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County Club Women To Gather Here Next Week

PROGRAM FULL OF INTEREST IS BEING PLANNED

Prof. R. H. Wright, of E. C. T. C., Will Be Main Speaker

The Washington County Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs will hold its annual convention at Plymouth on Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, May 1, it was announced here yesterday by Miss Pratt Covington, Home Demonstration Agent.

Interesting exercises will be given just prior to the crowning of the "Queen of Health," Miss Margaret Everett, who recently won this honor in the county elimination contest.

Mr. R. H. Wright, president of the East Carolina Teachers' College, has been slated for an address following the exercises.

The Silver Trophy cup will be given to the club having the best attendance, and two hundred certificates of award will be presented to the club members meeting the requirements in foods work for the past two years.

The Wenona, Alba, Chapel Hill, and Hoke clubs will be point hostesses. Mrs. George Bowen is chairman of the entertainment committee. Mrs. W. H. Harrison is president of the Federation, Mrs. W. B. Chesson secretary, and Mrs. R. C. Hennon vice-president, and Mrs. Frank Wilson secretary.

Miss Covington is especially urging every club member to attend this meeting and each member is also urged to bring their men folks. It is understood that a good number of the club members' husbands want to come, but don't know just what to do about it. Therefore, they are all invited to be present.

It is also expected that a large number of local citizens will attend this meeting.

MRS. LENNIE E. HOLTON DIES

Funeral Held from Home in Scuppernon Section Wednesday

Funeral services for Mrs. Lennie E. Holton, 74 years of age, who died at her home in the Scuppernon community Tuesday, April 14, following a prolonged illness, were conducted from the home Wednesday. Due to the absence of the deceased's pastor, Rev. E. O. Stoner, pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church, officiated.

The funeral was largely attended and the floral offerings were very beautiful. Mrs. Holton suffered a stroke of paralysis two years ago, from which she never fully recovered. About a month ago she was taken to her bed, and continued to grow steadily worse until the end came. She was the daughter of the late Alfred and Nancy Hubble Blount, of Washington County, who lived near Roper.

She was a member of the Episcopal church at Creswell and had lived a consistent Christian life, being especially liberal in donating to worthy causes of her church. She was twice married, first to Ebenezer Dunston, in 1885, from which union one child survives, Edward Dunston, now of Washington, D. C. In 1892 she was married to Mr. Tobe Holton, and to this union were born three children, Frank Holton, of Raleigh, Herbert and Dewitt.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Holton is survived by four children, two brothers, Will Blount, of Roper, and Henry Blount, of Plymouth; three sisters, eight grandchildren and several other near relatives.

Interment was made in the Blount family cemetery.

Mary Elizabeth Bray Has Birthday Party

Miss Mary Elizabeth Bray was a charming hostess Tuesday afternoon when she entertained a number of her little friends at a party celebrating her ninth birthday.

After all the little folks arrived they showered the hostess with many pretty gifts. They were then invited out on the back lawn, where they played a number of outdoor games.

After an hour's play, the guests were served delicious green and white ice cream with cake iced in green. As favors each guest received a fancy bag of candy.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of thanking our many friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy shown us during the illness and death of our wife and mother, Mrs. Lennie E. Holton.

HUSBAND and CHILDREN.

MUSIC RECITAL HERE TONIGHT

Program Will Consist of Dances, Compositions and Recitations

Tonight (Friday, April 24), at 8 o'clock, the students of Miss Zelma Russ' class will give their recital at the Plymouth High School auditorium. The program will consist of a number of special dances, vocal compositions, and recitations.

Miss Russ has been training these students for several weeks now, and it is expected that the program will prove an occasion of rare entertainment and fun. The public is urged to attend this recital. There will be no admission charges.

Those taking active parts are: Joan Groves, Mary Lillian Campbell, Williford Whitty, Mary Elizabeth Bray, Evelyn Arps, Joan Stier, Elizabeth Davidson, Neva Liverman, Mary Corinne Cahoon, Meredith Johnson, and Mary Thomas Robbins.

Remember, the program will start at 8 o'clock at the Plymouth high school auditorium Friday night of this week.

JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET HELD FRIDAY NIGHT

Very Enjoyable Program Is Presented at Roper School

Roper, April 21.—The Junior-Senior Circus Banquet was held in the Roper high school building Friday evening. The hall was formed in the shape of a large tent, carrying out the senior colors of purple and gold.

The four-course dinner was practically perfect in every detail. At regular intervals down the long table were clusters of spring flowers. The hand-painted place cards were in the shape of tents. The guests were received at the door by Misses Georgia Collins, Louise Smith, Jessie Peacock, and Lillian Phelps, who afterwards served the dinner.

Miss Grace Windley, president of the junior class, was toastmistress, and delivered the address of welcome in addition to introducing each speaker with a short witty sketch. Miss Mary Ainsley delivered a toast to the seniors, with Leslie B. Spruill responding. Miss Virginia Knowles delivered a toast to the members of the faculty. Mr. R. B. Forbes made the response; Miss Opal Chesson delivered a toast to the girls' basketball team, with Miss Lyda Peacock responding; Miss Margaret Everett to the boys' team with Jessie Griffin responding. Last, but not least, was a toast given to the school by Miss Pearl Tarkenton, with Mr. E. N. Riddle responding.

Between courses, the guests were entertained by six clowns, who said and did very funny and amusing stunts, impersonated by six young men. There were forty-two people present and the program was brought to a close with an address by Mr. E. N. Riddle.

Roper Club Women Meet With Mrs. L. E. Hassell

Roper, April 21.—The Roper Home Demonstration Club held its regular monthly meeting this month with Mrs. L. E. Hassell at Homestead Farm. Fourteen members were present, which was considered a good attendance.

After the opening exercises the business of the club was transacted. Mrs. L. E. Hassell gave a three-minute demonstration on how to make a flower basket of pine needles. When completed the basket is a very attractive container for flowers.

In the absence of the Home Agent, the leaders, Mesdames L. S. Bray and Jack McAllister gave the demonstrations, consisting of color and finish of halls. At the close of the business session, a contest was enjoyed. The hostess, assisted by Master Sidney Hassell, served a salad course. The May meeting will be held with Miss Doris Lewis.

HIT AND RUN OXEN

Medford, Wis.—Medford's "hit and run" driver who escaped apprehension here 45 years ago, was the driver of a yoke of oxen, newspaper records reveal.

"A yoke of oxen knocked down a little girl on the crossing in front of Brodowsky's store last Wednesday, and the brute who was driving them did not even stop to see if the little one was hurt," declared the paper.

START LISTING TAXES FIRST OF NEXT MONTH

List-Takers Are Appointed And Will Meet Here Next Monday

John W. Darden, county supervisor of tax listing, announced here today that the listing of property for taxes in Washington county would start Friday, May 1 and continue through the month. The listing will be made as of April 1, and all real estate will be listed at the valuation it is now assessed at.

The following tax listers have been appointed: For Plymouth township, John W. Darden; for Lees Mill township, L. E. Hassell; for Skimmersville township, C. L. Everett; for Scuppernon township, J. F. Belang.

The tax listers will hold a meeting in the courthouse here Monday, April 27 to make plans and decide on a program of procedure.

ROANOKE CLAIMS TOLL EACH YEAR

Ten Bodies Have Been Recovered From Stream in Past Two Years

Williamston, April 21.—The dangerous and treacherous Roanoke with its swift current and deep bottom, almost every year takes the lives of several people. During the past two years 10 lifeless bodies have been removed from the stream between Hamilton and Jamesville. Two of the ten were murdered or accidentally killed.

Two years ago, the body of a white baby was removed from the river at this point. One year ago this month Delk Mizelle, white boy, was drowned at Quitsna Landing, and Jasper Brooks, colored boy, lost his life in the river near Camp Point. During last summer a colored boy was drowned at Hamilton. Early last fall two colored girls and one colored boy were drowned here when their car plunged through the open draw at the bridge. And then the two deaths last Saturday morning.

Pleasant Grove Woman's Club in Meeting Tuesday

Mrs. C. W. Snell and Mrs. S. L. Waters were joint hostesses to the Pleasant Grove Woman's Club Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. W. Snell. A large attendance of members were present and one visitor. Two new members were enrolled, Misses Christine Hodges and Callie Sawyer. Mrs. J. C. Tarkenton presided.

Following the opening exercises, Mrs. W. W. White was elected to attend the canning school, which will be held at Greenville on the 29th. Plans for full attendance at the county federation meeting were discussed, also the district meeting, which will be held in Greenville on May 6.

Mrs. Ruby Collins and Miss Corinne Bell were elected to sponsor the program for the next meeting. Those taking part in the program included Mrs. W. B. Chesson, Miss Christine Hodges, and Mrs. W. W. White.

During the social hour the hostesses served a delicious course of lemon jello topped with grapes and chocolate cake. The next meeting will be with Mrs. W. A. Swain.

Albemarle Woman's Club In Regular Meet Thursday

Skimmersville, April 21.—The Albemarle Woman's Club was entertained on Thursday afternoon, April 16, by Mrs. Guilford Davenport at her home here. There were ten members present and one visitor.

Due to the fact that Miss Pratt Covington was taking a course of study at Greenville, and was unable to be present, Mrs. Joe Burdine gave a 10-minute demonstration on how to churn butter.

Mrs. Clinton Everett, who attended the leaders' school held at the court house in Plymouth the first of April, gave an interesting report of the demonstrations by Miss Helen Esterbrook, clothing specialist, of Raleigh.

The hostess served lemonade and cake. Mrs. Stark Holton will entertain the club at her home, May 13th.

Mrs. Colin Stokes Hostess To Bridge Club Members

Mrs. Colin Stokes was a most gracious hostess to her bridge club on Wednesday afternoon at the Stokes home on Adams Street.

After several interesting progressions, the scores were added, and it was learned that Mrs. A. L. Owens held high score and was awarded an attractive French powder box as prize. The hostess served delicious chicken salad and sandwiches, pickles, olives, and hot coffee. Special guests of the club were Mesdames R. W. Johnston, C. E. Ayers, and W. A. Davidson.

Special Term of Court To Begin Here May 11

The special term of civil court called for Washington county will convene here Monday, May 11, instead of May 4, as was previously announced, it was learned here today.

The regular term of civil court convened here Monday, April 13, but was postponed due to the fact that a number of leading lawyers were attending the General Assembly in Raleigh.

NEGRO IS BADLY CUT BY ANOTHER IN FIGHT SUNDAY

John Battle Is Jailed Here For Wielding Razor on Preston Sanderlin

Preston Sanderlin, 36-year-old local negro is in a critical condition following a razor-slashing scrape here Sunday afternoon about 6 o'clock. A deep gash was carved across Sanderlin's head and forehead, requiring nineteen stitches. However, Sanderlin lost a large quantity of blood before medical aid was received.

John Battle, another local negro, aged 37, and well known here, is the man who did the wielding of the razor. According to information received by The Beacon, it seems that Sanderlin went into Battle's home late Sunday afternoon, where he was quarreling with a negro girl. Upon being asked out of the house by Battle, Sanderlin is alleged to have turned upon Battle, and showered vituperative language upon the head of the said Battle. Whereupon, it is said that Battle ordered Sanderlin out of the house, telling him if he did not leave he was going after "the law," and in the name of the said law, demand the peace.

On mentioning the law, Sanderlin is alleged to have reached down and fetched forth a shining razor and attacked Battle. However, Battle took to his heels, and deserted his domicile in a hurry, with the "razor-toting" Sanderlin following in swift pursuit. Overtaking Battle on the porch of another house in the Sugar Hill community, and still brandishing his razor Battle protected himself by socking his assailant a blow on the head that felled him to the ground. And, forthwith, Battle took to his heels again, only to be chased further by Sanderlin. And, again, Battle knocked Sanderlin down, so the story goes, but kept running. However, Sanderlin overtook Battle near the Norfolk Southern railway depot.

At this point, the negroes engaged in a tussle on the ground, Sanderlin attempting to slash Battle with his razor. But the fates decreed otherwise, and just as Sanderlin raised his razor aloft and started to bring it down upon the person of poor Battle, the blade dropped to the ground and left Sanderlin clutching only the bare handle. No sooner did this happen than Battle, eager to take advantage of his opportunities, snatched up the blade of the razor and carved his man. Battle was arrested and placed in jail, but was later released upon bond. Local physicians rendered medical aid to the wounded Sanderlin.

The case was docketed for trial in recorder's court here Tuesday, but due to Sanderlin's critical condition and being unable to leave his room, the case was postponed.

Cotton Acreage in County Drastically Cut This Year

A drastic curtailment of cotton acreage is certain in Washington county this year, according to leading farmers and men familiar with conditions throughout the county. Some of the acres are confident not more than 1,000 acres will be planted in cotton this year, while others believe the acreage will be some but not much lower than that. The acreage totaled approximately 5,000 last year.

RECORDER HAD LONG SESSION HERE TUESDAY

Only Three Cases Tried, But Lengthy Hearings Are Required

The local Recorder's Court, with Judge Edward Owens presiding, and Solicitor Carl L. Bailey representing the state, had a rather lengthy session here Tuesday, notwithstanding only three cases were tried.

Three negroes of Roper, Edgar Thigpen, 25, Providence Mason, 20; and Isaiah Hill, 19, were tried on two counts, charged with larceny of merchandise from a freight car at that town and also with stealing a ride on a Norfolk Southern freight train to Edenton. The defendants entered a plea of guilty, which was accepted by the court.

Mason, who also had in his possession a pistol, was given ten months on the chain gang, while Thigpen and Hill were given six months each on the roads.

The negroes were arrested in Edenton and a part of the stolen merchandise was found on their persons. The entire lot of merchandise taken consisted of 19 cans of grease hair dressing, widely used by colored people to take the kinks out of their wool.

The three negroes were given an extra 30 days on the roads for stealing the ride on the Norfolk Southern to Edenton.

Mack George, 27; Roland Spruill, 20; and Edlow Spruill, 23; all local negroes, were tried on charges of assault with a deadly weapon. This case involved a free-for-all fight, which occurred on Sugar Hill Saturday evening about dusk.

Edlow Spruill was found not guilty, while Rowland Spruill was found guilty of making a nuisance of himself and was given 60 days on the roads and fined \$10 and cost.

Mack George was found guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, namely, a knife, and was given 9 months on the roads. However, George took an appeal to the superior court.

From the evidence, it seems that George stabbed Rowland Spruill in the shoulder with a knife during the melee.

R. A. Patrick was tried and found guilty of a simple assault and fined \$5 and the cost. The defendant appealed to the superior court.

Home Agent's Schedule Week Beginning April 27

Miss Pratt Covington, home demonstration agent, announced that the following schedule for the week beginning April 27th, would be carried out:

Monday, Roper Girls' Club and Piney Grove Club; Tuesday, conference; Wednesday, canning leaders' school at Greenville, begins at 1 o'clock at Woman's Club building; Thursday, Plymouth; Friday, county federation, Plymouth, at courthouse at 2:30 o'clock, queen of health to be crowned and silver trophy cup to be given to club having best attendance; Saturday, curb market.

Sow Farrows Sixteen Pigs And Sets Up A Record

Mr. J. R. Campbell, who lives near Ward's bridge in Martin County, called in at the Beacon office this morning and stated that he had a Hampshire sow that farrowed a litter of 16 pigs Tuesday of this week.

This makes the second time this sow has farrowed, the first time she had only 8 pigs. Mr. Campbell states that 16 pigs in one litter is an unusual large number.

Episcopal Services For Sunday Are Announced

Grace Church—Plymouth
No Sunday school Sunday.
Morning service at 10 a. m.
St. Luke's Church—Roper
Sunday school at 10 a. m.
Morning prayer and sermon at 11 a. m.

Town Politics Warm Up; Number New Candidates

IMPROVEMENT IN CONDITIONS

Salvation Army Report for Past Month Is Made; Little Influenza

The Plymouth post of the Salvation Army reports a decided improvement in general conditions in Washington County during the period from March 9 to April 13. Especially in health, as there are very few, if any, cases of influenza at this time.

Appreciation is being expressed on every hand for the liberality of Plymouth people in giving of money and clothes to make possible the great program of relief that has been carried on throughout the past several months. Many people join Envoys and Mrs. Brewer in thanking Mr. Hampton, owner of the Slade and Kitty Hawk fisheries here for the donation of over 500 pounds of herring roe, which was indeed a great treat and greatly enjoyed.

The report is as follows: Thirty-seven families were given groceries; 17 families were given medicine; 1 family was given wood; and 101 garments were distributed and 15 pairs of shoes.

ROPER PUPILS PLAN PROJECTS IN FARM WORK

Will Be Carried On During Summer Months At Home Farms

Roper, April 21.—Thirty-two day students of the department of vocational agriculture of the Roper High School have made their selection of the summer project work to be carried out on their home farms during the summer months.

Summary of the students' projects is as follows: 12 projects in peanuts; 7 swine projects; 4 projects in corn; 5 in tomatoes; 2 in May peas; 1 in tobacco and one in cotton. In addition to their project work, each student is to perform three jobs on the farm requiring skill and special training.

A community-wide project is being conducted in tomatoes. Thirty-one adult farmers are keeping complete records on their tomato crops. The purpose of this is to teach the value of keeping records on the farm and to determine the cost of producing tomatoes in this community. This is the result of an evening class conducted for adult farmers during the month of February. The course given in the evening class work was tomato culture.

The courses covered in the all-day class of agriculture for the year have been beef cattle production; home training; Irish potato production; farm shop work; and miscellaneous subjects.

The outside activities of the agriculture class this year has been devoted to the building and equipping of a farm work shop on the school grounds. The shop is used for the teaching of farm shop work, such as construction and repair work that is needed on the farm.

The agriculture class is planning a farm shop exhibit for the school commencement. The exhibit will consist of some of the farm shop work done by the students of agriculture.

The White Lake Camp assignments have been made, and the Roper school has been assigned the week of August 10th. There will be about 20 agricultural students of the Roper school to enjoy the encampment this summer.

Professor B. G. O'Brien is the instructor of the vocational agriculture department of the Roper High School and a very successful year has resulted.

L. W. GURKIN IS NEW CANDIDATE FOR MAYORALTY

H. A. Williford Only Present Member of Council Not Candidate

The local political pot is beginning to warm up to the boiling point here, as considerable interest is being manifested in the coming municipal election for the town of Plymouth. Indications are to the effect that fireworks will be in abundance before the election is over.

L. W. Gurkin, chief of the local fire department and one of Plymouth's well known citizens, has cast his hat into the ring for mayor, making his official announcement as a candidate for this office in today's paper. This makes two candidates in the field for the office of mayor, A. L. Owens having announced his candidacy for the office several weeks ago.

Lue Read, well known man about town, also stated yesterday that he too was a candidate for the office of mayor, having finally decided to be a candidate after the solicitation of many friends and business associates. Lue says that he has been wanting a job for some time and that he believes that this office will suit his needs to perfection.

The following members of the present city council have announced themselves candidates for re-election: G. D. Davis, B. G. Campbell, H. C. Spruill, A. E. Brothers and Harry Stell.

New candidates announcing themselves for councilmen are: M. W. Norman, from the Second Ward; J. Lloyd Horton, from the Second Ward; J. G. Dixon, from the Third Ward; E. R. Jackson, from the First Ward.

It is urged that all citizens who are not properly registered and desiring to vote in the municipal election, see to it that their names are properly registered on the registration books immediately. The books opened last Saturday and will remain open for twenty days.

It is not known for certain whether any more candidates will enter the field or not. However, it is rumored that another citizen is considering entering the race for mayor.

ADLER TO OPEN STORE HERE

Will Occupy Old Stand at Corner of Washington and Water Streets

Abraham Adler, well known Plymouth citizen, who until recently was in the mercantile business here over a period of twenty-two years, has rented the store room in the Brinkley building here, where he formerly conducted his store, and will open a new department store some time between May 10 and 15, it was learned here yesterday.

Mr. Adler stated he planned to have a modern department store, requiring two or three sales people regularly. He is planning to make a trip to the northern markets within the immediate future for the purpose of purchasing his merchandise. The opening date will be announced later.

Miss Catherine Terry Entertains With Party

Miss Catherine Terry was a gracious hostess on Friday, from 8 to 10 o'clock, when she delightfully entertained a number of her friends at a party given at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Terry, on Jefferson Street.

Games and contests were enjoyed all evening and at the conclusion of the entertainment, Mrs. Terry served delicious home-made candy and fruit.

Correction

In last week's issue of The Beacon, the Van Martin referred to in the wreck story was not Van Martin, of Plymouth, but a Mr. Martin, of White City. We are sorry this fact was not made clear in last week's paper and are glad to make this correction.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of thanking our many friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy shown us during the illness and death of our husband and father, Mr. Samuel Dixon. We especially appreciate the beautiful floral offerings.

Mrs. Samuel Dixon, wife, and daughter, Mrs. John Carlisle.

Marion Martin, of Langley Field, was in our city on Monday as the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Martin.

A Farmer's Conversation With His Mule

Originating in Kentucky and making its appearance in a number of newspapers, the following article was received in this office last week:

"Over the hills trailed a man behind a mule drawing a plow. The clodhopper was 'broadcasting':

"Bill, you are a mule, the son of a jackass, and I am a man, made in the image of God, yet here we work hitched together year in and year out. I often wonder if you work for me, or I work for you. Sometimes I think this is a partnership between a mule and a darn fool, for surely I do double the work you do. Plowing here we

cover the same distance, but you do it on four legs and I do it on two; so, mathematically speaking, I do twice as much work per leg as you do. Soon we'll be preparing for a corn crop. When the crop is harvested I give one-third to the landlord for being kind enough to let me use this corner of God's creation; the other goes to you and what is left is my share. But while you consume your entire third except a few cobs, I divide mine among seven children, six hens, two ducks, and a banker.

"Bill, you are getting the best of me. It ain't fair for a mule, the son of a jackass, to rob a man, the lord of creation, of his substance, and come to think of it you

only help to cultivate the ground after I have to cut, shock, and husk it, while you look over the pasture fence and hee-haw at me. "All fall and part of the winter the whole family from granny on down to the baby pick cotton to raise money to buy a new set of harness and pay the interest on the mortgage on you, and by the way, what do you care about the mortgage? It don't worry you any—not a darn bit. You leave that to me, you ungrateful hard-tail cuss.

"About the only time I am your better is on election day, for I can vote and you can't, but if I even get any more out of politics than you do, I don't see where it is."