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## SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS GROWING HERE

### Picks Up After Several Superintendents Threaten To Resign

Attendance continues to increase in three Sunday schools in Plymouth as the result of a "strike" of two leaders and a threat from the third that he would resign unless better cooperation was rendered by the church members. Never before in the history of the town has there been such a concerted move among the Sabbath school leaders as there has been in the last month. And the fact that neither leader knew of the actions of the other until some time this week, after supporters of the school had begun turning out in increasing numbers.

W. F. Winslow, superintendent of the Grace Episcopal church school, was struggling along with an enrollment of about 45 and an average attendance of about 25 or 30. After five years of this discouraging condition, Mr. Winslow dropped out.

He never resigned. He just quit going. When asked about it he stated that he was discouraged over the lack of attendance and cooperation from others. The school was reorganized and he was asked to return in his same capacity of leadership. The first Sunday there were 40-odd present. The second time there were more than 70 present, almost half of the number being adults.

John W. Darden, who has served as superintendent of the Bible school in the Christian church wrote out his resignation and handed it to W. C. Chesson, chairman of the board. The news got out. Things began to happen. Last Sunday, instead of 60 present, there were 150 in attendance, with 50 of these being men.

James W. Norman, superintendent of the Sunday school at the Methodist Episcopal church, threatened to resign. His attendance, one of the largest in town, was around the 60 mark, but 90 or more attend now, and it appears that the school will continue to grow.

J. Richard Carr, superintendent of the Baptist church, has his situation well in hand, and the attendance is fair at his church, considering the membership. But the interest in the other churches will awaken the interest of the Baptists in their own denominational Sunday school and should result in increased attendance.

Sunday school attendance is being stressed through local newspapers. Special workers from each of the churches continue to round up members for their classes and the schools. No prizes are offered. There is no rivalry. Only the actions of the superintendents and their pleas for cooperation have resulted in more interest being shown.

The stories of the new Sunday school goers are amusing and pathetic. One recalls that he has not been to Sunday school in eight years but liked it last Sunday. Another says it makes him feel guilty for not attending. Still another says it is against his health to lay around pretending to rest on Sunday while he is stupid and tired on Monday.

But, then, trace it all back to the actions of the discouraged superintendents, who now want to go out Sunday afternoons and rejoice together. Church attendance is also increasing.

## Home Agent Announces Schedule for Next Week

Following is the schedule of home demonstration club meetings for next week, as announced today by Miss Eugenia Patterson, county home demonstration agent:

Monday, November 26, Piney Grove. Tuesday, Cross Roads. Wednesday, Cool Springs. Thursday, Thanksgiving. Friday, Lake Farm. Saturday morning, curb market.

## Round Dozen Club Meet

Pleasant in its every detail was the entertainment of the Round Dozen Contract Bridge Club on Friday evening, November 16, when it met at the home of Mrs. Zeno Lyon on West Main Street. A choice profusion of fall flowers formed a setting for the tables arranged for the game and after an evening of spirited play Miss Martha Hornthal was found to hold high score for the club and she was presented a novel lemon squeezer with pitcher. Mrs. R. W. Johnston held high score for the guest and was given cosmetics, while Mrs. H. A. Williford received an attractive low score prize.

Following the game the hostess was assisted in serving a delicious sweet course to the club and to the following special guests, Mrs. Dora Beam, of Greensboro, house guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Beam, Mesdames H. A. Williford, R. W. Johnston and C. W. Cahoon.

## FARM NOTES

By W. V. HAYS, County Agent

Tobacco growers please note: Sales cards must be returned to the county office so that this can be reported to Washington, otherwise no parity payment will be made on the 1934 crop. We hope to get off this report at an early date, and cards received late will mean a delayed payment to those growers.

The peanut situation is due to the growers rushing peanuts on the market and nothing else. Peanuts have been carried to market so rapidly that it has been impossible to properly grade and weigh these peanuts. The government practically assures \$56 a ton for peanuts which go to the crusher. Our farmers are selling peanuts below this figure for fancy shelling stock. We should not blame buyers for paying their own prices for peanuts under present conditions. Our bank will lend \$40 a ton on bonded warehouse receipts, in some cases possibly more. I would recommend this where it is necessary that a grower must raise some money. In 90 days the market could be considerably improved.

A peanut acreage reduction contract will be offered growers in Washington County about the first of December. Acreage will be based on the number of acres planted in 1934 or 1933, or a combination or average of acres planted in 1933 and 1934. The growers will be expected to reduce his acreage 10 per cent in 1935, for which he will be paid \$8 per ton on all peanuts marketed or raised for market in 1934. Be sure to save your sales slips.

Cotton growers please note: On Tuesday at 10 o'clock in the morning (November 27), there will be a meeting for all cotton growers at the high school auditorium in Roper. Mr. J. F. Criswell, who is familiar with the cotton situation in North Carolina and assisted with the administration of the Bankhead Act in this state, will be the principal speaker. The advantages as well as otherwise will be explained by Mr. Criswell, also plans for the continuation of this program through 1935 will be intelligently discussed. Questions may be asked on various phases of the cotton program.

Every cotton grower in Washington County is urged to attend this meeting and participate in an intelligent discussion so as to be able to vote intelligently whether or not the cotton program shall be continued after this year.

A number of cotton producers have not called for their cotton exemption certificates. If these should not be delivered before the first of December it may be impossible to turn these back into the pool or to sell them at 4 cents per pound. It will then be necessary that these certificates be held by the producer until the fall of 1935; then they may be no good.

## Lees Mill Sunday School Convention December 2

Roper.—The Lees Mills Township Sunday school convention will meet on December 2 at Hebron Methodist church, Roper.

Rev. J. C. Hollowell will lead the devotional, and Rev. C. L. Bennett will talk on "Responsibilities of a Christian Leader."

Every Sunday school in the township is expected to give a five-minute program.

## Girls Organize Basketball Team At Creswell School

Creswell.—The basketball club met Tuesday for the purpose of organizing the team for the current year. Officers were elected as follows: Captain, Blanche Spear; manager, Ruth Burgess. The first and second teams were organized.

With the help of Mr. Adcox, the coach, and Mrs. A. S. Holmes, as helper, the girls plan to have an outstanding team this year. The parent-teacher association appropriated \$5 on buying new uniforms, and the girls are putting on a cake contest to raise other funds for this purpose.

## Local Youth On Honor Roll At Wake Forest

Louis Ward Alexander, of Plymouth is included in the 103 students on the mid-semester honor roll at Wake Forest College. This distinction denotes work averaging between 90 and 100 per cent perfect.

Alexander, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Alexander, is a freshman taking work leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science.

## COTTON MEET WILL BE HELD NEXT TUESDAY

### J. F. Criswell To Speak on Coming Referendum on Bankhead Act

An open meeting for a discussion of the cotton adjustment program and an explanation of the plans for 1935 will be held in the Washington County courthouse Tuesday, November 27, at 10 a. m.

The discussion will follow an address by J. F. Criswell, of State College, on the cotton situation in the South and what will be the probable result if the Bankhead act is continued or if it is discarded.

The coming referendum on the Bankhead act will be explained, so the growers will know exactly what they are voting for when they cast their ballots.

Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College, has said, "I am hoping that all cotton growers will attend these meetings, which are to be held in each cotton county of the state, and take part in the discussions. We would like to know their viewpoints, and we will send them to the cotton section of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration."

"Helpful suggestions made at these meetings will be considered in the development and administration of the adjustment program in 1935, for we want to make the program as beneficial as possible to the cotton growers."

## J. T. GRIFFIN DIES NEAR MACKEYS

### Funeral Held Tuesday for Well Known County Citizen

Funeral services were held Tuesday for Joshua T. Griffin, 63, who died at his home near Mackeys Monday. Complicated diseases were the cause of his death. He had been in the Park View hospital in Rocky Mount undergoing treatment but had returned home. He had been in declining health for some time.

Interment took place in the St. Delight Christian Church cemetery with Mr. Will Swain officiating. Mr. Griffin was well known in Martin and Washington counties as he was born in the former county and had lived in this section for a number of years.

Surviving are his widow and the following children: Joshua, Warren, Jas. Jesse and Miss Lou Mae Griffin, all of Mackeys, and Mrs. Lyman Mayo, manager of Reene's Beauty shop here.

## TENANT SYSTEM MUST BE BROKEN

### Success of South Depends Upon Operation Small Farms By Owners

The backbone of the tenant system must be broken before the South can ever attain a real agricultural rehabilitation, Dr. C. Horace Hamilton, associate rural sociologist of the North Carolina Experiment Station at State College, writes in a recent issue of "Rural America." The tenant farm system, described as the scourge of the South, can be broken, Dr. Hamilton suggests, by setting up a Federal Land Authority with a major objective of establishing a belt of small farm owners across the tenant lands of the South. He suggests that lands obtained at reasonable prices from banks, insurance companies, governmental agencies and large farmers should be utilized.

Surveys should be made, he asserts, to determine what tenants and laborers are capable of becoming farm owners, with the ultimate view of providing land for every family desiring to farm and which is able to manage a farm of its own. The Farm Credit Administration and other government agencies could work in cooperation with the Federal Land Authority to finance the program and carry out the work, he said. A balanced and permanent system of farming for these small farm owners and educational opportunities for the young should be in the program. The farmers could buy the land from the Land Authority on easy terms and arrangements worked out for insuring the security of the small farmers until they become well established, Dr. Hamilton writes.

## Ladies' Aid Society To Hold Bazaar on Dec. 7

Creswell.—The Ladies Aid Society of the Creswell Baptist Church will hold their annual bazaar on December 7 at the William Wiley store here. Supper will be served from 6 to 10 o'clock. Fancy needlework and candy will be sold also. The public is urged to come and enjoy the evening.

## Tuberculosis Cause Death Ten Persons In County

Ten persons in Washington County died during the year of 1933 from tuberculosis of the respiratory system, it was learned today from the North Carolina State Board of Health. Total deaths from the state were given at 1,933 from this cause.

Four of the victims of the dreaded malady in this county were white and the other six were colored. This number was reported through the usual death channels and there is no certain way to determine the number now suffering from some form of tuberculosis.

## CRASH VICTIM IS BURIED FRIDAY

### Walter Roberson, 60 Years Old, Fatally Hurt Near Pleasant Grove

Funeral services were held Friday for Walter Roberson, 60 years of age, who died as the result of injuries sustained when an automobile crashed into a horse-drawn cart in which he was riding on last Wednesday night in the Pleasant Grove section.

Corbit Norman, a negro operating a light car, struck the cart of Mr. Roberson when the mule drawing the cart started from the shoulders of the road into the path of the automobile. Mr. Roberson was thrown from the cart.

Mr. Roberson was a well known farmer of the Holly Neck section of this county. He had suffered for years as a paralytic.

## TEACHERS HOLD FIRST MEETING

### Number Teachers and Principals Take Part in Well-Planned Program

Round table discussions, led by L. W. Anderson, principal of the Plymouth High School, featured the first meeting of the study groups in the Washington County Teacher Association which met at Roper High School Thursday night.

C. H. Aderholdt, principal of the Creswell school, explained an "Outline of Work for Making a Course of Study on Citizenship," while Mrs. L. S. Thompson, of the Plymouth faculty, answered the question, "Why Citizenship in Education?"

"Agencies for Developing Citizenship" was the subject of Miss Gladys Rountree, of Creswell, while Miss Josephine Covington, of Roper, discussed "Desirable Character Traits Affecting Citizenship in Children."

Then followed a series of five-minute talks by Miss Mary Royster, of Roper; Mrs. Katherine Harrison, of Plymouth; Miss Josephine Holmes, of Creswell, on "Suggestions of Practical Projects for the Study of Citizenship With Necessary Explanations."

James W. Norman, superintendent of Public Instruction of Washington County, participated but had no definite subject.

## County Native Honored By College of Surgeons

Dr. Clarence W. Bailey, of Rocky Mount, is one of the eleven surgeons from all of North Carolina to be elected a fellow in the American College of Surgeons for 1934 in the convocation held recently in Symphony Hall at Boston.

Dr. Bailey is possibly the first Washington County native to ever achieve this marked distinction. He is a brother of Senator Carl L. Bailey. Both are well known in this county.

While speaking of the Bailey boys it can be said that Carl, who has been living in Roper and has been commuting to Plymouth to work daily, will soon move into the apartment here with Abe Adler on Main Street. They will take the apartment formerly occupied by F. M. Hodges and family. The Hodges family have moved to Statesville.

## Men's Bible Class Gives Oyster Roast at Creswell

Creswell.—The Men's Bible class of the Episcopal Sunday school in Creswell gave an oyster roast last Friday evening on the lawn of the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smithson with special guests. Among those attending from out of town were Rev. C. E. Williams, of New Bern, a former rector.

## Jar Company Delivers Prizes to Club Winners

The Ball Jar Company has delivered prizes for the best canning exhibits offered at the county federation at Roper on October 25th. Mrs. L. S. Brey received first prize on huckleberries and butter beans, while Mrs. W. B. Chesson received second place with elderberries and carrots.

## COTTON STAPLE IMPROVED THIS YEAR IN STATE

### More Than 50 Percent Of Crop Had Staple One Inch or Longer

North Carolina has come to the forefront in the production of cotton with a staple length of one to one and one-sixteenth inches, says Glenn R. Smith, of the agricultural economics department of the North Carolina experiment station.

Growers in North Carolina have greatly improved their staple length and are ahead of all other states east of the Mississippi river, he said. This year 57 percent of the cotton had a staple length of one inch or more; last year only 27 percent of the crop had such staple quality.

Only 21 percent of the cotton was shorter than 15-16 of an inch, he added, while last year 44 percent of the lint fell short of this staple length.

The grade of the cotton this year is about the same as that of last year, Smith said. Farmers have ginned their cotton slowly and even though the early part of the season was wetter than usual, the cotton was allowed to dry out before ginning.

The restricted acreage has also given farmers more time to take better care of their crop and has encouraged them to plant the better varieties so as to realize the most possible off the land they did have in cotton cultivation.

Local mills prefer the longer staple lint, he added, and North Carolina growers will find in them a better market this year than in the past when the staple length of their crop was relatively short.

Previously the amount of long staple lint was small he explained, and the mills preferred to obtain their cotton from other areas where they could buy it in large quantities of even-running lots. This year they can buy large lots of such cotton in this State.

## WILKES COUNTY CORN AWARDED SWEEPSTAKES

### Prizes Earned After Forty Years Growing and Improving Variety

More than 40 years ago, D. V. Nichols, of Wilkes County, started growing and improving a variety of corn known as Wilkes County White. This year his grandson, Quinten Nichols, growing the same variety, won the sweepstakes prize at the State fair in competition with 150 other entries, for the second successive time.

Through the years the Nichols family has specialized in the development of a superior type of corn.

Don Nichols, son of D. V. Nichols, joined a 4-H corn club at the age of 14 years and began selecting his seed according to the instructions of state and farmers' bulletins.

He exhibited his corn at the county show that year. E. S. Millaps, then district agent for the State College extension service, selected the best ear from Nichols' exhibit and told the boy to select that type of seed in the future.

When he started, his corn yielded an average of 47 bushels to the acre. During his last year as a club member, his yield had risen to 77 bushels to the acre.

Ted and Dwight Nichols, brothers of Don, joined the club when they reached the required age and started growing corn. When their sons reached the age of 10, they too joined the club and started growing corn. They have shown their corn at county, state and national fairs, winning prizes each year. Quinten is the eldest son of Don Nichols.

## Miss McDougald Speaks To Woman's Club Here

A speech by Miss Juanita McDougald, of Raleigh, a representative of the division of instructional service of the North Carolina Department of Education, on "Changing the Curriculum in the Schools" was a highlight of the meeting of the Woman's club here last Thursday.

The third grade of Hampton Academy under the direction of their teachers, Mrs. Katherine Harrison, gave a beautiful playlet with Thanksgiving as the theme. Four piano pupils of Mrs. Laura S. Johnston including Evelyn Arps, Becky Ward, Meredith Johnson and Mary Lillian Campbell rendered a musical program.

The hostesses for the occasion were Mesdames B. G. Campbell, M. G. Darden, Minnie Cahoon and W. R. White who served individual pies and coffee. Thanksgiving color scheme and favors were used.

## EARLY EDITION

The Beacon will be printed on Tuesday of next week. This will be the annual Thanksgiving issue of the Beacon. Advertisers and correspondents and any one wishing to have anything appear in next week's paper are urged to have it in the office before Monday night, and earlier if possible.

## FUNERAL FRIDAY FOR JAS. SPRUILL

### Well-Known Cherry Man Died Wednesday of Last Week

Cherry.—The Phillip Christian Church of Cherry sustained a great loss in the death of James W. Spruill who died last Wednesday. Funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon at the church with Rev. Roy O. Respass officiating, assisted by Rev. Nixon Taylor, of Plymouth.

Special music was rendered by Mesdames Roy Respass, Mary Davenport, S. J. Woodley, C. N. Davenport, Jr., and Messrs. S. R. Davenport and I. N. Spruill. Grandchildren carried the floral offering. Active pallbearers were, C. N. Davenport, S. J. Woodley, S. R. Davenport, G. A. Overton, Mather Sawyer, S. B. Phelps. Other members of the church board were honorary pall bearers.

Mr. Spruill was 59 years of age. He joined the church while young and was an active member until his death, serving only recently as chairman of the board. He was married in April, 1893, to Miss Martha Jane Spear. Surviving are Mrs. Spruill and the following children: W. C. Spruill, P. M. Spruill, Mrs. Harry P. Barnes and Miss Evelyn Spruill, of Creswell; Mrs. J. H. Bateman, jr., of Columbia, and J. R. Spruill, of Colerain.

## VALUE OF MEAL AS FERTILIZER

### Ton Cotton Seed Has Same Value as 1,053 Pounds Cottonseed Meal

A ton of cotton seed has approximately the same fertilizer ingredients as 1,053 pounds of cottonseed meal, says C. B. Williams, head of the agronomy department at State College.

But the meal is used as a source of nitrogen in applying a complete fertilizer to a crop, the yield is usually 10 percent higher, he says, than when the nitrogen is obtained from cotton seed.

On an average, the meal will contain 5.8 percent nitrogen, 2.8 percent phosphoric acid, and 1.8 percent potash, while the seed will contain 3 percent nitrogen, 1.4 percent phosphoric acid, and 1.2 percent potash.

When exchanging seed for meal at a cottonseed oil mill, the farmers should get enough meal to equal the fertilizer value of their seed, plus an extra amount to pay them for hauling the seed to mill and the meal back home, Williams points out. Otherwise they may make a better trade by selling their seed and buying meal.

In case the grower wishes to use seed for fertilizer purposes, Williams suggests that they make a compost of the seed with manure, rich dirt, or wood's mould in the fall rather than put the seed directly under the crop in the spring.

## Farmer Is Badly Cut In Affray Last Tuesday

W. H. (Dick) Perry, well known farmer and logger of Washington County, was severely cut in an affray with two negroes on the farm of J. A. Getsinger in Dardens last Tuesday.

Mr. Perry was badly cut on the left arm muscle above the elbow, and suffered a slash across the right side of his face and gash across the left wrist.

It could not be learned what caused the fight, and the act of arresting the negroes was to be taken by Martin County officers. The trio were working at a peanut picker when the trouble began. It was reported here that the two enraged negroes advanced on Mr. Perry with a knife and an axe.

Dr. T. L. Bray rendered medical aid to Mr. Perry.

## Marriage Licenses Issued by Mrs. Sawyer

Mrs. Mary O. Sawyer, register of deeds of Washington County, has issued marriage license to the following white couples since the last list in the Beacon:

J. N. Davis, Rocky Mount, to Bertha Sexton, Creswell; Woodrow Phelps to Velma Biggs, both of Mackeys; Lemuel E. Doxey, Norfolk, to Jean Martin, Plymouth; Leroy Smith Carter, Phoebus, Va., to Sarah Lane Rowe, Gloucester, Va.; N. A. Harrison, jr., Plymouth, to Ethel Hudson, Pantego.

## SHUGAR STABLES ARE DESTROYED BY FIRE TUESDAY

### Damage Estimated At Over \$1,000; Stock Moved To Safety

Damage estimated at more than \$1,000 was sustained by Shugar and Company, J. S. Shugar, manager, Tuesday night about 6 o'clock when the livery stables of the firm on the Roper Highway in the White City section, just over the town limits of Plymouth burned to the ground.

Origin of the fire is not definitely known, but it is thought that carelessness with lighted cigarettes might have been the cause. A negro hauling hay was away from the barn when it caught fire. Sammy Sutton, living close by, discovered the fire and sounded the alarm.

Firemen responded immediately to the alarm, but they could do little, as the structure had almost burned to the ground before they were summoned. The place caught fire and was reduced to group of smoldering ruins in less than an hour.

The old stables with feed for the livestock were devoured in record time by the flames that were shooting skyward and formed a threat to houses nearby in which several families were living.

Dixon drove the animals into the lot nearby and they were not injured. Everything else was lost. Mr. Shugar left town a little after noon Tuesday with a load of livestock for the lower end of the county and had not returned Wednesday afternoon. He stated when he left he would not return until Tuesday.

He could not be reached for a statement. Reports here were to the effect that he did not have any insurance.

## DEATH OF MR. G. T. BARDEN

### Dies Saturday at His Home Here After Attack of Heart Trouble

Funeral services were held Sunday for George Thomas Barden, 62 years of age, who died Saturday at his home here on Third Street from a severe attack of heart trouble. He had been in ill health for about five years.

The services were held at the home with the final rites being read at the grave in Gurkins' cemetery at Dardens. Large crowd attended, as Mr. Barden was well known here. He had been a saw filer for a number of large lumber plants in eastern Carolina. Rev. R. J. Grant officiated.

Surviving are a widow, one daughter, Mrs. W. K. Taylor, of Kinston; and a son, George Barden, of Plymouth, bookkeeper for the Satterthwaite Chevrolet Company. Active pall-bearers were J. B. Willoughby, Colon Gurkin, J. W. Norman, J. S. Norman, J. R. Campbell, and J. R. Manning.

## Attends Meeting Highway Commission in Washington

W. H. Gaylord, superintendent of the Washington County Prison Camp, attended the meeting of the employees of the North Carolina Highway and Public Works Commission of Division A in Washington last Thursday. The conference lasted for several hours.

Included among the speakers were Congressman Lindsay Warren, P. E. Mallison, supervisor of State Prison Camps; Oscar Pitt, assistant director for the camps of the western district; E. S. Peabody, district engineer; L. G. Whitley, assistant executive director of prison camps.

## Creswell Baby One of Winners in Contest

Creswell.—Miss Louise Ambrose, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Woodley Ambrose, has been informed that she was a winner of a national baby contest sponsored by Sears, Roebuck and Company. Over 100,000 photographs were entered. She received a specially engraved trophy. This was said to be the largest baby contest ever held.

## Represent Grace Church At Meeting in Windsor

A group of women including Mesdames H. A. Blount, C. W. Cahoon, Zeno Lyon, J. B. Edmundson, Minnie Cahoon and S. A. Ward attended the meeting of the Convocation of Eden- tennial that was held in St. Thomas' Episcopal Church in Windsor last Thursday. They were delegates from Grace church.

The closing number on the program was an address by Bishop Thos. C. Darst, of Wilmington, who also preached at Grace church here on Thursday evening to large congregation.