

Democrats To Open County Campaign Early In October

EMINENT ORATORS WILL BE INVITED

Launch Campaign in Town Of
Roper: Rally To Be Held
In Plymouth; Speeches
Slated For Creswell

Faced with what its leaders admit to be one of the greatest fights in the last quarter of a century, Washington County Democrats will open their campaign in the school building at Roper some time during the first of October, it was decided in a meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee that was held here in the courthouse Wednesday with a number of the candidates and others present. Among the speakers mentioned for an invitation to deliver the opening address were J. C. B. Ehringhaus, of Elizabeth City, former Governor Cameron Morrison, of Charlotte, and J. W. Bailey, of Raleigh.

A Democratic rally will be held in Plymouth during the middle of October at which time about fifty hogs will be slaughtered and barbecued in order to feed the immense gathering of the loyal party members that is expected. Clyde Hoey, of Shelby, was mentioned as a possible speaker for this occasion. Also a prominent worker among the women will share the oratorical honors with the speaker on this date. The program will likely consume the most of the day beginning promptly at 11 o'clock in the morning.

Another motion was passed to have a third meeting some time during this month at which time Congressman Lindsay Warren, of Washington, will be the principal speaker. This meeting will be held in Creswell in the school auditorium. A more detailed program of these meetings will be announced at a later date when the arrangements are completed.

Mrs. J. C. Gatlin was named as the head of a series of clubs that will be organized among the women in the county that are members of the party. Her duties are to sponsor the organization and functioning of the clubs until a general meeting is held at which time regular officers will be elected. The leaders of the party think that this will be a great asset to the party in the polling of votes for both the county, state and national ticket.

The cohesion of the party in this campaign is to produce a majority in face of the several factors that are militating against the Democratic strength. The Democratic forces have been somewhat delayed in organizing, however, it is thought, that by the first of the party forces will be for the great political victory for Captain C. E. Lewis, president ever since the county executive committee.

The following were named as members of the Finance Committee: W. B. Davenport, Mrs. O. R. Hatfield, J. C. Gatlin, Miss Gussie Carstarphen, Mrs. Neda Mizelle, C. L. Bailey, Mrs. E. M. Chesson, Miss Eva Allen, Mrs. W. B. Chesson, J. C. Swain, Mrs. Ida Brickhouse, J. L. Rea, Mrs. Van B. Martin, Harry Stell, Mrs. T. L. Bray, H. W. Tarkenton, Mrs. J. Brien Harris, Mrs. W. E. Spruill, Mrs. A. L. Holmes, Mrs. W. L. Furbee, E. L. Owens, H. E. Beam, R. W. Lewis and J. A. Chesson.

The following were named on a committee to make arrangements for the rally day that will be held here some time during next month: L. E. Hassell, R. C. Peacock, Edward S. Blount, J. H. Allen, John Stillman, R. W. Johnson, E. F. Swain, J. W. Spruill, A. L. Holmes, G. L. Everett, Joe White, H. J. Furbee, W. A. Swain, J. L. Rea, J. E. Phelps, E. R. Lewis, W. B. Chesson, G. V. Lewis, and G. C. Phelps.

The committee on arrangements for the rally day program are requested by County Chairman Mizelle to make a list of everything that is donated by any person and turn in the list by September 28 so the county officials will be enabled to ascertain the amount of food that will be furnished for this occasion.

ISSUE WARNING TRAFFIC LAW VIOLATORS

An additional policeman has been added to the local force for duty on Saturdays and on occasions that would cause an increase in traffic in order to more strictly enforce the traffic laws that are in effect here. Speeding, operating cars without the proper lights, parking in unlawful positions on the principal streets of the city, and driving with a cut-out open are the main traffic laws that are being disregarded by motorists.

Sheriff Reid has agreed to join the local force in their campaign against this disregard for law. For two weeks there have been policemen at the principal corners in the city warning the automobilists to desist from disobeying these laws. So, from now on, every one must be informed that the officials have been charged by the city council to arrest those that continue to disregard these laws.

LOCAL NEWS

Mrs. W. B. Chesson of Mackeys was here Wednesday.

J. I. Brewer of Norfolk was here this week visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Jordan were in Washington Sunday visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Winslow and child of Washington were here Sunday visiting Mrs. Fannie Ayers.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Outten of Norfolk were here last week visiting Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Stubbs.

Rev. and Mrs. Theodore Partrick of Scotland Neck were here during the week end visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Beasley and Miss Bell Fagan spent Sunday in Morehead City.

Mrs. W. S. Swain of Durham is spending some time here with Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Satterthwaite on Jefferson street.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Burgess motored to Washington Sunday where they spent the day with relatives and friends.

Miss Mavis Thigpen, G. H. Hale, and son, Charlie, of Weldon were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Johnston on Main street.

Mrs. A. W. Dissosway and little Miss Evelyn Arps and Mrs. Nona Newman were in Columbia Sunday visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Robbins and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ainsley motored to Washington Sunday where they visited friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Allie Allen and Miss Mabel Tarkenton and Herman Owens were in Rocky Mount during the week end as the guests of friends.

ALMO THEATRE TONIGHT

Mary Pickford
IN
"Sparrows"
M. G. M. NEWS

Saturday Night

Tim McCoy
IN
Riders Of The Dark
ALSO
Fifth Episode of Serial
The House Without A
Key

INK WELL IMPS

Monday Night Only
Clara Bow
IN
"Get Your Man"

STUDENTS ARE LEAVING FOR SCHOOLS

Summer vacation is over; festive scenes and gay occasions give way to the desire for knowledge as the exodus back to school begins. Vacation activities are now dispensed with as about twenty young people from this immediate vicinity depart for preparatory schools, universities and colleges. A few of those that attended schools out of the city last year will not return for various reasons. About seven graduates of the local school last year will join the number that will enter higher institutions of learning this session.

Athletes that were stellar players on the local baseball and football teams will enjoy a try out on the various college teams. Days and weeks of intensive training confronts the aspiring players that left the home team in good condition last year, before they will be in a condition to even play on second teams in the various colleges after a summer of pleasure and inactivity.

There is hardly a city of the same amount of population in the State that will be affected more by the comings and goings of the students than Plymouth. Of course, those that leave here will enter schools of advanced learning, while on the other hand, many strange students will be observed on the streets and in the schools here, as four trucks daily bring the pupils in from the various sections of the county. Some may come to this school from other small towns.

As the daily arrival of these new pupils is noted, so is the departure of members of the local young set who have been entering school since the first of September and will continue leaving for the various schools until next month. Those that were students last year and will remain behind this year to continue their respective duties in their chosen vocation will also be noticed as they are seen at the few entertainments and meetings that will feature the fall season.

Leave for Schools

Among those leaving for school who will attend State College, at Raleigh, are: James Wood and Gordon Norman, Dale and Joe Tucker, Tetterton, Jack Swain, Martin Darden, George Darden and Harry Gurdin. Vance Ayers goes to the University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill. Bennett Stephenson and Russell Harrison return to Duke University, at Durham. Lloyd Owens enters Davidson College, as freshman. Clyde Cahoon goes to the College of William and Mary, at Williamsburg, Va. Miss Edna Earl Nurney will re-enter the East Carolina Teachers College, at Greenville. Miss Louise Stephenson returns to Pineland College, at Salem, for a second term. Misses Minnie Gordon Cahoon and Ethel Spruill go to the North Carolina College for Women, at Greensboro. Misses Carolyn and Louise Brinkley and Margaret Ross Walker are to attend Salem College, at Winston-Salem. Sydney A. Ward will attend the Augusta Military Academy, at Fort Defiance, Va., for the second term.

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ENTERTAINS SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Miss Eva White entertained the Rebooth Sunday School classes on the lawn of her home in the Skinnerville section last Wednesday evening celebrating her birthday. The home was decorated with bouquets of zinnias. Tables arranged on the lawns for desks for school children were ornamented with cut flowers and Japanese lanterns. Gandy was served by a number of little boys and girls. Punch was served by several young ladies. Mrs. Walter White and Mrs. S. A. Holton won prizes in a flower-guessing contest.

The feature entertainment of the evening was a game of playing school with Miss White as the teacher. When the bell sounded the children assembled for lessons in desks on the lawn. During this time many interesting contests were enjoyed. Cake and ice cream were served. A large beautiful birthday cake was prominently arranged on a table during the serving.

FUNERAL HELD TUESDAY FOR J. E. BLOUNT

Funeral services were held at his home in the Mackeys section Tuesday afternoon for James E. Blount, who died some time Monday after an illness that lasted for several months.

EXPENDITURES ON SCHOOLS COMPARED

Expenditures for the public schools in Washington county for the session of 1926-27 was \$76,925.64, it was learned yesterday from statistics compiled in the office of A. T. Allen, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, at Raleigh. This was \$91,435.44 less than the expenditures for the Martin county school system; \$7,967.58 less than the expenditures for the schools in Hyde county; and \$3,642.57 more than the expenditures for the school system in Tyrrell county during this same session.

The figures given in the foregoing paragraph represents the total expenditures including the current expense items and the capital outlay. The current expense items includes the salaries of the teachers, principals, superintendents, and all the paid employees of the county school system, and in addition, the fuel, school supplies, rent, insurance, and the operation of a large number of trucks to transport the pupils.

The capital outlay for Washington county during this same session amounted to \$2,842.05 for the schools. This total included all payments on new buildings and sites, additions to old buildings, equipment, trucks and library equipment for some of the high schools. This fund will be greatly augmented this year as there has been provided by the school officials better and more comfortable transportation facilities, and more adequate equipments for the various schools.

During this same session there was a total enrollment in the thirty schools in this county that amounted to about 2,418. This year it has exceeded the 2,500 enrollment mark that was first predicted for the current season. This makes this county rank twenty-second in the expense of the various school systems in the hundred counties in the State. Hyde county had an enrollment during the 1926-27 session of 2,530; Tyrrell county had about 1,523 enrolled; and Martin county had a total enrollment of 6,212.

The annual expenditure for each pupil for the 1926-27 session was \$31.81 in Washington county. This will show an increase this year for the simple reason that it will be accompanied by an increase in attendance. The annual current expense for each child was \$30.64.

From all the facts that are presented in the statistics it is revealed that the increased expenditure that will be made this year in Washington county will be accompanied by increased enrollment and attendance, longer school term, better prepared teachers, a larger program of activities, a more modern school plant, and, greatest of all, it shows an increased interest of the people in the education of their children.

Funeral Wednesday For Lawrence McNair

Funeral services were conducted at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McNair, on Washington Street, Wednesday morning for Lawrence McNair, 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McNair, who died some time Monday as the result of complications of diseases that was caused by injuries sustained when the child fell on a pair of scissors causing them to enter his nose. The Rev. J. R. Everett, of the Baptist Church, officiated. Friends contributed a beautiful floral offering. Interment was made in the Windley cemetery near here.

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Two Killed In Auto Collision Near Here Monday Afternoon

U. D. C. CHAPTER ORGANIZED HERE

A local chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy was organized in the courthouse here Wednesday with about twenty members present at the first meeting expressing their desire to join. It is expected that the charter membership will be greatly increased at the called meeting which will be held at the courthouse next Tuesday afternoon. This will be the last chance for those that desire to become charter members to file their applications. Other may join at any time.

The chapter will be named at the meeting next Tuesday. In the meantime a committee was appointed to confer with Miss Gussie Carstarphen, Washington county historian, and receive recommendations as to a suitable name for the chapter. It is thought that it will be named after some prominent person that was in Washington County during the Civil War.

A motion was entertained and passed naming the first Wednesday in each month as the time for the regular meetings. The first of these will be held in October. Rev. N. H. Harrison, a Confederate veteran of near here, will be asked to sign the applications and the documents to make the application for a charter more historic.

The following officers were elected: Mrs. B. A. Sumner, president; Mrs. W. B. Chesson, first vice president; Mrs. A. L. Alexander, second vice president; Mrs. J. W. Norman, secretary; Mrs. B. G. Campbell, recording secretary; Mrs. H. S. Midgette, treasurer; Miss Gussie Carstarphen, historian; and Miss Louise Ayers, registrar.

Entertains At Birthday Dinner

A surprise birthday dinner was given to Charlie T. Robbins at his home on Main Street last Thursday at noon by his family, celebrating his thirty-first anniversary. Those at the table in addition to Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Robbins were Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Robbins, of Westover, Mr. and Mrs. George Trimble, of Jacksonville, Fla., Mrs. Tom Ayers, of Jacksonville, Fla., and Misses Miriam and Blanche Robbins, of this place.

Funeral Today For W. H. Tarkenton

Funeral services will be conducted at his residence near Roper at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon, for William Henry Tarkenton, 72 years old, who died at his home yesterday as the result of a violent attack of a chronic disease, which assailed him while attending the funeral of C. Frank McNair Wednesday.

Interment will be at the family cemetery near his home. Rev. N. G. Duncan, of Creswell, will officiate.

Although born in Tyrrell county, Mr. Tarkenton has been a resident of Washington County for more than 40 years.

In early life he became interested in politics and served his people for several years as constable and deputy sheriff.

He is survived by a widow, one son, Henry Tarkenton, two daughters, Mrs. Pete Phelps and Miss Elsie Tarkenton, and one brother, Asa Tarkenton, all of near Roper.

To Dedicate Tablet Next Week

The North Carolina division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will sponsor the dedication of a memorial fence and tablet around the grave of General James Johnston Pettigrew, on the Bon Arva Plantation, in Tyrrell County, Thursday morning, September 27, at 11 o'clock, according to news received here from Mrs. Alfred Williams, chairman of the committee, and Mrs. Walter F. Woodard, president of the organization.

Everybody is urged to attend and bring a lunch as a basket picnic dinner will be enjoyed after the speaking and the dedication ceremonies. Those wishing to attend should drive to Creswell and be directed to the scene of the ceremonies from this town.

A THIRD PERSON IS RECOVERING

Accident Occurred On No 90
Highway Near Bateman's
Store. Ford Damaged
Chevrolet Destroyed

Two were killed and a third person was seriously injured in a collision between a Chevrolet coach and a Ford roadster in front of a store owned by Herbert Bateman about two miles west of here on highway No. 90 late Monday afternoon, making the fourth wreck that has occurred on this road during the last few days.

The dead are: C. Frank McNair, prominent Washington county farmer, who was driving the Chevrolet; and a Negro named Cordon, of Martin county, who was an occupant of the Ford. The injured is: Willis Pierce, a Martin county Negro, who was operating the Ford. Attending physicians entertain a hope for his speedy recovery as most of his injuries were external.

The Ford roadster was moving along the road at about thirty miles an hour headed west from Plymouth when the Chevrolet came around the bend at a slow speed toward Plymouth. Just as the car driven by Mr. McNair turned the curve, Pierce said he thought the driver was going to turn the car into a side road, however, at a second glance he saw that the driver was trying to right his vehicle in the road again and before he could stop his fastly moving Ford the cars collided.

Both automobiles were badly damaged. The entire front end of the Ford was smashed back into the frame, while the Chevrolet was knocked against an embankment at the side of the road where it was fired from a blaze that completely demolished it. The Ford was turned entirely around in the road by the impact with the front headed toward Plymouth.

Funeral services were held at his home Wednesday afternoon with the Rev. N. H. Harrison, minister of the Moratock Primitive Baptist Church, officiating. Interment was made in the Windley cemetery. A large crowd attended the funeral where they paid their last tribute to this native of Washington county. He was a member of the Primitive Baptist denomination.

No casualties resulted in the other three wrecks that occurred during the week in this vicinity. An automobile operated by Herman Ambrose crashed into a car driven by an unknown Negro. Occupants of both cars received minor injuries. Both cars were damaged. The other accident occurred when an automobile driven by another party collided with a car driven by M. W. Norman during the week end.

CAPTURES DOE ON STREETS OF PLYMOUTH

A doe was captured here near the Norfolk-Southern Railroad station on Tuesday night, by R. W. Stubbs, who turned the young deer over to Game Warden Harry Stell for disposition. It is thought that the rough weather and the heavy rainfall caused the doe to leave its favorite haunts in the forest near the National Handle Co., and come into town seeking shelter or protection from the weather.

Sports To Enter Limelight

Sports will claim the attention of athletes of the Plymouth public schools in addition to their literary studies as soon as the weather permits, stated Prof. L. H. Moore, superintendent of city schools and athletic director. Four times already the boys have been trying out on the gridiron for membership on the football squad. Professor Hubble is of the opinion that the boys are making a good show at the beginning of the season after a summer of practical idleness. A game has been scheduled for two weeks hence.