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COMPLETE SLATE OF CANDIDATES FOR NOVEMBER

Both Parties in County Are Ready for Battle of Ballots

Candidates of the two parties are now ready for the battle for votes in Washington County that will end November 8th, when the general election is held, as the Democrats have nominated their leaders while the Republicans named their candidates in a convention.

As the Democratic primaries are over now it is time for the voters to consider who they will cast their ballot for in this election, as there are on the lists some desirable men from both parties, but the parties in Washington County usually walk the "straight and narrow," voting their complete party ticket.

Little scratching is done, but in the presidential election year of 1928 Al Smith was scratched many times in favor of his opponent, Herbert Hoover, and many of those who failed to support the national Democratic ticket fell by the wayside in other ways, and the county race was even close.

Here is a list of the candidates from both parties, as they will be in the fall election:

Representative: Charles E. Mizelle, of Roper, Democrat; and James C. Tarkington, of Pleasant Grove, Republican.

County treasurer: Ernest G. Arps, Plymouth, Democrat; and Nathan S. Harrington, of Skippersville, Republican.

Register of Deeds: Mrs. Mary O. Sawyer, Plymouth, Democrat; and Mrs. Grace H. Swain, Plymouth, Republican.

Recorder judge: John W. Darden, Plymouth, Democrat; and Thomas W. Snell, Plymouth Township, Republican.

Commissioners: George W. Hardison, E. R. Lewis, and O. R. Armstrong, Democrats; and Dewey Barton Swain, Henry E. Harrison, and Stewart Woodley, Republicans.

Sheriff: Joseph K. Reid, Democrat; and Elmer R. Jackson, Republican.

State Senator: Carl L. Bailey, Roper, and A. D. MacLean, Washington, Democrats.

Member of County Board of Education: C. Norman Davenport, Jr., of Creswell, Democrat.

Coroner: W. T. Nurney, Democrat, and E. S. Mizelle, Republican.

Justices of the Peace: R. W. Lewis, J. F. Snell, C. L. Everett, H. A. Norman, W. A. Swain, H. W. Tarkenton, C. V. White, Stuart D. Davis, Walter H. Paramore, T. F. Davenport, J. C. Gatling, Democrats; and J. M. Chesson, T. R. Trueblood, Thomas Warren Bateman, George W. Sitterson, W. A. Mizelle, J. E. Sexton, J. DeWitt Davenport, D. E. Davenport, G. Austin Overton, A. D. Snell, Joe Cahoon, and W. E. Phelps, Republicans.

Constables: C. B. Chesson, L. K. Spruill, Arthur Phelps, and George Bruce Tetterton, Republicans; and E. M. Chesson, Cortez Swain, A. R. Latham, and Roy T. Hopkins, Democrats.

Special Services Held At Rehoboth Church Sunday

Skippersville.—Services were held at Rehoboth M. P. Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and evening service at 7:30. Rev. J. C. Russell's sermon was about patriotism and was based on the signing of the Declaration of Independence July 4, 1776.

Home Agent Announces Schedule for Next Week

The following clubs will meet next week: Monday afternoon, County Bridge. Tuesday afternoon, the yard tour will be held. Wednesday afternoon, Swains. Thursday afternoon, Creswell. Friday afternoon, Alba.

Twenty Tyrrell Farms Have Eliminated Rats

Twenty farms in Tyrrell County have cleaned out their rat population by using the poisoned bait recommended by the county farm agent.

Plant Stubble Land To Cowpeas and Soybeans

Cleveland County stubble land is all being planted to cowpeas and soybeans for hay and soil improvement.

Cultivating 600 Acres of Tomatoes Over in Bertie

Approximately 600 acres of tomatoes are being grown under contract this season by Bertie County farmers.

S. L. Kiser, of Bessmer City, reports that limestone is the best fertilizer he has used on his farm after reviewing his results this season.

COUNTY BOARD

The services of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brewer, welfare workers, were retained during the month of July by the Washington County Commissioners in session here last Monday, when it was decided that they would continue to contribute to the welfare work, as some one is needed now to wisely distribute the government flour that is being used to aid unemployed.

Also the tax sale was continued to August 1. An arrangement was made to continue the work of Dr. T. L. Bray, quarantine officer, in his vaccination campaign against typhoid fever and diphtheria.

TOWN COUNCIL HOLDS REGULAR MONTHLY MEET

Vote 3 to 2 Against Allowing Fountains to Open Sunday Morning

The City Council voted 3 to 2 against granting the request of Bosie Horton, operator of a Washington Street cafe and soda fountain, who requested that they repeal the 10 to 12 o'clock closing hours on Sunday morning. And so this ordinance stands for two-hour closing every Sunday morning.

It was decided to retain Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brewer, welfare workers during the month of July, as they donated \$25 for this work with the understanding that this was their last donation to this work at the present. It was also announced that the street laborer's salary would be reduced from \$13.75 weekly to \$11 each.

The City Council granted a request made by the Plymouth Fire Department agreeing to appropriate \$50 to the use of firemen in sending a delegation to the meeting of the North Carolina Firemen's Association in Hamlet next month.

REDUCE CHARITY BILL BY CANNING FOOD PRODUCTS

Idle Labor Used To Work Public Garden in Scotland County

From a small garden worked with idle labor some 3,000 cans of succulent vegetables will be saved for use this winter in feeding the indigent in Scotland County. In this way, the county commissioners are using the trained home agent to save on its charity bill.

The idea of a welfare garden at Laurinburg was advanced by the home agent, Miss Julia McIver, early this past spring. Land for the garden was furnished by a local real estate dealer, fertilizer by a local broker, and seed by the state council on unemployment. Prisoners from the local jail were used to cultivate the garden.

The first crop which could be satisfactorily canned was the snap beans, and Miss McIver and her help have already put up 2,000 cans. In doing this, she trained some 200 negro women, boys, and girls who had been receiving free government food and other charitable aid. These idle persons began picking vegetables about 5:30 o'clock each morning and at 8 o'clock the canning began. Cans were supplied by the board of county commissioners. Miss McIver used only an oil stove, a big wash pot, several lard stands and a sealing machine.

When she finished the day's job of canning, then the home agent went about her other duties in the county. Last Monday, however, she had to stay on the job all day because it was necessary to save all the vegetables then ready. Four hundred cans were saved with the last one being topped and sealed at 10 o'clock that night.

From now on, Miss McIver plans to can only soup mixture which home demonstration folks consider the most nutritious of all canned goods. She will use the tomatoes, okra, beans, and corn now ripening for this purpose and she says she will fill 3,000 cans before the garden is exhausted.

Funeral Held Wednesday For Mrs. A. Sidney Allen

Burial services were held at the Windley Cemetery, near Plymouth, on Wednesday afternoon for Mrs. A. Sidney Allen, 72 years of age, who died early Tuesday morning. She had been confined to her bed since last Thursday, but had been a chronic sufferer from bronchial pneumonia, which caused her death.

The Rev. Ben Clifton, a Primitive Baptist minister, officiated. Interment took place in the Windley cemetery. Surviving are a husband, a son, Clyde Allen, and three daughters: Mrs. G. R. Bowen, of Pinetown; and Mrs. H. W. Bowen and Mrs. M. S. Respass, of Washington County.

TALK BASEBALL CLUB HERE FOR SEASON OF 1933

County Has Abundance of Promising Material For Team

There has been some talk on the streets of Plymouth this season that would lend support to the movement or tendency of some to endeavor now to make plans for securing a franchise for Plymouth in the Albemarle Baseball League for the 1933 season.

With the brand of baseball being played now by the local players, and comparing it with the class played in the league the Plymouth boys would have a chance of competing with them almost on an equal basis if about three players of college caliber were added.

Sidney Smithson, of Creswell, outfielder, could possibly make the team, while Joe Gurganus, as an outfielder, and Burl Gurganus, as third baseman, and possibly relief pitcher, would make first-rate candidates for their respective positions.

Charlie Mizelle and Tom Norman, of Roper, are players with class also. They are almost as good as some of the players in the league. And with good management and coaching, with a little experience, they would become valuable players. Fred Blount, of Creswell, could be developed into a good player also, and Jack Brown is good.

There is Red Hudson, of Wenona, who tried the league with Edenton back yonder last season or before. He could be made a good pitcher. Then Jake Sawyer and his brother from near Hudson's way, would be a lot of help to the team in the league. P. W. Brown could take his turn at pitching.

Dick Chesson is a fair catcher. He could be made better. And Fields and Dinkins are good infielders. Bill Clagon is good material for the outfield. And there are other good players in Washington County. This club would need only a couple of pitchers that could play first base when not on the mound.

The Albemarle League class is just about as good as college ball. A couple of college pitchers would put Plymouth in good shape. This league plays four games a week. Four non-resident county players can be employed at a small expense. Some of the best get no more than \$15 weekly and their board.

Then the other money, or rather what is left, after paying expenses, is divided up between the local players at intervals. The admission price is only 25 cents and 10 cents grandstand. There should not be much investment in fence or grandstand in Plymouth to start with and now the club has new suits.

It might be well to consider this for next season, and begin preparing for Plymouth's entrance into the league, as there are a number of players in the county as good as those mentioned in this article, but the writer has not been fortunate enough to see all the games, thus not seeing them in action.

Sailing Party Becalmed; Search Parties Organized

Anxiety was felt here by relatives when a boating party composed of Misses Eliza Hampton and Eleanor Duvall and two male companions of Selma, who were out on a small sail boat with Frank Brinkley failed to return by dark Monday evening.

A searching party was organized and cruises in the Roanoke River and the Albemarle Sound failed to yield any clues as to the whereabouts of the missing vessel. A second searching party was forming at midnight when the boat was discovered drifting homeward with the current.

The young folk had been to Edenton most of the day. When they were ready to return the wind had completely died down and there was no breeze to speed them along their way.

Local Baseball Team Receives New Uniforms

Members of the Plymouth Fire Department baseball team are expected to have their new uniforms by the end of this week. They have arrived in Plymouth and are expected to be applied for by the time to use them in week-end games. They were purchased through Leon Sugar.

The boys secured the suit through popular subscription by business men, with each suit carrying advertising matter and the name of the donor. A total of 11 suits were bought. More than half of those promising suits had paid the first of the week when this was written.

Those donating included E. G. Arps, P. M. Arps, Branch Bank, Gilbert Davis, M. J. Mayo, Pender's, Ben Sumner, A. L. Alexander, E. H. Liverman, B. G. Campbell, O. H. Lyon, Leon Sugar, Willford's, and Plymouth Hardware Co.

GREEN GRASS BURNS

Lack of rain in this section has resulted in such a drought that green grass and green corn was set afire by a spark from a passing train and a big area was burned before firemen stopped the spread of the conflagration.

Chief L. W. Gurkin is authority for the statement that "I have never before seen a fire that would catch and spread on green matter as corn and grass at this time of the season. The alarm called the firemen to the rear of the Gulf plant, where the fire was raging.

GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS WITH POTATOES

Agricultural Man Predicts Increase in the Sweet Potato Acreage

There will probably be an increase in sweet potato acreage this year in the Carolinas to make up for some of the decrease in tobacco and cotton acreage.

A few farmers who have made a business of sweet potatoes have informed the writer that they have derived more satisfactory returns from sweet potatoes over a five-year period than from other crops produced. But there have been too few such cases; due, probably to a number of causes: Scarcity of good seed stock of the right variety.

Lateness in getting sprouts ready for planting in the field, and therefore lateness in having vine cuttings ready for main crop planting.

Lack of understanding of spacing in the row from which the largest yield of number one potatoes may be secured.

Failure to use fertilizer formulae best suited to the soil and crop—a formula sufficiently well balanced to make chunky potatoes of the right size and quality.

Neglect to harvest the crop in advance of a killing frost.

Careless handling. Under careless handling come the worst offences committed against the crop.

Lack of care at digging time.

Neglect to handle as one would handle eggs or peaches.

Failure to clean and thoroughly sterilize the storage house.

These are just a few of the things that a grower must know and do to succeed with sweet potatoes.

Clemson Agricultural College conducted sweet potato five-acre contests season 1929, 1930 and 1931. These contests developed a valuable fund of information. As seasonal conditions were unfavorable in 1931 for normal yields, a few salient facts obtained in 1930 are being used in this article.

Records completed, 208 showed the average per acre yield of number one potatoes of the contestants, 118 bushels. Out of the 209 contestants, 22 secured a yield of 200 bushels or more of number one potatoes per acre.

After deducting production costs amounting to \$44.95 per acre, the average net profit of all contestants was \$76.12 per acre.

Following an analysis of the records submitted by the 1929 and 1930 contestants, the following recommendations were made by Clemson College to South Carolina farmers:

The best seed or plants it is possible to obtain should be used. Some very poor strains of sweet potatoes were grown in the state in 1930. The use of such strains materially lessens the chances for success with this crop.

Vine cuttings are apparently superior to sprouts for the production of disease-free sweet potatoes of high quality.

Sprouts, since they are planted earlier, are likely to give larger yields. In favorable seasons sweet potatoes of satisfactory quality are produced from sprouts, but in unfavorable seasons a large percentage of rough, cracked, or oversized stock may result.

Plants should be transplanted to field during May or the first half of June.

Rows should be spaced 36 to 40 inches apart with plants 8 to 12 inches in the row.

Use 800 to 1,000 pounds per acre of an 8-3-8 8-3-10 PNK fertilizer.

C. A. Gradeless Takes Up Work in Insurance Here

NEW SCHEDULE OF MAIL SERVICE IS NOW IN EFFECT

Same Service To Be Given Despite Removal of Two Trains

Patrons of the Plymouth post office will receive the same service as in the past, despite the change of the mail from Raleigh to Norfolk from trains numbers three and four to a special star route bus line that will run from Norfolk to Wilson and return daily, it was announced today by Postmaster A. L. Alexander.

The local post office will have more work to do in an effort to accommodate the people in Washington and Tyrrell Counties as mail for the post-offices in these counties will be worked out of this office. This will greatly increase the work of the office force, according to Mr. Alexander, but an effort will be made to operate with the same efficiency as before.

Mail off of the route between Plymouth and Columbia will be taken care of on the route between Plymouth and Williamston instead of trains numbers three and four, which were discontinued Saturday night. This Columbia route is now in charge of R. C. Peacock, who replaced C. J. Ainsley, when the former placed a bid below Ainsley's for this job.

Joe T. Weede has the contract for the mail service between Plymouth and Williamston. His schedule calls for leaving Williamston daily except Monday at 5:30 a. m., and not later than 6 o'clock, arriving in Plymouth in 45 minutes; leaving Plymouth daily except Sunday at 7:30 p. m., arriving in Williamston 45 minutes afterwards.

All these star mail routes out of Plymouth will connect with the star mail route that runs between Norfolk and Wilson, leaving Norfolk at 8 p. m. daily except Sunday and arriving at the A. C. L. Station at Wilson at 2:30 a. m. and leaving Wilson daily except Monday at 3 a. m., arriving at Norfolk at 9:30 a. m. This route takes the place of trains numbers three and four from Norfolk to Raleigh.

New Portrait of George Washington On Display

A beautiful portrait of George Washington is hanging on the wall in the office of the Roanoke Beacon. It is from the brush of Bapstain Tom Woodburn, art director of the recruiting publicity bureau of the United States Army. It might be called an "idealized" one. It is a regular Army officer's conception of the first Commander-in-Chief.

Captain Woodburn's portrait is intended to show Washington as he was at the height of his military career. The painter gives his idea of the much-disputed coat-of-arms in vogue at the time of Washington's life.

Friends can take a look at the picture while passing the Beacon office. It is a good work. And again, it is just out.

Several Changes in Local School Faculty Announced

Miss Anita MacLean, of Washington, daughter of Senator-nominee A. D. MacLean, has been secured as a member of the faculty of the Plymouth City Schools for the coming term. She will take the place of Mrs. R. G. L. Edwards, who resigned to join her husband, who is pastor of the Parkton Methodist church.

Superintendent Ernest H. Hicks has also accepted the resignation of Miss Ethel Spruill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Spruill here, who will become a member of the teaching staff of the schools in Washington, N. C.

Spruill Heads Young Democrats in Lees Mill

Roper.—Nathan Spruill, local attorney, has been named as chairman of the Lees Mills Township of the Washington County Young People's Democratic clubs, it was learned here today. Miss Eva Allen will serve as vice chairman to work with the young women.

It will be the duty of these two young folk to interest other young people in the concerted effort of the party to get all the young men and women Democratic voters to the polls in the general election.

These young folk were highly recommended to Walter H. Paramore, chairman of the county, who announced their appointment today.

Miss Lula Belle Felts Principal Primary School

Miss Lula Belle Felts has been selected as principal of the Plymouth primary schools for the coming season. She has been teaching the sixth grade here for some time. She succeeds Mrs. H. A. Liverman, who recently handed in her resignation after having been a member of the faculty here for a number of years.

Soon Start Work On Cherry School

WILL PUBLISH ALL WRITINGS OF WASHINGTON

At Least 25 Volumes Will Be Required; Only Four Are Now Ready

The United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission announces that four volumes of the set of approximately 25 volumes of the Definitive Edition of the Writings of George Washington, are now ready for distribution. This publication of a complete collection of Washington's personal, military, and state papers has been one of the major activities which Congress assigned the Federal Bicentennial Commission, as part of the nation's honors to Washington during this two hundredth year since his birth.

Nothing like this comprehensive edition of the Washington writings has been attempted heretofore, partly because private publishing houses recoiled at the expense. Fifty years after Washington's death, Jared Sparks, then president of Harvard, issued an edition of 12 volumes, in which he omitted numerous passages and "improved" Washington's diction in others. Sixty years after the Sparks edition, Worthington C. Ford brought out another 14 volumes, taken directly from the Washington manuscripts. But as Washington left a larger number of papers than any other president, these editions, large as they are, contain less than 50 per cent of the whole, represented in 400 folders in the Library of Congress.

As pointed out by Dr. John C. Fitzpatrick, editor of this great compilation and noted authority on Washington's writings, "the lack of a complete publication of Washington's letters has made possible the slanderous belittlement of his character by present-day writers. . . . In one way or another to Sparks and Ford for the hundreds of biographies of Washington now available. . . . The pity of it is, however, that most of these biographies, so unsatisfactory because of their lack of complete information, have been read with avidity by the American public and so have been responsible for the vast amount of existent misconception regarding Washington. . . . It is not surprising, therefore, that one of our present day eminent historians, John Bach McMaster, should have stated that George Washington is an unknown man."

The present Bicentennial edition of the Washington Writings, according to Dr. Fitzpatrick, is not only an honor to the first American, but will enable America to understand her own history more clearly, for the formative period of the United States is so enmeshed with the life of Washington that it is impossible to obtain a clear picture of the founding of the nation without full knowledge of George Washington, the man himself, his personal as well as his public life.

The Bicentennial edition will now make this available. It will contain all the papers included in the Sparks and Ford editions, all the papers in the Library of Congress, besides many letters and groups of letters in the possession of various libraries, historical societies, state archives, and private owners. In fact, Washington papers have been found in every state of the Union and in nearly every country of the world.

The present Bicentennial edition was begun in 1930. The volumes, as ready, will be published by the Government Printing Office on 100 per cent rag paper, durably bound, 500 pages to the volume, and each containing about 300 letters. Each volume will be separately indexed and foot-noted with names and records of all individuals referred to. In addition to the four volumes now ready, it is hoped to have five or six others completed by the close of the Bicentennial year.

The editing of this collection has been done by Dr. John Clement Fitzpatrick, of the Manuscript Division, Library of Congress, editor of the George Washington Diaries. Dr. Fitzpatrick's entire life has been devoted to pure scholarship, and he stands foremost among authorities in presenting the facts of Washington's life as drawn from his own hand.

Every person in Washington County is invited to be at the court house at 1:30 to start the tour, especially those people who are interested in improving their yards. The first yard to be judged will be that of Mrs. Carl Heynen, of Wenona.

The winners in this contest will be awarded a free trip to the state short course. The yards will be judged according to the most improvement made in the yard this year (not necessarily the prettiest yard).

Tom J. Swain Hurt In Auto Accident

Tom J. Swain, chairman of the Washington County Board of Education, is suffering from an injured arm sustained when an automobile in which he was riding turned over at Nags Head last week while Mr. Swain and friends were there on a vacation trip.

In the fishing party that went to Oregon Inlet and Nags Head were Colon Stokes, Harry Chopie, R. E. Dunning, Bill Waters, of Plymouth, and Bill Hayes, of Columbia. They left here Wednesday and returned Sunday.

First Barn of Tobacco "Put In" On July 5th

Perhaps the first barn of tobacco put in during this season in Washington County is on the farm of W. H. Gurkin, in Plymouth Township. Sand lugs were put in the barn for curing July 5. Last year the first barn was put in on this farm June 28.

Lack of rain has resulted in small growth of the stalks, making less leaves. For that reason tobacco may be a little short this season.

15 Carloads Tomatoes Shipped From Roper

WORK IS UNDER SUPERVISION OF GORDON NORMAN

Local Labor Will Be Used; Reject Only Bid Made By Contractor

Actual construction on the Cherry school building to replace the structure destroyed by fire some time ago will be started within the next two weeks, according to James W. Norman, superintendent of public instruction in Washington County.

The board of education has rejected the bid of John W. Hudson and Company, of Raleigh, who wished the contract for the construction of the building for \$7,178. As the board had only \$4,500 available for this purpose, the bid from the Raleigh firm was necessarily rejected. It was the only bid submitted.

A survey has been made by Mr. Norman with the aid of those qualified, and it is the consensus of opinion that the building can be erected by the sum available. And so work will begin some time in the next two weeks as he is busy now placing orders for material and making definite plans for work to start.

M. Gordon Norman, local draughtsman, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Norman, will be in immediate charge of the buildings, as it will be done under his supervision, he having prepared the plans which were approved by the officials. Ernest D. Kemp will be head carpenter. Local labor will be employed.

The plans drawn by Mr. Norman include five classrooms with an auditorium that will seat 200 people. The building will be 109 feet long and 41 feet wide, with an ell 30 by 25 feet. Included also will be a principal's office and library. There will be no basement. Classrooms will be 30 by 20 feet.

Two entrances are drawn at the front of the building for the children to make their entrance and exist. The halls are 10 feet wide. This building will be of wooden construction. Estimate of the frame building cost is given at \$4,485.58, while a brick structure would cost \$6,805.

Yard Tour To Be Made In County On Tuesday

Tuesday afternoon, July 19, Miss Pauline Smith, district supervisor of extension work, will be in Washington County to judge yards. A tour will be made Tuesday afternoon. Every person in Washington County is invited to be at the court house at 1:30 to start the tour, especially those people who are interested in improving their yards. The first yard to be judged will be that of Mrs. Carl Heynen, of Wenona.

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Roper.—Fifteen carloads of tomatoes have been shipped to northern markets from Roper since the season opened. Rain now would aid in ripening the vegetables. Capt. Charlie Mizelle, president of the Albemarle Mutual Exchange, of this place, which is selling the tomatoes, thinks that next week this will be increased.