

HELD ON CHARGE OF FIRST DEGREE BURGLARY HERE

22-Year-Old Colored Youth Waives Preliminary Hearing

Imprisoned in the confines of the second-story jail here for the next four months, held without bail on a charge of first degree burglary, William Bell, 22, colored, awaits his fate at the hands of a jury in Washington County Superior Court in January.

He was arraigned before Recorder John W. Darden Tuesday, and, thru his counsel, waived preliminary hearing on the charges that grew out of his arrest as a suspect who raised a window and crept into the room of Miss Mary Rosie Swain, 76, at the W. F. Lucas farm last Thursday night.

The negro had been employed at the farm for a number of years and had even helped in housecleaning duties and knew the residence well. Many think that maybe he was drinking and entered the wrong room, intending as his victim a younger woman.

When Miss Swain awoke she thought it was a relative sitting on the side of the bed. She spoke. Then the negro seized her and choked her almost into insensibility and, when she feigned unconsciousness he left by the window through which he entered.

After she was sure he was gone, she went to the door and found that the family was arising and that the alarm clock that arouses the dairy workers in the house had frightened the negro away at 3:30. Immediately Sheriff J. K. Reid and his deputies were called to the scene of the crime.

Strands of cloth matching the torn trousers, and shoes that fitted into the steps that led away from beneath the open window convinced the officers that Bell should be held as a suspect. Also the mother of Bell stated that he came in about 4 o'clock.

Miss Swain, who is a relative of the Lucas family, is aged and her eyes are dim and she is hard of hearing, but she appeared convinced that the officers had the right negro.

Farm Notes

By W. V. HAYS, County Agent

The marketing cards for tobacco will be ready for all contract signers by Saturday, August 17, or may be called for at any convenient time after this date. The poundage on the card represents 95.625 per cent of the base production. When this amount on the card has been sold, the producer will have passed the 85 per cent production and an additional 12 1-2 per cent above will have been sold and he will receive no parity payment. Six per cent above the 85 per cent of base production will entitle the producer to half of the parity payment. This arrangement was worked out to enable a producer with a heavy production will entitle the producer a producer with some allotment left on his card may sell this poundage to a neighbor for an amount comparable to what may have been received in the form of parity. Any landlord who wishes an allotment card or tobacco sales card made in a tenant's name or so made that a tenant can use it in selling tobacco should bring the tenant to the county office so that the tenant's signature will be on record. Sales cards this year will not be negotiable unless properly made out and recorded in the county office. It is a violation of the contract to use a sales card not properly recorded.

A case of hog cholera was reported this week, and, upon investigation, it was found that cholera was known to have existed for several months. A man who has cholera on his place and uses no precautions in protecting himself and his neighbors is criminally liable and should be ashamed. Hog cholera cannot be controlled unless a whole neighborhood will cooperate. The hog population of an adjoining county has been practically wiped out by cholera. Please report cases where there is a suspicion of cholera so that we may take precautions to protect the neighborhood and quarantine infected herds. Hog prices are now better than 12 cents on heavy hogs and indications are that spring hogs will sell for good prices. Fall-farrowed pigs should be run through the field and finished on corn and fish meal in the spring so as to weigh 160 pounds and up by the

New Type Face Is Much Easier on Eyes of Readers

—OLD—

This paper today is changing its type face, substituting a modern type for the "Oldstyle No. 2" that has recorded the happenings, big and little, in this community during the past several years. In making the change, it is believed the paper can be more easily read, and marks the policy of the paper to give to its readers the best that it is humanly possible to provide.

The old matrices are making their last visit to our valued readers today in this little space, although a few articles already set and legal notices may continue to appear for several weeks in the old face. Compare the type in this column with that adjoining and the difference will be readily seen.

—NEW—

Today, this paper goes to its readers with a brand new type face—Excelsior—affording easier reading and offering a neater appearance. Just compare the type in this column with that in the one adjoining, and the difference can be noticed very readily.

The greatest difference, one will find, is the better distribution of space within and around the letters to give the illusion of greater size and maximum legibility.

The old type has served its day; it must give way to something better, and it is with pleasure that the management of this paper introduces its readers to one of the latest type faces available—and we trust you will like it.

NO CORONER YET

No information was forthcoming today from C. V. W. Ausbon, clerk of the Washington County Superior Court, as to who would be appointed coroner to replace Mrs. D. M. McKnight, who has moved her residence to Rocky Mount with her husband, who is a salesman there.

Some names have been mentioned to the commissioners, but they do not have the power of appointment. Mr. Ausbon today would not even talk of the aspirants, but it is thought that something would be done about it shortly.

To Resume Work On County Home

Predictions are now that work will be resumed by September 15 on the Washington County home. Work was halted as the FERA projects are being transferred to the WPA organization. It was started under the old CWA plan. This makes the third change.

There is nothing definite about the new date of starting, but officials feel that things can be cleared up by this time. The frame structure has over 60 rooms. It will be one of the most convenient and modern county homes in the State when completed. It will cost way up in the thousands when completed.

Says Hollywood Is Exciting Place

Here are excerpts from a letter from Mrs. O. H. Lyon, who is out in Hollywood, Calif., with her son, Harry, and daughter, Priscilla, hoping to get them a chance in the amusement business, especially on the screen.

"It seems strange being so far away. . . I wish I could see all of you, for after all, there is no place like home, although this is a very exciting place. I do not know when I will return. We are getting a lot of encouragement now. I feel that I must stay until I see there isn't any chance and I'll have no regrets."

Aiken's Orchestra At Myrtle Beach

Reports coming in here are to the effect that J. E. Aiken and his Aces of Roper are doing well at Myrtle Beach, S. C. They have been booked for the remainder of the season. New players have been added, making the orchestra rank with the good ones of the state.

middle of March. Hogs, when properly fed, always pay better prices for corn fed to them than the market price of corn.

There is only one way to keep worms out of pigs. This must be done by having a sow farrow on clean ground and keeping these pigs away from old runs, wallows, and feeding grounds. Clean ground is ground where hogs have not been kept within several years, or ground which has been turned and on which a crop has been grown. A worm egg will live an unbelievably long time under favorable condition, but when turned under the ground the chemical action of the soil breaks down the egg shell and kills the egg. There is only one thing to do for wormy pigs; that is to feed them and profit by your experience by having sows farrow on clean ground

3 Electrification Projects in County Being Considered

Chairman of State Authority at Raleigh To Assist Those Interested

Three rural electrification projects are being sought for Washington County, it was learned today from John W. Darden, who is aiding the men in securing construction of the power lines.

The first line is from Plymouth to Dardens, connecting with the switch at Dardens, a distance of four miles. It is being urged by Rev. R. H. Lucas, Joe and Tom Snell.

Another is from Plymouth to Wemona through the turnpike road, a distance of about 16 miles. This is being approved by W. H. Gurkin, S. F. Darden, and T. S. Allen and others of the Long Acre section.

Another is from Roper to Mackeys returning by Pleasant Grove. This is being pushed by James E. Davenport, Mackeys, and Jim Chesson, Roper, and others.

Government agencies provide the money for the construction of these rural lines, and the power companies furnish the power to the rural consumers the same as they would a person living in town, and at their regular rates.

Mr. Darden will take the matter up with Dudley Bagley, chairman of the State Rural Electrification Authority, in Raleigh, assisting the local interested persons.

Cross Roads Man Is 82 Years Old

Unusual was the fact determined at the 82nd anniversary dinner for Dick Davenport held at Cross Roads near Roper Monday, that although there were 11 children and 22 grand children of the aged man, there are only 2 great-grandchildren.

The two great-grandchildren are the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Satterthwaite, of Plymouth, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Davenport, of Washington, N. C. There were 52 present at the dinner. Rev. M. L. Ambrose, of Roper, was the principal speaker.

Members of the immediate family of Mr. Davenport, who wife preceded him to the grave several years ago, are Henry, John, Louis, Robert and Henderson, of Washington County; Willie Davenport, Washington, N. C.; Mrs. Johnnie Gray, Windsor; Mrs. Mary Spruill and Miss Margaret Davenport, Washington County.

Mr. Davenport is one of the oldest men in Washington County. He retired from the occupation of farmer last year. His sight is defective.

Library Plans Will Be Discussed at Meet Held Here Thursday

Proposal Now Is To Erect Building on Courthouse Lawn for County

Further plans for a public library for Washington County will be discussed at a meeting to be held here Thursday night by representatives from the various civic organizations and clubs.

The proposal now is to construct a building costing \$5,000 on the courthouse lawn. It would have four rooms, one for the racks of books, another for reading, and two rest rooms. Brick has been suggested as the material. It is thought that all the labor, part of the materials, maybe 50 per cent, will be contributed by the government agencies.

This would replace the library in the basement of the courthouse now, operated under the auspices of the Thursday Afternoon Literary Society and would make it county-wide in its scope. Mrs. H. A. Blount will preside over the meeting. A petition has been circulated asking the people who approved to sign and many did.

Value of Top-dressing Is Proved by Demonstration

A pasture demonstration on the farm belonging to Dr. B. W. Kilgore, of Wake County, shows the value of top-dressing with 100 pounds of nitrate of soda to the acre.

Blind Man Successfully Serves As Minister, Farmer, Dairyman

How a blind man can successfully serve as a minister, farmer and dairyman is exemplified in the life of Rev. Richard Lucas, pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Plymouth.

Not more than a mile from the city limits of Plymouth, on Highway 64, to ward Williamston, is the W. F. Lucas farm, which, during the depression, became involved in heavy obligations, and a widowed mother needed the directing hand of a hard worker and a person of business acumen as well.

Anxious that the farm which had been in the family for generations not pass into the hands of others, it was decided that a call would be made to the minister-son, who was at that time, pastor of the Belhaven Baptist church, having gone to the Beaufort County town from Ayden.

Along about this same time the home town folks began to hear of the accomplishments of the native son, despite the handicap under which he was laboring, so between the church and the farm and a dairy, Rev. Lucas could not reject the call to aid his home folks, so he came here with 15 years experience in the ministry.

The clergyman started out in the first medical class at Wake Forest College in 1901 to prepare himself as a physician. In his junior year at the institution his eyes failed him, and he began to study for the ministry. He uses the Braille system of reading.

Handicap by blindness never stopped the ambitious country lad, but it only led him to higher things in life. Now, with the aid of his wife, he prepares his sermons by notes, using the Braille system for writing and reading. But when he marries or buries a person or delivers a sermon, it is all by memory.

In addition to his usual reading system, his indispensable wife spends two hours with him daily reading to him from books, magazines, and publications that would help him in preparing his sermon.

In addition to his ministerial duties he supervises a farm of 100 acres, including 43 acres in corn, 30 acres in peanuts and 36 acres of hay. His is one of the most fertile plantations in this section, and therefore the fight against grass must be incessant. His crop last year was valued at \$4,000.

Six team and a tractor, with five farm hands, must be looked after every day. There are 300 white leghorns, from which eggs will be sold. Three thousand pounds of meat was raised and preserved last year for use of the family and the tenants and employees.

Summer in and out numbers of quarts of fruits and vegetables are canned for use through the winter months. Enough Plymouth Rock chickens are grown for the family table. Grain is there for the team. Food and feedstuff must be put away for the winter.

Then there is the Springwood Dairy that is supervised by Mr. Lucas. Close to 200 quarts of milk are delivered daily to some 150 customers, with Mr. Lucas on the truck many mornings. Thirty cows must be looked after with the help of three men. His wife keeps the records and does the collecting.

Unusual in this business was the fact that on the first of this year Mr. Lucas absorbed two other smaller dairies and did not increase the price of milk, but explained in advertising that this purpose was merely to increase the volume of business. No one here is dissatisfied with the milk monopoly.

TEN CASES TRIED HERE TUESDAY IN COUNTY COURT

Six Offenders Are Sent To County Roads; Two to County Farm

Justice was meted out in record time here Tuesday morning when Recorder John W. Darden and Prosecuting Attorney W. M. Darden disposed of 10 cases in two hours and a half. Court attaches assert that this was the first time that the work has been done in such a limited time.

Six offenders were sent to the roads, two to the county farm, one case was not pressed with leave, while the other was that of Luther Bell, colored, who was charged with first degree burglary as the result of his alleged entrance into the W. F. Lucas home last Thursday night.

Henry Mayo, colored, was given 30 days for being drunk on July 31, and the sentence was repeated on a warrant for being drunk and a nuisance on August 10, making his term 60 days on the roads. Louis Norman, drunk and carrying a concealed weapon, four months, arrested by Policeman Snell, of Roper.

Edna Norman was assessed the costs for threats against Policeman Snell, of Roper, on August 10. Will Freeman, colored, of Edenton, was given six months for stealing eight chickens from Mrs. Lilly Wilson on August 10. Buster Jackson was acquitted in the same case.

Eli Cooper plead guilty of being drunk, was given 30 days. Joe Manley, charged with selling whisky, was given a term on the roads.

328 Births Recorded In County Last Year

There were 79,556 births in North Carolina last year, while out of this number there were 6,072 babies died under one year of age, making 76.3 deaths per 1,000 live births.

In Washington County for 1934 there 328 births, with 36 deaths under 1 year of age, making the rate 109.8 per 1,000 live births. Bertie, with 121.4; Chowan, with 145.4; and Lenoir, with 112.2; lead Washington County in this respect.

New Minister for Mt. Tabor Church

Rev. W. A. Dail, of Greenville, will succeed Rev. W. L. Jernigan, of Saratoga, as pastor of the Mount Tabor Free Will Baptist church in Washington County. Rev. Mr. Dail hopes to take up his work October 1.

LIBRARY VISIONS

Visions of a library in the down-town area to serve the whole of Washington County were seen at a meeting held by members of the ladies' clubs and the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce Wednesday night.

It was suggested that the Town of Plymouth revoke their lease on the old market building here on Water Street and convert the bottom part of the building into rest rooms for out-of-town people and a library for the convenience of the entire county.

The second story of the building is now being used as a meeting place for organizations in town, including the American Legion. Probably the county would contribute toward the renovation. Some are urging a complete new library on the courthouse lawn as a memorial to soldiers from Washington County who served in the Civil and World Wars.

Historical Events of Interest Revealed in Recent Researches

County Was Formed Short Time Before Death of George Washington

By ROBERT B. CAMPBELL

No standard history of Washington County has ever been written, but researches conducted by Mrs. Addie L. Brinkley, former register of deeds, reveals many interesting historical sidelights.

Just a little while before the death of President George Washington, the county of Washington was created, cut off from Tyrrell, by legislative enactment ratified December 3, 1799.

Germantown, a small settlement in Skinnerville Township, served as county seat until March 6, 1801, when William Blount gave to the commissioners of Washington County one acre of land near the head of Kendrick's Creek, near Mill Pond bridge, west of where Mrs. Ida Blount now lives. First county officers were James Jones, register of deeds and Samuel Chesson, clerk of court.

The courthouse, erected in 1824, was burned during the bombardment of Plymouth by the U. S. Navy in 1862. Another courthouse erected in 1869, of boards running up and down, stood until May, 1873, when it was burned, destroying all records of the clerk of court but none in the office of the register of deeds.

The lot on which the Methodist church now stand and which was built in 1832, was purchased for \$40. The first record of a school building is dated September 11, 1832, when John Phelps, "in consideration of one dollar," gave to John B. Chesson, Thomas Norman, and Andrew L. Chesson, trustees, one-half acre on south side of road leading from Skinnerville to Mackeys Ferry, upon which they were to build a school.

By an act of the Assembly of North Carolina passed in 1850 and 1851, marriages were ordered recorded and on January 4, 1851, the first marriage was recorded in Washington County, groom being John Newberry, jr., and the bride, Drewpenny Newberry.

A marriage prior to this is recorded on the fly-leaf of the register, that of Franklin Friley Fagan to Anna and Eliza Bogman in the evening of March 24, 1836.

Washington County sent 432 men into the Confederate ranks in the Civil War, and from the same dominion went 463 to the World War. Plymouth sent 117 to the World War.

The Albemarle Sound is the largest coastal body of fresh water in the world, covering 454 square miles. Eight rivers empty into the sound, providing favorable spawning grounds for white shad and striped bass.

Washington County leads the state in herring production, which in 1927 was 1,197,250 pounds. During 1931 a total of 2,650,800 pounds of fish worth \$35,420 were taken from Washington County waters. In 1840 only 4,760 barrels of fish were caught.

Boy Ill From Eating Poison Watermelon

Charlie Frank Swain, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Swain, near Plymouth, has been desperately ill for the last few days. It was reported that he had eaten poison watermelon. His father, in town to see Dr. T. L. Bray, said that he was better. He suffered Saturday from fits, thought to have been caused by a disordered system.

MINISTER TELLS WHY HE FAVORS MIDWAY BRIDGE

Says It Would Furnish Immediate Relief To Large Number People

"As you requested," writes Rev. E. L. Stack, pastor of the Roper-Creswell charge of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, who lives in Roper, "I am enumerating some reasons why the bridge connecting the north and south sides of the Albemarle Sound should be in Skinnerville."

1. I think it would furnish immediate relief to a greater number of people than a bridge either at Columbia or Plymouth.

2. It is only about 20 miles from Columbia to hard-surfaced road in Hyde near Englehard. By paving this road a section of three counties producing vast amounts of produce could quickly be given an outlet to the northern markets.

3. It would be a more direct route for a large section, offering heavy shipments of produce than any other site considered.

4. Eventually there will be a canal from Portsmouth to New Bern, via near Gates station to Chowan River, down river to mouth, across Albemarle Sound, up Roper Creek, across country by Belhaven, near Bath, finally coming into the river at New Bern, which will shorten the Inland Waterway about 80 miles and will not be as hard to keep in repair as the present route. It is natural to expect the government would want a highway running parallel with this canal, and the bridge across the sound near Skinnerville would be in line for this project.

5. If I would take a selfish view, I would say neither of the proposed bridge are needed; and that Williamston should be made the highway terminal for Hyde, Tyrrell, Washington and Beaufort Counties.

That would bring all the traffic of Hyde and lower Beaufort through Washington, N. C., where I happen to have some property, and this would no doubt enhance the value of my property, and the other people who lived in these isolated places and had to make all these extra miles to get their produce to market would never know the difference after they had been dead a hundred years."

Some good points omitted by the minister, but added below by the editor from those in favor of the same project follow:

6. If the railroad thought it wise to put a bridge across the Albemarle Sound and can maintain it, so can the State Highway Commission.

7. Hunters in this section report that the soil on the mainland across from Plymouth would not be a suitable foundation for a highway.

8. Scenic value of the road thru Washington County to Skinnerville would be of some importance.

9. Historical value of a bridge over the famous Albemarle.

Norman Attends Attorneys' Meet

Former representative Zeb Vance Norman returned Monday from Myrtle Beach, S. C., where he attended a convention of attorneys for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co. Mr. Norman reported that there were a good number present and that it was a very enjoyable outing. High railroad officials were present.

Dog Vaccinations Ahead of Listings

There are 549 dogs listed on the tax books in Washington County. Males outnumber the females 4 to 1, with 452 males and 97 females. Already 630 serum doses have been given out, and it is said that almost all of them have been used in accordance with the new law making vaccination of canines necessary.

Raymond Smith With New Firm

Raymond Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Smith, is now working with the Norman Furniture Co. as salesman and collector. He succeeds Bill Dixon, who began when James W. Norman purchased the business of A. L. Owens some time ago.

Mr. Dixon has accepted a job with the National Handle Company. He is inspecting and grading timber in the logwoods of the company near Hamilton. He with his wife and daughter are expecting to move to Hamilton in the next week or two.