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## PICKLING PLANT TO BE LOCATED HERE NEXT YEAR

### C. C. Lang & Son Plan To Establish Units Here and in Pinetown

Cucumbers, onions, and peppers will be handled on a larger scale here for shipping purposes next year, when C. C. Lang and Son, of Washington, establish a unit here and in Pinetown to handle these products.

P. H. Roberts, superintendent of the Washington pickle plant, revealed that the decision was definite but that the number of brine tanks for each place had not been determined, as this depends upon the amount of produce contracted for in this section.

The new plants are to facilitate the handling and for convenience in hauling the vegetables. A number of farmers in this section have been transporting their produce to the central plant, including among this number I. J. Allgood, of Creswell, who has 12 acres of cucumbers.

Most all of the cucumbers from this section that are under contract to the Washington firm have been taken in to the plant for the season, but facilities for handling them will be continued. Onions and peppers began arriving this week.

Mr. Roberts reported that the payroll for the entire crop thus far was \$81,240 in the hands of contracting farmers. About 81,240 bushels have been handled at \$1 a bushel. In some instances farmers average \$200 an acre.

Outlook for the pepper crop is good, as the greens have already been shipped. Now the plant will handle red peppers. The onion crop is short, reduced about 25 per cent. Peppers and onions will be received at the plant until frost.

## LOCAL WOMAN'S CLUB OFFICERS FOR NEW TERM

### Mrs. T. L. Bray To Head Organization for Next Nine Months

The full roster of officers and the program for the next nine months of the Plymouth Woman's Club was announced here today by Mrs. T. L. Bray, the new president.

Officers besides Mrs. Bray are: Mrs. P. W. Brinkley, first vice president; Mrs. H. A. Liverman, second vice president; Mrs. B. G. Campbell, secretary; and Mrs. W. A. Davidson, treasurer.

Committee members are: Program, Mesdames J. K. Reid, T. F. Connors, W. A. Davidson, M. W. Spruill, L. W. Anderson; ways and means: Mesdames L. G. Campbell, W. C. Jones, W. L. Whitley, W. H. Peele; publicity: Mesdames Byron Hawkins, A. R. Modlin, and J. S. Shugar.

Meetings will be held on the first Friday afternoon of each of the nine operating months at 3:30 in the Legion Hall. Hostesses have been designated for each meeting. The first meeting will be held in September and the last in May.

Features of the programs will be an address in October by Dr. J. C. Knox, of the State Board of Health, Raleigh; November, Mrs. J. H. B. Moore, of the Woman's Club, Greenville; December, a cooking demonstration by Miss Ora E. Finch, of Williamston, home economist for the Virginia Electric and Power Company.

January, a speech on art by a representative of the North Carolina Department of Education, Raleigh; February, an address on music by Mrs. C. J. Sawyer, Windsor, chairman of the N. C. Federation of Music Clubs; March, address by Mrs. C. W. Beasley, of Colerain, director of the fifteenth district Federated Women's Clubs; April, address by Miss Pauline Smith, of Raleigh, extension specialist of State College, on gardens and landscape work; May, this meeting will be used for reports. There are 40 members of this organization.

## Union County Farmers Report Improved Crops

All crops in Union County will be late this year, as a result of the drought, but now that the dry spell has been broken, most of the crops have made a fair stand.

Cabarrus County farmers report that they have about 40 percent of a stand of cotton with prospects of producing from 25 to 30 percent of a normal crop.

## Commission To Study State Liquor Problem

### TAX RATES

Efforts are being made by the Washington County Commissioners to hold the tax rate down this year to that of the past year which was \$1.80 on the \$100 of valuation.

This is divided into the following funds: 15c for general expenses, 17c for the poor, 5c for health, \$1.34 for debt service, 7c for county school fund maintenance of plant and fixed charges and 2c for capital outlay.

Rates for 1929 were \$1.82, 1932 \$1.87, 1933 \$1.87, 1931 \$1.73, 1934 \$1.80. Town of Plymouth tax rate may go up from the \$1.80 charged last year.

## About Town

One youngster from this section who is making good elsewhere is J. T. Holton, who has been re-elected to membership on the faculty of the Youngsville High School, where he has served for two years. He has his bachelor of science degree from Wake Forest. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Holton, of Wenona. He teaches math and science. He has had success in coaching sports.

This county has been allotted 85 teachers for the coming school year. Forty-five white and forty colored. The only addition is one colored teacher for the Roper High School department. This is the same number as last year in the other white and colored schools, except Roper.

Mr. Harward, a state compliance director of the new soil conservation program of the government, was here last week visiting committee-men and explaining to them the compliance program. He spent much of the time in the company of Farm Agent Hays, who was taking him on the rounds.

For the first time since the boom prices of the World War, peanuts reached the price of five cents a pound last week. Millers refused to buy farmers' stock at over 2 cents a pound the first of the year, but the government spurred prices by offering to purchase farmers' stock for all crushing purposes and a premium on peanuts so used.

Mrs. Vonnie Leggett Blount, of Baltimore, and her brother, John H. Leggett, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Paramore were in Scotland Neck during the week-end. United States Commissioner Leggett and his sister visited Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Paramore. More than 50 years ago Mrs. Paramore's people lived in Plymouth and the local Leggetts lost track of their relatives until correspondence revealed that they moved to Bertie County and that Mrs. C. A. Paramore was their first cousin. This was the first visit of the families in over a half a century.

Rev. N. A. Taylor, pastor of the Christian church, is at home again after a week's visit with his Sunday school in Washington, D. C. They boys camped at a tourist camp. From there they visited the places of interest. Enough was saved after defraying expenses of the trip to make a sizeable contribution to the church. Those on the trip were Brownie Brown, Grady Ward Price, Edward Craft, William Teterton, Phillip Liverman, Bill Satterthwaite and Roy Spencer.

Miss Leah Davidson, of Raleigh, was here during the week-end visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Davidson. She was formerly employed by the Raleigh Times, but is now in the central WPA office. She is an operator of one of the tabulating machines.

C. C. Tillotson, of Oxford, arrived here Wednesday to take over the management of the Rose store. He has been with the Rose organization for two years. This is a permanent change, as far as can be determined. Mr. Tillotson is married, and his wife will join him here later.

He succeeds G. V. Boyd, who came here about a year ago when the store opened. Mr. Boyd will take over the management of the Oxford store.

An elaborate public wedding is being planned for this fall. The wedding outfit, cash for the honeymoon and other valuable gifts will be contributed to the couple free. This will be the peak of the annual fall

## Appointments Made By Governor; Victor Bryant Heads Group

### Big Liquor Battle In Next Session of Legislature Now Predicted

Preliminary arrangements for what promises to be a big liquor battle in the next General Assembly were made last Saturday, when Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus named a commission of seven members to study liquor legislation. The exact duties of the commission are not definitely known, but it is expected the members will review the system now in effect in 17 counties and propose a continuation of the system or advise state-wide control or a state-wide referendum.

The commission was one of three named by Governor Ehringhaus last Saturday. The other two deal with road debt adjustments and the advisability of the state owning and operating its own gasoline terminals.

Representative Victor Bryant, of Durham, was named chairman of the commission to study liquor legislation, while his colleague in the 1935 house, Representative Oscar Barker, will head the commission to study the gasoline terminal question. The commission to study the road debts question will name its own chairman.

Serving with Bryant on the liquor commission will be former Supreme Court Justice L. R. Varner, of Lumberton; John Robinson, of Charlotte; Senator L. Lee Gravelly, of Rocky Mount; Thomas W. Raoul, of Asheville; R. F. Beasley, of Monroe; and Charles Hines, of Greensboro.

Balance of power on the commission appears to lie in the hands of Raoul, an Asheville business man; and Robinson, a Republican attorney, neither of whom has ever made public, as far as can be learned, their views on the liquor question. There was some opinion in Raleigh, however, that Robinson would lean toward State control.

Three members of the commission have placed themselves on record in the past as outright drys, while the remaining two are on the wet side of the fence. Chairman Bryant was floor leader for wet forces in the 1935 House and definitely favors some system of State control. Senator Gravelly also is on the wet side of the fence, but may favor a county control system as opposed to a state control system, but would prefer the latter to a continuation of the state's prohibition laws.

Judge Varner has been one of the state's outstanding dry leaders for years, while Beasley, a former member of the legislature and a Monroe newspaper editor, and Hines, a former state senator, also are dry.

## Difficult To Tell Presence Of Parasites In Chickens

Unless there is a heavy infestation it is difficult to determine the presence of internal parasites in chickens, but where the birds are heavily infested there is usually an extremely heavy appetite, the birds are thin and often a leg weakness will appear. Where these conditions appear it is safe to assume that the birds are infested. When the bird appears listless and there is any doubt as to the trouble it is best to open up several of the sub-normal birds and examine the intestines for worms.

style show that is being featured by the Woman's Shop and the New Theatre. Any couple nuptially inclined should see Shep Brinkley or Mrs. Blanche Swain.

Dr. W. W. Nesbit, of Detroit, Mich., is here visiting his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Peacock at Roper. Dr. Nesbit is a captain in the United States Public Health Service and has only two years to go before promotion to the rank of major. He has served eight years. Now he is chief of the medical service at Marine Hospital in Detroit.

J. C. Tarkenton, of Pleasant Grove chairman of the Washington County Republican Executive Committee, has asked the Beacon to run a notice in the paper stating that Governor Alf M. Landon, of Kansas, Republican nominee for President of the United States, will make his acceptance speech over a nationwide hook-up of the National and Columbia Broadcasting systems on Thursday, July 23, 9 to 10 p. m. (our time). The speech of notification will also be heard.

## 158 CASES AWAIT TRIAL IN COURT OF THIS COUNTY

### Number Does Not Include 400 Tax Foreclosure Suits of County

There are 158 cases on the docket of the Washington County Superior Court that are awaiting disposition, according to C. V. W. Ausbon, clerk, who also pointed out that this did not include about 400 tax foreclosure suits instituted by the county.

Also this does include some drainage cases and municipal suits that have been dragging in the court for years. And from this large number only about 25 are calendared for disposition at any one-week civil term.

This number pending is to be compared with the 14 cases that were set for trial in the one-week court held in 1906. In that day only two one-week terms of court were held. There were no intermediate courts except magistrates. Now the number doubles with a recorder's court for criminal actions.

Mr. Ausbon predicts that 10 per cent or more of the cases on the docket will be settled out of court. The venerable clerk also told the reporter that less suits had been started in the last few weeks than at any recent time in his career.

Incidentally, Mr. Ausbon is the second oldest clerk of superior court in North Carolina in point of service. A. T. Walston, of Edgecombe, preceded him to a similar position by four months. Both were elected to the office in the November election, 1906.

It is also interesting to note that both of these long time clerks are in the second judicial circuit. Mr. Ausbon contributes to campaign funds but has never paid out a cent personally to any person for employment in an election.

## Some Observations On Farm Field Day

Some observations made at the tenth annual farmers' field day, held at the Blackland Experiment Station at Wenona last Thursday:

Fred P. Latham was there. He is the fellow that got the state back years ago to start the experiment station there. He was a member of the State board of agriculture. He lives in Belhaven. He remembers when oxen led into the premises of the residences now mired to their bellies in the mud. It was his idea that got the place tiled instead of huge ditches for draining.

J. W. Paul, near Wenona, was probably the oldest man on the grounds among the 3,000 people. He will be 91 in January. He remembers in the Civil War when J. E. C. Johnston surrendered near Greensboro. Three days without food he asked the reporter, "Would you have grabbed a little as you passed on your way home?"

F. E. Miller, of Raleigh, chairman of the State Test Farms, said that it was a rule that all field days were to be held on Thursday. However, they had thought about changing it since the last five have been rainy at Wenona. Thursday was the first day that rain did not hinder the event in six years.

Miss Lula Holton is assisting J. L. Rea, assistant director in charge of the test farm, in the clerical work. In the new office building she helps him keep the records on the projects and to look after the bookwork in general.

Crowds hung around the booth of Dr. R. W. Leiby, who showed in his glass cages the insects and discussed their habits. Some listening did not know there was so much to learn from the flies, bugs, beetles, and such.

## Lice on Rose Bushes May Be Controlled with Spray

The aphid of "plant lice" in rose bushes can be controlled by the application of a 40 percent nicotine sulphate spray, or by applying a dust made by mixing 12 ounces of the nicotine sulphate solution with two pounds of hydrated lime and eight pounds of dusting sulphur. The 40 percent nicotine sulphate is a commercial mixture and, when used as a spray should be mixed with water at the rate of one teaspoonful to three quarts of water. The small insect known as the thrip is also particularly harmful to roses and may be controlled with the same insecticides.

## Road Debt Committee Is Named by Governor

### Carl Bailey Named To Represent First District; Meet Soon

### Study Claims of Forty-four Counties Against State Highway Commission

With the primaries over, Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus last Saturday finally got around to naming a commission to make a study of claims made by 44 counties to a refund of money advanced the highway commission for the construction of roads. While the claimants do not doubt the fairness of the appointments and believe a fair and just survey of the claims will be made, the commission is recognized as being not at all too favorable to the cause. Only one or two of the members of the commission reside in the counties having claims against the commission, and in those instances the amount claimed is very small.

The names of the commission members are: Senator Carl L. Bailey, of Plymouth; Jule K. Warren, of Trenton; William B. Campbell, of Wilmington; A. A. Hicks, of Oxford; Representative Ben Cone, of Greensboro; C. A. Cannon, of Concord; Gordon Hackett, of North Wilkesboro; R. E. Price, of Rutherford; and Reuben Robertson, of Canton.

The commission will study and determine the amounts, if any, the 44 counties which made donations for the construction of State highways should be refunded in order to place them on an equitable basis with other counties which made loans or donations for like purposes, and to authorize the State Highway and Public Works Commission to enter into contracts with said counties for a fair reimbursement of such funds.

There are 44 counties claiming refunds due them. The total amount of the claims is in the neighborhood of \$8,000,000, with Lenoir County claiming the largest amount.

The nine members of the commission are selected one from each of the old highway districts in the State.

Just when the commission will start its work could not be learned today, but it is probable that a meeting will be called shortly and the plan of procedure outlined. The findings of the commission are due to be in the hands of the governor about the first of November and be made ready for consideration by the legislature next January.

In the meantime the 18 of the 44 counties which are taking an active part in advancing the claims will continue a concerted campaign through the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce and its officers and committees. No plans for continuing the campaign have been made public since the commission in Williamston last week officials stated that they would do all in their power to advance the claims described as fair and just.

## Cases Tried Tuesday In Recorder's Court

Two were held for probable cause and one was given six months on the roads, while a fourth was acquitted by Recorder John W. Dar-den here Tuesday, with W. Ronald Gaylord, serving as prosecuting attorney, in the absence of W. M. Dar-den.

Walter Skittletharpe, young white man, was held on a charge of taking the car of J. Lloyd Horton without his permission and also for driving an automobile while drunk. Horton heard his car start in front of his home and rushed to the door as it disappeared. Sheriff J. K. Reid went to Rea's Beach, where he found the car and the defendant in about 30 minutes.

Bob Jack Wilson, young colored man, was held for probable cause on a charge of taking \$30 from Levi Wynn. He was recognized for his appearance under \$100 bond.

Robert Purnell, young Negro, was sent to the roads for six months for assaulting Mabel Simpson by striking her in the eye with his fist.

Nonsuit was taken in the case of M. J. Lawton, bridge construction foreman at Roper, on a charge of reckless and negligent driving. G. A. Stewart, highway patrolman, did not appear last Tuesday nor this Tuesday to prosecute the charge.

## COIN MACHINES OUT

Slot machines are to be out of Washington County by Monday, July 27, it was announced today by Sheriff J. K. Reid.

This includes pin games and all coin-inserted devices that are operated either by skill or by chance. The Town of Plymouth ordered through Chief P. W. Brown their removal some days ago, and now Sheriff Reid has joined the efforts to prevent their operation in this county.

A ruling on these has been received from the Attorney General of North Carolina, and the county and town officials are banishing the machines daily. There seems to be little opposition, even from those who play them.

## Home and Club News

### Farm and Home Week—July 27-31

We will leave the courthouse at 10 a. m. Monday morning to go to Raleigh. All those planning to go please be here on time. A good time is expected by all those who attend.

The following women have reported that they are going: Mrs. W. H. Harrison, Mrs. Ollie Davenport, Mrs. Hilda Robertson, Mrs. George Bowen, Mrs. Charlie Bowen, Mrs. Mollie Chesson, Mrs. N. A. Davenport, Mrs. Ethel Smithson, Mrs. Bettie Davenport, Mrs. Glenn Furbee, Miss Velma Sitterton, Mrs. Louise Owens, Mrs. H. H. Harris.

Mrs. Cahoon's garden in Scuppernon is a fine one. She keeps planting vegetables as one crop dies. Careful planning makes a good garden.

Mrs. Eli Spruill entertained the Cherry Home Demonstration Club Tuesday. A large number attended and a good meeting was held.

Miss Eva White, of Albemarle Club, had a beautiful assortment of cut flowers at the club meeting. She won the prize for the best assortment.

A splendid time was had at the Wenona picnic Thursday. The women and children joined in the nail-driving contest, which was enjoyed by all.

One of the best Mount Tabor club meetings held recently was at Mr. Davenport's Friday. After the regular business meeting a social hour was enjoyed and delicious refreshments were served.

Be sure and can a jar of string beans and a jar of soup mixture for the Ball jar contest.

## Bailey Named To Road Commission

Washington County is not one of the 44 counties in North Carolina that have made claims to the State Highway and Public Works Commission asking for refunds of money that was advanced to the highway commission to construct roads.

However, Carl L. Bailey, of Plymouth, widely known attorney and state senator from this district, has been named to membership on a commission which Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus has appointed to study this matter and report their findings.

Mr. Bailey stated today that he had no information for the press, and that he expected an organization meeting of the nine committee-men next week.

## Annual Masonic Picnic on July 30

The 31st annual Masonic picnic will be held at Tuscarora Beach, in Winton, Thursday of next week, on July 30, the sponsors announcing yesterday that extensive arrangements are being made for the event. All Masons will be turned over to the proceeds of the picnic.

Copper sulphate as a supplementary fertilizer for cucumbers and tomatoes on the truck farm of G. W. Trask in New Hanover County is apparently giving excellent results.

## E. W. JOYNER TO BE PRINCIPAL OF LOCAL SCHOOLS

### Comes Here From Rich Square; Chosen From 35 Applicants

E. W. Joyner, principal of the Washington County in Northampton County for the last two years, was named principal of the Plymouth schools for one year at a meeting of the local committee held Monday afternoon.

Mr. Joyner served two years as principal at Lincolnton, 6 in Hertford, 6 in Pantego. He is 52 years of age and is married, with three children. He has been informed of his election and plans to move as soon as he can secure a residence.

Mr. Joyner was chosen from among 35 applications for the job. His salary will be upwards of \$150 monthly for the term. His schools have shown discipline, interest in extra-curricular activities, including debating, dramatics and athletics.

William H. Berry was re-elected principal of the Washington County Training School. He has been here for about five years.

There are no more vacancies except those of a combination fourth and fifth grade teacher and that of the recently added home economics. However, the lower grade teacher has been chosen and only awaits a final interview.

Mr. Joyner succeeds L. W. Anderson, who first accepted a job in Lee County and then accepted the job in Williamston.

## HOME ECONOMIC COURSES TO BE GIVEN IN COUNTY

### Teachers To Be Secured For All Three County High Schools This Year

Home economics will be included in the curriculum of the three high schools in Washington County, it was announced today by H. H. McLean, superintendent of public instruction.

These teachers will be placed in the Roper, Plymouth, and Creswell schools this coming term. It is now up to Mr. McLean to employ the instructors. None have applied so far, but it is expected that it will be easy to locate the teachers.

This course will include instruction to girls in house management and housekeeping, telling them how to prepare good meals. This course will balance the vocational agriculture course offered to the boys in which the lads learn proper methods of farming and marketing.

It will cost the county upwards of \$2,000 a year, but educators have agreed that it will be worth the price. The state would not accept any part of the expense and it is necessary for the commissioners here to include in their budget an appropriation for this expenditure.

This course has been offered in the Plymouth high school in years gone by, but has been discontinued for some years. Now it is hoped by the officials that as no partiality was shown to any one school that this important course will be taken and liked by the girls.

There are close to 200 boys in the three schools that are enrolled in the agriculture course, and it is thought that this home economics course will reach as many, if not more, girls than the agriculture course has boys.

## Family Reunion Held Wednesday

Creswell.—A reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jordan A. Furlough last Wednesday, with 75 participating in the picnic dinner that was served on the spacious lawn.

Present were the following families: Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ange, of Jamesville; Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Spruill and Herbert Ambrose, of Roper; Mrs. Floyd Spencer, Mrs. Jack Spencer and Thomas Davenport, of Columbia; Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Davenport and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kaper, of Boston, Mass.; M. J. Furlough; Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Furlough; Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Furlough; Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Phelps; Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Haire; Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Davenport; Mr. and Mrs. Preston Haire; Mr. Jordan Phelps; Mrs. Caroline Ambrose; Miss Aletha Furlough; Jesse Furlough; and Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Davenport, all of Creswell.