

LOCAL MAN ASKS CHANGE BE MADE IN FISHING LAWS

John W. Darden Believes Little Man Has Been Treated Unfairly

Below is a communication from John W. Darden, judge of Washington County's recorder's court, to J. D. Chalk, commissioner of game and inland fisheries of the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, in connection with a recent change in the fishing laws:

"I notice in the local paper, the Roanoke Beacon, today, an article headed, 'No fishing from April 1 to May 10.' This article states that it shall be unlawful to take game fish in inland waters during this time. I think this perfectly proper and all right.

"It further states, however, that shad and herring can be taken with skum nets only on Friday and Saturday of each week. I wish to voice my objection to the ruling of your board on January 22, which prohibits the taking of herring from creeks with skum nets.

"There are hundreds of people, who, with the aid of a small skum net, can take advantage of the running of herring and catch a few fish and put them up for the following winter's use. Most of these people could not get them otherwise. If these people do not get them when they are here, they will not get them, whether it happens to be on Friday, Saturday or some other day in the week.

"It seems to me that your board is discriminating against the small fellow, who is unable to buy fish, and in favor of the large commercial fishermen. The commercial fisheries are allowed to operate all week days while these hundreds of people, both colored and white, are allowed only two days each week to catch a few for their families' use.

"No one knows when the runs of fish will come, and if they should happen to come up the rivers and creeks any day except Friday or Saturday, then this great number of people would be without fish for the year's supply. I have actually seen men by the hundreds spend all day and all night trying to catch a few fish for themselves while the commercial fisheries are catching them by the hundreds of thousands.

"I trust that your board can see its way clear to give these people an opportunity to fish with skum nets each week day for herring up to May 1 each year. I heartily approve your methods of protection of game fish."

Below is a reply to the letter from John W. Darden to J. D. Chalk, commissioner:

"The purpose of this regulation is to attempt to restore the game fish in the inland waters, the supply of which has been reduced to an alarming extent by the skum and gill netting for salt-water species that come into the inland waters to spawn.

"... The fish population, as you perhaps know, is decreasing rapidly while the number of fishermen shows a steady increase, which you will see presents a problem of serious consequence.

"You have in your county in the canals, and perhaps some of the creeks a situation that does not exist generally in reference to herring, and I believe the board will be willing to make exceptions in reference to the skum nets in the canals and certain creeks and in talking with Senator Carl L. Bailey over the telephone Monday, I suggested that he write a letter designating the creeks and canals in which your people wish to do this type of netting, and I will immediately submit the matter to the board for action."

Making Survey for Bridge Over Sound

A second crew of surveyors is working in the Skinnerville section of this county. They follow a ground crew here last week, which laid a course for the approaches, while the water crew here now will lay a course for a bridge crossing the Albemarle Sound.

It is understood that Governor Ehringhaus has had a person in this section interviewing individuals for their opinions as to the location. It is reported that he is anxious to get the bridgework started before his tenure expires.

The surveyors, whose names could not be learned, are said to be laying a course for the much disputed bridge to cross the Albemarle Sound. They were tight-lipped, but their actions have become known. Z. V. Norman has written officials for information on the activities.

\$2,000,000 MORE?

Reports here today are to the effect that \$2,000,000 have been appropriated by the Resettlement Administration for the purchase of more farm land and the development of farming in the Magnolia farms section of Washington and Tyrrell counties.

This information was disclosed by reliable persons, who forbade the use of their names. This could not be substantiated in time for the press. It will mean that more men and women can become connected with this work in this county.

ABOUT TOWN

Recent realty transfers include property from T. M. Bowen and wife to P. C. Simon known as the Louis Allen Home place on Long Acre road six miles from Plymouth; also Mrs. Isolind Mizelle, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Lewis and Mrs. Leslie L. Williams and Isadora Windley sold the Frank Harrell land to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ainsworth.

"Hoot" Gibson, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Gibson, formerly of Roper but now of Severn, has been elected president of the Men's Student Government Association at East Carolina Teachers' College in Greenville. Last year Gibson attended Louisburg College, where he was president of the freshman class. He played football and basketball during the seasons and will now go out for baseball.

The W. T. Phelps Department Store at Creswell is now in its 40th year. This place of business is one of the oldest in Washington County, being established in 1896. Mr. Phelps is also a planter as well as a merchant.

Be sure when you drive your car that you have your driver's license card with you. Patrolman W. S. Hunt, of Williamston, is expected down any time to enforce this law. Under the law no license will be issued to any person until he has passed a driving examination given by a patrolman and all applications now must be signed by a patrolman proving the applicant is capable of operating a car.

While the N. C. Rural Rehabilitation Corporation and the Resettlement Administration are studying legal means of exchanging hands of the Magnolia farms in Washington and Tyrrell Counties, the work on the farms continues. Difficulties are involved in effecting a valid transfer of the land from the corporation, a state agency, to the Resettlement Administration, a Federal agency.

The Plymouth Box and Panel Company is having the best regular run possibly in recent years as it has been operating regularly since about the first of the year. About 250 people are employed there daily. The company has enough orders to last for some months, and the payroll is a boost to Plymouth. E. F. Still arranged to start the plant operating after it had stopped during the depression.

Mrs. T. L. Bray has been named by the Senior Woman's Club of Plymouth as delegate to the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs which is to be held in High Point next month. Mrs. Bray has been very interested in club work for years and is now president of the local club.

The Tri-County Vocational Agriculture Association is planning a father and son banquet at the Roper High School Friday night. Approximately 300 are expected to attend. Dads and their boys from Jamesville, Plymouth, Roper, Creswell and Columbia are invited.

Miss Jessie Mae Bowen is assisting Miss Mary Frances Misenheimer home agent, in her work in the office and about the county. Also assisting her is Miss Elizabeth Phelps in Creswell and Miss Daisy Sexton in Roper. These young ladies are working under the National Youth Administration program.

Miller Warren is studying the job as rural letter carrier in the local post office. He is a substitute for Mrs. C. T. Robbins, who is the first substitute for her father, E. G. Harris. Mr. Warren is learning the business so that he can replace Mrs. Robbins should it be necessary. At the present Mrs. Robbins is sick and has been for almost a month.

Pamlico Farmers Plant Potato Crop Hurriedly

Described as one of the quickest plantings ever seen in Pamlico County, about 75 percent of the potato crop is now in the ground.

TOWN WILL HAVE OWN LIST-TAKER FOR FIRST TIME

Town Valuation Will Not Be Taken from List Prepared by County

Probably for the first time in the history of this good little town, Plymouth will have its own tax listing organization separate and apart from that of Washington County, according to a decision reached by the City Council in session here last week.

Heretofore, no listing of real or personal property or poll was done by the town, but they merely went to the abstracts of the county and wrote their tax receipts and prepared their valuations based on these reports, but now the town will list taxes in their own right.

In the previous method the town was always behind in their tax valuations as they always had to wait until the county concluded their listing and working with the abstracts before those for the town could be prepared. Then a little after the first of May state officials would be writing in for the property valuations for the town. This was always late.

The county work was good. And the town authorities appreciated the work of the county and the cooperation rendered them in this work, but it was decided this year to do their own listing which would cost only a small amount extra and in this work it is hoped that the valuation can be increased.

It will be the ambition of the town listing officials to get more on their books to increase the valuation from the present \$800,000 or more to nearer the million dollar mark. Males over 21 and under 50 are subject to poll tax. Real and personal property owners must list with the town list takers.

There has been some laxity in the listing of the polls but a determined drive will be made to place on the books all items subject to taxation. Of course, little will be added to the valuation from real property, but it is hoped by the officials that a sizeable increase can be made in the listing of personal items this year.

Some of the items that will be included in the drive for increased valuations that have been probably overlooked in the past will include automobiles, musical instruments, jewelry, safes, typewriters, cash registers, seines, nets, radios, boats, money, solvent credits, and such personal property.

It is hoped by this increase that there will be no necessity of increasing the tax rate for the next year, but the increase in valuations will take care of the extra str. in that will be put on the town's finances for the coming year.

New Entrants in Political Races

Politics continue to warm up as new candidates for offices continue to announce:

Lloyd Horton entered against A. L. Owens and Harry Stell for the office of representative of Washington County in the North Carolina General Assembly.

S. A. Ward, sr., is the only one out for county commissioner, as is the case of W. L. Whitley, who has announced for the board of education. P. H. Darden, C. N. Davenport, jr., and L. E. Hassell have neither announced to succeed themselves.

New ones continue to come out for treasurer, including W. T. Freeman, W. L. Hassell, J. A. Chesson. John W. Darden announces this week to succeed himself as the nominee for recorder's judge, with Z. V. Norman and W. R. Gaylord as opponents.

MacLean To Speak On 'Lay Evangelism'

On "Church Night," March 30th, one of the special nights to be observed during the revival at the local Christian church, Mr. H. H. McLean, superintendent of county schools, will speak, especially to the members, on "Lay Evangelism."

Tom Jones Dies at Home Near Cherry

Cherry.—Tom Jones, 83, died at his home near Cherry Monday morning after a lingering illness. Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon. Burial took place in a family cemetery. Surviving is a widow and 13 children.

Home and Club News

By Mary Frances Misenheimer

Schedule for Next Week

Monday, colored club, Plymouth. Tuesday, Hoke Club. Wednesday, a. m., 4-H Club, Roper. Wednesday, p. m., Roper club. Thursday, Chapel Hill. Friday, Beech Grove. Saturday, curb market. Mrs. Joe Browning led the sales at curb market Saturday. She has averaged selling the most during the month of March.

County Bridge Club had a good meeting at Mrs. L. S. Lilley's last week. Shrubs were exchanged at the meeting and several new members joined the club.

The members of Alba Club have good gardens started. At present Mrs. J. E. Bowen is getting 6 fresh vegetables from her garden.

The fall-winter garden contest closes March 31. Will all those who entered this contest, please send in their record and story to the home agent by April 3rd. This is necessary to send in the winner's name to Raleigh. Don't fail to send your report in. You may be the winner.

Many shrubs, plants, and trees have been exchanged this month among the members of the clubs. There seems to be a lot of improvement taking place in the yards. "Make your bit of the world more beautiful," is the motto of the club women.

The 4-H club at Plymouth school held its regular meeting Monday afternoon. The meeting was opened by singing some of the 4-H club songs. Health record books were given to each member and plans were discussed for club camp this summer.

Over 100 Persons at Hearing on Proposal To Deepen Roanoke

300,000,000 Feet of Timber Would Be Made Available by Improvements

Upwards of 100 interested people from Northampton, Halifax, Bertie, Martin and Washington Counties gathered in the courthouse at Plymouth Wednesday with Major H. R. Cole, of the engineer corps at Norfolk to discuss the need for the deepening of Roanoke River.

It is proposed to increase the depth from 5 to 10 feet from Hamilton to Weldon. It has already been deepened from the mouth to Hamilton. It remains now for the bars and snags to be removed from Hamilton to the mouth. Already an allotment has been made by the Congress for removal of snags from Palmyra to Hamilton.

There are 300,000,000 feet of timber along the river from Hamilton to Weldon that cannot be economically removed except by these needed improvements. It will help the local lumber plants, as well as others along the river.

It is expected that the contract will be let for removal of snags and bars from the mouth to Hamilton this summer. Major Cole will report to his superiors and then an allotment will be sought from Congress to pay for the improvement between Hamilton and Weldon.

Aged Woman Dies Monday Morning

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon for Mrs. Alexina Harrison, 82, who died early Monday morning. Rev. Richard Lucas officiated. Interment took place in the old Harrison cemetery.

Her husband, Jule Harrison, has been dead about 10 years. She was living with her daughter, Mrs. Edgar Bateman, who, with Mrs. A. L. Alexander and Luther Harrison, of New York City, survive.

Supper for Juniors Has Been Put Off

Due to Hampton's seines not operating and bad roads, the Junior Order of United American Mechanics wish to announce that the rock middle supper intended for Friday, March 27, has been postponed, according to Dr. C. McGowan.

President Roosevelt Issues Appeal for Flood Sufferers

Following is the text of President Roosevelt's appeal in behalf of flood sufferers:

"To the People of the United States: "Flood waters raging throughout eleven states have driven 200,000 people from their homes, with every indication that this number may be materially increased within the next twenty-four hours. In this grave emergency, the homeless are turning to our great national relief agency, the American Red Cross, for food, clothing, shelter and medical care.

"To enable the Red Cross to meet this immediate obligation and to continue to carry the burden of caring for these unfortunate men, women and children until their homes are restored and they can return to normal living conditions, it is necessary that a minimum relief fund of three million dollars be raised as promptly as possible.

"As President of the United States and as President of the American Red Cross, I am, therefore, urging our people to contribute promptly and most generously so that sufficient funds may be available for the relief of these thousands of your homeless fellow citizens. I am confident that in the face of this great need your response will be as immediate and as generous as has always been the case when the Red Cross has acted as your agent in the relief of human suffering.

"FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT."

Due to the illness of Mrs. C. T. Robbins, chairman of the Washington County Chapter of the American Red Cross, contributions should be sent to Dr. C. McGowan, Plymouth, and such contributions will be forwarded promptly to Washington, D. C.

600 ATTEND SHOW HELD FRIDAY BY LOCAL FIREMEN

Amateur Night Is Decided Success; Prize Awards Totaled \$45

Close to 600 people jammed into the high school auditorium here Friday night, as the first amateur night sponsored by the Plymouth Fire Department went over with a bang, as winners chucked away in their pockets \$45 in cash.

Billy Burke, one of the originators of the Amos 'n' Andy skit, bolstered the show with his rollicking nonsense, giving himself the gong many times much to the amusement of the audience. Carlyle Doughtie, dressed as a moustached baby in a perambulator, provoked laughter from the youngsters.

Winners included Patricia Aiken, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Aiken, of Roper, who was given \$5 as first prize in the 1 to 6 class for her singing and dancing act, while Genie Ange, of Long Ridge, was given \$5 for his singing and guitar playing in the juvenile group. The Plymouth High School rhythm band was awarded \$5 in the 12 to 18 group, while Tom Norman danced himself into the \$5 prize among the adults. Mayor Gilbert Davis made the opening talk. J. F. Ausbon distributed the prizes.

Mrs. H. S. Midgette was awarded the \$10 prize for the best arrangement of the lines for the ads, while George Sitterson won the \$5 first prize on the admission tickets.

The firemen asked the reporter to express their heartiest appreciation to those who participated in the program and those who cooperated in the advertising and to those who contributed in any way to making their program the pronounced success that it was.

Mrs. Perla H. Brey Postmaster at Roper

Roper.—Mrs. Perla H. Brey, wife of Leon S. Brey, of Roper, is the successor to C. L. Walker as postmaster in Roper. Mrs. Brey is a former school teacher and is well known in that section for her activities among the women in club and church work.

Her husband was at one time treasurer of Washington County. Mrs. Brey was one of the group which took the examination. Mr. Walker in leaving is proud of the record made by the office since he assumed the job as postmaster about 16 years ago.

Methodists Hold District Meeting

Either Belhaven or Fairfield will be the place of the group meeting in July of the clergy and laity of the 11 churches this side of the Chowan River in the Elizabeth City district of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, it was decided at a meeting held in Plymouth Tuesday. The fall meeting will go to Columbia.

Evangelism and benevolences were the subjects of the conference. Dr. J. Marvin Culbreth, presiding elder of the Rocky Mount district, and Rev. B. B. Slaughter, presiding elder of the Elizabeth City district, were high lights in the middle supper intended for Friday, March 27, has been postponed, according to Dr. C. McGowan.

Farm Notes

By W. V. HAYS, County Agent

A county-wide meeting has been called for next Friday and notices sent to every farmer in the county to attend the meeting which is to be held at the courthouse at 2 p. m. on the 27th. Mr. L. B. Altman, of the extension service, will talk on the new farm program, which is now in operation and for which new agreements or contract will be offered farmers in our county about the 1st of April. It is believed that the new program will be very popular after a year or so and that benefits from this program will be very well distributed among the farmers of all kinds and classes in our county. Every one interested in the program should attend the meeting on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Everyone interested in the rural electrification project should attend a meeting at the courthouse called for Monday, March 30, at 2:30 in the afternoon. Mr. D. E. Jones, engineer with the rural electrification bureau, will be at this meeting for the purpose of explaining means, methods, and ways to go about securing feasible rural power lines and service.

The poultry and egg sale was fairly successful. Poultry and egg prices are reported much better throughout the county. A poultry car will be at the Coast Line Railroad station all day next Saturday. Philadelphia prices, less freight, will be paid for poultry delivered at the car. It now appears that 15 cents can be paid for eggs going into cold storage. This being the case, farmers should sell eggs for at least 15 cents per dozen through the summer.

A field day has been planned at the Wenona State Farm for April 8th. All farmers in this vicinity who are interested in livestock should go to Wenona on this day. Experimental results of breeding, feeding and management studied will be reviewed and the breeding cattle, sheep, hogs, and horses inspected. An interesting day has been promised the farmers who attend the station on this livestock field day.

The ladies of the community will serve a lunch at a very reasonable charge. Please notify your county agent at least three days before time if you plan to attend this meeting. Livestock specialists from the Extension Service will be present at this meeting.

Social Security Bill Benefits Discussed

H. H. McLean, superintendent of public instruction and also superintendent of public welfare in Washington County, attended a meeting of social workers in New Bern this week.

The pending social security benefits and the expansion of public welfare services were discussed by leaders in this kind of work over the State. Also a discussion centered about maladjustment individuals, sterilization of mental defectives, a more adequate program of school attendance, state parole service, economic rehabilitation of families and available social resources.

Mrs. H. T. Jackson and Mrs. Leslie Spruill attended a district meeting of the Methodist Episcopal church at Plymouth Tuesday.

TEN CASES TRIED BY RECORDER IN COUNTY'S COURT

Three Defendants Found Not Guilty by Court During March

Recorder's court activities for the sessions in March include the following cases:

D. O. Patrick, 42, white, charged with assaulting his wife with a shotgun in February was found guilty of simple assault, the court suspending judgment upon payment of costs.

Lillian Blackwell, 40, colored, nuisance, drunk and resisting Sheriff J. K. Reid, not guilty.

Mabel Simpson, 20, colored, charged with being drunk and exposing her person, entered a plea of guilty and was sent to the roads for six months.

Joe Will Norman, 38, colored, and Cornelius Hedgpeth, 16, colored, larceny of articles less than \$20 in value from the premises of Lee Davenport and Annie Purvis. Warrant sworn to by Leroy Gibson and Herbert Williams. Nol pros with leave as to Hedgpeth. Norman six months on roads.

George Sexton, 37, white, charged with driving drunk, improper brakes and escaping from officers who were taking him to jail, March 7. Directed verdict of not guilty of escaping officers and acquitted by a jury on the other two counts.

Rowland Biggs, 48, white, drunk and disorderly, roads one month, sentence to be effective if drunk again in two years. No costs.

J. H. Hardison, 38, white, charged with assaulting his wife, Mrs. Della Hardison, with a shotgun on March 12. Nol pros with leave.

Vance Satterthwaite, 36, white, charged with seizing crop of Will Hoggard, a tenant, nol pros. Charlie Bagley, 30, white, found not guilty of operating a car while drunk. Warrant sworn out by L. C. Snell and issued by Mayor J. J. Hassell, of Roper.

Henry L. Moore, 17, colored, charged with assaulting Walter McCall, jr., with a pool cue stick on March 14. Judgment suspended upon payment of costs.

CRESWELL BANK LIKELY TO PAY DIVIDEND SOON

Seventy Percent of Claim Totals Have Been Paid By Bank Already

Claimants against the closed bank of Creswell are expected to be paid another 20 percent thus making the total they will realize out of the bank 90 percent, according to information revealed by E. L. Cox, jr., liquidating agent of the State Banking Commission, who was here last week.

The concluding assets of the bank including notes for \$3,461.38, stock assessments \$4,357.78, cash items \$27.17, real estate the farms of Joshua Lucas, 105 acres listed at \$2,048.00, and Ely Snell farm 414 acres \$5,316.00, judgment against T. S. Spencer for \$2,556.90, were sold at auction here March 2. The total amount sold was \$17,767.23 to Josh Woodley as the high bidder for \$3,500. This exceeds a small item purchased by D. E. Woodley. Some of the notes, stock assessments and judgments are worthless. The real estate is the most valuable of the items sold.

This property was sold subject to taxes and equities. Mr. Cox was advised of some recent claims that had not before been considered and it is expected that this will delay the completion of the liquidation process and thus hold up the money of the claimants.

A deed for this property has been recorded in the office of the register of deeds including the property bid in by D. E. Woodley. It is not known what is the nature of the new claims that have arisen.

Mrs. Anna McGowan Dies at Cherry Home

Creswell.—Mrs. Anna McGowan, 69, of Cherry, died Monday morning after a lingering illness. She was a member of the Christian church. Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday at the Phillippi church, with Rev. Roy Respass officiating. Interment was in the family cemetery.

Surviving is a husband, Milton McGowan, one son, Henderson Crockard, two brothers, W. T. Phelps Creswell, and S. B. Phelps, Cherry, two half-brothers, H. M. and S. E. Ambrose, Cherry.