

Roy Hopkins, from Creswell, was in town last Saturday, showing pictures of "chub" taken from Lake Phelps and also a picture of a deer taken there last season.

A canceled check issued 16 years ago on the United Commercial Bank here was picked up on the street the other day. It was issued by the Ford dealer here at that time, and the pictures of the "up-to-date" cars at that time, pictured on the back, were decidedly in contrast to the Ford products of today.

R. Bruce Etheridge, chairman of the Board of Conservation and Development, came through here Saturday to pick up W. R. Hampton, also a member of the board. Later they were joined by J. L. Horne, Jr., in Greenville. They were bound for the board's meeting being held this week at Morehead City.

E. Stephen Askew, of Windsor and Oriental, said the other day that he believed he could estimate the age of the Roanoke River by certain trees and stumps on property that he owns in the Merry Hill section of Bertie County. Mr. Askew is a former WPA district administrator and well known throughout the state.

Notification has been received by County Agent W. V. Hays that workers in the county office should not be required to put in more than 44 hours a week, the same as other Federal employees, and the force is now observing these hours.

Fourteen students in the forestry division of the University of West Virginia passed through here Tuesday on a tour of inspection of pulp plants, lumber mills and forests in the South, with their professors, Drs. H. D. Erickson and Torkuel Holsoe, accompanying them. They visited local forests and the plants here.

Miss Marian Reese has returned from a visit to the New York World's Fair with her father, Thomas W. Reese. With her sister and brother, Roxie and Jimmy Reese, she will live with her grandmother, Mrs. Roxie E. Reese, who has returned to her farm home near Plymouth. Thomas Reese will spend the summer here.

Better bargains are offered in the Closing-Out Sale, being conducted now by L. S. Thompson, than in any previous sale or bargain event that he has ever held in Plymouth, according to Mr. Thompson, who is being helped with the sale by his brother, Herbert Thompson, of New Bern.

Mrs. Blanche Swain, owner of the Woman's Shop here, will close her store July 15 to reopen on August 15, at which time she says she will have in her new line of fall merchandise, which she will buy on a trip to New York.

Wenona Man Given Suspended Sentence For Starting Fire

Let Off With Payment of Costs; Other Cases in County Court

Alleged to have started a fire to burn off vegetation on his property which got out of his control and started a forest fire that burned over a large area of woods in the Wenona section, Robert Stokesberry was found guilty in recorder's court Tuesday and given a 30-day suspended jail sentence upon payment of the costs.

Jack Midgett, negro, was given his choice of two months on the roads or payment of the court costs for speeding. He was also directed to get a driver's license.

Sewell Bowen, manager of the ABC store here, had his case remanded to a justice of the peace court on a charge of assault.

Christopher Hyman, negro, was sentenced to 12 months on the roads on a charge of having illegal liquor in his possession for the purpose of sale. He was caught by officers with five gallons in a bag on his back. Judgment was suspended upon good behavior and payment of the costs.

Solomon Perry, negro, was given four months on the roads on a charge of assaulting Charlie Simmons with an axe.

WPA Project for County Is Approved, But No One Knows Anything About It

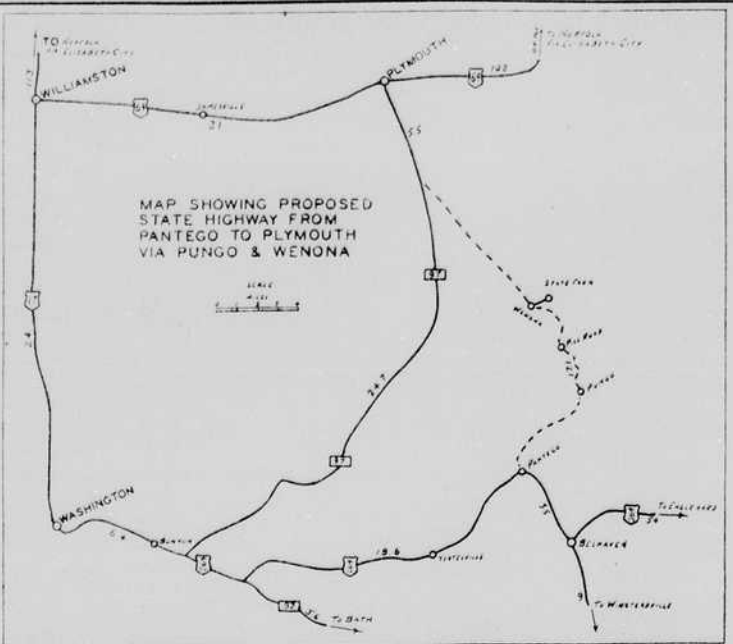
Information was received here this week from the office of Congressman Lindsay Warren that the WPA had approved a project for renovation of public buildings in Washington County, carrying a Federal allotment of \$7,398, but officials here disclaimed any knowledge of the matter. It was reported by the Representative that the approved project was sponsored by the Washington County Commissioners, but J. R. Campbell, chairman of the board, was unable to recall the commissions requesting any such work.

It was pointed out that the project might have been for cleaning and repairing the court house, school buildings, or other

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PULP MILL TO RESUME OPERATIONS ON JULY 24

MAP OF PROPOSED IMPROVED HIGHWAY



This map graphically portrays the advantages of surfacing the turnpike road from highway No. 97 by way of Wenona and Pungo, to Pantego. In addition to providing an all-weather road leading to the Blackland Test Farm at Wenona, this route would effect a saving of nearly 40 miles for fishermen and truck producers in the Belhaven and Hyde County sections en route to Norfolk and northern markets. A mammoth mass meeting of proponents of this new routing will be held in Belhaven on August 9 to impress upon State Highway officials the necessity of surfacing the stretch of road designated above by the dotted line leading north from Pantego and connecting with Route 97 about 5 1/2 miles from Plymouth.

To Begin Foreclosure On Delinquent Taxes

Three-Fourths of Farms Checked

Three-fourths of the farms in Washington County have been visited by the compliance workers, who are measuring the farms and checking them to determine eligibility of those applying for payments under the soil conservation plan of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. It was reported by Chief Clerk Stuart Blow in County Agent W. V. Hays' office that the remaining farms would be visited by the last of next week, but this will not conclude the compliance work as the statistics must be computed and tabulated, which will take some time. It was estimated that about 615 of the 819 farms in the county had been visited by the compliance workers.

Wenona Residents Meet To Consider Prevention of Fire

Plans Made Monday Night For Larger Meeting To Be Held Later

Wenona.—Plans for a mass meeting that is designed to impress on the residents of this section the necessity for the prevention of forest fires were laid at a preliminary meeting held in the office of the Blackland Experiment Station here Monday night.

J. L. Rea, Jr., manager of the test farm, Carl Heynen and Reuben Paul were named a committee to create interest in this mass meeting so that as many as possible will attend to hear the matter discussed.

The date has not been set, as it is to be arranged for the convenience of W. C. McCormack, of Raleigh, chief of the forest-fire control division of the Department of Conservation and Development.

Those present, who had something to say at Monday night's meeting were Mr. McCormack; P. W. Tillman, Rocky Mount, district forester; C. L. Bailey, J. L. Rea, and W. V. Hays, with S. F. Darden, county forest warden, presiding.

public structures, but none of the local officials, including Mr. Campbell, H. H. McLean, county superintendent of schools, or Miss Ursula Bateman, superintendent of public welfare, knew anything about it. Auditor E. J. Spruill may know whether this project was approved by the old board of commissioners before the present group took office last December, but he was out of town and nothing could be learned about it from his office. It was considered problematical whether the county commissioners could find the money available to pay the county's portion of any such project.

Local Board Orders Old Buildings Here To Be Condemned

Police and Fire Chiefs Delegated by Board To Make Inspections

Dilapidated and dangerous buildings in Plymouth are to be condemned by a special committee, consisting of Chief of Police P. W. Brown and Fire Chief L. W. Gurkin, when they inspect all buildings in town in pursuance of instructions issued by the Town of Plymouth Council in session here Monday night.

This movement was started some months ago, but nothing grew out of the plan to have the buildings torn down in order to eliminate fire hazards, but when the committee appointed Monday by the councilmen make their reports, the city authorities plan to take action to have the unsafe structures demolished.

It was reported to the council by P. W. Brown and W. F. Winslow that the 85 street signs recently ordered had not yet arrived here. Nothing further has been heard relative to securing a WPA project and financial aid from the government for the construction of extensions to the water and sewer systems on Fort Williams and Monroe Streets and Brinkley Avenue.

James W. Norman, councilman, was elected mayor pro tem, to serve whenever Mayor B. G. Campbell may be absent for any reason.

Joseph T. Weede was named to succeed Bill Clagon as caretaker of the pump house, fire house, and to take fire calls. He is to begin work on July 22. His appointment is contingent upon the decision of Clagon to enter the State Highway Patrol if he is appointed at the conclusion of the school which he is now attending.

Growers Get More From Hogs by Sales Through Exchange

Annual Meeting Held Here Wednesday; Officers Re-elected

It is estimated that farmers received about 75 cents per 100 pounds more for their hogs by selling through the Plymouth Mutual Livestock Marketing Association than they would have on the open market during the fiscal year from July 1, 1938, to June 30, 1939, County Agent W. V. Hays told the board of directors and guests of the organization at a luncheon here Wednesday.

Since only about 50 per cent of the hog growers sold through the cooperative and the other 50 per cent received the benefits of these same better prices, it was estimated the producers in this section had benefited to the extent of \$19,236.

Receipts for the 6,719 hogs, weighing 1,252,425 pounds, totaled \$91,200.45. A total of 386 farmers from Washington, Tyrrell, Martin, Bertie, Chowan, and Perquimans Counties sold through the organization. In the number of hogs sold there were 1,086 graded "soft" and 1,012 graded "oily."

Short talks were made at the meeting by L. I. Case, State College Extension Specialist; Joe S. Suggs, agricultural agent for a railroad; R. L. McGeheey, Beaufort county agent; H. H. Harris, Tyrrell county agent; and J. L. Rea, director of the Blackland Experiment Station, Wenona.

H. R. Davenport presided. A nominating committee, composed of C. W. Bowen, Plymouth; L. E. Hassell, Roper; W. Jesse Vaughan, Wenona; Haywood Spruill and Harry Swain, of Creswell, were appointed. They nominated and the directors re-elected the same officers who served this year: H. R. Davenport, of Creswell, chairman of the board; W. A. Mayo, Creswell, vice chairman; J. L. McAllister, Roper, secretary and treasurer; Sam Spruill, grader; and R. L. Spruill of Creswell, director.

Old Creswell School Building To Be Sold To Highest Bidder

Board of Education Advertises Structure; Must Be Torn Down

The Washington County Board of Education agreed in its session here Monday to advertise the old Creswell school building for sale to the highest bidder, for cash, with all bids directed to H. H. McLean, superintendent of public instruction.

It was at first thought that the building would be torn down and WPA or PWA aid be secured for the construction of a garage in Plymouth or gymnasium in Roper and Creswell, but it was found that not enough money would be available to sponsor these projects.

Since the new building cannot be used until the old building is demolished, according to terms of a contract made when the original PWA grant was made on the new structure, bidders for the brick and other materials in the old building must agree to tear down the building prior to the opening of the school this fall.

Several bids were received, ranging in amounts from \$800 to \$1,200, for tearing down the old building, cleaning the brick and piling the other materials, but it was deemed better to advertise the old building for sale and let the purchaser do this work.

Reopening Does Not Depend on Settlement of Delair Strike; Will Install Added Equipment Here

Sidney A. Ward, Sr., Dies Here Saturday After Brief Illness

Was Traveling Salesman And Former Town Councilman

Sidney Ambrose Ward, sr., 52, for 31 years a prominent and popular resident of Plymouth, and former town councilman as well as extensive property holder, died at his Main Street home here Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from an illness of only a few hours' duration, described by physicians as coronary occlusions.

Mr. Ward became ill on Friday, while in Norfolk, but returned home that night and felt well enough to visit his physician, Dr. T. L. Bray, upon his arrival here. At 5 o'clock next morning he suffered an attack, from which he rallied, but soon after the noon hour he was seized with a second attack that caused his death.

News of Mr. Ward's death spread fast, and telegrams came from all over the state and in many places of the South, where he was known as a traveling shoe salesman.

A native of Hertford, in Perquimans County, Mr. Ward came here at the age of 21 to manage the store of Latham-Owens company. In March, 1918, he became a shoe salesman and his work in this line expanded until he was assigned a territory embracing several Southern states.

During 1925 he stopped traveling and went into the insurance field. Two years later he resumed his former work, continuing his insurance business as a side line, working it in off seasons and when home from his lengthy trips.

At the time of his death he was connected with the Dunn-McCarthy shoe organization, of Auburn, N. Y., and was scheduled to attend a salesman's convention in Charlotte on Monday of this week.

During his residence here, Mr. Ward had acquired considerable property holdings, and one of the largest deals he made in this line was the sale of the Dock Bateman farm to the Kieckhefer Container Corporation. This is the property on which the village and country club are now located.

Funeral services were held in Grace Episcopal Church Monday afternoon, with the Rev. Sidney Matthews officiating, assisted by the Rev. Paul B. Nickens, of the Baptist church. A large crowd attended the last rites for this well-known man. Interment took place in the cemetery adjoining Grace Episcopal church yard.

In 1911, Mr. Ward married Miss Isolind Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith, who, with three children, survives him. The children are S. A. Ward, Jr., local attorney; James Harold Ward, Wake Forest student; and Miss Rebecca Ward, all of Plymouth. He also leaves three brothers: Harry Ward, Winston; Charlie Ward, Salisbury; and Clifford Ward, Elizabeth City; two sisters, Mrs. J. G. Campen, Edenton, and Mrs. Nora Hughes, of Norfolk; and his mother, Mrs. Johnetta Ward, of Edenton.

Active pall-bearers were: Sheriff J. K. Reid, Dr. T. L. Bray, Judge J. W. Darden, Lloyd Horton, A. E. Davenport and E. H. Liverman.

Honorary pall-bearers were: R. A. Duvall, Fred Knight, C. V. W. Ausbon, W. D. Jones, Dr. W. H. Johnson, S. C. Davis, L. S. Thompson, H. E. Beam, P. M. Arps, E. G. Arps, C. L. Blount, J. R. Campbell, E. S. Blount, H. A. Williford, W. L. Whitteley, W. R. White, W. T. Freeman, J. S. Norman, Z. V. Norman, H. C. Spruill, E. R. Jackson, C. E. Ayers, W. F. Winslow, Abe Adler, P. Bruce Bateman, W. J. Mayo, Dr. C. McGowan, W. H. Clark, and Arthur Vail.

Plant Accepts 45,000 Bushels Cucumbers

With 12,865 bushels of cucumbers coming to the plant of C. C. Lang & Son here during the last six days, the total for the season has reached 44,348 bushels. This marks the largest season the company has had since establishment of the plant here four years ago.

To date producers have been paid \$24,090.35 for cucumbers delivered to the local plant, and indications now are that the payroll next Monday will be about as large as it was last Monday.

Last year there were 39,337 bushels delivered at the local plant.

It is believed by Manager P. H. Roberts that practically all of the crop has been received and that next week will conclude the deliveries.

Budget Is Cause of Concern To Board

Budgetary matters will be the important business for consideration when the Washington County commissioners meet on the first Monday in August, if they do not decide to meet before that time.

Faced with the necessity of adding about 16 cents to the rate to care for the payments on the new school building at Creswell, the commissioners are slashing the budget at every corner to prevent an increase to the present \$180 levy.

It is believed that the \$23,000 asked for schools will be reduced, and that the welfare, health departments and other county functions will come in for their share of the cutting when the funds are set up for the county budget.

Public improvements have been discontinued and different county departments ordered to hold down expenses to a minimum until the budget is fixed, so that each unit may know where it stands and how much it will have to spend during the coming year.

Meunier Speaks at Meet of Workers Wednesday Night

Superintendent of Mill Here Makes Big Hit at Union Members' Meeting

A company man made a big hit at a union meeting here Wednesday night, when L. J. Meunier, Jr., superintendent of the North Carolina Pulp Company, spoke to members of the local union, a visiting delegation of union men from Delair, N. J., and a group of special guests invited to the open meeting.

Several speakers preceded Mr. Meunier, including Otto W. Weber, secretary of the Central Labor Union of Camden, N. J., and organizer for the A. F. L.; George Ewald, former president of the independent union at Delair which is now an A. F. L. affiliate; John Brooks and Anthony Leonard, of the Pulp and Sulphite Workers Union at Delair; G. W. Robey, of the Delair teamsters' union; and several local union men. However, the spotlight was focused on the good-will building and friendly speech of Mr. Meunier, who is well liked by the employees.

In the opening talk, Mr. Weber explained that his group of five union men from Delair were here on a good will mission, and he favorably commented on the fact that the local plant was to resume work on July 24, after being closed for over two months by the Delair strike. Also in his talk he blamed the superintendent of the Delair plant and the personnel manager for the misunderstanding that prompted the Delair strike, but praised very highly the chief officials of the plant, including H. M. and J. W. Kieckhefer.

Throughout the speeches made by the Delair men, there was praise of the good will existing between the management of the local plant and the employees. Talks were also made by Roscoe Bowers, electrical engineer; L. C. Odenath, master mechanic; and J. C. Swain, personnel manager. O. F. Magee, local president, presided.

Mr. Weber said that the plant management at Delair had been asked for a union shop instead of a "closed shop," explaining that a "closed shop" meant that employees must be hired through the union; while in a "union shop" the company could hire any man they desired, but that after a specified time he must become a member of the union holding the contract.

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Contract Let for New Bleaching Unit; 150 Men Back at Work

Plan To Have Additional Equipment Installed by November 1

O. H. Cox, general manager of the North Carolina Pulp Company, announced Monday that the local plant would resume operations on Monday, July 24, at the same time stating that resumption of work here was dependent on settlement of the strike in progress at the Delair plant of the parent company, which caused the shut down here over two months ago.

It was also announced that the company was preparing to go forward with its expansion program here immediately, contract for the bleaching plant already having been let. Additional machinery and equipment will be installed by November 1 which will make the local plant independent of labor trouble or shutdowns at any of the other mills of the company. The additions will also require the services of at least 200 more workmen than have been employed in the past, it was said.

It was learned that approximately 150 men were back at work at the plant today, with others being called in almost daily. While the mill will not be operated at capacity when operations are resumed, a formal statement issued by Mr. Cox today contained the information that local employees thrown out of work by the New Jersey strike two months ago would be given first consideration in the construction work jobs. It was said that at least two new buildings would be required for the additional equipment, including a bleaching plant, filtering plant, and two paper machines. When completed, the local unit will turn out a finished grade of container board, including that of the best quality.

No developments were reported in the strike at Delair, but a delegation of five union men from the New Jersey plant was in town this week, attending a meeting of local employees Wednesday night, where they made brief talks. The Kieckhefer company today took direct issue with the statement made by representatives of the three Delair unions last week as to the causes of the strike, citing that friendly relations had been maintained for years with all their workers, with the exception of less than 25 members of the teamsters' union, which called several strikes at the Delair plant within the past year or so, in none of which the other workers joined.

Text of Statements. The statements of the company, issued Thursday morning, follow: "The North Carolina Pulp Company is making arrangements to resume operations at the pulp mill on July 24, 1939. It may not be possible to operate at full capacity at first, but some work is assured employees who have been idle since early in May, when the mill had to be closed down because of a strike called at the Delair plant of the Kieckhefer Container Company.

"Arrangements have also been made to proceed at once with an addition to the present pulp mill, which will consist of a bleaching plant and filter plant. The contract for the bleaching plant has been placed and the plans for the installation are being made as rapidly as possible.

"When the bleaching plant has been completed, operation of both pulp mill and bleaching plant will not be affected by labor troubles at Delair, as other outlets for pulp made at Plymouth will be available. "It is the company's intention to use local labor in the construction of this plant and to give employment, wherever possible, to old hands whose service may not be immediately needed."

August 30 Tentatively Set as Date for Opening Washington County Schools

August 30 has been tentatively set as the official date for reopening of all the schools in Washington County, according to H. H. McLean, superintendent of public instruction, who said the early opening date would enable students to get in a half year's work before the Christmas holidays.

It was suggested that the earlier opening would mean the children would be in school during some very warm days, but this objection was met by referring to the hot weather experienced last

term during May. Those who favored the early starting of schools said the children on most of the farms in the county were needed more for farm work in May than they were in the early fall, as there is little they can do since cotton has ceased to be one of the major crops in this section.

In former years, the various county institutions of learning have had different opening dates, but this year school authorities hope to open and close all the schools at the same time.