

The joke is on Maurice Smith, who has prowled the forests around this section since he was a youth while hunting for game.

Dr. W. H. Johnson got some game, a good wetting, and possibly a bad cold Wednesday morning, when he went on his first hunting trip of the season.

T. W. Armstrong, manager of the Scuppernon Farms Project under the Federal Farm Security Administration, was here this week attending to some business with H. H. McLean, regarding school matters.

Last year the cucumber pickle contracts were ready for distribution in October, but this year Manager Roberts said that would not be ready until the latter part of November, or possibly even in December.

Miss Ida Fuller will sing for the Lions at their meeting Friday night. She is a member of the local school faculty and possesses an excellent voice.

There were several matters to come up for discussion at the meeting of the city council Monday night, but not enough councilmen appeared to constitute a quorum, and it was necessary to postpone the meeting until later.

John W. Spruill, of the Skinnerville section, was here Thursday getting signatures to a petition asking the commissioners to get the highway commission to take over and maintain a road from his and other neighboring farms to the highway.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Bray, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. T. L. Bray, has been named drum major of the Plymouth High School Band and will soon begin to study the technique necessary to successfully fill this coveted position.

Leaders of the Democratic party in Washington County went into a huddle Thursday preparatory to beginning a campaign to insure party success over the Republicans in the November election.

The scow owned by the Wood Towing Corporation, of Norfolk, which sank near the municipal dock about two weeks ago, has been raised and towed to the home base in Norfolk.

Eight Scouts Attend Chapel Hill Jubilee

Eight members of the local troop of Boy Scouts, Carl Bailey, Jr., Duncan Gotsinger, Phillip Liverman, Ducky Lloyd, Wilford Whitley, Roy Manning, Douglas Gurkin, and Warren Robbins led today to attend the Carolina Scout Jubilee being held in Chapel Hill from October 6 through the 9th.

It was announced that J. R. Manning had been recently appointed as district chairman on Scout camping. At the present time he is trying to locate a suitable site for the construction of a cabin, which would be used by all the Scouts of the district in connection with the work of the organization.

Girl Struck by Car Near Here Tuesday

No warrant could be found in recorder's court Thursday for Goliath Blount, colored, operator of an automobile which struck Miss Lillian Preston, 15, while she was walking along Highway 64 at the edge of town Tuesday afternoon at 6:05.

Patrolman T. B. Brown tested Blount's car and found faulty brakes, no horn, and improper lights. The officer was called out of town before a warrant was drawn up, but the case will likely come up in recorder's court next Tuesday.

Special Meeting of Cubs To Be Held Friday Night

There will be a special meeting of the Cubpack at the courthouse on Friday evening at 7 o'clock, according to Cubmaster T. B. Brown, who urges all of the boys to be present at this early hour in view of the fact that various other meetings and events are scheduled for this same night.

"Also," said the Cub leader, "those boys who wish to play on the Cub football squad must have the written consent of their parents."

Seek Estimate of Cost To Remodel Market Building

City officials are marking time today while awaiting recommendations from Gordon Norman, former local architect who now resides in Richmond, as to plans and costs for conversion of the old market building on Water Street into fire department headquarters, with rest rooms in the rear for the public.

The firemen have presented their idea with a rough sketch of their needs to the town officials, but they in turn asked that Mr. Norman develop the plans and add his estimate of the cost of the repairs and remodeling that is desired.

Albemarle Association To Meet in Columbia

NEXT SWINE SALE 18TH

There will be no swine sale by the Plymouth Mutual Livestock Association next Tuesday, and those who have hogs now ready for market should bring them on Tuesday, October 18, according to County Agent W. V. Hays.

Tuesday of this week three carloads of hogs were sold to Kingan and Company at Richmond, for \$8.40 per 100 pounds, tops. This was 10 cents per 100 above the price quoted at Rocky Mount this week.

American Fork and Hoe Firm Further Reduces Force Here

Steady Drop in Export Trade Believed To Be Cause of Recent Action

When the local unit of the American Fork & Hoe Company will resume operations is more problematical now than it has been since the plant closed several months ago, as last week four additional members of the personnel were temporarily laid off.

Several days ago a notice was received here announcing temporary lay-offs for B. O. Bishop, foreman; A. T. Darden, engineer; Joe Rath, mechanic; and Paul Sykes, bookkeeper; leaving only Miss Ethel Arps, the manager; R. J. Sydenstricker, a timber man; Tom Coffield and Archie Modlin, engineers, on the payroll.

Visit Here Before Leaving for Guam

Visiting relatives here this week are Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Thrallkill and two children, of Philadelphia, who are planning to sail on the U. S. Transport "Henderson" from Norfolk on October 17 for Guam, United States island possession in the Pacific Ocean, where Mr. Thrallkill will be stationed for two years. It will take the ship on which they sail exactly two months to reach their destination, the distance being in the neighborhood of 13,000 miles.

Mr. Thrallkill is a warrant officer in the Marine Corps, where he has served for 20 years. Each 10 years he is required to do two years' foreign duty. He has spent two years each in Santo Domingo and Haiti. Their new home is a naval base for this country and was ceded to the U. S. by Japan almost three-quarters of a century ago.

Roper Farm Class Chooses Officers

Election of officers for the year of 1938-39 was the principal event of the first meeting of the Young Tar Heel Farmers Club at Roper last Thursday night, when plans were also made for the current school term.

James McAllister was named president, with Sid Hassell vice president. Other officers include: Wilbur Davenport, secretary; Wesley Everett, treasurer; Julian Davenport, reporter and C. H. Floyd, vocational instructor, advisor.

County Commissioners in Regular Meeting Monday

The Washington County Commissioners passed a resolution at their meeting Monday night appropriating three-fourths of the cost of a vocational building for the Plymouth colored high school. The total cost was not mentioned.

'Possums Raiding Local Henhouses; Several Captured

Hungry opossums have been coming from the forests and swamps recently to raid the chicken houses of Plymouth citizens; and since the word has gone out there is no longer the cry made to officers of the law that human thieves are stalking and making away with the favored fowls.

J. O. Everett went out to chicken house the other night to see what was attacking his poultry when they spread the alarm that something was wrong. He saw what he saw, and he knew what to do.

The next night he caught a choice 'possum in a trap.

A few nights later, Ray Kimbrough, son-in-law of Mrs. Mattie Aushon, was directed to determine what the fowls were "cutting up about" after their bedtime. There perched on the roost was a 'possum.

Tyrrell County Will Be Host To Annual Session October 13th

Washington County To Have 50 Delegates; Objectives of Group Outlined

Tyrrell County will be the host to the fourth annual meeting of the Southern Albemarle Association. The meeting will be held in Columbia Thursday, October 13. Each adult resident of the counties of Dare, Tyrrell, Hyde and Washington is a member of each county as has been assigned to them at the organization meeting. Headquarters will be provided for each county, in which ample provisions will be made for their entertainment. These places will be taken over by a reception committee of the Woman's Club, and every facility will be provided possible for the comfort and convenience of all the delegates and visitors from each county.

The Tyrrell County Farm Bureau is sponsoring a picnic lunch for all delegates and invited guest. The Men's Club expects to have the town decorated very elaborately, so that all in all we are expecting a gala occasion.

The program will contain some very prominent speakers. We expect to have music for the occasion and will do our best to make everyone enjoy their visit and go home happy. Columbia is always glad to entertain, and we think everyone visiting us will be shown all the courtesy possible.

Coach Armstrong Speaks At Parent-Teacher Meet

'Physical Education' was the theme of Coach C. O. Armstrong, who spoke to the Parent-Teacher Association here in their second meeting of the term Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. J. W. Bead, the new president, presided. Names of the grade mothers were announced, and six new members were added. It was decided that an indoor carnival would be held October 31 for raising funds for the organization.

Creswell Principal Compiles Handbook for His Students

Creswell.—Handbooks outlining the courses of study and a code of ethics for high school students have been compiled by Principal A. T. Broc of the local school. The handbooks will be presented to the students so that they and their parents may be provided with definite information concerning school rules and regulations for the term.

Program of Services at Christian Church Sunday

"Playing Fair With God," will be the subject Sunday morning by the Rev. N. A. Taylor, pastor of the Christian church.

Sunday night at 7:30 he will speak on "The Lure of Other Gods." Sunbeams will meet at 6:30 p. m. Bible school at 9:45 a. m.

Local Legion Post To Sponsor Carnival of Fun October 17 To 22

To Be Held at New Baseball Park; Fireworks and Free Acts Features

There will be fun, contests, prizes and entertainment for all when the Washington County Agricultural Fair Association, Inc., presents the Dixie Model Shows at the Kieckhefer Park from October 17 through October 22, according to Dr. C. McGowan, the secretary.

The event is being sponsored by the James E. Jethro Post of the American Legion here, and the fair organization is headed by prominent Legionnaires, including W. V. Hays as president and P. W. Brown as vice president.

On the grounds will be seven rides and seven shows and other amusements and entertainment for those who attend this event, thus helping the American Legion Post to replenish its treasury.

Real Property of 887 Persons Sold at Tax Sale Here Monday

Represented \$26,305.54 in Unpaid Taxes and Penalties For Year 1937

Real estate valued into the hundreds of thousands of dollars went on the auction block here Monday at noon, in front of the courthouse door, when delinquent 1937 taxpayers had their property sold to satisfy past-due taxes and penalties amounting to a total of \$26,305.54.

Last year the sale represented only about \$20,000 in taxes and penalties due. This year's total is about \$6,000 higher; while in 1933 the taxes and penalties totaled \$63,354.80. This reflects the great reduction since depression years in the amount and value of property sold for taxes.

This year there were 887 persons who had their property sold for unpaid taxes. There were over 900 on the list when it was first advertised, but about 25 or 30 paid up before the day of sale. A year ago there were about 100 names fewer on the list.

Better financial conditions existing generally throughout the county in the past four years, coupled with the efficient work of J. E. Davenport and his predecessor, J. C. Swain, as tax collectors, have combined to greatly reduce the amount of delinquent taxes during this period.

The county tax rate has remained stationary at \$1.80 for the last several years, and is the same figure in effect for the 1938 fiscal year.

Lees Mill taxpayers owe the most, as the unpaid taxes and penalties advertised for that township totaled \$10,344.61. Plymouth Township ran a close second, with \$9,191.49. The figures for Skinnerville were \$2,502.13; and for Scuppernon were \$4,264.31.

Divided by rates, the white people owed \$21,805.30, and the colored \$4,500.24. The wide disparity in these figures show that the white people own more property and it is valued at much more than the colored.

The largest single taxpayer in arrears of 1937 taxes was the Norfolk Southern Land Company, which owes the county about \$4,000. The amounts range from that figure down to a few cents, and in many cases the penalties and advertising costs are more than the original amount of taxes due.

Tax Books for 1938 Ready for Collector

Several things have held up the delivery of the 1938 tax books to J. E. Davenport, tax collector of Washington County, but Mr. Davenport is of the opinion that they will be in his hands by Friday of this week. Notices will be immediately sent out to the 3,900 individual taxpayers in the county, showing the amount of their taxes for 1938.

Certain discounts are allowed for immediate payment of taxes. The discount amounts to 1 per cent on all taxes paid during the month of October and 1-2 of 1 per cent in November. They are payable at par in December and January, and beginning with February a penalty of 1 per cent each month is added thru May.

The total levy is slightly more than \$110,000 this year, and the tax collector is urging early payment.

Creswell Parent-Teacher Meeting Held This Week

Creswell.—Plans and projects for the current term were discussed at a meeting of the executive committee of the Creswell Parent-Teacher Association held at the home of the president, Mrs. C. N. Davenport, sr., Monday night.

Local Baptist Pastor Announces Services

Rev. P. B. Nickens, Pastor

All new members of the church who have not been given the right hand of fellowship, please be present Sunday morning, as this will be done at that time.

The junior choir, which sang so well last Sunday night, is urged to be present Sunday night at 7:25 p. m. Be sure to bring your Bible readings with you, young folks, and let the people know how much you've read.

The Women's Missionary Society will meet Monday night at the home of Mrs. Harry Stell. All members are urged to attend.

Next week the Roanoke Baptist Association will meet with the Washington Baptist Church on Tuesday and Wednesday. Attend if it is possible for you to do so. Several prominent Baptist speakers and workers will be on the program.

Church Calendar

Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Preaching services at 11 and 7:30. The subject for the morning hour will be "At War With God"; for the evening hour, "The Tragic End of a Sad Life."

B. Y. P. U., 6:45 p. m. Prayer service Wednesday, 7:30, followed by choir practice.

W. M. S. Monday night, 8 o'clock, at home of Mrs. Harry Stell.

Rev. P. B. Nickens Speaker at Lions Meeting Last Week

Commends Work of Organization and Urges Its Continuance

"Reports are prevalent here of the good deeds of the Lions Club, and I have heard it said that you have helped the hungry to find bread; the naked to find clothing, and those who were in need to find that which met their need," said Rev. P. B. Nickens, pastor of the Baptist church, who addressed the Lions last Thursday night.

"In doing deeds such as these, you are contributing to the development of the community in which you live, and you may be assured that no deeds such as these shall go unrecorded."

"As you are leaders, I urge you to continue this good work. Continue to direct the lives of our citizens in the highest channels of right living. May each of you live so that when you pass from the stage of action the community in which you have lived will be a better place because you passed that way," said the minister.

Speaking on the "Relationship of the Church to the Community," the minister pointed out that there are now three principal delusions that are now handicapping the forces for good in the world.

"These are," he said, "People think that (1) happiness is in abundance of possessions; (2) success is dependent upon speed; (3) virtue or goodness is a negative quality."

Music for the occasion was provided by the colored Silver Star Quartette.

The Lions now return to their weekly meetings instead of bi-weekly, as has been the case during the summer months.

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Committee Urged To Aid State Fishermen

RETURN CARDS

Tobacco poundage marketing cards should be returned to the county agent's office when the grower has concluded selling his leaf and the card has been used, it was announced today by County Agent W. V. Hays.

"This should be done immediately," according to Mr. Hays, "as they may be lost; and then, also, this is a Federal regulation."

Mr. Hays also explained that there is still a market for unused poundage allotments at 5 cents a pound if the cards are left at his office.

Final Rites for Mrs. Sue L. Blount Held At Roper Monday

Died Sunday in Columbia, at Home of Niece; Was 84 Years Old

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon in St. Luke's Episcopal Church at Roper for Mrs. Sue L. Blount, 84, one of the county's oldest and best-known citizens, who died Sunday afternoon after an illness of four months.

The end came while Mrs. Blount was staying with a niece, Mrs. Henry Davenport, in Columbia, who is one of her nearest relatives. Her husband, the late John Blount, former merchant of the Roper, died several years ago.

Rev. Sidney Mathews, of Washington, pastor of St. Luke's Church, of which Mrs. Blount was a faithful and loyal member for many years, conducted the funeral services, and the interment was made in the old St. Luke's Cemetery, about two miles from Roper, where St. Luke's Church was founded.

There was a large concourse of friends and relatives present at the final rites for the aged woman, who was a descendant of an old and distinguished family in this section, the members of which have long been prominently identified with affairs in the Roper section.

Type of Airplanes To Be Used in Test Next Week Described

Fort Bragg Defense Force Equipped Only With Pursuit Type Ships

For the information of the general public and of the observers in the warning net during the air corps exercises next week, the following information regarding airplane identifications during the period of the joint exercises has been issued by the press officer at Fort Bragg:

The defending air force (Blue) is equipped only with pursuit aviation. Pursuit airplanes are small single motored planes. They will operate at any height where hostile planes can be found. They will always be in flights of nine and in larger formations.

The hostile air force (Black) is equipped with bombardment attack and reconnaissance planes. The bombardment planes are large two motored and four motored ships. They can be distinguished by their size and the fact that they will usually fly at great heights in flights of three.

Attack planes are single motored low wing airplanes, aluminum colored. They will usually fly at low altitudes in flights of six airplanes.

Reconnaissance airplanes are two motored, low wing, aluminum colored airplanes. They will fly at any altitude but may be distinguished by the fact that they will be flying individually. These planes usually precede an attack by hostile attack or bombardment planes, for whom they furnish weather information, photographs of areas, and illumination of targets. It is important, therefore, that single planes be reported in order that the anti-aircraft defense and defending pursuit aviation may be prepared to act when the bombardment or attack formation of airplanes arrive.

Agriculture Teacher For Colored School

Washington County's first colored vocational agriculture teacher, W. T. Marable, of Henderson, started his work in the Plymouth Colored High School Monday morning.

This is his second year in the work, as he taught at Douglass colored school in Duplin County last year, after graduating from A. and T. College in Greensboro.

Number From This Section at Hearing Held Last Tuesday

Various Causes Given for Declining Fish Supply; Ask Investigation

"The Federal Government has subsidized industry and agriculture in various ways; now I think it is time for the State and Federal Governments to cooperate to promote aid for the 'forgotten' fisherman," said W. R. Hampton, member of the State Board of Conservation and Development and himself a commercial fisherman, at the hearing held by the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries in Belhaven last Tuesday.

Messrs. Bunch, E. J. Spruill and his son, all three commercial fishermen at Mackeys, told the committee that they believed the Roanoke Rapid and Plymouth pulp mills' waste had some kind of deadly effect on fish, especially herring, and urged that this phase be investigated. Other fishermen at the hearing blamed the declining fish industry on spawn-eating eel and carp, digging of inland waterways and pulp-mill waste. And they all agreed that something should be done immediately for the fishermen.

Mr. Hampton pointed out that this state ranked third in the production of fish but 15th in income received from fish, and he went on to say "we have stood idly by and watched the average annual income of the fisherman in this state drop from \$450 to \$160; and now is the time to act."

Mr. Hampton asked the committee to provide experts to study the shad industry, which has been declining steadily in recent years, and to find ways and means to revive this industry, which was once a large and profitable enterprise for the fishermen of the Albemarle and other sounds near by.

"What is needed," he told the 300 fishermen and the committee, "is to provide a research department for the fishing industry, and conduct a scientific investigation to determine the cause of the diminishing supply of shad and other fish and to promote a market for the profitable handling of fish."

Nine counties were represented at the hearing, which was presided over by Congressman C. Otis Bland, of Newport News, chairman of the committee. Information is being sought at these hearings upon which to base remedial legislation, which may be proposed by the House committee at the next session of Congress.

Colored Home Here Destroyed by Fire

Local firemen answered two alarms within six hours Tuesday, when they raced to the residences of J. J. (Slick) Jordan, colored, on Wilson Street and Ritz Garrett, colored, in the White City section.

Little damage was done to the Garrett home, but Jordan's home was burned to the ground, the total loss being estimated at \$1,000. The roof had fallen before the firemen arrived, although they reached the scene within a few minutes from the time the alarm was sounded.

Garrett's house was damaged by a hole in the roof next to a flue. It is believed defective flues were responsible for both fires.

Makes Brave Fight Despite Obstacles

Weakened physically by three operations over a period of a few months, Mrs. J. W. Gray is back at home today in the Pleasant Grove section, maintaining her stubborn resistance to sufferings that have carried her almost to the brink of death.

Following the birth of a child several months ago, gangrene started toward her body from her toes. Surgeons marveled at her determination to live as she agreed that both of her feet should be amputated between the knees and ankles to prevent the spread of this poison further.

Last week she returned from the hospital again after a troublesome kidney had been removed.

Her husband died sometime ago, and she has been living with a relative, Bill Spruill, a well-known farmer of the section, who has remarked at the immeasurable patience with which the woman has borne her sufferings.

Mrs. H. W. Pritchette To Open Store in Creswell

Creswell.—Mrs. H. W. Pritchette has entered the mercantile business in the store recently occupied by Mrs. H. T. Jackson. Besides yard goods and notions, Mrs. Pritchette expects to carry a line of ladies' and children's ready to wear, hats, and school supplies.