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LION'S CLUB MAY BE FORMED HERE IN NEAR FUTURE

Would Probably Supplant Chamber Commerce, Now Inactive

Possibility of a Lion's Club for Plymouth looms on the civic horizon with the information being received here from George B. Anderson, assistant secretary of the extension department of Lions International, that this little Washington County capital is under consideration for the organization of such a club.

This organization has 40 of these service clubs in North Carolina. For four years this organization has averaged organizing a club a day. Most of these clubs have been started in towns of less than 5,000 population, while 460 are in villages of less than 1,000 population.

This organization boasts that it is not interested in a community just for the sake of another club, but is interested when a group of men can be assembled as a Lions Club that will do something worth while for the community each month. An activities department is maintained to aid local clubs. They are non-profit, non-secret non-sectarian, and non-political organizations.

Queries will be directed to C. L. Groves, L. W. Gurkin, and Z. V. Norman to secure their opinion on the matter of organizing one here. Inasmuch as the chamber of commerce is inactive, it is possible that the time is ripe for such a move for a new club. The efforts of other service clubs in the past to establish units here have been unsuccessful.

This organization differs from other similar organizations in that the secretary of a local club must report each month to the association what his club has done for the community. Newspapers and bulletins handle the publicity with the aid of an official magazine. The slogan is "Liberty - Intelligence - Our Nation's Safety."

Membership in the organization is acquired by invitation only. Full cooperation is extended to all other clubs that seek to promote any betterment, civic, industrial, or educational movement. Promotion of public health, hygiene, and sanitation is a fundamental principle. Also it is loyal to language customs, ideals, and government. It demands strict adherence to highest code of ethics in business and social relations.

"Palmy Days" At State Theatre Monday-Tuesday

Inimitable Eddie Cantor, with his vital spark of humor, spreading tingling laughs throughout the theatres of the nation in an uproarious musical extravaganza that spins along at a furious pace. Eddie Cantor, caught in the toils of a fake fortune-telling business. He escapes from behind the bushy beard of spiritualism to assume the regal robes of an efficiency expert—and what an expert. He cuts every one's salary—and raises his own.

He pursues the one and only girl, and in turn is savagely hunted by Charlotte Greenwood, his mad-wagging partner. You'll have to move fast to keep up with this funster frolicking from dough to doughnuts.

All this and more described "Palmy Days," which will be at the State Theatre Monday and Tuesday. It is funny, it is singing and dancing, pretty girls galore. I liked it. I saw it at Loew's State in Norfolk, where it drew crowds.—W. H. Paramore.

Recorder Owens Had Short Session of Court Tuesday

A. R. Watson was assessed the costs for operating an automobile without the proper lights in recorder's court here Tuesday as judgment was suspended. A nol prosee was taken by the State in the case against Kader Lee, negro, who was charged with an assault with a deadly weapon.

Johnnie Johnston appealed from a fine of \$75 for assaulting Kader Lee with a knife. An appeal was also noted in the case of Herbert Ambrose who was charged with driving an automobile while drunk and without proper license. He was fined \$75.00 and costs and his license to drive was revoked for three months.

Firestone Company Had Very Successful Year

Sales of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company products were \$113,797,282.56 for the past year, according to information received by Dan Satterthwaite at the Roanoke Service Station and Garage here, local dealers. The net profit for the period was \$6,028,630.90. This profit more than provides for the dividends on preferred and common stocks.

The profit is of especial interest at this time, when confidence in business conditions is so badly shaken.

WILL HAVE CHARGE OF CANNING PLANT HERE THIS SEASON



John W. Darden

John W. Darden who will be in complete charge of the cannery that will operate here this summer. Mr. Darden, having been connected with the work before, is thoroughly capable of assuring growers of an efficient and satisfactory operation of the plant here during the coming season.

Darden to Operate Cannery This Year

TRAILER LICENSES

Applicants for licenses for trailers should weigh the trailers and then apply at the Williamston Motor Company with the proper fee, and they can get their license plates for the vehicles, it was announced here today by Chief of Police P. W. Brown.

A. MacKenzie, automobile inspector of the motor vehicle bureau of the North Carolina Department of Revenue, is in the office of the mentioned automobile firm in Williamston. He will be there for two weeks. License plates for passenger automobiles and trucks can be purchased at the same place.

RELIEF WORKERS AID SANTA CLAUS

Special Christmas Effort of Salvation Army Is Very Successful

The special Christmas effort of the Plymouth Salvation Army post was a real success, thanks to the splendid cooperation of the people of this section, and throughout the whole county, according to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brewer. Baskets were distributed to 62 families. Scores of little children were made happy by the visit of Santa Claus.

It was only through cooperation that the above report was made possible, and the spirit in which it was given is highly appreciated by the workers here, who are especially grateful to the Plymouth and Roper High Schools for their gifts of foodstuff and clothing.

The boys of the Methodist Sunday school class, taught by Tom Burgess, contributed seven baskets. Joe Daventport, Mrs. O. H. Walker and Mrs. F. D. Wilson delivered baskets in their sections of the county.

Funeral For Infant Is Held At Cherry

Cherry.—Funeral services were held recently for little Margaret Ann Spruill the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Spruill, who died December 14 following a short illness. The Rev. Roy Respass, pastor of Philippi Christian church, officiated. Interment was made in the family cemetery.

UNDER THE BEACON LIGHT

Joe Weede was sitting in a Greek restaurant here. In came a stranger. He sat down next to Weede at the right corner.

The proprietor, Theodore Campus, thrust the Greek newspaper that he was reading on the counter and wobbled back to the kitchen after taking the stranger's order.

Weede casually reached over and picked up the paper. Looking at it for a few moments, he passed it over to the stranger, request that he read a news item on the front page, as he left his glasses at home.

The stranger took the paper. After looking at it awhile in his seat he got up and went to a light. Still he could not make out the words, although the letters were apparently English. He handed the paper back to Mr. Weede.

"I am drunker now than I have been in ten years. I just had a couple of drinks of egg-nogg. It does beat all. I just can't make out those words," remarked the stranger.

SPORTS REVIEW

Creswell.—The Creswell girls' basketball team won an overwhelming victory over the Columbia girls' basketball team Monday afternoon at Columbus. The score was 21-9, in favor of Creswell.

The Creswell team showed speed and teamwork, which the Columbia girls could not overcome. The forwards, Minnie Furlough, Blanche and Annie Spear, did excellent work, shooting goals, while the guards, Myra Gibbs, Virginia Comstock and Mary Tarkington, kept the ball from the Columbia forwards.

Individual honors go to each member of the Creswell team for the playing of every one was commendable. The officials were Coach Rose, of Columbia, and Coach Farabee, of Creswell.

Cotton Growers To Strive For Quality In New Year

Raleigh.—Two hundred thousand organized cotton growers will strive for quality in 1932.

They will receive every possible assistance in reaching their goal from the 11 state cotton cooperative associations of which they are members and which will continue to distribute improved seed and otherwise work to aid and encourage farmers to first of all grow quality cotton.

The North Carolina cooperative has distributed thousands of bushels of purebred seed during the 10 years of its existence and is now making plans to distribute seed in 1932.

A New Year Sermon

(The following New Year sermon was written by Rev. Z. N. DeShields, pastor of the First Christian Church, Sandusky, Ohio, a native and former resident of Washington County, who has done well in the ministry. He visited here last summer after an absence of 23 years.)

"HITHERTO"
Text: "Hitherto the Lord hath helped us."—1 Sam. 7:12.

The old has gone, the new has come. The years glide by. Suns rise and set. Days dawn and close. Moons wax and wane. Seasons come and go. Nations rise and fall. Friends meet and part. Hopes bloom and perish. Waves roar and slumber. Kingdoms rise and decline. Earth waxes old as a garment, and all things move with hurried flight of the passing years.

Through all this change our Father changes not. Terrestrial glories fade. Celestial orbs burn out and pass from view. Suns and systems change their position, in the great cycles of the fleeting ages; but over all, eternal and unchangeable, is the Father of Light, in whom there is no variability nor shadow of turning. Live in what age we may, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is ever our God. Go where we may, wether beneath the glories of the southern cross, or the splendors of the arctic sky, earth may change, heaven may change, hearts may change, but our God changeth not.

Our trust is in Him. We rehearse His praises in the lyrics of other ages and other lands, and tune our voices and sing unto Him our new songs from joyous loving hearts. And calm and rest through all the tumult and wrack of warring worlds, we wait to know and do His will. He does not leave us unguided nor forgotten. He abides faithful in time and eternity. Thus far His hand has led us. Thus far His love has been our solace and joy.

We join the universal anthem and praise Him for His goodness, His mercy and His love, and while looking backward on the way in which He has led us we can truly say, "Hitherto, the Lord hath helped us."

And while dim shapes of dread and fear may haunt us as we plunge into the unknown and shadowy future, it is our joy to trust and feel that He who has been with us in days gone by will attend us all our journey through.

It matters not then which way our path may lead; if we journey forth like Abraham, not knowing whether we go, so long as we know who leads us, and goes with us, and is our "shield and exceeding great reward." No matter what our losses and our crosses, our tears and trials, without Him we cannot be rich, and with Him we can not be poor.

So we pass on into this undiscovered land, this New Year and all succeeding years, trampling upon the glories of a fleeting world, trading our way amid the wreck and ruin of falling thrones, and perished pomps and splendors; and trampling upon the idols that we once adored, and spurning the treasures we once desired—on following the Captain of our salvation—on till we gain the harbor of our hopes; on till all that is toilsome and tumultuous and transient is forever passed, and we are swallowed up in the calm and peace and joy and victory of the eternal years. "Hitherto, the Lord hath helped us," and by His grace, He will help us still.

Will Pay No Bounty On Crows, Wildcats, Hawks

No further claims will be paid as bounty on hawks, crows and wildcats as the amount set aside in the budget to pay bounty on predatory wild life has been absorbed, according to information to Warden Harry Stell from the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development.

However, if any of these species of predatory life are killed prior to January 1, 1932, and the claims are received at the office in Raleigh by Monday morning, January 4, the same will be paid. C. H. England, state game warden, is anxious that people take note of this new ruling.

Cotton Ginnings in County Same As Those In 1930

Precisely the same amount of cotton was ginned in Washington County before December 13, 1931, as was the case in 1930, it was learned here today from a preliminary report issued by the Bureau of Census, under the auspices of the United States Department of Commerce at Washington.

In recognition of his 52 years of continuous service as member of the Board of Education of Mexico, Mo., 84-year-old S. P. Emmons has been elected president emeritus of the board for life.

Property To Extend Streets To Cost \$450

FLY HOME

An airplane operated by Pilot Jacobs, of Langley Field, brought Marion and Miss Gladys Martin home Christmas to see their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Martin. Miss Martin is a nurse in St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington City. Young Martin is employed at the flying field near Hampton, Va. Marion returned with the machine, while his sister remained over for the week-end.

SIMEON J. BARCO DIES AT HIS HOME IN ROPER FRIDAY

Found Dead at Door Step; Sudden Heart Attack Responsible

Roper.—Funeral services were held here Saturday afternoon for Simeon J. Barco, 70 years of age, who was found dead at the doorstep of his home here Friday afternoon by relatives. It is thought that he suffered a severe heart attack after falling from the piazza of his home in an attempt to descend the steps.

The funeral was conducted by Dr. J. W. Harrell, pastor of the Plymouth Methodist church, in the absence of the local minister, Rev. J. Bascom Hurley, who was out of town at the time. Interment took place in the family burying ground near the home in town here. A large crowd attended. A beautiful mass of flowers covered the grave.

Surviving Mr. Barco is a widow and the following children: L. D. Barco, Roper; W. T. Barco and Joe Barco, of Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. D. R. Pommering, of Gilbert, W. Va.; Mrs. W. S. Sawyer, Deep Creek, Va.; and two brothers, W. B. Barco, of Shiloh, and Luke Barco, Coinjock.

He has been a member of the board of aldermen of Roper and served as mayor for a time. He was also coroner of Washington county for a while.

NEW STAMPS ON SALE SATURDAY

Commemorate Bicentennial of Washington's Birthday

New postage stamps issued to commemorate the bicentennial observance of George Washington's birth will be placed on sale here January 2, it was learned today.

They will be a series of twelve, from one-half cent to the 10-cent denomination. These stamps will show Washington as he was painted at different times in his life by different artists.

The two-cent stamp will bear the likeness of George Washington as portrayed by the Gilbert Stuart Athenaum portrait, done at Germantown in 1796. Already this portrait has become generally known among Americans because of its use on the one-dollar bill.

Firemen To Have Oyster Roast New Year's Eve

The firemen will have an oyster roast at their quarters in the fire house on New Year's Eve. A number of friends of the organization who have contributed to them from time to time will be invited.

The firemen have asked the city police force to make efforts to stop boys from congregating in the fire house, as they some times misplaced equipment and did other damage there.

Episcopal Services In The County Sunday

Sunday services at Grace Episcopal Church here were announced as follows by Rev. A. H. Marshall yesterday:

Sunday school, 10 o'clock.
Holy Communion and sermon at 11:00 o'clock a. m.

St. Luke's—Roper
Sermon at 7:30 p. m.
The public is cordially invited to attend each of these services.

Community Cantata At Roper Sunday Night

Roper.—The community Christmas cantata was held in the Methodist Episcopal church here Sunday night. Special music was rendered by the choir and a very impressive program was carried out. On Monday night, the community Christmas tree was given at the old company store.

JOINT MEET OF BOARDS TO BE HELD MONDAY

Understood That Proposition Will Be Made at Meet Monday

About \$450 will purchase enough of the property of the W. D. Carstarphen estate to allow the extension of Third and Fourth Streets to the Washington County Training School, and the county board of education and the city council in joint session here Monday evening will be made this offer, it has been learned from reliable sources.

The joint meeting will be held as the result of a request by a petition circulated here among the white and colored people. The two races wish to arrange for entrance to the beautiful colored school building through some other way than by Main Street, which now affords the only approach, as the other streets are now private property and trespassing is forbidden.

The proposed extension would eliminate friction between white and colored children, who are compelled to meet on this street as it passes through the best residential section of Plymouth. It is expected that a group of both white and colored citizens will be present at the meeting in the town hall Monday evening to consider the matter.

A growing intensity that will result in bad feeling between the two races is cited in the petition as one of the things that makes this move imperative. There are 46 white signers and 40 colored signatories. The extension of the mentioned streets would also be more convenient to the colored children, eliminating the necessity of gathering from all corners of the town on Main Street.

White signers are: A. L. Alexander, L. V. Landing, E. D. Carstarphen, R. E. Dunning, Abe Adler, J. W. Francis, John W. Darden, S. D. Davis, E. L. Owens, J. O. Everett, Z. V. Norman, E. S. Mizelle, W. H. Clarke, P. W. Brinkley, W. W. Ange, M. W. Spruill, W. R. Hampton, R. W. Johnston, S. A. Ward, H. A. Blount, Bill Clagon, H. M. Ramsey, D. A. Bergeron, G. W. Waters, J. P. Sutton, F. M. Hodges, Jesse B. McNair, Lee Read, W. S. McNurrey, L. W. Gurkin, Edison Swain, W. L. House, J. T. McNair, W. C. Chesson, H. S. Midgett, W. A. Davidson, R. S. Caboon, C. L. Jackson, Henry E. Harrison, Jack Peele, W. B. Clifton, Jr., J. B. Edmonds, and T. W. Snell.

Colored signers: George Smith, P. A. Toodle, J. J. Johnson, H. G. Towe, W. H. Ellis, C. D. Heath, C. Satton, W. A. Spruill, W. R. Dawson, M. L. Lowe, A. L. Lowe, Samuel A. Halsey, E. M. Spruill, T. H. Exam, S. T. Norfleet, J. J. Smith, Rev. N. T. Brooks, J. L. Bowen, Frank Ransom, J. H. Garrett, A. L. McNair, Isaiah Hedgepeth, Milton Armistead, Harman Haire, Preston Moore, Alex Banks, Percy Credle, Joe Hedgepeth, Ben Hedgepeth, Theodora Cooper, James Joyner, Aaron Cooper, K. S. Cooper, Wesley Bailey, William Pettiford, Ocia Harper, J. C. Credle, Arthur Wiggins, J. C. Jefferson, Jaber Pattice, John H. Moore, J. D. Moore, Zion Jennette, and Dr. L. S. Mitchell.

Home Agent's Schedule For Week Announced

The home agent's schedule for the week beginning January 4th will be as follows:

Monday, Piney Grove; Tuesday, Hoke; Wednesday, Roper; Thursday, Chapel Hill; Friday, Beech Grove; Saturday, curb market.

Christmas Entertainment

Skinner'sville.—A Christmas entertainment was given at Rehoboth Church Sunday night. Addresses by Pastor J. C. Russell and J. B. White, superintendent of the Sunday school, with a solo by Miss Margie White featured the meeting.

Confettioneries were issued to the pupils of the Sunday school while every one present received some gift. Teacher Wheeler Swain distributed the gifts.

Bullock-Paul

Announcements have been received here of the marriage of Miss Evelyn Mae Paul, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Edward Paul, of Plymouth, to Clyde Bullock, son of Mrs. Lucy Mayo Bullock, of Greenville, that took place in the home of Mrs. W. P. Banks in Asheville last Sunday with Dr. J. Watson Shockley, officiating. The ring ceremony was used.

The couple will live in Greenville where Miss Paul has made her home during the past several years.