

## County Board Fails To Approve Choice Of Creswell Board

### Refuses To Confirm Nomination of Aderholdt As Principal

For the first time in years the Washington County Board of Education failed to approve a principal elected by a local committee when they did not enter their approval to the selection of C. H. Aderholdt as principal of the Creswell schools.

The Creswell committee, composed of Ike Carter, chairman, J. F. Snell, secretary, and J. B. Hathaway as the third member, elected Mr. Aderholdt for his sixth term on May 29, with Mr. Carter and Mr. Hathaway favoring him and Mr. Snell voting against him.

Mr. Hathaway went to the school rooms and asked the seniors if Mr. Aderholdt was their choice for principal and unanimously they replied in the affirmative. This went on through all of the grades down to the primary grades.

Then the local committee named him in May. Since that time it was understood that the county board was opposed to him and that they were going to take the stand they did take on Monday, so petitions were circulated by patrons and students in that section.

Two years ago, when James W. Norman left the employ of the board as superintendent of public instruction, Mr. Aderholdt was one of those suggested to succeed him but failed of election when the compromise was made on H. H. McLean.

There was a concerted movement among some ladies in the Creswell district against Mr. Aderholdt, it is understood. This opposition went so far as to urge the board not to appoint a local committee that was thought to be favorable to Mr. Aderholdt.

The board would not listen to the petitions here Monday, and decided to go on record against Mr. Aderholdt, and it is now the duty of the local committee to recommend some other person for principal, as the county board does not nominate but only approves or disapproves of the selection made.

## W. Douglass Starr Begins Work Here

W. Douglas Starr, of Creswell, son of the late J. W. and Mrs. Alice Starr, entered upon his duties as instructor of vocational agriculture in the Plymouth High School this week, having reported to Carl L. Bailey, chairman of the board, on July 1.

Mr. Starr is a graduate of State College and for several terms has taught agriculture in the school at Hobbville in Gates County. He succeeds J. O. Cooper, who has been here for about two years since the course was first offered in the local school.

The first service that he has offered in general here comes with the announcement that he will give to the horses and mules of those who are interested preventive doses for stagers.

"Since such a large number of team are susceptible to this disease during the months of July and August, it is advisable to have them treated as the cost of treatment is small," said Mr. Starr.

"Please leave your name and address at the county agent's office or notify me by card. All persons desiring this service are asked to please send or bring names in before July 15," said Mr. Starr.

## Car Stolen From W. F. Winslow Tuesday

Officers all over this section of North Carolina were on the alert this morning for thieves who stole W. F. Winslow's automobile from the rear of his home Tuesday night while he was sitting near by. He thought it was the car of L. C. Menjeur, a roamer, when the motor started and paid little attention.

He reported to the police, who made every effort to communicate with highway patrolmen at Williamson. But they could not be reached until 11 o'clock Wednesday. They took over the case when it was reported.

## Lightning Upsets Plans Of Two State Farmers

Farming plans of A. O. Bowers, of Chatham County, and L. B. Harrison of Martin County, were seriously upset for this season when bolts of lightning killed mules on their farms recently. Due to the scarcity of workstock, the farmers are finding it difficult to get others.

## Cooperative Sale of Cattle To Be Sponsored by Association

Cattle has been added as a product for marketing by the Plymouth Mutual Livestock Association, which met in the office of W. V. Hays, farm agent, last Friday to perfect an organization. Hogs and sheep have been sold since the association began work several months ago.

An application for charter has been signed and the by-laws arranged for the organization. H. W. Taylor, swine specialist, and Fred Jones, of Rocky Mount, livestock development agent for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, made short talks.

The association comprises Washington and Tyrrell Counties. Bertie growers will organize their own association. Annual meetings will be held on the first Tuesday in each July at 10 o'clock. Miss Mary Frances Beasley will continue to assist as a clerk to the association.

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## Final Rites Held at Pleasant Grove Last Week for Mrs. Snell

Funeral services were held last week for Mrs. C. W. Snell, 61, in the Pleasant Grove Methodist church, with the pastor, Rev. W. J. Watson, officiating, assisted by W. A. Swain.

She served on the board of stewards, as Sunday school teacher and was treasurer of the Ladies' Aid Society for 30 years. Interment took place in the cemetery by her husband.

Surviving is one son, Charles Wesley Snell, jr.; two brothers, D. E. and B. H. Leggett, of Goldsboro; two sisters, Mrs. George Thomson, of New Bern, and Mrs. S. Z. Waters, of Pleasant Grove.

Pall-bearers: Active, Dr. C. McGowan, Dennis, Edgar and Raymond Davenport and Edison Knowles. Honorary: W. B. Davenport, W. A. Knowles, W. W. White, Halett Everett, Glenwood Spruill, Clinton Tarkenton, J. S. Davenport, L. D. Collins, Wilson Chesson, Herbert Lewis, Frank Wilson, John Chesson, Norman Chesson, J. E. Davenport, Nathan Everett, and Harold Swain.

Out of town people attending funeral: J. F. Snell, Belhaven; Mrs. T. H. Whitley and Misses Gladys and Margaret Whitley, of Pantego; Miss Myrtle Tarkenton and William Liverman, of Columbia; Mr. and Mrs. Branch Worsham, Suffolk; Mr. and Mrs. William Worsham, Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. Eli Leggett, Goldsboro; Mr. and Mrs. George Thompson, New Bern; Mrs. Lula Miller, Mrs. Alma Phelps and George Skinner, Kinston; Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Miller, Mrs. Helen Travis, Miss Lucille Travis, and Mrs. Marion Jackson, Edenton; Mrs. N. M. Spruill, Elizabeth City; Mrs. George Thomas and daughter, Miss Sophia Bell, of Windsor; Mr. and Mrs. Noah Rogerson, Williamston; Mr. and Mrs. Alton Simon, Bethel; Mr. and Mrs. H. Chesson, Robersonville; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Swain and Miss Nellie Tarkenton, Greenville; Mr. and Mrs. Ira Basinger and daughter, Elizabeth, of Richmond.

## Recent Robberies Believed Solved

Robbery of H. A. Liverman's Drug Store of \$200 last Thursday night brought the wrath of the law down on the offenders and today they had solved the mystery of six robberies here in recent weeks.

It was traced to a group of lads ranging in ages from 14 to 20. No arrests have been made, but the officers have traced some of the loot to the offenders. Bloodhounds and fingerprint experts were called in on the case.

The dogs traced the Liverman robbers to the corner of Main and Jefferson Streets, where it is thought that they began to ride their bicycles. Arrests may be made later.

## About Town

Young swains in high schools at Greensboro have copied the girls in the fad for waves in their hair, according to Miss Virginia Cahoon, proprietress of the Virginia Dare Salon in Liverman's Store here. The youths even dyed their locks. Most of them desired to be blondes.

William Carey, superintendent of the Kieckhefer Container Company plant here, enjoyed his airplane ride with John W. Gurkin, of Norfolk, who was here some time ago. Mr. Gurkin is a brother of L. W. Gurkin here. Mr. Carey remarked on the ease with which Mr. Gurkin handled the ship.

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## Government To Aid Peanut Growers In Time of Low Prices

Plans to spare peanut growers the necessity of "dumping" their crop at the beginning of the marketing season or when prices are off, were made at a meeting of the peanut committee of the American Farm Bureau Federation in Washington week before last. Edward O'Neal, president of the organization, was present, as was Dr. Myers, head of the Farm Credit Administration.

The plan outlined provides that the farm Credit Administration will advance to cooperatives money which may be loaned to farmers—members on peanuts to be stored in a period of low prices. The details of the program are to be worked out and announced later.

It was stated that it would be impossible for the government to deal with the individual farmer in this matter, but that the law makes it possible for the Farm Credit Administration to loan money to cooperatives which, with their local connections, will be able to determine conditions and needs in their market communities. This plan gives promise of protecting the growers from losses which many of them suffer every year because, being in need of money, they sell their peanuts regardless of the current prices and the prospects.

Miss Maggie DeCormis, an aunt of Sheriff J. K. Reid, died here Monday night, with the funeral Tuesday afternoon, Rev. C. T. Thrift officiating. She had never been married, but had spent her life here with the Reid family. Interment took place at the old family burying ground on the Reid's farm.

Mrs. T. L. Bray has left for some time with her daughter, Miss Mary Elizabeth Bray. While they are away on vacation, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Henderson and five children will occupy the beautiful Bray home on Main Street. Mr. Henderson is manager of the Kieckhefer Container Company plant here.

## OPENING DATES

Eastern North Carolina tobacco markets will open on Thursday, August 26, it was announced following a meeting of the Tobacco Association of the United States at Old Point Comfort, Va. last Friday. The opening is almost a week ahead of the opening date a year ago.

First auction sales will be held in Georgia June 29, the buyers moving northward for the opening in South Carolina on August 10 and then here on August 26.

## Annual Farm Tour Will Be Held in County Next Friday

Next Friday farmers from over Washington County are expected to gather here for the annual farm tour, which is a feature in the farm work in this section, and, guided by Farm Agent W. V. Hays, they will visit several places of interest.

Among those places planned for visits are the following: John Kinard's Place, where the flock is being run through corn to clean out the weeds; T. M. Bowen's, for forestry demonstration; Westover Farm, where 50 pure-bred Hampshire sows are maintained; Aubrey Ange, farm demonstrations on tobacco; J. L. McAllister's place, where vetch was turned under in the spring and excellent corn is being grown on sandy land without fertilizer; Thompson farm, where various legumes are planted alone and in combination with fall grains, which has been combined, and the lespedeza left will be turned under as a soil-building practice; H. R. Davenport's place, where will be shown an example of tractor or power farming, cultivators and such; and, if time permits, a visit will be made to the Scuppernon Farms project.

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## Farm Notes

The first lamb sale was held in Plymouth on June 1, with 398 lambs sold. Top price was 11 cents a pound. Eleven pure-bred Hampshire rams have been placed in the county.

A good crop of colts is spread over the county. They were sired by the Percheron stallion at Wenona. Several nice fillies will grow into good brood mares. Farmers are being urged to produce their own livestock for their use and for profit.

We were authorized by the Federal Surplus Commodity Corporation to purchase potatoes to stabilize the market. We bought 21 cars and our allowance was enough to buy every barrel of No. 1 potatoes in this county. Late season and unusual weather caused wire-worm damage, blight and scab in many fields.

Seven pure-bred boars have been placed on as many farms in this county to head brood herds.

Twenty-four farmers have been recommended to the Resettlement Administration for settling on the Scuppernon Farms project. Please advise me of any young married couple with farm experience who would like to settle there.

## Negro Youth Killed Accidentally Friday

Dr. A. J. Osteen reported that he vaccinated 450 dogs in this county this year. Last year 1,500 were vaccinated by local people.

Seventy-five per cent of the cotton in Skippersville and Scuppernon had to be replanted. Cool weather and rains damaged seed. Seed supplies are almost exhausted. Crops look good now. Indications are that the crop will be short.

Young Johnson was working with a crew of men helping load a barge with logs when the load fell into the water, thrust the boat toward land, pinning Johnson beneath it. It took four hours to get the barge off the victim. Trying to induce a friend to jump, he delayed his own leap too long. Young Johnson had applied for entrance at Virginia State College and had saved the money to defray his expenses. Last year he was in Hollywood, Calif., where he worked for a while. Cooperating with federal agencies the Extension Service of State College has organized the buying of surplus Irish potatoes in eastern North Carolina to improve market prices. and slows down traffic. There are more cars in Plymouth than heretofore, residents should be careful to avoid accidents," said Chief of Police P. W. Brown.

## Close Check Being Made on Applicants For Old Age Benefits

Public welfare workers in Washington County today are busily engaged in verifying statements by a score of people who have filed applications for help in the old age assistance and dependent children assistance clauses of the social security act.

Only those who have been receiving help from the county and who are eligible under the new government set-up have been approved. This burden has been shifted to social security so that the county will have to pay only a fourth of the expense instead of bearing it all as heretofore.

This will mean a great saving to the county in this instance. Most of the cases will receive about the same as the county has been giving, with a few being placed on the rolls for more. The average of these is about \$8 monthly.

This is probably the only group who will receive in August benefit checks for the month of July. It has been necessary to discourage the taking of applications in order that these cases may be thoroughly investigated and the statements made on the application blanks verified.

It appears now that this county will have to levy about 14 cents more on the tax rate to care for the expenses. Nine cents will go to raising \$2,640 for old-age assistance, \$1,936 for aid to dependent children, while 5 cents will aid in raising \$3,810 for administrative expense.

In other words, there are 110 aged people allowed for and 102 children allowed for in the budget approved by the state which must be levied by the county. A total of \$4,470 will be distributed the needy, and it will cost the county, state and federal governments \$3,810 to do it.

More applications will be received as soon as the workers catch up with their work in investigating these cases.

## Senators Draft New Measure for Aiding 1937 Farm Program

### Control Provisions Depend Upon Two-thirds Vote Of Producers

A measure, called a "thoroughly democratic" method of improving and stabilizing agriculture is being drafted in Congress by two senators this week.

Senator Pope, of Idaho, and McGill, of Kansas, said their legislation, which is a revision of the pending "agriculture adjustment act of 1937," will be introduced at once. They added they expected the administration to back it.

The pending AAA act of 1937 provides, among other things, for an "ever-normal granary" and crop control would be "democratized." A referendum of producers would be held before any control measures are undertaken.

The new measure also deletes a flexible tariff provision of the older measure—a provision to which Secretary Wallace and Hull objected.

The Pope-McGill legislation declares that one of its aims is to assure farmers a "parity" income—that is, an income which would have the same purchasing power attained in the pre-war years 1909 to 1914. The measure also would establish an "ever-normal granary" by providing for storage of surpluses in years of heavy yields and for the marketing of such surpluses in lean years.

## Few Inequalities in Property Listing Are Reported To Board

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