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SUPERIOR COURT BEGINS HERE ON MONDAY, JAN. 4th

Two Weeks Term for Trial Of Both Civil and Criminal Cases

Washington County Superior Court opens here Monday, January 4 for a two-week civil term, with the first two days being devoted to clearing the criminal docket and the remainder of the two weeks being used in disposing of 25 civil cases.

The calendar of civil cases follows:

Wednesday, January 6: F. C. Thornton vs. John Atamanchuk; Aaron Cooper vs. Zeno Lyon, et al; Isoldin Cuthrell et al vs. J. H. Hamilton (2 cases).

Thursday, January 7: J. L. Swain and wife vs. Plymouth Oil Co.; O. H. Lyon vs. George C. Culpepper, et al; Cox Motor Company vs. John Atamanchuk; G. W. Harrison vs. Receivers N. S. R. Co.; Lillie Gaylord et al vs. Receivers N. S. R. Co.

Monday, January 11: Janet Jones vs. J. M. Horton, O. H. Lyon vs. J. Johnson; W. H. Gurkin et al vs. Vance Satterthwaite; H. N. Edwards vs. V. E. Everett; D. F. Tarkenton vs. Fred Smith.

Tuesday, January 12: Mrs. Henry Spruill vs. Farmville-Woodward Lumber Co.; Miss Ruth Burgess vs. Farmville-Woodward Lumber Co.; Mrs. Mary Pharr vs. Farmville-Woodward Lumber Co.; Elwood Davenport vs. Pauline Davenport.

Wednesday, January 13: B. O. Dupree vs. G. M. A. C.; In Re: Will of Mary E. Hill; Branch Banking & Trust Co. vs. E. H. Harris; W. H. Burchell et al vs. Sarah F. Nurney et al.

Thursday, January 14: Mae Simmons vs. C. G. Hutcheson; H. H. Clifton et al vs. T. H. Clifton et al; Jerry McL. Harris et al vs. Wade Waters.

Divorce and motion cases to be called at pleasure of the court.

Local Girls' Team In Northeastern Conference Play

Undefeated So Far in Five Games; Sponsors Are Enthusiastic

Plymouth's unbeaten girls' basketball team will enter the Northeastern North Carolina Conference for high school girls and will meet a number of teams in this section in an elimination series that will last several weeks before the champions fight it out in Chapel Hill in February.

In the five games played, Plymouth has taken all of them with the scores being as follows: Jamesville, 14-1; Jamesville, 20-7; Creswell 43-9; Columbia, 19-4; Roper, 44-19. The local girls are coached by Miss Lois Brinkley.

The first team is composed of the following stars: Alberta Clagon, Myrtle Hopkins and Cornelia Edmundson, forwards; Evelyn Basnight, Melba Gurkin and Doris Williams, guards. These girls have done most of the winning, but have been supported by a group of good substitutes.

The subs are: Camille Burgess, Pauline West, Annie Alexander, Helen Harrison, Helen Bratten, Louise Lefever, Mildred Dudley, Mary Elizabeth Bray, Frances Joyner, Lillian Robbins, Katherine Midget, Marjorie Martin, Becky Ward, Meredith Johnson, Virginia Ayers, Mary C. Jones, Virginia Winesett. Cecil Beasley, manager of sports, and closely connected with the school, as well as Principal E. W. Joyner, are enthusiastic about the showing of the girls in this sport and predict that they will go far in the competition in which they are entering. However, they will find that the teams will be stronger as they progress in the conference.

Episcopal Church Elects Vestrymen

Vestrymen of Grace Episcopal church elected Sunday night to serve during 1937 were H. A. Blount, Lloyd Horton, W. F. Winslow, Sidney A. Ward, Jr., Bozie Hinton, and Zeno Lyon.



THE SAME OLE WISH From Everyone of Us To Everyone of You— "MERRIE CHRISTMAS" And the Joys of the Season THE ROANOKE BEACON

FARM PEOPLE OF STATE NEED TO GET MORE BOOKS

Every Family Should Have Access To Library, Dr. Graham Declares

Every farm family in the state should have local access to a good library, in the opinion of Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina.

Speaking last week at the annual conference of the State College Extension Service, Dr. Graham urged extension workers to do all they can to help establish county-wide libraries.

Already 14 counties have made provision for bringing good books within reach of farm people, he stated, but the work has just begun.

It is estimated that at the present time 1,900,000 North Carolinians do not have ready access to libraries. Most of these are rural people.

Good books can do a great deal to raise the standard of living in rural North Carolina, Dr. Graham pointed out; one book may influence the entire life of an individual, or the destiny of a nation.

A manuscript that fell into the hands of Christopher Columbus set him to thinking and finally led to the discovery of America.

Another speaker at the conference Col. J. W. Harrelson, dean of administration at State College, pointed to the need for more agricultural research.

Even today, with all the advancement that has been made, he said, there is still an appalling waste, inefficiency, and loss of labor in agriculture for the lack of better knowledge regarding the control of plant diseases and the production of farm commodities.

J. B. Hutson, assistant national administrator of the AAA, said that by interpreting the acts of Congress in the light of the thinking of the farmers, the 1937 soil-conservation program has been designed to meet their wishes as far as possible.

The object of the program is to increase farm income by building up the soil and conserving it for its fullest economic use and by eliminating wide fluctuations in the production and the prices of agricultural commodities, he stated.

Sunday Services at Christian Church

Services will begin at 9:45 at the local Christian church, Sunday morning, December 27, with Bible school. At 11 a. m. Mr. Taylor will bring the message of the hour.

Of the series of services which began some time ago, centered around a Christian home, "Mother" will be the topic used by the pastor Sunday evening at 7:30 p. m. Reserved seats await all mothers. We welcome all.

Message of Appreciation From Manager of Plant

Below is a letter from Mr. C. A. White, Manager of the Pulp Mill Division of the Kieckhefer Container Company, which is self-explanatory: THE EDITOR, ROANOKE BEACON, Plymouth, N. C.

Dear Sir: We have just had the pleasure of receiving a copy of the December 11th issue of The Roanoke Beacon and have noted with much interest and satisfaction the announcement respecting our decision to locate a pulp mill near Plymouth and the complimentary messages of welcome of the community. The courtesies thus extended to us are deeply appreciated and we thank you, one and all.

Our plans are maturing rapidly and within thirty days there should be some real activity in evidence in the direction of construction. While we naturally look for a just reward for enterprise and effort, we feel certain that the people of Plymouth and all of the surrounding eastern North Carolina territory will directly and indirectly reap considerable benefits from our operations. Such we hope will prove to be the case.

Much remains to be done both on the part of the community and ourselves. The matter of housing facilities, if not given immediate attention, is one which may present some problems. There will undoubtedly be many opportunities in the line of home investments as operation and employment takes shape.

It is our aim to have a forestry organization in the field probably after the first of the year, when educational work among the farmers and the making of cord-wood arrangements will commence.

It gives us pleasure to say that much valuable assistance has been given us by the citizens of Plymouth in our preliminary investigation work. This cooperation is appreciated, and we hope that when we are finally settled in our operation you will find us to be good neighbors.

Yours very truly, KIECKHEFER CONTAINER COMPANY, PULP MILL DIVISION, C. A. WHITE, Manager. Plymouth, N. C., December 21, 1936.

About Town

Townfolk are urged to leave their cars at home from now until Christmas so that out-of-town people and those from the rural sections will have plenty of parking space so as to be convenient for shopping. This will greatly facilitate the person who comes here to trade and wastes time looking for a parking space or must lug an armful of bundles for blocks to get to their cars. Leave your cars at home.

P. M. Arps nominates a certain thief for "All-American Thief" honors. He wonders what use the thief will make of the small weights which he took from the prescription counter of his store. Their only use is for weighing drams and mls of drugs. The thief cannot use them and no one else but a druggist, and what prompted him to steal them is the puzzle.

Automotive taxes are the poor man's income taxes and are imposing a heavy burden of tax costs upon those least able to pay, accord-

THIEVES GET \$500 WORTH OF FURS AT OFFICE HERE

Select Only Most Valuable Pelts in Robbery Some Time Sunday Night

Officers are searching for a thief or thieves who forced an entrance into the rear of E. G. Harrison's, Plymouth Fur and Hide Company, office Sunday night and fled with furs valued at over \$500.

Mink and 'coon skins, the highest priced of the furs, were the kind missing. Numbers of others in the place were unmolested. Nothing was found except cigarette butts and matches at a corner of the building, where the thief evidently waited and watched for a chance to rob the place.

Chief of Police P. W. Brown arrested a negro who asked for Mr. Harrison Sunday night. However, it is thought he is being detained for questioning only. It appeared to be the work of a professional, as it seemed to officers to be well planned and executed.

CHRISTMAS JINGLES

This is the best-decorated town this side of Suffolk, according to what a hoot-of-town shopper told E. H. Liverman this week as the merchant was wrapping about \$50 worth of merchandise, which the visitor bought here.

Never has the town in recent years blazed with such beauty in the night. Anodent color lights forming a canopy over Washington and Water Streets. Atop the American Legion hall is a Christmas tree with a huge star gently waving in the breeze. Store windows are aglow with lights and decorations.

No Christmas since B. D. (Before the depression) has there been so much and such a variety of gifts in the stores of the merchants, who are greeting the last few days of selling with bargains in this issue of the Beacon. Compare them and purchase from those who support their town paper. Look over the ad for the New Theatre and attend during the holidays.

Special Christmas services will be held at the Grace Episcopal church at 8 o'clock Friday morning. It is expected that this will be true at the Methodist church, but it is not definite at the time of writing. Many of the churches in the county had their Christmas programs Sunday.

About 4,000 school children in Washington County are enjoying two weeks of holidays. They left the class rooms Friday to return on Monday, January 4. They can be seen gazing into the shop windows at Santa Claus articles.

Mrs. Ida Ambrose Norman Succumbs

Mrs. Ida Ambrose Norman, of Norfolk, Va., wife of J. H. Norman and daughter of the late Berry and Mrs. Ella Ambrose, died December 15 at her home after a lingering illness of several years. Funeral services were conducted at the Graham Funeral Home in South Norfolk by the Rev. W. O. Lollis, pastor of the South Norfolk Christian Church, Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. The body was brought to Supperpong cemetery for interment Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. Norman was a former member of Supperpong Christian church and a resident of Supperpong community until 18 years ago, at which time the family moved to Norfolk.

Mrs. Norman leaves, besides her husband and mother, three sons, Alfred, Forrest and William; five daughters, Mrs. Lester Roland, Mrs. Robert Shaw, Mrs. Robert Morris, and Misses Claudia and Doris Mae Norman; and five grandchildren, all of Norfolk; two brothers, Arthur Ambrose, of Conway, S. C.; H. E. Ambrose, of Supperpong community; three sisters, Mrs. C. D. Holton, of Sumter, S. C.; Mrs. Cecil Halsey, of Norfolk, Mrs. W. E. Holton and Mrs. John Halsey, of this county.

Funeral services were conducted at the grave with Rev. Roy Respass assisting Rev. Mr. Lollis. The grave was covered with beautiful flowers.

Automobile Will Be Given Away Monday

SHORTEST DAY

Monday of this week, marking the official beginning of winter, was the shortest day of the year, the sun rising at 7:04 and setting at 4:52. According to the calendar makers, winter began at 7:20 that evening to hold forth until March 20. Last winter, it is and will long be remembered, was a severe one and there is hope the one now upon us will not be so bad.

Farm Notes

By W. V. HAYS, County Agent

Information received at Raleigh this past week from officials of the Department of Agriculture on the new farm program assures us that the program for 1937 has many advantages over this year. Some improvement is made for truck growers and a number of other features give advantages to the small farm operator. Meetings will be held shortly after the first of the year in the four townships for explaining this program in detail.

A tobacco short course is to be held at State College, Raleigh, on January 18-22, inclusive, which is free to farmers and especially for their benefit. The course includes soils, fertilizers, cultivating, grading and marketing. Anyone having an opportunity to attend this course would receive information which would be of much benefit in handling their tobacco crop.

I would be glad to get in touch with anyone who has anywhere from one to 10 acres of nice thick young pines along a main-traveled highway in Washington County. We would like to use this piece of timber as a forestry demonstration over a period of years. This timber would be handled under the direction of our State Forester and would be thinned and cut up into four and half foot lengths by CCC boys. We would like to have this piece of timber on a well-traveled road, where as many people as possible could benefit by the demonstration.

Records kept on a number of wood lots on a farm for a period of 20 years show that many wood lots pay taxes, some other expenses and eventually a very good profit on these same farms. On a number of our farms there is sufficient down and culled timber for wood to supply all house and tobacco barn needs. Where there is danger of fire we should have cart paths through the timber in such a way that these paths could be raked and used as fire lanes in case it was necessary to back fire. We should also cooperate with Mr. Darden, our forest warden, and give him all the assistance possible. With the coming in of our community of a pulp mill, we will have a market for our timber for years to come, provided our cutting is done in a systematic manner. In furnishing wood to the mills and timber for logging purposes we should only sell those logs which have about reached maturity, and we should cut wood for pulp purposes only where it is too thick and of a maximum size and culled trees. A meeting will be held at the courthouse about the first of the year, at which time Mr. R. W. Graeber, extension forester from State College, will explain a practical method of handling the farm timber lot or woods and give us much valuable information on forestry work.

The farm credit association for the territory of Washington, Tyrrell, Beaufort, Martin and Hyde Counties meets at Williamston at 10 o'clock in the morning on January 20th. Every farmer who has borrowed money from the Washington Production Credit Association should attend this meeting, and those who expect to borrow this year should get much useful information. We understand that the cost of the loan has been lowered each year since organization and the cost will be some lower this present year.

When I was a young fellow I thought a person who did not like for boys to ride his trees and frolic in the woodlot was a cantankerous

Merchants' Business Getting Campaign Will Be Closed Then

\$175 in Cash Prizes Have Already Been Awarded; List of Winners

Interest in the merchant's business getting campaign, which will reach its climax here next Monday, December 28, when a Ford V-8 will be given away to the person holding the lucky ticket, was increasing daily as traders came to the last three days of trading before Christmas, with Saturday to be the last day for distribution of tickets.

Already \$175 has been given to persons on Wednesdays that have held the lucky tickets. Now there remains the Ford and \$25 on Monday. No prize will be awarded on Wednesday of this week, as the campaign only proposed to give away money on seven Wednesdays.

Winners have been: C. B. Chesnut, ticket from Plymouth Motor Co.; Mrs. W. A. Davidson, Plymouth, Woman's Shop; Thomas Carrow, Plymouth, R. W. Browning Service Station; Cornelius Watson, Plymouth, Williford's; Mrs. Joe Askew received the prize twice on succeeding Wednesdays, Plymouth Motor Company; Miller Warren, Plymouth, Norman Furniture Company.

This scheme of giving away the tickets and the money for the prizes has or will cost the participating firms about \$935, with J. R. Manning guaranteeing the prize to be delivered. This means that the local merchants are sharing part of their profits with the shoppers.

It is hoped that the weather will be fair, so that the merchants can reach their full peak in Christmas business before the holidays arrive. It is understood that efforts were being made to get the merchants to close on Saturday, December 26, but this plan fell through, and the stores will be open on the day after Christmas as usual.

Stores are filled with merchandise with varied and popular-priced gifts so that everyone with a reasonable income can enjoy Christmas and experience once again the pleasure of giving gifts at Yuletide.

DR. J. M. PHELPS PLANS RETURN TO CRESWELL

Will Resume Practice of Medicine There About January 1st

Announcement was made today by Dr. J. M. Phelps, son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Phelps, of Creswell, that he would return to Creswell to practice medicine and surgery after three years at the Tayloe hospital in Washington.

He will occupy the same building which he occupied before going to Washington. The old People's Bank building will be enlarged to make room for an X-ray machine and other equipment that he is adding.

He hopes to be ready for practice by January 1. Dr. Phelps is a graduate of Wake Forest College, with a bachelor of science degree in medicine; medical doctor degree from Jefferson Medical College; internship, two years in Atlantic City hospital, Atlantic City, N. J.; and two years Episcopal hospital, Philadelphia.

During the three years that Dr. Phelps was chief of surgeons at the Tayloe hospital he performed about 600 major operations.

This increases the number of physicians in Washington County to seven, with Dr. Phelps and Dr. W. H. Harrell in Creswell; Dr. J. W. Warren, Roper; Drs. T. L. Brey, C. McGowan, Alban Papineau and L. S. Mitchell, Plymouth.

I have later learned that this same crank had some mighty fine ideas and profitable ones on handling a well-paid farm crop. We should remember that the farmer's trees are the same thing to him as evergreens on the city lot. I know farmers in Washington County who go through their woods and prune trees at spare times.