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CLUB WOMEN OF COUNTY TO HOLD MEETING FRIDAY

Miss Mary Rokahr, Federal Home Specialist, Will Be Main Speaker

Heralded as the principal speaker on the program, Miss Mary Rokahr, Federal home management specialist and nationally known worker among club women, will attract women from all sections to the spring meeting of the Washington County Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs that will be held in the courthouse here Friday afternoon, April 7, at 2:30 o'clock.

It is a very rare occasion for a county federation to secure this eminent authority on farm management to address them and town women as well as the rural women are urged to attend, as it may never be that Miss Rokahr will visit this county again to address so many women. She is reputed to be an interesting speaker that packs her messages with home management facts.

A second speaker that is well known and who will also be a headliner on the program is Miss Helen N. Estabrook, specialist in home management and house furnishings of State College, who has been to this county several times and every time her demonstrations and speeches draw many words of commendation from those who hear her.

The welcome address to the members of all the clubs in the county who are expected to be represented will be made by Mrs. Hugh Allen, of the Albemarle Club, in the Chapel Hill community, with Mrs. Leon S. Brey, of the Roper club, responding to the greetings. These two women are leaders in the work, and are expected to make good talks.

The musical treat of the program will be the violin solo by Thomas Davis with Miss Jamie Riddick as accompanist. Mrs. Leon Gray will serve as secretary of the meeting. Mrs. Clint Everett, of the Albemarle Club, will make her report as treasurer, giving full information on her work as the financial agent of the clubs.

Miss Estabrook will introduce the principal speaker, Miss Rokahr, whose address will be followed by a speech by W. C. Manning, of Williamston, newspaper editor, who will award the trophy cup to the winner in the work in the demonstrations clubs, who vied with each other in friendly competition for the honor of receiving this cup. A song with the collect of the club women of America will conclude the program unless something is added at the last minute.

COMMISSIONERS HOLD MEETING

List Takers To Start Their Work the First of Next Month

List takers in Washington County will begin their work on the first Monday in May instead of April as has been the usual custom, it was announced by George W. Hardison, chairman of the board of commissioners. Property will be listed as of April 1, it is understood. There may be a change in the list-takers law by the legislature is the reason for the delay, it was explained.

The commissioners in session Monday also passed a resolution supporting Senator C. L. Bailey of Washington County for the office of chairman of the combined State Highway and Public Works Commission and also endorsed W. R. Hampton for the position of United States Marshall in the Eastern Carolina division.

Justices of the Peace who reported Monday were J. F. Snell, J. T. McNair, W. A. Swain and Walter H. Paramore.

BETTER FISHING EXPECTED SOON

Two Fisheries Near Here Have Reported Little Activity So Far

Fishing is expected to be better from now on at the Kitty Hawk and Slade Fisheries near here as old-timers are agreed that the herring flies invading Plymouth Wednesday were a herald or sure sign that herring had begun to run in larger numbers. These flies have white wings and are easily discriminated between the common run of flies seen here.

Bailey Is Mentioned For Big State Post

Hold Home Management Conference Here Friday

The home management leaders of all the home demonstration clubs will meet in the home agent's office at the courthouse Friday afternoon, April 7, at 1:30. This will be a short meeting in order to start the federation meeting on time.

CHURCH WOMEN HOLD MEETING AT MT. TABOR

Next Meeting Will Be Held at Union Chapel In September

Creswell.—The Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the Central North Carolina Conference of the Free Will Baptist Church met in its semi-annual session with the church at Mount Tabor, near Creswell, on Wednesday, March 29, at 10:30 o'clock.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. W. H. Harrison, of this county, who has served as president of the convention for four terms. Mrs. L. R. Tripp, of Ayden, presented a paper entitled, "The Motto and Aim of the Ladies' Aid Society," in a very admirable manner. The sermon for the day was delivered by Rev. M. E. Tyson, of Farmville. He was not flattering in his remarks, but spoke very forcefully of the duties of the mothers of today.

The afternoon session was devoted entirely to the business of the convention, this district embracing 15 counties in Central Carolina, and reports were received from all over the entire district. New churches are being built, others are being repaired, yards are being improved, shrubbery planted around the foundations of the buildings, the sick is cared for in the communities where aid societies are organized, while several societies report the adoption of a child at the orphan home at Middlesex. This is the result of the women uniting their efforts in these gatherings that meet in March and September of each year.

Petitions for the next convention were received from Gum Swamp church in Pitt County, Free Union church in Greene County; Saratoga church in Wilson County, and Union Chapel in Washington County. The September session will be held at Union Chapel.

The officers elected for the coming year are as follows: Mrs. S. K. Jackson, Ayden, president; Mrs. W. T. Simmons, Columbia, vice president; Miss Elizabeth Warner, Greenville, secretary; Mrs. H. S. Swain, Columbia, treasurer.

A bountiful lunch was served picnic style on the grounds at noon. Everybody felt very keenly the gracious hospitality shown by the people of Mount Tabor community in the entertainment of this convention.

Creswell Chapter To Enter Two Contests This Month

By Garland Phelps
Creswell.—The Creswell chapter of Young Tar Heel Farmers will enter both the livestock and public-speaking contests to be held this month. The preliminary for the speaking contest was held during the chapel period on March 20, with the following boys entering and their subjects: Mercer Stillman, "Cooperative Marketing"; Dockie Davenport, "What the Taxes Take"; Jesse Craddock, "The Future of the American Farmer"; Hilton Chesson, "Diversification." Mrs. A. S. Holmes, H. C. Aderholdt, and R. L. Litchfield, of the High School faculty, were the judges, and their decision went to Hilton Chesson. He will compete against other school in the district at Williamston during the week of April 17. His subject will be, "A Live-at-Home Program as a Farm Relief Measure."

Asa Craddock Bitten by Dog on Long Ridge Road

A mad dog bit Asa Craddock, 45 years of age, who lives on the Long Ridge road about five miles from Plymouth. The rabid animal broke the skin of the left leg of Mr. Craddock before he succeeded in kicking the animal away from him. The animal never yelped when the man did kick him about five feet with the uninjured leg. The dog's head has been sent to Raleigh to be examined for hydrophobia.

NEWSPAPERS SAY HE IS FAVORED BY EHRINGHAUS

Might Head State Highway and Public Works Commission at Raleigh

"I don't know where there is any bias for this information or not," said Senator Carl L. Bailey to a Beacon reporter here last Sunday in regard to the mention in newspapers of Mr. Bailey as chairman of the combined State Highway and Public Works Commission at Raleigh.

The large daily newspapers all over the State have mentioned Mr. Bailey time and again in the last month or so as the prospective appointee by Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus for chairman of this important state commission, acceptance of which would necessitate Mr. Bailey leaving Washington County.

The Raleigh Evening Times, the High Point Enterprise, and the Charlotte News have carried the story that Mr. Bailey would be the selection of the governor to fill this important office for the next year. In fact, most all of the papers have carried it, although the News and Observer has not stressed it.

Specific mention was made of this probability and a boost was given Mr. Bailey by the Raleigh Times in the issue of March 28, when it was stated by P. D. McLean, political and legislative reporter for the paper, that Mr. Bailey was a likely prospect for this office.

In its issue of March 30, the Raleigh Times carried a picture on the front page of Mr. Bailey and under it a column-long write-up was given stating in substance the important part that Mr. Bailey had in championing the state-adopted amendment providing \$16,000,000 for an 8-month school term.

In fact, careful observers of the newspapers declare that Mr. Bailey is the only person who has been mentioned for this post. And that some of the newspapers are boosting Mr. Bailey for the place seems to be a good sign, even though Mr. Bailey has not been approached about the matter as yet.

This office was created by the consolidation of the State Highway Commission, which now has E. B. Jeffress as chairman, and the State Prison, which has George Ross Pou as superintendent. The legislature has already merged the two groups to eliminate extra salaries and to further economy.

No appointment to this or any other office is to be expected until after the legislature adjourns. It appears now that Mr. Bailey is in line for this state job and will be one of the few ever to get such an important post in the State government or organization from Washington County.

BISCUIT CONTEST IN COUNTY CLUBS

Judges Find It Difficult To Determine Winner of Contest Last Week

By Miss Eugenia Patterson
The Creswell and Roper 4-H clubs held biscuit contests last week and many biscuits were brought by the girls.

There were lots of biscuits brought and all were fine, making the contest keen and a hard one for the judges to decide just who was the best biscuit maker. After much consideration and careful examination of the biscuits, the judges finally decided that Miss Miriam Woodley had the best biscuits in the 4-H Wide-Awake Club, consisting of the 8th and 9th grades from Creswell, and Miss Elizabeth Furlough, from the 10th grade, Creswell.

The lucky girls in Roper were Miss Frances Chesson, from the high school club, and Miss Christine Chesson, of the seventh grade. Each of the winners was awarded a print dress and trimmings for the dress for their splendid work. The winners in the contest will bake biscuits again for exhibition and scoring on April 22, when a county wide meeting will be held at Roper. The winner in the final contest will represent the county in a district contest.

NEGRO TO LOSE SIGHT AS RESULT LIQUOR AFFRAY

John Britton Shot in Face by Luther Wilkins at Mackeys Last Week

Mackeys.—John Britton, negro, is thought to have lost his eyes in an affray here March 30th when a shot-gun in the hands of Luther James Wilkins, another negro, was fired into the victim's face.

The shot entered his face, piercing both eyes. One shot entered the left and two shot the right eye. Dr. T. L. Bray, who attended the negro, could not make a complete examination of the extent of the injuries here on account of the bursting of a blood vessel that caused the blood to run into his eyes blinding him.

Neither could the size of the shot be determined because Dr. Bray probed around in the eye to find the shot, but could not do it as the blood closed the wound to the vision of the physician. So he rushed to the Park View hospital in Rocky Mount, where the surgeons seemed to be of the opinion that he would lose both eyes.

The trouble arose over the ownership of some whisky, or rather it came about as the result of a misunderstanding over some whisky, it is alleged. Britton is said to have struck Wilkins, who secured a shot gun and fired the weapon into the face of the victim. Britton is in the hospital, and Wilkins is in jail awaiting the outcome of the incident and he will be arraigned on a charge of an assault with a deadly weapon.

SERIES SERVICES AT CHURCH HERE

Will Be Held at Methodist Church Each Evening of Next Week

Special services will be held at the Methodist church each evening next week, beginning at 7:30 p. m. The preaching will be done by the pastor, and the music will be by the local choir and others. Special numbers will be rendered each evening. On Thursday night the music will be rendered by a large male choir, and the Holy Communion will be administered. The churches of the town and the people of the entire community are invited to participate in these services.

On Easter Sunday night a sacred pageant, "Faith Triumphant," will be given by the choirs, the Sunday school and other departments of the church. Many of the characters will appear in costume.

The subjects for the week will be as follows:
Sunday night, "Our Lord's Triumphant Entry Into the Holy City."
Monday night, "Our Lord's Prayer for His Own."
Tuesday night, "Paul's Great Prayer for the Church."
Wednesday night, "Our Lord's Last Visit to the Temple."
Thursday night, "Our Lord Facing the Courts."
Friday night, "The Cost of Our Great Salvation."
Easter Sunday morning, "Our Lord's Crown of Glory."

Plymouth's Oldest Colored Merchant Died Thursday

Funeral services were held in the New Chapel Baptist church here Sunday afternoon for Dan Moore, the oldest merchant in Plymouth, who was a well-known and highly respected colored man. He died Thursday after having been sick a short time. He was over 70 years of age. Paralysis caused his death.

Upwards of 3,000 people gathered here from all over this section with a large number of white friends to pay a last tribute to "Uncle" Dan Moore. The Masons and Loving Charity organizations were in charge of the burial ceremony with the Rev. N. F. Brooks officiating.

Roper Seniors Presenting Play There This Evening

Roper.—The senior class of Roper High School will present its class play on Friday night, April 7, at 8 o'clock. It is entitled, "An Old-Fashioned Mother," a three-act play combining comedy and pathos in a delightful manner. The time of the play is 50 years ago, and the use of costumes of that period adds an unusually quaint touch.

The cast of characters includes the following: Hazel Spruill, Ruth Brey, Gertrude Hassell, Mavis Lewis, Margaret Collins, Louise Twiford, Fred Bateman, Henry Everett, Gracie Chesson, Woodrow Collins, Jack Hassell, Edward Marriner. A small admission will be charged.

Municipal Election Drawing Near; No Candidates in Sight

DEBATING TEAMS OF ROPER LOSE BOTH CONTESTS

Undaunted by Defeats, the Debaters Determined To Try Again Next Year

Roper.—Undaunted by defeats of both debating teams last Friday night that marked the first time that the Roper High School had indulged in inter-scholastic debating for more than a decade, the losing boys and girls are determined to profit by their experience and do better work next year.

The affirmative side of the query, debating against Conetoe at Roper, lost, and the negative side that went to Hobgood to complete the triangle lost over there also. It has not been learned here which one of the other two schools was successful in winning both debates.

The query discussed, "Resolved, That North Carolina should adopt the sales tax as a state system of revenue," was very timely and the debaters brought out some interesting facts. The general sales tax question is now being argued by the North Carolina General Assembly at Raleigh and it now appears that it will become law.

Grady Chesson and Horace Peacock remained in Roper last Friday night to argue their side of the question in the affirmative, while their colleagues on the negative team, composed of Edgar Spruill, jr., and Miss Gertrude Hassell, went to Hobgood. Misses Nellie Lewis and Irene Whitehurst, of Conetoe, debated in Roper.

Miss Ruth McKellar did a good job in coaching the Roper debaters, despite the fact that they lost in both trials. Jack Hassell presided, and Miss Elsie Chesson served as secretary in the Roper forensic battle, while Miss Eugenia Patterson, H. B. Mulkey, and Walter H. Paramore served as judges.

James Harold Swain Is Slightly Hurt in Accident

James Harold Swain, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Swain, on Washington Street, is expected to be up by today, although he will continue to suffer some from injuries sustained on his right leg and body as the result of an accident near the ball park Monday.

The boy was riding a bicycle when a Mr. Davis, driving a truck, crashed into a ditch in an effort to keep from hurting the boy. The truck was moving slowly. Just before entering the ditch the truck struck the boy. Barring complications the injuries are not expected to be serious, as the boy was up and about the house Wednesday.

Miss Hardison Slightly Hurt in Auto Accident

Minor injuries were sustained by Miss Lucille Hardison last week when an automobile driven by her brother, Arthur Hardison, who is employed at the Central Garage here, ran into a field after a wheel had broken or run off, rendering the steering apparatus useless.

The accident occurred near John Leggett's farm. Miss Hardison's face was bruised. Other occupants of the car escaped unhurt.

American Legion Members Entertained at Fish Fry

Skinnerville.—On Tuesday night, March 28th, the members of the American Legion, Corbett Swain, Walter White, Rightsel Patrick, and Duard Spruill were hosts at a fish fry given at Joshua Long's in honor of the American Legion members of Washington and Tyrrell Counties. Twenty members were present, including representatives from Roper, Creswell, and Columbia. Forty-five pounds of the choicest fish caught in Albemarle Sound were cooked and served, along with pickles, crackers, etc.

TO WEAR COTTON



Cooperating in the movement to further popularize cottons for dress wear, Mrs. J. C. B. Ehringhaus, former Martin County girl, is serving as honorary chairman of the committee in charge of the State-wide Cotton Fall, to be held in Raleigh Friday evening, May 19, as a grand finale to North Carolina's first state-wide cotton festival.

In addition to the ball, the festival, which ties in with National Cotton Week observance, will include a gala street parade and cotton style show. Ladies will wear all-cotton ensembles to the ball and prizes will be awarded the ones most attractively attired.

FIREMENS PLAY HERE TONIGHT

Large Attendance Expected for Event in School Auditorium

A good attendance is expected at the firemen's annual play that will be presented at the school building tonight Friday, April 7, at 8 o'clock under the auspices of the Plymouth Fire Department.

The title of the play is "The Path Across the Hill," and it is a three-act comedy drama. It will have a cast of 10, including the following: Bill Waters, Bob Tarkenton, Harry Gurkin, Lawrence Jones, Jesse McNair, Mrs. C. L. Jackson, Louise Duval, Liza Hampton, Nellie Frances Beasley, and Charlotte McNair.

This play is in keeping with the standard of previous plays given by the Plymouth Volunteer Fire Department with every arrangement made to exhibit a show that will entertain and please the people of this section. The firemen have been giving plays for years and their talent is among the best in this section for amateurs.

GEORGE COBURN IS HURT IN FALL

Suffers Three Broken Ribs While Feeding His Chickens at Home

Night Policeman George Coburn is at his home on Main Street extended here recovering from a serious injury inflicted when he fell in his chicken lot a week or more ago, breaking three ribs on his right side.

It was late in the evening on a Sunday when he went out into the chicken lot to feed his poultry. For some reason he went into the chicken house for a minute and when he went to step out he stepped on a box that turned over, throwing him to the ground in such a way that two ribs were broken, one of them being broken in two places.

Dr. McGowan rendered medical attention and taped the injured side. Mr. Coburn can get about, but it will be probably a week or more before he resumes work.

Services at the Zion Chapel Church Near Roper, Sunday

Rev. M. C. Penny, of Elizabeth City, will fill the pulpit at the Zion Chapel Christian church near Roper at 11 o'clock in the morning and at 7:30 in the evening next Sunday, the second Sunday in April. Music will be a feature of each service. The minister is reputed to be a good speaker, and everybody is urged to attend.

REGISTRATION BOOKS OPEN; ELECTION MAY 2

Rumor That Z. V. Norman Would Run for Mayor Declared Unfounded

Books are now open in the town of Plymouth for the registration of voters who are to be eligible in the municipal election that will be held on the first Tuesday in May, which is May 2, and those who wish to vote must have their names on the books. There will not be a complete new registration, as last election the books were copied and brought up to date and put in good condition. Those who must register are those who have moved from one ward to another, and they must register in their new ward; those who become of age, and those who have moved into town since the last election.

The registrars will be available almost any time for those wishing to register with them, and this will be especially so on Saturdays during the month of April. A day of challenge will be observed the last of this month. So those who wish to be sure that their names are on the books correctly must register as soon as possible.

The registrars, judges of election, and the place of voting has been decided as follows:

First ward: E. D. Carstarphen, registrar; G. T. Barden and H. A. Blount, judges; and the polls will be held at the courthouse.

Second ward: L. S. Landing, registrar; E. S. Mizelle and G. Henry Harrison, judges; the polls will be held at Landing's old store on Water Street.

Third ward: J. H. Smith, registrar; Frank Bratten and J. C. Beasley, judges; the polls will be at Peal's Garage on Washington Street.

There were about 300 votes cast in the election in May, 1931, but this was a heavy vote. It is thought that upwards of this amount will ballot in the coming contest. So far as can be ascertained, there will be no extra heavy vote this year, as there appears to be but little interest in the affair.

Arrangements were made for the election, but no one has yet announced their candidacies for the mayor or for any of the six places on the city council. No one would express himself at the meeting last Monday night as to who would run in the coming campaign.

For instance, Mayor A. L. Owens would not express his intentions at this time, remarking that he would announce his decision later. The present members, including B. G. Campbell and Gilbert Davis, third ward; H. C. Spruill and W. H. Gaylord, second ward; and Walter H. Paramore, of the first ward, made no expressions of their intentions.

It is expected that something will be done about the matter before the next issue of the Beacon, but a canvass this week of all the members failed to elicit a single confirmation or denial of their intentions to run. A rumor that Z. V. Norman was to be a candidate for mayor was spiced at once by Mr. Norman.

TO CUT DOWN RELIEF WORK

Work Projects for All Farm Families Will Be Suspended Today

So far as farm families are concerned, all work projects will be suspended on April 8, according to instructions to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brewer, welfare workers, from Roy M. Brown, technical supervisor in the governor's office of relief. This applies to village dwellers who can possibly make arrangements for land to cultivate.

"It will be necessary to give direct aid to some of these families pending their making arrangements for land to cultivate. They should understand that the new arrangement for aid while they are bending their energies toward planting and cultivating a farm and garden food crop sufficient to care for them a year depends upon their finding a way to thus aid themselves."