

RAILROAD SEEKS TO QUIT LINE TO BISHOP'S CROSS

Hearing on Petition for Abandonment of Road To Be Held 26th

The receivers of the Norfolk Southern Railroad have made a request to the Interstate Commerce Commission for permission to abandon the railroad from Mackeys to Bishop's Cross, which touches Roper, Wenona Pike Road in Washington and other points in Beaufort County.

The commission has granted the Norfolk Southern Railroad and all interested citizens a hearing in regard to this matter to be held April 26 in the Federal building at Edenton at 10 in the morning. Interested citizens in this county are urged to attend.

These points are understood to be only receiving a partial service over this road at the present, and the railroad now wishes to discontinue service entirely. This railroad serves a section that is sometimes at certain seasons almost out of communication with outside points on account of impassable public roads. This year the people in Wenona have a large Irish potato crop, as well as a large corn crop. This road is used chiefly to serve these people in taking into them fertilizer and bringing out their potatoes, corn and other produce that is destined for the northern markets.

The first notice of an effort to abandon the service entirely on this road was given last November, and since that time the officials have renewed their efforts to get the line discontinued and thus eventually taking up the tracks that covers the roadbed to the Beaufort County community.

Unless enough interest is manifested by the residents of these communities and others which are interested in this kind of communication to induce them to object to the discontinuance of the service before the commission, then this will be another backward step. It may be that the permission will be granted anyway, but those who wish the service continued now have a fighting chance.

EROSION COSTS SOUTH BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR

National Subsidies Seen As Only Remedy for Plight Of the Southland

The South is losing money and human and physical resources at the rate of a billion dollars a year, writes David Cushman Coyle, consulting engineer who has recently served as advisor to several Federal government projects, in the spring issue of the Virginia Quarter Review at Charlottesville.

Mr. Coyle charges that the South is paying out a billion dollars a year beyond its yearly income by selling its property to investors in other parts of the country, by borrowing money and going bankrupt by destroying land and forest to make products to be sold.

National subsidies are the only remedy for the plight of the South, Mr. Coyle points out. These must be "paid out of income taxes collected in New York, California, and Florida—wherever the men live who are now receiving tribute from the poorer sections of the country. These subsidies are not charity, but return of excessive payments, like "dividends" returned to a member of a cooperative store.

Education and road building are the most generally accepted subsidies, the writer continues. Rural electrification is another. Soil conservation by the Federal government is one that can be expanded for ten years or so.

"Human erosion can probably absorb a larger sum than soil erosion, with profit to the nation," he writes. "The American people can spend \$250,000,000, or two dollars per year per capita on public health service that will repay the cost in direct savings.

Invites All Nurses, Doctors and Wives

Shep Brinkley, manager of New Theatre, Plymouth, N. C., wishes to extend a public invitation to all doctors, their wives, and all nurses in Washington County and other surrounding counties to attend the showing of "The Doctor's Diary," on Saturday night, April 17, at 10 p. m. (one showing only), as his guests.

County Will Vote on Liquor Stores June 1

Farm Notes

By W. V. HAYS, County Agent

Mr. Floyd, the tobacco specialist, says the best thing he has found is 1 per cent rotenone dust for the control of insects. If possible to get this dust, the method is to dust through the cloth good and heavy while the cloth is dry, then drop the cloth from the frame down over the bed or the plants. These insects travel by hopping, and the lowered cloth will prevent this. Those not killed by the dust will be handicapped in doing any damage to the young tobacco plants.

We had hopes of making Washington County a one-variety cotton county and of establishing the strain of farm relief cotton. Certified seed of this variety and good seed of this variety of recommended germination tests are not available in the state. There are a few lots of good cotton seed available in the county of this variety, possibly enough to supply our needs and these seed, I believe, will be better than imported seed of other varieties.

This is the season of the year to take precautions to prevent heavy pullet losses by giving the baby chicks the proper care. Do not brood in numbers larger than 300 in one brood. When chicks are crowded, it takes more feed for chicks growing out, requires a longer time to grow them and, in the end, you will have more culls and runts. Be sure that your chicks are not overheated, as it is very easy to get chicks too hot during warm days in the spring, especially where a brick furnace is used.

Friday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. at the Central High School in Elizabeth City will be held a meeting for the purpose of setting forth the position of truck growers of Eastern North Carolina as related to the new farm program and to more nearly bring about increased benefit payments for truck growers. We should have a representation of potato growers especially, and our tomato, May pea, and cucumber growers should also be represented.

A good many farmers planted a crop of cucumbers for the first time this year. It is well to remember that cucumbers do best on the type of soil necessary for good gardens. It may be necessary to use quite a bit of lime. Cucumbers do best in a neutral soil or on ground too alkaline for tobacco. Compost works handsomely under cucumbers. Side dressing with nitrate of soda might also pay. The idea is to so fertilize and cultivate as to keep the vines green or healthy for as long a period as possible. Wide rows are an advantage in picking and this rule is necessary to prevent mutilating the vines.

Good cottonseed are scarce. So far as we know there is not a good lot of Farm Relief cottonseed one year from the breeder available for planting purposes in North Carolina of a germination high enough to be worth planting. It is hazardous to buy cottonseed with the germination below 80 per cent.

The best indication of how things are going with our hog sales is the increased sales. Three cars were held over from the sale on the 13th for shipment on the 20th. 324 hogs were sold last Tuesday for approximately \$7,000. The railroad has promised to improve the grading and loading facilities by our next shipping date. We will greatly appreciate it if any farmers who have hogs for sale will get in touch with the Plymouth office not later than Saturday before the date of sale. This is necessary to make accommodations in making room for shipment and also necessary to secure good bids on the hogs sold. One truckload of hogs was carried away from the sale last Tuesday due to the fact that we did not have room enough to accommodate the shipment of these hogs. Please contact your county agent or at least the Plymouth office before sending hogs for sale.

Dare County Club Conducts Extensive Canning Project

Three acres of vegetables will be grown for canning purposes by 4-H club members at the Kittl Hawk School in Dare County to be used for free lunches next winter, says the county farm agent.

Special Election Is Ordered by County Board of Elections

Books Open for Registration for Three Saturdays Beginning May 8

Now those who have been guessing will have an opportunity to see whether Washington County will vote wet in a referendum, as an election has been called for June 1, thus affording a chance for the people to vote as they deem wise on whether or not to allow legal whisky in this county.

The books for registration will be open on Saturday, May 8, and will remain open until Saturday, May 22, with the following Saturday, May 29, being designated as the time for challenge. There will not be a complete re-registration. Many predict that despite the blows that legal whisky has received in years gone by that this will join with other counties in the state this year and will legalize the sale of controlled whisky through ABC stores with the government in charge of their operation.

Usually about 2,000 votes are cast in this county, with about 2,200 being counted in the last election. Observers do not believe, however, that more than 1,500 will go to the polls to vote their opinions in the special election on June 1.

On the other hand, it is known that the opposition to the measure is mustering their followers and the churches and ministers are expected to wage relentless war on the effort to bring legal whisky back into this county.

The same pollholders and registrars as were used in the last general election will be used in the referendum, according to James E. Davenport, chairman of the board of elections. Associated with him are Frank C. Spruill and J. R. Manning.

M. W. NORMAN, 58, DIES AT HOME OF SON IN RALEIGH

Funeral services were held at the home on Main Street here Tuesday for Macon Walker Norman, 58, who died at the home of his son, Cyril W. Norman, last Sunday while in Raleigh taking treatments for a disordered stomach.

Rev. C. T. Thrift, pastor of the Methodist church, officiated, assisted by Rev. R. H. Lucas, of the Baptist church. Interment took place in the Methodist cemetery adjoining the church yard. A large crowd attended, and a large floral offering was contributed.

Mr. Norman was well known in this section, where he had worked for years as an expert and foreman in the lumber plant of the Plymouth Box & Panel Company and he had also served some time as councilman, member of the school board and member of the old water and light commission.

Surviving Mr. Norman is a widow and two sons, C. W. Norman, of Raleigh; and M. G. Norman, of Richmond; also the following brothers, who were active pall-bearers: Zeb Vance, James W., Joe S., Cicero J. Norman, and a brother-in-law, L. W. Gurkin, all of Plymouth; and Ed Norman, of Fayetteville.

Mr. Norman had been in Raleigh five weeks undergoing treatment and had not entered a hospital, as he could get the treatments just as well at the home of his son.

"Love Is News" at New Theatre Here

The romance of a thrilling three-some whose kisses crash the headlines and whose escapades sell extras, with handsome Tyrone Power out-romancing his "Lloyds of London" role, lovely Loretta Young bringing her fresh charm to a portrayal that is enchantingly different, and Don Ameche creating a dashing new screen characterization, provides hilarious excitement in the streamline hit, "Love Is News," playing Thursday, April 15th, at the New Theatre, Plymouth, for one day only.

Slim Summerville, Dudley Digges, Walter Catlett, George Sanders, Jane Darwell and Stepin Fetchit are featured in the cast, while Tay Garnett directed.

EPISCOPALIANS TO HOLD MEET HERE TUESDAY

Bishop Darst and Rev. Walter Noe Among Leaders Expected

Plans are being made here to welcome scores of Episcopalians from with Holy Communion with the con-will gather here in Grace Episcopal church on Tuesday, April 20, for a meeting of the laymen and clergy of district six, with Bishop Thomas C. Darst and Rev. Walter Noe, of Wilmington, expected to attend.

The sessions will open at 9 a. m. Rev. C. T. Thrift will speak on confessions beginning at 10, divided into three-quarter hour periods, suspending for an hour or more at 1 o'clock for lunch, after which there will be other periods in the afternoon. Mrs. J. B. Edmundson, representing the Woman's Guild, and H. A. Williford and S. A. Ward, jr., will represent the men's club in preparing for the visitors.

Rev. Arthur B. Papineau, of Vineyard Haven, Mass., father of Dr. Alban Papineau, here on a visit to his son, addressed the meeting of the Men's Club held at C. E. Ayers' home Wednesday night. He will also teach the Bible class Sunday morning and will participate at the evening service. Claude Wheatley, superintendent of the Episcopal Sunday school in Beaufort, will speak here at the next meeting of the Men's Club at the home of Zeno Lyon on May 12.

A committee, composed of H. A. Williford, S. A. Ward, jr., J. H. Leggett, Lloyd Gilbert, and W. F. Winslow and others will welcome the men from the other churches who will attend the meeting here next Tuesday. Walter H. Paramore and Zeno Lyon were appointed on a publicity committee.

Home and Club News

By Mary Frances Misenheimer

Schedule for Next Week

Monday, County Bridge.
Tuesday, Pleasant Grove.
Wednesday, Swain.
Thursday, Creswell.
Friday, Alba.
Saturday, curb market, 8:30.

Mrs. Roy Stillman, yard leader in Roper club, has done quite a bit of work in her yard for the past month. Over 100 pieces of shrubbery have been planted and a variety of bulbs have been set out.

Mrs. Odell Mizelle, poultry leader in Hoke Home Demonstration Club, asked the member of the club at the March meeting to keep a record of the eggs and chickens sold until the April club meeting. Mrs. Mizelle reported eight members keeping records. A good report was given by the leader, as follows: 72 biddies hatched. \$106.95 worth of eggs sold. \$20 worth of chickens sold.

Mrs. George Bowen gave an interesting talk on spring styles at the Chapel Hill club meeting. She also displayed a collar and cuff set that she learned to make at the clothing leaders' school.

Mrs. Bowen believes in working out new ideas that are learned at the leaders' schools and at club meetings.

Beech Grove Club can boast of the good attendance at their club meetings. More interest exists in the clubs when the attendance is good. A good clothing report was given by the clothing leader, Mrs. T. R. Chesson.

The fall and winter garden reports must be sent to Raleigh. Those planning to send their records in should do so immediately.

Club women, start making plans to attend the district meeting May 28 at Plymouth High School. We are to be hostess to the following counties: Martin, Beaufort, Pitt and Bertie.

Dr. Robert House, dean of administration at the University of North Carolina, is to be the main speaker. Women and men are invited to this meeting.

Railroads Use Quite a Bit Of Water In Year's Time

The great quantity of water used by American railroads each year would fill a channel 300 yards wide and nine feet deep, extending from New York to San Francisco and return.

Campbell Announces Candidacy for Mayor

Seeks Reelection in Election May 4th; Others Hold Back

All Old Councilmen and J. W. Norman Expected To Announce Shortly

Breaking the ice and being the first to come out definitely for the job as mayor of the Town of Plymouth is Mayor B. G. Campbell, who announced this week that he will enter the contest to succeed himself in this position, which he has filled creditably for the last several months.

For about 10 years Mr. Campbell has been connected with the affairs of the town serving as councilman all these years, while R. P. Walker, A. L. Owens, and then Gilbert Davis served as mayor. He succeeded Mr. Davis last December, when Mr. Davis resigned to move away.

Since 1921 Mr. Campbell has been a wholesale grocer in Plymouth and through these years has manifested an interest in public affairs of the municipality. He is a property holder and is well known in the town where he has conducted his business for many years.

No definite word has come from S. A. Ward, who may enter the race for the position as mayor. Mr. Ward is still considering the matter while it is understood that Eugene F. Still, who at one time announced his candidacy for this office, has decided not to become a contestant.

The present councilmen, including E. H. Liverman, H. C. Spruill, Dr. W. H. Johnson, W. J. Mayo, T. C. Burgess, are expected to run, with James W. Norman making a sixth candidate. So far as the reporter could determine, there has been no rumors of opposition to them.

The election will be held on May 4. Registration books will open on Saturday, April 17, and will close on April 24, with Saturday, May 1 as challenge day. There will not be a new registration, and those who have their names already on the books will be eligible to vote.

Poll holders and places of balloting: First ward, Mrs. H. M. Ramsey, registrar, Frank Brinkley and W. F. Stubbs, judges, at courthouse. Second ward: L. C. Hassell, registrar; E. S. Mizelle and W. R. Amrose, judges; at S. O. S. Shoe Shop on Water Street. Third ward: Harry Stell, registrar; Jim Smith and Raymond Peal, judges; at Peal's radio shop.

Local Winners in District Contest

Baritone horn, first place, was won by Wilford Whitley, Saturday, April 10, at Greenville in the district music contest. Next to the highest rating was made, and the judge recommended that he go to the state contest, to be held in Greensboro, April 21, 22, and 23. He was accompanied on the piano by L. W. Zeigler.

Helen Harrison won third place in piano solo for high school students, and Mary Charlotte Jones won second place in soprano solo for the high schools.

Crotalaria Is Good Soil-Building Crop

Crotalaria is gaining recognition as a soil-building crop in the sandy areas of the State, said R. L. Lovvorn, agronomist at State College.

This crop, he said, makes a much heavier growth than most of the commonly grown summer legumes on poor, sandy soils, and it is an excellent soil-builder.

At the coastal plain branch experiment station at Willard, he continued, a corn crop grown in a two-year rotation with crotalaria produced 39.9 bushels to the acre.

Move Four Million Pounds Live Fish to Distant Points

A unique service maintained by the Railway Express Agency is that of moving approximately four million pounds of live fish annually from middle western points to New York and Philadelphia where they are used as food.

ANNOUNCES



B. G. Campbell this week announced his candidacy for reelection as Mayor of Plymouth, subject to the municipal election on Tuesday, May 4.

About Town

All of the children of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hathaway, of Creswell, have their diplomas from high school as follows: Willie, Robert, Kate, Mary, Phillip, Norman and now Dorothy.

Rev. C. T. Thrift will speak on "Evangelizing the World" at the Methodist church next Sunday morning, while a pageant, "The Bishops' Crusade," will be presented in the evening under the direction of Mrs. Kathleen Spruill. L. W. Zeigler's high school band and the junior and senior choirs will also have spots on the program.

E. H. Liverman, who has been sick for several weeks, was down town in his car Wednesday. He is convalescing rapidly after a setback upon his return from the hospital.

A. L. Owens has moved his office into the Owens Building on Washington Street between Dr. T. L. Bray's place and the Band Box Beauty Shop. James W. Norman desired more room for his office in the furniture store. E. G. Harrison moved across the street into the Toodle Building. For 30 years Mr. Owens remained in the building from which he recently moved.

Herring are beginning to run in the Roanoke River, and after a late start fishermen at the famous Slade and Kitty Hawk fisheries are beginning to bring in large catches. Prior to last week W. R. Hampton failed to catch enough in the regular hauls to pay expenses.

Banquet Held at Creswell Friday

Exotic in its quaintness was the junior-senior banquet in the Creswell high school last Friday, when students and their guests imbibed tea and punch and enjoyed a turkey dinner in a setting appointed for a Japanese garden.

Waitresses were attired as Nipponese maidens and above the three tables, around which sat about 60 people, were Japanese lanterns in which candles burned. Clinging to the walls was green vegetation from the forests.

Jack Spencer served as toastmaster, with Lula Mae Davenport making the welcome address. Toasts were made as follows: To the seniors, by Ada Craddock, with Dorothy Hathaway responding; to the faculty, by Mary Phelps, with W. S. Riddick replying; to Neta Grace Davenport, mascot, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Davenport, jr.

Charlie Phelps told a joke with the junior class giving a stunt. Christine Snell toasted the ladies present, with Mrs. Sidney Smithson responding. Short talks were made by H. H. McLean, superintendent of schools; Walter H. Paramore, Plymouth; Paul Liverman, Columbia; and C. H. Aderholdt, principal of Creswell school.

The menu consisted of roast turkey, jellied cranberry sauce, creamed potatoes, green peas, celery, rolls, pickles, chocolate pie, whipped cream, iced tea and mints.

CITY BOARD MAY FORBID SALE OF LOW GRADE MILK

Springwood Dairy To Cooperate in Giving Town A-Grade Milk

An ordinance is expected to be passed in Plymouth at the next meeting of the city council on the first Monday in May prohibiting the sale of milk below the A grade within the corporate limits.

Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Lucas are ready and willing to cooperate with the Town of Plymouth and at their Springwood Dairy will begin at once to install equipment and make arrangements to distribute only A grade milk.

Health inspectors from the state are anxious that the milk grade be raised to A so that hotels may add this condition to their requirements and thus get 8 points more on their rating than they can now possibly get.

Grade A milk must be secured from healthy cattle and must be handled according to certain specifications to reach this level. There is no complaint now of the character of milk nor the service rendered by the local dairy but this is only an effort to raise the general health rating.

Mayor B. G. Campbell has been approached about this ordinance by both the state health inspectors and Mr. Lucas, who are to cooperate in giving to the town of Plymouth A grade milk. And he, with the councilmen, will be glad to hear of the reaction from the public.

This in no way will stop the selling of milk of other grade levels that is used for various purposes.

Stress Importance of Farmers Using Debt Adjustment Service

Offered by Division of Resettlement Administration in County

In a statement made here this week, W. V. Hays, extension agent for Washington County, stressed the importance of the farm debt adjustment service being carried on thru the rehabilitation division of the Resettlement Administration and pledged to farmers of this county his whole-hearted cooperation in assisting those who need it to take advantage of the services offered by that agency of the government which has recently become a part of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

"There is no cost connected with the service," Mr. Hays said, "and no farmer in danger of losing his property through foreclosure, or who has reached the point where he is not sure of the best course to pursue, should be without the advice and assistance of those persons whose experience and every-day duties give them more than average knowledge in untangling knotty debt problems."

"As I understand it, farm debt adjustment workers, through the assistance of voluntary debt adjustment committees, are now doing for the farmer with a difficult debt problem just what many industrious business men in distress have been able to do for themselves, namely, laying the cards on the table and working out an adjustment on the basis of ability to pay and on the basis of what is best in the long run for debtor and creditor. Sometime an extension of time for payment is secured. Sometimes a more satisfactory schedule of payment may be had. In other cases, assistance can be given in refinancing with another creditor."

Mr. Hays calls attention to the fact that farmers desiring this service should apply directly to Mr. C. C. Hutcheson, county rural rehabilitation supervisor for Washington and Tyrrell Counties, whose office is located in Leggett Building, Water Street, Plymouth.

Until further notice, Mr. Hutcheson will be in Plymouth on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays of each week and he or his representative will be glad to confer with those desiring debt assistance. While in Plymouth, he will be located at the Leggett Building. Full information as to time and place can always be secured from the county agent's office.

Treat 10,000 Bushels Seed For Planting This Spring

Between eight and ten thousand bushels of cotton seed are being treated before plantings in Northampton County this spring.