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## DECIDE AGAINST CO-OP PLAN FOR CURRENT SEASON

### Tobacco Growers of County Believe It Too Late To Start This Year

Attendance at the meeting held in the courthouse here last Friday morning for tobacco growers of Washington County was very poor, but the 15 or 20 who did attend laid plans for carrying on an educational and sign-up campaign during the next several months. It was almost the unanimous opinion of the farmers present that no organization could be perfected this late in the season to take care of any of the 1930 crop, but there were favorable expressions for the formation of a cooperative association to handle the crop next year, and it is believed that a majority of the tobacco grown in the county can be signed if an active campaign is waged.

L. A. Hassell, of Plymouth, was made secretary, and J. H. Leggett, and J. T. McAlister, of Plymouth, and C. E. Mizelle, of Roper, were named as a committee to secure signatures to the contracts. Practically all of the farmers present at the meeting stated that they would sign for the next year, but most of them had sold practically all of their 1930 crop and did not think it would be worth while to sign up for the unsold portion.

The contract itself was brought up and discussed, most of the growers being favorably impressed with it. The withdrawal clause is believed to have solved one of the main problems in securing signatures, as under this provision any member of the association who becomes dissatisfied can resign from the association during the month of April each year without any penalty. Heretofore, contracts have been for a period of three or five years, and no provision was made for withdrawal for any cause.

It is considered probable that township educational meetings will be held within the next few weeks, although County Agent R. E. Dunning stated Monday that plans were not yet complete along this line. The committee appointed at the meeting last Saturday has a number of the blank contracts, and whether or not an educational campaign will be staged depends largely on the reception given them by the tobacco growers' signatures, the county agent stated that there would be no necessity for the township meetings.

## TO BUILD NEW GARAGE HERE

### T. A. Stubbs Begins Work On New Building for Central Garage

Work was started this week upon a new garage building for the Central Garage, of which Mr. T. A. Stubbs is proprietor. Brick have been put on the lot, which adjoins the courthouse property, and a number of workmen are busy excavating for the foundations. The structure, when completed, will be 99 by 45 feet, and is conveniently arranged for the character of business to be conducted in it.

Mr. Stubbs said yesterday that in addition to general repair and tire business, a modern service station will be operated when the new quarters are completed. According to present plans, the new building will be ready for occupancy about the first of December.

Mr. Stubbs has been in the garage business here since 1918, and has built up a reputation for maintaining an excellent repair shop for all makes of automobiles. He is also local distributor of the well-known Goodyear tires, and when the firm gets in the quarters now under construction, a more complete stock of accessories, tires, and automobile supplies will be carried.

## Home Agent's Schedule For Week Is Announced

Miss Pratt Covington, county home demonstration agent, yesterday announced her schedule for next week, as follows:

Monday, Jackson; Tuesday, called to Woodland, N. C., to judge Roanoke-Chowan Fair; Wednesday, Swain; Thursday, Creswell; Friday, federation meeting at Creswell; and Saturday, carb market, opening at 8:30.

Th home agent also announced that the Pleasant Grove club meeting scheduled for October 21st had been changed to Monday, November 3rd.

## Superior Court To Be in Session Here Next Week

The session of superior court, which begins here next Monday morning, is not expected to attract very much attention, and little interest has been manifested in the coming term so far. The session is for the trial of civil cases only, and lasts but one week. Judge E. H. Cranmer, of Southport, will preside.

## Number Fire Hazards Are Reduced During Past Week

### Inspections Made by Firemen Friday Show Conditions Generally Are Very Good; Fire Drills At Local Schools Set Up New Records

Members of the local fire department brought their observance of fire prevention week to a close last Friday by inspecting the premises of business establishments throughout the town to see that all trash had been removed and fire hazards reduced as much as possible. Chief L. W. Gurkin said this week that there were very few places reported for failure to clean up and that he considered the week had been very successful in Plymouth.

While making their rounds Friday, the fire company members also looked over the condition of flues, and it was said that most of them were found to be in good condition, although repairs were recommended in a few instances.

The fire department officials also supervised the fire drills in the city schools Thursday morning at 11 o'clock, when previous low marks for emptying the buildings were eclipsed, and new records made. Mr. Riddle said that the white high school building with around 450 students, was cleared in 45 seconds; the 200 or more grammar grade pupils, housed in the old Hampton Academy, filed out in 40 seconds; while the colored school building was emptied of around 450 children in 43 seconds. The time for clearing school buildings here is believed to constitute a record, as reports of drills in other schools usually indicate that a much longer time is required.

## New Ballot System In General Election

### Pour Water Into Well So Man Could Work

Had it not been for the light showers yesterday, there's no telling what type of stories or how many would have resulted from the drought. Here's one of the unusual type coming from Edgemcomb.

Over in that county, the earth was so dry that workmen found it necessary to haul water and pour it into a well to keep down the dust so man could work on its bottom without being stifled by dust.

## A. J. RIDDLE TO BUILD MODERN ICE PLANT HERE

### To Be Ready for Operation Early Next Year; Work On Building Started

A. J. Riddle announced this week that he had definitely decided to go into the ice business in Plymouth, and that construction work on a building for the plant would begin next week. Materials for the building were being placed on the lot this week. The plant will be located on a lot adjoining the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad on Adams Street.

Mr. Riddle, who is a constructing engineer, came to Plymouth in June, 1929, and was in charge of the rebuilding of the old Wilts Veneer plant after it had been secured by the Chicago Mill and Lumber Corporation. He has had considerable experience in the construction and installation of machinery in ice plants, and stated that the one he is building here would be modern in every respect.

Equipment for the plant has been ordered, and while Mr. Riddle does not plan to begin business until early next year, he stated that work would go forward on the new enterprise immediately. It is thought that the erection of the building, which is to be of brick construction, with a concrete foundation, will be completed by the end of the year.

## B. G. Campbell To Begin Moving Stock Next Week

B. G. Campbell, local wholesale grocer, will begin moving his stock into the new building recently erected for him on Water Street next week, he stated yesterday. Mr. Campbell said that it would take at least 10 days to complete the moving operations and get everything installed in the new structure. The new location will give the firm considerably more storage space than it now has, and more complete stocks will be carried, Mr. Campbell said.

## Town Clerk Invents Shoe-Shining Machine

Patent applied for license has been secured for the manufacture and marketing of an electric shoe shine machine, which is the recent invention of M. W. Spruill, city clerk of Plymouth. The machine operates on the automatic vending principle, cleaning and polishing one shoe at the time, and the mechanical arrangement is such that every part of the shoe, from the sole to the top, receives equal attention. A special shoe dressing has been prepared for use in the machine which gives the same results to both black and tan leathers. Mr. Spruill is now negotiating with several manufacturers who are considering the production of his invention.

## METHODISTS TO BEGIN REVIVAL HERE SUNDAY

### Rev. J. M. Ormond, of Duke University, To Be Preacher

Rev. J. M. Ormond, a professor in the School of Religion at Duke University, of Durham, will begin a series of services at the local Methodist church next Sunday morning, October 19. The meeting will continue through the following Sunday, October 26, with services being held each night at 7:30 in addition to the morning services at 11 each Sunday.

Rev. R. G. L. Edwards, pastor of the church, in announcing the series of services, stated yesterday that Rev. Mr. Ormond was looked upon as one of the foremost ministers of the denomination in the State. Before going to Duke University he was professor of rural sociology at the Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. He is a graduate of old Trinity College, predecessor of the present Duke University, and also received a degree at Vanderbilt University. He is a native North Carolinian, having been born and reared in Green county, and is a kinsman of Rev. Edwards.

The local pastor stated yesterday that the members of the local church felt that they were very fortunate in securing a man of the caliber of Rev. Ormond to conduct their revival this year, and it is expected that much interest will be displayed in the services. A cordial welcome is extended to people of all denominations to attend, the purpose of the series being to create a higher spiritual life among all the people of the community. Special music is being arranged by the choir for the revival, and it is expected that a number of talented singers from other congregations will assist in the song services.

Rev. Mr. Ormond is not a stranger in this section, as he served as pastor of the church at Hertford at one time, going from there to First Church at Elizabeth City, where he was instrumental in having the large church building constructed.

## MASONS HAVE GOOD MEETING

### Perseverance Lodge Scene Of Large Gathering Tuesday Night

Perseverance Lodge No. 59, A. F. & A. M., was host to a large gathering of Masons here Tuesday night, a large number attending the meeting from surrounding counties. Members of the New Bern Lodge were here in large numbers and staged an interesting program during the evening, several of the visitors making addresses and one of them furnishing several violin selections.

There was a large delegation present from the Windsor lodge, including most of the officers. Following the meeting in the lodge rooms, the crowd adjourned to the courthouse where refreshments were furnished by the New Bern Masons. Oysters, pickles, crackers and coffee were enjoyed by the members of the order.

Speakers for the occasion included C. A. Seifert, J. W. Overman, Elmer Prunier, and Garrison Farrar, of New Bern; R. E. Tarkington and S. E. Phelps, of Windsor; and Zeb Vance Norman, of Plymouth. Mr. Prunier, of New Bern, also furnished the violin music for the occasion, which was thoroughly enjoyed by those attending.

## Hallow'e'n Party 31st For Benefit of Church

A Hallow'e'n party will be given in the basement of the courthouse here Friday night, October 31, for the benefit of the local Episcopal church. A small admission fee will be charged, and all the children of the town are invited to attend. Games will be played, fortunes told, and there will be plenty of ghosts and witches on hand to make things interesting for the children.

## Town Council Scheduled To Hold Meet Tonight

The town council is scheduled to hold its regular meeting tonight at the municipal building. The council did not hold a meeting the last time one was scheduled, and a number of matters have accumulated, which will probably be taken up at the meeting tonight.

## Mrs. Ida Brickhouse Died Early Thursday Morning

Mrs. Ida Brickhouse died at her home near Mackeys early Thursday morning. She had been ill for several weeks, and her condition gradually grew worse until her death. At the time of going to press funeral arrangements had not been announced. A more complete article will be carried next week.

## Bailey Will Fire Opening Gun Of Campaign Here Next Week

### PRIZE WINNERS FOR PAST THREE YEARS



The above photograph is of the Creswell Women's Club, which for three successive years has won the cup at the federation meetings for the most outstanding work by a club during the year. This club has grown from about 20 members to 32 in the last year and a half. Mrs. Roy Hopkins is president and Mrs. Tom Holmes is secretary.

## Large Gathering of County Club Women Are Expected At Federation Next Friday

### SESSION WILL BE HELD AT SCHOOL HOUSE CRESWELL

### Interesting Program Has Been Prepared for Meeting

Members of the 16 women's home demonstration clubs in Washington County are looking forward to the federation meeting to be held in the Creswell High School auditorium Friday of next week, October 24th. The sessions will begin at 2:30 in the afternoon and over 400 women of the county are expected to be present when the meeting is called to order. The members of Creswell, Allemarie, Cherry and Suppernoon clubs will be joint hostesses to the large crowd of visitors expected.

Besides a number of addresses that are to be delivered at the gathering, unusual interest is being manifested in the reports of the various clubs of the county and in the awarding of a number of prizes. Certificates of merit in food will also be given to those winning them by Miss Pauline Smith, district agent, of Washington.

The cup, presented by the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, for the club reporting the most outstanding work during the past year will be awarded at this meeting, and is probably the most coveted trophy offered. The Creswell club has won this cup for the past three consecutive years, and it is expected that members of that club will make a strong bid for it again this year, but there are a number of other clubs that have prepared excellent reports and the announcement of the winner is being awaited with interest.

There are also a number of other prizes to be presented, and the winner of the garden contest will be announced at the meeting. The report on the curb market will be made by Mrs. W. H. Harrison, and it is believed that the first year's operation of the market will show gross sales of \$7,000 or more. Miss Covington, county home demonstration agent, and Miss Pauline Smith, the district agent, will outline some of the work that is to be taken up by the clubs during the coming year.

Miss Covington yesterday announced that the following program had been prepared for the meeting on the 24th:

Invocation.  
Song, "America," entire group.  
The club pledge, all club members.

## Bankrupt Stock of T. C. Burgess Sold At Auction

The bankrupt stock of T. C. Burgess, of this place was sold at public auction in the store here Wednesday by Justice of the Peace W. F. Ausbon, acting for Marshall C. Staton, referee in bankruptcy. Nelson and Adler were the buyers, their bid of \$901 being the highest made for the stock, which was appraised at \$5,511 in the inventory.

Showcases, furniture and fixtures were included in the sale, which attracted considerable attention, a number of bidders being on hand when the auctioneer began his chant. It is not yet known whether or not the stock will be disposed of here or moved to some other location. The sale is subject to confirmation or rejection by the referee.

## Peanut Growers Will Meet Tuesday Night

A meeting will be held in Roper next Tuesday night, October 21, in the interest of forming a county cooperative peanut marketing association along the line of the one recently organized in Chowan County. The meeting will be held in the school building at 7:30. Growers in the county are urged to attend and hear details of the plan. The association, as formed in Chowan County, is purely a county unit, and is not connected in any way with any other organization.

## AGRICULTURAL CLASS ENROLLS THIRTY PUPILS

### Much Interest Shown in New Department at Creswell

Mr. C. H. Rabon, teacher of vocational agriculture at Creswell High School, was in town Saturday, and stated that his class there had gotten off to an excellent start on the year's work. Thirty students have been enrolled in the department, with several others expected to join, and much interest is being shown in the projects outlined for the term.

This is the first year that the Creswell school has had an agricultural department, and the work so far has been principally perfection of the organization. The main enterprises that have been stressed are care of dairy cattle and poultry and production of corn. Mr. Rabon stated that the boys had entered upon their work enthusiastically, and that he was looking for a very successful year's work.

The organization of a Young Tar Heel Farmers' Club was perfected last week, with the entire agricultural class enrolled. The following officers were elected: Lancelot Davenport, president; Bill Woodley, treasurer; Eston Brickhouse, secretary; Ira Alligood, reporter; and C. H. Rabon, advisor. A meeting will be held this week to complete the selection of committees and departments of the club, and it is expected that the first program to be given by the club will be staged Friday afternoon.

The patrons of the school are cordially invited by Mr. Rabon to visit the class and observe the progress being made, and the general public is particularly invited to attend the programs to be given by the Young Tar Heel Farmers' Clubs.

## Few People Registering; Books To Close Saturday

Few people have taken advantage of the fact that the registration books of the county have been open during the past two weeks. Several of the registrars reported this week that they had not added a single name to the books, and it is not expected that there will be any great rush during the rest of the week. The books will close Saturday afternoon, and all those who are not registered and who wish to vote in the general election November 4th will have to see their precinct registrar before the closing time. It is not necessary for any one to register who has voted in previous elections.

## DEMOCRATS ARE MAKING ACTIVE DRIVE FOR VOTES

### Candidates To Speak At Several Places in County Before Election

Washington County Democrats have begun in earnest their campaign for votes in the general election on November 4th. Candidates and party workers have been busy this week getting around to see the people in the various sections of the county and every effort will be made to get out the full Democratic strength on election day.

Starting off with Josiah William Bailey, Democratic nominee for United States Senator, who speaks in Plymouth Friday night of next week, the Democrats will begin an active speaking campaign throughout the county. Mr. Bailey's speech is expected to draw one of the largest crowds here ever to attend a political speaking in the county, and the courthouse will be taxed to its capacity to hold those planning to attend, according to those in charge of arrangements for the occasion.

Mr. Bailey is recognized as one of the leading orators in the South, and enthusiasm has mounted high for the Democratic party throughout the sections where he has been this fall. Party officials here are looking forward to his address here with a great deal of interest, and large numbers are expected to attend from the surrounding counties.

Judge Zeb Vance Norman, who is a candidate for member of the state house of representatives, announced yesterday that all of the Democratic county candidates would be at the schoolhouse in Cherry on Monday night, October 27, to meet the people of the community. Several short talks will be made by the various candidates and all of the people of the section are urged to be present.

The candidates will hold their next meeting in the schoolhouse at Weldon on Wednesday night, October 29th, where the program will be about the same as that planned for Cherry, and it is expected that a large number of the Democrats of that section will turn out for the gathering.

On Friday night, October 31, (Continued on the back page)

## RAIN MONDAY IS AID TO GARDENS

### Came Too Late To Be of Benefit To General Run Of Field Crops

Rain—an unknown quantity in this section for many weeks—fell in the county early Monday morning, thus bringing to a close one of the longest dry spells in the memory of the oldest inhabitants. The showers continued intermittently throughout the day and the early part of Tuesday, and while they came too late to be of very much benefit to the general run of farm crops, gardens and winter cover crops were helped considerably. Dusty roads were also considerably improved by the rain.

County Agent R. E. Dunning said yesterday that early cover crops in many instances were complete failures due to the lack of moisture, and that a number of farmers were going to plow up the seed previously planted and try again since the showers fell this week.

## J. B. McNair Goes Back Into Electrical Business

J. B. McNair recently received his state license as electrical contractor and has gone back into this business at his home here. Mr. McNair did this type of work here for 12 or 14 years, leaving his business two years to go with the Chicago Mill and Lumber Corporation where he was employed until he received his license to go back into electrical work. He has complete equipment for wiring, both for light and power, and his years of experience is expected to bring him considerable work in this section.

## Revival At Jamesville Church Closed Sunday

The revival services held at the Methodist Church in Jamesville during the past week were brought to a close last Sunday night by Rev. R. G. L. Edwards, the pastor. Mr. Edwards stated that much interest was shown in the meeting, both by members and non-members of the church, and that it was considered a series of services well worth while by the people of the community.