

### GRAND JURYMEN IN RECORD MEET MAKING REPORT

Group Very Thorough In Its Investigation Of County Affairs

A comprehensive report of the condition of the affairs and buildings of this county was handed in last Friday afternoon when the grand jury of the January term of Washington County Superior Court completed its investigations.

The investigators had been in session for five days which is a record for this county in length of time taken to do the duties of this body, according to Mr. C. V. W. Ausbon, clerk of the superior court for 25 years. Also the group was very thorough in its investigation of the public affairs of the county.

The report follows: "North Carolina, Washington County—In the Superior Court, January term, 1936.

To W. C. Harris, Judge Presiding: We, the grand jury for the January term of 1936, beg leave to report to you our findings as follows:

We have examined all bills and presentments brought before us by the solicitor and have reported our findings to you.

#### Courthouse

We have examined all departments of the courthouse and find them in excellent condition except the lights in the courtroom. We recommend that the shades be taken off and cleaned. We also recommend that light bulbs be placed in the lights that are not in lighting condition.

#### Jail

We have visited the jail and find it in a most excellent condition and we desire to commend the sheriff for the splendid way in which he has the jail kept.

#### County Home

It is very gratifying to us to be able to report that our findings at the county home were more than satisfactory.

Cleanliness is an outstanding feature there and order prevails everywhere. We wish especially to commend Mr. Basnight, the superintendent of the home, for the excellent condition prevailing there. Inmates with whom we conversed were unanimous in their praise of his treatment to them.

We recommend that six or eight feet be added to the height of the chimney, which will eliminate the falling of soot, which has a tendency to mar the paint and wood work of the beautiful building.

We desire to express our appreciation to the Federal Relief Administration for the presentation of this splendid building to the county.

#### State Highway Prison Camp

Our examination of this camp revealed conditions that ought to be eliminated. It has the appearance of a collection of cattle stalls or horse stables on a neglected plantation, and but for the energy and efficiency of Mr. W. H. Gaylord, the superintendent in charge, it would be entirely unfit for the purpose for which it was intended. Even his individual hut is unfit for any except temporary, very temporary human habitation. The State Highway Department is fortunate indeed to have the services of the present superintendent at this camp.

Conditions there are as near perfect as, under the circumstances, it is possible for them to be due to the activities of Mr. Gaylord.

#### Administrations and Guardianships

A wise provision some five or six years ago placed these matters in the trust department of a local financial institution, the Branch Banking and Trust Company, and safeguards thrown around these funds have furnished ample protection. We find practically no funds of this sort in the hands of the Clerk of the Court.

#### Justices of the Peace

There are sixteen justices of the peace in the county. The reports of six are in up to and including December 1935. One had not reported since September, 1935. One has sent in no report for the fiscal year. Eight are delinquent from July 1, 1935.

#### School Buses

An examination of the school buses of the county reveal the following facts:

Bus No. 24, first class condition; No. 4, brakes fair. No lights, horn in good condition, leaky top and leaking gas tank; No. 23, good condition; No. 11, brakes fair, no lights; No. 13, no lights; No. 12, no lights, leaky top and no windshield wiper; No. 3, no lights, horn out of order; No. 8, brakes fair, no lights; No. 6, brakes fair, no lights, one glass broken; No. 15, no lights and leaky top; No. 19, good condition; No. 16, brakes out of order, no lights; No. 7, brakes out of order.

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### Home and Club News

By Mary Frances Misenheimer

#### Schedule for Next Week

Monday, County Bridge.  
Tuesday, Pleasant Grove.  
Wednesday, Leaders' school at Plymouth.

Thursday, Creswell.

Friday, Alba.

Saturday, curb market at 8:30. Miss Lula Watson led the sales this past Saturday, with \$10 worth of products sold.

We thank the people who patronize the curb market, for it is you who help make it a success.

Watch Roper club grow. The club has been equally divided, with Mrs. F. D. Wilson and Mrs. John Hassell as captains of the sides. Each side is to see which can get the most members during the month of January. Watch to see which side is the winner.

This sounds encouraging, "I am going to try to do more and better work this year in my club work than I have in the past." This was said by one of the Hoke Club members.

There was a large number of members present at the Chapel Hill club meeting. Rain or shine, depend upon Chapel Hill to be there.

We are glad to have Mrs. Ruth Davenport for the new secretary of Beech Grove club. We are sorry to have Mrs. Oscar Trueblood to leave us, as she was a splendid worker.

The following are the names of the food leaders for the coming year: Hoke club, Mrs. H. L. Browning. Roper, Mrs. L. S. Brey.

Chapel Hill, Mrs. Robert Swain. Beech Grove, Mrs. H. D. Peele. Supperrong, Mrs. John Spruill. Mrs. Kitty Norman.

Cherry, Mrs. M. E. Ambrose. Albemarle, Mrs. C. L. Everette. Wenona, Mrs. J. S. Ray.

Mount Tabor, Mrs. Ida Bateman. County Bridge, Mrs. L. A. Parrish.

Pleasant Grove, Mrs. Z. S. Waters. Swain, Mrs. Jane Vail.

Creswell, Mrs. A. L. Holmes. Alba, Mrs. E. W. Harrison.

Cross Roads, Mrs. J. W. Marrow. Piney Grove, Mrs. Sadie Stillman. Cool Springs, Mrs. Moore.

Lake Farm, Mrs. George Craddock. We expect some good work from these leaders. They are to attend the leaders' schools and to help their clubs in every way possible.

### Lowest Corn Price Here Is 40c Bushel

Into the Beacon office walked Floyd Hartung, local grist mill operator, a few days ago, asking the reporter where he could find some of the corn that was selling at 30 cents a bushel.

No reply was forthcoming from the newsmen because he didn't know.

Mr. Hartung had read the second column editorial headed, "shameful," which appeared in the Beacon on January 3 reading in part as follows:

"It is shameful for one to buy and another to sell corn at 30 cents a bushel which is being done in this county, according to reports."

The lowest market price that Mr. Hartung claims he has paid for corn per bushel is 45 cents, but there have been reports that it has been sold as low as 40 cents a bushel. Market quotations in several other counties at the time placed corn at 30 cents a bushel, and unofficial reports state that some farmers in this county delivered corn to those centers at that price.

### Local Junior Order Had Good Year

At their regular meeting Monday night of the Junior Order United American Mechanics, the recording secretary read a report of the work of the council during the quarter ending December 31st, and it was noted that the council has made much progress during the quarter.

A gain of 10 new members, 1 reinstatement, and 1 admission by card with no members lost, making a total of 12 new members.

The councilor wants every member present at 8 o'clock Monday night, January 20th, as there is some very important business to be discussed.

### CREDIT GROUP'S STOCKHOLDERS MET SATURDAY

Reports Show Cooperative Lending Agency Had Successful Year

At the annual stockholders' meeting of the Washington Production Credit Association, which serves the counties of Beaufort, Hyde, Martin, Tyrrell, and Washington held at Washington, on January 11, 1936, reports by officers showed that this cooperative credit organization of farmers had a very successful year in 1935.

After the report of the year's operations had been made by J. E. Hull, secretary-treasurer of the association, the report being illustrated by charts, showing how much business was done, how much it cost to run the association, and how the income was received, the meeting was addressed by Mr. Ernest Graham, of the Production Credit Corporation, of Columbia, S. C.

Mr. Graham said that by means of production credit associations, "the farmers have been able to reduce the cost of making and collecting loans, and by keeping the system on a sound basis they can obtain funds from investors at costs as low as those available to any other industry. The associations do not lend government money, but bring the farmer in touch with the investment market. As they furnish credit to farmers at actual cost they must make their loans on a sound basis and they can lend only on an amount which may be repaid from the operations of the borrower's farm."

Another substantial increase in the number of farmers using production credit is expected in 1936, Mr. Graham said, as more and more farmers are availing themselves of the services offered by the associations as they learn of the advantages offered by this permanent cooperative system.

Farmers in this section were advised by Mr. J. E. Hull, secretary-treasurer, to make their applications early this year. He pointed out that they do not have to get their money until they actually need it, and they pay interest on it only for time they actually have it. It will cost them no more to make their applications early and get their loans approved, so that when they get ready for their money it will be ready for them.

The Washington association made 641 loans for \$217,459 last year.

The two members of the board of directors of the association elected at the meeting are L. N. Davenport and J. W. Jarvis. Other members of the board elected a year ago are J. E. Patrick, president; J. W. Starr, vice president; and H. H. Cowan for Martin County.

### Legion Show To Be Given Friday Night

James E. Jethro Post, No. 164, of the American Legion, started rehearsals this week for their 1936 minstrel and musical revue, to be given in the high school auditorium Friday night, February 7. The tickets have been printed and are being sold by members of the post.

The post is fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Bob Wilson as director of the show, as Mr. Wilson is a showman of long standing and has had much success in directing and putting on shows all over the country.

The show this year promises to be the best ever staged by local talent in this section.

Part of the proceeds of this show will be used in entertaining the district convention, to be held here some time in the next few weeks.

### Nephew of Mrs. J. S. Brown Is Killed

Word has reached Mrs. John S. Brown of the death of a nephew, Wilton Ausbon, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Ausbon, of Henderson, who was beaten to death by three allegedly drunken comrades on December 7.

Corporal Ausbon was on police duty in Balboa, Canal Zone, in Central America, with the United States Marine Corps. The three marines were turned over to him to be taken back to the ship after they had been arrested. When they alighted from the tax one started to run.

The corporal pursued the fleeing man and when he caught him his two companions aided the other in fatally injuring him by beating him over the head until he had hemorrhages causing his death before he reached a hospital. His body reached Henderson on December 26.

### CROP VALUES IN STATE DOUBLED UNDER THE AAA

Nearly 400 Million Dollar Increase Reported In Past Three Years

During the two and a half years of the AAA, the total increase in North Carolina farm income was more than \$416,785,000.

This figure is the sum of the AAA benefit payments plus the increased valuation of farm crops since 1932.

In 1932, before the AAA, the value of farm crops in this State was \$104,362,000, said Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College, who had charge of the AAA programs in North Carolina.

With the inauguration of the AAA in 1933, the valuation of farm crops rose to \$194,390,000. The following year it climbed up to \$262,973,000, and in 1935 it was \$246,348,000.

The total increase over 1932 during the next three years amounted to \$390,625,000. In addition, the farmers cooperating in the crop control programs received more than \$26,160,000 in benefit payments.

Up to September 30, 1935, the benefit payments had reached a total of \$26,159,193. Since that time other payments have been made, and yet others are now due, the dean pointed out.

The benefit payments, classified by commodities, were distributed to North Carolina farmers thus: tobacco, \$14,515,189; cotton, \$10,689,546; corn-hogs, \$848,005; and wheat, \$97,451.

From the summer of 1933 up to September 30, 1935, farmers in Washington County received a total of \$65,732.60 in AAA rental and benefit payments.

Payments to growers in near-by counties were: Beaufort, \$408,735.18; Bertie, \$266,282.56; Edgecombe, \$799,918.14; Halifax, \$646,714.29 and Pitt, \$1,222,108.61.

### Mother of Mrs. E. W. Latham Dies

Mrs. Sallie Rebecca Moore, of Southport, mother of Mrs. E. W. Latham, of Plymouth, died at her home January 7 at 75 years of age. Funeral services were held in the Methodist church, with Rev. E. L. Hall officiating. Besides Mrs. Latham there are five sons and another daughter of the elderly lady surviving.

"Among the elderly people of Southport, it can truthfully be said that Mrs. Moore was one of the best loved and gentlest of women. Deeply devoted to her children, her church and her friends, her death brings a shock," said the local paper of the Southport lady.

### Asks Information About Family

Below is a copy of a letter received by Recorder John W. Darden from Mrs. Anthony R. Cain, 89 Standish Avenue, Wallston, Mass., who is seeking information:

"Could you give me any information in regard to a family by the name of Roughtean (as she had it spelled) from Plymouth, N. C. One son was John Henry. I believe they were carriage painters years ago."

Judge Darden urges any one who knows these people or knows of them to get in touch with Mrs. Cain.

### New Officers for Lodge Installed

New officers for Perseverance Lodge, No. 59, of the Masonic Order in Plymouth, took their respective stations last Tuesday night to begin their duties for the ensuing year. A banquet was given by E. H. Liverman, master; Gilbert Davis, senior warden; Leon Rose, junior warden; B. G. Campbell treasurer; Frank C. Spruill secretary; John W. Darden, senior deacon; E. J. Spruill, junior deacon; David Hurley, tyler; Sam Garrett and Clyde Hassell, stewards.

### Parent-Teacher Meet at Roper

Roper.—All parents are urged to realize the importance of attending the regular parent-teacher meetings. Mrs. C. L. Walker extends an urgent appeal for a large representation at the meeting next Tuesday evening.

### County Veterans To Receive 127,818 When Bonus Paid

Passage of the bonus bill by the United States Congress at this session would mean that close to 200 veterans of the World War in Washington County would be paid \$127,818.65, making an average of \$634 for each former service man in the county.

But the average does not fully give the story, as some have never received their first half of the Adjusted Service Certificates and would draw all of their money at one time.

For example, one person here would be paid \$1,005, while others might run slightly lower than half of the average per veteran.

Those favoring the bill argue that payment of the bonus will discharge and retire a debt already acknowledged by Congress. It is also pointed out that distribution of this huge sum, which includes \$34,622,162.80 to North Carolina veterans, would hasten recovery.

### WARNS AGAINST ALLOWING STOCK TO RUN AT LARGE

Hogs Are Menace to Life And Property on Roads Of County

Hogs roaming unfenced fields in search of peanuts and food drift into the highways and public roads in this section, and are causing a menace to the life, limb, and property of autoists.

J. C. Gardner, of Tarboro, district highway engineer, who has traveled in Washington and surrounding counties, is urging people to keep their livestock in enclosures, preventing them from going on to the highways.

Sometimes other livestock is seen on the highways, but in this section the most dangerous to autoists and the most frequently seen on the public roads are hogs that have been turned loose to find feed as they roam. The laws are very strict on this matter, and should the owners be called into court they will find that in addition to it being dangerous, it will be expensive to them as well, for letting their livestock run at large.

### Take Applications For Crop Loans

Applications will be accepted for loans from the Washington Production Credit Association, beginning next week, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of each week, as an employee will be in the office of S. A. Ward, jr., in Plymouth, for this purpose.

Farmers are urged by the organization to make applications for their loans early, but they need not secure the money until they need it. By applying early the money will be available when it is needed by the farmer. It will cost no more to apply early as interest is only charged on the money what time the farmer actually has it.

The Washington Association made 641 loans for \$217,459 last year. Officers of this association for the new year are as follows: J. B. Patrick, president; J. W. Starr, Creswell, vice president; H. H. Cowan, L. N. Davenport and J. W. Jarvis to complete board of directors.

### J. Stuart Windt Gets Promotion

J. Stuart Windt, formerly office supervisor of the local plant of the National Handle Company, has been named manager of another unit acquired by his firm in Macon, Ga.

The new unit is some smaller than the local plant and was formerly known as the Standard Tool and Handle Company, but from now on will be designated as the Standard Handle Works of the National Handle Company.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Windt are prominent here in society and many regret that they will move from here in the next few days, but it is agreed that promotion has come to a deserving young man.

### Will Hold Leaders' School Here 22nd

Miss Sallie Brooks, assistant nutritional specialist, from the State Extension Department, will conduct a leaders' school in Plymouth Wednesday morning, January 22, at 10. The meeting to be held in the agent's office. Please bring lunch, as the meeting will last until the afternoon.

We are looking forward toward this meeting, as Miss Brooks has a thorough knowledge of food and will present to us interesting information. Every one is invited to attend this meeting, even if you are not a food leader.

### TWOCOUNTYMEN DIE IN EXPLOSION OF OIL TANKER

William and Deward Leary, Brothers, Die in New Jersey Accident

Funeral services were held at the home here of Mrs. Griffin Norman Sunday afternoon for William and Deward Leary, brothers and natives of Washington County, who were killed in an explosion of an oil tanker several days ago in Pemberton, N. J.

Rev. Gilbert Davis and Rev. N. A. Taylor, both Christian ministers, officiated at the double funeral. Both are middle-aged men. William's home was in Philadelphia, while Deward's home was in Portsmouth. Both were employed by a transportation corporation that specialized in towing barges and tanks.

Both of the men were aboard the tanker while it was anchored to a wharf, and when fire was discovered on board it was released to prevent the spread of the fire to the landing place. Both were burned to death in the explosion that followed from the intense heat and the towering flames.

William is survived by a widow and four children; twins born a month ago, and one of the other two in a hospital. Deward leaves a widow and three sons, one of them in the hospital with pneumonia. Eighteen months ago a son of William's was drowned in a river near their home and the body brought here for burial.

Deward was buried at the Askew place on the Long Acre road, while the interment of Williams took place in the Holly Neck Christian church cemetery. William left here years ago while Deward has been gone only two years. Both are connected with well-known and well-liked families in this county.

Active pall bearers were as follows: For Deward: John, Joe, Frank and George Askew, Harry Stell and P. W. Brown; for William: J. B. McNair, W. E. Weede, J. W. Darden, Cleve Cratch, Harry Stell and P. W. Brown.

Honorary pall bearers for both follow: Leonard Ayers, Allen Peed, Sam Garrett, Warren Ayers, Jesse Bowen, Alfred Arnold, Bert Bishop, John West, Jim Swain, Herman Hooker, Fenton Reid, Albert Alexander, Sheriff J. K. Reid, Dan Basinger, G. K. Harris, Bob Bateman, A. D. Basinger, Stark Bowen, Kenneth Allen.

### Local Christian Church Program

The local Christian church a few months ago decided on a three-year term of electing elders and deacons. This plan is so arranged that each year one-third of the board members' terms expire and each year hereafter the church will elect from the members some one to fill the vacancy.

Last Sunday, January 12, the church appointed their elders and deacons to serve for the following terms: For elders serving until 1939 are P. D. Allen and W. C. Chesson; elders serving until 1938, W. L. Whitely and E. H. Liverman; elders serving until 1937 are J. W. Darden and M. G. Darden. For deacons serving until 1939: G. W. Bowen, Goldie Simpson, A. T. Darden and P. H. Darden. Deacons serving until 1938 are: J. R. Knowles, J. W. Jackson, W. W. Browning, and S. D. Davis. Deacons serving until 1937 are: Archie Modlin, Hubert Allen, Claire Wilson, and Roy W. Swain.

A very impressive service is being prepared to be held next Sunday, January 18, at 7:30 p. m. At this time all officers who have not been ordained will be, and all officers will be installed. he public is cordially invited.

### Regular Services At Saint Delight

Regular services at St. Delight on third Sunday, January 19, and on through the year. Bible school, 10 a. m. Preaching, 11 a. m. and again at 7 p. m. Morning subject, "Things New." Evening, "The Sin of Believing a Lie."

It is also "Dollar Day." Every member will bring his or her dollar as a special gift to the Lord. This money will be used for the work in general. There will be a congregational meeting in the afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The roll will be called, and every member is expected to be present. The public is invited to all of our services this year.—M. L. Ambrose, minister.