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SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION TO BE HELD SUNDAY

Plymouth Township Group Will Meet At Methodist Church

Short speeches filled with inspiration and information from the superintendents in the four church schools here with a sprinkling of music will comprise the program of the Plymouth Township Sunday School Convention that will be held here Sunday afternoon, September 25, at 3 o'clock in the Methodist church.

The same program that was arranged for the first Sunday in September will be given with the addition of little Miss Katherine Midgett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Midgett, who will sing a solo. A good crowd is expected to attend. It will not last over an hour and a half, said President Walter H. Paramore.

The devotional service will be in charge of Mrs. George W. Bowen, a worker with the young people in the Christian church here. After this the president will make a short talk on the work of the association, explaining in detail the goals of the organization in promoting a better understanding between the church and the Sunday schools in the various denominations.

The first speaker as arranged in the program is John W. Darden, superintendent of the Christian church Sunday school, who will speak on "Methods of Increasing Attendance at Sunday Schools." This is one of the pressing problems in this work at the present, and it is thought that Mr. Darden will bring a message that will do all church school workers good.

James W. Norman, superintendent of the Methodist Sunday school, has for a subject, "Some Suggestions in Making the Opening or Devotional Services That Take Place in the Assembly Hall Prior to Division for Classes Interesting." This is also a subject that will be timely and appropriate from every standpoint.

W. Frith Winslow, superintendent of the Church School at Grace Episcopal Church, will speak on "Relation of the Sunday School Superintendent to the Pupils," while T. J. Swain, superintendent of the Baptist Sunday School, will explain "How the Superintendent Can Work Effectually With the Teachers To Build a Better Sunday School."

Miss Miriam Ausbon, a communicant of the Grace Episcopal Church, will sing a solo between the speeches with Mrs. R. W. Johnston, organist at the Episcopal Church, playing for the special singers and also for the congregational music. Mr. Paramore is working to include other special items on the program that is to run just a little over an hour, with none of the four speakers having over 10 minutes for their talks.

Mrs. George W. Harrison, a member of the Long Acre Free Will Baptist church, who is secretary of the association, will be in charge of a program that is to be presented by her Sunday school at the meeting on Sunday. Last June, when the first meeting was held, there was a good crowd, and it is expected that a good crowd will gather for this meeting Sunday.

CIVIL CALENDAR OCTOBER COURT

One Week Term for Civil Cases Only To Begin October 24

Motion and divorce cases will be called at the pleasure of the judge in the civil term of Washington County Superior Court that will meet here October 24 for one week only, according to the calendar arranged by the bar association.

Cases for Monday: Midvale Realty Company versus L. Whitehurst; Winchester-Simmons Co. vs. W. R. Hampton; Eastern Cotton Oil Co. vs. E. B. Spencer; C. McGowan vs. Alberta Swain, Executrix; J. L. Swain vs. Romulus Ange and E. D. Kemp vs. J. S. Shugar.

Tuesday: Fannie Smith vs. G. U. O. of O. F.; Eastern Cotton Oil Co. vs. Stanley McCullough; Mrs. F. M. Simpson and others vs. J. S. Davenport; Eastern Cotton Oil Co. vs. J. S. Davenport.

Wednesday: M. E. Smithson vs. S. L. Davenport and others; W. T. Freeman vs. G. M. A. Corporation; A. Davenport vs. Chicago Mill & Lumber Corp.; Odell Sykes vs. Elwood Lee.

Thursday: A. B. Davenport vs. J. T. McAllister; J. J. Johnson vs. W. B. Coppersmith and others; Dr. C. McGowan vs. Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co.; J. S. Shugar vs. Smith and Douglas; Mrs. N. J. Rhodes vs. the following defendants in separate cases, William Davenport, Mrs. Carnie Spruill, and Weston Spruill (two cases); S. A. Holton vs. Howard Leary; Maggie Ange vs. Fire Insur-

No Further Postponement Of Tax Sales To Be Made

The delinquent tax list of 1931 taxes will be advertised during the month of October and sold on the first Monday in November, and there certainly will be no extension of time, it was announced today by George W. Hardison, the chairman of the board of Washington County Commissioners.

Heretofore the commissioners have been extending the time of the tax sale monthly, but Mr. Hardison is emphatic in his declaration that there will be no postponement of the sale, and those who fail to pay their taxes in time will be subject to the advertising penalty.

Just about 50 per cent of the taxes for 1931 have been paid to date and what keeps the percentage low is on account of the failure of the two railroads and the corporations or large concerns that have not paid. If these should pay the percentage would be boosted to about 75 per cent.

NEGRO IS KILLED NEAR PLYMOUTH BY N. S. FREIGHT

Charles Barkley, 50 Dies Under Wheels of Train Early Sunday

Charles Barkley, 50 years of age, negro, was killed Sunday morning at 1:30 o'clock by train number 63 of the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company when the engine of the heavy freight hit the negro while he was in the path of the train.

The engineer told Coroner W. T. Nurney that when he observed the negro he was sitting in the middle of the track and that his train was so heavily loaded with a long string of cars that it was impossible for him to stop the freight before it hit the victim.

The left leg of the negro was severed, while his right leg was broken above the knee and there were two holes in the negro's head. The tragedy occurred between Ausbon and Hinson stations a short distance out of Plymouth toward Pinetown.

The negro's wife told that she had gone home earlier in the evening and that she had left her husband behind to purchase the necessities for the next week. Roy Watson is said to have given the negro a ride a good ways out of Plymouth.

No cause for the negro action in being on the track unless he was under the influence of whisky, and some think that this is the truth of the matter.

PLAN SECURING CAMPAIGN FUND

W. R. Hampton Becomes Member of 'Shareholders In America'

W. R. Hampton, Democratic County Chairman of Washington County, announced today that James Farley, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, in conjunction with the Executive Committee, has designated him as the first member in Washington County of "Shareholders in America," a movement designed to elect Franklin D. Roosevelt and John N. Garner. Mr. Hampton said he received today his membership and official Roosevelt-Garner medallion, which is the official insignia of Shareholders in America.

The medallion is a real work of art, bearing a profile of Governor Roosevelt and Speaker Garner. It was created by Gutzon Borglum. Mr. Hampton said that he expected to be a sponsor of Shareholders of America in Washington County, and give every supporter of Franklin Roosevelt an opportunity to procure one of these medallions. He said any one would be proud to display it and would further want to preserve it as a souvenir of the campaign.

"This plan for raising funds," said Mr. Hampton, "is in keeping with Franklin Roosevelt's idea of making this the Peoples' Campaign." The medallion sells for \$1. Any person desiring a medallion can communicate with Mr. Hampton at Plymouth. Mr. Hampton is seeking volunteers to cooperate in this campaign. Any one who is willing to help the cause of Franklin Roosevelt can communicate with him at County headquarters.

Wenona Couple Married Here Within Past Week

Magistrate E. D. Carstarphen performed a marriage ceremony here last week in a store with Joe Weede as a witness to the affair. The couple joining in wedlock was Royal Edward Gurganus, of Wenona, and Miss Aleameter Lamb, of the same place. The couple will reside in the Wenona section.

BELIEVE BIBLE IS PROFANED BY USE IN COURTS

"Swearing In" Witnesses In Many Instances Has Lost Significance

Many people think nowadays that all that is essential in preparing a witness for the stand is to elicit an affirmation from him, as the Quakers have always done in America, and in most cases this is all that is necessary among the better class of people.

While the lower elements that are continually in the courthouse had just as soon swear by a Bible as affirm their pledge to tell the truth as one means as much as the other. Many times the criminal himself had just as soon perjure himself after kissing the Bible as otherwise.

When there was a scarcity of the holy book more pride was taken in the use of it and, lo, these many years it has been used in the courthouse possibly to some benefit, but now it seems that this peculiar use of the book has outlived its benefit as there is so much skepticism now.

And the man who kisses the book in the courthouse is generally the man who does not know the teachings of the Bible or the hallowness that surrounds its use, and many times it is abused or misused in a place where it is meant to do a lot of good, but it takes a person skilled in the teachings of the book to protect it from violence.

No one will argue that the Bible does not have a place in the administration of justice, neither does any one usually endeavor to incline people to believe that the Bible is not a useful book in the courthouse to be quoted by court attaches and its precepts followed by all.

But to continue its use as a binding influence in an oath is out of line with the teachings of the book, which says, "Swear not, by earth or heaven," and those who permit the book to be so used are usurping a responsibility.

Use of the Holy Bible in the courthouse for witnesses to kiss and hold when taking an oath is a law or custom that has possibly lost its usefulness and one that has resulted in disfavor among many, according to Clerk of Court C. V. W. Ausbon of Washington County, who has been "swearing 'em in" for the last quarter of a century.

Mr. Ausbon, along with others, thinks that this custom has resulted in indignities to the sacred book when men and women commit sacrilege by swearing on the Bible that they will tell the truth and then disregard the solemnity of their oath and the sacredness of the book and present testimony that is false.

There are men and women today who do not regard the Bible as a sacred book and who do not subscribe to its teachings, and thus they get an opportunity to take an oath on a book that means no more to them than many books, and thus it fails to register in them any condemnation when they perjure themselves on the stand.

The Bible is the one book which the church and the Sunday schools and many other organizations teach should be used only on special occasions and for conscientious study; yet, the Bible is permitted to be used in the courthouse as a tool for the qualification of witnesses, whether they be hardened criminals or not.

Like Mr. Ausbon, many are of the opinion that the Bible can be used at marriages and such matters, and also on occasions when a person takes the oath of office, as most of them remember the sacredness of the occasion.

TO HELP SCHOOL CHILDREN FIRST

Cloth Has Not Yet Been Received for Welfare Work in County

The local welfare board has not received any material for children's clothes, although acknowledgment of the order was received September 12 for 1,000 yards of gingham to be shipped from the Highland Park Manufacturing Co., of Charlotte; and another from Joshua L. Bailey & Co., of New York City, for 2,000 yards of shirting was received September 15. Mrs. Brewer, superintendent of welfare, stated she was anxiously awaiting these shipments, as the need is greater than at first expected.

Attention is again called to the fact that school children will be given first consideration, and unless parents cooperate by sending the children to school, the chances are that they are likely to be overlooked.

The unemployed men are warned that now is the time to be gathering in wood for winter, as there will be no funds available to purchase any supplies of fuel.

Farmers Invited To Meeting Here Next Monday Night

ARE ATTEMPTING TO GET CANNERY TO LOCATE HERE

Meeting To Be Held in Council Room at Town Building

Farmers from Plymouth Township in Washington County are invited to attend the meeting of the chamber of commerce here that will be held Monday evening in the council room of the municipal building for the purpose of outlining a procedure to be followed in securing a tomato cannery for Plymouth next season.

As has been stated everybody is welcome, but most of the planning will fall on the shoulders of the seven key men named by a committee of the chamber of commerce to select progressive farmers in strategic sections of the township in an effort to put over the move, and it is thought that a good number will attend.

It is the purpose of the chamber of commerce to get these men together and then after a consultation with Farm Agent R. E. Dunning write C. W. Sheffield, of Raleigh, marketing specialist for the extension department of State College to come down here for the purpose of getting the farmers and growers off to a good start.

As soon as the organization gets started well on the way to operation the management of the body will be left entirely with the farmers themselves as the commercial body does not wish to have any authority in its operation or government.

The seven key men named in the county, with E. H. Liverman, president of the commercial body, as ex-officio chairman, are J. H. Allen, Long Acre Road; J. T. Browning, Long Ridge Road; J. T. Stillman, Highway Number 90; G. W. Sitterson, Roper road; H. C. Spruill, Mackeys road; and A. L. Owens, town of Plymouth.

At the meeting last Monday night Secretary Paramore read a letter from the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce-Merchants Association, which stated that they would inform the local body of their sentiments in the matter of their support of an effort to get a span across the Roanoke and Cashie Rivers.

A motion was made and carried that the secretary arranged for a luncheon meeting of the chamber to be held at the Brinkley Hotel at 1 o'clock p. m. October 3, 1932, in the place of the evening meeting. Representative Lindsay Warren has been invited as the guest speaker of the occasion.

Mrs. Fannie J. Fauste Buried in Bertie County

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon in the Capehart Church community in Bertie County for Mrs. Fannie J. Fauste, 55 years of age, wife of Paul Fauste, sr., who died at her home on Fort William street in Plymouth Friday at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Rev. Mr. Bullock, pastor of the Capehart church, of which Mrs. Fauste was a member, officiated with the assistance of Rev. Richard Lucas, of this place.

Surviving are a husband, four daughters and two sons.

Mr. and Mrs. Lieberman Reach California Today

Mr. and Mrs. Gershon Lieberman are expected to reach their home in Los Angeles, barring delays, today, it was learned from their father, Mr. George W. Hardison. The couple with their triplet daughters left here September 12, covering the 3,200 miles to Los Angeles by car in about 13 or 14 days.

License To Marry Issued To Plymouth Couple

License to marry was issued to Louis Samuel Bateman, of Plymouth, and Leona C. Browning, of Plymouth, on September 19, by Mrs. Addie L. Brinkley, register of deeds to Washington County.

Return After Spending Summer in Washington

Mrs. Katherine Harrison and daughter, Helen, have returned home after spending the summer with relatives in Scotland Neck and Washington, D. C. While in Washington, Mrs. Harrison was employed as a statistical clerk in the office of the division of education in the United States Department of the Interior.

FOOTBALL NOW ORDER OF DAY AT SCHOOL HERE

Daily Scrimmages Being Held by Coach John Frank Furches

Scrimmages are the order of the day in football circles in the Plymouth High School as the hopefuls toil daily in an effort to whip into shape a team that will make a creditable showing this season under the supervision of Coach John Frank Furches.

The new coach assumed his duties last week with the opening of school. He is a graduate of Wake Forest College and has done post graduate work at Y. M. C. A. College and Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn. His coaching experience includes terms at Mars Hill and Old Hickory in Virginia.

He was a letterman at Wake Forest in football, baseball, and basketball. And in a game with Belhaven here when the semi-pro outfit was playing on a Sunday he looked good at shortstop, where he did some nice work. It is possible that he will play with the club here next summer if arrangements can be made.

A schedule for this season has not been made, but it is thought that a game will be played with some squad on the Brinkley Park gridiron here on September 23 and possibly on the 30th. However, a game has been agreed upon with Scotland Neck in that town October 7.

Upwards of 35 boys have reported for work this week and last, with only about 9 veterans in the group. This will mean that a club will have to have at least two new players, or it may be possible that an entire new line-up will be necessary, especially will there be some shifting of the players.

Roy Hampton and Charlie Jackson are promising guards; Luther Warren Gurkin, Thurlow Spruill, and Mike Atamanchuk look good on the ends; Louis Alexander and Ralph Swain have tried for quarterback positions; Austin Brewer and Norman Mayo will play tackle possibly.

Other boys who look good in the line include Richard Lucas, Tarras Ivachio, Stanford Mizelle, Marvin Askew; and those in the backfield that look good are Bobbie Cahoon, Burl Gurganus, and Colon Overton; Hardie Williams will get a chance at the center position.

Other good material is found among the following: Eugene Overton, David and Ernie Williams, Earl Harrison, James Sitterson, Max Darden, Eugene Bassnett, Earl Vaughan, Dick Chesson, Beverly Newberry, Raymond Ambrose, Howard Potat, Ransom Martin, C. B. Clifton, Ray Askew, and Irving Respass.

Each of the above boys reported to Coach Furches last week or will be the first game. Most of the work last week was passing, punting, and calisthenics. More interest is being taken in athletics this year than was the case last season, and it is expected that the townspeople will aid in supporting this work.

Revival Comes To Close At Pleasant Grove Church

Pleasant Grove.—The revival which was held at Pleasant Grove during last week came to a close Sunday night with a sermon on "Almost." Rev. R. L. Hethcox, of Triplett, Va., conducted the services.

Rev. J. Bascom Hurley led the singing. He and Miss Corinne Bell each rendered some beautiful solos during the meeting.

Large crowds were present for each service. The entire community, with all the different denominations, cooperated and expressed a great appreciation of having Rev. and Mrs. Hethcox present.

The doors of the church will be opened the first Sunday in October. At this time there will be several additions to the church.

J. B. Edmundson Made Member of School Board

J. B. Edmundson was appointed to membership on the Plymouth Chartered School Board of Trustees to succeed D. V. Clayton, who resigned as treasurer and member some time ago. Mr. Edmundson's term expires in March, 1933.

ONE-FOURTH CROP

Atlanta, Ga.—Marcus P. McWhorter, statistician for the state department of agriculture recently announced the total sales during the Georgia bright leaf tobacco season which ended Saturday were 11,603,435 pounds, less than a fourth of the 1931 sales.

The crop brought \$1,207,606.64, or an average of \$10.40 per 100 pounds, McWhorter said. The auction season lasted but three weeks this year against five weeks in 1931.

NEGRO SAYS HE FARED BETTER IN SLAVE TIMES

Master Had to Furnish All Necessities of Life for His Slaves

"When I was a slave I fared better in some ways than I do now in this depression," said Daniel Walker while here this week. Walker, 89 years of age, celebrated his birthday September 20th.

"In those days," the aged colored man explained, "the negro had only to do the bidding of his master and in turn his master looked after his every need including clothing, shelter, food and medical attention."

"While I was owned by Carter Walker, a white man of Washington County, who owned three slaves, I was a servant boy around the house and was never exposed, and I think that possibly this accounts for the longevity of my life."

During the dark days of the Civil War, the negro boarded a ship voluntarily and went over to New Bern where he stayed until after the struggle was over. Along with him were 75 negroes from this section.

The former slave disregarded all offers made him by the Yankee soldiers to join with them in the struggle for the negro freedom. But the temptation to leave his master was too great and so he said that although he was getting along well there were thousands of negroes who were suffering.

He vividly recalled to memory the times when Colonel Burnside took Roanoke Island and when Butler conquered Hatteras in 1861, and was living in Plymouth when the enemy captured this stronghold the first time and through persuasion of the Yankees he boarded the ship for a destination that he knew nothing about.

He remembers many of the old and prominent men of this county. Though a slave, he never entered the war as he "never started the struggle and had nothing to do with its origin and was not going to stop it."

Hunters Warned To Beware Rattlesnakes

"As we go to press, the dawn of the squirrel season will be opening in North Carolina. Those visiting many of the Eastern counties will do well to bear in mind the snakes. Let us suggest high top shoes or boots."

"Down in Washington, Tyrrell, Beaufort, and Pamlico Counties, rattlesnakes are plentiful. We met one crossing the road between Roper and Columbia, another between Grantsboro and Bayboro; both were average, one carrying six buttons and one nine."

These two paragraphs were clipped from the September issue of the Atlantic Sportsman, a monthly magazine for outdoor people, published monthly at Winston-Salem, with A. G. Gordon as editor and president of the Gordon Publishing Company.

Miss Leah Davidson and Harry Lyon Are Married

Miss Leah Davidson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Davidson, and Harry Lyon, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Lyon, were quietly married in South Mills Sunday afternoon, September 11, by Magistrate R. M. Duncan. The couple will probably reside in Plymouth.

Good Crowds Attending Revival at Roper Church

Roper.—There has been a good crowd attending the revival services conducted in the Methodist church here by Rev. C. T. Rogers, pastor of the Methodist church in Williamston. Good music is a feature with the sermons. Mr. Rogers is assisted by Pastor J. Bascom Hurley.