

RELIEF SERVICE IS WITHDRAWN IN THIS COUNTY

Substitute Plan To Carry on Welfare Work Is Being Given Consideration

The services of Miss Florence Ledbetter, certificate adjuster for the welfare office of Washington County, were discontinued this week.

The State and Federal governments are withdrawing their welfare relief workers from the counties in the State and this means, of course, that Miss Ledbetter's services would no longer be available.

It is expected that the Washington County Commissioners will arrange some kind of set-up for this office or that H. H. McLean, superintendent of schools, and thereby according to law, be charged with the welfare relief duties.

A plan that has been suggested is that some local person who has had some experience be given the welfare worker's job as an assistant to Mr. McLean and at a very reasonable salary.

Miss Sybil Brown who has been assistant to Miss Ledbetter has been mentioned for the job. She has been engaged indirectly in this work for about three years.

It is expected that the Washington County Commissioners will make some kind of arrangement or will go into the matter with the State and Federal agencies in an effort to effect a substitute organization to help Mr. McLean in the welfare work.

GAIN OF 670,801 IN MEMBERSHIP OF CHURCHES IN 1935

Baptists Reported Largest Gain During the Period; Methodists Second

Church membership in the United States increased by almost 700,000 during 1935, the annual report of the Christian Herald statisticians reveals.

The report was compiled under the direction of Dr. George Linn Kieffer, president of the Association of Statisticians for American Religious Bodies and statistician for the National Lutheran Council.

The more than 156 bodies reporting disclosed a total membership of 62,678,177, a gain of 670,801 over the previous year.

Among the Protestants, the Baptists lead in the gains and also in total membership. That denomination reported an increase of 163,318 members and a total membership of 10,191,697.

The Methodists are second with a gain of 91,069 and a total membership of 9,067,561. The Lutherans are third with a gain of 86,088 members and a total membership of 4,586,300.

The Roman Catholic Church remains the largest of the religious bodies with a total membership of 14,797,479 over 13 years of age and a grand total of 20,609,302 members. It reported a gain of 210,793 members during 1935.

Total per capita contributions were \$12.10, a slight gain of three cents per head over 1934. Total property valuation was placed at \$2,636,964, with indebtedness of only \$250,970. Dr. Kieffer points out that this comparatively low indebtedness makes the churches the most solvent institutions in the nation.

Creswell Revival To Begin Sunday

Creswell—Cottage prayer services have been held this week in preparation for a series of revival services that will be held in the Methodist Episcopal church beginning Sunday night, July 5, at 8 o'clock with the pastor, Rev. W. J. Watson, as the preacher.

Preparatory services were held at the homes of E. R. Davenport, R. L. Spruill and H. A. Norman. The public is invited and church workers of other denominations are urged to participate.

Farm Notes

By W. V. HAYS, County Agent

Meetings were held last week in the four townships of the county and committees elected for the administration of the new soil conservation program during the year 1936. The committees elected for the various townships are listed below according to townships: Plymouth Township: H. C. Spruill, chairman; R. B. Davenport, vice chairman; J. T. Browning and C. S. Heynen; J. B. Stillman, alternate. Lees Mill Township: R. L. Stillman, chairman; J. E. Davenport, vice chairman, and J. R. Swain. Skippersville Township: J. C. Swain, chairman; C. L. Everett, vice chairman; H. O. Chesson, member, and J. H. Pritchard, alternate. Scuppernon Township: Roy L. Leitchfield, chairman; J. DeWitt Davenport, vice chairman; W. D. Phelps, member; and T. F. Davenport, alternate.

A number of farmers are marketing tall, straight pine trees in the form of saw logs when this timber would bring twice as much if sold for piling material. Anyone having tall, good-sized trees for sale which they believe suitable for piling material might be able to secure a premium on this timber. Advise the county office of the amount and size of the timber you have to sell, and we may be able to help you market this to advantage.

A number of our farmers are cultivating cotton which would pay them much better if abandoned or plowed up and planted to soy beans for seed or hay, especially if wet weather follows, and we have as many boll weevils as seem to be expected. Farmers with a base of 5 acres or less may rent or receive pay on two acres of this kind of cotton. This means that a farmer having three acres of very poor cotton would receive rental on two acres should he plow up two acres of his cotton and plant it to soy beans or some summer legume. This would be the case on any number of base acres up to five, provided he has made application or has filled out a work sheet for his farm. It is not yet too late to fill out a work sheet under the new soil conservation plan, and a number of farmers who have been caught by the wet weather and the grass have taken advantage of the new program. We specially urge every man who has not signed to do so at the earliest possible day. The new program is one of the most liberal insurance policies imaginable, and should be very profitable for the Washington County farmer this year. Every farmer should take out this kind of insurance, which pays if complied with and costs you nothing otherwise.

North Carolina tobacco growers are invited to attend a program at State College in Raleigh on July 30, at which time Mr. J. B. Hutson, manager of the old tobacco program, and a number of other officials of the Department of Agriculture will speak on the tobacco situation and how a program might be worked out which would benefit and safeguard the interests of all tobacco producers in North Carolina. Every tobacco grower who possibly can should attend this meeting, and we expect to hold a meeting here at the courthouse on July 11, at 2 p. m. (Saturday), to elect at least three representatives of our growers who will attend this meeting and represent the interest of the Washington County tobacco producers.

Hog cholera is breaking out spontaneously in practically all the area around Plymouth and Roper. There are a few things which we can do which will greatly reduce losses from hog cholera and these few things are absolutely necessary for control. Hogs must be confined and not permitted to run all over the neighborhood. Hog lots and drinking places should be kept clean and sanitary. Do not allow trash and manure to accumulate in the lots. Burn all rubbish, soiled bedding, sticks, old boards, and everything that will burn around the hog lot. If possible, fence off at least a portion of a field of green soy beans for the hogs to run on; a shade made from old boards or brush is much better than a mud wallow. Keep stray dogs and people who have no business from passing through hog lots. Incidentally, a healthy hog is more immune to disease than a less healthy or undernourished hog.

Services Sunday at Mount Zion Church. Services will be held at the Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church Sunday morning, July 5, at 11 o'clock with Rev. T. F. Davenport as the speaker. The public is invited.

Strenuous Efforts Required To Get Money for Road

Commission First Said \$50,000 Was All That Could Be Allotted

"Had strenuous efforts not been made at the meeting of the State Highway and Public Works Commission on June 19 by a delegation from Washington County, it is practically certain that little, if anything, would have been approved for the Long Acre road on No. 97 during this year," stated Senator Bailey in an interview this week.

The delegation was told immediately upon appearing before the Highway Commission that no more than \$50,000 to \$60,000 could be spent in Washington County for road construction out of the money to become available for the year, beginning July 1, 1936. The commission heard the needs of the people living along Route 97 from P. M. Arps, Senator Bailey, Louis Lucas, John Allen, and others, who were backed by an enthusiastic delegation composed of about 15 men who live on the road to be improved. The needs of the section, both for local travel, and as a connecting link with Beaufort County were strongly presented by the several speakers. It was advocated that this road be continued as quickly as possible from Plymouth to Douglass Cross Roads as a Washington connection. The needs of further improving the Turnpike road and continuing by Pungo to Pantego were also stressed.

Following the presentation of their cause by the speakers and the delegation the commission did an unprecedented thing by adopting a motion in the presence of the delegation allotting \$150,000 to be spent in improving and paving as much of this road, beginning at Plymouth, as the appropriation would cover. The delegation was greatly pleased at the result of their efforts.

The improvement and paving of this road has long been advocated by the people of the county, and efforts will continue until it is completely paved from one end to the other.

County Recorder's Court Activities

Lester Davis, young colored farmer, charged with assaulting L. E. Spruill with a bush hook and threatening his life. Not guilty.

John Norman, 33, colored laborer, charged with assaulting T. L. Green with a knife. Not guilty.

Tommy Lee Green, 26, colored laborer, charged with being in an affair. Thirty days on the roads.

C. L. Perkins, 35, white farmer, issuing a worthless check. Case remanded to a justice of the peace for trial.

Carrie Pettiford, Phillip Alexander and Lexion Gibbs, charged with aiding and abetting in prostitution. Case nolleprossed.

Ben Hedgepeth, 36, colored, charged with assaulting Adeline Hedgepeth on two occasions, was given 30 days on the roads.

Bosie Rhodes, 27, white farmer, charged with non-support of his wife and two children on a warrant sworn to by Bernice Rhodes, was found not guilty.

Returns From Training Course

Mrs. W. C. Brewer is at home again from Elizabeth City where she attended an institute of training for the district, county and room supervisors of this district of the sewing phase of the WPA program. Instructors were Mrs. Mae Campbell, state director; Miss Rhinehart, assistant state director; Mrs. Charles P. Wales, district supervisor; Mrs. E. H. Smith, assistant supervisor; E. S. Askew, district WPA administrator, was present for a while.

Goals of teaching in the women's sewing projects and administration problems were discussed. "Build a real constructive work in the lives of workers, better living, better homes and brighter outlook on life," were what Mrs. Brewer considered the theme of the meeting.

To Hold Services At Galilee Mission

Creswell—Rev. C. E. Williams, of New Bern, former rector of the Christ Episcopal Church here, has arrived to conduct a series of mission services at Galilee Mission on Lake Phelps this week. The public is invited to attend.

Home and Club News

By Mary Frances Misenheimer

Schedule for Next Week Monday, Beech Grove Club. Tuesday—Hoke Club. Wednesday—Roper Club. Thursday—Chapel Hill Club. Saturday—Curb market, 3:15. Curb market sales have been good for the month of June. On Saturday, June 13, Mrs. Joe Snell led the sales. Mrs. J. W. Marrow, of the Cross Roads club, was highest seller on June 20, and on June 27 Mrs. Joe Snell again led.

Mrs. Jane Vail's garden in Swain club is fine-looking. She has been getting plenty of corn out of it, even enough to give to her neighbors. Mrs. Vail takes a lot of interest in her garden and always gives a report on it at the club meetings.

Mrs. E. W. Harrison, of Alba club, has done quite a bit of work in redecorating the interior of her home this spring. The new wall paper used improves her rooms a hundred percent.

Mrs. C. N. Robbins, of the Swain club, has 50 fine looking young turkeys. One will want to remember this about Thanksgiving time.

The garden of Mrs. C. N. Davenport, Sr., is worth commenting on. A variety of vegetables are grown and especially are her beans and corn pretty. She had good fried chicken to eat last Thursday. Mrs. Davenport grows her vegetables and raises her chickens. She believes the slogan, "Live at Home."

Mrs. George Bowen's yard is lovely now. A pretty out-door living room has been fixed, a variety of flowers are blooming, and shrubs form a perfect background.

Quiet Celebration Is Looked for Here

Celebration of Independence Day will be quiet here. No stores or business houses will be closed either on Saturday or Monday. Merchants will keep their stores open Saturday to convenience their customers who will come in to vote in the second Democratic primary and who will shop before they leave.

L. W. Gurkin will have a special program at Rea's Beach on historic Albemarle Sound on Monday, with bathing, boating, dancing in afternoon and night with music furnished by the Carolina Club orchestra. A fireworks program will be an added feature to the night entertainment.

The merchants will continue closing each Wednesday afternoon during the summer months.

Big Prehistoric City Dug Up in Nebraska By University Group

Lynch, Neb.—Dr. Earl H. Bell, University of Nebraska anthropologist, said a few days ago that he and eight students have unearthed near here what probably was the largest prehistoric city in North America.

The primitive settlement—described by Dr. Bell as "one of the most sensational sites ever found in this country"—was located beneath the shifting sands of an ancient desert. The discovery indicated a Mid-western agricultural civilization flourished "possibly 4000 years" ago, he said.

The first excavations indicated the city was three miles long and a half-mile wide, and large sections evidently were inhabited densely. Remains uncovered included carbonized ears of corn, large and small beans and squash. There also are pieces of pottery.

Dr. Bell said a type of house hitherto unknown also was found. He believed it a forerunner of the subterranean houses common to later Nebraska civilizations.

Rumored Peanut Butter Maker May Buy Local Plant

Representative Here Last Week Looking Over Situation

Rumors were flying thick and fast here today that a chain store organization was interested in purchasing the local Plymouth Peanut Company plant as the first step in the process of manufacturing peanut butter here.

In fact the reporter can name the persons interested, but for obvious reasons he has been requested not to do so until the plan has progressed further. A representative was here last week looking over the plant which is not working, but which was operated for a couple of hours for inspection, it is understood.

If the matter goes through then it will mean that close to 60 people will be given employment here in the plant which shells and cleans the nuts while additional equipment will be installed to convert the shelled goober into the popular peanut butter.

Rotenone Urged for Control of Mexican Beetle by Teacher

J. O. Cooper Gives Formula for Using Poison as Dust and as Spray

Rotenone should be used for Mexican bean beetle control with the best results to be obtained by using the poison as a dust, it was advised today by J. O. Cooper, teacher of vocational agriculture in the Plymouth High School.

In using it as a talc dust the mixture should contain 75 percent rotenone. It should be applied at the rate of 25 pounds to the acre on snap and lima beans. Applications to pole beans depends on the size of plants. Authorities urge that rotenone be purchased already mixed.

For spraying, mix three level tablespoons of the poison with a gallon of water or 1 1-2 pounds to fifty gallons of water, using one hundred gallons of the mixture to one acre. Applications should be made to underside of the leaves. Plant remnants should be plowed under at least six inches deep immediately after picking is finished.

Rotenone is not poisonous to humans the teacher explained.

Barnhill To Preside Over October Court

Judge M. V. Barnhill, of Rocky Mount, will preside over the October term of Washington County Superior Court which will convene here for one week on October 26. There will be no term of the superior court in this county in July. Judge Barnhill is the resident judge of this judicial district.

Judge Henry A. Grady was scheduled to have presided over the July and October courts this year but the July term was called off and an exchange has been effected by the two judges for October that the two might remain in their own districts.

Spruill To Speak for McDonald on Friday

The only speech to be made in lower Washington County will be heard Friday night in the Cherry school auditorium at 8 p. m., when H. B. Spruill, of Windsor, president of the Young People's Democratic Club and campaign manager for Dr. McDonald in the Albemarle section, will speak favoring McDonald for governor.

Revival To Begin at Mt. Hermon Sunday

Creswell—A revival meeting will start in the Mt. Hermon Methodist Protestant Church near Cherry Sunday, July 5 at 8 p. m. with the Rev. O. D. Shelton, pastor of the St. Paul M. P. Church, in Greensboro, as the speaker.

Rev. Mr. Asbrunn, of Greensboro, a retired minister and a former pastor of Mt. Hermon, will be here during the services. Rev. O. L. Easter, pastor of the church, will be in charge of the song service.

About Town

Included in the delegation which went from the Long Acre section to Raleigh last week, when \$150,000 was authorized by the State Highway Commission to hard surface highway number 97 from Plymouth to connect with highways leading to Washington were C. L. Bailey and P. M. Arps, who headed the delegation, and the following: Charlie Bowen, John Allen, Warren Ayers, Wilton Ayers, Jim Askew, Allen Peed, Louis Lucas, W. H. Gurkin, A. R. Latham and W. E. Weede.

J. S. Allen, of Windsor, was in Plymouth during the week-end. For some time he was employed by the Central Garage here, but resigned to accept a job with the state as a mechanic for the school system in Bertie County. This county has 34 buses for the children to ride in while Washington County has but 24. Mr. Allen likes his new job.

J. R. Morris and J. L. Gurganus, of Bethel, were here on business last week. They are livestock dealers and expressed their satisfaction at the results brought to them through an ad run in the Beacon.

J. O. Cooper, head of the vocational agriculture department of the Plymouth High School, was home last week-end from Raleigh, where he attended a two-weeks course at State College. He went back this week for another conference. Farmers who want their farm soil analyzed and tested should see him on Friday and Saturday of this week, when he will be assembling packages of the soil to be taken to Raleigh for expert attention.

W. L. Hassell, J. S. Brown, Emmett Blount were in Norfolk last week where they attended a wrestling match refereed by Jack Dempsey. They reported that the old "Manassa Mauler" appeared to be in trim. They recalled an incident that happened some months ago when one of the wrestlers insulted Dempsey and the former champion boxer knocked the wrestler through the ropes, landing him in the laps of ringside spectators.

Nine dogs have been slain lately by officers who have been making an effort to rid the town of the unclaimed canines. Residents have been taking pot-shots at the animals when in the late hours of the night they bark and annoy them. One fell low up Washington Street was heard whistling the dogs to him and then firing into the dozen or more which travel together in packs at night.

One of the twin daughters of Mrs. Will Jackson was hit by an automobile driven by Demas Basnight, colored, Friday, when she ran from behind a machine driven by W. B. Cox into the path of the other vehicle. She was not seriously injured and witnesses reported that there was apparently no negligence on the part of the negro driver.

Clarence A. McArthur, of Florida, Ala., who was to start July 1 delivering mail from Rocky Mount to Plymouth, succeeding Fred Smith, died in Rocky Mount Thursday. He had come to the North Carolina town to assume his duties July 1. He was subject to sudden attacks of a chronic disease.

Mrs. R. E. Ridenhour, of Concord, state president of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, en route to her home from a district meeting in Elizabeth City last week, stopped overnight here with Mrs. Clarence McGowan, recorder of crosses of the state organization. She left next day for home.

Probably the greatest peach grower in Washington County is Hugh Patrick in the Scuppernon section who has 1,800 trees on his farm. Only about 600 trees bore fruit this year, but the others are expected to start bearing next season. He sells many of them for canning and immediate consumption to neighbors. This peach project is operated during the spare time from his regular farm duties.

Envoy Summers of the Salvation Army Corps at Greenville is in Mississippi visiting his daughter. There is hardly a man in this service who is better known to the people of Plymouth and other Washington County towns. He has been visiting here with his Bible, musical instruments for a dozen or more years.

Work on the 1936 tax receipts for the county has begun in the office of Auditor E. Jack Spruill. Those employed are Mrs. Ralph Harrell, Roper, and Mrs. W. M. Spruill and Mrs. J. L. Hayes. It is their job to take from the list-tak-

COUNTY CITIZENS VOTE SATURDAY ON SIX CONTESTS

Three County and Three State Offices Are To Be Filled

Opposing forces are making last minute arrangements to marshal their complete strength in the battle of ballots that will be held here Saturday when nominees for six offices will be selected by the electorate of Washington County in a second Democratic primary.

Three of these are for State and three for county offices. Next to the governor's race in importance in this county is that of Frank L. Brinkley, incumbent, who is opposed for the office of commissioner in district No. 1 by Percy M. Arps.

In fact political observers agree that the commissioner's race will be the most hotly contested battle of the six offices in significance. It provides the balance of power between two warring factions. Who has the edge so far in the race can not be predicted.

Cyde R. Hoey led the county the first time in the race for governor with 747 votes with Graham trailing with 636 and Dr. R. W. McDonald third with 554 votes. In the race for lieutenant governor Paul Grady led with 719 votes with W. P. Horton trailing with 666.

Thad Eure for secretary of state, led the entire state ticket in this county counting 1278 against 355 for Stacey W. Wade and 72 votes for Mike Dunnagan. Eure is very popular and is expected to repeat with a sizeable margin of victory in this county as well as in the first district in which he lives.

Besides the office of commissioner, Robert Campbell and Stuart D. Davis are waging a lively campaign for the office of treasurer. Davis, in the first campaign, secured 545 votes, and Campbell 397. This campaign will mean a battle to the finish.

Then there is the contest between W. H. (Jack) Peal and W. S. Nurney in the second primary for coroner. Peele counted 702 votes while Nurney narrowly topped Walter W. White who had 586 votes.

Five-Year Old Boy Takes Long "Nap"

What was thought at one time to be sleeping sickness turned out to be a long "nap", probably the result of an over-dose of drugs, and the five-year-old son of Lawrence Bowen was well here today.

The child could not be awakened from sleep during a long number of hours. He went to sleep Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock and was brought to Dr. T. L. Bray here that night, the little fellow still sleeping soundly. His parents averred that it was unusual for him to sleep in the day time.

Doctors at a Washington hospital agreed with Dr. T. L. Bray here that the child was suffering from an overdose of drugs. He was reported to be well Wednesday after all night in a hospital. Contracted pupils of the eye first convinced the physicians that he was drugged.

Parents of the child contended then and now that they do not know of the child ever having any drugs.

New Officers Local American Legion

New officers for the James E. Jethro post of the American Legion as elected recently follow: P. W. Brown, commander; W. V. Hayes, first vice commander; B. G. Campbell, second vice commander; M. W. Spruill, adjutant; J. Richard Carr, sergeant-at-arms; and the following committee officers: H. A. Williford, finance; Dr. C. McGowan, publicity; J. B. McNair, athletic; R. L. Tetterton, service; Goldie Simpson, Americanism; D. A. Hurley, chaplain.

Some predictions on the price of farm products as made by the United States Department of Agriculture: Corn prices for July will continue at present levels; hog prices will rise seasonally in late summer; butter prices are expected to continue high during summer months; egg prices will probably rise by the end of summer to last year's levels; prices on poultry may decline after July; potato prices will decline.