

F. L. Armstrong, of Baton Rouge, La., a brother of the late Ray Armstrong, former county commissioner, is in the section on his annual vacation.

J. E. Aiken and Mr. Everett, of Robersonville, were here this week to see John W. Darden, chairman of the program committee on the opening of the Albemarle Sound bridge.

Col. E. E. Holland, of Suffolk, president of the Farmers Bank of Nansmond, and State Senator of Virginia, will attend the Albemarle Bridge Opening Celebration as the personal representative of the Governor of Virginia.

Joe Gurganus, son of Mrs. Hilda Gurganus, has returned to his work as accountant for the Home Owners Loan Corporation in Chicago after a two weeks stay here with his mother.

W. F. Winslow is in New York this week purchasing merchandise for his store. He is expected to return Friday after having bought a supply of seasonal stock, including his Christmas goods.

Mayor W. M. Bateman, of Roper, is a busy man these days. Two tenants have thrown up their crops on the 80-year-old man, who is kept busy working day and night to keep from losing his year's crop earnings.

Mrs. Harry Daniels, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hampton, won a completely equipped automobile, 1,000 gallons of gasoline, and \$100 in cash in a contest recently conducted by a soap manufacturer.

Mrs. Eliza Hampton will have her National Youth Administration boys clean up the river front here very soon. This once beautiful water front has been allowed to run down and present a decidedly unattractive picture.

Two hundred and fifty formal invitations to the Albemarle Sound Bridge Celebration on August 25 have been printed for distribution among distinguished personages in Virginia, Tennessee North and South Carolina, and are being mailed out this week.

What might have been a serious occurrence was averted in Roper the other night when a cartload of hay, driven by Mr. W. M. Bateman, caught fire. Bystanders helped Mr. Bateman to dump the hay on the ground, where it was burned.

Roper Attempting to Recover Part of Tax Loss in Recent Years

Town Officials To Issue Release of Claims for Draft In Attorney's Hands

Town of Roper officials, in a meeting held Tuesday night, decided that renewed efforts would be made to secure an insurance company draft, now in the hands of Attorney Carl L. Bailey, covering alleged losses sustained in the handling of the town's funds by L. V. Chesson, former chief of police.

After the services of Mr. Chesson had been dispensed with by the town, it was necessary for the Roper officials to get a mandamus from the courts forcing Mr. Chesson to turn over the tax books.

An insurance adjuster came down and went over the books with Aubrey Phelps, town clerk, and another party and found that about \$62 was due the town on account of the "negligence of Mr. Chesson in handling the town's funds."

Immediately afterward, the draft was sent to Mr. Bailey, who was representing the town in the matter, but due to failure to execute a proper receipt and release by the town, the draft was never delivered. A resolution was adopted Tuesday night directing Clerk Phelps to prepare the proper receipt, have it approved by Mayor Bateman, and present it to Mr. Bailey, who will deliver the draft and close the matter.

Queen's Ball Will Climax Celebration

Honoring the beauty queens of the Albemarle, their attendants and escorts, P. M. Arps will sponsor a queens' ball at the gymnasium here Thursday night, August 25, as a climax to the celebration opening the Albemarle Sound bridge on that day. Music will be provided by Paul Jones and his orchestra.

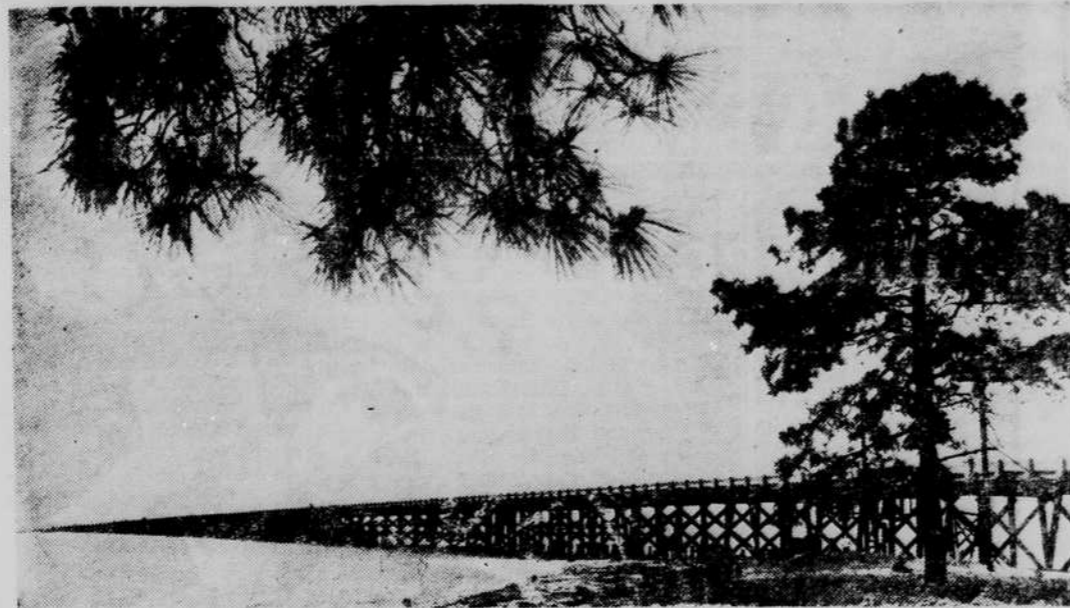
A feature of the ball will be the grand march at midnight, led by "Miss Albemarle" and her escort, followed by the seven beauty contest winners from the Albemarle counties, their escorts, and the others dancers. Miss Albemarle and the seven beauty queen and their escorts will be the honor guests of the management.

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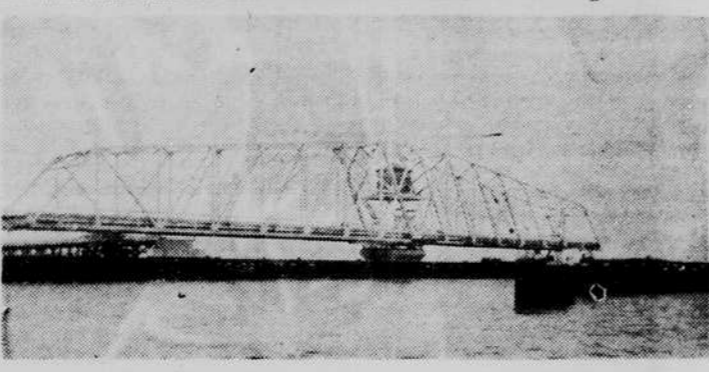
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TWO VIEWS OF NEW SOUND BRIDGE, WHICH MAY BE OPENED THIS WEEK



The above photograph shows the new Albemarle Sound bridge, looking toward the draw from the Washington County end. The view on the right is of the draw span. Formal opening of the new structure, the longest bridge in the state, is set for Thursday, August 25, with a large array of notables expected to attend.



Virginia Tarkenton Wins Queen Contest

Pleasant Grove Girl Runs Far Ahead of All Other Entrants

Miss Marjorie White Second; Contest Brought To End Wednesday Night

Miss Virginia Tarkenton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Tarkenton, of the Pleasant Grove section, with 54,870 votes to her credit, was declared winner of the contest to designate the queen for Washington County at the bridge celebration to be held on Thursday, August 25.

The contest closed Wednesday at 8 p. m., with George W. Hardison, of Plymouth, Mrs. Perla H. Bray, of Roper, and E. S. Woodley, of Creswell, acting as judges and tabulating the votes.

The runner-up to Miss Tarkenton was Miss Marjorie White, of the Skinnerville section, who had 5,911 votes. Other were listed as follows: Sarah McLean, of Plymouth, 4,720; Elizabeth Peele, Creswell, 3,846; Anna Jane Blue, Creswell, 2,396; and Martha Booth, Plymouth, 1,116. All of the other candidates had less than 1,000 votes.

The proceeds of the contest totaled approximately \$773.34, which will be used in providing the float for this county at the celebration. Any surplus after all expenses are paid for the contest, float and other incidentals, will be turned over to the various organizations which helped in sponsoring the event.

No donations will be accepted from organization, some of which have already acknowledged their willingness to make contributions. However the proceeds from the contest made unnecessary the solicitation of contributions.

Miss Tarkenton, as Washington County Queen, will participate in the drawing to determine "Miss Albemarle." The names of the seven county queens will be placed in a hat, and one drawn out to be "Miss Albemarle." The county represented by the queen selected as "Miss Albemarle" will then name the runner-up in its contest as its representative in the "Queens Court of Honor," composed of the seven county queens. In the event Miss Tarkenton is selected as Queen of the Albemarle, it is understood Miss Margie White will automatically become Washington County's queen in the parade of town County's representative in the court of honor.

Return From Nags Head Dr. and Mrs. Wade Johnson and children and Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Gaylord returned Saturday from a week's stay at Nags Head.

Farm Bureau Will Elect Officers at Meet Friday

Efforts are being made to secure B. Troy Ferguson, district agent for eastern North Carolina and a recognized authority on different phases of the farm programs, to be the principal speaker at the meeting of the Washington County Farm Bureau on Friday night at 8 o'clock in the agriculture building at Plymouth.

All members of the bureau are urged by County Agent W. V. Hays to be present, as this is the night for the annual election of officers for the coming year.

PEANUT CROP REPORT

The Department of Agriculture this week estimated 1938 peanut production, based on the August 1 condition of the crop, at 1,478,851,000 pounds, about 1 per cent below the July forecast.

The crop board report said the crop suffered from excessive rainfall during July in the Virginia-Carolina and southern areas.

Farmers in this section generally state the crop is looking well at this particular time, although it is too early to hazard any predictions as to quality or yield.

Creswell School Will Open New Term This Year September 29th

Hope To Have Part of New Building Ready for Occupancy by Then

All of the schools in Washington County will open on September 8 except the Creswell white school, which has been scheduled for opening on September 29, by which time it is hoped that some part of the new building there will be ready for occupancy.

The school officials are reluctant to open the session with the same congested and crowded conditions which have prevailed in Creswell for several years, but the term must be opened during the month, if possible, in order to get in the eight months before the heat of next summer catches them.

The contractors claim that they are about 50 per cent through with the work on the building, and believe they can have at least four rooms ready for use by the last of September. The school officials decided it would be better to postpone the opening until at least this amount of additional space was available.

It is believed the school building will be complete and ready for occupancy as a whole by November 1, and the contractors are rushing the work as rapidly as possible.

State-Owned Boats To Be Here for Celebration 25th

The "Hatteras" and the "Nelson," ships owned by the State Department of Conservation and Development, will attend the bridge celebration on August 25. It was learned from Roy Hampton, member of the board, today, that two ships will arrive here Wednesday and proceed from here to the celebration at the bridge on Thursday.

Sound Bridge May Be Open for Traffic By Last This Week

Superintendent of Work on Other Side Expects To Be Through in Few Days

It was indicated today that the Albemarle Sound bridge may be opened by traffic by the week-end, P. H. Carroll, superintendent of the Tidewater Construction Company, informing The Beacon by telephone that he was endeavoring to complete his part of the bridge contract by today. However, no definite assurances would be made as to exactly when the new structure would be thrown open to the public.

The opening has been delayed by work on some parts of the Yeopim road leading to the bridge from Edenton, which is being used until the main route out to the highway is completed. Edenton folks are delighted that the traffic, which will later be routed away from that town after paving is completed on the new road, is being detoured to the bridge over the Yeopim road.

It is understood that T. A. Loving and Company, contractors for the south end of the bridge, had completed their work and were ready for traffic to move over the bridge just as soon as the other side is ready. Last Sunday the road to the bridge on this side was open, but barricades had been placed at each end of the bridge. These may be removed at any time now and the structure opened for use by the public.

Local Scouts Win All Events at Swim Meet Wednesday

Boys From Plymouth Troop To Represent County at Contests in Wilson

Plymouth Boy Scouts ran away with the honors at the swimming meet held at Albemarle Beach Wednesday afternoon to select the contestants to represent the Washington County Council in the swimming events at Wilson, August 19. The local youths won every event in competition with Scouts from the Roper and Creswell troops.

The list of winners and events follows:

- Douglas Ausbon, under-water swim and distance plunge; 50-yard breast-stroke; and diving contests. Douglas Gurkin, 100-yard free-style swim. Wilford Whitley, Douglas Ausbon, Douglas Gurkin and Phil Liverman, 50-yard free style relay race. Phillip Liverman, 50-yard back stroke. Wilford Whitley, 50-yard free style. Wilford Whitley and Douglas Gurkin, life saving.

Large Crowds Attend Zion Chapel Revival

Large crowds are attending the revival services now being conducted in Zion's Chapel Christian Church, near Roper, with Dr. John W. Tyndall, Jr., of Crowell, Texas, as the speaker, assisting the Rev. M. L. Ambrose, pastor.

Dr. Tyndall has studied at the South Bible Institute, Milligan College, in Tennessee; Cincinnati Seminary, Cincinnati, Ohio; Phillips University, Enid, Okla.; and his messages are being well received. There is special music each night to feature the services. The public is urged to attend by the church officials.

Issue Regulations on Marketing Tobacco For Season of 1938-39

Farmers Will Receive Individual Marketing Cards Showing Allotments

Regulations covering the marketing of flue-cured tobacco for the 1938-39 marketing season have been released by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. It was announced by the farm agent's office.

These regulations were issued in accordance with the market quota provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938.

In administering the quotas, each farm operator will be given a marketing card showing the amount of tobacco he can sell without penalty. The card is to be presented to a representative of the AAA at auction warehouses for all sales of tobacco, and all sales within the quota will be recorded on the marketing card.

For farms on which the tobacco available for marketing does not exceed the quota, each producer having a share in the tobacco will be entitled to sell under the quota his share of the crop. However, if the total amount available for marketing exceeds the quota, each producer will be entitled to market only his pro rata share of the quota without penalty.

Transfer of Quotas The regulations provide for the transfer of quotas among farms, which means that a farmer who has a quota exceeding the tobacco available for marketing may authorize the transfer of that part of his quota not needed. Quotas may be transferred directly among farmers at the county office or warehouse, or through warehousemen who agree to act as agents.

If quotas are transferred from one farm to another through direct negotiations between the operators of the farms concerned, the consideration for the transfer may be whatever the operators agree upon. If a warehouseman acts as agent in the transfer, the rate of consideration is fixed at five cents per pound.

The payment received by the operator for the transfer of any portion of the quota will be divided among the producers on the farm in proportion to their share of the crop unless the producers agree among themselves to a different division of the payment.

A warehouseman acting as agent may charge the operator of the farm to which he arranges a transfer of quota a fee of not more than \$1 for his services for each transfer to the farm.

Warehousemen who act as agents in the transfer of quotas are required to arrange for the quota transfers in the order in which requests for transfers are received and to keep records of these transfers.

Memorandum of Sale Whenever any tobacco is marketed, the marketing card for the farm on which the tobacco was produced, together with the warehouse bill or other record of the marketing is to be presented to a field assistant representing the AAA, who will issue a memorandum of sale. The memorandum of sale will identify the tobacco sold, indicating whether it is marketed free of penalty or subject to penalty. Copies of the memorandum of sales will be filed at the county office, with other records for the farm.

Tobacco marketed in excess of the quota will be subject to penalty. (Continued on page six)

August 25th Will Be Holiday In Plymouth

County and Towns Receive Checks for Tax on Intangibles

Washington County and the three towns in the county this week received checks totaling \$648.36, representing their share of the intangibles tax, listed, assessed and collected by the state department of revenue.

The check to the county was for \$532.63, and the check to the town of Plymouth was for \$100.43, leaving only \$15.30 to be divided between Creswell and Roper.

Formerly the county received about \$1,500 annually, based on a valuation of \$2,000. This year the State collected a total of \$1,296.76, only half of which is to be distributed to the county and municipalities.

The statute provides that the money received from the state board shall be used by the towns and counties for the payment of bonded indebtedness or expense incurred in connection with providing facilities and equipment necessary for the maintenance of the six-month public school term.

Finances of Town of Roper Reported in Excellent Condition

In Default on but One Bond; Expect To Clear That Up Soon

The financial condition of the Town of Roper is about as good as that of any town in this section, it was shown by a review made at the regular meeting of the board commissioners held Tuesday night. Only one bond, for \$1,000, is in default at the present time, and the interest on all bonds has been paid to date.

Several years ago the town issued \$10,000 worth of bonds for the construction of a light plant and for certain street improvements. These are dated to fall due at certain stated intervals until 1940.

Recently the town officials consisting of W. M. Bateman, mayor; J. L. Phelps, H. M. Williams and L. L. Mizelle, commissioners; authorized Clerk Aubrey Phelps to pay \$500 and certain interest which reduced the total debt to \$7,500.

The town officials have also employed W. M. Darden as town attorney to foreclose on unpaid taxes in an effort to get as much money as possible into the treasury so that the others bonds can be retired and interest paid as they fall due.

A short while after the town built the power plant, it was destroyed by fire. A collection was made from the insurance company and efforts were made to pay for the bonds then, but the bondholders declined payment at that time, preferring to wait and collect their interest.

The money was deposited in a bank which was closed shortly afterwards, and the sum collected from the insurance company was mostly lost.

However, the town is now being governed by a group of progressive business men and it is believed there will be little or no need to refinance the indebtedness, as the sum involved is small and the credit standing of the town good.

School Officials in Meet Here Friday

A school administrators' conference composed of principals, vocational agriculture and home economics teachers in Washington and Tyrrell Counties met in the Plymouth High School last Friday afternoon.

Speakers included Miss Hattie Parrott, who spoke on professional and school improvement; E. N. Meekins, district extension worker, who talked to the agriculture teachers; Charles E. Spencer, director of health and physical education for the state.

H. H. McLean, superintendent of public instruction of Washington County; and R. H. Bachman, superintendent of schools in Tyrrell County, were also present. The meeting was called by J. Henry Highsmith, a representative of the state department of education.

General Clean-Up Urged Before Bridge Celebration

Local property owners are urged to clean up their vacant lots, mow their lawns and in general to beautify their home premises between now and August 25 so that those traveling to the Albemarle Sound Bridge Opening Celebration may get a good impression of Plymouth, Chief of Police P. W. Brown said this week.

Town officials, along with the chief, are especially requesting those who own property fronting on the highways to "primp up" their places so as to present the best appearance possible. The bridge celebration officials are urging all towns in this section along the routes leading to the south end of the bridge, as well as owners of country homes along the highway, to join in the clean-up movement so that the thousands who attend the celebration may be impressed by the natural beauty of the section.

Stores and Business Houses To Close for Bridge Celebration

Elizabeth City and Edenton Business Places Will Also Be Closed for Event

Business houses and stores in Plymouth and Elizabeth City have definitely decided to close on Thursday, August 25, when the celebration of the formal opening of the Albemarle Sound Bridge will be held, although so far nothing definite has been decided by the Edenton merchants. It was indicated in a telephone conversation with some of the Edenton merchants Wednesday that the stores there would be closed at least after the parade was formed and under way, which will be about 10:30 a. m.

Plymouth merchants will not observe the usual Wednesday half-holiday the day before the bridge opening, but will keep their stores open all that day. They urge their patrons to cooperate by doing their shopping the day before, so that clerks and other employees may be given an opportunity to join in the celebration on the 25th.

The bridge celebration committee has asked that all the stores of the entire Albemarle section be closed and the day be set aside as a general holiday, so that the crowds and interest will be increased and in order that the celebration may not be commercialized.

It is possible that Columbia, Creswell, and Roper on the south side will be closed, although nothing definite has been learned from these towns so far.

Merchants here believe that shopping will be at a standstill that day, as most of the people in the entire section are expected to gather for the exercises incident to the formal opening of the bridge, and there will be concessions on the grounds to supply the needs for food and the like. Drug stores and filling stations here will remain open as usual, but practically all other establishments will be closed.

State ABC Officers Again Fail To Get Single Conviction

Nol Pros Taken in 3 Actions After Third Straight Acquittal by Jury

State Alcoholic Beverages Control Board special enforcement officers failed to convict Henry Bateman, 24, white, thus acquitting the third of the six men brought to trial in this county by the special officers. Following this acquittal in recorder's court Tuesday, Prosecuting Attorney W. M. Darden asked for a nol pros in similar cases against Mrs. Helen Atamanchuk, Vance Satterthwaite, and Roy Lucas, thus clearing the docket of charges brought by W. H. Bellman and J. S. Lassiter, the special enforcement officers.

Tuesday of last week D. O. Patrick and Edward Patrick were found not guilty. Together with Mr. Bateman, acquitted Tuesday, three of the six arrested were turned loose after jury trials.

The case against Frank Clagon, 26, colored, who was arrested on an improperly drawn search warrant with about five gallons of whiskey, also resulted in a nol pros, as the court decided that the juries were not in a convicting mood.

Asa Smith, 28, colored, had his case dismissed in which he was charged with non-support. Hilton Harris and William Harris, young white men, were found not guilty of larceny.

Eli Ormstead, 25, colored, was found not guilty of carrying a concealed weapon, but was found guilty and required to pay a fine of \$10 and costs on a charge of assaulting another negro with a deadly weapon.

The case against Selby Price, 23, white, charged with stealing the car of Rowland Alligood and damaging it, was continued until next Tuesday. Roy Spencer, white, charged with larceny, had his case nol prossed also.

Local Car Salesman Wins Fishing Trip

Second ranking Ford salesman, in number of cars sold during the month of July—including 10 new and 15 used—Colon Bowen, of the Plymouth Motor Company, left Plymouth Wednesday for Norfolk to join 34 other winners of a contest on a fishing cruise sponsored by the Ford organization.

Only one other salesman in North Carolina and Virginia sold more cars than did Mr. Bowen during this period. The party left Thursday from the Martha Washington Hotel at Virginia Beach for a three-day trip that will take them to choice fishing waters.

There are over 500 salesmen in the district competing. All of the cars sold by Mr. Bowen were delivered within the trade area of Plymouth and proves the fact that he is on the job.