

E. F. Swain, county commissioner, of Creswell; J. E. Davenport, county tax collector; and E. J. Spruill, county accountant, left Tuesday for Wrightville Beach, near Wilmington, where they attended the annual meeting of the North Carolina Commissioners' Association. They will return today.

S. R. Matthews, representing Local No. 356 of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite, and Paper Mill Workers, left Monday to attend the State Federation of Labor meeting at the Carolina Hotel at Raleigh Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Governor Hoey was one of the principal speakers at the meeting. There are 43 unions affiliated with the state federation, and there are also six central labor unions in the state.

The State magazine last week carried the following item taken from a Raleigh newspaper of January 31, 1881: "A gasoline lamp exploded in a warehouse office in Plymouth, sweeping away the entire business section of the town. Dozens of buildings were burned to the ground. Damage estimated at \$200,000."

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Terry attended a baseball game in Greenville last Friday night, when Tarboro played there. Mrs. Terry held a lucky ticket and was given an Atlas bridge table as prize. Other prizes were given to those holding lucky ticket numbers also.

L. H. Lucas, who lives on Main Street in Plymouth, says that he has not had his hands on his feet in 20 years. Suffering from what physicians have told him is hypochondria, Mr. Lucas is unable to bend over far enough to even unlace his shoes. He walks with a cane.

On display in Blount's Hardware Store here are six ears of corn grown by Jim Allen, near Plymouth, which it is believed are about the longest ears of corn produced in the county this year. The longest of the half dozen ears measures 15 inches, which is really a record-breaker, according to E. S. Blount, the store owner. As a whole, the county has one of the best corn crops in years.

Advertisers in the Roanoke Beacon this week from Washington, N. C., who bought space for individual ads to help present the Washington tobacco market to the people of Washington County include the Dr. Pepper Bottling Company, MacKenzie Equipment Company, Waters-Stier Wood Products Company, Warehouse operators, as well as the tobacco board of trade there, are also advertisers.

Fred P. Latham, of Belhaven, was here this week conferring with John W. Darden regarding a determined effort to get the Turnpike road from No. 97 to Pantego surfaced and made a dependable road. Though the mass meeting is over, they are still determined to get action.

Dr. Bray Resigns as County Physician

After eight years as county physician of Washington County, Dr. T. L. Bray this week forwarded his resignation to J. R. Campbell, chairman of the Washington County Board of Commissioners. Prompting the resignation of the physician was the fact that the commissioners had decided to reduce the salary of the county physician from \$50 to \$25 a month, the former salary having been in effect for years.

The physician said his traveling and other expenses in observing the mentally defective, caring for inmates of the county home, attending prisoners kept at the county home and examining all persons admitted to the jail made it impossible for him to continue in the work at the smaller salary.

Dr. Bray succeeded Dr. W. H. Ward in this capacity eight years ago, and prior to the establishment of the district health office he also attended to the vaccination of school children and held various clinics.

There has been some criticism of the board's action, which may be reconsidered at the September meeting. It was pointed out that in addition to this one being singled out for a 50 per cent reduction, increases had been granted in some of the other departments of county government during the last few years while the county physician's salary remained the same.

Schools of County Must Be Operated on \$4,000 Less Money This Year Than Last

Public schools in Washington County will be operated this year for about \$4,000 less than they were last term, as the budget has been reduced this much for the 1939-40 school year, it was learned today from H. H. McLean, county superintendent of public instruction. The tax rate apportioned for raising the money for schools was reduced 7 cents this year, it was pointed out.

Last year the total tax rate for the schools was 19 cents, including current expense and capital outlay, while for the approach-term the budget allows .094 for current expense and .026 for capital outlay, making the total levy for school purposes 12 cents. Instructional supplies and re-

High-School Students Here Asked To Register Next Thursday and Friday

Plans are rapidly taking shape for opening of the local schools. Principal R. B. Trotman today announcing a schedule of advance registrations for high school pupils next week. He explained that it was important for high school students to register in advance of the opening on August 30, if possible; and parents were requested to cooperate in having their children present for registration according to the following schedule:

Eighth-grade students: Thursday, August 24, 10 a. m.; Ninth-grade pupils: Thursday, August 24, 2 p. m.;

Tenth-grade students: Friday, August 25, 10 a. m.

Eleventh and twelfth grade students, Friday, August 25, at 2 p. m.

Mr. Trotman is also urging that children in all grades be enrolled the first day of the term if possible. Early enrollment and regular attendance the first two weeks is very important and advantageous to both pupil and teachers; and the principal urges cooperation of parents in this respect, even if the child has to be taken out of school later in the term on account of farm work or other duties.

Morattock Will Again Have Services Sunday

Important Meet of Merchants Friday

A meeting of the Plymouth Merchants Association has been called for Friday night at 8 o'clock in the municipal building by the president, J. R. Manning, who says this will be one of the most important meetings of the year for the organization.

A holiday schedule for the remainder of the summer and fall will be discussed, as well as plans outlined for a sales-stimulating campaign, and Mr. Manning is urging the merchants to turn out for the meeting, which will be made short so that those attending can get away early.

With the opening of the tobacco markets next Tuesday, it has been suggested that the merchants do not close their stores for the Wednesday half-holidays after August 23. This will be decided at the meeting.

Local Negro Jailed In Connection With Robbery at Moyock

Willie Albert Nichols Jailed In New Jersey by Federal Agents

Willie Albert Nichols, 27, Plymouth negro, was arrested in Newark, N. J., Friday by Federal Bureau of Investigation agents, who charged him with participation in the robbery of the Bank of Currituck at Moyock July 8, escaping with \$2,245.55.

Nichols was apprehended at a rooming house in the New Jersey town, and, as far as information could be obtained here, he offered no resistance. Officers working under Special Agent A. Paul Kitchin, formerly of Scotland Neck, in charge of the Newark FBI office, took Nichols into custody.

James Rogers Bailey, Norfolk negro, surrendered in his home town last week on the same charge. Previously arrested in connection with the robbery were James J. Chatham and Leroy Bass, both colored.

Nichols has been arrested here several times on minor charges and has a long police record. A few months ago he was shot by Cheek Bowser during a quarrel and remained in a hospital for several weeks.

The alleged bank robber's father was known here as Pete Nichols and is now living in Philadelphia, while the younger Nichols has been living here for sometime with his grandfather, Hampton Little.

Chief of Police P. W. Brown said that Nichols was also wanted in Norfolk for robbing a store and theft of an automobile. FBI officers spent three days here last week, expecting Nichols to visit his home here, and they were prepared to arrest him if he showed up.

Restoration of Old Church Complete; Expect Over 2,000

Elders A. B. Denson and B. S. Cowan Among Noted Ministers To Speak

Primitive Baptists and their friends in this section of North Carolina will journey to the 154-year-old church near here Sunday to celebrate the restoration of this old building, which will be used again as a place of worship after a lapse of five or six years.

Under the supervision of a committee appointed last spring, several hundred dollars were collected and spent in repairing the dilapidated old structure, which had been allowed to run down since services there were abandoned some five or six years ago. John W. Darden is chairman of the committee and H. E. Beam, both of Plymouth, is treasurer.

For several generations, the third Sunday in August was a date when men, women and children gathered at this church to worship according to the dictates of their conscience, which right is guaranteed by a government which was not established until two years after the church was first organized. It is now proposed to convert the restored edifice into a historical shrine as well as a place of worship.

The "August meetings" were long an event to be looked forward to, and here again next Sunday friends will meet old friends and talk over former days, when the old structure was one of the best-known meeting places for young and old who came to the annual gatherings.

They will be here from Norfolk, according to B. F. Jackson; others will come from Scotland Neck, writes Ferd Harrison; still more will come from Martin County, led by Elder B. S. Cowan; and then there will be those from Rocky Mount, Pinetown, and many other places.

With favorable weather, it is believed there will be 2,500 or more people at the service Sunday, which will feature sermons by ministers of the faith who have served this church in the past. A memorial service will be held for the pastors who have passed on.

At 11 a. m. the invocation will be made by Elder B. S. Cowan. Mr. Darden will report on the work of his committee, other members of which are Mrs. Mary Turner, Mrs. Lucy M. Bowen, A. S. Allen and H. E. Beam.

James W. Norman, long acquainted with this church, will tell of the historical value of the restoration movement; and Elder A. B. Denson, of Rocky Mount, moderator of the Kehukee association, will explain the value of the restored church to the Kehukee association. Ten-minute talks will be made by several others. At 1 o'clock the services will be recessed for lunch.

The roll of ministers who have served the membership of this old church will be called and persons who have grown famous in the ministry and service of the Primitive Baptists who came from this old church will be recognized.

Through it all one voice will be missed more than all the others. His name will be repeated and the deeds he accomplished reviewed, but his presence will be sorely missed, because the Rev. Newsome H. Harrison passed on a few years ago. He was an outstanding character in this county for many years and one of the ablest ministers ever to serve the Primitive Baptist faith.

Six-Year-Old Colored Boy Drowns in Conaby Creek

Six-year-old James Andrew Moore, colored, was drowned in Conaby Creek near here Friday morning when he and another youngster were wading in the creek and James lost his balance and fell in deep water.

His companion gave the alarm, and Iva Atamanchuk rushed to the creek, dived in and brought up the lifeless body. Efforts to revive him by artificial respiration were futile.

Coroner Jack Peele viewed the body but decided an inquest was not necessary.

Pulp Plant Resumes Normal Operations; Jersey Strike Ends

Company Proposals Accepted and Work Resumed at Delair Last Week

Operations at the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company here were described by officials as "back to normal" today, following settlement last Thursday of the 14-week strike at the Delair, N. J., mill of the parent concern, Kleckhefer Container Corporation. The proposals of the company were accepted by the unions and an agreement signed at 5 p. m., Thursday afternoon, as indicated in a special dispatch to The Beacon published last week.

The proposals of the company agreed to were substantially the same as those outlined in The Beacon last week, and did not provide for the "union shop" demanded by the union leaders which was the principal point of disagreement between the company and the strikers.

Immediately after the agreement was signed Thursday, preparations were made for reopening the New Jersey plant, closed since May 6, and men were called back to work there Friday morning. It was said that both the paper mill and the converting plant there was in full operation today. Shipments of pulp from the local plant to Delair are to be resumed immediately, the barge used between the two points being scheduled to leave Delair Saturday and reach here Tuesday for the first load of pulp consigned to Delair since the strike started. For the past two or three weeks, pulp from the mill here has been shipped to the Eddy Paper Corporation in Michigan.

The local plant has been in part-time operation following its reopening July 24th, but is now getting back into full production since the Delair strike was settled. Only two machines are being used, but they are now on a 7-day basis, officials explaining this was more efficient than using three machines three or four days a week.

It was also stated today that plans and specifications for the additions here were still in the course of preparation, and that construction contracts would be awarded as soon as these are completed.

Town Will Replace Horse-Drawn Trash Wagons With Truck

Suggest Town Licenses Be Sold for Benefit of High School Band

The familiar horse-drawn trash carts which have for years been used in removing debris and garbage from the streets and premises of residents of Plymouth will soon give way to progress, as the town council in session Monday night agreed to replace the faithful animals with a truck.

It was believed by those favoring use of the motor vehicle that the work would be done faster by truck, and that in the long run it might be cheaper for the town.

However, it was pointed out that the truck could not enter many of the yards as could the horses and carts, and it is possible that a new regulation will be passed requiring residents to put their trash and refuse on the streets for removal.

Although the councilmen agreed to purchase a truck from the Plymouth Motor Company, Clerk M. W. Spruill was not sure when the truck would be secured and put into operation.

W. L. Whitley and H. H. McLean appeared before the councilmen and asked for a donation for the Plymouth High School band, suggesting that town license tags be required on automobiles and the profits from the sale of the tags be contributed to the band.

It was decided also that hereafter the regular meetings would be held on the first Monday night as had been the usual custom until a month ago, when it was changed to the second Monday night.

P. Bruce Bateman Given Promotion

A promotion came to P. Bruce Bateman Tuesday of this week, when he took over the Fayetteville territory for the Sinclair Oil Company as special representative. For the past five or six years Mr. Bateman has resided here, in charge of bulk merchandising of products of the company in this territory. He came here from Greensboro.

Mr. Bateman will be succeeded in this territory by L. E. Parkerson, who will make his headquarters in Greenville.

Mr. Bateman will continue to serve as chairman of the Plymouth school committee until after school opens, when it is understood he will offer his resignation.

Mr. Bateman's plans now are to leave an apartment or house and move to Fayetteville before the school there opens so that he can enter his children.

Farmers Preparing Best Tobacco Crop Ever Raised in County for Selling Season, Opening Tuesday

FINE TOBACCO CROPS GENERAL IN COUNTY



Tobacco crops such as that pictured above are the rule rather than the exception in Washington County this year. This picture was taken before harvesting began several weeks ago and is typical of a majority of the 1,600 acres planted in the county this season. Most of the fields are now bare and curing is nearing completion, as farmers make ready to begin marketing, the golden leaf when the markets of this belt open the 1939 selling season next Tuesday.

W. L. Whitley Heads County Delegates at Meeting in Manteo

Southern Albemarle Association To Hear Lieutenant Governor

Vice President W. L. Whitley left here Thursday morning with a delegation of about 35 persons, bound for Manteo, where they will hear Lieutenant Governor Wilkins P. Horton speak to the delegates and visitors in attendance on the fifth annual convention of the Southern Albemarle Association.

Besides hearing speeches by the lieutenant governor, who is considered a probable candidate for governor next year, the delegates from here will hear speeches from persons in their organization and will also hear and see five brass bands parade and play for the large crowd expected.

A ton of fresh fish had been purchased and was being prepared for the crowd, representing the four member counties of Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell and Washington. Many of the delegates will remain over to see "The Lost Colony" drama at night. Several members of the local delegation left here yesterday in order to spend the night and be on hand early for the festivities today.

Formalities of the meeting will begin at 11 o'clock in the Pioneer Theatre in downtown Manteo, where Lieutenant Governor Horton will be presented by Senator Bradford Fearling. Senator W. B. Rodman will be presented by Representative Roy Davis.

Bands will be present from Plymouth, Belhaven, Columbia, and Elizabeth City. Other music will be presented by the Lost Colony chorus. Preparations were made to feed 2,000 persons at the fish fry.

In the afternoon a business session of the association will be held, presided over by C. Wallace Tatem, of Columbia, president, at which time roads and bridges and other civic improvements will be discussed.

Mr. Whitley expressed his opinion before leaving this morning that the local delegation would not feel kindly toward the proposal to unite the Southern Albemarle Association with the Elizabeth City sponsored Greater Albemarle Association, which matter is expected to be discussed during the day.

Aid in Maintenance of Community Road Asked

Residents of Lees Mills Township have petitioned the Washington County Commissioners to urge the State Highway and Public Works Commission for assistance in maintaining the road from the Plymouth-Mackays road at Saints Delight Christian church through the Chesson farm.

The appeal is based on a statute known as the community road act, which provides in certain cases for the highway commission to render assistance in maintenance of community roads.

Man Injured at Creswell Last Week in Hospital

Creswell—Pete Hassell of the Roper section, who was injured last week while engaged in demolishing the old Creswell school building, was removed from his home Friday to Duke hospital by ambulance.

In an examination, Dr. W. H. Harrell found that Mr. Hassell suffered a very serious fracture of the hip and multiple fractures of one arm, both requiring hospitalization.

Early Price Trends Awaited With Air of Hopeful Expectancy

Observers Believe Average Around 20 Cents Should Be Realized

With the finest crop in the history of the county, tobacco farmers of this section were busy this week finishing up the curing of their final pullings and making ready to attend opening sales on various markets in the belt next Tuesday, when the chant of the auctioneers will mark the beginning of another selling season. Reports from all parts of the flue-cured bright tobacco belt were to the effect that everything was in readiness for the opening, with record-breaking first-day sales indicated in many of the towns which have markets.

Much tobacco in Washington County will be graded and prepared for marketing today and will be taken to the warehouses on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The farmers hope that by making deliveries early they will secure a favorable position on the warehouse floors in time for the opening sales Tuesday.

On the eve of the marketing season, there is a renewed interest in all lines of business endeavor, and there is an air of hopeful expectancy prevalent among business men as well as farmers in regard to the price outlook. While no high prices are anticipated, those in touch with the market situation feel that a fair return will be received by the producers, and this, coupled with an exceptionally fine quality of leaf in this county, has given rise to a general wave of optimism throughout the section.

Competent observers who were willing to risk a prediction said that an average price of slightly under 20 cents should be realized on the opening sales. Their estimate was based on an analysis of the crop production this year coupled with prices paid on the Georgia, South Carolina and border markets. It is generally believed farmers will be satisfied if the first-day sales average around 19 cents a pound, but a price below this figure would prove a severe disappointment.

Tobacco marketing towns, including Williamston, Robersonville, Washington, Greenville, Kinston, Rocky Mount, and others, are making a strong bid for Washington County tobacco. The high quality produced this year is intensifying the competition between warehousemen and markets for patronage of farmers in this county, and representatives of the various firms are busy throughout the county, soliciting tobacco for the opening sales.

It was announced that buyers, office forces, bookmen, auctioneers, graders, packers, and the warehouse operators themselves were in readiness today to take care of the large tobacco crop produced in the belt this year. It is expected that many farmers will rush their leaf on the markets as rapidly as possible, which may effect blocked sales and possibly cause lower prices. Careful, orderly marketing is urged by farm leaders in general to offset the inclination to rush tobacco on sale as rapidly as possible.

In connection with the opening of the markets, local business houses are increasing their stocks and making ready on a larger scale than at any time in years to better serve their patrons.

Announce Services for Methodist Church Here

Rev. WADE JOHNSON, Pastor
Hon. H. L. Swain, of Williamston, will be the speaker in the Methodist church of Plymouth Sunday morning. The Rev. Mr. Johnson will preach in Williamston at 11 a. m., and in Ware's Chapel in the afternoon, and in the Christian church at Plymouth at 8 o'clock.

Only About 10 Workers Dropped From WPA Rolls in County by Recent Order

So far only about 10 workers in Washington County have been dropped from the WPA rolls as the result of an order to eliminate 8,000 persons from the rolls in North Carolina who have been working on projects sponsored by the Federal relief agency for as long as 18 months.

It was estimated this week by Delbert Allen, timekeeper in this county, that there are still about 175 persons who are deriving their chief means of livelihood from WPA activities.

Mr. Allen said that it was evident there would be no increase in the quota of workers allowed this county during the next few months, although some had expressed the hope that the quota would be raised by November 1.

It was said there were not so many in Washington County who would come under the provisions of the order requiring dismissal of those who had been on the rolls continuously for 18 months or longer. This provision was made at the recent session of Congress, when the WPA appropriations was considerably reduced in the interest of economy.

Additional workers are being enrolled, it was explained, when vacancies are caused by voluntary resignations or dismissals because of 18 months on the rolls, but Mr. Allen pointed out that the quota designated for the county could not exceed.