

Judge C. Everett Thompson has license number 101 on his car.

G. R. Leggett, local jeweler, had his tonsils removed last week.

Frank C. Spruill, clerk at E. H. Livermans store for several years, resigned the first of the year to travel for a Norfolk wearing apparel concern.

James Gee, colored man of the Morratock church section, was rescued from his burning home one day this week by friends while the negro was sitting on the front porch in a stupor with flames around him.

Chester Hawkins, of Norfolk, superintendent of the Norfolk Southern Bus Corporation, spoke to the Lions Club here last Thursday night, explaining that as soon as highway No. 97 is completed that the route of the bus now operating between Plymouth and Pea Ridge will be extended from Washington to Pea Ridge.

Uneasiness experienced by bell-ringers at the Grace Episcopal church that the bell might fall from its supports and land on the head of the ringer was dispelled this week when R. L. Tetterton went into the belfry and found that the supports were strong and in good condition.

A. R. Dupree, local attorney, who was injured in an automobile accident week before last, was able to be out of the house for the first time on Monday of this week.

R. L. Sydenstricker, forester for the American Fork & Hoe Company, after a short visit here, where he was stationed for several years, will leave Friday for Columbus, Ind.

T. C. Burgess, well-known merchant, secretary of the merchants association, and city councilman, was down town Sunday with his family and down town again Monday in the car of Patrolman B. Brown. His condition is steadily improving.

Coach John Weaver announced this week that the following basketball games had been scheduled for next week and that others would be announced later: Wednesday night, Aurora here; Thursday night, Jamesville here; Friday night, Windsor here. Friday night of this week the boys' and girls' teams go to Williamston.

May Use Material in Old Creswell School For Garage and Gym

County Board Education Directs Superintendent To Seek WPA Aid

The apparent lack of interest by private investors in the old Creswell school building may result in the building of a new brick county school bus garage in Plymouth and a gymnasium for Creswell, according to the members of the county board of education.

High insurance rates on the old building, which was condemned for use by school children, are important factors in deterring individuals from purchasing it for use as storage space.

If the WPA projects can be secured, not only for dismantling the building but also for construction of the garage and the gym, then it is believed this will be the best possible solution of the razing of the structure as required by the terms of the agreement with the WPA, which helped finance the new building.

Mr. McLean and the board members desire to get the most out of the old building for the benefit of the educational system in the county, and it is believed securing WPA aid in erecting the garage and gym will be the best solution to the problem.

If the building was sold to outside individuals, it would necessarily be at a sacrifice, and since the educational system already owns the land and has need of the proposed buildings, the board feels the county would be best served by following this course.

House Chevrolet Company Passes First Milestone Here

This week the House Chevrolet Co. is celebrating its first anniversary in the automobile business in Plymouth and they reported that despite adverse farming conditions and lagging business conditions the firm has enjoyed a successful year.

W. Clayton House, manager of the firm, is optimistic about prospects this year, despite prevailing circumstances in farming and general business conditions.

Halsey-Snell Case Is Settled; Court Likely To Adjourn Friday

Lundy Chambers Gets 7-10 Year Sentence for Slaying Of Hardy Vanhorn

Settlement of the long-drawn-out case of J. L. Halsey against Mrs. Clara F. Snell, administratrix of the late A. D. Snell, was recorded at the January term of Washington County Superior Court this week.

Halsey had claimed that he was injured at a sawmill operated by Mr. Snell before his death and that Snell promised him if he would not enter suit that he would be remembered in his will.

Lundy Chambers, 39, white, was given from 7 to 10 years in the state prison for the slaying of Hardy Vanhorn.

J. O. Lucius, 22, white, who appeared on a decision in recorder's court requiring him to pay \$7.50 weekly for the support of his wife, failed to appear when his case was called. Capias was issued.

O. L. Gdwin, 24, and Edison Godwin, 19, white, of Creswell, were found not guilty of stealing two calves from Joe Pritchette and selling them in Norfolk.

Roy Lucas, 45, white, Creswell merchant, was found not guilty of violating the prohibition law after taking an appeal from sentence in recorder's court.

Pauline Swain did not have a true bill returned against her by the grand jury on a charge of conspiracy to murder her husband, Abijah Swain.

A nol pros was taken in the case against Nicholas R. Daniels, who was charged with reckless driving, when his car knocked one operated by Mrs. Nathan LeGrand, of Hamlet, across a railroad track in front of a train.

Five County Youths Enter CCC Tuesday

Five boys were carried to Washington Tuesday by Miss Ursula Jackson, superintendent of public welfare, and there enrolled at the recruiting station for service in the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Passing the required physical examinations and entering for at least three months were Donald Moore, Russell E. Jethro, Leslie Cole, of Plymouth; Edison Biggs, of Holly Neck; and Leroy Spruill, of Creswell. The boys will either remain at the camp in Washington or be assigned to the one at Manteo.

Two alternates did not go, as the five accepted completed the county's quota for this period. The alternates were John Hassell and Chesnut Swain.

Need Few More Members To Organize Eastern Star

Nearly enough members have been obtained to secure a charter for a local chapter of the Eastern Star, an auxiliary of the Masonic order, it was learned today from Mrs. D. R. Satterthwaite, who was appointed with Mrs. R. E. Dunning and Mrs. L. A. Larkin on the organization committee.

Twenty-five women members, all of whom must be daughters, mothers, wives or sisters of Masons, are required to secure a charter, Mrs. Satterthwaite said.

State Official To Meet With Alba Club 20th

Roy Saunders, landscape plantsman with the State Highway and Public Works Commission, will meet with the Alba Home Demonstration Club in the community church Friday of next week, January 20, to discuss the beautification of highway No. 97.

This is the project chosen by the Alba club members for this year, and they invite anyone who wishes to attend and near the plan outlined by Mr. Saunders for improving the appearance of highways, Mrs. Frances M. Darden, the home agent, said.

Farm Bureau of County Opens Drive for Members

A drive for members of the Washington County Farm Bureau was officially opened here at a meeting in the Agriculture Building Wednesday night, when J. T. Cooper, of Raleigh, assistant secretary of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, and the speaker explained the rules of the membership contest.

It was decided to divide those present at the meeting into two groups with A. J. Riddle and W. D. Phelps as leaders. Each would solicit members for his group, and the members of the losing

side will entertain the winners with a free supper on Wednesday night, January 25.

After the membership campaign was lined up and disposed of, Mr. Cooper spoke to the farmers present on the need for revitalizing the farm bureau here so that in its activities the farmers could have some aid in adjusting themselves to the new farm program.

Much Moving Among Tenants Is Reported

At Least 150 Families In County Changing Places This Season

Places for Wanderers Are Getting Harder and Harder To Find

It is indicated that approximately 150 farm families in Washington County will change their places of residence this year, reports claiming there is much more moving than was the case last year.

The annual shifting about on January 1, reaching into fairly stable communities for the first time in a number of years, is principally but not altogether confined within the county. A few are moving in from and out to other counties, and in isolated instances from other states.

John L. Phelps, well-known farmer of Creswell, said there was more moving than he had seen in his whole lifetime in his section, while R. W. Johnston said that while there were a few moving about in the Plymouth section, the migration was not more than usual.

Both white and colored are caught in the necessity for moving, some reports stating that landowners, disheartened by the indifference of their old tenants, are anxious to have them leave. Good tenants are in demand, but this type is not engaged extensively in the moving about.

To date, the shifting has not materially affected school attendance, the office of the board of education explaining that as fast as the families of some pupils moved, others came in to take their places, leaving the enrollment virtually unchanged.

There are a large number of farm families moving into the Western Farms area, as well as some moving away. This farm will be operated on a cooperative basis next year, and some of the tenants there would not agree to work with the Scuppernon Farms Project under the terms of the new plan presented by the Farm Security Administration.

It was reported that 11 new families from Alabama have come into the county to work on the Government farms. A number of tenants who worked under the FSA there last year have moved away, including a few who had agreed to purchase their farms.

With the middle of January here, the moving is still incomplete, and numbers of families have been directed to vacate their homes and find places elsewhere. Places are hard to find, and it is apparent that the lot of the tenant farmer is becoming harder as the seasons come and go.

Many loads of "moving-worm" furniture have been seen on carts and wagons on the roads of the county, but not a cow or a hog and very few chickens are ever seen with them.

Funeral Services for Bruce Davenport Held Last Friday

Funeral services were held at Holly Neck Christian church Friday afternoon for Bruce Davenport, who died Thursday in a Columbia hospital after an illness of several weeks. Interment took place in a cemetery adjoining the church. The Rev. M. L. Ambrose officiated.

Though a native of Washington County, Mr. Davenport had been residing in Gates and Chowan counties for a number of years. Surviving are a widow and several children; also three brothers, Joe, Lee and Sam Davenport, of Holly Neck.

Will Begin Mission At Episcopal Church

Officials of Grace Episcopal church here announced this week that a mission would begin at their church next Sunday night, January 15, and continue each night throughout the week following. The Rev. John W. Hardy, formerly rector of the Episcopal church at Creswell and now minister for the Church of the Advent, Williamston, will conduct the services, assisted by the Rev. Sidney Matthews, rector of the local church. Services will begin each night at 8 p. m.

The congregation of Grace Church is urged to attend this mission, and the public is cordially invited.

Heirs of Mrs. B. F. Owens May Claim Valuable Property

Choice Residential Section Is Likely To Be Object of Litigation

Thousands of dollars' worth of choice residential property in the eastern part of Plymouth may change hands as the result of efforts being made now by the grandchildren of Mrs. B. F. Owens to establish the "rightful ownership."

The claimants have retained John D. Langston, Goldsboro attorney, to represent them, and he has been here recently going over the records. It was reported that he found "some grounds on which the grandchildren may base their claims for the property."

It is said that Mrs. Owens, whose death followed that of her husband, left several acres of property here to her children with the proviso that they were to leave it to their children, or the 22 grandchildren of Mrs. Owens.

Only two of the children of Mrs. Owens are now living, Mrs. A. R. Dupree, sr., and Mrs. Claudia Read. The others, including C. W. Owens, L. L. Owens, Henry Owens, Mrs. Mabel Leggett, have since died. It was reported that about 28 years ago these children sold their rights to the property to L. L. (Bossie) Owens.

However, the claimants allege that the property was left, under the terms of a hand-written will by Mrs. Owens, to her children; and that no one has received any authority to sell or dispose of the property and their inheritance. It was also said that no guardians had ever been appointed by the court for the grandchildren of Mrs. Owens, and that no court order had ever been recorded giving Mrs. Owens' children or anyone else authority to sell the property.

The property includes the land on which are now located the homes of A. D. Basinger, J. C. Smith, W. A. Davidson, J. B. Edmundson, R. E. Dunning, Cleveland Smith, and the colored school building.

Lawyers have traced ownership of the property through the records several times, the Federal Housing Administration has had the titles checked, an out-of-town bank has had its attorneys go through the abstracts and deeds, and no flaw had ever been found in the titles.

No papers have been filed with the clerk of the court here yet, but one of the heirs said this week that this would be done in due time and then the legal battle will be on in earnest.

A number of people here remember when L. L. Owens started development of this area by building the large and imposing residence now owned by W. A. Davidson, and there has never been a suggestion of the title being imperfect until just recently.

Local Men Return From Memorable Trip To California

Visit Many Interesting Places In Addition To Seeing Rose Bowl Game

W. R. Gaylord, Joe Arps, Walter Clark, and W. H. Clark returned to their homes here last Saturday night after a two-weeks 5,745-mile trip to Pasadena, Calif., where they saw, among other things, the Rose Bowl football game between Duke University and the University of Southern California on January 2.

While away they visited Mexico twice; saw the famous Auga Caliente and Santa Anita race tracks; attended a broadcast in Hollywood's Radio City, where Tyrone Power and Loretha Young were featured in a play; watched Mickey Rooney lead the cheering for the California team in the Rose Bowl; attended the premiere showing of "The Great Man Votes," featuring John Barrymore and Priscilla Lyon, the latter formerly of Plymouth; visited Harry Lyon, also a former resident here, who is now a sound-effects man at a radio station; viewed the Tournament of Roses parade with about a million and a half other people; and Walter Clark secured the autographs of Eleanor Powell and Johnny Weismuller, who, with Florence Rice, sat near them in the Duke section of the large stadium at the football game.

The party left here Christmas afternoon by car, following the southern route 2,830 miles across the continent, reaching their destination Thursday, December 29, at 11 p. m. They returned by the northern route, 2,915 miles, leaving there at 8 a. m. Tuesday, January 3, and reaching home Saturday at 6 p. m.

News-Reel Pictures of Rose Bowl Game Here Next Week

Shep Brinkley, manager of the two local theatres, announced today that he had been fortunate in securing news-reel pictures of the Duke-Southern California football game in the Rose Bowl January 2, to be shown here next Monday and Tuesday, January 16 and 17, at the Plymouth Theatre.

"There will be no increase in the prices of admission," Mr. Brinkley said, and the regular feature programs will be presented both days.

Credit Facilities May Effect Crop Control

TOBACCO INCREASE

An increase of 30 per cent in the 1939 tobacco transplantings over those for 1935 was predicted over the week-end by State farm leaders. The prediction was made following a survey conducted in most of the tobacco-producing counties in the section.

While some increase in the crop is anticipated in this county, Washington farmers are not expected to go that far in an expansion program during the coming season.

Darden Gets Several Choice Assignments On List Committees

Gets Place on Appropriations, Agriculture, Judiciary No. 2 and Others

Representative Wilbur M. Darden, of Washington County, landed assignments on three important and four minor committees of the House of Representatives this week, when Speaker D. L. Ward announced the appointments this week.

The principal committee membership of Mr. Darden is the powerful finance committee; with agriculture and judiciary No. 2 following in order. His other committee assignments include that of counties, cities and towns; journal; commercial fisheries; and engrossed bills.

Observers consider that the Washington County representative made a good showing by being able to get on some of the important committees his first time in the legislature. The House has 120 members and 46 committees, those who know the inside workings of the Assembly say Mr. Darden did very well to get the committee memberships he received this week.

It is understood here that Mr. Darden was favorable to W. E. Fenner, of Rocky Mount, for Speaker, but when Fenner threw his support to Ward, the successful candidate Darden supported the victor.

Grand Jury Suggests Repairs To Number Of School Buildings

Compliments and Criticism Mixed in Report Made To Court This Week

Compliments and criticism were mixed in the report made to Judge C. Everett Thompson here this week by the grand jury, which examined the offices of the county officials and found them in good condition but found some of the public buildings neglected.

The county home keeper was complimented for his work and the care of the inmates, but a recommendation was made that repairs be made to the roof and front porch.

Public school buildings needed repairs as follows, according to the report: Deep Bottom, repairs to porch, windows and pillars underneath the house; Mount Delane, repairs to windows and a door needed; Back Woods repairs to roof flues, windows, porch and a bridge at the front; Roper white school, repairs to windows and locks on toilets; Macedonia, repairs to front steps and new heaters needed; Creswell colored school needs new seats.

The county school buses, examined by Patrolman Tom Brown before the grand jury met, were reported in good condition.

The grand jury found the old building in Creswell seriously needing repairs and recommended that occupancy of the new school building take place as early as possible. The Creswell prison camp was in "excellent condition," according to the report.

Making Survey of Drainage Project

Expected here this week was Jack White, an engineer of the United States Public Health Service working cooperation with the State Board of Health, who was to survey the need of drainage for mosquito control of thousands of acres of farm and timberland along the Scuppernon River in the Cherry and Newlands sections, with a view to determining whether to approve it for a WPA project.

Officials here expect that the project will be approved, in view of the fact that it has already been recommended by J. A. Ferree, district sanitary engineer, and T. W. Armstrong, manager of the Scuppernon Farms project.

Drainage would benefit more than 1,000 people who have farms and timberlands in the area which are covered with water at certain seasons. The starting point of the project would be at Bull pond and continue into Cherry along Scuppernon River.

Number Farmers Said To Be Unable To Secure Loans

Most Agencies Require Collateral in Addition To Crop Lien

Washington County farmers, uncertain of credit facilities to be available this spring, are hustling around seeking methods of financing their 1939 activities.

Farmers who are able to put up collateral are seeking loans from banks and like financial institutions, while the Production Credit Association expects an increase in its business of about 20 per cent.

However, unless Congress makes provision for the seed and feed loans, such as have been available during the past three or four years, it is believed many of the small farmers will have a hard row to hoe, as time merchants in general throughout the farming sections have indicated they will restrict their advances to a greater degree than usual this year.

While no official statements have been made by banks and other lending agencies in the county as to their terms for making loans, it is understood that loans are being made almost without exception only to those farmers who are able to offer more than a crop lien as collateral.

The Farm Security Administration, represented here by R. E. Dunning and his staff, is concerned principally with the rehabilitation and financing of farmers who intend to purchase their own farms, and applications to this agency greatly exceed the number of loans and money allotted for this purpose.

Landlords, most of whom took a loss on their farming operation last year, will of necessity limit advances to their tenants to a far greater extent than usual, and this is expected to work a hardship on some tenants. Practically all share-croppers and tenants are dependent upon the landlords for advances to take care of their living expenses until the crop has been produced and harvested.

A number of farmers who fought tobacco control with the intention of increasing their acreages are finding it difficult to finance their fertilizer purchases for even as large a crop as they had last year.

Many credit agencies are said to be refusing applications for loans from farmers who wish to increase their tobacco acreage.

Final Rites Sunday Afternoon for Mrs. Arcenthia Spruill, 69

Well-Known Resident of Creswell Section Died Saturday After Long Illness

Creswell.—Funeral services for Mrs. Arcenthia Spruill, 69, widow of the late Dave Spruill, were conducted Sunday afternoon in the Creswell Baptist Church with the Rev. L. B. Bennett officiating, assisted by Dr. G. A. Martin. Interment took place in the Overton cemetery at Cherry.

Death came to Mrs. Spruill Saturday night after four years of ill health. She was well known and liked throughout the community, where she had spent all her life.

Active pall-bearers were Robert Hassell, Lester Hassell, Ervin Hassell, Marvin Hassell, Haywood Spruill, Jr., all of whom were grandchildren. The honorary pall-bearers were Ed Halloway, Jim Spruill, R. L. Spruill, W. L. Jernigan, O. D. Hatfield, C. L. Hopkins, and Jordan Hassell.

Mrs. Spruill is survived by the following children: Cicero Spruill, Roper; Ernest Spruill, Edenton; Sam and H. W. Spruill, Mrs. Beatrice Phelps, Mrs. Lillian Phelps, and Mrs. Lillie Craddock, Creswell. She also leaves four brothers and two sisters, Benjamin and Franklin Overton, of Aulander; Charlie and Haywood Overton, of Windsor; Mrs. Sarah Barnes, of Hertford; and Mrs. W. W. Davenport, Creswell.

Board of Health To Meet Friday

A meeting of the recently appointed Board of Health of Washington County will meet Friday morning for the purpose of appointing a county physician. Dr. T. L. Bray has held this position for several years, and his services were very satisfactory, but it is not known whether he will accept the place again.

It is understood that since the district health office has assumed the vaccination duties and some other work usually associated with the county physician's office, there may be a reduction in the \$50 monthly salary now paid.

Members of the board are Dr. T. L. Bray, Dr. W. H. Johnson, Dr. C. McGowan, J. R. Campbell, chairman of the board of county commissioners; B. G. Campbell, mayor of Plymouth; and H. H. McLean, superintendent of schools.