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T. W. Armstrong, manager of the FSA Scuppernon project near Lake Phelps, wants a teacher allotted by the state for about 10 colored children living on the Weston farm. A recent letter from him to this effect was forwarded to state officials at Raleigh.

The local unions met here Wednesday night to work out plans for a Labor Day celebration here September 4. They will have a speaker, a parade with floats, and possibly a baseball game in the afternoon. The speaker has not been secured as yet, but it was hoped that final plans could be made by next week.

With the repeated statements that no money is available for certain road projects being made by the State State Highway and Public Works Commission, W. L. Whitley here said that he could not understand why there was a surplus in the highway fund and why a connecting link could be paved from Edenton to the Sound bridge.

Remarks were made by John W. Darden and others about the reported candidacy of Willis Smith, of Raleigh, during the road meeting at Belhaven Wednesday, but the former state senator dismissed the subject for the time being with the remark that he might "make a statement in this regard later."

Miss Virginia Cahoon will return this week-end from New York with Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Liverman and daughter, Neva, who have gone there to purchase more stock for the opening of their store between now and September 1. Miss Cahoon has been a student at Columbia University this summer. She is a commercial teacher in the Greensboro High School.

A camp fire program will be held at the Roper High School Grounds tonight, when Scoutmaster N. A. Taylor will have his scouts there from Plymouth; Scoutmaster Sidney Smithson, of Creswell, and Scoutmaster Edgar Spruill, of Roper; with Scout Executive J. J. Sigwald attending.

O. H. Cox, manager of the North Carolina Pulp Company here, returned Tuesday night with his family from a visit in Indiana last week. He was back at his desk Thursday and reported that he had had an enjoyable trip.

County Agent W. V. Hays, A. J. Riddle, and Sam Spruill were in Norfolk Wednesday attending a pure-bred hog sale, and they also heard a discussion on types of hogs. Mr. Riddle and Mr. Hays returned Thursday to bring back some of the swine purchased Wednesday by Mr. Riddle.

Town Council Will Meet Next Monday

The Town Council of Plymouth will meet Monday night for their regular monthly meeting, when matters of importance will come before those present and Mayor B. G. Campbell urged a full attendance of the councilmen.

Eighty-five street-corner signs have been purchased and are now being placed at the intersections to designate the streets. These signs were urged by the post office officials here who wished the streets marked for the benefit of postman, as well as the persons having mail addressed them.

It may be discussed Monday night, when the work will begin on the water system extension on Monroe and Fort Williams Streets and Brinkley Avenue, recently approved by the WPA.

Contract Awarded For School Roof

A contract was let Monday by the Washington County Board of Education to the Byrum Hardware Company, of Edenton, for repairing the roof of the Roper colored school building, reported to be badly in need of recovering.

The Edenton firm agreed to apply 29-gauge galvanized metal roofing with double-lock seams, they to furnish the nails, labor, and incidentals, all highest type materials, and to guarantee the workmanship. They agreed to begin work as soon as the weather permitted.

A contract was also let to Baker and Rawls, of Raleigh, for a new roof on certain parts of the Roper white school building.

Plan "Crack-Down" on Slot Machines in County Operating Without Licenses

Warning was issued today by J. E. Davenport, tax collector for Washington County, that slot and pin-game machines must have licenses attached before they are placed in operation or both the owners of the devices and the proprietor of the place where they are located will be indicted and prosecuted. Every effort will be made in the future to see that machines are licensed before they are put in operation, the tax collector said. The county has collected a total of \$1,040 in license fees since "amusement only" devices were legalized by the recent legislature.

It was said that scores of machines had been placed in stores

Unofficially Announced That Strike At Delair Plant To Be Ended Today

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A special dispatch to The Beacon from Delair, N. J., received shortly before noon today, says it was unofficially announced this morning that the strike at the plant of the Kieckhefer Container Company there would be ended today. It was said the company would not make a statement until after a conference now being held was ended, probably about 3 p. m. this afternoon, but there was every reason to believe an agreement would be reached.

In the meantime, the local unit of the North Carolina Pulp Co. continues to operate on a restricted schedule. Two machines are being run this week, the second having gone into production last Friday, and a majority of the workers are back on the job. Officials here said the local plant would get back into full production as soon as the Delair plant resumed operations, but official confirmation of the ending of the

strike was not available early this afternoon.

The dispatch from Delair reads: "Unofficially announced this morning that the Kieckhefer strike was ended in its fourteenth week, agreement having been reached last night. Announcement was made a week ago that the plant was ready to operate at any time employees decided to return."

"A letter to all employees dated Monday repeated the company's stand against the union-shop clause, explaining it would endanger jobs of all who might earn displeasure of the union. The letter told of proposals to give one-week vacations with pay, time and overtime after 8 hours, no Saturday afternoon or Sunday work, making piecework equal to hour work, and make contract to January, 1940.

"First serious trouble occurred

this week, when a pro-union striker was held in jail charged with throwing bricks through a door early Tuesday morning at some of the leaders of the back-to-work faction. The man fled, followed by 8 shots from the group, and 6 rifle bullets pierced his car. The car was later found by police to have been stolen. The attacked man identified his assailant, who denied the charge.

"The back-to-work group mailed ballots to every striker Monday to get an expression of the majority. However, few were returned in the stamped envelopes that went with the letters, the committee charging that union leaders collected the ballots by threats.

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Southern Albemarle Group Meeting 17th

To Seize Personal Property if Town Taxes Not Settled

Garnishee Proceedings Will Also Be Resorted To by Collector Here

Hundreds of dollars in taxes due on personal property owned by persons residing in Plymouth have not been paid, making it necessary to resort to stringent, if unpleasant, methods of collection, Chief of Police P. W. Brown said today.

Because the personal property owners have not come across with this tax money, sorely needed by the town, Chief Brown said he would be forced to seize the property or garnishee the wages of those who are working.

It has been usual every fiscal year for the town tax collector to have to resort to the garnishee method for collection, but this year the number of delinquents has increased to such an extent that it was decided to resort to the seizure of property, as well as garnishee.

Unless personal property owners, including owners of motor vehicles, pay their taxes immediately, action will be instituted to seize such property and hold it until payment is made.

"Seizure for taxes or the claiming of wages for taxation is an unpleasant method of collection," Chief Brown said, "but negligence of taxpayers has forced me to take these

Large Attendance From This County Urged by Whitley

35 of 50 Persons Named as Delegates Signify Acceptance

Up to today 35 of the 50 persons named as delegates from Washington County have returned cards signifying their intention of attending the annual meeting of the Southern Albemarle Association at Manteo next Thursday, August 17, it was learned today from W. L. Whitley, vice president of the organization from this county.

The prominent attorney, who will lead the local delegation, urges a large attendance from this county, as several matters pertaining to civic improvement of the four-county group will come up for discussion and he wants this county ably represented.

Melvin R. Daniels, vice president of the association for Dare county, said that arrangements were being made to take care of a large crowd of persons who are expected to attend the event from Washington, Tyrrell, Hyde and Dare counties, including 200 official delegates.

The speaker for the occasion has not been named as yet by C. W. Tatem, of Columbia, president of the organization, but Mr. Whitley said this week he had been advised that a well known speaker will be on hand to discuss matters of current interest.

Official delegates will vote on resolutions and suggestions for better road conditions in the four counties. It is understood that the beach road down the Banks in Dare will be discussed as will the proposal for bridges across Alligator River and Croatan Sound. This county will have proposals for roads to be considered also.

Pension Authorized For Aged Teacher

The Washington County Commissioners Monday got around to the question of the \$50-per-month pension for Miss Gussie Carstaphen, who has taught in schools of the county for 60 years.

The recent session of the legislature passed an act authorizing the commissioners to pension Miss Gussie as long as she lived at the rate of \$50 monthly.

Faced with a budget already filled to the bursting point with expenses, the commissioners could not at first find the funds available for such a pension, but they finally managed to squeeze the amount in, with the payments to begin probably next month.

Since the matter has been approved, it was believed that Miss Carstaphen, who had already been elected as a teacher in the Roper elementary school for the coming term, would resign and take advantage of the retirement plan.

Revival Services at Creswell Churches

Creswell.—A series of revival services will be held in two churches in the charge of Dr. G. A. Martin, of Creswell, who announces changes in appointments at two churches.

Rev. P. B. Nickens, Plymouth Baptist minister, will take over the preaching Monday night at the Creswell Baptist church, to continue it daily at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. This makes the third series of services conducted by the popular minister for Dr. Martin, who speaks of Mr. Nickens as "a young man of great promise." The pastor will preach Sunday morning at 11.

Rev. D. S. Dempsey, of Portsmouth, will be the guest speaker at the Mt. Pleasant revival, which begins on Sunday, August 20, closing the following Sunday. Rev. Mr. Dempsey was very popular with the church folk of that section two years ago, when he conducted a meeting there.

As to the change in appointments, Dr. Martin said he would preach at Oak Grove the third Sunday at 11 a. m. instead of the fourth Sunday, and that he would preach at Mount Pleasant on the third Sunday, at night, instead of 11 a. m.

"Friends of the churches are cordially invited to attend these services as much as possible," said Dr. Martin.

Dissension Reported In Ranks of Strikers At Delair Pulp Mill

Writer in Newspaper There Says Majority Wish To Return To Work

According to an article appearing last Thursday in The Community News, published at Merchantville, a few miles from Delair, N. J., there is dissension in the ranks of the striking workers who walked out of the plant of the Kieckhefer Container Company there last May. A letter published in the paper by one of the striking workers indicates that a considerable number wish to return to work, but are prevented from doing so by a minority which favors continuation of the strike.

According to the letter, written by an unnamed "responsible employee" from the ranks of the strikers, the strike was not legally called according to union rules. He says the meeting at which the strike was voted was not properly advertised, that the voting was not done by secret ballot, as provided by the union constitution, that the meeting was held in a hall which would hold only from 175 to 200 people, and that 500 others on the outside had no opportunity to be recorded.

Another allegation in the article is that unnecessary hardship and privation was forced upon approximately 700 employees by a minority group. It states that when a member arose to express an opinion that was contrary to the pre-determined notions of the union men who "packed" the meeting, he was howled down with boos and cat-calls. The union representatives are charged with trying to force unjust demands down the throat "of a company that had been paying better than the union scale of wages in the greater majority of the departments of the plant."

Another paragraph reads, "Incensed at the attitude of the union officials for their general conduct from the very outset, many men began to get together at each others' homes, or to meet secretly away from home. As many as 20 or 30 different groups had formed, each with these questions in mind: 'How can we get back to work? What can we do to stop this silly strike, which, after all, is no strike at all? Where is there a Moses to lead us—for, against such ruthless foes, it will take a Moses?'"

At the meeting on July 28, called to consider the company's final proposals, the back-to-work group claims they were again intimidated and refused an opportunity of voting by secret ballot. The writer of the article says five men were fired out of the union before they even got into the meeting. The result, as reported to the press by union officials, was a unanimous vote to reject the company's proposals.

School Bus Drivers For Term Named

The following boys have been selected to drive the school busses in Washington County during the coming school term. It was announced today by H. H. McLean, county superintendent of public instruction:

Joseph Nooney, James Rea Waters, L. S. Newberry, James Rea, Edison Watson, Herbert Curles, Julian Davenport, Grady Hopkins, James McAllister, Leland Barber, John Collins, Harold Woodley, Louis Spear, Joe Pritchette, Harold Spruill, Odell Furlong, Wilson Armstrong and Forest Snell.

There is an additional driver to be named at Roper. Usually Jody Ainsley serves as janitor and drives the truck. It is not sure whether a change will be made or not.

Prior to the opening of schools on August 30, the boys will be assembled here and given instructions as to their duties. Patrolman Tom Brown at that time will give them advice as to safe driving.

20-Cent Average Is Paid on Border Mart For County Tobacco

5,000 Pounds Sold in Lumberton Monday by Six County Farmers

An average price of 20 cents a pound was received by six county tobacco growers, who sent a truckload of the leaf to the Lumberton market Monday of this week to test out the prices to be expected this season. W. T. Freeman was in charge of the tobacco, aggregating 5,000 pounds, which returned the half dozen farmers approximately \$1,000. All were well pleased with their sales.

Five out of the six persons in the group averaged as high as 22 cents a pound. The average paid for the tobacco from this county was better than the market average for the day, which was around 18 cents.

Mr. Freeman said he talked to farmers at Lumberton from Williamson, Robersonville, Bath, Wake Forest, Greenville, Durham, Kinston and Raleigh, and that averages for the same day's sale were from 15 to 19 cents a pound, leading him to believe the crop in this county is one of the best in quality anywhere.

On his return he had some samples of rather trashy looking sand lugs which brought 16 cents; but, on the other hand, a sample of fine-looking well-cured lemon-yellow up-stalk tobacco that would almost qualify as a wrapper brought only 25 cents. Mr. Freeman said the better grades were at least 10 cents a pound lower than last year, while he thought the medium and lower grades were as good or up to 5 cents a pound higher.

Observations of those on the trip with Mr. Freeman were that the local tobacco crop was better than any seen between here and Lumberton as a whole.

Fire Tower Sought For Pettigrew Park Section by Officials

Attendant Would Also Act As Game Protector and Caretaker

A fire tower with an attendant is being sought for the Pettigrew Park area, it was learned today from W. R. Hampton, member of the State Board of Conservation and Development, who felt that such action should be taken to prevent pillaging of the premises. Mr. Hampton said the services of a game protector had been secured to supervise fishing parties on Lake Phelps, and that it was desired the same person should be forest-fire warden and caretaker of the park property as well.

He said suggestions had been made for special licenses fees being charged to fish in the lake, with non-residents of the county being required to pay a higher rate, but since the area is a state park it would be unwise to discriminate between state residents.

With the fire tower as an aid, the attendant and game protector could watch the lake area at all times to prevent forest fires and also supervise fishing in the lake from the lofty view he would have of the premises.

Despite reports published in an Elizabeth City newspaper last week to the effect that dedication of the park would be held early in the fall, W. L. Whitley, vice president of the Southern Albemarle Association and chairman of the park committee, said that it was planned to postpone the dedication until more improvements had been made to the property.

Creswell Parents-Teachers Will Meet Friday Evening

There will be a special call meeting of the Creswell Parent-Teacher Association Friday evening August 11, at 8 o'clock at M. P. church. All members are urged to attend.

Little Girl Struck by Car Sunday Critically Hurt

Reports today were to the effect that 4-year-old Helen Waters, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Waters, of Jamesville, who was seriously injured when struck by a car Sunday, was still in a critical condition in a Washington hospital. Mr. Waters is an employee of the North Carolina Pulp Company here. The car which struck the little girl was driven by J. S. Allen, of Windsor, a mechanic for the Bertie County school trucks.

It was reported that the victim's view was obstructed by the car of a colored man entering the highway from a side street, and that the Allen machine could not be seen by her as she started across the highway. The child's right leg was broken above the knee, the left leg broken below the knee, an arm fractured and she suffered ugly cuts about the body.

Extend Time for Filing Processing Tax Claims

Representative Lindsay Warren stated today that he wished to again call attention to farmers and business men in the First District that Congress has recently passed an act which would allow those who had absorbed processing taxes under the old A. A. A., invalidated by the Supreme Court, to file claims for refunds up to December 30th. Many failed to file claims two years ago. Mr. Warren stated that claims should be filed with the Collector of Internal Revenue, Greensboro, N. C.

Road Officials Not at Meeting in Belhaven

Expect Big Crowd At Morattock 20th

Work on restoration of the old Morattock church building a few miles from here is rapidly nearing completion, and everything will be in readiness by Sunday week, August 20, for the homecoming observance and services there, according to John W. Darden, chairman of the committee in charge of arrangements.

The building itself has been repaired, a new roof put on, and painted. Road crews are now engaged in putting the route to the old church in good shape, and ample parking space will be provided for hundreds of automobiles. Several thousand people are expected to attend.

Mr. Darden said today that the program should be in definite form by the middle of next week. A number of noted Primitive Baptist ministers have indicated they will attend, and it has been suggested by some of them that services in other churches of the Kehukee association be dispensed with on the third Sunday so that all the congregations may join in the Morattock services.

5,000 Back Demands For Improvement of Highway to Pantego

Committee Named and Resolutions Passed; 4,543 at Free Dinner

Ignored by members of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, who did not attend to hear their plea for an all-weather road from Highway No. 97 to Pantego, 5,000 persons nevertheless stood in a hot midday sun to hear a number of speakers proclaim the merits of their cause at the mass meeting held on the premises of the Belhaven Community House Wednesday.

On the stage with the speakers were E. W. Spruill, district highway engineer, and Mr. Cutchins, division engineer, who were the sole representatives of the highway commission, and they did not have authority to make an official expression in answer to the vigorous demands for improvement of the road made by the speakers, some of whom waxed warm in criticism of the highway officials for discrimination against this section.

John W. Darden presided over the meeting, while Fred P. Latham, of Belhaven, co-chairman, was heard from, although most of his time was spent in arranging to feed fish and barbecue to the 4,543 persons who ate the free dinner, cheered the speakers and then watched a "jitterbug" contest in the community building.

Though the highway commissioners were not there, the engineers they sent will have plenty to report if they carry the messages back to their superiors. Zeb Vance Norman prepared and the crowd endorsed a resolution petitioning the commission to build a dependable road through the area. A committee was appointed to present the resolution to the commission on August 24.

Mr. Norman's resolution pointed out that the Turnpike Road was one of the main thoroughfares in Washington and Beaufort Counties, is a star route for mail, and a school bus route; that the road serves 1,000 persons, comprising 250 families, who depend on the transportation of produce to market; that railroad service in that section had been discontinued; and that the road is a link in the route from Stumpy Point and intermediate points to northeastern North Carolina.

After the open-air meeting was concluded, the leaders of the movement met in the community building and appointed the following committee to take the proposal to the State Highway and Public Works Commission on August 24: J. W. Darden, Z. V. Norman, J. F. Campbell, Washington County; F. P. Latham, Clay Carter, J. D. Grimes, Beaufort; and J. A. Polson, John Lupton, S. H. Lowe, of Hyde.

W. L. Whitley read a letter from Commissioner E. V. Webb, who said that he was sick and could not attend. The letter contained no definite assurance of work on the highway but promised that something would be done "when it could be done," and that work would be continued "from time to time."

Included in the list of speakers were C. L. Bailey and W. M. Darden, Plymouth; J. D. Grimes, Clay Carter, H. S. Ward, Washington, N. C.; Agriculture Commissioner W. Kerr Scott; and Senator Wayland Spruill, of Windsor.

Pete Hassell, of Roper, Badly Hurt This Week

Pete Hassell, well known man of the Roper section, was seriously injured one day this week when a cable used in razing the wall of the old Creswell school building broke under the strain, hurling a board against the victim.

Jake Langley rescued Mr. Hassell from the debris, and took him to Dr. J. L. Phelps in Creswell for treatment. It was reported that Mr. Hassell suffered a sprained hip and multiple fractures of an arm.

Farmers of County Winding Up Curing And Housing of Their Best Leaf Crop

Most of the 1,500 acres of tobacco produced in Washington County this year will be cured and housed by the last of next week, it was indicated by farmers interviewed this week, although a few of them will still have their "tips" to pull and final curings to be made. Grading, tying and preparing the golden weed for market will then get underway, to continue until the last of the crop is marketed, probably about the first of November. Markets in this belt will have their opening sales on Tuesday, August 22.

It is generally agreed that this county has the best tobacco crop in its history, from the standpoint of quality. There is a slight increase in acreage, and the yield will be large, although this county

probably will not have as large a percentage of increased pounds to market as is general over the whole belt. However, it has been estimated that in many sections from 10 to 20 per cent of the crop has been lost, due to inability to house and care for the tobacco as rapidly as it ripened.

While there is a shortage of curing facilities in this county, it is not expected that any great quantity of the crop will be lost for this reason. Other farm work is being postponed; one farmer stating that he didn't have time for anything else right now, that he and his employees were working all day to "put in" the tobacco and then day and night to cure it.