

REDUCE BOND OF SUPERIOR COURT CLERK TO \$5,000

Bill Passes Assembly This Week; First Presented By Local Men

The bond of C. V. W. Ausbon as clerk of the Washington County Superior Court has been reduced to \$5,000 by the North Carolina General Assembly in session now in Raleigh.

The bill to reduce the bond, which was originally \$10,000, was introduced by Representative Harry Stell with Senator Carl L. Bailey concurring with him when it entered the senate for action. It passed both houses without opposition, as it was strictly a local measure.

This marks the first bill introduced by either of the local solons, but there are others to come up for consideration as the session moves along into the more important matters.

The legislators agreed that in view of the fact that Mr. Ausbon never had in his hand at the time more than a few hundred dollars that payment of the premium on such an excessive bond was burdensome and that reducing it would meet the need and decrease the expenditure.

Mr. Ausbon has been clerk of the court here for 26 years or more. Other officers in this time have come and gone, but the Democrats of the county have never seen the occasion to cease their support of him, and so he continues to serve in the judicial department.

Although the legislature has reduced the bond of Mr. Ausbon, the act reserved the right for Solicitor Don Gilliam to appeal to any judge to increase the bond and the jurist would have the right to raise the bond as he deemed proper.

"I have given the best \$10,000 bond I have ever given in my life this time," said Mr. Ausbon.

LEGION MEETING WELL ATTENDED

Local Post Unanimously in Favor of Immediate Bonus Payment

The special meeting of the American Legion called by State Commander Hubert Olive Tuesday night was well attended by James E. Jethro Post, No. 164, of Plymouth. There were 26 members and 4 visitors present.

After listening to a radio broadcast by Commander Olive, there was an informal meeting called to order by first vice commander O. R. Armstrong.

A short business session was held, at which time several matters of importance to the post were discussed, one of which was a minstrel show that the post is planning to give soon.

After the business session there was much discussion by various members of the post of the bonus question. The post voted unanimously in favor of immediate payment of the adjusted service certificates.

The adjutant was instructed to wire State Adjutant Caldwell, Senators Bailey and Reynolds, also Congressman Warren, of the decision of this post about the bonus.

There were 12 members of this post in attendance on the meeting for the second district which was held with the Beaufort County post at Washington Friday night.

Home Agent Announces Schedule for Next Week

Miss Eugenia Patterson, home demonstration agent, announces the following schedule of club meetings for next week:

Tuesday afternoon, Hoke.

Wednesday morning, Roper 4-H Clubs.

Wednesday afternoon, Roper women.

Thursday morning, Creswell and Cherry 4-H clubs.

Thursday afternoon, Chapel Hill.

Friday afternoon, Beech Grove.

Saturday morning, curb market.

Little Girl Is Victim of Measles and Pneumonia

Mary Edna Elizabeth Ellis, 8 years of age, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Ellis, of the Long Acre section, died during the week-end. The funeral was held Wednesday. She was a victim of measles and pneumonia. She is survived by five brothers and sisters and her parents. Rev. Gilbert Davis officiated at the funeral.

Dolomitic Limestone Makes Good Filler for Fertilizers

Dolomitic limestone may be used as a filler in commercial fertilizers to replace inert materials, such as sand, and will help to improve the land, as well as add some plant food.

Seed Loan Expected To Be Made Available This Year

While the fund has not been yet established, it is considered almost certain that seed and feed loans will be available to farmers in this county again this year. The Senate passed a bill creating a fund of \$100,000,000, and the house passed one for \$40,000,000, and just as soon as an agreement can be reached by the two bodies, arrangements will be made to advance the loans, it is understood.

Just how long before the bill will be made operative no one knows definitely at this time. However, it is believed the fund will likely be created within the next few days, and that arrangements will be made to advance loans about the first of March, or soon thereafter. Already many small farmers are inquiring after the loans, explaining that their only hope of getting financial assistance for producing crops this coming season lies entirely with the seed loan fund.

While complete facts are not available, the few reports received indicate the seed and feed loan fund has and is proving more successful in aiding dependent farmers than the farm rehabilitation program to date.

PLAN FAIR HERE

A group interested in holding a "sure enough livestock and agricultural fair in Plymouth," this year will meet here in the chamber of commerce room in the municipal building, 11:30 a. m., Friday February 1, it was announced today by E. H. Liverman, president of the local commercial body.

Guy Elliott, of Kinston, president, and N. G. Bartlett, of Kinston, secretary, of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, will meet the men here at that time. Mr. Bartlett feels that he has a "project that will interest the group here."

1935 OUTLOOK FOR FAMILIES LIVING ON FARM

Better Prospects for Sale of Farm Products During Current Year

(This Article Furnished by County Home Demonstration Agent)

1. Income from sale of farm products and from sources other than agriculture somewhat better in 1935.

2. More cash released for family living in 1935 because of lowered interest rates and debt refinancing by governmental agencies.

3. Food prices somewhat higher.

4. Prices of other goods and services probably continuing at about 1934 level.

5. Certain consumer goods labeled according to grades.

6. Stimulation of housing improvements by the government.

7. No increase in length of farm women's working day due to family cooperation.

8. What To Do About It

1. Take advantage of high retail prices by selling products at roadside or farm women's markets.

2. Safeguard cash income by producing the maximum amount of food and fuel for family use.

3. Pay cash and take cash discounts when available to avoid the costs of store credit.

4. Save cash by cooperative buying and bartering.

5. Provide for necessary medical and of young people beyond grade schools. Use and expand home and community recreation facilities.

6. Weigh relative values in deciding upon cash outlays. Keep farm and home accounts as guides.

7. Make a plan for the year's food supply.

8. Secure family cooperation in food production and in home sewing.

9. Buy according to grade labels where these are available.

10. Take advantages of opportunities for consumer education. Take action thru consumer organizations where price increases appear out of line.

11. Improve the house and grounds and repair furnishings. Take advantage of housing improvement plans of the Federal Housing Administration (you will hear more definitely about this later).

12. Keep informed on domestic and foreign economic situations.

FINAL RITES FOR MR. WILLIAM A. DIXON SUNDAY

Died At Home of Relative in Hamilton; Burial at Roper Church

Funeral services were held in the Roper Methodist church Sunday afternoon for William Aubrey Dixon, 35 years of age, who succumbed at the home of a relative in Hamilton Saturday as the result of diabetes and complications of diseases.

Rev. Mr. Walters, of Edenton, officiated, assisted by Rev. E. L. Stack, of the Methodist church in Roper. A large crowd attended the funeral, attesting the popularity of Mr. Dixon. His grave in the churchyard was literally covered with scores of floral designs.

Mr. Dixon for some time has been stationed at Littleton, where he has been connected with the State Highway Commission as an engineer and was en route from Littleton to Roper to visit relatives for the week-end when he was taken seriously ill and stopped in Hamilton with a relative, Miss Ballard, where he died.

Surviving is a son, Aubrey, jr. 9; and a widow, a sister, Mrs. Lawrence Jones, of Plymouth; mother, Mrs. Geo. Dixon, of Roper; and a brother, Potter Dixon, of Roper.

Active pall-bearers were: Jack McAllister, Pete McAllister, J. M. Clagon, Roy Chesson, Cyril Walker, Loui Knowles, Herman Hutchison, Dr. C. McGowan, Mark Lawrence. Honorary: John Hassell, L. E. Hassell, Frank Wilson, Herbert Lewis, Dr. Rawls, Mr. Peabody, Roper Roper, Mr. Cromer, B. A. Sumner, W. F. Winslow, Mr. Koonce.

Automatic Signal Being Installed at Crossing

An automatic Signal light is being installed by the Norfolk Southern Railroad at the Lucas crossing about a mile and a half from town.

There has been a great need of some kind of signal at this crossing for a long time, and the new device should aid reducing the number of accidents occurring at this point.

Negro Man Freezes To Death Near Creswell

Creswell.—Weldon Blount, 40-year-old negro of Creswell, was found frozen to death last Tuesday night near the Tyrrell-Hyde County line. It was said he was on his way to Creswell after a logging crew he was with was laid off and he had started the home-ward trek.

He told companions he could go no further. They went for help and when they returned he was dead.

Gives Directions for Preparing Plant Bed

In preparing a tobacco plant bed, select a southeast exposure well protected from cold winds. Loamy soil not easily affected by excessive dryness or moisture is best. Sterilize the soil with steam, if possible, or by burning brush over it. Pulverize the seed bed and fertilizer with a 4-8-3 mixture, about two pounds to the square yard. The planting of good seed, free from trash is essential. A level table-spoonful is enough for 100 square yards.

Wilson Farmers To Plant 85 Per Cent Leaf Acreage

Indications are that most of the Wilson County tobacco growers will plant 85 per cent of their base acreage, instead of 90 per cent.

Home-Made Brick Brooder Proves Decided Success

In Catawba County, poultry growers are getting 98 per cent livability from baby chicks brooded with home-made brick brooders. A check of 14,000 chicks at four weeks of age gave this result.

RETAIL SALES IN COUNTY FOR 1933 \$109 PER PERSON

Represents Increase of 30 Per Cent Over Previous Year, Report Shows

Net retail sales in Washington County in 1933 was given at \$109 per capita, it was revealed from statistics compiled by reliable sources.

It was further pointed out that there are 185 stores in the county which did \$1,265,000 worth of business during this year. The total payroll for the same year in the county was said to have been \$78,000. The county ranks 28th in the 100 counties in the state.

During 1934 there has been an increase in the amount of sales by about 30 per cent or more, which would run the total sales last year up to \$1,700,000 for last year. Predictions this year are that they will hold their own in business.

Food stores, restaurants, general merchandise stores, filling stations and drug stores increased in relative proportion to retail stores. The food group jumped from about 18 per cent of the total to about 22 per cent of the total.

The figures above are only for stores reporting in this county. There can be nothing definite in view of the fact that many people jump across county lines, and even state lines, to do their shopping. Or shop by mail in many instances.

It is to be noted that no class profited more from the increased income of the farmer than the merchant who sold him the things he needed. A large income for the farmer means a greater volume of retail trade for the merchants.

FARM TEACHERS HOLD MEETING

Flexible Curriculum Agreed Upon by Representatives From 3 Counties

Agreeing upon the flexible curriculum that would meet the needs of the respective communities, agricultural teachers in Martin, Washington, and Tyrrell Counties arranged a program for next semester at a meeting held in Jamesville Wednesday.

They will stress the production agricultural products effectively; market products economically; cooperate in economic activities; manage a farm business; maintain farm home; participate in civic, social activities; exercise leadership and follow good leadership; purchase farm equipment.

Jamesville will center their efforts around the study of tobacco, peanuts, corn, cotton, tomatoes, swine and poultry; Roper and Creswell, instruction in soybeans, corn, tomatoes, May peas, cotton, peanuts, swine and poultry; Columbia, instruction in Irish potatoes, corn, hogs, and poultry.

Attending this meeting were Pat Duncan, Columbia; C. H. Rabon, Creswell; C. H. Floyd, Roper; and R. C. Jordan, of Jamesville.

Creswell Parents-Teachers To Meet Next Thursday

Creswell.—The parent-teacher association of Creswell High School will hold their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, February 7, at 7:30 o'clock. The program will be rendered by the senior class in honor of George Washington.

Immediately after the meeting there will be a special meeting of the parents. All the parents are urged to attend.

COTTON GROWERS ARE URGED TO REDUCE CROP MAXIMUM AMOUNT

Allotments Will Approximate 65 Per Cent of Base Production, and Any Amount Sold Beyond This Percentage Is Subject To Tax

Since the Bankhead allotments for 1935 will be only a little larger than last year, Charles A. Sheffield, of State College, recommends that all cotton growers sign adjustment contracts and reduce their crop by the maximum amount.

The Bankhead allotments will approximate 65 per cent of the base production, he explained, and any amount sold beyond this percentage will be subject to the tax.

The contracts permit a production of 75 per cent of the base acreage, but provide for larger rental payments to those who produce only 65 per cent, Sheffield added.

Thus, the grower who produces 75 per cent will have to pay tax on the additional 10 per cent, and at the same time he will lose part of the rental payment which he otherwise would get.

In the long run, Sheffield pointed out, the grower might lose more in

Many Anxious to Enter and Work in Beacon Campaign

They Might Work Contest

This is the first list of probable contestants in The Roanoke Beacon's \$600.00 cash prize and subscription contest. Other names will be added to this list from week to week. Those wishing to take part in the campaign and earn one of the five cash prizes or a liberal commission on all renewals or new subscriptions turned in are urged to send their names in to the newspaper at once.

Mrs. Ernest Arps	Plymouth
Austin Brewer	Plymouth
Mrs. R. E. Dunning	Plymouth
Mrs. W. B. Cox	Plymouth
Mrs. W. B. Chesson	Mackeys
Miss Clara Johnston	Roper
Miss Emily Brinkley	Plymouth
Mrs. Herman Alexander	Plymouth
Mrs. C. A. Cratch	Plymouth
Miss Margaret Hooker	Plymouth
Miss Esther Knowles	Roper
Miss Callie S. Davenport	Creswell

SCHOOL LEVY WOULD ADD \$1 TO TAX RATE

State Provides \$54,149.38 for Operation of Schools For 8 Months

Had it been necessary for the Washington County commissioners to have levied, in addition to the regular amount, enough on the tax rate to have provided for schools in this county during 1933-34, then the rate would have been \$2.89.

As it was, the rate was only \$1.87 on the \$100 with the state sending into the county \$54,149.38 for the operation of the schools. It has been figured that should it have been necessary to have included this in the levy, then the rate would have been \$2.89, which would have been almost impossible then to provide for the necessities when the delinquents were taken into consideration.

This county ranks 65th in the 100 counties of the state in this regard. The tax rate in Ashe County, which is at the bottom of the list, would have been \$4.20 per \$100. Assessed valuation in Washington County in 1933 was \$5,629,000, with a 24 per cent reduction in valuation under 1932.

The tax rate in 1932-33 was \$1.56, and it was found necessary to increase this to \$1.87 in 1933-34. But a rate of \$2.89 would have been necessary to have supplied the school fund provided for by the state in 1933-34. It was figured that it would have taken \$1.02 more on the \$100 to have raised the sum expended for schools.

Thus it is shown that the largest relief ever granted property taxpayers in Washington County was the assumption by the state of the entire support of the operation of the eight-months school system, and the provision without property taxation for the local pupils to have proper educational advantages.

Bassinger Machine Shop Adds To Its Equipment

Bassinger Body and Machine Works are installing another 5-horsepower electric motor to take care of their increase in business, also to help them give their customers quicker service in the future.

379 CASES MEASLES

Measles continue to ravage the populace of Washington County, with the total reported since the first of the month standing at 379 cases, with children continuing to be stricken. Some adults are also among the victims.

It has passed from the colored to the whites now. The white Plymouth schools will start again Monday after a two-weeks suspension. The Roper school is now being faced with an increase of absences.

SPECIAL SERIES OF SERVICES IN LOCAL CHURCH

February To Be Known As "Home Beautiful Month"

The second month in 1935 will not be known as February by the local Christian church, but will be designated as "Home Beautiful Month" as the entire program of the organization will be centered about the "Home" during this period, it was announced today by Rev. N. A. Taylor, pastor.

Each Wednesday evening at 7:30 prayer service will be dedicated to this theme. Second Wednesday evening, "An Ideal Boy or Girl." Third, "An Ideal Parent." Fourth, "An Ideal Home."

Sunday morning, February 3, the minister's subject will be "The New Testament Church"; evening, "Christ's Prayers."

February 10, morning, "Mission of the Blood." Evening, "Mother and Daughter." Night, "Is Training Worth While?"

February 17, morning, "The Church the Spring of Civilization." Evening, father and son night, "Let's Work Together."

February 24, morning, "The Lord's Supper." Evening, family night, "Home Cooperation With the Church." The public is cordially invited to attend.

Williford's Tavern Here Installs Electric Heaters

Mrs. R. A. Williford, who owns and operates Williford's Tavern, is having electric heaters installed in several of the rooms at the tavern, located at the corner of Monroe and West Third Street.

This tavern is known throughout the state and Mrs. Williford has at various times installed different appliances and methods of giving her guests more comforts and convenience.

Craven Farmers Name Legislative Committee

Craven county farmers have appointed a legislative committee to consult with their representative in the General Assembly in regard to legislation affecting agriculture.

Robert Campbell Sport Editor of College Paper

Robert B. Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Campbell, of Plymouth, has been named one of the two sports editors for "The Howler," year book at Wake Forest College. Editor Rollins is pleased with the ability of Robert and is glad to have him on the staff. He did some writing for the Beacon last summer and has contributed to Old Gold and Black, student newspaper of the college.

NUMBER ENROLL IN \$600 CONTEST FIRST FEW DAYS

Several From Plymouth and Others From Near-By Towns Enter

All indications point to a successful subscription campaign on the part of the Roanoke Beacon. The announcement of the prize contest appeared in last week's issue while the campaign itself got underway this past Monday and will continue on for a period of six weeks, coming to a close on the afternoon of Saturday, March 9th, just five weeks away.

At this writing, Tuesday, January 29, no one had turned in any subscriptions to the campaign office but it won't be long before some one does. Already several have entered their names from right here in Plymouth, and others have enrolled from near-by towns, such as Creswell, Roper, and other points. A list of possible workers will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Right now the campaign manager, H. S. Main, is busy making a house-to-house canvass of Plymouth, and within the next few days will be out over the county doing the same thing. It is almost an impossibility to see all who might be interested in one way or another in taking an active part, so those interested are urged to send their names to the office or call around in person.

\$600 Prize Fund in Branch Bank

No one entering the campaign need worry about receiving the money if they win one of the five prizes. The management of The Beacon has attended to that by putting the above-mentioned money on deposit here in the Branch Bank, and this will be left there until the closing day of the contest, when it will be distributed to the winners.

The contest provides for the awarding of five cash prizes, starting with \$300.00 for first place; \$150.00 for second; \$75.00 for third; \$50.00 for fourth; and \$25.00 for fifth and last. And in addition to these prizes the paper will pay each and every entrant a cash commission of thirty cents on each yearly \$1.50 subscription turned in, whether that subscription be a renewal or a new one. Doesn't look like any one can lose a penny by taking an active part.

The prizes above mentioned will be awarded on March 9th to those securing the highest number of credits as issued on paid subscriptions to The Roanoke Beacon. Each subscription counts for a given number of votes as shown by the voting schedule printed on the front cover of each subscription book. In part the schedule is as follows: 1 year at \$1.50, 100 votes; two years, \$3.00, 300 votes; and 3 years, \$4.50, 600 votes.

Two Periods

The above part of the schedule will continue in force up to February 23rd, after that there will be a slight decrease in the value of the credits given. There are two periods of the contest, with the end of the drive scheduled for Saturday afternoon, March 9th, when all prizes will be given out immediately following the finish.

The Roanoke Beacon wants a larger subscriptions list and has thought and considered various methods of obtaining such. The giving of this \$600 in cash was finally decided as the best method at this time, due to the large number of folks who are anxious to make a little spare money. Those out of employment will find this interesting work and others who are now at work may be able to combine this line of endeavor along with their other occupation.

Anyhow, if you are interested call around to The Beacon office and receive the subscription receipt book, stationery to write friends, and a list of our present readers. It's all free and nothing beats a try. Remember, the contest is just getting started, no one at this writing has turned in any subscriptions.

Funeral Held at Night For Small Child Tuesday

The first legal night funeral of any child in Washington County took place Tuesday, when the body of Louise Sitterson, 10 years of age, of the Chapel Hill section, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Sitterson, was interred in a near-by cemetery.

The child had been suffering from the ravages of the measles with complications leading to cerebral spinal Meningitis. It was necessary to bury her at night on account of the contagious disease. She was first stricken with measles and when her condition grew worse she was taken to a Rocky Mount hospital.