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## FIVE CASES ARE DISPOSED OF IN COUNTY COURT

### Last Session of Court for This County Held Last Tuesday

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Five cases that took all day to complete came up in recorder's court Tuesday morning. This was the last court to be held in 1934, unless something unusual comes up to necessitate a trial. Few cases have appeared before Recorder's Court Judge John Darden in the last few months, sometimes two weeks intervening between sessions, evidently a good sign of recovery, not only from the low depths of business depression, but also from criminal actions.

Frank Pettiford, 20, colored, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon (razor), although the victim, testified that she ran into the open razor. He was assigned to the roads for two months.

Law enforcers of the Cherry section, brought Kenneth Bateman to trial for violating the prohibition law and resisting an officer. The mayor of the city of Cherry, Harry Barnes, came into his store to find two men participating in drink, and told the officer to arrest the men. However, when requested to show his badge evidencing his authority to arrest, the officer was at a loss—he had left his badge at home. So, while the officer hunted for his badge, the men, thinking it all a joke, disappeared. Judge Darden fined Bateman \$5 and costs. One man on the witness stand in this case captured the brightest-saying prize, "I had known the man's face two or three years."

Raymond Cliton, 34, charged with drinking and disorderly assault and conduct, was found guilty and was assigned to the roads for 18 months, the sentence to begin at the expiration of a six-month term he is now serving. In a three-hour controversy, Cecil Simpson, Dock Brickhouse, and Will Tarcken were found not guilty of reckless driving and drinking, as a result of colliding with a car driven by Henry Bateman. When examining the jurors, Van Martin, attorney for the defense, refused to allow one spectator to sit in the jury box as "the gives me bad luck."

Ernest Johnson, 19, was sentenced to nine months on the county roads for stabbing another negro.

Wilbur Darden, acting for the third time as solicitor of recorder's court, disposed of the five cases with the ease of a veteran.

## Warn Against Promiscuous Cutting of Christmas Trees

The big rush for Christmas trees throughout the countryside at this season brought for a warning from the State Highway Commission this week, in which the authorities cite laws against the cutting of trees without the permission of the land owners.

The citation reads as follows:

"Any person, not being on his own lands, or without the consent of the owner thereof, who shall, within 100 yards of any state highway of North Carolina, or within a like distance of any other public road or highway, willfully commit any damage, injury, or spoliation to or upon any tree, wood, underwood, timber, garden crops, vegetable plants, lands, spings, or any other matter or thing growing or being thereon, or who cuts, breaks, injures, or removes any tree, plant, or flower with such limits, or shall deposit any trash, debris, garbage, or litter within such limits, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction fined not exceeding \$50 or imprisoned not exceeding 30 days."

## Tells of Educational Work in CCC Camps in Nation

"The education activities in the Civilian Conservation Corps will probably mean more to thousands of young men than any other feature of their present work," Mr. C. A. Edson, assistant director of the educational work in the CCC camps in the southeastern division of the United States, said while on a recent visit here.

Mr. Edson, who has his headquarters in Atlanta, said the policy of the government is to develop self-reliance in the young men, to aid in the creation of a willingness to launch out for themselves and know that if they do their full duty as citizens they will succeed.

The educational director is visiting many camps in this State, and was well pleased with the educational programs now underway.

## Chatham Farmers Report Surplus of Lespedeza Seed

In Chatham County, lespedeza growers report a surplus of seed for sale this winter.



## FEW HOURS LEFT

Only a few hours are left to do that needed shopping before Christmas. It will soon be too late. However, in the few remaining hours, thrifty shoppers can still find countless bargains in Plymouth stores. Stocks have been replenished and new items have been added for the last-minute rush. Grocers have the largest supplies of Christmas candies and fruits in years, and thousands of shoppers are expected here during the few remaining hours before Christmas.

## FARMERS VOTE 10 TO 1 IN FAVOR OF BANKHEAD ACT

### Only Two Counties in This State Refuse Support of Cotton Law

By a vote of nearly 10 to 1 cotton farmers of the South last Friday voiced themselves in favor of the Bankhead Law, at the same time assuring protection for the nearly two million contract signers. Every one of the 17 states growing cotton favored the measure, the latest report on the vote showing 1,060,226 for and 99,650 against the Bankhead measure.

Credit for the farmer's favorable vote was given to President Roosevelt by Senator Bankhead. At Warm Springs the President endorsed the act and said producers of two or less bales would be exempt from its provisions.

"In my judgment," Senator Bankhead said, "the cotton farmers have made an exceedingly wise decision in their own interests. They refused to be stampeded by propagandists whose interests are in the quantity of cotton handled and not in the price received by the farmers. On sober second thought, they recognized the difficulties which confronted the Department of Agriculture in hurriedly administering the program which had no precedent and which reached about two million farms of widely varying conditions. The vote assures a reasonable price for cotton next year and continued economic and social progress."

Only 2 of the 79 cotton producing counties in North Carolina voted against continuation of the Bankhead Cotton Control plan, complete unofficial returns from Friday balloting showed.

The returns showed a ratio of 12 to 1 for continuation.

In Stanley, close politically, the vote was 1,022 against to 597 for continuation. In Caswell, which raises very little cotton, the vote was 12 against and 6 for the plan.

With 126,990 producers out of an eligible total of 189,419 casting ballots the vote last night stood: 117,368 for the act, and 9,622 against it, Dean I. O. Schaub, of the N. C. State College's extension service and in charge of agricultural adjustment administration activities in the state, announced.

## Lincoln County Farmers Ship Poultry To Markets

Over 14,000 pounds of poultry have been sold by Lincoln County poultry growers in four recent sales.

## Winter Arrives by Calendar, But Month Late by Weather

Winter is here! So says the calendar, which makes it official, but many of us thought Ole Man Winter arrived, bag and baggage, the early part of this month, when the mercury dropped to 15 degrees and nearly everything and nearly everybody came mighty nigh freezing.

## Early Christmas Service At Methodist Church

Mount Hebron Methodist Church on Madison Street, with Rev. H. M. Reed as pastor, will hold an early Christmas service at 5 o'clock a. m. on Tuesday. The vested choir will sing several Christmas carols. A sermon will be delivered by Rev. Reed. Every one is urged to attend this service.

## Sunday School Convention Is Held at Mount Pleasant

Scuppernon.—The Scuppernon Sunday School convention met with the church at Mount Pleasant last Sunday. In the absence of the president, R. L. Leitchfield presided.

A very interesting playlet, "The Mission" was given by the Mount Pleasant Baptist church. The Creswell M. E. church gave a reading on "The Ideal Sunday School." The next meeting will be with the M. P. church in Creswell.

New officers follow: Aaron Davenport, president; Ellis Davenport, vice president; Rev. Roy Respass, chairman of the program committee, has associated with him Mesdames Roy Davenport and H. T. Jackson.

## Mrs. Selma Overton Breaks Arm While Cranking Auto

Pleasant Grove.—The many friends of Mrs. Selma Overton are sorry to hear that she broke her arm while cranking the car belonging to Mrs. W. T. Phelps Monday. Mrs. Overton was immediately taken to Roper to Dr. W. T. Gibson.

The value of a crop rotation with legumes has proven valuable in Alexander County where corn yields have increased from eight to 60 bushels an acre since the work started.

## 2,000 TEACHERS OF STATE TAKE UP OTHER WORK

### Superintendent Erwin Says Childhood of State Pays For Low Salaries

Raleigh.—The childhood of the state is paying the bill for law-paid teachers, so teachers' salaries must come first in the rehabilitation of the educational system of the state, because of the close relation to its efficiency. Clyde A. Erwin, new state superintendent of public instruction, told several hundred education-minded people who gathered from all over the state Monday night for the third meeting of the North Carolina Council for the Emergency in Education.

Mr. Erwin reported that figures indicate fully 2,000 teachers have left the profession for other fields more lucrative since July 1. "Unless the coming legislature provides for additional salaries for teachers, I fear that next year will show the greatest exodus of teachers in the history of the state and that loss will be hard to replace. I am arguing for the child, which is my chief concern," said Mr. Erwin.

Lauding the work of the last General Assembly as probably the best that it could do for education under the circumstances, Mr. Erwin said he was strong for the new school which provides a minimum eight-months term, but insisted that should be the minimum, not the maximum. "We have got to have local autonomy," said Mr. Erwin, stating that there must be opportunity for local communities which are able and willing to supplement their minimum terms.

"In the future people will work less and live more," he said, showing that the curricula of the schools must be changed to meet this new order.

President Leon T. Meadows, of the East Carolina Teachers College, outlined four needs in the teacher-training groups of colleges; more appreciation of teachers and teaching; teachers to teach in step with the new order; sufficient equipment and material, and salaries to attract and hold good teachers.

President Frank P. Graham, of the State University, showed the continuous drop in appropriations and the increase in student load in recent years. The budget had been balanced on the teachers, and it is only fair and decent that they should be given consideration, Dr. Graham said.

## Number Marriage Licenses Issued by Register of Deeds

Marriage licenses have been issued to the following by Mrs. Mary O. Sawyer, register of deeds:

Wilson Phelps, Creswell, to Alethia Jane Ambrose, Creswell; Wallace Lynn Guilford, Washington, N. C., to Fannie Hooker, Plymouth; Cortez Swain, Mackeys, to Blanche Davenport, Mackeys; Howard E. Hardison, Jamesville, to Ada Twiddy, Plymouth; C. C. Little, Columbia, to Louise Prescott, Ayden.

## Legume Hay and Silage Good Ration for Dry Cow

No better practical winter ration for the dry cow can be had than legume hay and corn silage together with three to five pounds of a grain ration containing around 16 percent protein. For the last two weeks, before freshening the grain ration should be restricted to laxative grains such as wheat bran and oats. Full directions for feeding all dairy animals are contained in Extension Circular No. 193, copies of which will be mailed free upon applications to the Agricultural Editor, State College.

## Checking Hog Cholera in Beaufort County

W. L. McGahey, Beaufort County agent, is working to stamp out the small outbreaks of hog cholera and swine plague which hit that section lately.

## Christmas This Year Brings Hope and Cheer To County

Christmas will be observed in Plymouth this year as usual. But with a greater degree of cheer than probably in recent years.

Business houses here have cashed in on their Christmas stocks. Their entire merchandise has been replete with gift suggestions, and the people have purchased more heavily than at any season in recent years.

School stops here on Friday, December 21, and will start again on January 2. Churches are planning early morning services, as well as morning and evening services to properly observe the day. Already the young folks are arriving home from the colleges to spend the holidays.

In the meantime, the merchants are making one last appeal for Christmas business. They will be

## AID THE NEEDY

Since organized charity will be unable to cope with the situation, urgent appeals are going out to all the people of this community and county pleading with them to give individual attention to the needs of the unfortunate. It will be a simple task to gladden the hearts of those who are experiencing difficulties if everyone will take a part in the humane movement. Just remember what one empty stocking on Christmas morning will mean, and how easy it will be to prevent such a tragedy.

Look around in your neighborhood and where there is a family of needy tots or older persons, plan now to make your holiday season happier by helping them to enjoy this 1934 Christmas.

## GETTING READY TO BEGIN WORK ON FARM CENSUS

### Would Make Mail One Day Later for Many Patrons of Route Two

"Work in preparing the enumerators for the fifth district in the work of the agricultural census," states D. W. Lupton, supervisor of the district, "is making fair progress."

Supervisor Lupton established his office and headquarters in the First National Bank Building, second floor, Washington, N. C., on December 1. His office staff at present consists of Mr. Charles Urban Rogers, of Martin County, assistant supervisor, and Miss Olivia B. Lee, secretary.

The narrative schedule tests have been mailed and the enumerators will be selected from the various counties in this district. Mr. Lupton states that he hopes to have all counties complete with the required number of enumerators and all oral instructions given preparatory to starting each enumerator in the 14 counties, including Martin and Washington, by January 2. The number of enumerators throughout the 14 counties will be approximately 92, and in addition to the present office staff an increase of two clerks will be made on or about January 2.

In order to give to the public some idea of what the agricultural census will cover, Mr. Lupton explains its importance very briefly as follows, giving some background for the coming work in the census:

"Agriculture has always been considered one of the most important activities and industries in the world because it is a basic occupation with which all others of the industries are directly or indirectly connected. So far as the census is concerned, it is no new thing. Nearly five score years ago our grandfathers wisely provided for the taking of the first agricultural census, and now a farm census is taken every five years.

"Although the census of 1935 will cover practically all the major items of interest to the farmers, the schedule will ask only about one-third as

## PROTESTS BEING MADE AGAINST MERGING ROUTES

### Some of Enumerators For County Have Already Been Appointed

Protests are heard here on every hand of the action of the Post Office Department of Washington, D. C., in ordering the consolidation of route two here with route one of Roper and route one of Plymouth, thus eliminating the age-old route number two out of Plymouth.

Business men and patrons of the route are disappointed at this action of the postal authorities, as mail formerly reached these people the same day if dropped in the box before the carrier left early in the morning, but now it will be a day late.

Adding portions of this eliminated route, number two, to the original route one, will make the new route 60.97 miles in distance, whereas the original route two measured only 47.45 miles. This is figuring only from Plymouth, and it is not known how much longer it will make route one out of Roper.

Present route number two is served by J. T. McAllister. His additional work will greatly overload him. Edlow G. Harrison, who has been in the mail service here for 30 years of allowable service, will be involuntarily retired under existing law and his substitute, W. E. (Jack) Weede, will be left out of the new reorganization.

The new route one as arranged will be as follows: From Plymouth post office northerly to White Marsh church on the old Plymouth-Mackeys road, thence southerly to H. D. Davenport's corner, on No. 90 highway, thence westerly to Simmons Corner, thence westerly and southerly to White Oak Corner and retrace to Simmons Corner, thence northwesterly to A. L. Latham's corner, thence north to E. W. Ayers gate and retrace to Latham's Corner; thence southerly on Long Acre Road to A. C. L. railroad station, thence westerly to Pinetown on the Long Ridge Road, thence north on Long Ridge road to Stillman's Corner, thence westerly on No. 90 highway to the last house before descending the hill to Welch's Creek, formerly known as John W. Jackson home and retrace to Stillman's corner, thence northwesterly to the post office, Plymouth.

The patrons formerly served on the old route number two from Davenport's corner, on highway number 90, to Roper post office, round Mill Pond road to Spruill's corner to Highway number 90, again retracing to Davenport's corner, thence to Freeman's corner, thence to Plymouth-Mackeys road, thence to McAllister corner, thence to Veasley schoolhouse on the Plymouth-Mackeys road to Mackeys post office will be served by Roper route one.

Increased mails and bad roads will greatly impede the rapidity of the service on these routes. Mail would be a day later. Under the new system Mr. Harris would serve 393 boxes, 565 families, and approximately 2,294 patrons, which would be more than a big day's work for any one carrier.

Business men here who engage in direct mailing could not reach their customers on the Roper end of this route until the day after their mail was dropped in the post office. This would make subscribers to the Beacon a day late in getting their paper. Business men here and patrons of the route are circulating petitions and writing the postal officials to rescind this order.

The 900 bale cotton crop of Burke County in 1932 was worth \$27,000. The crop of 600 bales allowed to be

many questions as did the decennial census in 1930. It will merely show the acreage in farms, crop land cultivated, idle land, crop failures, plowable pasture, and other grazing land, the expansion of relatively new crops, such as soy beans, Japanese clover, and sudan grass will be recorded. It will also record the changes brought about by the campaigns for the reduction of the basic commodities, such as cotton, wheat, corn, rice, tobacco, and hogs.

The housewife will merely be required to give an inventory of her chickens, turkeys and other fowls."

Mr. Lupton feels that the success of this farm census depends upon the cooperation of the farmers, business men, and the general public with him and the enumerators in this district. He is taking this method of appealing to the farmers and said men for their sincere cooperation.

Mrs. W. H. Harrison and Lloyd Horton have already been appointed to handle the census work in sections of this county. Other appointments will be made shortly, it is understood.