

Grand Jury Submits Report in Superior Court Here Tuesday

Number Observations and Recommendations Are Made by Group

Thirteen of the 18 grand jurors of the Washington County Superior Court for the January term appeared in court here Tuesday morning to render a report that touched on practically every phase of its activity for three days last week. The grand jury did not complete its work last week in time to present its report prior to adjournment of the criminal term. Judge W. C. Harris, of Raleigh, who is presiding, called them back Tuesday morning of this week for their report.

The report made the following observations and recommendations:

"Door to grand jury room be repaired so that it can be closed without use of force. Courthouse steps need sweeping. Recommendations that janitor clean jail from now on, and also that he starts fires so that building will be warm at 8 o'clock in the mornings.

"Agriculture building not kept clean. Fires are not started by janitor in time to have building warm by 8 o'clock when employees start work.

"County home 'clean in every respect.' One inmate said that 'keeper is working herself to death to make things comfortable for inmates.' The keeper is to be appreciated. Front

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Classes for Out-of-School Rural Boys

Classes for the training of out-of-school rural boys in mechanical operation in connection with the national defense program are being organized in schools at Plymouth, Roper and Creswell. It was learned today from Instructor W. S. Moore, of the Plymouth faculty.

At least one course of instruction will be given in each school, with the operation and care of trucks and tractors being taught in Plymouth, wood-working at Roper, and mechanics at Creswell.

Boys wishing to take these courses should see Mr. Moore at Plymouth; Charles H. Floyd, at Roper; and A. H. Tucker, at Creswell. Edison Allen, county mechanic, will assist in the instruction of those taking the auto course at Plymouth.

Courses offered under the program cover the following: (1) operation, care and repair of trucks, tractors and automobiles; (2) metal work, including simple welds, tempering, drilling, shaping and machinery repair; (3) wood-working; and (4) elementary electricity, including operation, care and repair of electrical equipment.

Special Services at Mount Eprew Church for Colored

Rev. A. W. LAMB, Pastor
The Sunday school of the Mount Eprew Baptist church (colored) is observing the completion of 20 years' service by its superintendent, T. L. Wilkins, Sunday, January 19. Sermon by Rev. J. A. Rodgers at 11:30 o'clock and program at 3:30. The superintendents and students of all the Sunday schools in the county are asked to be our guests. The public is also invited to attend. Refreshments will be served after the afternoon program.

A contest is being held for the selection of "Miss Mount Eprew," with the following contestants: Ida L. Bullock, Marie Clark, Jessie Marian Blount, Lillie Clark, Ruby Davenport, Eva Bell Clark, Wessie R. Wilkins, and Winona Hyman. The contest closes Sunday, January 26.

porch needs repair. Outside spigots needed.

"Clerk of court stated that all money he had for minors had been paid to them except in one case and that he was under sufficient bond to cover this amount.

"Six of the 15 justices of the peace in the county had made their reports.

"State prison camp near Creswell in 'perfect condition.'

"Reports on county school buses: No. 11—Not clean inside. No rear light; No. 8—No light on front left side, loose tire rod on right front side; overcrowded with 45 children; No. 17—No stop light; No. 16—No tail light; No. 4—No tail light; No. 7—Second gear worn, and every school bus at Creswell dirty inside; No. 13—No tail light."

OLD ARMY BLANKETS SERVE IN NEW WAR



Middletown, N. Y.—Two blankets that served with the B.E.F. through the last World War with Dr. William J. Hicks of this city are returning to England, to warm six bombed-out children of the Battle of Britain.

Mrs. Hicks and her associates in the Middletown branch of Bundles for Britain have specialized in making sleeping bags from blankets in response to appeals for equipment desperately needed by babies in cold air-raid shelters. Each warm blanket makes three of the snug bags.

Locals Lose Two to Creswell Last Night

The fast-traveling Creswell High School basketball teams continued their victory march here last night, when they defeated the Plymouth School in a double feature, the visiting girls winning, 14 to 9, and the boys, 25 to 11.

Eula Patrick, with 10 points, was the leading scorer for the Creswell lassies, and Louise Nobles, with 5 points, led the locals. Getsinger, with 6 points, was high for the Plymouth boys, and Barber, with 10, paced the visitors.

Line-up for the girls' game: Plymouth: Louise Nobles, Eloise Ange, Gladys Bowen, Grace Nobles, Gertrude Woolard, and Tiny Alexander; Creswell: M. Bateman, Eula Patrick, Iris Spruill, Estelle Ayers, Agnes Collins and Neva Patrick.

Plymouth boys: Elmo Mayo, Alton Mayo, Felton Magee, Duncan Getsinger, Bill Owens, and Roy Manning; Creswell: Billy Bateman, J. C. Gatlin, B. Hatfield, L. Barber, and B. W. Bateman.

EXCHANGE

A "Ram Exchange Day" held for Ashe County sheepmen provided so popular that the breeders have suggested this bartering be made an annual event, says Farm Agent C. J. Rich.

SHORT

Because of dry weather, the soybean crop in Johnston County is not as good this fall as it was in 1939, reports R. M. Holder, assistant farm agent of the State College Extension Service.

Permits Required For Brush-Burning After February 1st

No Charge for Permits, but They Must Be Secured Before Fires Started

Brush-burning permits must be obtained before fire may be lawfully started in woodland areas protected by the State Forest Service in Washington County, in the period between February 1 and June 15. Stuart F. Darden, county forest warden, warned today. The permits do not cost the applicants a single penny. Mr. Darden said, but those who fail to secure them and are convicted of violating this law are subject to a fine of not more than \$50 or imprisonment for a period of not more than 30 days.

The law specifically provides that no person shall fire or ignite any material in woodland areas under the protection of the State Forest Service between the dates mentioned, unless a permit is first obtained from the forest warden or his agent, according to the warden.

Although there have been some changes made in the appointments of deputy wardens throughout the county, Mr. Darden said that there was a deputy in practically every community and those who wish permits may apply to them, at any time.

Joe, Not Sam, Garrett Arrested Last Week

It was inadvertently stated in the Beacon last week that Sam Garrett, colored, was taken into custody in connection with the attempted robbery of the post office. The name should have been Joe Garrett, instead of Sam Garrett. Sam Garrett is a respected employee of the town and had no connection with the attempted robbery at all.

SUPPER SATURDAY NIGHT

There will be a chicken salad and oyster supper Saturday night, served by members of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Christian church.

DISPROVED

Experiments carried on at the Illinois Experiment Station have disproved an old belief among farmers that soybean oil is too laxative for fattening cattle.

Creswell Teachers And Parents Meet

Creswell.—The Creswell Parent-Teacher Association held its regular meeting Thursday evening in the school auditorium.

Mrs. E. S. Woodley, the president, conducted an interesting business session, during which reports were made by committee chairmen on the accomplishments during the past month. Mrs. Mary Armstrong, chairman of the ways and means committee, announced that the organization would sponsor a play in the near future.

The State president's message was read by Mrs. A. S. Holmes. Mrs. Woodley stressed the urgent necessity of conducting a PTA study class here before March 1, in order for the local organization to be in the standard group.

Principal A. T. Brooks made a motion, which carried unanimously, that members of the Creswell PTA write

CARD OF THANKS

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Sunday Program at Grace Church Here

Mr. William B. Daniels, a student at the Virginia Theological Seminary at Alexandria, Va., will conduct the following services Sunday at Grace Episcopal Church: 10 a. m. Church School; worship services at 11 a. m.; Young People's Service League at 7:30 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The vestry of the church will meet at the home of C. E. Ayers on Friday, January 17, at 7:30 p. m. Church officials urged all of the vestrymen to attend as this was one of the first of the year and a very important meeting of the vestrymen.

UNAFFECTED

Despite the European war and the national defense program, living costs in the United States are unlikely to increase by more than 2 to 5 per cent before spring.

Rocky Mount police have registered more than 2,100 bicycles this year.

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DOES FORD PAY GOOD WAGES?

HERE ARE SOME FACTS about Ford Labor. During the year ended November 30th, 1940, the Ford Payroll throughout the United States averaged 113,628 hourly wage earners, not including office employees, students, or executives. They were paid \$185,105,639.12. On this basis, the average annual wage was \$1,629.05.

According to the latest available government figures, the annual average wage of all workers in employment covered by old age insurance law was \$841.00.

If the 45,000,000 workers of this country received the same average wage as Ford employees, they would have had additional wages of more than \$35,000,000,000, thus increasing the national income about 50%. Think what such an increase would mean to the workers of this country and to the American farmer, whose prices are based on the national income.

Wage scales in the Ford Rouge plants are divided into three classifications:

- Unskilled . . . Minimum hiring wage . 75c per hour
- Semi-skilled . . . Minimum hiring wage . 80c per hour
- Skilled . . . Minimum hiring wage . 90c per hour

Higher wages are in consideration of ability and years of service.

Minimum wage scales for unskilled labor at the Rouge plant are the highest in the industry. Top wages for skilled labor compare favorably with, or are higher than, wages in other automobile plants.

Now some facts on Ford labor conditions: Not only are sanitation and other health conditions the best in the industry, but Ford also leads in safety devices for the protection of employees. Proof of this is found in the following com-

parison of compensation insurance costs: The national average rate in automotive manufacturing plants as computed by the National Association of Underwriters is in excess of \$1.50 premium on each \$100 payroll. The Ford cost of workmen's compensation is less than 50c.

This indicates that the chance of injury in a Ford plant is much less than in the average automobile plant.

The Ford Motor Company has no age limit for labor, and in fact deliberately attempts to keep older workers working. The average age of Ford workers at the Rouge and nearby plants is 38.7.

A recent check-up shows that nearly one-half the workers at these Ford plants were 40 or over, falling into these age groups:

- 25,819 between 40 and 50
- 14,731 between 50 and 60
- 3,377 between 60 and 70
- 417 between 70 and 80
- 12 between 80 and 90

In addition to the so-called regular employees, the Ford Motor Company has hired, and now has on the payroll, at the same regular hourly wage, thousands of workers who are blind, crippled or otherwise incapacitated for normal productive work. They are not selected for their ability to build cars or to maintain the plant. They are on the payroll because of Henry Ford's belief that the responsibility of a large company to labor goes beyond the point at which the unfortunate worker can no longer produce profitably.

The above are facts. They are open to anyone who really wants to deal in facts. Anyone who wants to get a job . . . buy a car . . . or place a national defense contract on the basis of fair labor treatment must place Ford at the top of his eligible list.

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