants as soon as they will stand it. He also suggests thinning to speed up growth and earliness.

Peanuts have been made a basic commodity, but no plans have been officially announced for any acreage reduction. Some seem to think they will be handled by a marketing agreement this fall.

COUNTY HOME PROJECT WORK TO BE RESUMED

Authority Is Given for Resumption of Work Next Week

Below are excerpts from a letter of Mrs. Annie L. O'Berry, of Raleigh, State Administrator of CWA, to W. R. Hampton, chairman of the board of Washington County Commissioners:

"I have just authorized Mr. Gibbs, administrator, to continue the project for the county home of Washington County. I went into this quite thoroughly with Mr. Johnson, regional director of the CWA. As this is a useful project, he has advised that we might complete same.

"I assure you that it is my desire to cooperate with county officials in construction of projects useful to the county."

This letter was shown to the representative of the Beacon to support the belief of Julian A. Gibbs that this project would be completed. Mr. Hampton thinks also that the project will be worked on again as soon as the set-up is changed from CWA to the Federal Emergency Relief Administration.

It appears likely now that work will begin next week. If so, this will put a large number of idle men back to work again in Washington County. And the unemployed are only awaiting the signal for the work to begin. However, Mr. Hampton wishes it understood that he is not sure the work will begin next week.

As chairman of the board of Washington County Commissioners and as a member of the employment commission, Mr. Hampton has been instrumental in securing by the aid of the CWA officials and other authority a grant of about \$100,000 in public improvements to this county.

For almost three months he did nothing but attend to matters at the courthouse without any compensation except for the per diem that he drew for one day a month as a member of the county commissioners when attending a meeting. He has worked hard on these matters.

It was largely through the efforts of Mr. Hampton that the project for the county home were approved. Only one other county in North Carolina was able to get such improvements on the county home as was approved by the state for Washington County. Also it was doubly hard for Mr. Hampton, as this county was late in starting its efforts.

County Farmers Invited To Take Part In Fair

Residents of Washington and Tyrrell Counties are eligible and invited to enter their products in the Roanoke Fair that will be held in Williamston this fall, it was announced today by N. G. Bartlett, secretary and manager of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce at Kinston, which organization has leased the fair.

"It has been several years since the people of this section have had the opportunity of showing their best products at a fair so near and we have leased the grounds to revive interest in agricultural and livestock fairs in this section," Mr. Bartlett said.

A total of \$1,500 will be offered in premiums. The premium list will be ready for distribution about May 20 and copies may be had by writing to N. G. Bartlett, at Kinston, N. C. All departments of the usual fair will be included in the list. Program developments will be announced from time to time, it was said.

210 PIT PRIVIES BUILT IN COUNTY BY CWA WORKERS

Provision Had Been Made For Constructing 800; Work Halted

Termination of CWA activities in Washington County on March 29 brought to a close one of the most worthwhile public health programs ever undertaken on a county-wide basis and that is the pit privy construction work that has been under way for the past several months.

In Washington County the project providing for the construction of 800 privies was approved, but of that number only 210 have been completed. This is only a fraction of the 35,000 pit privies that have been constructed in the length and breadth of North Carolina.

Charlie Jackson and about 20 men have been engaged in this work in this county. The work here was late in getting started, and this was the cause of so little being done and also they were allotted a larger group of men than they ever managed to get to work.

Diseases that develop as the direct result of an insanitary environment are typhoid fever, colitis, dysentery and hookworm. The germs of the first three and eggs and organisms of the fourth are expelled from afflicted persons.

Typhoid fever, dysentery, "summer complaint" and other intestinal diseases could be largely eliminated by safely and adequately disposing of human excrement which is the source of these diseases. It would be well for Washington County to see to it that privy construction is continued.

The construction of sanitary pit privies as a function of the CWA has been under the direct supervision of the North Carolina Board of Health. To this state agency belongs the credit for organizing and training the crews of workers in the many counties.

CARL L. BAILEY SPEAKS TO FARM CLUB MEMBERS

Declares Emergencies Call for Revolutionary System in Governments

Present changing conditions are those of a chameleon age in which emergencies and exigencies demand new and revolutionary systems in governments as well as in other enterprises, Senator Carl L. Bailey told members of the Washington County Farmers' Club in their banquet held here last Thursday night.

The speaker pointed out that a chameleon was a reptile shaped like a lizard with rapidly changing colors to fit the object upon which it may walk, and that likewise governmental systems must change to apply to conditions as they are today.

Then he compared the American farmer as a child who needed to be guided and guarded to protect him from himself, pointing out that the urge from the natural exuberance of a child unless this energy was controlled and directed would send him to hazardous undertakings and maybe to death.

He urged upon his listeners the fact that the child should be guided and directed but not to destroy the child. Similarly, the government was undertaking to direct and control the farmer for his own good and not to endeavor to destroy him.

He proclaimed that the present efforts of the government to help the farmer were not meant to deprive him of his rugged individualism, but to guide this individualism into proper channels so as not to condone any form of communism, fascism nor any socialistic doctrine.

Enforced regulation of commodities to balance supply and demand with the government offering green backs to the farmer who would not over-produce was the reflection of the processing tax which was paid by manufacturers to the government and in turn paid to the farmer on hog, corn, peanuts and cotton contracts.

Instances were shown that the cooperation of the farmer by voluntary methods were failures, the speaker pointed out.

J. W. Starr, of Creswell, presided over the meeting. Rev. Richard Lucas, pronounced the invocation. Club women and girls with the aid of Miss Eugenia Patterson, prepared and served the food.

Creswell Senior Class Entertained Last Week

Creswell.—Mrs. Clyde Smithson and Mrs. Chester Hopkins entertained the senior class and high school teachers at a theatre party Thursday night. On Friday night, they gave the seniors a dinner party at the home of Mrs. Clyde Smithson. Many interesting games and contests were played under the direction of Miss Patterson. Afterwards a delightful chicken salad course and ice cream and cake were served. The parties honored the twin mascots, Clyde Smithson, jr., and Jimmy Hopkins.

I. E. ANGE CASE AGAINST TOWN COMPROMISED

\$2,132.50 Claim Is Settled By Agreement for \$500 Here Last Week

Settlement of the suit of Irving E. Ange against the Town of Plymouth was effected out of court here last Saturday morning when in a called session of the City Council in the store of Mayor Gilbert Davis, the plaintiff compromised his claims for \$500.

The agreement was reached after a careful study of the case in which City Attorney Zeb Vance Norman admitted that there was some efficacy in the suit of Mr. Ange and with the defendant's attorney, W. L. Whitley, agreed upon a settlement of \$500.

The town officials ratified the decision of Mr. Norman and felt that they had effected a good deal in the transaction as they were being sued by Mr. Ange for \$2,132.50 in back salary that Mr. Ange claimed the town owed him as the result of his "wrongful discharge" after he had served only a short time.

The claim as presented formally to the town asked for a total of \$2,132.50, which is the difference not paid Mr. Ange for two years from May 15, 1931 to May 15, 1933. He drew his salary from May 15, 1931 to October 1, 1931, and he sought the difference in the period of the contract.

It was understood that during the period Mr. Ange worked at odd jobs and that he earned about \$1,100 and that he deducted this amount from the total for which he was suing and that the amount desired in the original and first offer of compromise was \$750.

However, Mr. Norman and Mr. Whitley continued their negotiations until they decided that they would agree to \$500 and the town officials, upon the recommendation of Mr. Norman, decided that they could save money by settling the matter on Saturday and not allowing the case to come up for trial in superior court here this week.

Immediately after his dismissal, Mr. Ange secured the signatures of the councilmen and mayor at that time to a document that he circulated among them to show that he was not dismissed on account of incompetency. And when this information came to Mr. Norman he thought then that the officials would be fighting a lost cause to carry the case to court.

Councilmen now on the board who recall the event of Mr. Ange's dismissal are of the opinion that Mr. Ange was assigned to work on the siren tower at the municipal plant and that he failed to do his duty, and that Councilman E. R. Jackson recommended Mr. Ange's dismissal, and say that the "competency paper" they signed was merely to help him get a job.

On the other hand, Mr. Ange claimed that he had an offer from a local ice concern to work as its engineer and that the town employed him just long enough to keep him from accepting this job, and then, without just cause, fired him, leaving him in financial distress.

Improvements Being Made To Campbell Store

The interior of J. R. Campbell's store is being repainted. The shelves are being painted white, trimmed in black to correspond with the electric refrigerator and the lighting equipment. Also other improvements are being made.

The color of the front is dark red and was painted some time ago. Also to add to the luster of the new paint is new arrangements in the shelving and other new and modern improvements.

Freshmen Entertain Sophs At Creswell

Creswell.—The freshman class, assisted by Mrs. Edgar Woodley, Alice Starr, and A. L. Holmes entertained the sophomore class at the school building Thursday night. The games and contests were under the direction of Miss Patterson. Ice cream, cake, candy, and peanuts were served.

S. W. WOODLEY, 84, DIED SUNDAY AT CRESWELL HOME

Was One of County's Oldest and Best-Loved Citizens

S. W. Woodley, one of Washington County's oldest and most prominent citizens, died at his home in Creswell last Sunday following an attack of influenza. He suffered the influenza attack last January, and never recovered, the end coming gradually.

Eighty-four years old, Mr. Woodley was born in Creswell, where he commanded the friendship and esteem of all who knew him. In both the civic and religious life of his community, Mr. Woodley was unusually active for many years. He held large farming interests in this county and was a recognized and able community leader in both civic and religious undertakings. He was a member of the Christian church for more than one-half a century, and labored as a minister for that denomination for a number of years. Mr. Woodley was regarded as an ideal neighbor and a good man.

He is survived by nine children, Mrs. S. D. Burgess, Messrs. J. M. Woodley and S. J. Woodley, of Creswell; Mrs. Gerhardt Baroser, of Toledo, Ohio; Mrs. J. B. Chalin, of Rocky Mount; Mrs. H. L. Sitterton, of Jacksonville, Fla.; Mr. S. R. Woodley, of Merrell, Oregon; Mrs. H. M. Ainsley, of Oak City; and Mrs. W. D. Burnett, of Philadelphia. He also leaves 26 grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted from the Creswell Christian church last Monday afternoon by Rev. Roy Respass, Christian minister of that town, assisted by the Rev. John R. Smith, of New Bern, Rev. C. C. Ware of Wilson, and Rev. D. W. Davis.

Pall-bearers were: Active, Arthur Woodley, John Woodley, W. B. Woodley, C. D. Spruill, Dewey Spruill Henry Woodley, Honorary, H. C. Phelps, R. W. Phelps, G. A. Overton, Joe Woodley, Dennis Phelps, S. R. Davenport, Matthew Sawyer, J. W. Spruill, S. B. Phelps.

FINALS PROGRAM AT SCHOOL HERE

Dr. J. H. Waters, of Wilson, Will Preach Annual Sermon Sunday

Dr. J. H. Waters, professor in Atlantic Christian College at Wilson, will deliver the commencement sermon to the seniors of the Plymouth High School Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The choral club here will render the music with Mrs. E. H. Hicks directing. A quartet will also sing. Lloyd Gilbert will accompany the vocalist.

Also Mrs. Hicks will present her annual piano and voice recital Wednesday evening of next week in a playlet entitled "Music From Many Lands." Miss Ethel Perry and the first grade pupils will assist in the program.

Thursday night the senior class will have their class day exercises in the form of a play.

Friday night, the graduation exercises of the school will be held. Prof. Herbert Rebarber, of the East Carolina Teachers College faculty in Greenville, will make the literary address.

Jule B. Warren Will Speak in Roper on 24th

Roper.—Jule B. Warren, secretary of the North Carolina Teachers Association, will be the principal speaker at the educational day meeting that is to be held in the Roper High School auditorium Tuesday evening, April 24, at 8 o'clock.

This meeting is being held under the auspices of the Washington County Council on Education, a group of citizens that have been appointed to further the cause of education in this county. Every one is urged to attend. James W. Norman will probably introduce the speaker.

Girls' Singing Class Wins First Place At Greenville

Mrs. E. H. Hicks and her singing class of the Plymouth High School are in Greensboro today, where they have entered the finals of the State High School Annual Music Contest that is being held at the North Carolina College for Women.

Mrs. Hicks and her 35 singing girls won the northeastern district honors against a dozen competitors in Greenville last week-end. A number here have donated money to aid in defraying the expense of the trip for the singers. They will be gone two days, returning Friday night.

Miss Thelma Getsinger is the piano accompanist for the group.