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CALL FIVE CASES IN RECORDER'S COURT TUESDAY

Several Defendants Draw Long Terms On The State Roads

Five criminal cases were tried before Judge John Darden in Recorder's court Tuesday.

Charles Puckett, colored, was sentenced to three months on the county roads for stealing some hams, but his lawyer, Pete Bell, said that he would appeal to Superior Court.

Although recently released from a sentence George Brent, colored, was given two more years for assault with deadly weapon.

Two young colored boys, Madison Boone and Aaron Simmons were given a 30 day sentence or payment of fine on the count of being a public nuisance on a highway near here. Alfred Vaughn was acquitted of the same charge.

Thirty days or payment of costs was put on Charles Webb, colored, who was found guilty of being a public nuisance.

Last week two assault cases and one larceny were tried. Henry Mayo colored, was sentenced to two months on the roads or payment of costs.

John Henry Webb was given six months for a larceny charge, and Nathan Webb was assigned to the roads for two months or payment of fine.

Interesting Program Given by E. R. E. Classes at Festival

Closing Exercises Are Held for Special Schools at Roper Thursday

A program interesting from beginning to end was put on Thursday afternoon, May 30, by Mrs. W. B. Chesson's ERE classes in a community festival at the Roper School Auditorium.

The stage was beautifully decorated with fern and cut flowers of the season. In the background were exhibits of clothes and hand-work pieces of furniture that the classes had made. These many beautiful articles brought due credit to their teacher as well as to themselves.

The following program was given with Mrs. Chesson presiding: Scripture reading and prayer by Rev. E. L. Stack; poem by Mrs. J. W. Furlough; address by Supt. J. W. Norman; two accordion solos by Mrs. Lindsey Phelps; talk by Miss Eugenia Patterson; three guitar duets by Gordon and Daisy Sexton; talk by Miss F. E. Ledbetter; songs by Virginia, Mabel and Dock Furlough; carding-spinning and knitting demonstrations by Messdames Thos. Craddock, S. B. Davenport, N. W. Phelps and Ed Sexton; talk by Owen Allen.

This was a program that furnished enrichment of Community Life and unusual advantages in home-making.

Waynick To Inspect Scene for Proposed Bridge Over Sound

Will Spend Day in This Section To Learn Wants Of Interested People

A committee composed of A. L. Owens, L. S. Thompson, E. H. Liverman, John W. Darden, Gilbert Davis, and Z. V. Norman reported at the meeting of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce Wednesday night that they were encouraged over their visit to Capus Waynick, Raleigh, chairman of the State Highway Commission, on Wednesday.

They told the commercial members that Mr. Waynick had agreed to come to this section for a day in order to get first hand information on the scene of the proposed span to connect the northern and southern sides of the Albemarle Sound. Mr. Waynick will visit points in this section that are interested in the bridge.

Midsummer Fair at Church in Columbia

The Mid Summer Fair of the A. M. E. Zion Church, Columbia, will be held beginning at 8 p.m. Monday, June 10 and close Sunday, June 16, it was reported here today by the pastor, Rev. J. T. Mautsby, of Creswell. There will be exhibits of needlework, fruit, handmade flowers, and such. There will be different attractions each night. It will be for the benefit of the church.

Washington County Ranks 82nd in State In Car Ownership; 1 to Each 14 Persons

Washington County ranks 82nd in the 100 counties in North Carolina in the ownership of automobiles with an automobile for every 14th person, according to reliable statistics.

In 1929 the depression caught 1,205 automobiles owned by people in this county with 195 trucks in use. Estimating these vehicles at a cost of a little over \$700 each, this county at that time had over \$1,000,000 invested in motor cars, if they had been purchased new.

In the struggling years before 1934 there were not many vehicles registered in this county but now with conditions improving the ownership of automobiles has been on the increase over depression years and now there are 850 autos and 250 trucks making a total of 1,100 vehicles in the county.

The number of motor cars in Washington County has varied considerably during the last few years, and it is said, that probably no other factor reflects the State's income, or the relative prosperity of the people, like the registration of motor cars, particularly passenger cars.

The growth of motor transportation has been the outstanding development of modern times. Back in 1915 in North Carolina there were only 16,410 cars in the State with one for every 140 people while in 1934 there are 471,092 cars in the State with one for every seven persons. And there will be still more for 1935.

In comparison with other States North Carolina and Washington County, as well, ranks much higher in the ownership of automobiles than they do in income and wealth. It is also calculated that North Carolina has spent more for the pleasure that cars give than many other States.

ELECTION HELD UP

An order restraining New Hanover County commissioners and the county board of elections from proceeding with the election on July 2 on the question of ratification of a bill designed to exempt that county from the provisions of the Turlington act, was served upon the officials there Saturday. The order was signed by Judge E. H. Cramer and is returnable before Judge Frizzelle in Wilmington Friday.

Will Ask Town To Borrow \$10,000 from Public Works Fund

Dr. C. McGowan will ask the City Council of the Town of Plymouth to borrow \$10,000 from the Public Works Administration for use in the town at a meeting that will be held this evening.

The physician asks that this money be used to extend the water main with pipes large enough to supply force for fighting fires from the present terminal to Mary Rose's house on Madison street and also extend the water lines from Browning's filling station on the highway to the ball park.

He will also ask that a box fire alarm system be established so that by breaking the glass an alarm can be sounded from any section of the town. Included in this is a proposal for the tiling of the well known town ditch.

It will be asked that this money be secured under the proposal whereby the government grants 45 per cent of the loan and requires only three per cent on the remainder with a long period for repayment.

Legion Auxiliary To Meet Friday

The monthly meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held in the Legion Hall on Friday afternoon, June 7th, at 3:30 with the president, Mrs. Hays, as hostess. The date is advanced on account of the Area Conference at Washington, N. C. on June 11th at 11 o'clock.

House Votes Cut in Farm Loan Interest

The national House of Representatives last week voted swiftly and with but little debate to slash the interest rates on future land bank loans to farmers, and then appropriated \$125,157,983 for agricultural purposes in the next fiscal year.

It sent back to the senate for approval of its changes a bill shaving the 4-1/2 per cent now paid on such loans to 3-1/2 during the next fiscal year and 4 per cent for the two years following.

In addition it approved a conference report on the regular appropriation bill for the agriculture department, sending the measure to the White House. It carries funds for soil erosion prevention, the eradication of clench bugs and other pests, for road building and numerous other purposes.

CONSERVATION TIMBER IS PLAN IN THIS COUNTY

Commissioners Established \$850 Fund for Handling Conservation Work

Thousands of dollars worth of timber are hoped to be saved annually to the residents of Washington County when the forest fire prevention service begins to function in this county.

Commissioners here have appropriated \$850 annually for the next five years to cooperate with the State in the prevention and fighting of fires in woodlands. J. L. Hooker, chief forest warden, landed the contract job with the commissioners after spending several hours with them about the matter.

Millions of feet of salable timber and fine growth that would produce good timber for lumber is being destroyed every year in this county because no body makes an effort to check the blaze or rather, because without concerted effort little can be done to prevent the vast loss.

In the Wenona section the fires rage through the immense forests destroying vegetation and causing game to flee before the stinging tortures of the dreaded flames. Even the earth is heated several feet under the surface and the "ground itself burns."

Jurors chosen for the service by the commissioners for the July term of Superior Court follow:

Plymouth: L. C. Hassell, Guy L. Harrison, Zeno Lyon, James F. Ausbon, A. W. Alexander, H. L. Horton, E. H. Harris, A. F. Arnold, J. H. Browning, J. E. Cutten, T. S. Allen, L. T. Weede, Robert S. Swain.

Lees Mills: W. E. Allen, T. E. Ainsley, Fred Blount, W. A. Knowles, T. E. Knowles, Forest Williams and Roy C. Chesson.

Skimmersville: T. G. Alexander, Carney Spruill, Jr., L. H. Ambrose, J. G. Alexander, Duard Spruill and Hugh Patrick.

Scuppernon: H. G. Walker, E. H. Herrington, Robert L. Phelps, P. B. Belanga, Claude Brinn, S. D. Burgess, David E. Davenport, Mathew Sawyer, and H. S. Furlough.

FARM NOTES

By W. V. HAYS, Farm Agent

There is a widespread rumor among our farmers that the Supreme court ruling on NRA has killed the Farm Program. This is not the case, if anything, the Farm Program is stronger than before. Our reduction program on various commodities will continue in effect and plans are being made now for a long time program on crop control. This is a mutual problem of farmers. We must consider it. What farmer wants to plant all money crops and sell like these products were selling three years ago.

We had this week a notice from Washington that the 1934-35 cotton rental checks had been drawn. Notices will be mailed growers immediately upon receipt of these checks.

Bankhead applications, or applications for cotton ginning certificates will be in the hands of the township committeemen on Friday and Saturday of this week, June 7th and 8th. They will also be at the same place on the 14th and 15th to receive these applications. These have been made out from signed contracts and sent to your respective townships. Please go to the place so designated. All that is necessary is that you sign the form. These applications must be in the Raleigh office on June 20th. We are advised not accept any applications after this date. The forms will be in the hands of the committeemen until after the 15th. After this date it will be necessary to go to the County Office for signing these. Scuppernon Township growers will sign at the Creswell School House with Mr. Stewart J. Woodley. Skimmersville at Mrs. Jane Elliott's Store with Francis Everett. Lees Mill is divided, the lower end will go to Mr. Jim Davenport at Macksays and the Roper community will sign with J. A. Chesson at the Roper School House. Please observe the date and place.

The supervisors have begun measuring tobacco. This should be finished this week. After tobacco comes cotton, peanuts and then corn and hogs. Please assist these men in the measuring and we will shortly get our rental and benefit checks.

Hyde Shooting Case Results in Mistrial

W. L. Whitley, local attorney, won the first skirmish with his clients in the case of Harry and Leslie Blake who were charged with shooting and robbing Deputy Sheriff W. W. Payne of Hyde County several months ago when the presiding judge in the case ordered a mistrial when the jurors failed to agree on a verdict.

The case has been set for trial again in Swan Quarter in October. Mr. Whitley is the chief counsel for the men with a local lawyer in Swan Quarter as a colleague. The defendants were kept in jail here for some time during an effort to secure bond for them.

American Legion Post To Meet Here Friday Night

There will be a meeting of the American Legion post here Friday night at 7:45 p.m. Commander McGowan urges that all members attend.

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Epidemic of Minor Law Violations Is Reported Here During Past Few Weeks

This quiet little town on the peaceful Roanoke River has been subjected to a series of petty offenses which if not halted may lead to a crime of magnitude.

More than a month ago Mrs. Roscoe Gaylord, wife of the office manager of the H. E. Harrison Wholesale Company here, was grabbed by a negro man on Main street. She was between the Christian church and E. G. Harrison's home. A person stepped from the church and frightened the negro before any harm was done.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Brinkley has been entered of late and a small sum of money taken. Thieves also entered the home of T. C. Burgess on Main street last week while the family was away and carried off a small amount of money also. Gasoline has been taken from the cars of owners by use of a siphon.

Announce Plans for 4-H Short Course In Raleigh July 24-29

4-H Club Members Who Are Interested Asked To See Home Agent

By EUGENIA PATTERSON

Announcement for those who are planning to attend the 4-H Short Course July 24-29th.

Those who attended the 4-H Short Course last year were Mollie Sawyer and Elizabeth Holmes, Creswell; Ellen Tarbenton, Roper; and Mary Atomaneruk, Plymouth; and this year we have a most promising number to go who may get some light on the "Dress Revue," how it was conducted, from the above girls named.

This year the 4-H Honor Group is going to have charge of presenting the annual "Dress Revue" for boys and girls at the short course. Of course, the extension department, and this honor group want it to the best ever held. Dresses, suits or coats of outstanding merit are the only ones they wish modeled. First of the garment, construction, and posture are the most important points in this contest. The girls are asked to make in addition to their costumes the underwear worn with her outfit. The girls may use any material they desire, cotton, rayon, wool or silk.

This Revue should be equally interesting to boys and girls, since appropriate dress for various occasions will be modeled by boys.

Mr. Harrell and boys of the Honor Group will be responsible for outfits modeled by boys.

The groupings are as follows: Girls: School outfit, general wear, sports, best, party or evening. Boys: Work outfit, school, sports, Sunday or best, formal.

Any 4-H girl in the county who is interested in going to the short course and entering the contest is asked to get in touch with the Home Agent immediately, just drop her a card on the next mail or as soon as your mind is made up, as to whether you will enter the contest or not.

All girls planning to attend short course should let the agent know in time to get pattern and material for making uniforms. Two green dresses are required and none others allowed to be worn while at short course. Then, too, it is important to know who is going due to the transportation problem.

Robinson Starred in New Burnett Story

Based on a W. R. Burnett novel which ran serially in a national magazine, "The Whole Town's Talking," Edward G. Robinson's first starring production for Columbia Studios, which opens at the New Theatre on Monday and Tuesday, June 10 and 11 was adapted to the screen by Columbia's ace scenarists, Joe Werling and Robert Riskin.

Riskin is credited with such recent hits as "Lady For A Day," "It Happened One Night" and "Broadway Bill," while Werling prepared such outstanding productions as "No Greater Glory," "Man's Castle," and "Lady By Choice." John Ford directed the "Whole Town's Talking."

Miss Sexton Marries Tom Spruill Friday

Miss Virginia Sexton, daughter of Mrs. Ida Sexton and the late R. H. Sexton, of Norfolk, was married to Tom Spruill, of Norfolk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Spruill, of Edenton, Friday afternoon at Travis, Tyrrell county, by Rev. Roy Respass, of Christian Church. They will make their home in Norfolk where the groom is employed.

Methodists To Meet In Williamston For Session Next Fall

Missionary Societies Hold Meeting at Creswell Last Tuesday

Williamston was chosen as the fall meeting place of Methodist Missionary societies which comprise organizations in Windsor, Williamston, Roper, Columbia, Creswell and Plymouth at a meeting held in Creswell Tuesday.

Mrs. L. L. Gibbs, of Columbia, presided. Rev. E. L. Stack, of Roper, led the morning devotional while Rev. W. L. Dawson, of Columbia, led the afternoon preliminaries. Mrs. Lennie P. Jackson, of Creswell, welcomed the group with Mrs. A. R. Hooker, of Roper, responding.

Life memberships were given to Misses Mary Jackson, Ellen Brooks and June Badger Eason by Miss Bessie Harding of Washington, on behalf of a grandparent, Mrs. Lennie P. Jackson. Mrs. J. L. Delaney, of Hertford, district secretary; Mrs. B. B. Spencer, of Roper; Mrs. J. F. Thigpen, of Williamston; Mrs. E. J. Rees, of Washington; Mrs. Bessie Bunstand of Windsor, made talks.

A duet was sung by Mrs. S. W. and Mrs. W. H. McClees, of Columbia and a second duet was rendered by Mrs. W. B. Chesson and Mrs. A. E. Davenport, Macksays.

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