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Judge Bone Outlines Grand Jury's Duties In Charge Monday

Stresses Importance of Work In Talk at Opening of Two Weeks Term

"Men some times spend large sums of money to be elected to the legislature to enact the laws which the courts are charged with enforcing and your are placed on this jury to see that the laws are enforced," said Judge Walter J. Bone, of Nashville, in his charge to the grand jury in the superior court here Monday morning.

"Through you were chosen by the commissioners for this task, and the law makers were elected by the people, yet your office is just as important and dignified as those of the General Assembly, as both functions are essential," he said.

The jurist, who was here for his first term of court, explained in detail the duties of the grand jury mentioning that when passing on a bill of indictment they must only determine whether it is a cause of probable cause or not.

He also mentioned the four capital felonies, murder in the first degree, burglary in the first degree, arson and rape. The first was interpreted as premeditated or planned murder; the second was the forcing of an entrance in a house occupied by persons; the third was malicious burning of property; and rape, carnal knowledge of women against their will.

He also quite extensively pointed out their duties in making presentments, which are written accusations, that originate in the grand jury room itself. Little of this, he said, is done now, as with police, county officers and patrolmen available, they usually issue warrants and arrest defendants immediately after the crime is committed.

He also reminded the jurors that they were the guardians of public affairs and should examine the records in the office of county officials, examine the jails and county homes, check up on the filing of reports by magistrates, see whether guardians of children are doing their duties.

"I have no specific law violations to call to your attention. But I ask that you be diligent in finding that all of the law is being obeyed in every particular. So that it will work to the good of all bringing peace, security and happiness in obedience to law," concluded the jurist.

First Baby of '38 Also First at Mill Village

The first baby to be born in the mill village of the North Carolina Pulp Company was also believed to be the first baby of the new year, 1938, in Washington County, according to vital statistics records.

The child, a daughter, was born to Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Wilkins. The date of birth was given in the certificate as January 6th.

The second child was a boy, born to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Daley, on January 10.

Dr. C. McGowan, local physician, attended the mothers of the two infants.

Welfare Agency Aids 106 Needy in County

Report Is Made for Activities Last July August, September

Total of \$792.93 Spent; Average Is Around \$8 Per Month for Each Case

A total of \$792.93 was distributed to 106 needy cases by the Department of Public Welfare in Washington County during the months of July, August and September, it was learned from department records this week. This means that during the three-month period an average of a little less than \$8 monthly was allowed to those who are unfortunate enough to require aid from the county, state and federal governments.

A total of \$264 was given to the aged for assistance. This includes \$26 for August and \$238 for September. There were no allotments for this group in July. The August and September average was about \$7 per person for 35 people.

During the last two months of the period a total of \$67 was allotted for 27 dependent children. This is an average of about \$2.75 a month for each child. It is believed that something will be done to increase the average amount for those in this group.

There were 54 cases that received a total of \$234.55 for general relief.

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Second Series Building & Loan Stock Goes on Sale

Announcement was made this week by directors of the opening of the sale of the second series of stock in the Plymouth Building & Loan Association that is to continue for 90 days.

The sale is dated as of January 1 and the series will remain open for subscriptions until April 1. It is hoped that about \$25,000 in stock will be disposed of during the period.

The first sale has been a success in every way, with a total of 705 shares sold. The treasurer has about \$3,500 on hand to be loaned for the purchase, construction and repair of

O. H. Cox Becomes Manager Pulp Plant

NEW PLANT MANAGER



O. H. Cox, formerly of Rockford Ill., arrived in Plymouth this week to take up his duties as general manager of the local plant of the North Carolina Pulp Co. His family will join him here on February 3, it was announced.

Poultry Truck To Be Here Every Tuesday

D. B. Willis, of the Pitt Poultry Company, which resumed its weekly schedule of loadings here Tuesday of this week, stated he was very well pleased with the amount received at the initial sale. He announced that his truck would here every Tuesday from 1 until 3 o'clock until further notice, and his schedule of prices for next Tuesday is based on 16 cents a pound for colored hens, with other classes in proportion.

Rev. Paul Nickens Will Preach at Baptist Church

Rev. Paul Nickens, assistant pastor of East Durham Baptist church, will preach at both the morning and evening services at the Baptist church next Sunday. All Baptists are urged to come and hear him and invite all others who will to come with them.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Mary E. Snell Held Last Sunday

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon for Mrs. Mary E. Snell, 90, widow of the late Josephus H. Snell, who died Saturday at the home of a nephew, Ellis Snell, in the Skippersville section, after a short period of illness. Dr. G. A. Martin conducted the final rites, and interment took place in the Pleasant Grove cemetery.

Mr. Spruill was a well known citizen of the county and had been a member of Zion's Chapel Christian church for a number of years.

Surviving are the following: a daughter, Miss Hazel Spruill, of Wilson; a son, John Spruill, of the Pleasant Grove section; one sister, Mrs. A. J. Barnes, of this county; and three brothers, Arthur, Will, and Clyde Spruill, all of this county.

Employment Officer Here Every Tuesday

C. W. Bazemore, manager of the Williamston branch of the State Employment Service, will be in Plymouth every Tuesday from 9 to 11 o'clock to interview those who are interested in securing work. He will also receive applications for unemployment compensation from those who have recently been laid off for any reason.

Those who wish to register for work or file claims for compensation in Washington County should see Mr. Bazemore while he is here. The place of his office will be determined and announced later.

Blanks Received for Making Application For Tenants' Loans

Those Interested Urged To See R. E. Dunning or Committeemen

Leaflets explaining the procedure for tenants to secure loans to buy farms, and applications for use by those unable to visit the supervisor's office were today in the hands of Hoyt Davenport, Creswell, and C. W. Bowen, of Plymouth.

L. E. Hassell, of Roper, also a member of the Washington County committee which will cooperate with the supervisor in handling these loans, also has some of the leaflets and applications on hand.

Mr. Davenport and Mr. Bowen received their supply while in Williamston last week attending a two-day meeting of Farm Security Administration officials and groups from other counties.

At this meeting they were explained the details of the new program of the farm administration, which will make some of its first loans in this county to tenant farmers for the purpose of buying and improving home farms.

Washington County was selected as one of the 17 counties in the state in which loans will be made from the first money appropriated by Congress.

Applications are now being received for these loans. Where possible, those wanting the forms should apply at the office of the local supervisor, R. E. Dunning, in Plymouth. Those who cannot get in touch with him should see the county committeemen.

The committeemen are well known Washington County citizens, all leading farmers, and were chosen by the Secretary of Agriculture to assist the county supervisor in making tenant land-purchase loans in the county.

Criminal Docket Is Cleared Wednesday In Superior Court

Sixteen Cases Disposed of by Judge Bone in First Two Days of Session

The Washington County Superior Court, in session here this week with Judge Walter J. Bone, of Nashville, presiding, concluded the small criminal docket Wednesday, after disposing of 16 cases.

Thursday morning the court turned its attention to the 19 civil cases on the calendar for this and next week, with the case of Ange vs. Thatch being called first.

The proceedings: A nol pros was taken in the case of Charles L. Widemer, charged with bigamy.

R. T. Hopkins, Creswell, was given 90 days on the roads, suspended on payment of a worthless check for \$22.98 and the costs of the court before January 20.

J. C. Credle, colored, of Plymouth, was sent to the roads for six months on a charge of violating the prohibition law. Credle was arrested when found in possession of a large quantity of non-tax-paid whiskey. An appeal was noted.

Steve Doty, known locally as "New York Slim," was given two years on a charge of drunken driving and doing serious personal injury. Lonnie Ange and a child were hurt when a car driven by Doty crashed into them about two months ago.

Henry Skinner was found not guilty of violating the game laws.

"No true bill" was found by the grand jury in the case of Mitchell Patrick, charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

J. S. Shugar was found not guilty of forcible trespass.

A nol pros with leave was taken in the case of Thomas Robertson, charged with bastardy. The same action was taken in the case of W. S. Morgan on a false representation charge.

Will Holton, charged with drunken driving, abandoned an appeal to the superior court.

Annie Hines, nuisance, not guilty. Henry D. Harrison, reckless driving; docketed through error.

Luther Patrick was given two years on a charge of non-support.

STUDY ROAD REQUEST

S. M. Gibbs, district engineer, of Kinston, will investigate and determine whether or not the Highway Commission will comply with a request from the Washington County commissioners in taking over and maintaining a road in this county.

The road in question is a two-mile stretch leading from the Backwoods road, about 2 miles from Highway 64, eastward to what is generally known as the Ben Woods road.

Bridge Over Albemarle Sound 67 Per Cent Complete; Likely To Be Open in Early Summer

Lunch Rooms at Schools Here Serving 290 Daily

Lunches served at the Hampton Academy and the Plymouth High School have increased from a low of 90 daily to a peak of 392, according to Mrs. Kathleen Spruill, supervisor of the WPA-Parent-Teacher Association operated lunch room.

The average daily service is to about 290 children, divided into two groups: 200 paid for by the children themselves and 90 others donated by the organization to those children who are unable to pay for the food.

Continue Efforts To Get Creswell School

Sketch of Twenty-Room Building Is Submitted To WPA

Total of \$47,000 Available, But Estimates Call for \$20,000 More

A pencil sketch has been made for a 20-room completely new plant for the Creswell school and submitted to the Public Works Administration at Atlanta, Ga., as efforts continue to get an adequate school for Creswell.

It is proposed to locate the building on the same site now used, but none of the present structure would be used, except probably some of the materials which could be reclaimed from the old building.

The drawback is that the new plan calls for about \$20,000 more money than is now available for this project, according to estimates. The sketch as presented did not include all the specifications or authentic cost figures, but was simply used for officials to get something started.

It seems that every plan submitted and every sketch drawn has run into some obstacle, but local authorities are continuing their efforts to get something definite on which to work.

The school officials have available \$22,000 from the PWA as a grant and \$25,000 borrowed by the county; but it appears now that in order to have a completely new building as large as needed it will take about \$20,000 more.

In the meantime, H. H. McLean, superintendent of schools, and the board of education and county commissioners are meeting jointly at regular intervals in an effort to arrive at some definite plan for work to begin at once.

None of the funds have been touched, and every effort is being made to get the most possible for the money available.

Grand Jury Report Is Made Wednesday To Superior Court

Jurors Find County Officials Handling Affairs in Praiseworthy Manner

Grand jurors examined the affairs of Washington County and found the public officers were managing their matters and offices in a praiseworthy manner and in a lengthy report to the court Wednesday commended the officers.

This jury was headed by L. L. Mizelle, of Roper, after W. J. Mayo had secured a release from service. The court had adjourned when they reported, so they handed their typewritten findings to Clerk C. V. W. Ausbon.

The sheriff, register of deeds, clerk of court, and others were praised for the efficient manner in which they kept their offices and did their work. At the county home, "Excellent condition, inmates properly cared for, house clean and well heated, occupants seem to be happy. We desire to commend the keeper for his excellent service to the people."

At the jail, "excellent conditions except dirty blankets."

"Parapet over courthouse in need of repairs. Bricks out of walls."

About the school buildings, they reported the following: "Recommend that buildings and grounds be kept clean. Grounds of some have water standing in ponds. Creswell school in dangerous condition, unfit and unsafe for children. Needs remodeling or new building."

Prison camp near Creswell in good condition.

Progress Has Been Rapid; Weather Is Governing Factor

Practically All Piling Driven; Cold Holds Up Pouring Of Concrete Deck

The Albemarle Sound Bridge, which will connect Washington and Chowan Counties at a point about 20 miles below Plymouth, is 67 per cent complete, according to recent estimates made by engineers of the T. A. Loving and Tidewater construction companies.

Officials of the two companies stated that the structure, a State Highway Commission project costing a million and a quarter dollars, would be completed sometime early in the summer of 1938. Only nine weeks of warm, dry weather is needed to finish pouring the concrete deck of the bridge. Because they had the shorter of the two approaches to the span, the Tidewater company finished driving piling shortly after the first of the year.

Work has also been completed on the swing span, which will permit passage of water traffic after the bridge is opened.

Joseph M. Mavretic, head of the local unit of the project, the loading plant, stated that practically all the material for the job has arrived. The only large item not complete is the sand and stone and reinforcing steel, which cannot be used until spring.

Since the Loving company has only 320 more piles to drive, Mr. Mavretic indicated that he expected the last carload of creosoted poles sometime next week.

The contractors said recently that they were driving piles, setting structural steel beams, and pouring concrete guard rails where the concrete deck is already poured. Before cold weather stopped them, the Tidewater company had poured 3,600 feet of concrete deck, and the T. A. Loving company had poured 5,600 feet.

Because of the exceptional progress which has been made on the T. A. Loving end of the bridge, under the direction of E. F. Blankenship, superintendent of Part C of the project, it is the consensus of opinion that both parts will reach completion at approximately the same date. Part C, the T. A. Loving end of the project, contains the greatest length of the bridge.

Produced 1,100 Pounds of Tobacco On .6 Acre

D. C. Bailey, of Toledo, Yancy County, produced 1,100 pounds of Burley tobacco on six-tenths of an acre and recently sold it for \$300.

Servants Must Secure Certificates of Health

Five Ordinances Are Passed by County Board Health Friday

Given Until March 7 To Obtain Them By Board Health

District Health Officer Will Make Free Examinations Two Days Weekly

Domestic servants in Washington County have been given 60 days in which to be examined and obtain health certificates, it was announced this week by the district health officer, Dr. S. V. Lewis. On and after March 7, as the result of an order passed by the board of health last Friday, they will be subject to indictment if they continue in service without having obtained the certificate.

A fine not exceeding \$10, in the discretion of the court, is the penalty for those who do not comply with the law in this respect, according to Dr. Lewis, who will have the task of supervising the enforcement of the law.

In order that servants may secure the health certificates without expense, Dr. Lewis has arranged for clinics to be held at his office in the county home on Monday and Tuesday of each week for the examination of those servants who apply.

Dr. Lewis urges all persons employing domestic servants to call at his office and make an appointment for the examination of their servants, explaining that "this will avoid congestion at the clinic and will insure a more prompt examination."

There are some few servants in the county now whose employers require them to be examined periodically, and a health certificate from a private physician serves as well as one from Dr. Lewis' office.

BIRTHDAY HONORED



The birthday of General Robert E. Lee will be observed by schools and U. D. C. chapters throughout the South on January 19. The above picture is the property of the Rev. C. T. Thrift and was made from one of the general's favorite photographs.

Roper Teachers and Parents Will Meet Tuesday Night

The Roper Parent-Teacher Association will meet on Tuesday night, January 18, at 7:30 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

"Parents should attend these meetings this term, for they will find the meetings both interesting and helpful," writes Miss Naomi Gibson, an officer of the organization.