

A. W. Ambrose, from down the Newlands road, has in his possession an Elgin watch that is over 25 years old and still in good working order.

Ernest Sanders, Elizabeth City; L. W. Gurkin, Plymouth; and W. A. Everett, of Edenton, are on a committee to be in charge of the boat-racing program at the formal opening of the Albemarle Sound bridge August 25.

One of the first shows ever to run three nights in succession at the local theatre is "In Old Chicago," which is being presented Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights of this week at the Plymouth Theatre and is reported to be a show you "must" see.

Despite rain and otherwise adverse conditions, it is reported that Seaton Phelps, of the Newlands section, and Milton Ambrose, of the Ambrose road vicinity, have good stands of tobacco and their yield is expected to be good unless further bad weather sets in.

Do frogs eat tobacco? "They are said to eat coals of fire, and surely tobacco is no worse," said a fellow the other day in commenting on the large number of frogs found in tobacco patches.

Rev. N. A. Taylor, secretary and treasurer of the Lions Club, represented the local organization at the state convention held in Wilmington last week, as A. E. Davenport and P. W. Brown found they could not attend.

Checks is one game that gets little publicity although it has a good many devotees here. Topnotchers in the pastime here include Marion Ramsey, Clyde Hassell, J. O. Everett, P. W. Brinkley, Captain O'Brien, Frank L. Brinkley and a few others.

It is considered doubtful now that the local unit of the American Fork & Hoe Company will resume work on a large scale before January 1. About 15 people are employed there now. They continue to ship a few handles to the main plants, and when the supply is exhausted, it is considered probable the plant will start up again.

June 27 has been designated as "White Can Day" by the North Carolina State Association for the Blind, when those who are more fortunate will be asked to purchase a white cane and the money used to help a blind person regain his sight. Any amount is accepted for a cane, and one-half the money raised will be used in the county.

Richard Rogerson, who has been playing first base on the baseball team, and who was injured by a crane while at work at the pulp plant several days ago, is out again greeting his friends.

Infant Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Powell Dies Friday

Creswell.—Baby Paula Jo Powell, aged 4 months, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Powell, Friday morning after a two week illness.

The infant was carried to Aulander for burial.

Besides the parents, two brothers, Ray and Reginald Powell, survive.

Three Cars of Lambs Sold Here Last Friday

Shipped To Jersey City Firm; Returns Not Received Yet

F. O. B. Price Offered Not Satisfactory, So Shipment Made on Consignment

Weighing an average of 60 pounds each, 319 lambs were sold in a cooperative lamb sale here last Friday, through the Plymouth Livestock Association.

The price offered f. o. b. Plymouth was so low that marketing specialists from the Department of Agriculture advised that the lambs be consigned to a commission firm in Jersey City," County Agent W. V. Hays said. This was done.

Returns have not been received on the shipment, but market reports from Jersey City the first of the week indicated that the shippers made a greater profit by consigning the shipment there instead of selling direct.

"A number of these lambs had been on feed for some time, and the grades of lambs delivered to this sale were very much below grades at the first sale," Mr. Hays said.

The County Agent is of the opinion that the price received clearly points to the desirability of having early lambs and good feeding practices. To have early lambs it is necessary to have the ewes in a good thrifty condition and the bucks turned in with them about the first of July.

"Many late lambs now running with the ewes should be weaned or disposed of to prevent this practice from continuing. It is better to lose one crop of lambs than to continue having lambs through the summer. Late lambs do not feed profitably, as has been demonstrated this spring. Hot weather is no time to put gains on lambs," Mr. Hays concluded.

W. L. Whitley Is Elected President of Lions Club

Unanimous election of W. L. Whitley as president of the Lions Club for the ensuing year last Thursday night placed at the head of this organization a man who has had wide experience in organizations of public nature. He has been chairman of the board of elections, member of the city council, secretary of the club, and is now a member of the Washington County Board of Education and one of the leading attorneys in this section.

Subscription Contest Still Anybody's Race

THE SCOREBOARD

The rain and bad weather last week could not stop the Beacon's candidates who are out to win the \$400 to be awarded July 2. One week from Saturday one of the contestants listed below will be richer by \$400, and three others will be the proud winners of lesser prizes, but those prizes have not been won yet. The leaders in the race are closely bunched, and it is a real race, to be won between now and the close.

Saturday night at 9 o'clock, the votes decrease again. Contestants who are in the race to be THE winner will have good reports and will secure as many extension subscriptions as possible.

Table with names and amounts: Mrs. Walter P. Lloyd 1,265,000; Mrs. Estelle Allen 1,260,000; Mrs. S. E. Nestor 1,250,000; Miss Emily K. Waters 1,235,000; Mrs. Golden Williams 1,230,000; Mrs. Sadie Stillman 1,225,000; Mrs. Hilda Robertson 1,215,000; Miss Teadie Mae Gibbs 1,210,000; Duncan Getsinger 645,000; Mrs. Myrtle Peal 525,000; Mrs. Delma Feele 161,000.

John W. Chesson Dies Near Roper

Funeral services were held at the home in the Pleasant Grove section Friday afternoon for John W. Chesson, 65, a well-known and highly respected farmer of the Roper section, who died Thursday after a period of illness extending for more than a year.

The Rev. J. T. Stanford, pastor of the Roper charge of the Methodist churches, officiated. Interment took place in the Windley cemetery, near Plymouth, with a large crowd attending.

Surviving Mr. Chesson is a widow and the following children: Edgar R. Chesson, Plymouth; Edward B., Dennis W., and Miss Era Chesson, of Roper; Mrs. R. L. Davenport and Mrs. Thomas W. Davis.

Organize Opposition To Removal of Train

Representatives from towns along the line of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad from Kinston to Weldon and Tarboro to Plymouth met in Greenville Tuesday of this week and organized opposition to the application of the railroad company before the Utilities Commission for discontinuance of passenger trains on the two routes.

Those at the meeting decided to base their plea for continuance of the trains on the fact that these are the only passenger trains serving the section and that their removal would be a serious blow to the transportation of commodities.

Routing of School Buses in County Studied This Week

To Decide Whether Wenona Children Go To Pantego Or Plymouth

Further investigations into the routing of the school buses of Washington County will be made this week, according to O. H. Page, Savannah, Ga., end by L. C. Thornton, a representative of the transportation department of the State School Commission, who was expected here to go over the matter of the attendance of the 42 Wenona students at Plymouth or Pantego schools.

A Mr. McGregor, representative of the commission, was here a few days ago and wrote his report into Raleigh urging the continuance of the present bus routes which bring the children to Plymouth.

However, it is believed that when the state transportation officials attach enough importance to the request that the Wenona children be taken to Pantego to send a second

Pulling Contest for Horses and Mules To Be Staged at Wenona

Livestock Owners Urged To Enter Animals Now for Field Day Event

Livestock owners in this section who have animals they wish to enter in the horse and mule pulling contest, scheduled as one of the feature events of the annual field day program to be held at the Blackland Test Farm at Wenona on July 14, are urged to make their entries with County Agent W. V. Hays immediately.

J. L. Rea, jr., assistant director, in charge of the experiment station, asks all who are thinking of entering teams to get in touch with Mr. Hays at once so as to be able to comply with the rules laid down by the Horse and Mule Association.

The dynamometer, which belongs to the Department of Agriculture and which was used at a number of county fairs and at the State Fair in Raleigh last fall, will be used in determining the pulling strength of the teams.

This contest at the State Fair last fall was one of the featured events, and it attracted such a large crowd that it was necessary to have several guards keep the crowd away from the teams so that they might have room to demonstrate their pulling power.

Since suitable prizes are being offered to the owner of the team registering the most pulling strength, Mr. Rea believes this contest will provide added interest to the field day program, which has been an annual event for over a decade.

Independent Union Officials Meet With Managers of Plant

Interview "Satisfactory" Says President of Group After Meeting Tuesday

Officials of the Plymouth Independent Pulp Workers Association met with Mr. O. H. Cox, manager, and L. J. Meunier, jr., superintendent of the North Carolina Pulp Company, Tuesday to arrange for a contract between the company and the union.

Following the conference, Mr. Ned Swain, president of the independent workers, stated they had a "very satisfactory" interview with the management and had been promised the same consideration that would be given representatives of other labor organizations. Mr. Cox promised to make arrangements for a conference with Mr. H. M. Kleckhefer, general manager of the company, at an early date.

The officials have in mind several minor changes that will be beneficial to employees and have pledged their best efforts to obtain them. They also contemplate taking steps to secure group insurance for employees at a very moderate cost.

The purpose of the independent union, as expressed by Mr. Ned Swain, president, is to secure for its members the best possible working conditions and wages, at a minimum of cost to its members.

Mr. Swain said the union has been formed by a group of employees who are residents of this community and who believe the interests of all employees will be best served by a local organization, with resident officers, who are personally acquainted with its members and their problems.

Former Resident Dies in Greenville

S. V. Sawyer, 85, a former resident of Plymouth Township, died suddenly at his home in Greenville last Wednesday afternoon, where he had been making his home for the last several years.

Funeral services were held in Greenville, but interment took place in the Delight cemetery near Roper, with the Rev. W. B. Nobles conducting the rites.

Mr. Sawyer is survived by a widow, Mrs. Allie Sawyer; and the following children: Mrs. Lilley Mills and Mrs. Edna McLawhorn, Greenville; Johnny Sawyer, Jamesville; Herbert Sawyer, Plymouth; Mrs. Nona Boush and Mrs. Bertie Sawyer, Berkley, Va.

M. J. Mongan and J. A. Ferree Golf Winners

M. J. Mongan and J. A. Ferree, with a net score of 75, were winners in the 18-hole best-ball tournament at the Plymouth Country Club golf course Sunday afternoon, with B. W. Crockett and Frank Griffin, with an 81, coming in second.

The Washington Golf Club will bring a team here Sunday for a match with the local golfers, and it is expected that there will be a large crowd playing the course if it is a fair day.

TRIPP - GAYLORD

Miss Ruth Gaylord, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Gaylord, of Plymouth, and Comas Tripp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tripp, of Greenville, were married Saturday, June 18, at the home of Rev. Luther Joyner, in Greenville.

Heavy Rains Are Believed To Have Damaged County Farm Crops 30 Per Cent; Much Cotton Plowed Up

Dogs Must Be Vaccinated Police Chief Here Warns

Dogs running at large in the town of Plymouth without tags as evidence of vaccination against rabies are subject to being killed after this weekend, it was announced today by Chief of Police P. W. Brown.

The approach of "dog days" with its usual epidemic of "mad-dog scares" is given as the reason for the drastic order given by the police chief who asks cooperation of dog owners in having their animals vaccinated.

So far, Chief Brown and his helper, Night Policeman Paul Basnight, have vaccinated 150 dogs and have given their owners tags to prove they have complied with the law in this respect.

It is not the intention of the police to kill a dog that is properly cared for by its owner, but unless dogs which have not been vaccinated are kept in their yards they may be destroyed without inquiry as to ownership, the officers warned.

Tobacco, Peanuts, Corn, Truck Crops All Severely Hurt

Farm Agent Says Not Over 60 Per Cent of Tobacco Will Be Harvested

Damage estimated at many thousands of dollars has been done crops in Washington County as a result of recent heavy rains, which reached a climax here this week, when for very near 36 hours the rain fell in torrents, burying small plants under water and causing other plants to ripen prematurely.

County Agent W. V. Hays said yesterday he believed tobacco, cotton, corn, peanuts, and truck crops have suffered at least 30 per cent damage as a whole.

From the 1,500 acres planted to tobacco in the county this year, Mr. Hays said that only 60 per cent of it will be harvested, and that the yield will doubtless be nearer 500 pounds per acre as compared with about 800 last year.

Tonnage and Value Report Shows Only James River Ahead

Local Waterway Continues To Grow in Importance as Shipping Route

That the Roanoke River is among the leaders in both tonnage and value of water-borne commerce in the Norfolk district was shown by a report issued this week by the United States Engineer Office there, giving comparative figures for all ports and waterways in the district during the calendar year of 1937.

During 1937 shipping on the Roanoke River totaled 303,742 tons, with a value of \$8,396,154. Of this amount 87,282 tons were inbound and 115,697 tons outbound. The values represented were \$1,258,394 inbound and \$5,521,624 outbound, with the remainder of the shipping being divided between through traffic, downbound, and local.

Of all the rivers in the district, only the James was ahead of the Roanoke in value and tonnage. The inland waterway from Norfolk to Beaufort showed a higher total, but practically all of this was through traffic.

Shipping on the Roanoke was 10 times greater than on the Cashie, Perquimans, and Scuppernon rivers, both in value and tonnage; over three times more than on the Chowan River; and considerably ahead of the waterway from Norfolk to the sounds of North Carolina, as well as Meherrin River, Edenton Harbor, Manteo Bay, Nansemond River, Hampton Creek, Va., and Appomattox River, Va.

The value of traffic on the river should have an important bearing on the amount allotted by the War Department for improvement and maintenance of existing channels. In the past the Roanoke has not been given the consideration local people felt was due it, and the report of the district engineer will doubtless constitute an effective argument when further improvements are given consideration.

The report for this year should show a large increase over the 1937 figures, as shipments were just getting underway from the pulp plant here when the year closed, and a large amount of material for improving highway 97 has been shipped in by boat this year.

Mackeys Creek also came in for a good slice of water-borne commerce, with total tonnage of 13,486, valued at \$4,664,008 during the past year. This was divided: Inbound, 5,887 tons, \$2,277,608; outbound, 7,199 tons, \$2,346,400; and local, 400 tons, \$40,000.

Joseph M. Chesson Funeral Tuesday

Creswell.—Funeral services for Joseph M. Chesson, aged 75, who died at his home in the Mill Pond section Monday of last week, were conducted at the home Tuesday afternoon by Mr. T. F. Davenport and Dr. G. A. Martin.

Besides his wife, Mrs. Emma Chesson, he is survived by two sons, C. B. Chesson and J. M. Chesson, Jr., of Roper, and three daughters, Mrs. George Marriner, Mrs. Mattie White, and Miss Lucy Chesson, of Roper. The following brothers also survive: Mark Chesson, of Williamston; H. J. Chesson, and A. M. Chesson, of Roper.

315-Pound Bear Caught After Attacking Swine

One old bruin was captured after going on a hog-killing rampage in the Newland section of Washington County recently, the bear walking into a trap set by Joe Woodley, who said the bear weighed 315 pounds.

The bear chased a hog belonging to Aaron Clifton from its pen and killed a sow that belonged to Alton Bagley, besides playing havoc in general with the hogs in that section.

MANY ASK FOR AID

Recent heavy rains, damaging crops in the county severely, have caused the welfare department here to be deluged with requests for aid and work by tenant farmers and laborers.

Thirty applications were received within the last few days, and the applicants were advised to continue their farming efforts, as the work of the welfare department has been cut down to such an extent that little aid can be rendered by it, according to Miss Ursula Bateman, superintendent.

Potato Season About Over; 50 Cars Loaded In Creswell Section

750 Carloads Shipped From Columbia During Season Just Ending

Upwards of 50 carloads of Irish potatoes were shipped from the Creswell section of Washington County this season, with about 750 carloads coming out of Columbia, making a total of 800 cars from that area. The season is just about over, with only an occasional shipment being made.

Unusual was the fact that instead of shipping in barrels, as was formerly the case, the potatoes were sent to market in bags of about 100 pounds each. This method of handling is said to be more convenient and somewhat cheaper.

As a whole the yield was good, considering the rainy weather, and the quality of the potatoes has stood up fairly satisfactory, according to the graders.

The price toward the end of the season ranged around 1 cent a pound or a fraction over. As long as the price remained around this figure there was a small margin of profit for the farmers.

Will Soon Begin Use Of New Sound Bridge

RESUME ROAD WORK

Work has been resumed on the Newlands road from Roper to Cherry as a WPA project. Winston Davenport is foreman and has 23 men at work this week.

The road has been added to the state system, and the work is being supervised by state officials, who also have a dredge completing the drainage system started more than two years ago by the PWA and allied agencies.

The new road will shorten the distance from Plymouth to Cherry by nearly half, or about 14 miles.

Number Farmers Begin Harvesting Tobacco This Week

Henry Woolard and Kenneth Hopkins Put in First Barns Last Week

Believed to be the first to harvest tobacco in Washington County this year, two Long Ridge farmers "barned" tobacco last week to get an early start on curing in a year that is marked by early harvesting of the crop. Henry Woolard and Kenneth Hopkins started priming and "put in" the barn during the middle of the week, and it is to be cured and prepared for market within the next few days.

Those who have information on the status of the work believe that everything will be in readiness by July 15th, which is about 40 days before the celebration will be held formally opening the million and a half dollar structure to the public.

Will Be in Service Long Before Date Of Formal Opening

Believed Traffic Can Begin Moving Over Span by Middle of July

Chairman Frank L. Dunlap, of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, this week notified John W. Darden that traffic will begin to move across the new Albemarle Sound bridge upon completion of the structure, and it is at present believed that the span will be in use for more than a month before date of the formal opening, scheduled for August 25th.

As soon as approaches are completed and the bridge accepted by the commission, the new span will be thrown open for traffic.

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The span, the draw, and the southern approaches are now ready for use except for a few minor finishing touches, while it will be about 25 more days before the northern approach is completed.

The information received from Mr. Dunlap this week will be good news to hundreds down the county, as well as in other sections who wish to avail themselves of this shortened route to Norfolk and other points across the sound.