

SERIES MEETINGS FOR MIDWIVES IN COUNTY PLANNED

State Health Nurse To Be In Charge; Schedule Is Announced

Beginning next Saturday, August 1, a series of classes for the instruction of midwives will be held in various communities throughout Washington and Tyrrell Counties, it was announced this week by Miss Mozelle Hendrix, a state nurse sent out by the Bureau of Maternity and Infancy of the State Board of Health, who will conduct the classes.

According to Miss Hendrix, the records show there are a number of midwives in these counties that have permits to practice and some few women who practice midwifery occasionally but who are not registered. It is hoped that all women who assist in maternity cases, even though they do not regard themselves as midwives, will attend at least one of these meetings.

Mothers of babies, and particularly expectant mothers, are asked to attend these classes also, where practical talks will be made along the lines of safeguarding the health of both the mothers and the babies.

Practical talks will be made on midwife practices and letter of registration will be renewed for those previously registered and new applicants may make request for registration.

Following is a list of the places and time of meetings to be conducted:

Saturday, August 1, at 9 a. m., Washington County courthouse, in Plymouth.

Monday, August 3, at 9 a. m., in Creswell (colored) Methodist church.

Monday, August 3, at 2 p. m., in Cherry (colored) school building.

Tuesday, August 4, at 9 a. m., in Roper (colored) Baptist church.

Wednesday, August 5, at 9 a. m., Travis (colored) school house.

Thursday, August 6, at 9 a. m., Alligator, South Side (colored) school.

Friday, August 7, at 9 a. m., Gum Neck (white) grammar school building.

Saturday, August 8, at 9 a. m., in Tyrrell County courthouse, Columbia.

Everett Working On Clevenger Case

Boyhood friends back from the American Legion State Convention in Asheville bring the news that although Sheriff Laurence E. Brown is in the publicity spotlight in solving the Clevenger murder mystery, that Chief of Police W. J. Everett, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Everett here, is quietly doing some good work on the case.

Chief Everett has been out of his office for two days. He has his detectives working on the case and in cooperation with the sheriff and his deputies. Miss Helen Clevenger, a student in New York University, was visiting Asheville about a week ago, when she was found ravished and lifeless in her hotel room.

A number of suspects have been detained, including the traveling companion of the girl, an uncle, Prof. W. L. Clevenger, of State College. Reports here had it that Chief Everett was well liked and that many of the people approved of his quiet methods and objected to the sensational way in which the sheriff was handling the investigation.

Policeman Foils Car Theft Attempt

The keen eyes and quick action of Patrolman George R. Coburn prevented possible theft of the car of Bruce Bateman, which was parked in the yard of his Main Street home Monday night.

Proceedings This Week in County's Recorder's Court

Pathetic Case Unfolded at Session Tuesday; Few Cases Tried

A pathetic story of a mentally sick mother whose husband failed to contribute to her support was unfolded in recorder's court here Tuesday in the trial of Lee Basnight, 40, Stump Point fisherman, who was charged with non-support.

The warrant was sworn to by Basnight's mother-in-law, Mrs. Mary F. Wynn. The couple have two children, one of whom is now married. They have been married upwards of 20 years. Lately the children have been staying with their father.

Mrs. Ida E. Wynn Basnight was in the State Hospital for treatment for two years, being released about eight months ago. Mr. Basnight has not lived with his wife in 20 months or more, but stated in his testimony on the stand that he would be willing to live with his wife again.

Recorder John W. Darden required that Mr. Basnight contribute \$2 weekly to her support. In the meantime, it is understood that efforts are being made to get her into a state institution for treatment. She was aided in getting out the first time by her mother with her husband assenting.

Witnesses for the state were Sam Comstock, H. E. Ambrose, John W. Spruill while the defendant summoned Rupert Hassell, Mrs. H. H. Ambrose, Russell Norman, and M. F. Davenport. In addition to the weekly contributions Recorder Darden continued prayer for judgment until January 1, 1937.

David Everett, colored, 40, was required to pay \$82 for repair the car of Charles Roberson, plus the court costs, as the result of a wreck near Atamanchuk's place Monday, when Everett's car struck Roberson's car when Everett was passing another vehicle.

A charge against Ida E. Basnight for assaulting her mother, Mrs. Mary F. Wynn with a deadly weapon was dismissed by the court.

Union Services During August

Final arrangements have been made for the union evening church services. These services have been arranged to meet the needs of local church-going people. It is hoped that by having union services we will realize more attending church than ever before during the month of August. Each church choir will only have to serve when the service is held in their church. The appointments, are as follows:

August 2, Rev. R. H. Lucas, will preach at the Methodist church.

Sunday evening, August 9, Rev. N. A. Taylor, at Baptist church.

August 16, Rev. Sidney E. Matthews, at Christian church.

August 23, Rev. C. T. Thrift, at Episcopal church.

August 30, Rev. Gilbert Davis, at Methodist church.

Let's fill each host church. We can do it.

Locals Win Over Creswell Sunday

Consistent hitting of the local club gave Plymouth a 7-3 win over Creswell here Sunday in a hitting contest that netted both teams 20 safeties.

Henry Hardison, on the mound for Plymouth, allowed 8 hits and whiffed 8, giving 6 walks, while Jack Spruill for the visitors fanned 12, issued 4 walks, but yielded 12 hits.

D. Davenport, with a double and two singles led Plymouth with 3. Davenport and Hardison getting 2 singles each; while Woodley and Starr with two bingles apiece led Creswell. Russell Harrison led both clubs in extra-base knocks with a couple of doubles.

Severe Electrical Storm Tuesday

The electrical storm that broke over Washington County last Tuesday did damage estimated into the hundreds of dollars.

LESSON STUDY BOOK PRINTED IN 1885 IS SHOWN

Contains Short Treatises on Sunday School Lessons For That Year

Among the oldest lesson study books ever circulated in Washington County for Sunday schools was one brought into the office this week by Mrs. Mattie R. Swain, of Westover, who used the book in her girlhood while attending Bible school at the Saints Delight Christian church.

On the front cover are the words: "The Scholar's Eclectic Lesson Book for 1885," and at the bottom were the words: "St. Louis: John Burns Publishing Company, 1885." The book was just the size to fit into a man's pocket, being 4 inches wide and 6 inches long, with 236 pages.

On the first inside sheet was a map of Palestine as it is related to Old Testament history. The editor, and possibly the only contributor was J. H. Hardin. This was the first publication of its kind in book form. Prior to that time lesson helps were secured from leaflets.

It was pointed out in the preface to the book that scholars would probably study better from a book and that it could be kept better than the lesson papers previously used. The primary purpose of it was for home study and not to be read from in the class.

It contains Bible, map, and other studies on the lessons as well as carrying an outline of the lesson. In the back of the book was a group of words singled out as "hard words pronounced," which included many of the names of Biblical characters.

The lessons were carried as arranged by the uniform system for all Sunday schools. It is comprehensive, helpful and very valuable. It gives the thought as it presented in that day, and it was very loyal to the Scriptures in interpreting them, which is not so largely followed today as many Bible helps are written by men not so loyal to the old beliefs.

No Slot Machines In County Now

Slot machines were out of Washington County today in accordance with a warning issued by Sheriff J. K. Reid setting today as the limit for their removal to avoid breaking the law.

This included pin games and all coin-inserted devices that are operated either by skill or chance. The town of Plymouth banished them several days ago. A ruling on the law was received here by officials from Attorney General Brummitt.

There seemed to be no opposition to this order banishing the machines from even those who played them. It is rumored that they might be replaced with machines that offer no reward but are played only for amusement. A machine in one establishment reputedly earned \$40 weekly for its operator.

Former Police Chief Died Last Monday

Funeral services were held at the home Tuesday afternoon for Alfred F. Arnold, 56, well-known farmer and former chief of police of Plymouth, who died Monday following an illness of several weeks. Complication of diseases are attributed as the cause of death.

Rev. N. A. Taylor, of the Christian church, officiated. Interment took place in the Windley cemetery. Surviving is a widow, Mrs. Carrie Harrison Arnold, and two foster-children, Andrew Arnold and Harry Lee Arnold, both of who lived with him.

Authorize Survey Of Roanoke River

The Chief of Engineers has advised Representative Lindsay Warren that as a result of the preliminary survey of Roanoke River, a full and complete survey has now been authorized by the Board of Engineers, with the view of further determining the cost of the deepening of the river. Mr. Warren stated that the report would hardly be filed before 1937 and that if it should be favorable he was confident that he would finally get through the project.

Business interests at Williamston, Hamilton and Plymouth took the matter up with Mr. Warren last winter at which time he secured the preliminary survey.

About Town

Wheat, corn, hogs, the better grade of steers, butter, eggs, cheese and wool are in for steady to higher prices while seasonal price declines are promised for lambs, potatoes, and poultry. Cotton, tobacco, peanuts and truck crops are not listed as price advancing commodities, but adverse growing weather, insects, diseases, and the AAA plans now indicate that these commodities will bring high prices.—Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Bobby Breen, the 8-year-old boy with "the voice of an angel," will be heard at the New Theatre here Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m., in his first screen play, "Let's Sing Again." His first picture assignment stars him as an orphan whose golden voice reunites him with a long-lost father. Bobby is remembered as the child wonder singer on Eddie Cantor's broadcast. His voice has been compared to that of Caruso, Henry Armetta, George Houston, and Vivienne Osborne have prominent roles in the picture.

Melton J. Furlough, of Creswell, was here last Friday. He told of the much-needed heavy rain that fell the Tuesday before in his section. The farmers had hoped for rain enough to cover the base of the corn stalk and received water deep enough to cover the ridges of the rows. Water on the road leading from the highway by Scuppernon Station covered the roadbed.

Rames Rea, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Rea, of Wena, has sold \$25 worth of eggs from 100 hens. J. O. Cooper, head of vocational agriculture in the Plymouth High School, is of the opinion that the youth will realize \$100 on the project this year. He keeps his records well.

W. M. Darden, local attorney, has been named a director from Washington County in the Second Judicial Bar Association. The organization is composed of barristers from five counties in this section of the State. Elbert Peel, of Williamston, is the new president. The next meeting of the association will be held in Plymouth.

The union service at the Methodist church next Sunday will be the time for the preaching of Rev. R. H. Lucas, pastor of the Baptist church. Rev. C. T. Thrift, Methodist pastor, left Monday for a trip to Virginia and will return in time for the morning service in his church Sunday, August 2.

Rea's Beach is now becoming popular as a summer resort. Historic old Albemarle Sound never saw such crowds swarm its banks as have been the case during the present heat wave. Thermometers have been up to 106 in the down-town area. Cottages are also going up. Inquiries are coming in from out-of-town folk who rent them by the week. L. W. Gurkins is having each sailing than in many seasons.

Society in this little old town on the Roanoke is now at a low ebb. Clubs have discontinued on account of the heat of the summer. The Ace of Clubs, the Amateurs, Four Aces, Junior and Senior Woman's clubs, Thursday Afternoon Literary Club and the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Legion Auxiliary have stopped for the summer. Marriages are slow, too.

Among the new buildings that are going up in Williamston is the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. V. Clayton on Warren Street. Mrs. Clayton, who is now register of deeds of Washington County, is expected to leave here shortly after her term of office expires the first Monday in December to join her husband, who is cashier of the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company.

Funeral Services For Young Woman

Funeral services for Miss Willie Mae Davenport, 21, who died Sunday morning after a lingering illness, were conducted Monday afternoon at the White Chapel Christian Church, with Rev. R. O. Respass, pastor, officiating, assisted by Dr. G. A. Martin, pastor of the Baptist church. Interment took place in an adjoining cemetery.

Miss Davenport is a native of this county and a member of the Philippi Christian church but attended the Baptist Sunday school at Creswell. Surviving is her mother, Mrs. Mary Davenport, two sisters, Mrs. Spear and Miss Cenia Davenport and a brother, Dick Davenport, all of the Creswell section.

RECORDS TO AID FARMERS SECURE BENEFIT MONEY

Facts Will Be Means Of Proving Claims To Soil Payments

Farmers participating in the new farm program need to keep records of the soil-conserving crops they grow and the soil-building practices they carry out.

The records will be a means of proving they are entitled to soil-building payments, said Dean I. O. Schaub, director of the State College. As a further means of proof, the dean suggested that farmers notify their local committeemen, or their county agent's office, whenever they carry out soil-building practices.

The notification does not have to be in writing, he continued. The important thing is to inform the committeemen.

Then in checking up on a grower's compliance, the committeemen will take note of the practices carried out and give the farmer credit for them.

Before a producer can qualify for the payments, the dean emphasized, he will be required to submit proof of the soil-building practices he has followed.

This is why it is important to keep records, and notify the committeemen of all such practices observed in connection with the new program.

TEACHERS GIVEN INCREASE IN PAY BY STATE BOARD

Commission Votes 25 Per Cent Increase Over Old Schedule

Raleigh.—Salaries ranging from \$112.50 down to \$68.75 a month for teachers holding certificates in classes A, B and C were ordered for the 1936-37 school year by the State School commission a few days ago.

The commission voted to increase the schedules of pay for teachers and principals by 25 per cent over the schedules in effect on January 1, 1935, to put into effect the increase authorized by the 1935 legislature.

Lloyd Griffin, secretary of the commission, said about \$17,700,000 would be set aside for instructional service next school year, as compared with \$16,600,000 for the past year.

Due to possible advancement of many teachers' certificates by summer school work, he said he could only guess at the percentages under each schedule, but figures 70 per cent would be "A", 15 per cent "B", 10 per cent "C" and 5 per cent elementary "A" and "B" and non-standard.

Salary schedules for principals, he said had not been figured yet on the new basis. Last year they ranged from \$282 monthly down to \$114 and a 4.16 per cent increase will be applied.

The total cost of operation of the schools on the state standard last year was \$20,088,000, Griffin said, which was \$57,000 more than the appropriation. The difference was taken from the contingency and emergency fund.

Griffin said the commission did not act as a director of the transportation division to succeed Claude F. Gaddy, who recently resigned. He said C. C. Brown, Gaddy's assistant, was in charge of buses and Lawrence C. Thornton, former instructor in the Williamston High school, was in charge of routes and organization.

Little Prospect of Work Being Done On Conaby Creek

Congressman Says Stream Not Included in List of Existing Waterways

Not any time in the next few years will the Conaby Creek stream in Washington County that leads from the Roanoke River, near the Albemarle Sound and wastes away in the Dismal Swamp be navigable for small boats as it was in years gone by.

Once this stream was alive with commerce, as small boats plied their way through the shambles that line the banks of the narrow stream carrying their cargo to larger ships and along the watercourse were grist mills whose large wheels were turned by water pressure.

John W. Darden and Harry Stell and others were in the office of Congressman Lindsay Warren not long ago and they took the matter up with the solon asking that he use his influence to get the Federal Government to remove snags and dredge it so that small craft could use the stream again.

Mr. Warren writes Mr. Darden: "I have taken this matter up with the War Department and find that this is not an existing waterway which has ever been acted upon by Congress. Any hope of improvement would be through a survey to be contained in some future Rivers and Harbors bill."

"I doubt if there will be such a bill for several years from now. The whole thing is based upon commerce. If all the reports were favorable it would come back for still another Rivers and Harbors bill. We have such a bill about once every five years."

"I shall be glad to include it for a survey whenever we have another bill."

Cotton Ginners May Get Pay in Handling Government Report

Ginners Are Entitled To Around 25 Cents a Bale As Expense Offset

Under the supplemental appropriation act approved February 11, 1936, an appropriation was made available to the Secretary of Agriculture to enable him to reimburse all cotton ginners for additional expenses they incurred in connection with the operation of a cotton gin under the Bankhead Act during the 1935-36 ginning season, the county agent announced a day or two ago.

Appropriation blanks are now available at the agent's office and all cotton ginners are asked to call in within the next few days and file application for this compensation. This payment will be at the rate of 25 cents per bale and it is thought that this should help in a large way in relieving cotton ginners of the extra bookkeeping expense they were forced to incur in order to carry out the purposes of the Bankhead Act in such an effective manner as was done.

In filing this application it will be necessary for the ginner to have the duplicate copy of his monthly returns to the Collector of Internal Revenue. If all ginners will bring these reports to the county agent's office at their earliest convenience, assistance will be furnished in filing the application and forwarding it to the proper authorities.

Begin Revival at Mt. Tabor Church

A series of revival services will begin at the Mount Tabor Free Will Baptist church Monday night, August 3, and last through the week. Rev. E. C. Morris, of Elizabeth City will be the speaker. The public is urged to attend.

Pea Ridge Man Dies In Accident Friday

Funeral services were held Saturday for Edward Spruill, 38, whose neck was broken when an automobile in which he was riding plunged into the old Herring Canal near Somerset Farm near Creswell Friday.

Dr. W. H. Harrell and Deputy Sheriff W. D. Peel investigated the accident and deemed an inquest unnecessary. Mr. Spruill lived in the Pea Ridge section of Washington County. His wife and one child and seven brothers survive.

MIGRATORY FISH DISAPPEARING IN SEVERAL RIVERS

Condition Is Challenge To Every Citizen Member Commission States

Rapid disappearance of migratory fish from the Roanoke, Middle and Cashie rivers in this section and other streams in the State is a challenge to every right thinking citizen, it was pointed out a few days ago by J. L. Horne, Rocky Mount publisher, who is studying this problem.

Along with the shortage of these roving fish is an increase in the number of fishermen on relief rolls and the sports fishermen are going without, and drastic measures might be taken by the commission, composed of E. S. Askew, of Elizabeth City; J. L. Horne, Jr., of Rocky Mount, and Jim McNair, of Morehead City, to protect fish.

In 1897 there were taken from the streams in this State 8,963,000 pounds of shad; in 1908 it had decreased to 3,942,000 pounds; in 1918 it had dwindled to 1,657,000 pounds and in 1932 to 927,000 pounds. This is for shad alone, and the same proportionate decrease is expected in rock and others.

"This challenge is not alone to the above commission, but it is afraid that drastic measures are going to be required if the situation is to be saved. Hardships are inevitable and men must be restrained from doing some of the things that have heretofore been permitted," writes Mr. Horne.

"And at the same time men who make their living from their nets are going to have to practice self-restraint. Sentiment must be built up against this practice of decreasing the fish supply in the waters in this State. The United States Fisheries Commission is expected to use the services of the committee and expressions of opinions from others," concludes Mr. Horne.

3 Plymouth Folk Get State Offices

Three Plymouth folk were elevated to places of distinction this week. Senator Carl L. Bailey was named chairman of the County Roads Claim Adjustment Commission, which will hear the complaints of 4 counties who allege the state highway commission should pay them for funds they used in building highways which the latter took over.

Dr. C. McGowan, commander of the James E. Jethro post of the American Legion, was elevated to the post as district commander of the second district, which includes posts in Swan Quarter, Washington, Columbia, and Plymouth. Mrs. W. V. Hays was named second district committeewoman in the auxiliary. She is president of the local unit.

Officer Saves Lick Salt To Block Heat

Danville, Va.—City Health Officer R. W. Garnett offered a new theory on heat and its consequences as he heard about the excessive weather out West.

Many cases of heat prostration and exhaustion, he said, are due to the loss of salt from the body through the pores to such an extent that the physical metabolism becomes upset. A few grains of salt placed on the tongue and absorbed, he said, will counterbalance the losses through perspiration.

Dr. Garnett also said that there are likely to be more motor accidents during extremely hot weather because of the tendency to become excited and to lose self control during hot weather.

The best rule apart from prudent diet and drinking of plenty of cool water is not to talk about the weather or to commiserate on the subject. Its psychological effect, he said "is extremely bad."

Soil Survey Maps Of County Ready

Representative Lindsay Warren has been advised by the Department of Agriculture that the new soil survey of Washington County has been printed and is now available. Mr. Warren secured authority for this survey three years ago, and will be glad to mail anyone a copy of same upon request.