

PLAN FOR YOUNG DEMOCRATS TO GATHER ON 15TH

County Chapter Is Entitled To Delegates If Dues Are Paid

Young Democrats of Washington County have an opportunity to attend the annual Jackson Day Dinner and annual state convention that will be held in Raleigh at the new Memorial Auditorium on March 15, it was announced here today by Wilbur M. Darden, assistant chairman of the local unit of the North Carolina department of Young Democratic clubs of America.

The convention will be held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at which time new officers for the organization will be elected and any other business that should be transacted will be attended to. This meeting will be held in the ball room of the Sir Walter Hotel and as many as are interested are urged to attend.

The Jackson Day Dinner celebration will be held in the form of a banquet at 7 o'clock in the evening. The cover charge will be \$1 a plate. The principal speaker will be announced within the next week or 10 days. Tickets to the banquet will be handled thru Walter H. Paramore as president of the county unit and all those who wish to attend are urged to let Mr. Paramore know.

The Washington County Club has not complied with the affiliation requirements of the constitution in that the \$10 quota assigned to this county as its part of the campaign has not been raised, but a recent memorandum received has advised disregard of the quota but the \$7.50 minimum can not be ignored.

If the \$7.50 minimum fee is paid in 10 days before March 15th, then Washington County will be allowed two delegates and two votes in the convention, which will be held at 2 o'clock. Among the number to attend from this county, it is urged that W. R. Hampton, chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, attend. Others are welcome also.

The entire delegation of North Carolina in Congress and State leaders have been invited to the banquet and convention. J. Wallace Winborne, State chairman for the Democratic hosts, will be in the convention. Senators Josiah Bailey and Robert R. Reynolds will make short talks at the banquet. State officials are expected to be present also.

Arrangements have been made at the Carolina and Sir Walter for cheap hotel accommodations. Headquarters will be at the Sir Walter Hotel. Two rooms have been tendered the clubs without cost. The largest attendance ever had at the affair are expected this year. It is thought that the legislature will be in session this time.

J. Dewey Dorsett, president of the North Carolina Club of Young Democrats, who is very popular as leader with the young partisans, will preside over the dinner and convention.

SOCIAL IS HELD AT CHAPEL HILL

E. H. Hicks Wins Prize for Being Ugliest Man at Entertainment

Chapel Hill.—Ernest H. Hicks, superintendent of the Plymouth City schools, was awarded a prize cake by a group who paid \$3.60 for it to present to the ugliest among the 200 or more people who were at the supper held in the Chapel Hill school building Friday night.

Miles Sitterson was the male rival for homeliness of Mr. Hicks, while Miss Ruth Satterthwaite, Louise Tetterton, and Elizabeth Gurganus were voted as the prettiest girls in the contest. Bob Tetterton took a prize for pinning the hatchet to the cherry tree. Music was furnished by Mrs. W. C. Brewer with her guitar. Pies sold from 5 cents to 25 cents. Upwards of \$8 was taken in.

Mrs. A. R. Latham was elected as the chief executive of the organization, which will hold affairs and use the school building for public events and for similar neighborhood gatherings.

Keep Cows Off Pasture Until Grass Is Developed

Cows should never be turned on a pasture until the grass blades are full developed. Too-early grazing will injure any pasture by preventing further growth of the grasses and then too, the hooves will cut the sod and permanently injure the root system. As a general rule animals should not be turned on pasture before the first of April and in many cases it would be better to wait until the middle of the month.

Norfolk Southern To Continue Low Fares

The Norfolk Southern Railroad, through its local agent, W. C. Jones, announces the continuation of the one and one-half per cent per mile fare between stations on its line, Norfolk, Goldsboro, Beaufort, and intermediate points, including branch lines.

Effective March 1 the application of such fares will be extended to, from, and between points between Marsden, Charlotte, Asheville, Aberdeen, Fayetteville, and intermediate points. Baggage allowance will be permitted as well as stop-overs.

OPERATE APIARY TO FEED FAMILY

Plymouth Man Sells Over 30,000 Pounds of Honey During Season

By FRANK H. JETER

No alternative but to beg or starve seemed to face Garland Hardison, of Plymouth, as a result of losing his job when the small manufacturing plant by which he was employed closed down last year.

But Mr. Hardison didn't know how to beg and he could not starve because he had a dependent family. So he continued to hunt for work and would take any kind of honest job that was offered.

In the meantime, the honey flow had started in Washington County. It starts early there, beginning in late July in the blacklands, and continues until frost. During Mr. Hardison's more prosperous days he had established a small apiary of 30 colonies of bees, housed in modern hives and well looked after and it was this apiary that came to his rescue in a time of need.

Recently, C. L. Sams, extension specialist in beekeeping at State College, was in Washington County holding some demonstrations with the beekeepers when Mr. Hardison told him about his experience. From the 30 colonies, Mr. Hardison sold over 30,000 pounds of honey for cash and his wife bartered another 2,000 pounds for groceries and other household necessities. Being out of work, Mr. Hardison was able to give the bees more attention so he increased his colonies to 50 and is planning now to enlarge this number to the extent that the bees will furnish him with a comfortable income.

Other bee owners in Washington County did not harvest a pound of honey last year because they had their insects housed in the old gum or box hives. L. W. Hawks harvested about 140,000 pounds from his hives and C. E. Marriner, of Roper, said he took five tons of fine honey from his 100 colonies.

Mr. Sams says these incidents teach two valuable lessons. Bees will provide an income but they must be properly housed.

Welfare Laborers Get But \$2.40 Week Here

By W. C. BREWER

Because of welfare conflicting with farm labor, many counties in the state are reducing wages to 50 cents per day. Washington County welfare workers do not think it fair to work men who do not farm who have house rent and many other expenses that rural people do not have. Therefore the present rate of pay will be maintained with a three-day per week schedule in the county, which gives the worker \$2.40 to buy provisions. If any man working at welfare work refuses to work the farm at the regular farm rate he need not apply at the welfare office for aid.

Federal, state and American Red Cross aid have saved the day for us this winter, and now that planting season is here, every man is expected to do all he can to cooperate with his landlord in every possible way to prevent suffering next winter and help Washington County to be one of the first to be self-supporting.

Creswell Girls Win Over Columbia and Boys Lose

Creswell.—The girls' basketball team of Columbia met defeat at the hands of the Creswell girls, 19 to 0, in a one-sided game on the Creswell court Tuesday afternoon. The Creswell girls outplayed the Columbia team in every respect. The Columbia forwards had the ball in their hands only a few times during the game and scored nothing.

The Creswell team is composed of: Center, Dot Woodley; right forward, Blanche Spear; left forward, Minnie Furlough; guards, Virginia Comstock, Rosalie Swain, and Laura Langley. The boys' teams of the two schools also played with a score of 13 to 7 in favor of Columbia.

BILL PROPOSES IMPROVEMENT COUNTY ROAD

Measure Is Introduced by Mizelle and Thompson In House

Fate of the two bills introduced into the lower house of the North Carolina General Assembly by Captain Charles E. Mizelle, representative from Washington County, and Thompson son, of Beaufort, could not be determined today, as no action was taken immediately, but they will be up for disposition before the 1933 session ends.

These two members of the lower house will no doubt get the aid of Senator Carl L. Bailey when the bill reaches the Senate, as Mr. Bailey is from this county also, and will probably use his influence in getting the passage of the two measures that mean much directly or indirectly to Washington County.

The first bill: "The North Carolina Highway Commission are directed as soon as practical, and if possible during 1933, to repair, condition, and make passable the road known as the Turn Pike Road leading from highway No. 97 to the Beaufort County line through Wenona to the end that the star mail route and school trucks and other traffic may be able to ingress or egress to and from the Black Land Test Farm."

This bill would entail the improvement of one of the most needed roads in this county, as it would draw trade here from the Wenona section that is now going to Belhaven or into Beaufort County and it would also make it necessary to repair and condition No. 97 that leads to the Turn Pike road from Plymouth and would mean a great saving of effort and time to travel this road as well as the inconvenience now experienced.

The second bill: "That division of purchase and contract . . . is hereby directed to purchase foodstuff and supplies for state institutions where the prices, product, or other supplies are available and equal . . . taking into consideration price and quality, shall purchase and use and give preference to all such products and supplies grown or produced within the state."

WOULD ENLARGE JURISDICTION OF JUSTICES PEACE

New Bill Would Lower the Maximum Fines From \$100.00 To \$50.00

A bill introduced in the legislature last week by Representative J. C. Smith, Martin County, would increase the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in the handling of certain highway and traffic violations. Under the present law, violations are called to the attention of justices of the peace, who, unable to try them on account of their limited jurisdiction, find it compulsory to send them to the higher courts, increasing costs in the minor cases.

The new bill would amend sections 24, 35, 42, and 47 of the 1927 road laws and empower justices of the peace to dispose of any actions that might arise. Section 24 has to do with those cases where motorists stop their cars on the highway, and carries a maximum fine of \$100. The bill would lower the maximum to \$50, making it possible for justices of the peace to handle such cases.

Section 35 of the same law requires a light or a flag at the end of a protruding road and carries a maximum fine of \$100. The maximum fine would be reduced to \$50.

Section 42 has to do with loose brakes and sections 47 deals with lights. The maximum fines would be reduced from \$100 to \$50 in each instance, and would make it possible for the trial justice to make final disposition of any case arising under the sections.

Baseball Team Planned At School This Spring

Guess no longer. The Plymouth High School will have a baseball team this season. Every boy in the eighth grade has been called out in an attempt to get a nucleus for the team. The less skillful of these will be eliminated. Supplements will come from the remainder of the grades.

Two teams will be chosen by Coach J. Frank Furches to stay out all the spring. Suits and other equipment may be secured from the Plymouth Fire Department. Any assistance from the community will be appreciated by Mr. Furches and the boys.

Some games have already been tentatively arranged. Scotland Neck will be here and a return game will be played there this spring.

STILL TRADING

New and renewal subscriptions continue to come into the office of the Roanoke Beacon as the result of the present campaign for paid-in-advance subscriptions. J. L. Rea, O. A. Chesson, and Mrs. D. R. Pomeroy paid their subscriptions in advance this week. Premium prices are paid on farm produce and other merchandise that can be used about the home. Every person who has brought any kind of useful item to barter for subscriptions has gone away fully satisfied. Others will continue to do so. Pay up now or your paper will be discontinued.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION IS HELD SUNDAY

Interesting Program Is Presented at Lees Mills Gathering

Roper.—A decision was made to have the next meeting of the Lees Mills Township Sunday School convention at Zion Chapel Church near Roper on the fourth Sunday in May at a convention held in the Mount Zion Free Will Baptist church near here last Sunday.

H. L. Lewis opened the meeting with the devotional exercises last Sunday as W. A. Swain, president of the organization, presided. The welcome address was made by Mrs. John T. Singleton with the response being made by J. C. Tarkenton. Mrs. Hooker was named secretary to succeed Miss Lela Chesson.

With Mrs. H. D. Peel and Miss Ruth Furlough singing a duet, the Mount Zion church put on its program. A song by 10 small girls and boys with Mrs. L. V. Chesson leading and Miss Jamie Riddick as organist and a recitation by Miss Doris Chesson constituted the Zion Chapel program.

A declamation on the narrative of Queen Esther by Miss Lillian Phelps and a solo by Miss Margaret Vail constituted the program for St. Delight. A quartet by four little girls, with Miss Jamie Riddick playing, was Pleasant Grove's part on the program.

Present at the convention were delegates numbering as follows: Mount Zion 31; Zion's Chapel 42; St. Delight 34; Pleasant Grove 7; Roper Methodist 4; Roper Baptist 1; St. Luke's Episcopal 2; Mackeys, Mount Hebron, Pentecostal were not on the program and were not represented.

James W. Norman, superintendent of public instruction in Washington County, was the principal speaker and used as his subject, "What the Sunday School Means to the Church." Walter H. Paramore also made a short talk.

CAMPAIN COSTS \$1,638,177 IN 1932

National Democratic Group Now Has Net Deficit Of \$769,055.00

Washington.—The Democratic national committee told Congress recently it had spent \$1,638,177 last year, an amount many times greater than the cost of keeping a president in the White House during four years.

The report of the Democrats filed with South Trimble, clerk of the house, showed receipts for the same period totaled \$1,708,507, leaving a balance of \$70,330.

However, the report also listed unpaid obligations of \$839,385 so deducting the balance from these the net deficit appeared to be \$769,055.

The report indicates that even though there was a loud cry for a Democratic president and congress, there wasn't such a ready effort to pay for it. But the deficit is in keeping with the national committee, for it would hardly know how it felt to be out of debt.

The Republican reports has yet to be made.

There are no railroads on the island of Iceland.

Swain Club Sponsors Community Gathering

Last Thursday evening the Swain Community enjoyed an evening of entertainment sponsored by the Swain Home Demonstration Club at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Burdine. About 60 people were present, married and single, children and grown folks, all together. Games and old time singing was enjoyed.

T. B. Brandon, county agent of Martin County, has released and treated enough tobacco seed to plant 164,000 square yards of plant bed for 47 farmers.

FURCHES PAL OF PAT CRAWFORD; TALK PROSPECTS

Local Coach Played "Pro" Baseball With Big Leaguer

They were just two old cronies; one a high school athletic coach, and the other a ball player destined for the big show; so they gathered to talk over old times, including to days when they pounded the sandlots, pushing later in to professional baseball together, and now both interested in sports.

J. Frank Furches, coach at the Plymouth High School, and Pat Crawford, of Sumter, S. C., met at the Edwards home in Kinston, where Pat is staying as a son-in-law and where Mr. Furches visited a girl friend as well as calling on his old-time friend.

These two played baseball in the western part of North Carolina a few years ago, and later Crawford went down to Kinston to play for that club and there is where he met his wife and in some way Mr. Furches became acquainted with the sister of the ball-player's wife and thus began a friendship that usually includes the four-some.

Pat Crawford is the property of the chain system of the St. Louis Cardinals. Last year he played at Columbus in the American Association. He was voted the most valuable player in his league that year. He has spent two years on the Columbus farm and now believes he is ready for the first-base berth at St. Louis this year.

Crawford expects the Cardinals to win the pennant in the National League. Recent trades have strengthened them, he thinks. Pittsburgh will furnish most trouble for the Cards, according to Crawford.

In the meantime Furches is working on a nucleus of aspirants here, endeavoring to build up a winning high school team and he will take as much interest in his work here as Crawford will in the big time, as both are striving for success in their work.

SOME PROGRESS IS REPORTED BY STATE ASSEMBLY

No Crucial Point Has Been Reached So Far In The Legislature

North Carolina's 1933 General Assembly continues to mark time, maintaining a lead of only a step or two over the 1931 activities. And the crucial point has not been reached, therefore, no actual deadlock has developed. No long session is expected, and should a deadlock develop, it is believed an adjournment would be in order, making a special session necessary. A special session would provide pay for the lawmakers.

The statistics show that 291 laws have been enacted so far as compared with 251 to the same legislative day in the 1931 session, but fewer measures have passed each house. So far the 1933 Senate has passed 287 bills as compared with 311 at the same time in 1931 and the 1933 House has passed 402 as compared with 454. But there are fewer bills in committee as the total number of introductions has been 1,023 as compared with 1,327 to the same date in 1931.

The 1931 joint finance committee appointed a sub-committee of 10 members which reported a general sales tax and a selected commodity tax alternatively on the 58th day of the session. The 1933 joint finance committee appointed a sub-committee of 10 members which reported a general sales tax and a selected commodity tax alternatively on the 47th day of the session.

This gives the 1933 session an advantage of 11 days in point of time, but much of that advantage will be lost as the full joint committee reported in 1931 on the 69th day of the session. The report would have to be made on Thursday of this week to maintain that gain.

However, the parallel has been carried even further. In 1931, the two committees split, the House refusing for a sales tax and the Senate deciding to sit in on the preparation of such a bill. This time the Senate is almost a unit for a sales tax and the House is badly divided. Tam Bowie is said to be leading the fight against a sales tax and the eight months school term in the house.

But there is one important difference over 1931. A 15-cent ad valorem tax was levied for the support of the six months school term in 1931, but an overwhelming majority of both houses is pledged to remove that tax this time. It was also possible for the 1931 session to incur a deficit of \$12,500,000, but it is conceded that the State's credit is now exhausted and that the budget must be balanced or the State will have to resort to scrip payments.

The impending fight on the ap-

Men Fined Costs in Case Charging Affray Recently

Costs of the case were shared by Sampson Heath and Abraham Pettiford, who were arraigned in recorder's court Tuesday morning charged with engaging in an affray and with using deadly weapons. The jury agreed to a simple assault verdict.

It developed at the hearing that Pettiford's upper lip was bitten off and spit on the ground by Heath during the fracas. Teeth prints were on the remaining part of the severed lip that appeared to evidence the fact that no weapon was used.

CONGRESS NOW IN ITS LAST WEEK

Believe A Special Session Will Be Called About Middle of March

Entering upon its last week, the 72nd Congress, the last of the "Lame Duck" type, will find it impossible to complete the work before it by next Saturday noon when the gavel falls to stop the congressional activities. Some bills will be left stranded at that time, but the unfinished work will probably hurry the calling of a special session. The plan was to call the lawmakers in special session about April 15, but it is now believed a special session will be convened about the middle of March.

Every effort will be made to push through before Saturday two bills to lift the strain on individual and farm debtors and those who hold their obligations. These are the LaGuardia - McKeown - Hastings bankruptcy reform measure, which the House has already passed, and the Hull-Walcott bill to supply \$600,000,000 of Reconstruction Finance Corporation credit so that mortgage holders may grant a two-year moratorium to farmers and owners of small city homes. Both are pending in the Senate. The latter has not passed the House.

There is a possibility some additional bank measure may be brought forward in the closing days of Congress to supplement the sweeping Couzens bill, signed this week by President Hoover, which gives the Comptroller of the Currency broad powers to include national banks in any such moratorium as those in Michigan and Maryland.

Leaders are considering the possibility of further banking measures, either new or pending. Deadlocked in each branch are two bills which, their sponsors claim, would be of great value at this time. These are the Glass banking bill, which among other features, provides a fund to aid depositors of closed banks, and the Steagall bill which authorizes a \$500,000,000 fund to guarantee national bank deposits.

Mrs. Pratt Covington McSwain Duplin Agent

Mrs. Pratt Covington McSwain, for several years a popular leader in home demonstration work in this county, is now in charge of that work in Duplin County.

The Extension Farm News, in a recent issue, says: "Mrs. Pratt Covington McSwain is delighted with Duplin County and Duplin County is delighted with Pratt Covington McSwain. It is the prediction that things will begin to hum in a home demonstration way in that county now that the former home agent of Washington County is on the job."

Automobiles Kill More People Than Does War

During all the wars in which this country has engaged as a nation—the Revolutionary, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Spanish-American, and the World War—Americans killed in action or who died of wounds numbered under 300,000.

During the last 15 years—a period approximating of these six major wars—Americans killed in automobile accidents within the United States or who died of such injuries have numbered 325,000.

From seed imported from the island of Tasmania, Coy Arsett, of Belmont, Mass., grows beans 3 to 5 feet long and weighing 10 to 15 pounds each. The beans, when sliced and cooked, are said to have a flavor resembling that of veal steak.

Propriations bill will settle the question of whether or not a sales tax is necessary to balance the budget. All leaders are united that such a sales tax is necessary.

Many members of the House still cling to a contrary view. When and if they are forced to change their view by the adoption of an appropriation bill it is believed that many of them will insist that if there is to be a sales tax it be enlarged by \$5,000,000 so as to provide for an eight months school term.

NEGRO MAN HELD WITHOUT BAIL ON SERIOUS CHARGE

Charles Anderson Charged With Criminal Assault On White Girl

A sordid tale of how the lone daughter of an aged white couple was betrayed by a negro man who was the recipient of many favors not usually accorded members of the black race by those of Caucasian descent, will probably be unfolded when the case of Charles Anderson comes up in the next term of Washington County Superior Court.

Defendant Anderson, through his attorney, P. H. Bell, waived the preliminary hearing in recorder's court Tuesday, and Recorder Darden sent the negro back to jail to await the next term of court without allowing him bail. As soon as the indictment was read the attorney waived the hearing, and a large crowd was disappointed.

H. T. Gurganus, father of the white girl, signed an affidavit in the indictment that Anderson had carnally known his daughter in July, 1932. The warrant for the arrest of the negro was issued by J. W. Darden as a justice of the peace on February 25, and the negro was arrested on the same date by Sheriff J. K. Reid.

Witnesses for the State include the victim, Miss Clara Gurganus, her father, H. T. Gurganus, Vida Gurganus, J. T. Browning, W. A. Mizelle, R. C. Jackson, Lloyd Waters, and E. H. Hicks for statistical information. Anderson gave his age as 25 years.

Miss Clara Gurganus is 15 years old and was in the sixth grade in the Plymouth High School. Records show that the girl was not bright in her school work, as she had failures on four subjects for the last month with two other subjects rating as barely passable and one which is just fair. Previous monthly grades were just a little better than last month.

The negro was allowed privileges of being with the girl in the home at times, but the father and mother did not suspect any intimacy between the two, as the colored man was employed on the farm on Long Ridge by Mr. Gurganus, and the negro ate meals some time at the Gurganus home. Sometimes, it is said, the two read the papers together.

The girl is said to have admitted the relations with the negro when her parents questioned her as to her condition and then she admitted that she was pregnant. Her physical condition caused her to break down and name the negro as the cause. The trial is expected to bring out more sordid details, as the negro may attempt to deny using force.

SEED WILL BE GIVEN NEEDY

Details of Plan To Be Announced Within Next Few Days

Needy people in Washington County can secure some of the 125,000 packages of garden seeds for use in planting gardens for destitute families for which a contract has been let by the State Department of Purchase and Contract. These seed will be paid for by the Governor's office of relief and in turn are made available to destitute families who will plant them.

Details of working out the plan are in charge of Farm Agent R. E. Dunning and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brewer, welfare workers, in Washington County. This system is designed to enable destitute families to produce food they consume. Information as to the planting, amount to be planted, and instructions for cultivating can be secured from Mr. Dunning.

Sunday School At Chapel Hill School This Sunday

Chapel Hill.—There will be Sunday school at the Chapel Hill schoolhouse Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. Gilbert Davis will preach at the schoolhouse March 10.

Mrs. Wilton Ayers will entertain the home demonstration club Thursday afternoon at the schoolhouse.

Parent-Teacher Meeting At Roper School Tonight

Roper.—The Roper Parent-Teachers' Association meets Friday night at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is desired, as officers will be elected. An interesting program is promised.

Try Out Idea of Covering Plant Beds With Straw

Cumberland County tobacco growers will try out the new plan of covering their plant beds with grain straw this season. Several demonstration beds have been arranged.