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NEW ROAD FROM ROPER TO NEWLAND HALF DONE

Shortens Distance To Cherry From Here by About Twenty Miles

Creswell—Work continued today on the new road from the head of the Newlands section near Cherry to Roper...

Roy T. Hopkins and his 25 men began a new work period Wednesday, when they entered the woods to continue their duty of clearing a right of way...

J. W. (Bill) Casey and his small crew continue their work on the drag line dredging the canal alongside of the road...

The course of the road is fairly straight. It was laid out by C. L. Cale, of Windsor, engineer who was paid by the Washington County commissioners...

Progress has been retarded since the beginning of the few days that the crew could work. Part of the time the roads and weather were so bad...

Immediately after the entrance of the Newland end of the road a swamp was encountered. Trees and underbrush were thick, and it took time to clear the way through here...

The dredge lacks about 300 yards or more finishing the swamp part of the road, then it will be able to make almost double the time on the way to the Roper end...

As soon as the dredge completes its work of laying the road bed and cutting the canal alongside of the road, then it will be only a matter of a short time until the topsoil will be scattered on the road to be leveled and packed for traffic to start...

The dredge has about 2 1/2 miles to go, while the crew clearing the right of way has only about a mile to go to get to the Roper end. The drainage will be cut into district No. 5...

The road will cost upwards of \$12,000 in round figures. The dredging operations, including the machine and the operator costs \$7 an hour, while the WPA provides the crew of two assistants...

Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Brey and Mr. Casey, dredge operator, are losing no time in rushing along as fast as conditions will permit, so that the job will be completed some time this summer...

It is nine miles to Roper from Plymouth, seven miles to Newland and three miles from there to Cherry, making it a total of 19 miles from Plymouth to Cherry through the new road...

The people up in that section are so eager for the new roads that H. S. Phelps gave a right of way off of his field for the road...

Oratorical Contest At Colored School

An oratorical contest will be sponsored by the athletic association of Washington County Training School on May 6...

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Davenport Land To Be Sold for Division Before November 1

Judge Harris Signs Order Favoring Claim of Mrs. Davenport

Prior to, November of this year, Zeb Vance Norman and C. L. Bailey as commissioners for the Washington County Superior Court...

Back in April, 1923, Mr. Davenport executed a deed of trust to his wife, Mrs. Mary J. Davenport, with Z. V. Norman as trustee for \$1,250, against a certain plot of ground...

Other heirs, including Janie Davenport, Pearl Phelps, Ethel Basnight, Mattie Edwards and Marie Carawan, asked that the deed of trust Mrs. Davenport held be declared invalid so that the property could be sold and divided without Mrs. Davenport claiming the sum for the deed of trust...

Judge W. C. Harris has signed an order holding the deed of trust valid, instructing the commissioners to sell the property and to turn the first \$1,250 over to Mrs. Davenport to pay the claim she held and then she was to get a third of the surplus as a widow's dower...

The remainder of the proceeds was to be divided equally among the heirs and legal representatives of Sansberry Davenport. Mrs. Davenport was also to be in possession of the property until December 30, 1936...

It was alleged that the property was worth close to at least \$5,000 and that the mortgage covered the home place of Mr. Davenport.

1,000 At Field Day Program in Roper

More than 1,000 people attended the first annual field day of the colored schools of Washington County held in Roper Friday...

An original one-act play, written by Dorothea Freeman, a senior, and directed by C. M. Rouson, English teacher, was given by the senior class of Roper. Alice Basnight dedicated the school song to Principal J. J. Clemmons...

Attorney P. H. Bell crowned Annie Louise Fuller, of the Backwoods schools as 1936 queen of Field Day. Dr. L. S. Mitchell also was a speaker. B. G. O'Brien and Charles Mizelle were judges in outdoor activities...

Roper won the literary program with 15 points against 8 points for Mount Delane, which trailed. Creswell won first place in singing; Roper was first with 15 points and Creswell second with 11 points in the outdoor activities.

Egg-Eating Hens Are Hard To Cure

Egg eating is usually acquired by birds in the flock and starts by an egg being broken in the nest. If you can pick out the bird or birds that have formed this habit, they should be taken from the flock...

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JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET HELD AT CRESWELL

Annual Event Last Friday Enjoyable; Interesting Program Offered

Shuffling feet accentuated by the harmonious recurrence of the rasping voice of Hallet Chesson calling the numbers at the old-time square dance, climaxed the gala affair in which the Juniors entertained the seniors of the Creswell High School last Friday evening...

The old folks present lined the walls while they watched the youngsters stray from the popular round dances of a modern age to hark back to the "good old days," when father and mother tripped the light fantastic. Some of them watched their own sons and daughters do the steps they knew so well in their memories...

Not many oldsters were there. But then a banquet means work, and so the women of the parent-teacher association, including Mesdames J. W. Starr, Clyde Smithson and Edgar S. Woodley were there. Smartly frocked waitresses, including Mary Nooney, Lula Mae Davenport, Roxie Furlough, and Christine Snell, served the food...

Around the banquet table sat 19 seniors and 14 juniors, with Betty Jo Davenport, class mascot, the 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. (Mike) Davenport, jr., and her mother; Principal C. H. Aderholdt; Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Paramore, Plymouth; Louis Davenport, musician; Miss Mary Frances Misenerheimer; Mrs. C. H. Tucker, grade mother for the seventh grade; and faculty members, bringing the total number to 40...

The welcome address was made by Josephine Davenport, president of the junior class, to which Mamie Davenport, president of the senior class, responded. Jewel Davenport made a toast to the seniors, with Louis Allgood responding. The toast to the faculty was made by Dorothy Hathaway, to which C. H. Aderholdt replied...

Ethel Swain toasted the ladies, who aided in preparing and serving the food. Kenneth Chesson humorously introduced Whitford Swain, who in turn presented Louis Davenport, who provided string music. The junior and senior songs were sung...

A toast was made to the mascot by Florence Leitcheid. Jokes were told by Ethel Swain. Ashley Swain and Nita Mae Tankerton put on a skit. Mr. Aderholdt teaches the juniors, while Mrs. A. S. Holmes teaches the seniors. Mrs. Royt T. Hopkins served as pianist...

Class colors, blue and gold predominated in the color scheme with blue and gold napkins, candles, plates and spirea, azaleas, and snow balls provided the spring flower touch. Favors were graduation caps filled with salted nuts and mints.

To Compete in Picture Contest

Katherine Midgett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Midgett and Mary Sallinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Sallinger, will be in Raleigh Saturday to compete in the state picture memory contest sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club division of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs...

They were chosen to represent this district of 10 counties in a contest held here last week. Girls from Plymouth who entered the district contest were Mary Sallinger, Mildred Dudley, in high school, and Mary Charlotte Jones and Katherine Midgett in grammar grades...

Miss Elizabeth Davidson, Mrs. Frank O. Bateman, and Miss Emily Brinkley have been teaching this work for some time in the Plymouth schools.

Orthopedic Clinic Held Last Monday

The Tarboro Rotary Club conducted its regular orthopedic clinic last Monday, beginning at 1 o'clock in the Presbyterian Sunday school building there. The club is anxious to reach all unfortunate cripples who are unable to pay for treatment...

Usually the notices of these meetings always reach the Beacon too late or are crowded out before the clinics are held, and so this week from the Beacon passes along the information that these clinics are held the last Monday in each month...

The next clinic is scheduled for May 25. Those knowing cripples wishing to attend should communicate with the Rotary Club and prepare to attend.

Routes of Approach To Bridge Across Sound Staked Out

Two Lines of Stakes Driven in Skinnerville Section

Surveyors for the North Carolina Department of Highway and Public Works Commission have laid out two plans of approach to a bridge to cross the Albemarle Sound. The stakes are there for evidence. Both are in the Skinnerville section...

One strikes a course from Woodley's store on Highway No. 64 to Frank Tetterton's place, thence to the edge of the sound to Barber's land, while the second leaves Highway No. 64 between Plymouth and Columbia near the Halsey place, thence to Newberry Lane and on to the sound...

This is supposed to be the narrowest part of the sound. The distance from the highway to the sound is only about four miles. It is not known what course the surveyors used in crossing the sound. This may be for estimating purposes. The usual idea is that the bridge would come out for an approach near Edenton.

Petition Asks Use Of Old School for Community House

Wenona Citizens Request Board Education to Pass Necessary Resolution

A petition carrying a large number of names of the people in the Wenona section of this county will be presented to the Washington County Commissioners and the Board of Education, which meets here Monday, asking the officials to pass resolutions tending to help them retain the use of their abandoned school building for community purposes...

This building was erected on property appropriated from the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company to be used for school purposes. This school term the children from that section rode into Plymouth on busses to attend school (when the roads permitted). The people in that section think that when the building is not used any longer for the original purpose the land will revert to the railroad company...

Even though they can't have a school they are anxious to have the building for public assembly, Sunday school, home demonstration club meetings and any other community interests. It is understood now that the Blackland Experiment Station in Wenona is using the building to house one of their employees.

It is expected that a delegation will be here to visit the county officials and present their petition. F. F. Hartung is among those who are opposed to the use of the building privately.

Feature Programs At Local Theatre

"The Call of the Wild," Jack London's immortal story of the Yukon gold rush, which is being offered by the New Theatre on Sunday, May 3, affords Clark Gable a real he-man role and Clark's work as a handsome swashbuckling prospector stands out as the finest of his career...

Loretta Young is believable and beautiful as the sheltered society woman who casts her lot with Clark and his buddy, Jack Oakie, when her husband is lost in the Arctic wastes. The story is good and the acting superb.

Then there is "Dark Angel" for Monday and Tuesday, featuring Frederic March, Merle Oberon, and Herbert Marshall. This is a powerful and beautiful love story set in the rural part of England. She loves one and the other loves her. See which she gets.

Priscilla Lyon in "Great Ziegfeld"

Miss Priscilla Ann Lyon, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Lyon of Plymouth, who went to Hollywood to crash the movies, has made the grade in a small way. She was in "The Follies of 1936" and has been chosen for a juvenile role in "The Great Ziegfeld"...

She recently appeared six times on the stage in the Ambassador Theatre in a program of the Professional Arts Troupers. She sang the theme song and introduced two other numbers.

SPRING MEETING OF CLUB WOMEN IS HELD IN ROPER

Green Woman Is Principal Speaker at Event Held This Week

"Don't let a slick-tongued orator persuade you with rosy promises of what he will do if elected to an office," said Mrs. J. H. B. Moore, of Greenville, president of the Greenville Federation of Women's Clubs, to 400 women in the Roper High School auditorium here at the semi-annual meeting yesterday of the Washington County Federation of Women's Clubs...

"Remember there is a legislature in this state, and no individual can do so much, no matter to which office he aspires. Study the candidates and consider the issues fairly. Consider your citizenship and accept the privilege and responsibility seriously. And let your citizenship help you make the country better."

"Help the country by promoting peace. The United States is spending more on their army and navy now than at any peace time. Hating war does not do away with it. Become active. Though the United States is not in any immediate danger of war we should bring pressure on our legislators to strive for peace and oppose war."

"The next war will not only see our sons and fathers and husbands victims, but the innocent will suffer from the poison gas and other modern methods of warfare. We must actively assert ourselves. Study peace with the idea of striving for peace. Spread the propaganda of peace. Everything must be done to keep the 'money-hungry men' from getting us into another war," pleaded the speaker as the women applauded.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Aiken provided the music. Rev. W. Watson, pastor of the Roper Methodist church, led the devotionals. Mrs. F. D. Wilson, of the Roper Club, welcomed the visitors, while Mrs. Sam Lucas, of Cool Springs, responded. Mrs. C. McGowan, of Plymouth, spoke on "Amateur Gardens."

Miss Ethel Nice, Greenville, home demonstration agent of Pitt County, introduced Mrs. Moore. Mrs. A. E. Davenport, Maceys, gave a "Ghost Reading." Mrs. C. N. Davenport, sr., vice president of the organization, presided in the absence of Mrs. W. H. Harrison. With Mrs. Moore was Mrs. J. Brooks Tucker, Grimesland, president of the State Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs and Mrs. Chester Harris, of Greenville.

Chapel Hill was awarded the attendance trophy for the second year. If they win next year the trophy will become their property. They already have one. They had 47 members enrolled, 14 new members, lost only one member, 100 per cent attendance since October, and 45 members were present at the convention.

W. C. Manning, of Williamston, editor of the Roanoke Beacon, was to have presented the trophy, but wired his regret of his absence on account of sickness.

Boy Has Spare Fingers and Toes

Charles Oliver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Deward Oliver, of near Cherry in the Newland section of Washington County, has six fingers on each hand and six toes on each foot. His parents have the usual number of fingers and toes. The extra fingers grow out from his thumb and resembles a thumb. These extra fingers and toes have nails but usually they are stunted and small.

J. F. Gurganus, of near Plymouth, has six fingers on one of his hands. However, his extra finger grows out from his thumb and resembles a thumb. These extra fingers and toes have nails but usually they are stunted and small.

Tobacco Tax Money Returned by Court

A total of \$575.35 has been paid to Mrs. Sadie F. Alexander here by attorneys for A. L. Alexander, who left here several months ago. This money was returned to Mr. Alexander after the AAA had been killed by the United States supreme court. This was Mr. Alexander's part of the tobacco tax money that he had paid under protest during the Agricultural Adjustment Administration regime. The attorneys paid it to C. V. W. Ausbon, clerk of the court. Since Mr. Alexander was not here to claim it, the court ordered it paid to Mrs. Alexander.

Work Started Today On New Agriculture Building for County

Located Between Central Garage and County Courthouse

Work started today on a 10,000 agricultural building for Washington County. It will be located on the site between the courthouse and the Central Garage. It will be 58 by 70 feet. There are to be six offices and an assembly room seating 250 people and rest rooms for men and women.

A filing vault will be included also. The structure will be of brick veneer, the same color of brick used as is now in the courthouse. It will have a brick foundation. A base ment will be included to house the boiler for the heating system.

The rooms will be for the county agent, assistant county agent, secretary, home agent, assistant home agent, a laboratory and conference room. The building will be well ventilated. The WPA and the county are standing the expense.

W. O. Pratt, project supervisor of this district, from Elizabeth City, was here today aiding in securing the measurements and planning the preliminary work before actual excavations begin.

Oxford Orphanage Singing Class To Be Here Tuesday, 12th

Will Give Annual Concert In The High School Auditorium

The singing class of the Oxford Orphanage, under the direction of Mrs. Sadie T. Hutchinson, including 14 boys and girls, will give a concert in Plymouth High School auditorium Tuesday evening, May 12, at 8 o'clock, it was announced today by Frank C. Spruill, secretary of Perseverance Lodge here.

The program will be featured with delightful songs, recitations and drills with colorful costumes and good music. Included on the program will be scenes of China boys, the chapel choir, Captain Kidd and "Let's Bel the Cat." L. W. Alderman will be with the class and will meet his friends here.

For more than 50 years the singing class has made annual tours all over North Carolina and has been to Plymouth each year for years. The orphanage has been operating for 62 years and Washington has been among the counties sending children there to be cared for.

Says Georgia Leaf Growers Unlikely To Increase Crop

90 Per Cent of Farmers in Cook County to Join in Conservation Plan

Reports on the tobacco situation in the Georgia section are now considered very encouraging, accord ing to Buck James, Robersonville man, who returned from the tobacco sections of that state this week. The most encouraging feature of the report is that there are indications the Georgia farmers will plant no more than a normal crop, that the farmers are planning to cooperate in the soil conservation program to a larger extent than many ever expected. One large tobacco-producing county, Cook, has signed 90 per cent of its farmers for participation in the soil program, according to information given Mr. James.

A few days ago it was estimated that about 60 per cent of the Georgia crop had been replanted. Blue mold is causing a shortage in plants, but the damage was not described as serious, and it is believed a normal crop will be possible there this year. The acreage will be about the same as it was last season, Mr. James believes.

Amount of Manure For Home Garden

The amount of manure to be applied to the home garden plot of course depends upon the size of the plot, but on soils of average fertility, about 10 two-horse wagon loads should be used to the acre. One load, therefore, would cover a space approximately 50 by 100 feet. Be sure that the manure is well rotted before applying. Where it is desirable to use a combination of manure and superphosphate for the garden soil the 10 loads of manure should be supplemented with two to three bags of superphosphate.

300 ON PETITION WANT EXTENSION OF SCUPPERNONG

Proposed Project Would Drain 10,000 Acres of Farm Land

More than 300 names with those of the commissioners and members of the board of education and other officials heading the list, are on a petition that is being passed in Washington County, asking the extension of Scuppernon River.

The petition asks the national government, through its agencies, to open or dredge Scuppernon River from Phelps Bridge to where it crosses the Newland road, a point which is known as the Bull Pond road, and also to whether the northern branch crosses the Backwoods road.

This petition is addressed to Congressman Lindsay Warren, and as soon as enough names are secured it will be taken to him by a delegation of men who are interested in the project, which includes Lloyd Horton, Stewart J. Woodley, and J. Eddie Davenport, J. W. Darden, Matthew Sawyer, and others.

This project would drain water from more than 10,000 acres of fertile farm land. The people living in that section are annoyed by mosquitoes that thrive in the stagnant water that backs up in their creeks, yards and farm land. They are menaced by disease also.

The land in that section is very flat and undrained. Many of the people suffer from malaria on account of the insects that are naturally prevalent in an area that is not properly drained. This drainage would also aid the roads in that section so that traffic for vehicles would be better.

In rainy periods the school buses can hardly pass. This new drainage would help keep the roads in better conditions so that a new system or routes for school trucks might be worked out or the present routes made more serviceable.

Pair Ferrets Owned By Creswell Citizen

Possession of the only ferrets in this section is claimed by H. C. Clifton near Creswell.

He has a male and female of this species of animal. It is a small aquatic animal of the weasel family, by some supposed to be only an albino polecat. The ferret was brought to the United States from Africa because of its value as a rodent destroyer.

It has a pointed head, reddish eyes and small ears; its body is long and slender, its legs short with very sharp strong claws; the tail short and furry. It is of the black-foot variety which abounds in the Platte River section of the United States. It has a particular zeal in killing mice, rabbits, chickens, turkeys and geese. It is said to kill the rodents and draw the blood from its veins, which is relished by the ferret. Like many animals, as soon as its appetite is appeased it is lazy.

The ferrets are being domesticated by Mr. Clifton. He imported them from Ohio and already has orders for some of their progeny. He is using the animals to rid his farm, corncribs and the like of rats. Even now Mr. Clifton can handle them.

They have been known to be used by hunters. They trail rabbits and such small animals. If a rabbit runs into a den then the ferret either forces the animal out of its hiding place or slays it.

Number of Cases Tried by Recorder

Recorder's court activities: W. Elmer Phelps, 41, white, farmer, on a warrent sworn out by Paul E. Phelps, was charged with assaulting his wife, Jude Phelps, with a pistol and being drunk and disorderly. Found not guilty.

Vernon Webb, alias Buster Webb, 21, colored, laborer, not guilty of "failing and refusing to support his wife and two children."

Matthew Spruill, 20, colored, laborer, and Ernest Lanier, 22, colored, laborer, charged with improper brakes on trailer, no driving permit and no license tags on car. Two months on roads, suspended upon payment of costs as to both.