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## ELBERT S. PEEL IS SPEAKER AT MEET TUESDAY

### State Senator Says Morale Must Hold Up To Come Out of Depression

"That same optimism that characterized the American soldier, making it possible for him to sleep on shucks, stand hip deep in mud, and go over the top on a turbulent battle front is needed today to bring this country out of its despondency, Senator Elbert S. Peel, of Williamston, told former service men and Masons in a meeting here Tuesday night.

"This same optimism with only the thought of sure victory enabled mothers and sweethearts to send their loved ones away with a smile and this same optimism manifested by the ones behind was demonstrated by the American soldier, who imbued the war sick and weary French, British, and all the allied service men with new courage.

"For this cause these laughing and optimistic men were routed through zones where men were tired of fighting to give them new enthusiasm. The American soldier won the war by putting on the Western Front that optimism that would not suffer defeat. Do we need these virtues today?

"A battle line is drawn today in a situation that calls for the best in every American citizen. Seven million unemployed men are walking the street today while their wives and children are hungry and in need of clothes. Last year every farmer sold his produce for less than cost of production.

"Men of moderate wealth a few years ago are broke. That same optimism that caused the soldiers to crash the front at Chateau Thierry is demonstrated by the men today who will put into the soil again seed for a crop of peanuts, tobacco, cotton, and corn in an effort to carry on without prospect for return for his labor and investment.

"And if the American people fail to keep their morale as did the soldier—God help America. Those who are employed should encourage the morale of the jobless. Our only salvation is to rely on the cardinal virtues to lift us out of the 'dumps,' and there is no question but that we will come out. Men at Valley Forge, Gettysburg, and Chateau Thierry did it, and it can be done today," concluded the speaker.

The speaker also praised Perseverance Lodge, No. 59, which gave the banquet in honor of the former service men in Washington County, and the American Legion. Representative Zeb Vance Norman was toastmaster. Rev. Richard Lucas pronounced the invocation at the barbecue supper.

Remarks were made by E. H. Hicks, D. W. Brown, O. R. Armstrong, C. E. Ayers, E. F. Still, and Tom Snell.

### U. D. C. Meeting

The Major Charles Lous Latham, chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy held its April meeting on Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. G. Arps with Mrs. Arps, Mesdames Marion Ramsey, and J. W. Read as joint hostesses.

Mrs. T. L. Bray presided. Reports were made from the treasurer on the luncheon served on March 29. A detailed report was also given on the annual district meeting which met in Plymouth on March 29. During the business meeting a committee was appointed to make plans for raising money towards the "Stratford Home Fund." Mesdames A. L. Alexander, Claudius McGowan and P. W. Brinkley were appointed as the plan committee.

An interesting social and historical program followed, during which Mrs. J. S. Brown gave a reading, while Mrs. C. J. Norman recited. Frozen cherry custard with block cake was served to the chapter members and Miss Hazel Ausbon and Mrs. Leon Sugar, special guests.

### Home Agent Announces Schedule For Next Week

The following clubs will meet next week: Scuppernon, April 11, at 2:30. Cherry, Tuesday, April 12, 2:30. Albemarle, Wednesday, April 13, at 2:30. Wenona, Thursday, April 14, 2:30. Roper Girls Club will meet Friday afternoon in Roper school auditorium at 2 o'clock.

### L. R. Harrill To Hold Recreational School

Roper.—Mr. L. R. Harrill, State club leader, from State College, will hold a recreational school in Roper school auditorium Thursday night, April 14, at 8 o'clock. Mr. Harrill will be in the county during the day and will probably visit all the schools. Those who have attended the State short courses will remember Mr. Harrill very well.

### NOT CANDIDATE

"I desire to state that after several weeks of careful consideration I have reached a decision that I shall not be a candidate for Representative in the present campaign," it was announced yesterday by Z. V. Norman. "While I should like to return to the next session and hope to again represent Washington County in the near future, I can not now afford to make the sacrifice incident to the service that would be required of me.

"I am very grateful to my constituents and friends who have requested me to run again, and who have so loyally pledged their support. It was a great pleasure to me to serve this county in the last legislature, and I believe that the county benefited considerably by its enactments."

### WINNERS IN MILK ESSAY CONTEST ARE ANNOUNCED

#### Miss Zylphann Oliver, of Creswell, Is Winner of First Prize

Winners in the essay writing competition in the Milk-for-Health campaign conducted in Washington County last week were announced today by James W. Norman, superintendent of public instruction.

Miss Zylphann Oliver, a student of the tenth grade in the Creswell High School was unanimously given the first prize by the three judges. Her award was a beautiful \$5 dress presented by E. H. Liverman, with the girl allowed her choice of frocks in his store here.

The second prize was awarded to Miss Elsie Ruth Chesson, a student in the ninth grade in the Roper High School, and the honor carried with it a 5-pound box of candy contributed by H. A. Williford, owner of the stores known as Williford and Yellow Front Market here.

The third prize was won by Paul Williams, a student in the ninth grade of the Roper High School, which is a 50-pound pig offered by Captain Chas. E. Mizelle, veteran politician and a former member of the Washington County Board of Education.

Three other papers came in for honorable mention by the judges. These were written by the following: Thomas Davis, ninth grade, Roper; Sarah Jane Liverman, tenth grade, Creswell; Minnie Furlough, tenth grade, Creswell.

Judges were Mrs. J. W. Starr, of Creswell; Carl L. Bailey, of Roper; and Miss Eugenia Patterson, of Plymouth. The papers were judged by the number on their copy instead of the name being on the paper so that merit alone would win the prizes and not favor.

Creswell, Roper, and Plymouth High Schools were urged to participate but the latter school failed to make the proper entries. Elimination contests were held in the three schools with the best papers coming into the county-wide competition.

### Visits Store in Washington Just About 20 Years Late

(Washington Daily News) Born within 22 miles of this city, living near here for year, managing editor of the Roanoke Beacon, of Plymouth, and correspondent for this paper, named after J. K. Hoyt, founder of the Hoyt store, Walter Hoyt Paramore, came to this city today and visited J. K. Hoyt's store for the first time.

Paramore has been to Washington many times. He had heard that J. K. Hoyt was one of the finest men in the world. But never had he been into the Hoyt store. But today he visited the establishment and was treated to royal welcome by successors to his namesake.

### Williams-Ange

The home of J. T. McNair, justice of the peace, was the scene of a pretty wedding on Sunday evening at 7:30, when Miss Annie D. Ange became the bride of Lester S. Williams. Both the bride and groom are of Ange Town. The only witnesses to the ceremony were Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ange and Misses Charlotte McNair and Alma Sanderson.

### Leigh Landing Improving After Being Hurt Friday

Leigh Landing, 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Landing, has about recovered today from an injury sustained to the cap of his right knee last Friday while playing at the rear of the music shop here. The cap to the joint was split. Dr. C. McGowan took four stitches in the joint.

## \$4,500 AVAILABLE FOR REBUILDING CHERRY SCHOOL MUCH INTEREST SHOWN IN SERIES OF FARM MEETS

### Delegation Asks That Permanent Structure Be Erected

A delegation from Cherry attended the meeting of the board of education of Washington County here Monday requesting that the officials erect a permanent structure to replace the recently burned school building rather than temporary quarters.

A sketch of a proposed building was submitted by Gordon Norman, architect, that was approved by the board of education that suited the delegation. Mr. Norman was then asked to prepare an estimate of the cost of the building of wood or of brick by next meeting.

If the cost of the brick building does not exceed the fund of \$4,500 available for replacing the burned school building in Cherry, then it is probable that work on the new structure will begin at once. If the cost is more than the available amount, then the delegation will intercede with the board again.

The board declined to grant the request of Ernest Rose that the medical bill of his child be assumed by the county whose finger was mashed so that it was amputated when a door to the truck injured the member of the hand. No funds had been appropriated for this kind of work.

Arrangements were made by the board to replace a truck that is in the fleet of the school system. It is possible that this replacement will take place before school starts in September.

### SUMMER SCHOOL AT A. C. COLLEGE

#### Six Weeks Session Will Begin on June 6; For Both Teachers and Students

By recent action of the Board of Trustees of Atlantic Christian College, it has been decided to offer for the summer of 1932 a six-weeks summer session at the college in Wilson, beginning June 6. Part of the regular faculty of the college will be used for this summer school, and several instructors will be employed from other schools and colleges.

It is the purpose of the school to appeal especially to teachers who wish to improve their certificates and to college students desiring to do undergraduate work in the summer. The summer session is to be under the direction of Professor C. H. Hamlin, head of the Department of Social Science.

### Meet Monday

The Young Ladies' Missionary Society of the Methodist church was entertained by Mrs. Eugene Still Monday evening at her Main Street apartment.

The meeting was called to order and presided over by its president, Mrs. Roy Swain, and after a brief business meeting plans were discussed for raising money towards the organ fund. It was agreed that the society have a chicken salad supper Friday evening of this week.

At the close of the meeting the hostesses served fresh fruit ice cream with chocolate covered cookies.

### 157 Hogs Are Shipped From Here Tuesday

Four cents a pound at the station was paid for the hogs shipped here Tuesday to Richmond under the supervision of Farm Agent R. E. Dunning. An average of 180 pounds was made by the 157 swine shipped.

Arrangements have been made to purchase all the hogs to be shipped to this Richmond concern at 4 cents a pound with the money paid at the railroad station, which is about 3-4 cents under the Richmond market quotations.

### Sunday School Class To Conduct Service Sunday

The class of T. C. Burgess will be in charge of the worship period in the Methodist church Sunday morning. This is in conjunction with a scheme of a committee on attendance to get more people out each Sunday. Each Sunday morning something new and novel in entertainment like this will be presented.

### Farmers Exchange Will Use Standard Fertilizer

Roper.—The Standard Fertilizer Company, of Williamston, will supply the members of the Albemarle Mutual Exchange this season, it was decided by the members of the organization in session here Monday night. Good prices for cash and terms were made to this organization by this concern.

### Cooperative Poultry Association Formed; Now Planning Work

By C. H. RABON

Creswell.—Much interest has been shown during the series of farm meetings held at the Creswell school during the last two months.

The last few meetings have been for the purpose of discussing cooperative marketing. Cooperative marketing is a remedy for many marketing difficulties. That is why we are ready to organize. Our thoughts are now centered around forming a poultry organization. The statement has been made and often repeated that a cooperative organization will not succeed unless it springs from necessity. I do not believe there has ever been a period that we have needed to organize more than now.

In planning this organization we have decided to grow into the poultry business rather than go into it; that is, begin on a small scale and increase in number of birds. By effective cooperation, the farmers will select a certain breed upon which to specialize. The association will find a market to handle the products, with the result that they are placed upon the market after careful inspection and grading, uniform in quality and condition. Our object is to be able to stand back of any product sold from the association. The farmers will continue their evening meetings each week for some time yet.

### AVERAGE TAX IN 1929 FOR COUNTY 83 CENTS AN ACRE

#### Survey Shows Washington County Ranks 93rd in Counties of State

Washington County ranks 93rd in a possible 100 in the average tax rate on all farm lands operated by full farm owners, including land operated by landlords in the year of 1929, it was learned today from available statistics.

The average tax per acre in 1929 was 83 cents for the full owners, while the tax rate for full owners including landlords in the same year was \$2.03, while the decrease for the county-wide tax rate for 1931 under 21 cents.

The rates are calculated from values placed on farm lands and buildings by the farmers themselves and taxes on lands and buildings reported paid by farmers, and are not rates on assessed valuations. These estimates were reached by the 1930 census of agriculture and the reports of the North Carolina Tax Commission.

The per acre tax on farm property in North Carolina is 60 cents against a national average of 86 cents. The true tax rate on farms operated by full owners owning no other land in North Carolina in 1929 was \$1.23 on \$100. Farm rates in western North Carolina are not much more than half the rates in eastern North Carolina, upon an average.

Tax rates on farm property in counties with high rates of tenancy are much higher than in counties with high ratios of farm owners. It appears that in almost every case full owners with additional land which they lease to tenants pay higher rates than full owners with no other land.

### Piney Grove Club

Piney Grove.—The Piney Grove Woman's Home Demonstration Club met Thursday at the home of Mrs. J. A. Stillman.

The president, Mrs. J. A. Stillman, opened the meeting by reading. The secretary, Mrs. Sadie Stillman, called the roll and read the minutes of the last meeting. Mesdames Gardner, of Beech Grove club, Pattie Spruill and Mary Sawyer, of Plymouth, and Mrs. Joe Stillman, of Darby, Pa., were visitors.

Mrs. Eugenia Patterson, home agent gave a very interesting talk on yards and kitchens.

### Town Council Holds Its Regular Meet Monday

Decision to remove the telephone and gong from the office of the chief of police, P. W. Brown, on Water Street, to Clerk M. W. Spruill's office was made by the City Council Monday night in order to eliminate the long distance toll expense accumulated by unknown persons while the chief was away.

Also it was decided to share equally in the loss sustained by the National Handle Company in excess water used on account of defective pipe between the meter and boiler house of the firm that is thought to have been leaking for several weeks.

## Commissioners Cut Salaries Of Home and Farm Agents

### A. L. OWENS GETS IN CONTEST FOR PLACE IN HOUSE

#### Will Oppose C. E. Mizelle, of Roper; Announces Platform

"I will be a candidate in the June primary for the [nomination in the Democratic party for representative to the General Assembly," it was announced today by A. L. Owens, as he entered the race against Capt. C. E. Mizelle, of Roper.

"If nominated and elected, I shall stand for rigid economy in the administration of both State and local government with such consolidations and coordination of duties not inconsistent with efficiency, as will make for that end.

"I am in favor of a readjustment and distribution of the tax burden that will be fair and just to all classes and to all interests to the end that the tax on real property may be reduced and its value restored.

"I am in favor of adequate maintenance of schools by the State and without tax levied upon real property."

### ORDER CHANGE IN HEADLIGHTS

#### Use of Glaring and Dazzling Headlights Prohibited By Ordinance

There has recently been published throughout the State a special ordinance of the State Highway Commission revising the rules with regard to automobile headlights. Under the Consolidated Statutes of North Carolina cited in this ordinance, it is illegal to operate an automobile on the highways of the State with glaring and dazzling headlights. The legislature has empowered the commission to pass such rules and regulations from time to time as may seem proper to carry out traffic regulations set up by it.

Section two of the ordinance reads: "When the headlamps of motor vehicles have been properly adjusted, as required by the ordinance of the State Highway Commission and Section 2621 (93) of the Consolidated Statutes of North Carolina, and an approved anti-glare device applied, then the said headlamps shall be deemed to comply with the requirements of the Consolidated Statutes, Section 2621 (91) (Section 49 of the Revised Motor Vehicle Laws issued April 1, 1929) prohibiting the use of glaring and dazzling headlights, so long as said headlamps so equipped are set to throw the headlamp beams straight ahead of the vehicle."

Section five of the ordinance reads: "That motor vehicles equipped with approved anti-glare device shall be exempt from the restrictions as to candle power of bulbs as provided in State Highway Ordinance No. 25."

The anti-glare device now approved and distributed throughout the State is sold for one dollar a pair. The cost of adjusting the headlamps has been reduced from seventy-five cents to fifty cents, which fifty cents also includes the installation of the said anti-glare device. It is ruled that the headlamps need not be adjusted again when they are once equipped with an approved anti-glare device so long as they remain set to throw the beams straight ahead of the vehicle.

The State Highway Commission has ordered the headlights of all of its automobiles which travel extensively at night equipped with the approved Nodimolite headlight device.

### Arrangements Made To Continue Local School

Arrangements have been made for the payment of at least part of the salaries of the teachers in the Plymouth City Schools, and they will be operated for the next five weeks, if no longer, it was announced today by E. H. Hicks, superintendent.

These schools will go through the full eight months, it is now thought. The schools were faced with closing this week-end, but the committee has made arrangements for the money, and they will continue.

### Benefit Supper To Be Served Here Tonight

The Young Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist church will serve a benefit salad supper in the Brinkley Building on Washington Street that is generally used for this purpose. Salads will be the feature of the menu. Proceeds from the supper will go for use of the organ fund.

### Farm Agent Makes Report For March

Farm Agent Dunning's report to the Washington County Commissioners for the month of March follows: 27 days worked, 18 in field and 9 in office; 128 office conferences; 11 telephone calls; 28 letters written; 52 farm visits, and 685 miles traveled.

Also nine farmers marketed 247 hogs at an average price of 4 3/4 cents a pound, and Mr. Dunning assisted 36 applicants in filing their applications for crop loans from the Federal Government.

### COUNTY URGED TO GO IN FOR WELFARE WORK

#### State Subsidy for Welfare Work Is Stressed By Miss Doshier

Special efforts will be made this spring to induce the Washington County commissioners to employ a full time superintendent of public welfare and to include in their budget this summer for next year an appropriation for a small amount for the salary of the worker, according to Miss Lois Doshier, director of the division of county organization, in the North Carolina Board of Charities and Public Welfare.

State subsidy for the welfare work is now an additional talking point in persuading the county to employ full-time workers. When the legislature of 1931 provided for the state maintenance of the six-months school term, it also provided that the state pay one-half of the salary of the superintendent of public welfare according to a graduated scale based on the county's population.

The reason for this is the fact that the superintendent of public welfare has always received half of his salary from the board of education, because he is the chief school attendance officer. The county could employ a full-time welfare officer with a small outlay in addition to what they have been paying the superintendent of schools.

Miss Doshier believes that the offer can soon save his salary by reducing the amount doled out in pauper relief. Also organizations would become a steady contributing agency as new sources of revenue are tapped to aid state and county appropriations. Organized welfare work will be more readily supported.

James W. Norman at the present gets \$100 a year for this work with \$100 expenses allowed for traveling over the county investigating.

### Mrs. Martha A. Jackson Dies At Home Tuesday

Funeral services were conducted from the home on West Main Street Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock for Mrs. Martha A. Jackson, 68 years of age, who died Monday as the result of a complication of diseases. Rev. Richard Lucas, pastor of the local Baptist church, officiated.

The burial took place in the Charlie Bateman burial plot. She had been confined to her room for several days. Surviving is one son, Hillary Jackson, of this place. Her husband, J. Franklin Jackson, died several years ago. Mrs. Jackson resided here most of her life.

### Piano Recital Given At School Here Wednesday

A piano recital was given in the auditorium of the Plymouth High School Wednesday morning by the pupils of Mrs. Ernest H. Hicks. Piano solos, duets, songs, stunts, comprised the program. This is the last public appearance of the pupils before commencement.

Participating in the program were the following pupils: Edith Edmundson, Naomi Weede, Elgebern Manning, Joan Stier, Lillian Reid McGowan, Helen Harrison, Katherine Midgett, Anne Liverman, Mary Elizabeth Bray and Wilfred Whitley.

### W. H. Clark Accidentally Kills Deer Sunday Night

A young deer was accidentally killed by an automobile driven by W. H. Clark, president of the Plymouth Peanut Company, Inc., Sunday night on the highway two miles this side of Jamesville. A second deer was in the road when the car turned a curve but escaped possibly uninjured. The first deer was almost instantly killed. The animals were hit before the car could be brought to a stop.

### COUNTY TO PAY \$75.00 MONTHLY ON SALARY EACH

#### Reductions To Be Included In Budget Made Up In July

A drastic reduction in that part of the salaries supplied by the county to the farm and home agents was made here Monday by the Washington County Commissioners in their monthly session.

Miss Patterson's salary was reduced from \$1,080 supplied by the county to \$900, which will be appropriated for this work next year, and the home agent will be required to furnish own transportation. Farm Agent Dunning's salary was also cut as above, making each of their salaries amount to \$75 monthly, supplied by the county.

Heretofore the State and Federal governments have been matching dollars appropriated by the counties for this work. If the outside officials continue this work and adhere to the usual custom of aiding in the expense of this work, then each of these workers will receive \$150 monthly with a provision that each agent furnish own transportation.

These reductions will be included in the next budget that must be made up so that it will be ready for submission to State authorities by July. It is not known whether or not these workers will continue with this cut or whether the Federal and State governments will continue to contribute their half of the cost of this work in this county for the coming year.

The commissioners also decided that a relief order be issued J. T. Liverman for \$1,460, for error in 1931 tax, as the property was owned and charged to L. W. Liverman. Twenty dollars was allowed for a coffin used for burying Minnie Lee Hill in Lees Mill Township with the check going to S. D. Barcoe.

Smith White, negro, was notified to move from the county home, as he has regained his health and is now able to care for himself while the commissioners allowed Jesse Tarkenton to enter the home.

It was also decided that a relief order be issued to Mrs. J. A. Stillman to cover \$500 valuation charged in error as solvent credit.

### GIVES FACTORS THAT IMPROVE TOBACCO CROP

#### First Concern Should Be To Plant Only What Can Be Taken Care of

The first concern of the tobacco grower in 1932 should be to plant only those acres which can be properly cared for after all the primary needs for food and feed have been arranged.

"After conducting demonstrations with tobacco growers for a period of years, we know there are certain factors which have improved the quality of tobacco in this State," says E. Y. Floyd, tobacco specialist at State College. "No man should plant more of the crop this year than he can look after properly and he should select uniform, well drained soils for the crop. The best cigarette varieties are Cash, White Stem, Orinoco, Bonanza and Jamaica. All seed need to be re-cleaned and treated for disease. The seed bed should have a southeast exposure on a well-drained, loamy soil. It is preferable to have a new location each year and cover the bed with a canvas having 26 by 26 strands to the square inch. Plant 100 square yards to every two and one-half acres expected to be set and get only the best uniform plants for setting."

### Mother of J. L. Hayes Is Hurt in Windsor

Jerry L. Hayes, an employee of the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company station here, in the freight department, was in Windsor last Sunday visiting his mother, who was reported to have broken her leg by a fall. She is better now.

### To Organize Christian Endeavor Society Here

There will be a young people's meeting at the Christian church in Plymouth Sunday evening at 6:30 to organize a Christian Endeavor Society. All young people of the community are urged to attend. If you have a young people's organization in your own church attend there.