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## CITIZENS CAMPS TO BEGIN THIS YEAR ON JUNE 14

### Application Blanks Can Be Secured From D. Julian Brinkley Here

Washington County boys are again extended the opportunity to attend the annual Citizen's Military Training Camps, which will open June 14, it was learned here today from Lieutenant D. J. Brinkley, Infantry Reserve, chairman of Washington County. Quotas for the camps should be arranged for by March 1.

These C. M. T. camps are now 13 years old and the general purposes remain the same; that is, training healthy Americans to carry on the nation's work and perpetuate its institutions; develop young men who will hold their heads high and take honored places in the community; and who will spread the doctrine of healthy democratic Americanism.

Any boy who will be 17 years of age by June 14 is eligible. However, he must be physically fit, of good character, and an American citizen. Also a physical examination with vaccination against smallpox and typhoid fever and a certificate of good moral character are required. Application blanks can be received from D. Julian Brinkley here.

The camps will afford the boys three wholesome meals a day, with comfortable bedding and quarters in a concrete-floored tent, laundry medical care uniforms, and traveling expenses to and from the camp. This camp will continue for a month.

In addition to the morning periods of study and drill, the afternoons are devoted to supervised athletics, such as baseball, basketball, tennis, track, and other outdoor sports. Swimming will be allowed with a Red Cross Life Saving Course included. In the evening there will be picture shows, concerts, dances, boxing matches and other forms of amusement.

Scholarships in schools and colleges are given by institutions to trainees making the best showing at camps. Any high school is authorized to give credit toward graduation for attendance at these camps. No military obligation is attached to any young man attending. Graduates of the fourth-year course may be accepted as second lieutenants in the organized reserve components of the United States Army if they desire it.

## Chester O. Bell Enters Race for State Auditor

Raleigh.—Chester O. Bell, auditor at the State Prison here, has announced his candidacy for the office of North Carolina State Auditor, subject to the Democratic primary in June.

Mr. Bell was born in Cumberland County. He volunteered for service during the World War, serving with distinction as a member of the 119th Infantry, 30th Division, later being promoted to a lieutenancy. For five years he was auditor and business manager of Moore County, and for the past four years has been State prison auditor.

## To Hold Services At Convict Camp Sunday

Rev. Richard Lucas, pastor of the Baptist church, will have charge of the worship service at the convict camp at the county home Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Every one is urged to attend and take part in the singing. Prayer services will be held in the home at the close of the camp meeting.

The services are well attended by outsiders, according to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brewer, who originated the plan. The meetings are held in the open, as Superintendent Basnight has provided benches. The Bible lesson is the same as used in the adult classes in local Sunday schools.

## R. J. Reynolds Co. Now Using Cotton Stationery

Winston-Salem.—In line with the South's efforts to increase the use of cotton in all forms, R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, of this place, has announced that its stationery is now being made of cotton cloth.

The cotton cloth stationery is used exactly like paper, and readily takes ink, typewriting, and printing. Cotton stationery used by the Reynolds Company is purchased in wholesale lots and advertises the United States' cotton crop to business associates in all parts of the world.

## All Teachers at Creswell Members Education Group

Creswell.—The teachers of the Creswell school have manifested their loyalty to their work and to the state by joining the North Carolina State Association 100 per cent.

## Miss Eugenia Patterson Is New Demonstration Agent

Miss Eugenia Patterson, of Mooresville, is the new home demonstration agent for Washington County. She was at one time head of the department of home economics at the Barium Springs Presbyterian Orphan Home in Iredell County.

The first year after graduation from Flora MacDonald College she was a teacher of home economics and science in that institution. She had five years training and teaching in the home economic work that will work in good as experience in her activities here.

## Ehringhaus States Opinion On Issues

J. C. B. EHFRINGHAUS



Mr. Ehringhaus, an Elizabeth City attorney, is one of the several candidates for the governorship nomination this year.

## MEN NAMED TO PASS ON LOANS

J. W. Starr, L. E. Hassell, and George Hardison are appointed

George Hardison, of Plymouth; J. W. Starr, of Creswell; and L. E. Hassell, of Roper; have been named as the committee in Washington County who will pass on the loans made to farmers for the purchase of seed and fertilizer, by the Federal Government, it was announced today by Farm Agent Dunning.

Applications should be here by March 1. They failed to arrive this week, as was first suggested. Six dollars an acre will be loaned except for truck crops and tobacco, which will be \$10 an acre. Two dollars an acre will be allowed for dusting and spraying. The maximum loan for any individual farmer will be \$400 and maximum for landlord and tenants will be \$1,600.

## Several Cases Called in Recorder's Court Tuesday

Oscar Hassell, 37, white, was found guilty in recorder's court here Tuesday of removing crops after being notified not to do so. Judgment was suspended in the case upon the payment of the costs. Hassell appealed to a higher court, and was required to furnish bond in the sum of \$35.

Lonnie Joseph, 18, colored, was found not guilty of entering and larceny. Roger Hill, 17, colored; Nathan Barnes, 25, white; Thomas Tarkeaton, 22, white, were charged with larceny and their case was continued until next Tuesday.

## Shad Fishing Is Better This Year Than Usual

Skinner'sville.—Shad fishing in the Albemarle Sound in the vicinity of Leonard's Point has been better this year than in many seasons, according to C. M. Simpson, well-known fisherman. A goodly number of rock have been caught also. Prices last year were as high as 60 cents a pound while this season it is said to range around 30 cents.

## ASK OLD CLOTHES

Cast-off garments and many other useful things are desired by the local welfare workers, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brewer. It is hoped that this drive for clothing will be as successful as the one conducted before Christmas. Six hundred garments have been distributed.

An appeal is also made to the farmers for potatoes, meat, or canned goods or any other kind of food.

Here is a statement issued by Miss Patterson: "I want all the women to feel free to call on me for any service that I can render. My time is at their disposal. I will meet them at regular club meetings that will start next week. "The curb market will continue as usual on Saturday mornings. I note with appreciation that the sales last Saturday showed an increase of \$5.42 over the previous Saturday."

## STRICT BUT SANE ECONOMY IS ONE OF VITAL NEEDS

### Favors State Support of 6-Months School Term and Property Revaluation

Revenue provision should match governmental requirements, but the bonded indebtedness of the State should not be increased except only if required to meet some pressing and unforeseen emergency, according to J. C. B. Ehringhaus, of Elizabeth City, a candidate for governor of North Carolina, subject to the Democratic primary in June.

"A strict but sane economy is imperatively demanded. It is quite as important to find where we can save without loss of efficiency as to discover new sources of revenue for spending. Proud as we are of North Carolina's social progress we must remember this can not precede, except for a time, material progress. A taxpayer's dollar represents the patriotic contribution of the brain, labor, and sacrifice as well as the 100 cents.

"No new departments should be established, but rather let consolidations and eliminations, where practicable, be the rule. Careful conservation of the State's credit, including helpful supervision of local spending and bond issues, is imperative. I regard the local government act of the last General Assembly as an outstanding achievement.

"The short ballot issue is dormant. A commission has been appointed to submit for popular consideration either a new constitution or such amendments as it might recommend. We should await their report and the will of the people in this matter.

"If elected governor, I shall insist upon an immediate return to our long-standing policy of quadrennial reassessment. Real estate values are not static, nor can an arbitrary or fictitious valuation be justified. The way must be opened for a quick revaluation. There can be no valid objection to the tax books speaking the truth.

"In determining tax policies, equity, rather than exemption, should be our aim. An oppressive shifting rather than lifting of taxes should be avoided. Full state support for the six-months school term and as liberal support as our circumstances permit is pledged. As soon as conditions make relief of property from the 15-cent levy for six months support equitable possible, I shall welcome that, too, and urge its accomplishment.

"To take tax off of land and put it (in increased weight) upon his back, affords no relief to the average man, for the consumer pays the sales tax. To lighten the load of the landed proprietor, the owner of profitable and luxurious city property, or resident or non-resident possessor of estates, at the expense of the impoverished laborer, the back-broken tenant farmer, and the hard-pressed merchant, does not square with my ideas of equitable taxation.

"I propose an amendment to the constitution which will give the legislature the right to classify for such favorable consideration as it may determine, owner-operated farms of small areas—25 or 50 acres—and owner-occupied homes to the extent of the homestead value with the provision to prevent duplications in the same occupying household.

"My conception of the ideal government is one which is administered in economical efficiency and supported by an equitable system of taxation; which has a sense of proportion enabling it properly to appraise every demand upon its treasury or concern, and which counts in the category of fundamentals, the essential human needs to which it must minister, recognizing dependence upon agriculture and industry.

"There should be continued insistence upon our live-at-home program;

## BEACON OFFICE IS DAMAGED BY FIRE SATURDAY

### Blaze Starts in Pressing Club Late Saturday Afternoon

Workmen have been busy this week clearing away the embers and damaged equipment of the Roanoke Beacon, which was damaged by fire last Saturday. The mechanical department, or rather the job department, of the paper suffered damage at about \$350.

Type was washed away by the heavy streams of water played on the building by firemen, who worked heroically in an effort to prevent the spread of the fire to adjoining buildings. The blaze started in a flue in the Economy Pressing Club next to the Beacon. Equipment and stock, as well as the Beacon building, was damaged.

The fire occurred in the afternoon at about 5:15. Wesley Harrison, job work employee, had just been out of the office a few minutes when the fire was discovered spreading from the pressing club to the Beacon. The damage to the buildings was estimated about \$2,000. There was no insurance on the buildings.

## 25 WOMEN AT MEETING HERE

### Held in Brinkley Hotel Last Tuesday; Miss Estabrook Principal Speaker

Saving time and energy in regular housework was the general theme of the leaders' meeting of club home managers that gathered in the Brinkley Hotel here Tuesday. There was an attendance of 25 women present. Miss Helen N. Estabrook, specialist in home management and house furnishings, was the principal speaker.

Miss Patterson was introduced to the women of the clubs at the meeting. Mrs. William H. Harrison, of Pinetown, president of the Washington County Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, presided over the meeting. The women appreciate the use of the room offered by Mrs. Swain in the Brinkley Hotel.

## SPORTS REVIEW

Creswell.—In a close and thrilling game, the Creswell boys downed the strong Columbia five Thursday afternoon, 13 to 6. The game was even closer than the score indicates, with both teams putting up a strong defense.

Captain Woodley scored 6 points for Creswell, being followed closely by Smith with 5 points. Cahoon scored 4 of Columbia's 6 points.

Creswell.—Creswell girls easily snowed under the Columbia sextet, 28 to 6. Creswell found no trouble in scoring at will, while their defense was the feature of the game. Blanch Speare was high scorer for Creswell with 14 points.

## Mack Marrow Suffers Broken Leg Tuesday

A broken leg was sustained by Mack Marrow when he missed his step in an effort to board the moving truck of W. T. Freeman in the Mill Pond section Tuesday evening. The limb was broken once above the knee and twice below.

He was rushed to Dr. T. L. Bray's office here and then to a hospital. Reports from him are to the effect that he is getting along very well.

An added emphasis upon the profitable utilization of the waste areas in timber growing, game breeding, public hunting preserves; a definite movement towards discovering new uses and new markets for products; a real effort towards reduction of the staggering fertilizer bills; and develop a plan for cooperative production.

"This is simply the faith of democracy. In it I was born, for it I have humbly labored, by it I am content to be judged," concluded Mr. Ehringhaus.

Mr. Ehringhaus is a prominent attorney in this section, having served three terms as district solicitor, and is well known as a clean-cut politician.

## HOME WANTED

Any one who will give a home to a blue-eyed baby girl only six months of age asked to get in touch with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brewer in Plymouth. The child is not in Plymouth, but is greatly in need of a good home.

The last reports from little Bobby, who secured a home through the publication of an appeal last year were to the effect that he is getting along fine.

## Number Candidates for County Offices Is Increasing Every Day

### PRIZES FOR BEST ESSAYS ON MILK

#### Silver Cups Are Offered To High and Grammar School Pupils

By way of further endorsing and creating interest in the Milk-for-Health campaign that is being sponsored by the State Board of Health, Governor Gardner is offering two silver cups as state prizes, one to be awarded for the best essay written by a grammar school pupil, and the other for the best essay written by a high school pupil on the subject of milk and its proper use.

The date of the closing of the contest is noon, April 25, 1932, when all essays competing for the prize shall be in the office of the State Board of Health. Not more than five competing essays from graded school pupils and five essays from high school pupils shall be submitted from any one county. Name, address, age, and grade of pupil, together with name of teacher, school and county, shall appear on each manuscript. Wording of essays must be original, while information may be obtained from any source. Limit of essays is 300 words.

While contestants may select their own titles, provided the theme deals with any phase of the food value of milk, its care and production, the following titles are suggested: The Dairy Cow, An Aid to Health; The Use of Milk in the Home; The Diary of a Bottle of Milk; Milk in the Diet of an Athlete; The Food Value of Milk and Dairy Products An Interview With My Doctor."

### Home Burned in Mill Pond Section This Week

Roper.—The home and contents of Ben Harrison, of the Mill Pond section, near here, were destroyed by fire this week. Reports drifting in here have it that the family lost their clothing as well as the house and furnishings. Also it was said that they had no insurance.

### Local Schools Will Run For Eight Months

The Plymouth City Schools will run for eight months. This is the decision of the officials. Rumors were that the schools would be discontinued in March are not substantiated by any authentic reports. It is thought that enough tax money will be made available to continue the schools until May.

### Creswell Students Hear Washington Program

Creswell.—The pupils of Creswell school were given the opportunity to hear the national program celebrating the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of George Washington. The program was broadcast from Washington, D. C. A radio was installed in the auditorium for this occasion.

### J. W. Marrow, of Roper, Candidate for Treasurer

Roper.—J. W. Marrow, of this place, has announced his candidacy for the office of treasurer of Washington County, subject to the Democratic primary that will be held in June.

### J. M. Clagon Enters Race for Treasurer

Roper.—J. M. Clagon entered the race for treasurer of Washington County with a statement issued this morning. Mr. Clagon at the present is chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee and for years has been an ardent supporter.

### Roper Freshmen To Have Rummage Sale

Roper.—The Freshman class of Roper High School will conduct a rummage sale on Saturday, February 27, at the old company store. The proceeds is to go for the school. Everybody is urged to attend.

### Good Attendance Record Is Made at Local School

Average daily attendance at the Plymouth High School for January was 94.2 per cent, it was learned here today from E. H. Hicks. This makes a very creditable showing for the local school. Good weather has a lot to do with this, it is thought.

Poultrymen in Alexander County have organized a county mutual exchange to sell poultry and eggs through the North Carolina State Poultry Exchange.

### OUT FOR SENATE

A second district contest for a seat in the State Senate was virtually made certain this week when it was unofficially learned that Mr. W. A. Thompson, prominent Aurora man, was considering running for the Democratic nomination next June.

Attorney Carl Bailey, of Plymouth, announced his candidacy several weeks ago, and it is understood that Dare County is considering running a candidate of its own.

### OUTLOOK FOR PEANUT BETTER

#### Large Stocks Still Being Held by Merchants And Farmers

Although the peanut market hangs around 1-2 cents and not many takers at any price, a firmer tone in the market is being felt and farmers believe that the nuts will respond to the general upward movement in prices that has been noted the past few days in cotton, grain, stocks and the general recovery that seems apparent.

It is estimated that over 50 percent of the crop produced in this county is in storage and has not been placed on the market, although a larger percentage has left the hands of the farmers growing them. Large growers with sufficient credit and independent small farmers are still holding their nuts for the increase they believe must come in the price. Other large stocks are being held by merchants and supply men who have taken them in payment of accounts. Cotton and grains have advanced steadily during the past week, reacting to the upward swing of the stock market after the enactment of favorable credit expansion legislation by Congress, and these factors have resulted in a more optimistic outlook for the future for peanut prices.—Bertie Ledger-Advance.

### Solicit Members Here For Roosevelt Club

Members are being solicited in Washington County for the Roosevelt Southern Club with headquarters in Kimball, Georgia. A certificate of membership and a photo button is being mailed to members. Any one is eligible who will contribute and support the candidacy for nomination and election of Governor Franklin Roosevelt, of New York, as President of the United States.

### Creswell Girl In Finals Of Oratorical Contest

Creswell.—Principal C. H. Aderholdt of Creswell, accompanied Miss Elizabeth Brinn to Raleigh Monday, where she competed in the final oratorical contest sponsored by the American Legion. The school is very proud of the fact that it was represented in the finals.

### Superintendent Returns From Washington Meet

E. H. Hicks, superintendent of the Plymouth City Schools, returned this week-end from Washington, D. C., where he has been attending a meeting of the National Education Association. Speakers of national reputation were on the program that consumed this week.

### Raleigh Attorneys Are Here For Week-End

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel W. Ruark and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ruark, and their daughter, Sarah, of Raleigh, were here during the week-end visiting Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hardison. The visiting men were father and son that comprises the well-known law firm of Ruark and Ruark in the capital city.

### OLD MONEY

A search in an attic at the old home here of W. D. Carstarphen, on Main Street Extended, by Tom C. Burgess, who occupies the old home, resulted in the discovery of United States currency that was a half century old.

There were two \$1 bills issued in 1861, and a \$5 bill issued in 1863 in United States money. There was a \$10 bill issued in 1874 by the Bank of Mecklenburg, in Charlotte. The money was not thought to have belonged to Mr. Carstarphen.

### SIX ASPIRANTS FOR TREASURER NOW IN FIELD

#### Contests For Several Other Offices Now Appear Probable

No caucus of the Democratic leaders in Washington County has been called, so far as can be learned, and the result is that the number of candidates for nominations to represent the party in the November election continues to increase daily.

The office of treasurer, which pays a salary of \$112.50 a month and is considered the political "plum" of the county, is the choice target for nearly all of the aspirants. This will probably be the central point of the hot fight that is calculated to be waged. Edward S. Blount will not run to succeed himself in this office.

Already announced for this position are the following persons: Clyde W. Owens, who has been a resident of Washington County for 40 years and has never been an applicant for any political job before; J. W. Marrow, of Roper, long a Democratic party worker; W. E. (Jack) Weede, who has run a number of times; W. Linwood Hassell, a new aspirant for political recognition.

No announcement has been made, but it is understood here that H. C. Spruill, of Plymouth, present councilman of Plymouth; Sam Davenport, of Creswell, will run for treasurer. Already E. G. Arps has made his announcement as a candidate subject to the Democratic primary, for the treasurer's office.

There have been no additions to the three-corner fight for nomination as judge of recorder's court this week. Incumbent E. L. Owens is seeking to succeed himself, while Van B. Martin and John W. Darden are in the race for nomination as the presiding officer of the same court.

It is expected that Mrs. Van B. Martin, known now as Mrs. Estelle Martin, will run against Mrs. Addie L. Brinkley for nomination as register of deeds of Washington County. Mrs. Brinkley has had some close calls in recent years, and the citizens will watch with interest this race if Mrs. Martin enters. Both will be subject to the Democratic party and will enter the primary in June. Also Mrs. Mary Sawyer, widow of Jerry A. Sawyer, may announce her candidacy for the office of register of deeds, subject to the Democratic primary.

No names have been submitted for commissioners, but it is thought that the same three will be in the race again for their offices. They are Geo. W. Hardison, chairman of the board and auditor, of Plymouth; O. R. Armstrong, of Creswell; and E. R. Lewis, of Roper.

Sheriff Reid will not have any opposition, as far as is known now. Neither will C. V. W. Ausbon, clerk of superior court.

### Mrs. Tom Woodley Dies At Her Home in Cherry

Cherry.—Mrs. Tom Woodley, formerly Miss Viva Phelps, died at her home Friday morning. She is survived by her husband and one child, Margaret Juanita.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Russell, of Creswell. Interment was made in the family burying ground.

### Agricultural Class At Creswell To Have Play

Creswell.—The agricultural class of the Creswell school will present a negro minstrel Friday night, February 26, at 8 o'clock. The funds from the show will be used for the benefit of the agricultural club in carrying on their work for the year. A small admission fee will be charged.

### Bill Martin, Former Citizen, Dies in Norfolk This Week

Funeral services were held in Robersonville Thursday for Bill Martin, 45, who died Tuesday night in a Norfolk hospital. His death was sudden. Mr. Martin had long been a resident of Washington County. He was working in Norfolk. Surviving is a widow and four children.

### John A. Gurkin Candidate For Office in Norfolk, Va.

John A. Gurkin, of Norfolk, brother to L. W. Gurkin in Plymouth, is again a candidate for the city council in the Virginia metropolis. Last election he was defeated by only a small margin. He is running to succeed S. Heth Taylor.