

Howard Patrick, of the Skinnerville section, put on display in the Beacon office this week a pair of "Siamese twin" cantaloupes of the Rocky Ford variety.

L. L. Basnight last Thursday entertained law enforcement officers of Washington County at a watermelon feast.

Scattered showers have brought slight relief at intervals, but the heat wave which struck this section about 12 days ago still has its grip.

The only case in recorder's court Tuesday was that of Wilbur Davenport, whose brother, Louis R. Davenport, requested that he be placed under a peace bond of \$300, which was granted.

Chief of Police and Mrs. P. W. Brown and their children, Charles and Peggy, are spending the week at Virginia Beach.

Corporal W. Blount Rodman, Stuart Blow and Bill Thompson will leave Monday for Louisiana and Mississippi with Battery C, a field artillery unit, of Washington, to take part in the National Guard war maneuvers.

Robert Lee Mizelle, of Jamesville, is manager of the new Greene Oil Company service station near Browning's store, which opened last week.

County Agent W. V. Hays joined Dr. J. W. Woods recently in vaccinating hogs during a recent outbreak of cholera in the Skinnerville section.

Man Seriously Injured at Plant Here This Afternoon

Thurman C. Price, 25, a rigger at the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company here, fell about 30 feet from the top of a tank under construction this afternoon at 1:30.

Three Children Bitten by Dogs in Creswell Recently

Creswell.—Three children were bitten by dogs here during the past week, but there was little fear that the animals were affected by rabies, although one was killed and the head sent to veterinarians of the State at Raleigh for examination and the other two are being closely watched.

Facilities for Creswell and Cherry Nearly Completed

Creswell.—Teachers for the Cherry and Creswell schools have been employed with the exception of a science teacher for the Creswell school, according to H. W. Pritchette, of the local committee.

ABC Stores in County Have Earned Net Profit of \$39,996.20 in Three Years

Net profit of the Plymouth and Creswell legal whiskey stores was \$39,996.20 for the three-year period ending June 30, it was learned today from Ernest G. Arps, former chairman of the Washington County Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

This profit was divided as follows: \$2,676.37 was set aside as a reserve for law enforcement, such as paying L. L. Basnight and other officers to eliminate illegal whiskey sellers and manufacturers; \$13,231.89 was paid to the State of North Carolina as taxes; a surplus of \$24,087.94 was created from the profits but \$15,000 of this money has been turned over to the county with the remainder representing stock owned by the ABC stores.

Local P. T. A. Requests Donations of Jars for School Lunch Room Project

Anticipating an increasing demand for free lunches during the school term, the Plymouth Parent-Teacher Association is redoubling its efforts to make available an ample supply of canned vegetables for children in the local schools, it was announced today by Mrs. W. V. Hays, vice president of the association.

Hundreds of jars of food have been prepared and stored for use during the coming term, but a shortage of jars is now threatening the success of the project.

Mrs. Hays is asking those who have glass containers which can be used for preserving food to notify here or to have them ready Friday morning, when the boys of W. S. Moore's class at the Baptist Sunday school will call for them.

The need is urgent, according to Mrs. Hays, who says that a single jar given now may mean that several children will enjoy additional good meals at school during the coming fall and winter term.

Bonner Almost Sure To Succeed Warren

\$2 Tax Rate Here Likely to Remain

Though work in preparing a budget for the Town of Plymouth for the fiscal year of 1940 is moving along rapidly, Clerk M. W. Sprull said today that he doubted if it would be concluded by the time for the regular board meeting next Monday night.

Mayor Campbell said this week that it appeared now that the tax rate of \$2 on the \$100 valuation would be continued another year.

Technicality Likely To Hold Up Bond Election in Creswell

Not Believed Matter Will Be Straightened Out Until Next Month

Discovery of a technical change needed in the plans of a water and sewer system for the Town of Creswell has delayed the referendum to determine whether citizens would approve by popular vote the issuance of bonds by the town for \$25,000 to pay the sponsor's cost of the project, which is sought from the WPA.

Mr. Davenport also said that an application has been made to the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company for permission to run the lines under their tracks in Creswell, and that he did not expect this request would meet with any objection.

It has been estimated that the project would cost \$58,970. The WPA has been asked to provide a grant of \$37,578 and the town, as sponsor, will put up the remaining \$21,392.

Dr. Davenport said it appeared now that it would be about the first of September before the referendum could be called unless the difficulties were removed much faster than he anticipated.

Has Pledges of 12 Out of 14 Members District Committee

Warren To Take Up Duties As Comptroller General On October 1st

Politics of the first congressional district were considerably muddled yesterday by announcement that Representative Lindsay C. Warren had accepted Presidential appointment as Comptroller General of the United States and would enter upon his new duties October 1.

Game Warden J. T. Terry today announced the hunting season dates as prepared at a meeting of the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development at Morehead City early this month.

Legal To Hunt Quail, Rabbit, Turkey and Grouse November 28

Big Crowd Attends Wenona Field Day

Between 1,200 and 1,500 persons were present last Thursday afternoon at the 15th annual farmers' field day held at the Blackland Experiment Station at Wenona, according to J. L. Rea, jr., assistant director in charge, who was here this week.

Dr. Frank Porter Graham, president of the Greater University of North Carolina, spoke at the morning session presided over by R. C. Holland, of Edenton, president of the North Carolina Peanut Cooperative, with Commissioner W. Kerr Scott introducing Dr. Graham.

In the livestock judging contest, J. H. Respass, of Pantego, won first prize of \$5; E. J. Clayton, of Ponzer, second prize of \$3; and Representative W. M. Darden, of Plymouth, third prize of \$2.

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It is also possible that the commissioners and the board of education may hold a brief joint session to consider employing special counsel to defend the title of the county to the property on which the colored school building here is located.

Revival To Begin at Mount Tabor Next Monday Night

The Rev. Luke Weatherington will begin a series of revival services at the Mount Tabor Free Will Baptist church Monday evening, August 5, at 8 o'clock, it was announced by Rev. E. C. Morris, pastor. Services will be held each evening at 8 p. m. throughout the week.

Mrs. M. E. Smithson Died Early Today in Hospital at Norfolk

Funeral Will Be Held at St. David's Church Near Creswell Friday

Creswell.—Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 3 p. m. at St. David's Episcopal church, near here, for Mrs. M. E. Smithson, 81, widow of the late A. L. Smithson, and one of the section's best-known and most-beloved citizens, who died in a Norfolk hospital Thursday morning at 4 o'clock following a minor operation and an illness of two weeks.

A life-long resident of Washington County, Mrs. Smithson was one of the largest landowners in the entire section for years before selling the Belgrade plantation and other property to the Farm Security Administration. Her husband, who died about 10 years ago, was very active in the public life of the county and the town of the Creswell.

The Rev. Wood Gaither, rector of St. David's church, will conduct the last rites tomorrow afternoon. Mrs. Smithson was a member and very active worker in the church for many years.

Mrs. Smithson was married twice and is survived by three sons, one, Dr. James E. Andrews, of Indian Head, Md., by her first husband and two by Mr. Smithson: Sidney C. Smithson, rural carrier, and Clyde Smithson, formerly a member of the Washington County Board of Commissioners, both of Creswell. She also leaves four grandchildren: Betty Andrews, Ammon Smithson, Clyde Smithson, jr., and Pinner Smithson.

Open Season Dates For Game in Section Outlined This Week

Game Warden J. T. Terry today announced the hunting season dates as prepared at a meeting of the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development at Morehead City early this month.

The open season for quail, rabbit, turkey, and ruffed grouse will open on November 28 and close February 15, both dates inclusive. Dates for the season on other animals follow:

Bear: October 1 to January 1, with season open any time in this county if bears are preying on hogs or farm crops of farmers; deer (male), October 1 to January 1; raccoon and opossum (with gun or dogs only), October 1 to February 15; mink, muskrat, opossum and raccoon (trapping), November 1 to February 15; squirrel, October 1 to January 15; Russian bear, October 20 to January 15.

Mr. Terry also calls attention to the fact that while hunting upland game birds, squirrels and rabbits, it is unlawful to use an automatic-loading or hand-operated repeating shotgun unless it has been plugged so that it will not hold more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined. This means that repeating shotguns must be plugged so that not more than two shells may be carried in the magazine.

The warden also said that any persons convicted of buying or selling or offering to buy or sell quail is subject to a fine of not less than \$50 or imprisonment for not more than 60 days, or both, in the discretion of the court. In all cases of convictions under the state game law, the surrender of hunting licenses will be required from the persons convicted.

The possession-limits clause of the game regulations provides: "Game birds and animals lawfully taken and possessed may be transported within the State during the open season and 10 days next succeeding the close of the season."

State combination fishing and hunting licenses have been on sale for several weeks.

Consider County Budget at Meet

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Property With Value of \$100,000 Involved in Proceedings Instituted In Superior Court Here Last Week

Slot Machines Back But Will Be Closely Checked by Officers

Recorder Serves Notice To Operators That Law Must Be Obeyed

With the return of pin-ball machines to places of business in Washington County this week, Recorder John W. Darden in court Tuesday warned operators and distributors of the machines that they must adhere strictly to the law, which provides that the devices may be played for amusement only and that they cannot be used for gambling in any manner.

"Information has come to me," Mr. Darden said, "that though the tubes for pay-off by the machines have been removed, there has been a disposition on the part of some of the operators to pay off in cash 'behind the counter' for winning scores, but if any such operators are brought before this court and convicted, they will be fined \$200 and costs or sent to the roads for six months."

"The court has seen fit to have the machines removed from the county recently," the recorder continued, alluding to the raids made of instructions of Superior Court Judge J. J. Burney early last month when 22 operators and distributors were fined for operating illegal machines, "and I am going to uphold the law regarding these devices."

Sheriff J. K. Reid also said today that he was going to keep a close watch on operators of the pin-ball machines, and would immediately issue warrants for the arrest of those who paid money for winning scores, "behind the counter or otherwise."

The sheriff said that the judges and solicitors were expecting him to enforce the law and that he would make every effort to see that the machines were played for amusement only.

The recorder also said today that instructions had been issued to Sheriff Reid to have destroyed the 21 illegal machines, valued at \$4,000, which were seized in the raid recently.

Colored Boy Drowns While Swimming in River Here Friday

Body of Wade Forbes, 12, Is Recovered by U. S. Coast Guardsmen Saturday

The lifeless body of Wade Forbes, 12-year old colored boy, was taken from the Roanoke River late Saturday afternoon by three coast guardsmen from Elizabeth City who dredged the river with grappling hooks for about 30 minutes. It was reported to Coroner W. H. Peele that the youth leaped into the water from the dock at the rear of Liversmore's store Friday afternoon at 5:30, following a dare from playmates who said he told them he could swim.

A number of other colored boys were in swimming when the lad made the fatal plunge, and George Franklin, aged negro swimmer, heard the child's call for help and leaped into the waters to rescue him but when he reached the spot where the boy had gone down he could not find him.

Coroner Peele said that the boy's hat was thrown into the river in conformity to an old custom to determine where the boy went down, and he was found beneath the surface of the water near where the hat rested.

Coast Guardsmen, with a Mr. Midgett in charge, arrived Sunday morning by boat from Nags Head to aid in the search but they were told that the seaman from Elizabeth City under the direction of Mr. Merritt had been successful in finding the boy.

The victim of the Roanoke was a son of John Forbes, of Greenville, who has been here for only a few weeks, residing at the corner of Fourth and Monroe streets.

Native of County Drowned in Pitt

A native of Washington County, Miss Christine Brickhouse, 19, of Greenville, was drowned in Tar River last week-end while swimming with friends. Funeral services were held at her home in Greenville and the body was brought to this county for interment Tuesday in the Scuppernon church cemetery near Creswell.

Miss Brickhouse was the daughter of J. V. and Mrs. Della Brickhouse. The family moved to Tarboro from here several years and then moved to Greenville about two years ago.

Prices Fluctuate At Liquor Stores

For the second time within a month, the price of legal liquor is fluctuating, in the face of a growing demand for added revenue by government agencies and a renewed cry for cheaper booze by the consumers.

The fluctuations began on July 1, when prices were raised from 10 to 15 cents a pint on account of the national defense tax; now the consumer comes in for a break, with the State ABC board ordering a reduction.

The order coming from state authorities, who fix the price schedule without consulting the county units, will effect reduction in the profit accruing to the counties but has very little effect on the profit pouring into the state treasury.

A new price list, with changes for almost all brands sold by local ABC stores, went into effect today.

Revival Services at Baptist Churches in County Announced

Weekly Series for Three Churches Outlined by Dr. G. A. Martin, Pastor

A series of weekly revival services for the Creswell charge of Baptist churches was announced this week by the pastor, Dr. G. A. Martin, of Creswell, who has secured the services of three leading Baptist ministers in this section to assist him.

The first revival will start at the Creswell Baptist church Sunday night at 8 o'clock, August 4, with the Rev. W. F. Cole, jr., of Tynes, as the speaker. Dr. Martin said that the visiting minister serves a membership of 1,600 and is regarded as one of the best young ministers in the Chowan Baptist Association.

The second meeting begins Sunday night, August 11, at 8 p. m., at the Roper Baptist church, with the Rev. Paul B. Nickens, of the Plymouth church, as the speaker. Dr. Martin says "Mr. Nickens is known and loved by all in the Roper community, where he has preached before, and a great meeting is expected."

The third series of weekly meetings begins Sunday, August 18, at 11 a. m., at the Mount Pleasant Baptist church with Rev. E. L. Wells, pastor of the First Church in Edenton, as the speaker, to deliver his first sermon on Monday night, August 19. Dr. Martin pointed out that Mr. Wells "has done a great work at Edenton, and we consider ourselves fortunate to be able to have such noble service as he will render."

Scuppernon Field Day Well Attended

Several hundred persons gathered at the FSA Scuppernon Farms project, near Creswell, today to hear agricultural leaders and prominent citizens speak during the morning session, enjoy a lunch at noon and attend athletic contests in the afternoon. The Creswell, Columbia and Edenton high school bands were on hand to provide music for the occasion.

A number of exhibits were on display in the community building, and there were booths devoted to historical events, health and women's club work. There was also a parade, most of those attending marching to the music of the bands for about a mile, circling the community grounds.

The Scuppernon Farms project is located in Washington and Tyrrell Counties, extending from the shores of Lake Phelps to about three miles north of Creswell, and containing a total of 11,000 acres, about 6,000 of which are in cultivation by unit and cooperative families.

20,000 Large-Mouth Bass Were Placed In Conaby Creek Near Here Last Week

Fishermen along Conaby Creek should have better luck in a few seasons, as 20,000 fingerling big-mouth bass were turned loose in the stream last week adding to the 20,000 brim put in the water there last year. W. R. Hampton, member of the board of the State Department of Conservation and Development, said today the bass came from the State hatchery operated by the department in Fayetteville.

This supply is not expected to materially offset catches immediately, because it is said the small fish from the hatcheries will not bite the average hook used for fishing in this section.

Heirs of Mrs. Annie L. Owens Request Return of Property

Petitioners Claim Terms of Will and State Law Not Complied With

Filed in Washington County Superior Court here last Friday, a petition for division of property left to her heirs by Annie L. Owens in December, 1909, threatens the title of about 20 defendants named in the action who bought the land formerly owned by the Owens estate and have improved it until its value is now estimated around \$100,000. The petitioners, numbering 25, are all children and grandchildren of Mrs. Annie L. Owens, and the property is located between the town limits and the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad east of Plymouth, comprising one of the most desirable residential sections of the town.

The amount of property involved in the action makes it one of the most important ever brought in superior court here, and present prospects are for a long-drawn-out fight over the real estate, with a number of well-known lawyers engaged in the matter. The petition was filed by Langston, Allen and Taylor, of Goldsboro, while W. L. Whitley, Z. V. Norman, Edward L. Owens, W. M. Darden and S. A. Ward, jr., represent various defendants named in the document. Darden and Ward represent the county board of education, named as one of the defendants due to the local colored school having been built on property formerly belonging to the Owens estate. The defendants are understood to be considering a plan to pool their interests and employ one or two special title experts in addition to the local attorneys already engaged.

The petition requests the court to appoint three commissioners to divide the property into seven equal parts for distribution among the heirs; and it is expected that the ruling of Clerk of the Superior Court C. V. W. Ausbon will be appealed to the superior court and possibly the matter carried to the state supreme court before it is finally settled. It was said by some of the lawyers that the case may never reach a jury, although it is regarded as certain to be hard fought on questions of law by attorneys for both sides.

Claim Division Not Made

The petitioners attach a copy of the will of Mrs. Annie L. Owens, leaving a life estate in the property to her husband, Benjamin F. Owens, and providing for its later division among the following seven children: Henry S. Owens, Claudia Owens Read, Louise L. Owens, Clyde W. Owens, Lucille Owens Murphree, Annie B. Owens Dupree and Mabel Owens.

The petition sets forth that there has never been a division made of the lands but that sometime during January, 1910, a proceeding was instituted in the superior court here purporting, within a period of about 6 or 7 days from its inception, to convey upon H. S. Ward, commissioner, authority to convey and sell the land.

The document alleges that Mr. Ward failed to comply with the state statutes regarding sale of contingent remainders and re-investment of funds obtained from the sale and questions the legality of the instrument dated January 14, 1910, purporting to convey the lands to L. L. Owens and wife, Mary Owens.

The land later came into the possession of Van B. Martin, sr., who converted it into a real estate development known as Fairvale Terrace and sold it in parcels for home sites. Included in the list of purchasers who are now defendants in the action instituted by the Owens heirs is the county board of education, which bought part of the property for the colored school site, and a number of others who built nice homes on that part of it fronting on Main Street at the eastern edge of the town. These people now face the possibility of having to purchase the property all

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