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## 350 MEMBERS OF CAMPAIGN CLUBS GOAL IN COUNTY

### More Than 150 Signed Up With Young Democratic Clubs Last Week

It appears now that there will be more than 350 members of the Washington County unit of the North Carolina division of Young Democratic Clubs in America by November 1, it was announced today by Wilbur M. Darden, assistant chairman, who is in charge of the membership campaign.

Last week more than 150 members were signed up and the work continues this week with the big rally day last Tuesday adding impetus to the work that is expected to aid Democracy materially in turning out a good vote, as well as getting party men and women registered and ready to vote.

Cards have been distributed among the workers among the young men and women. There is no obligation to assume any financial contribution to the party but every one is required to state his name, address, and state precinct in which he or she votes and to state whether he has registered.

The card reads in addition to the above: "I hereby signify my desire to join the Young People's Democratic Club and do pledge my wholehearted support to the promotion of Democratic principles and ideals. I further pledge myself to abide by the rules and regulations enacted by the club."

These cards are returned to the headquarters of the club in Plymouth or filled out and handed back to the worker who visits the member and he (or she, as the case may be) will return the card to headquarters with the desired information so that an account of the membership may be given.

This canvassing will continue until about election time, when the organization will begin plans to have every member of its organization to the polls and voting the straight Democratic ticket. Now they are urging everybody to register so that there will be a prospect of a big party vote.

The officers of the local organization follow: Walter H. Paramore, county chairman; Wilbur M. Darden, assistant county chairman; Mrs. Dan Satterthwaite, county vice chairman; W. E. Waters, secretary and treasurer; Frank C. Spruill, Plymouth Township chairman; N. H. Spruill, Lees Mills Township chairman; C. Norman Davenport, jr., Scuppernon Township chairman.

## SEEK DONATIONS FOR DEMOCRATS

### Carl L. Bailey Named To Head Roosevelt-Garner Club in County

Carl L. Bailey, of Roper, has been appointed the director of finance in Washington County, in the organization of a Roosevelt-Garner Club, which organization is seeking the election of these two Democratic candidates in the general election in November.

Mr. Bailey was appointed to this task by C. L. Shuping, of Greensboro, who is the North Carolina director of finance for the Democratic National Committee. Mr. Bailey will appoint a vice director for each precinct with a committee of men and women to solicit the Democrats.

It is proposed by Mr. Shuping to enroll more than 100,000 Democrats in North Carolina. Each member enrolled will be requested to contribute from 10 cents to \$10. Each person contributing as much as \$1 will receive a bronze Roosevelt-Garner medallion designed by Gutzon Borglum.

## County Funding Bonds Now Offered at Sixty

The Beacon is in receipt of a card from the J. S. Todd and Company, Dixie Terminal Building, Cincinnati, Ohio, who specialize as brokers in Southern Municipal Bonds that list as attractive offerings "\$2,000 Washington County, North Carolina, funding, 5 1-2c, due 1937, at 60 cents."

## October Term of Court Will Convene Monday

The October term of Washington County Superior Court will convene here October 24, with Judge Frank A. Daniels as the presiding officer. There are upwards of 30 cases scheduled for the one week term of court which is scheduled for the occasion. Many of the cases are of long standing. No criminal cases will be called.

## HOLDS MEETING



Rev. Charles H. Richards, of Mariemont, Ohio, world-wide lecturer, explorer, big-game hunter, and noted singer, with evangelistic experience on four continents, who is now conducting a series of services in the Plymouth Christian Church.

## SCHOOL NEWS FROM ROPER

### Parent-Teacher Association Holds First Meeting Last Friday

By EDGAR SPRUILL, Jr.  
Roper.—At a meeting of the teachers of the county held in the school auditorium Thursday night, October 13, talks were made by several of the teachers on subjects concerning health. Miss Juanita McDougald, school supervisor, also made a talk.

Miss McDougald visited the school October 13. She was very favorably impressed by the school library. The parent-teacher association held their regular meeting Friday night, October 14. Mrs. Walter Starr, of Creswell, rendered a solo, "Sing Me To Sleep." Rev. Mr. Williams, also of Creswell, gave a very inspiring talk on the value of cooperation through the parent-teacher association.

Ahokie and Roper football teams played their second game together Friday, the 14th. Roper won, James Collins scoring the lone touchdown of the game.

The agriculture class, together with that of Creswell, attended the State Fair Wednesday of last week.

The tenth grade held its second meeting at the home of Miss Virginia Ange on Thursday night, October 13.

In an attendance contest held in the high school, the senior class, and the boys of the freshmen and sophomore classes won hikes on the last day of the month.

The following grade parents have been elected: second high: E. N. Riddle and Mrs. Carol Glover; second low: Mr. and Mrs. Louis Skyles; third: C. L. Bailey and Mrs. Asa Johnston; fourth: Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hassell; sixth, Jesse Knowles and Mrs. Joe Blount.

The attendance for the first month was 92.3 per cent of the enrollment. The highest attendance for any grade was reported by the second-A grade with an average of 98.5 per cent.

## County Federation To Be Held Here November 11

By Miss Eugenia Patterson  
The county federation will be held at Plymouth on November 11. Every club is preparing for the program. It will be interesting to know which club is going to have the best report. There will be a council meeting at the court house in the home agent's office at 10 o'clock November 11, and the federation will be in the afternoon.

Miss Helen N. Estabrook will meet with the council to discuss plans for next year's work. All presidents and secretaries of the various clubs please be present; also federation officers. Important!

## Sandwich and Coffee Shop Is Opened Here Recently

The Sandwich and Coffee Shop has been opened in quarters in the Owens building next to the Beacon office with Mrs. Hendricks and Mrs. Sears in charge. They have been confining themselves to short orders, but will now begin serving plate lunches.

## "Black Leg" Is Killing Cattle in Clay County

Black leg is killing cattle in Clay County. The farm agent reports the death of 12 animals in recent months.

## POLL OFFICIALS ANNOUNCED BY COUNTY BOARD

### Few Changes Are Made in Precinct Officials Named This Week

Precinct officers for the general election that will be held on November 8, with a few changes made in those that served in the Democratic primaries have been announced along with the polling places by W. L. Whitley, chairman of the board of elections of Washington County.

Precinct polling places: Lees Mills, Roper store building; Skimmersville, Elliott's store; Scuppernon, E. S. Spruill store; Plymouth, courthouse; and Wenona, school building.

Election officials: Scuppernon: J. F. Belanga, registrar; Eli Spruill (D) and W. Dewey Phelps (R), judges; R. L. Leitchfield, Democratic alternate judge; J. A. Combs, clerk; E. F. Swain, bailiff.

Lees Mills: A. R. Phelps, registrar; L. L. Bowen (D) and Aubrey Ange (R), judges; R. C. Peacock, Democratic alternate judge; Eva Allen Harrell, clerk.

Plymouth: W. L. Hassell, registrar; W. T. Stillman (D) and Hillary Jackson (R), judges; W. E. Waters and Mrs. Mildred Ausbon, clerks; J. C. Beasley, bailiff.

Skimmersville: C. L. Everett, registrar; L. W. Liverman (D) and H. E. Clifton (R), judges; Walter White, Democratic alternate judge; G. L. Davenport, bailiff.

Wenona: W. L. Furbee, registrar; J. L. Rea, jr. (D) and Carl Heynen (R), judges; H. J. Furbee, Democratic alternate judge.

## HOLD FUNERAL FOR MRS. BOWEN

### Victim of Automobile and Train Collision Buried Last Friday

Funeral services were held in the Long Acre church in Beaufort County last Friday afternoon for Mrs. George Langley Bowen, 52, who was killed last Wednesday, when an automobile in which she was riding was hit by a train on the Norfolk-Southern Railroad.

Rev. Gilbert Davis officiated. Burial took place in a family plot near the home. A large crowd attended. Pall-bearers were H. E. Beam, A. L. Alexander, John W. Darden, H. A. Williford, E. H. Liverman, and Whit Harris.

Reports from the bedside of Mrs. Bowen's son, Walter, who was driving the car when the accident occurred, reveal that he is speedily recovering from the internal injuries received in the wreck.

## LOCALS DEFEAT COLUMBIA, 33-0

### Game Played Here Tuesday Before Democratic Rally Day Crowd

The Trojans of the Plymouth High School let down the Columbia boys here Tuesday, 33 to 0, before a Democratic holiday crowd that yelled their approval as Burl Gurganus, Grant Sears, Bowen, and West stood out as the heroes of the game.

In the first quarter, Gurganus pulled one out of the air from Sears for 30 yards and then raced 20 to count the first tally, and in the next period the play was reversed, with Sears taking a 25-yard pass from Gurganus and trotting across for the second counter.

Eddie Getsinger snared the next pass from Gurganus and ran 10 yards for a counter, while in the same period Gurganus threw a 30-yard pass to Bonnie Woolard, who counted the fourth touchdown in the game, with Gurganus intercepting for a touchdown in the last quarter.

Gurganus place-kicked two extra points, and Sears plunged for the third. Columbia got no nearer than 20 yards of their goal. Burl did some good punting, getting the ball off his toe for 30 yards or more. West and Bowen were the mainstays of the line.

## SPEAKER HERE



Robert R. Reynolds, Democratic nominee for the United States Senate, was the chief speaker at the Democratic rally here Tuesday of this week.

## RALLY DAY SIDELIGHTS

Thirty-nine hogs were barbecued for the Democratic rally day here on Tuesday. Rain for a while caused it to look dark for cooking the pigs. However, a trench was dug in the Peal Garage here, and they were put on and cooked. And was that barbecue good?

The bread was cooked in the ovens of the Hassell Brothers Bakery here, and it was good. It took a little experimenting, but the cooking Hassell boys soon caught onto the knack of cooking corn bread.

Chief of Police Brown is of the opinion that it was one of the most orderly crowds that ever gathered here 2,000-strong for any event. Maybe this was so because it was said that James W. Norman, George W. Hardison and W. L. Whitley (all tea-totalers) were put on the refreshment committee. They failed to make connections with the source of supply—or may be they never tried.

Bob Reynolds increased his popularity here by preaching Democracy in old-time style with the same old-time fervor that used to mark such occasions. And a crowd applauded him time and again.

Whenever W. R. Hampton puts on a Democratic rally—he puts on a Democratic Rally—and that is something hard to do. His committee men worked faithfully, too.

A platform for the speaker was built on the side of the courthouse next to the Central Garage. Among those on the platform with the candidates and speakers was the Rev. Newsome Harrison, aged Primitive Baptist minister, who has been a champion of Democracy for years.

And the decorating committee, composed of W. Frith Winslow, himself, did the good work of decorating the grand, or what do you call it. Pictures of Roosevelt and Reynolds were tacked on the bunting and flags that were used. Was it good decorating? Ask me another.

Those firemen have a band that this municipality should be proud to present. They were faithful, too. Mr. Rogers, conductor, drew attention of the crowd with directing and corneting.

Harold Cooley did his speaking well and the young Democrats thrilled, laughed, and almost cried as they followed his trend of oratory. He is an orator of orators. And plenty good. Believe you me. Twenty words—no more—no less.

To cap the climax in excitement, Jack Peele's pressing shop brought out the fire department after the afternoon session had adjourned. And a crowd swarmed about. Much damage was done to machinery and equipment.

Cooley says: "A negro church used an incense pot. It was too warm to use."

## BOOKS FOR NEEDY

Forty-seven dollars were secured in the campaign for \$50 in contributions that were to be used in purchasing books for needy children in the local school, it was announced today by E. H. Liverman, president of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce.

Already \$46.43 has been spent and the books turned over to the school to be loaned to the needy pupils, and then at the end of the term to be turned back to the school to be loaned again next year.

## SEEK TO KEEP BARREL STAVE PLANT WORKING

### Rumors Have Been Current That Mill Would Be Moved

Rumors here to the effect that the stave plant now operating in Washington County east of Plymouth on the highway between Plymouth and Roper was to cease operation some time soon brought forth an effort by the Plymouth chamber of commerce to continue its operation.

A letter has been written by C. L. Groves, chairman of the Industrial Committee of the commercial body to A. B. Houtz, of Elizabeth City, owner of the plant, asking the man to continue his work in the county. Rumor has it that this plant was contemplating closing so that one could be reopened in Bayboro.

There is a copy of the letter: "We have had several reports that you plan to close down the stave plant you are now operating in Washington County just east of Plymouth. While this information did not come from a reliable source, we are very much concerned, as this plant has been operating over a period of four or five years, working quite a few men and the distribution of the pay roll has always been noticeable. Right now with business conditions as they are, it is rather outstanding, and we will regret very much if the above report is true.

"This community is benefited quite a little and would certainly hate to see you discontinue your operations. If there is anything within our power that we can do to continue this operation indefinitely, we are certainly more than willing to cooperate with you in any way we can.

"We are making a survey of the business activities of Washington County to cover a period from November 1, 1932, to May 1, 1933, and we hope to have your assurance that this plant will continue for at least that long."

## SUNDAY SCHOOL IS REORGANIZED

### Large Number Turn Out Sunday for Service on Long Acre Road

The Charitable Brotherhood Sunday School was organized in the building formerly used as a lodge hall on the Long Acre road Sunday afternoon with W. C. Brewer as superintendent and Mrs. W. C. Brewer, assistant superintendent. The Sunday school will be held each Sabbath afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Other officers follow: Wallace Concklin, secretary; Miss Ruth Satterthwaite, assistant secretary; Mrs. Rudolph Beasley, treasurer; Miss Ruby Ayers, organist, and Miss Lena Bell Bateman, assistant organist.

Teachers: Bible class, W. C. Brewer, with Mrs. J. E. Bowen, assistant; Young people's class, Miss Eugenia Patterson, with J. C. Styron, assistant; intermediate boys' class, Mrs. Louis Hassell, with Miss Tillie Stubbs, Whit Stubbs, J. W. Darden, R. L. Whitehurst, Frank Ausbon, W. H. Gaylord, T. C. Burgess, Ernest Lewis, Sam Lucas, and P. W. Brown.

There were 55 present at the first meeting, with attendance being decreased on account of inclement weather. When this school was operating before there was an attendance at times of about 150. Those present were very enthusiastic.

## Cool Springs Home Club Members Enjoy Barbecue

Last Friday night the Cool Springs home demonstration club, with the assistance of the men in the community, gave a chicken barbecue. It was the first gathering of its kind in several years. It was held on the old Cool Springs School grounds and brought back to memory days spent there in the past to many who were gathered there. The young people played games while the ladies and their helpers were preparing the chicken.

In addition to this they had baskets of cake, bread, pickles, chicken salad, and sweet potatoes, and coffee was made by Tom Swain.

After the supper, every one joined in singing around the big camp fire that had been. The members of the club appreciate the splendid cooperation given by the men and the entire community.

cary, so the little colored boy whose job it was to have this in place could not arrange it. The choir entered singing, led by the minister. The minister observed it was not in its proper place, so as not to create a scene, he chanted in tune with song, "where in the world is the incense pot," and the boy sang the answer, "left it behind, it was too d—hot."

## 2,000 Here Tuesday For Democrat Rally

### HEAR ROOSEVELT

Washington County Democrats are expected to have a delegation present in Raleigh October 25 at about 10:30 in the morning, when Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, Democratic candidate for President of the United States, will stop there for a short time.

It is thought the standard bearer of the party will make a short speech while in the capital of this state as he winds up a tour of several southern states in his campaign for votes.

## DEATH OF MRS. JENNIE SPRUILL

### Funeral Services Are Held Wednesday for Beloved Local Woman

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the Methodist Episcopal church, for Mrs. Jennie Spruill, age 73 years, who died at her home on Washington Street October 18, at 4 o'clock a. m., following a decline of health for several months and a serious illness of but a few days. Interment was made in the Methodist cemetery in the family plot.

Mrs. Spruill was born in Bridgeville, Del., in 1859, the daughter of the late William and Priscilla Layton. She was married to Jerry S. Spruill, of Washington County, in December, 1885, and has resided in Plymouth since her marriage. To this union was born five children, four of which survive, Miss Annie W. Spruill, Jerry L. Spruill, Miss Jennie May Spruill, all of Plymouth; and Mrs. Wilbur Spruill, of Winston-Salem.

For years Mrs. Spruill was a devoted and active member of the local Methodist church and was a loyal and faithful member of the Missionary Society of that church until her health failed and she manifested much interest in the remodeling of her church which was only recently completed.

The deceased was held in highest esteem by all who knew her, both in her native home and throughout Washington County. The attendance on her funeral and the elaborate floral tribute bespoke in eloquent terms of the love that every one held for her.

Active pall-bearers: H. E. Beam, A. L. Owens, C. McGowan, L. S. Thompson, J. K. Reid, and Z. V. Norman. Honorary: T. L. Bray, Sam Beasley, J. H. Smith, G. H. Harrison, T. J. Swain, J. R. Campbell, W. F. Winslow, Jerry Hayes, G. W. Hardison, B. G. Campbell, J. W. Norman, S. A. Ward, W. L. Whitley, E. D. Carstarphen, D. V. Clayton, M. G. Darden, R. A. Peal, F. E. Reid, J. G. Dixon, E. L. Owens, John Leggett, C. V. W. Ausbon, J. F. Ausbon, E. G. Arps, Louis Hassell, M. W. Norman, R. A. Stubbs, Whit Stubbs, J. W. Darden, R. L. Whitehurst, Frank Ausbon, W. H. Gaylord, T. C. Burgess, Ernest Lewis, Sam Lucas, and P. W. Brown.

## Albemarle Club Meets

Skimmersville.—The Albemarle home demonstration club that was to have met at the store of Mrs. M. J. Elliott on Wednesday afternoon, was changed to the home of Mrs. Matilda Annack and Mrs. Clinton Everett last Friday afternoon, due to the cool weather and some other arrangements of the home demonstration agent, Miss Eugenia Patterson.

Fifteen members were present, one new member, Mrs. Lennie Riddick, three visitors, Miss Christine Spruill, Mrs. W. C. Brewer and daughter, little Miss Phyllis, of Plymouth.

Sewing for charitable work in the county was done. Several dresses were cut and made, shirts for boys were cut and given to the members to finish, also several undergarments for infants were made.

After the roll call and payment of dues, the meeting adjourned to meet at the home of Mrs. Chester Spruill in November.

## Woman's Auxiliary

Roper.—The Woman's Auxiliary of St. Luke's Episcopal church held its monthly meeting on Monday night, at the home of Mrs. E. L. Spruill. The devotional was led by Miss A. C. Carstarphen.

Business was discussed, and it was decided to have a chicken salad and oyster supper on November 11. A social hour was then enjoyed. The hostess served delicious refreshments, after which the meeting adjourned to meet with Mrs. J. W. Speight in November.

## REYNOLDS GETS WARM WELCOME FROM BIG CROWD

### Harold Cooley Also Makes Excellent Speech in Afternoon

This little town settled down to the normal serenity that characterizes it today after having bid good-bye to the 2,000 people who thronged its domain Tuesday to give Robert R. "Our Bob" Reynolds a frenzied welcome that continued in warm applause throughout the speech, which featured the first Democratic rally held in Washington County in a decade or more.

Humor, seriousness, and sarcasm were interspersed in his speech, as part of the time he was painting pictures of a needy country and then he quickly upset this element of emotion in favor of the comical by reciting amusing poetry and effectually handing out criticism of the leaders of the Republican party while holding the rank and file blameless.

In enumerating some of the big things Hoover had done he said, "Hoover brought about the biggest number of bank failures; biggest number of unemployed in any country in the world; biggest national deficit in a spending orgy that has resulted in a \$19,000,000 Department of Commerce building that has been likened in splendor to the Temple of Solomon.

"Government officials in Washington are using waste baskets costing \$47 and cuspidors that cost \$45 each and what I would like to know is what kind of tobacco must a fellow chew in order to spit in such costly spittoons. After March 1 I will have an office, and if you don't want to spit in my cuspidor don't spit out of the window; if you do you will spit on a Democrat, as there will be nothing else there.

"A group of 24 individuals contributed \$477,000 to the Republican war chest last campaign, and after the election, firms and corporations in which these people were interested were refunded \$144,000,000 in taxes. And men and women in my audience today help pay the taxes to give to these rich corporations this money.

"Hoover told us that prosperity was just around the corner. Where is this corner? Once it was in China, about 12,000 miles from here, but now it is going to be brought back to America and will be at the intersection of Roosevelt Street and Garner Avenue.

Mr. Reynolds then waded into the Republican regime, searching out their mistakes and holding them up to the ridicule of the people discussing the tariff now in effect that has cut off commerce and pointing out that they wanted to cancel war debts so that a few individuals who loaned money could collect it.

Dr. J. W. Harrell, pastor of the Methodist church, said the prayer while W. R. Hampton, chairman of the Washington County Democratic Executive committee, presided over the morning affair. Congressman Lindsay Warren made a short talk. C. L. Bailey introduced Mr. Reynolds. Each candidate was presented.

The afternoon session was given under the auspices of the Young People's Democratic Club, with Harold A. Cooley, of Nashville, as the principal speaker. Wilbur M. Darden, assistant county chairman of the youth movement, introduced the speaker. Round after round of applause reverberated in the courthouse where the meeting in the afternoon was held.

The officers of the young people's organization were presented. C. L. Bailey presented the county political situation, showing that this county was well governed under the Democratic rule. A free barbecue dinner was served to the throng. A band composed of musicians from Plymouth and Columbia conducted by Mr. Rogers played at both meetings.

The various committees appointed to look after the details did their work well. The stand for the speakers on the side of the courthouse was well built and appropriately decorated, said Mr. Hampton.

## Family Reunion Held in Skimmersville Sunday

Skimmersville.—A birthday party was given in honor of W. B. Barbour at his home on Sound Side, near here, celebrating his 48th anniversary Sunday. Members of the family numbering 31 were present. A good dinner was served on the lawn. Boat riding on the sound was the chief entertainment.