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COUNTY TO JOIN IN CELEBRATION NEXT MONDAY

Schools and Various Other Organizations Will Pay Homage to Washington

Washington County will join the nation next Monday in opening the George Washington Bicentennial celebration that will last for a period of months bringing to the attention of the country in various methods a broadside of advertising that will commemorate the life of the first President of the United States.

In this county there will be appropriate exercises held in the schools, with invited speakers to make the affair more dignified and solemn. In many cases the children will present the program. Women's organizations will observe the day. It will be a national holiday in many institutions. Churches will feature the occasion the day before.

President Herbert Hoover will open the celebration at noon for the nation with a speech to be delivered at a joint meeting of the Senate and House of Representatives. Members of the United States Supreme Court, cabinet, and other distinguished visitors will be present. A nation-wide hook-up of the radio will carry the message to every corner of the country.

After the address, the president will give a signal for the singing of America by a combined chorus of 10,000 singers on the east steps of the mansion. Radio listeners everywhere are urged to join the singing in their own homes. Walter Damrosch will direct the singing, while the United States Army Navy, and Marine Bands, under John Phillip Sousa, will accompany.

In the afternoon, President Hoover, accompanied by members of the United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission will lay a wreath on the tomb of the Father of His Country. The George Washington Colonial costume ball will be held in the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D. C., in the evening. Church services will begin their inaugural of the event Friday and continue for about three days.

This celebration will be nation-wide with every organization carrying out its own method of participating with any appropriate events. It will begin on Washington's Birthday and last until Thanksgiving Day. It will celebrate the two hundredth anniversary of his birth. Gatherings, pageants, plays, processions, musical festivals, tableaux, and other patriotic events will feature the period.

The United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission, Washington Building, Washington, D. C., will send suggestions for local programs to anybody that asks for them.

TO BUILD POND TO KEEP FISH

Protests Against Proposed Pond Must Be Made By Tomorrow

Tomorrow will be the last day in which protests can be filed with Maj. C. R. Young, district engineer at Norfolk, of the United States War Department, requesting that Aug. Bisping & Son, of Windsor, be not allowed to construct a fish pond in Middle River, on the easterly side of Wood Island, Bertie County.

The plans submitted by the applicant shows that it is proposed to drive piles at 15-foot centers, extending from the shore of Wood Island about 50 feet and paralleling the shore 150 feet. This will include a solid enclosure for storing live fish by driving and securing sheet piling between these piles.

Any persons who have any good reason why permission should not be granted whether it be objectionable from the standpoint of navigation or any other cause they should notify United States Engineers Office, Foot of Front Street, Norfolk, Va.

Jakie May, White Sox Pitcher, Is Visitor Here

Jakie Mays, a pitcher for the Chicago club of the American Baseball League, was here this week visiting friends. Among them was John S. Brown who once played baseball with him in the central part of the State. The professional ball player once belonged to Cincinnati, Ohio. He came with friends to this section to hunt.

Thieves Break Into Store Operated by Alice White

Skinnerville.—Thieves forced an entrance into the store near here that is being operated by Miss Alice White. Several dollars worth of merchandise and some change was taken. The culprits entered by removing a window. The robbery occurred some time Thursday night.

Sunday Schools of County Plan Meet

FARMERS' LOANS

Application blanks for farmers' seed and fertilizer loans that will be financed by the Federal Government will be in the office of Farm Agent Dunning about February 27.

Six dollars an acre will be loaned except for tobacco and truck crops, which will be \$10 an acre. Two dollars an acre will be allowed in addition to the above for spraying and dusting crops.

The maximum loan for any farmer will be \$400, and the maximum loan for landlord and tenants on a single farm will be \$1,600.

COUNTY IS NOW 153 YEARS OLD

First Washington County In State Now Part of Tennessee

Washington County is 153 years old, having been created December 3, 1779, it was learned today from Col. Fred A. Olds, of the North Carolina Historical Museum. It is said that it was a part of Tyrrell County, which was established October 1, 1729.

History tells much of a Washington County in North Carolina that is now in the boundary of Tennessee. Senators from this county in history include John Carter, Charles Robertson, William Coker, John Tipton, and John Sevier. Representatives were John Coker, Luke Bayer, Jesse Waiton, Henry Clark, Charles Allison, Robert Love, and others.

All of these men were born in North Carolina. This county of Washington was in the territory where John Sevier and James Robertson sought to establish the "State of Franklin," which had an existence, most of it a struggle with two governments, of only seven years. William Blount and William Coker were elected senators from this county.

There was a contest in the case of William Locke's election as he lived in disputed territory near Bristol, Virginia-Tennessee, which was claimed by North Carolina and Virginia. In 1772 Coker rode on horseback to Hillsboro, where he sat in the legislature and then rode to Virginia and sat in the legislature in that state.

The official records at Raleigh show that in 1778 William Coker was a representative in the legislature, but that he was declared ineligible because he held another office. It shows that he was a senator in 1782 and 1783 in the legislature from Washington County, in what is now Tennessee, and in 1788 he was a representative in the legislature from Hawkins County.

"Unholy Garden" To Be At State Here Next Week

A master criminal who fooled nations—but couldn't fool nature. Escape from the arms of the law was easy—but not from the arms of a woman. And to cap it all, he paid a million for a rose, and 10 million would not buy it back.

This is a synopsis of the picture, "The Unholy Garden," which will be shown at the State Theatre here Monday and Tuesday of next week. Ronald Coleman is the leading character, supported by Estelle Taylor, Fay Wray, and Warren Hymer. This is said to be a picture that draws crowds wherever it goes.

Another feature for next week will be "Ben Hur" Thursday and Friday with Ramon Novarro and Grete Garbo playing together. This is one of the best Biblical pictures screened in years. Now it comes to the public with sound.

Will Cease Making Tomato Contracts By March First

Contracts for the planting of tomatoes to be marketed by the Andrews-Knowles Company, of Mount Olive, will be closed by March 1, it was learned today from L. W. Gurkin, who is in charge of the business here for the firm. He lacks only a few acres of land 250. Any one wishing to plant with the cooperation of the Mount Olive concern must see Mr. Gurkin as early as possible, as he will discontinue soon.

Appointment at Oak Grove Church Changed

Skinnerville.—The pastor's monthly appointments at Oak Grove Baptist Church have been changed from the first Sunday morning and the third Sunday night to the second Sunday night and the fourth Sunday morning, according to Rev. W. H. Hollowell.

WILL BE HELD SOME TIME IN MAY OR JUNE

Township Presidents Will Explain Purposes To Various Schools

Roper.—Township presidents in the Washington County Sunday School Association will visit each Sunday School in their division on some Sunday during the next few weeks in an endeavor to prepare for a county convention that will be held at a church to be designated later in May or June, it was decided at a meeting of the officers here Sunday.

Sabbath School officials in the four townships will be asked by their president to lend him about 15 minutes at some appointed time to explain the purpose of the organization and to create enthusiasm. Also form an organization that will keep the work in progress. After this is completed, another officers' meeting will be held to prepare for the county meeting.

In the personal service program of the organization each township president must keep an accurate record of the Sunday schools visited; number conferences with individual workers; miles traveled; letters written; speeches made; leaflets distributed and special results accomplished. This information will be furnished to the North Carolina Sunday School Association at Raleigh.

Efforts will be made to formulate a program for the county convention in June so that as many pupils, teachers, and officers, pastors, and other workers as possible will be present. Rev. J. Bascom Hurley, of Roper, is county president, and Mrs. L. S. Bray, of Roper, is secretary.

Here are the townships with the officers and their superintendents of the Sunday schools: Scuppernon: S. R. Davenport, president; R. L. Leitchfield, secretary; Mt. Pleasant, Baptist, H. A. Leitchfield, superintendent; M. E. Church, Creswell, Paul Bealanga; M. P. Church, Creswell, O. D. Hatfield; Baptist, Creswell, H. W. Spruill; Episcopal, Creswell, J. W. Starr; Mount Tabor, Free Will Baptist, Tom Davenport; Phillip, Christian, G. A. Overton; Mount Hermon, M. P. Mrs. Melinda Davenport.

Lees Mills: R. C. Heynen, Wenona, president; Zion's Chapel, unknown; Saints Delight, Christian, Will Swain; Methodist, Roper, F. D. Wilson; Baptist, Roper, E. N. Riddle; Episcopal, Roper, unknown; Pleasant Grove, Methodist, J. C. Tarkington; Methodist, Mackeys, W. B. Davenport; Holy Neck, Christian, Joe Davenport.

Plymouth: Walter H. Paramore, president; Methodist, Plymouth, J. W. Norman; Christian, Plymouth, J. W. Darden; Baptist, Plymouth, T. J. Swain; Episcopal, Plymouth, W. F. Winslow; Acre Chapel, Christian, Henry Bowen; Christian Hope, Christian, Lloyd Waters; Wenona, Christian, unknown.

Skinnerville: Mrs. H. W. Norman, president; Rehoboth, M. P., Joe White; Oak Grove, Baptist, unknown; Piney Grove, Free Will Baptist, H. W. Dunbar; Scuppernon, Christian, H. W. Norman; Mill Pond, Free Will Baptist, T. F. Davenport.

If there are some churches in the county that have Sunday schools that are not mentioned in this list, it would be a great favor if a notice telling the name of the church, name and address of pastor and Sunday school superintendent, were forwarded to Mr. Hurley at Roper.

Two More Candidates For Treasurer Are Announced

A second candidate entered the ring for treasurer of Washington County today when W. E. (Jack) Weede announced his candidacy. He will be opposed by W. Linwood Hassell, who made known his desire for the place last week. Edward S. Blount, incumbent, will not run again. Another candidate who will announce this week for nomination as treasurer is E. G. Arps, local druggist.

There are no new candidates for judge of the Washington County recorder's court. The war is on between John W. Darden and Edward L. Owens, incumbent.

Mr. Dave Brinkley Is Reported As Improved

Reports from the bedside of Dave Brinkley today have it that he is some better. Mr. Brinkley has been confined to his room for almost a couple of weeks. His age makes it harder for his constitution to resist the disease preying on his system. Mr. Brinkley is one of the oldest citizens of Plymouth.

BLINDING LIGHTS ARE CONCERN OF HIGHWAY PATROL

Motorists Are Urged To War Against Glaring Headlights

"In making an analysis of the situation with respect to blinding and glaring headlights on our highways, the State Highway Commission has found that these points stand out clearly," stated Chairman E. B. Jeffress today.

"First the motorman manufacturers have made little or no improvement in headlight equipment with recent years, in so far as the blinding effect experienced in meeting vehicles at night is concerned.

"Second, it is a well recognized fact that only a small percentage of motorists make use of the light tilting and dimming devices provided by the manufacturer."

"Third, it would be very expensive for the state and for the motorist to undertake the periodic testing and adjustment of headlights in an effort to make them comply with the statute."

For over two years the State Highway Commission, through its various agencies, has been conducting an investigation to determine whether there was some practical and economical means whereby automobile headlights might be rendered permanently non-glaring without affecting the vision of the driver. After many months of careful consideration it has been decided to recommend to the motorist a permanent dimming device. One of these has been selected and authorized at a uniform nominal price, and it has now been placed in many hundreds of service stations and garages throughout the entire state.

For months past highway authorities have been besieged with complaints about the fearful loss of life and property arising from the steadily mounting number of automobile mishaps. The State Highway Patrol, according to Captain Charles D. Farmer, has received many messages of commendation for its efficient handling of traffic matters. With these words of praise is almost always coupled the plea to do something about the blinding and glaring headlight situation.

In keeping with a special ordinance, which has been published throughout the state, it is now the duty of the members of the State Highway Patrol force to direct motorists to garages and service stations to have the headlights of their automobiles made non-glaring and to advise motorists the best and most economical method of having this done.

The State Highway Commission now desires to call on the public to lend its whole-hearted support in this effort to improve the night driving conditions on our highways. The motorist will save himself and members of the Highway Patrol much annoyance by immediately having headlights put in order.

Two Families Suffer From Ptomaine Poison

Pleasant Grove.—Members of the families of Johnnie Snell, S. B. Davenport and Mrs. Sadie Biggs are a little better today after having suffered intensely as the result of the action of ptomaine poison on their systems.

It is reported that the persons ate a kind of meat that does not keep well in a galvanized container and that it poisoned their systems. Physicians expressed confidence that they would recover in a short time as medical aid was rendered shortly after they started feeling the effects of the poison.

Attending Brotherhood Meeting in Atlanta, Ga.

W. W. Browning, chairman of the Norfolk Southern district of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees, is in Atlanta attending a business meeting of the general chairman of the Southeastern district, which will be in session until about Saturday.

NEVER HAD A COLD

No disordered respiratory tract has ever caused Minnie Ray and Huldah May Sawyer, children of Mr. and Mrs. Z. T. Sawyer here, to suffer. These two children, with the oldest being 16, have never been afflicted with a cold. And no better care has been taken with them than is the case with other children, according to their parents.

Today many of the children in the Plymouth High School are suffering from colds. This information crept out when a reporter questioned the parents of the girl, after she had been asking some classmates how they felt and what were the symptoms of this condition.

EARLY CLOSING

Going into effect here tomorrow night, Saturday, the early closing of 35 business houses is expected to meet with a ready approval on the part of patrons, clerks, and owners, it is generally believed. Customers are urged to bear in mind the early closing, 10 o'clock each Saturday night for all dry goods, grocery, hardware, and furniture stores, and 11 o'clock for drug stores and barber shops.

No inconvenience is created by the early closing; it will actually be more convenient for many, and the ministers of the town are expecting increased attendance upon their Sunday school and church services next Sunday morning.

STATE POLITICAL POT IS STARTING TO 'BILE' AGAIN

New Names Are Now Being Added To State List With Regularity

While state politics have been and are centered around the governorship, announcements are being made with almost regularity. Mr. Clarence E. Mitchell, of Raleigh, this week announcing himself for the nomination as commissioner of labor.

In announcing himself for the nomination, Mr. Mitchell said: Many people who do not know the duties of this office are under the impression that it is only a 'rubber stamp' job, created for some selfish purpose, but there is a great need for a strong labor department in this State which will carry out the fundamental principles for which the department was created, and it now appears that during the period of readjustment just ahead this department will be more important than ever. If I am elected I will endeavor to bring about a more satisfactory understanding between capital and labor without partiality to any class of citizenship."

Mr. R. R. Lawrence, of Winston-Salem, has also announced himself for the department of labor nomination.

Four aspirants, Cameron Morrison, of Charlotte; Frank D. Grist, present commissioner of labor; Tam Bowie, of Asheville, and Bob R. Reynolds, of Asheville, are in the race for the United States Senate.

Mr. J. A. Hartness is out in the interest of the secretary.

Messrs. David P. Dellinger, of Cherrylville, and A. H. Graham, of Hillsboro, are out for lieutenant governor.

Marion, Feb. 15.—A press story was carried Monday morning about D. F. Giles' announcement of his candidacy for lieutenant governor is just exactly two years behind time.

In February of 1930, Frank Wood, also of Marion, announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for lieutenant governor in the 1932 primary. The next day Giles countered with his announcement of similar political aspirations.

Both men said at the time that it was then far too early to state their platforms or go into detail about the matter. To date neither of them has given out his platform. But Giles has promised to do so within the next few days.

TO PROMOTE USE OF MORE MILK

Intensive Campaign To Be Conducted Week of March 14-20

Sponsored by the North Carolina State Board of Health and endorsed by Governor O. Max Gardner, with many state and county officials cooperating, a state-wide milk-for-health campaign is being launched, it was learned here today through James W. Norman, local welfare officer.

Washington County will be classified as a distinct unit. An intensive educational drive is set for the week of March 14-20. The object of the campaign is to promote the use of milk for better health. It is ultimately hoped that North Carolina's rating will be increased.

It is pointed out that along with the State's low milk consumption, there is a relatively high rate of pellagra, malnutrition, tuberculosis, bad teeth, and general inefficiency, particularly among school children. The natural inclination to economize during these times, less milk and dairy products are being used.

Cow Gets Her Tongue Caught in Steel Trap

Scuppernon.—Rabbit bait proved too tempting for a cow owned by E. L. Cooper, near here, and now the cow has two inches less tongue. A steel trap, baited for rabbits, caught the tongue of the cow. The cow is living but has trouble eating.

Maxwell Tells Views In Recent Interview

A. J. MAXWELL



Raleigh man, who is a candidate for the Democratic nomination as Governor of North Carolina. Mr. Maxwell at the present time is revenue commissioner.

DECLARES HE IS OPPOSED TO ANY FORM SALES TAX

Favors Spending Less Instead of Finding New Revenue Sources

(Note.—This is the second of a series of stories that will deal with the views and competency of candidates for offices that concern the readers of The Beacon.)

Readjustment of public burdens is absolutely necessary if agriculture, business, and industry are to survive these times; if the social order is to be preserved, and the homes of the people saved, A. J. Maxwell, of Raleigh, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor of North Carolina, told a representative of The Beacon this week.

"The value of corn, cotton, and tobacco crops in North Carolina in 1928 was \$214,000,000, and today it is less than \$109,000,000. It is not the question of method and form of taxation. New and ingenious methods of pumping water out of dry holes, or adding pennies to purchases will not do. North Carolina's tax bill is a third greater than Virginia, which has more actual wealth than this state.

"It is a confession of bankruptcy in statesmanship to say that there can not be a readjustment in cost of public service that has multiplied four times in 10 years. This does not mean reduction in pay for honest labor, nor of crippling any form of service worth its cost. It simply means that the cost of government should be so organized that it would be administered in a businesslike way with non-political control of the public debt.

"A schedule must be worked out that will reduce debt and maintain faith and credit. This must include the spending of local governments as well as the state and nation. And this could be done by transferring to the state functions that are inherently theirs and

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MRS. SARAH F. HAMILTON DIES

Widow of J. H. Hamilton, Sr.; Funeral Is Held Last Friday

Mrs. Sarah F. Hamilton, widow of the late J. H. Hamilton, Sr., died at her home near Plymouth February 11, after a brief illness with pneumonia. Funeral services were held from the home Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by Elder W. B. Clifton, of the Primitive Baptist church, of which she had been a devoted and consistent member since early womanhood.

Surviving are: Mrs. G. H. Everett, of Edenton; Mrs. Debbie Overton, J. H. Hamilton, Jr., and Miss Isolind Hamilton, all of Plymouth. There was a large attendance at the funeral services, and many beautiful floral tributes were contributed.

Interment was made in the Windley cemetery, where her husband was buried, the pall-bearers being Sheriff J. K. Reid, George W. Hardison, R. G. Hardison, E. W. Latham, A. R. Latham, R. E. Dunning, George W. Bowen, and C. V. W. Ausbon.

District Oratory Contest Won by Elizabeth Brinn

Creswell.—Miss Elizabeth Brinn, of the Creswell School, won first place in the district American Legion Oratorical contest and will go to Raleigh January 22 to compete in the finals.

Good Attendance Record At Roper School This Year

Roper.—The Roper High School has had an unusually good attendance record this winter, according to E. N. Riddle, principal. Last month there was an average daily attendance of 336 with an enrollment of 393, that resulted in the good rate of 86.4 per cent.

Van B. Martin Enters Race for County Judge

Van B. Martin entered the race today for judge of the Washington County Recorder's Court. The office of solicitor for the court is an appointive office. This makes three seeking this office, including E. L. Owens, incumbent, and John W. Darden.

Barn Near Cherry Is Burned Last Saturday

Cherry.—A barn owned by Rixie White, near here, was burned Saturday night. Details of the fire have not been learned here.