

## 4-H CLUBS HOLD MEET IN ROPER LAST SATURDAY

### 100 Club Members Attend All-Day Gathering; All Clubs Represented

By Miss Eugenia Patterson  
Roper.—On Saturday morning, April 22, around 100 4-H club girls begged, borrowed, and bought means of transportation to Roper High School building. Along with them were carried well-packed lunch boxes and baskets. This was a happy event, being the first time the girls had had a whole meeting day set aside just for them, with a program that was planned solely for their own enjoyment.

Every club in the county answered to the roll call, making a 100 per cent club attendance. Friends were met here and old school acquaintances renewed.

The meeting was presided over by Miss Helen Phelps, of Roper, president of the county federation, with Miss Sally Carter, secretary of the federation, and a member of the 10th Creswell club, at the desk.

After the usual opening exercises, Miss Marie Spruill, of Roper, gave the welcome address, Miss Edith Robertson, of the Plymouth club, responding. After a duet by Misses Margaret Chesson and Lyndall Lewis, of the Roper Club, Miss Patterson, the home agent, introduced Mrs. W. H. Harrison, president of the Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs in Washington County, who gave a most interesting and inspiring address to the "future home-makers" of Washington County.

Announcements were then made by Miss Patterson, the home agent, among which was the winner of the county biscuit contest. This happened to be Miss Frances Chesson, of the Roper High Club, Miss Christine Chesson, of the seventh grade Roper club coming second.

Miss Elizabeth Haire, of the Creswell 4-H Wide-Awake Club, was then crowned health queen of the county. Miss Haire was led to the health throne by eight of the club girls at Roper dressed in white crepe paper dresses. Miss Helen Phelps presented her the crown, which was brought in by Elsie Liverman, of the Plymouth Club.

A bountiful and most delightful dinner was spread and served by the girls. Special guests were Mrs. John Hassell, of Roper; Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Harrison, and Miss Ida Davis. All assembled again at 1:30 to enjoy an hour and a half of real fun together. Miss Margaret Collins was pianist, while the Grand March, Old Virginia Reel, and other games were enjoyed. Singing was one of the big features of the recreational program. This was led by Miss Patterson.

## CORBETT SWAIN NAMED AUDITOR

### Succeeds George W. Hardison; W. R. Hampton Is Board Member

The resignation of George W. Hardison as chairman of the Washington County Commissioners and also as auditor was accepted by the commissioners in a session held here on the evening of April 18 in the courthouse.

It was also decided that J. Corbett Swain, a loyal Democrat, be named auditor to succeed Mr. Hardison and that W. R. Hampton be appointed a member of the board of commissioners to succeed Mr. Hardison in that place. All of this was done in a few minutes.

The next day Mr. Hardison accepted the office of postmaster to succeed A. L. Alexander. In off-times and after business hours, Mr. Hardison has been acquainting Mr. Swain with his work in the auditor's office, and he will continue to do this until Mr. Swain is in a position to handle the affairs himself.

## Ten Graduates From Colored School Here

There are 10 graduates of the Washington County Training School this term and 18 promotions from the seventh grade to enter high school, it was learned today from Principal Berry. This is the largest colored high school in the county.

Graduates are: Mabel Cooper, Aetha Ransom, Sevena Odelsia Cooper, Lena Verona Smith, Amos Paul Cox, Iris Otelia Towe, Percy Jesse Exum, Willie Mae Wilkins, Willie Brooke Lloyd, and Lunetta Towe.

Seventh grade promotions: Walter Bell, Bertha May Wynn, Ethel Louise Willis, Margaret Lena Bell, Helen Louise Bowen, Rebecca Downing, Josephine Garrett, Harry Hall, Thomas Hedgepeth, Samuel Johnson, Elizabeth McAllister, Pattie Lenora Mitchell, Julia McNair, Ellen Robbins, Willie Alvis Spruill, Mary Lettie Skinner, John Louis Tharpe, and Alustus Halley.

## CRESWELL MAN HAS KEPT TURNIP FOR FIFTY YEARS

### Is Memento of the Sudden Death of Neighbor in Tyrrell County

Creswell.—A tragedy is the history attached to the significant turnip now owned by C. C. Cahoon near here.

This vegetable came into possession of Mr. Cahoon almost a half a century ago, and he has kept and preserved it until this day. Now it is in vernal being protected from decay, hardened and in a state of preservation surrounded by insect prevention. As a boy 12 years of age, Mr. Cahoon was walking behind the plow of N. G. Brickhouse in Tyrrell County, as has always been the custom of farm lads, talking to the older man about farming and about boyish subjects. Nothing appear to be wrong with the man guiding the farm implement.

Suddenly the man fell across the row of turnips that he was hilling up and lay there. The boy ran to the house and brought others. They found the man dead. His life had been snuffed out by heart trouble that was a chronic ailment of Mr. Brickhouse.

Then an idea came to Mr. Cahoon as a boy to pull up one of the turnips. He carried it home and has kept it to this day. Although it has been 44 years ago this fall, Mr. Cahoon seems to remember the incident perfectly, and he is now 56 years of age.

The turnip was grown on the farm by Brickhouse, who had grown them as large as 11 pounds each. The one now in possession of Mr. Cahoon was the size of a saucer when he first obtained it, but now it has shriveled up until it is only as large as the circumference of a cup and flat.

Mr. Cahoon remembers that this turnip was of the purple top flat variety, and when he first secured it that the vegetable was not pesty in the least. He has kept it all these years in remembrance of the one tragedy or sudden death that he has witnessed in his life.

## ROPER MAN WILL BE 80 YEARS OLD ON MAY THE 20TH

### J. E. Singleton Continues Fairly Active Despite Advanced Age

Roper.—More than 58 years ago J. E. Singleton brought his first bride to his little farm two miles south of here and though he has been married twice he has never moved away from his little farm from which he produced enough to pay the expenses of two children through college and to help his other children get their education.

At the present Mr. Singleton is 29,171 days of age and on May 20 he will be exactly 80 years old. His health is still fairly good and he continues to get about although he uses a cane. He looks after his farm and does much of the work around the house despite the approaching infirmities of old age.

Mr. Singleton married his first wife 58 years ago and they lived together in the neighborhood of the community church for 40 years before she passed away. A short time later he wedded again and he and his wife have been living together for 18 years. All of his married life has been spent at his present home.

He was eight years of age when the Civil war started and remembers but faintly any of the atrocities of battle except hearing the guns when the Yankees and Confederates were fighting for Plymouth. However, he remembers many of the stories told by men and women who bore the brunt of the horrible conflict that lasted for about four years.

This man's experience in public affairs includes that of commissioner for two terms and member of the board of education for 16 years with two terms as chairman of the school body. He served as a school committeeman of Beech Grove for years and retired as a justice of the peace after a number of years at 70 years of age.

Mr. Singleton has in his possession three coins older than himself. Two are copper pennies of the large size dated 1851 and 1842, and he also has a two-cent piece of copper money coined about the beginning of the Civil war. These coins have been in his possession for years and he intends to keep them so they will be found in his aged pocket-book when he dies.

Two of his children died a number of years ago, but he is proud of his family composed of the following children: J. F. Singleton, Norfolk, railroad conductor; Rev. L. T. Singleton, Selma, Methodist minister; Mrs. Gray Chesson, Roper, farmer's wife; J. W. Singleton, Pocomoke City, Md.,

## Two More Candidates for Membership on City Council Announce; Election Tuesday

Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their candidates as the general municipal election will be held May 2, and daily the contest waxes warmer as the aspirants enter the last lap of the race.

The hottest of the fight centers about A. L. Owens who is seeking to succeed himself as mayor of the town, while Gilbert Davis is contesting the place as the chief executive. Both are qualified for the job and both will make a good run, seasoned politicians agreeing that the race will be a close one.

Then the contest in the first ward is daily becoming more competitive as Bill Waters and

Eugene F. Still, who announced their candidacies, are now to be rated against that of J. O. Everett who announced himself this week. It is understood that the contest will be undered by Mr. Waters and Mr. Everett. Mr. Still is predicted a winner.

Capping the climax is the fact that over in the third ward there are two councilmen to be chosen from the four in the race. They are H. C. Spruill, W. H. Gaylord, W. H. Paramore and J. R. Manning. This is expected to be close as the latter two endeavor to secure a seat for years held by Mr. Spruill and Mr. Gaylord.

There is no contest at all in the second ward as the two candi-

dates, Zeno Lyon and B. G. Campbell have no opposition at the present. It is not thought that any other candidate will have his name written on the ballots in the election from either of the wards and the voters may rest assured that the list above is the only one they will have to choose from.

Most of the work by the candidates has been done as far as personal canvasses is concerned, and it is thought that the important thing to do is to get people to vote so that they can choose their favorite for office. Interest continues to center about the event though partisan lines are almost forgotten and the ballot casters vote for the man.

## BIG PROCESSING PLANT TO BE PUT UP AT NORFOLK

### Production of Soy Beans in County Expected To Be Increased

Production of soy beans in Washington County this season will be materially increased as citizens of this section have been informed of the large storage and processing soy bean plant that is now going up in Norfolk at the Southgate Terminal.

W. B. Kireuch, a representative of the Allied Mills, Inc., which is constructing the plant in the Virginia metropolis, was in Plymouth last week and spent an afternoon with Farm Agent Dunning and others securing data as to the acreage of the beans this season and informing of the plans of his company.

The storage capacity of the Norfolk plant will be 300,000 bushels, while the processing capacity will be 2,000 bushels a day with loading facilities of 10,000 bushels an hour. The plant will be ready to purchase this year's crop and will be in operation by October 1st.

This firm has three other plants in Illinois, and Mr. Kireuch is enthusiastic about the soybeans market. He thinks that possibly they can use all that can be secured in the Albemarle section of North Carolina. Buyers will be on the field for the Allied Mills to take care of them here.

The firm like the mammoth yellow and Tokio varieties, which give a light colored meal, better than those of the black variety. They do not wish to have any kind of the black bean, but they may accept some of them as in some places there is a good sale for them.

Soy bean meal is used in some kinds of bread by bakers and can be used as a pancake flour especially designed for sufferers of diabetes, while it is also useful in making candy, dairy and poultry foods. The oil from the bean is used for paint, linoleum, varnishes, mayonnaise, and the like.

It is claimed that the proteids of the oil and meal make it palatable and easily digestible. It is used in making glue like that used in the local veneer and plywood box plant, and is also popular for use in the filling of sausage.

Statistics show that Washington County is seventh in the group of producers of the bean in Pasquotank, Camden, Perquimans, Hyde, Beaufort and Currituck, in growing only 83,000 bushels last season but this is expected with the good market available to be increased to about 100,000 bushels this year.

Those wishing further information on this new market for their soybeans can secure an answer by writing W. B. Kireuch, representative of the Allied Mills, care of Atlantic Hotel, Norfolk, Va.

## Start Feeding Calf Grain And Hay After 2 Weeks

A small amount of grain should be offered to the calf when about two weeks of age, or when skim-milk is substituted for whole milk. This should be gradually increased until the animal is receiving about three pounds of grain a day at six months of age, when the calf should be weaned. The grain will then be further increased to provide necessary nutrients formerly supplied by the milk.

merchant before death; D. T. Singleton, Elizabeth City, marble worker; Mrs. Floyd Johnson, Whiteville, wife of a physician.

Many people wonder how Mr. Singleton ever managed to send two of his children through college on a small farm. The man is well liked and well-known in this county where his years of public service brought him many friends.

## MAY DAY EVENTS BEING PLANNED

### All Day Program To Be Given At Creswell Monday

Creswell.—The Creswell Parent-Teacher Association is sponsoring an all-day program on the first of May in the school. It will last all day long. A large crowd is expected to attend. Many of the May Day festivities will be enjoyed.

Classes will be continued until noon. Parents are urged to take advantage of this occasion by visiting the grade in which their children are studying and to observe the methods of teaching and to system of training the children that are used.

The sponsoring organization is also putting on a flower show in the school house and many beautiful and unique exhibits are promised to the public. A ticket to this will entitle the holder to vote for the May Queen. Each grade has selected its own queen as a candidate for the school honor. The winner will be crowned in a coronation ceremony in the afternoon, to be followed by a May Pole dance.

The P. T. A. will sell sandwiches, ice cream, and cold drinks on the grounds at noon. It is hoped that the people will make this a community day and join in the celebration so that it will bring together as many as possible of the patrons of the school to view the work being done.

## Entertains Class

Cherry.—Mrs. Woodley Ambrose delightfully entertained her Sunday school class Friday night, April 21, from 7 o'clock until 9:30 o'clock. Mr. Ernest Davenport played several selections on the guitar and games were played after which the hostess served home made candies and salted peanuts. There were about 50 present.

## Junior-Senior Banquet Held In Roper Last Friday Night

Roper.—Beneath a canopy of brilliantly hued streamers which were illuminated by bright lights that blended perfectly with the splendor of draped walls covered in enchanting colors with a profusion of spring flowers to lend luster to the picturesque scene, juniors feted the finishing students of the Roper High School at their annual banquet Friday night.

Beautiful lassies from the countryside, gowned in modern styles, vied with the fastidious gallants of their classes in coming to the affair appropriately and sartorially clad. The attire of the guests and the heterogeneous tints of the decorations harmonized, thus supporting the magnificence of the occasion.

There were 45 people around the festive tables that were arranged in horse-shoe shape amid the dazzling shades of red and white that were the official class colors. The class roses also arranged on the table in the grade tints. Senior favors were red and white autograph books. Scrolls rolled as diplomas were placed.

Favors were baskets of peanuts containing the color scheme. Red and white sweet peas and roses and red and white candles lined the tables. The attractive centerpieces were red and white as was the huge centerpiece in the middle of the table on which stood a couple of dolls dressed in caps and gowns as seniors.

The balloons were attached to the back of the seats. A roll of confetti was placed at each place and later in the evening chopped confetti was passed around wrapped in red and white tinsel. All of the walls and the top of the dining hall was decorated in red and white in every phase. In fact the color scheme was complete in every detail.

## V. E. P. CO. FORCE HAVE FISH FRY AT FISHERIES

### Nearly Score of Officials And Employees Enjoy Outing Sunday

Upwards of a score of officials and employees of the Virginia Electric & Power Company were present at a fish fry and inspection trip to the famous Kitty Hawk and Slade Fisheries last Sunday afternoon. The meal was prepared by the famous chef of the fisheries, Commodore Heath. Fish were served fried and also in a muddle, with cheese, celery, pickles, coffee and soft drinks.

The affair was given by R. H. Goodman, of Williamston, manager of the Williamston branch of the organization, who had as a special guest J. T. Chase, of Roanoke Rapids, vice president of the power company, as well as numbers of other lesser officials and employees and their families. The food was served on improvised tables arranged for the occasion. The group spent nearly three hours at the fisheries before returning home.

This was the second such affair that they have enjoyed here as C. R. Winecoff, who helped to arrange this event, also gave the same group a supper here at the fisheries about three weeks ago on Saturday afternoon. The attendants enjoyed it so well that they returned the second time and may return again some time soon. There was no regular program, but the entire group was free to ride in the fishing boats, enjoy the sights of the fishing and also to partake of the meal.

Mr. Winecoff expressed the opinion that the group enjoyed themselves during each visit. Especially was this so of Mr. Chase and Mr. Goodman, who have been here quite often on business but who have spent very little time here on pleasure.

## POST OFFICE TO BE THIRD CLASS AFTER JULY 1ST

### Will Mean Reduction in Salaries of Postmaster And Employees

What will be the result when the Plymouth post office is relegated to the third class July 1?

This is a question that has been asked repeatedly on the streets of Plymouth and in turn many and varied answers and rumors have been straddled the usual rounds as the result, and so the Beacon has undertaken to get some information on this subject.

Plymouth has had a second class office continually since 1923, except for the year 1925. A town with a population of 1,500 or more served from its post office is allowed village carriers if the total receipts in all phases of this work is \$5,000 for the previous year. Of course, this means that the \$5,000 is in sales of service or some other phase of the business. The above refers to third-class offices.

The most important item in the postal business is that when the office reverts back to third class the salaries of all employees will be slashed heavily, taking right much money from circulation in this town. It will not hardly in usual times decrease the force in the office, but it is not certain under existing circumstances what will happen now.

The exact salaries of the clerks and the assistant postmaster have not been determined for a third-class post office as yet, as in this office there will be a report of general information on the business of the office made to the postal authorities showing how many pieces of mail are distributed for other offices in addition to the sales and other work done.

Postmaster George W. Hardison will outline a program or an estimate of the cost of the operation of the office for another year and submit it to the post office department for its approval. This will be passed on in official circles, and then he will be informed as to the allowance that will be made in a lump sum for the maintenance of this office.

So there is no substantial method of enlightening the people on the exact status of every clerk in the office until the report has been made and approved or disapproved by the officials. So the people may rest assured that they will receive good service in Plymouth under the regulation but then there are other things to consider.

Postmaster General James A. Farley in a recent speech expressed the idea that he was in favor of eliminating all village carriers as an economy move. Now, this may be the next item that will come under consideration here, and if this is true then it is possible that the two here will be dropped. But this is not definite, and there is nothing to indicate this except the speech of the postal executive.

It is understood that Miss Mary Gardner has not been appointed assistant postmaster as yet, but she is to get this place as soon as the personnel with Mr. Hardison can be reorganized. Mr. Alexander was courteous and his records were well kept when Mr. Hardison relieved him as postmaster last week.

## All 4-H Clubs Have Had Biscuit Contests

All the 4-H clubs in the county have held biscuit contests during the past month, with the Plymouth club having the last contest.

Several girls entered the contest here, and made fine biscuits, so fine that it was hard for the judges to decide the best biscuit-maker. After much thought, tasting, smelling, and comparing, Miss Edith Robertson, of the ninth grade was the lucky girl. The prize in the elimination contests was a print dress with the trimming. Miss Robertson was presented her dress at the regular monthly meeting of the Plymouth 4-H club Tuesday afternoon.

## W. O. W. To Meet in Asheville May 1 and 2

Members of the Washington County Camp of the Woodmen of the World are invited to attend the biennial head camp meeting that will be held at Asheville May 1 and 2, according to an announcement today by L. L. Reppas, of Pinetown, clerk of the local camp.

A large attendance is expected because D. E. Bradshaw, newly elected president of the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Association, will attend the meeting. Also E. B. Lewis, chairman of the auditors, will be present. This organization has a large investment in North Carolina municipal, county and State securities.

C. W. Morrill, 90-year-old smoker, of Monson, Me., has used the same briar pipe for the past 60 years.

## UNEMPLOYED IN COUNTY TO GET FORESTRY JOBS

### Fifty Applications Have Been Received by Relief Work Director

A couple of dozen young men will be eligible for entrance into the reforestation program from Washington County, it was learned here today. In this group will be those ranging in ages from 18 to 25 years. There must be six in the family for one to be accepted. It will be some time before they are called into action from this section.

Nearly 50 applicants have filed their notice for examination. Those selected from this list will be announced in the paper in plenty of time. These young men will receive their board and lodging and \$30 a month for their labor in the forests near Asheville. It is a rule that the person laboring will receive only \$5 of this amount with the rest sent to dependents at home.

The boys will be brought together in camps and drilled in woodcraft as soon as they are accepted. They will be mobilized for service in the forests. This is a method of employment outlined by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in an effort to combat the jobless situation that is confronting America today.

No one will be considered for this work unless they file the usual blank with Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brewer, official welfare workers in Washington County. The blanks have not been received as yet, but as soon as they come to the local office the people will be notified through the Beacon of all of the details so that the deserving young men can enter this service.

Mr. Brewer was out of town the first of this week attending a meeting of the superintendents of public welfare in North Carolina which was held Monday and Tuesday to get the latest information on this work so that when the matter comes up in this county he will be fully informed in such a way that he can go ahead with the work of selecting the worthy young men for the jobs and to get them off to camp.

## FUNERAL FOR MRS. JIM SNELL

### Held at Rehoboth Church Last Friday; Lived in Belhaven

Skimmersville.—Funeral services for Mrs. Jim Snell, 59, who was drowned in the river near her residence at Belhaven last Wednesday, were held at Rehoboth M. P. Cemetery on Friday afternoon at 3:30 with the Disciple minister of Belhaven officiating.

Mrs. Snell, before her marriage, was Miss Jannie Foley, of this county. Her marriage to Mr. Snell took place in Rehoboth church about 40 years ago, and they moved to Belhaven some years afterward. She has been a faithful member of the church, always sending her offerings every year for the different pastors of the old church that she attended up to the time of her marriage.

There was a large attendance and a beautiful floral offering from friends and relatives. The pall-bearers were from her home county and Belhaven. Mrs. Snell leaves her husband, one son, Mr. Will Snell, of Birmingham, Ala.; and three sisters, Mrs. George Whitfield, of Mackeys; Mrs. Tom Hopkins and Mrs. Albert Phelps, of the community; also one brother, Tom Foley, of Edenton.

## Baptists Have Won All Games Played So Far

The Baptist boys kept intact their winning streak by defeating the Methodists, 9 to 8, last week. The Baptists took a lead of 7 tallies in the first, but were held scoreless for six innings, while the Methodists scored 8 runs. The Baptists managed to put two runs across in the ninth to win the game.

Batteries for the Methodists: Norman Mayo and Joe Brown; Hubert Cox hurled and Howard Potear received for the Baptists. Ed Ayers umpired the game.

The standing in the Plymouth Sunday school league follows: Baptists, won 3, lost 0; Methodists, won 2, lost 1; Christians, won 2, lost 2.

## All Day Services At Philippi Sunday, 30th

Cherry.—There will be an all-day rally service at Philippi Church Sunday, April 30, with dinner on the ground. A musical program will be rendered at both morning and afternoon services and a number of speakers will be present.