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## CLUB WOMEN OF 15TH DISTRICT TO MEET HERE 11TH

### Big Gathering Is Expected To Attend; J. L. Horne To Be Speaker

This little town will be the mecca for a host of women who will gather in the school auditorium here May 11 at 10 o'clock for a one-day session of the Fifteenth District of the Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs in North Carolina, with members coming from Pitt, Martin, Beaufort, Tyrreys, and Washington Counties.

The welcome address to the visiting women will be made by Mrs. W. H. Harrison, president of the Washington County Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, with Miss Belva Bennett, of Beaufort County, responding. The roll call and minutes will be read by Mrs. T. M. Woodburn, of Martin County, who will serve as secretary of the meeting.

A song will be sung by the audience with accompaniment by the Pitt County Household Orchestra. Miss Pauline Smith, agent for this district, will introduce the chief speaker on the program, who is J. L. Horne, of Rocky Mount, editor of the Evening Telegram. A vocal solo will be rendered by Mrs. C. W. Cahoon, accompanied by Mrs. Laura S. Johnston.

Introduction of the second important speaker on the program will be made by Mrs. T. M. Woodburn, of Martin County, who will present Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon, of Raleigh, assistant director of extension work in North Carolina. Lunch will follow this speech, and many women are expected to take advantage of this hour of recreation as well as for food.

In the afternoon the nominating committee will submit their choice of officers and a place for the next meeting will be decided upon also. Ten-minute programs of stunts and playlets will be allowed each of the representative counties. Motion for an adjournment will follow the collect and the women will go to their homes.

Miss Patterson asks that each person living out of town or every person that can come to bring the following for lunch: Meat, bread, chicken, ham, sandwiches, pickles, potato salad, and stuffed eggs, cake and fruit. Each person is asked to bring enough for six persons. It is also demanded that all attending wear cotton dresses.

## TO VACCINATE CHILDREN FREE

### Schedule for Various Towns In County Announced By Dr. Bray

As a climax to the health program carried out by the teachers in the schools this year we have made arrangements with Dr. T. L. Bray to vaccinate free every school child in the county that has not been vaccinated within the last three years. I am sure every parent will be pleased to use this privilege and see that their children take the treatment. It is a great opportunity, and it will mean so much for the health of these children in the coming years. Dr. Bray will vaccinate for typhoid, diphtheria, and smallpox.

The following schedule has been arranged and parents are urged to have their children meet the doctor promptly:

Creswell on Tuesday, June 6th, 13th, and 20th, at 1:30 p. m., school building.

Cherry, on Tuesday, June 6th, 13th, and 20th, at 3:30 p. m., school building.

Roper on Friday, June 9th, 16th, and 23rd, at 2 o'clock p. m., school building.

Plymouth, in Dr. Bray's office, every Saturday afternoon in June and July.

## Carnival To Be Staged By Ladies' Auxiliary

A carnival will be sponsored by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Grace Episcopal Church, to be held Friday evening, May 19, at 8 o'clock at Young's old stand on Water Street next to Owen's Furniture Store. Everything for the circus will be there.

The people of this community and elsewhere are urged to attend this benefit event.

## Little Girl Hurt In Auto Accident Here This Week

No bones were broken, but minor injuries were sustained by little Miss Mary Charlotte Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Jones, who was struck and knocked from a bicycle by an automobile driven or belonging to Charlie Weeks. She was riding across the street in front of Peal's Garage when the car struck here. It appeared to be an unavoidable accident.

## CRESWELL GIRL NAMED COUNTY HEALTH QUEEN

### Miss Elizabeth Haire Wins First Place; Margaret Chesson Second

By Miss Eugenia Patterson  
Last Thursday was a busy day for 4-H club girls all over the county, and much more interesting was the suspense of finding out just "who it would be."

The girls from Creswell were the first girls to arrive at Dr. Bray's office, and they were all such good specimens of health that it was not an easy task to decide the winner. They were a fine-looking group, weighing from 108 to 155 pounds each.

While waiting to see Dr. Bray they visited the fishery, and saw the men over there make a haul. Mr. Hampton gave them permission to cross the river and visit the cannery and ice house. This was especially interesting to the girls, since they had never seen fishing in this way; besides they visited in another county, Bertie.

The Creswell group was composed of Misses Virginia Davenport, Mildred Davenport, Elizabeth Haire, Evelyn Holton and Leola Phelps of the Wide Awake Club, made up of 8th and 9th grade girls, Miss Kathleen Spruill, of 10th grade club, and Miss Telphou Olive, of the 11th grade club, with Miss Haire making the best score of the Creswell girls.

Next in the afternoon came the Roper girls, with Misses Ella Blanch Phelps, Margaret Chesson, and Lucille Lewis representing the healthiest of their group, with Miss Margaret Chesson having the highest score from Roper.

Misses Edith Robertson, Frances Bateman, and Vivian Allen represented the Plymouth club. Miss Robertson have the best score from the club.

After the scores were compared, it was found that Miss Haire, of Creswell, was champion, with Miss Margaret Chesson, of Roper, running second, and Miss Edith Robertson in third place. Miss Haire will represent the county in the district contest.

## CRESWELL HIGH SCHOOL FINALS ARE OUTLINED

### Rev. Roy O. Respass Will Preach Annual Sermon Sunday Night

Creswell.—Creswell High School is planning a week of commencement festivities beginning with the commencement sermon Sunday night, May 7. It will be preached by Rev. Roy O. Respass, pastor of the Christian church, in the high school auditorium, at 8 o'clock. Monday night the last meeting of the parent-teacher association for the year will be held. The program will be conducted by two sections of the first grade.

The senior class will present their class night exercises Wednesday and Thursday nights. The program is in the form of a garden party and is entitled "Five Years Hence." The parts are as follows: Salutatorian, Miss Zylphann Oliver; prophetess, Miss Dot Woodley and Miss Minnie Furlough; poetess, Miss Esther Spruill; statistician, Dockie Davenport; advice to juniors, Miss Virginia Haire, historian, Miss Rachel Stillman; Gifforian, Miss Mary Elizabeth Woodley; last will and testament, Stanley Ainsley; and valedictorian, Miss Sarah Jane Liverman. The exercises are very attractively arranged in the form of a play with lively choruses and dances. An added attraction will be a solo tango by Miss Doris Litchfield, of Emporia, Va.

The graduation exercises will begin at 8 o'clock Friday evening. The speaker for the evening will be F. C. Harding, an attorney at law from Greenville. At this time, diplomas, certificates, and awards will be given. Due to limited seating space in the auditorium, all exercises will probably be uncomfortably crowded. To prevent a congestion at the class night exercises, the program will be given two nights in succession. The first night admission will be by card only; the second night will be open for any one who wishes to attend.

## Mrs. Ernest H. Hicks Pupils To Give Recital

Mrs. Ernest H. Hicks will present her piano pupils in their annual commencement recital Monday evening, May 8, at 8 o'clock. The recital will be in the nature of a two-act play, entitled, "Scenes from the Life of Johann Sebastian Bach," and will include compositions of the great masters.

There will be no admission charged and the public is cordially invited.

## Fishing Permitted On Certain Days In County

Game Warden Harry Stell has been advised by the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development that hook and line and rod and reel fishing in the inland waters in Washington County will be permitted in the closed season on Mondays, Fridays, and Saturdays.

## Nearly Half People in County Receiving Aid

Statistics released today by the Governor's Office of Relief shows that 43.3 per cent of the total population of Washington County has been aided by the welfare work during the winter months. It shows that 5,030 people were helped in the county.

## SPECIAL LUNCH IS FEATURE AT CHERRY FRIDAY

### Is Final Lunch for Current Term; School Will Close There This Week

Cherry.—Lunches served to the undernourished children in the Cherry schools were discontinued last Friday with an ice cream and cake course serving as the dessert to the custom for the present school term. Next week will be the last of school, and so the lunch activities stopped.

The grade mothers of the Cherry school aided in preparing and serving the food last Friday. They were helped in their endeavors by Misses Lucy Ray Spruill, Elizabeth Davenport, Evelyn Spruill, Mae Woodley, and Hauline Phelps. These young girls are ardent helpers in the functions of the Parent-Teacher Association here which sponsored the meal.

Names of the grade mothers working last Friday follow: First, Mrs. Helen Craddock; second, Mrs. Besie Spruill; third, Mrs. Clyde Woodley; fourth, Mrs. Sadie White; fifth, Mrs. Stewart Woodley; sixth, Mrs. Wilbur Phelps; seventh, Mrs. Aletha Swain. Interested in the arrangement for the event was Mrs. A. W. Davenport, president of the P. T. A., and secretary of the welfare work here.

There were a number of special guests at the event which was closed with a business meeting of the P. T. A. They were James W. Norman, superintendent of schools; Walter H. Paramore, managing editor of the Beacon; Miss Eugenia Patterson, home demonstration agent; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brewer, welfare workers in this county. There were a few from the community.

There were 15 cakes on the menu made of every conceivable method. Then there were 10 gallons of ice cream. The children in the school and the guests ate to their heart's content.

All through the year there have been 4,500 lunches served with about 305 lunches a day for three days to the week. Some of the children have gained as much as 11 pounds during the time the soup and vegetables were served. The women have provided the vegetables while the welfare work furnished the meat and bread.

## De Leon Martin Drowned In Florida River Recently

A search lasting over several days has proven futile in the efforts to recover the body of De Leon Martin, of Jacksonville, Fla., who fell from a fishing boat into the waters of the St. John River about seven days ago. He was fishing with two friends, when the row boat hit a rock or a snag, unbalancing him.

Mr. Martin was the husband of the former Miss Mittie Fagan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Fagan, of Dardens. He was here last year on a visit to the people and was well known in the Dardens section. Mr. Martin narrowly escaped death in a train wreck and in an automobile collision.

## V. E. Everett Employed By Local Veneer Plant

Victor E. Everett has been employed by the Plymouth Box and Panel Company as assistant sales manager. He will work in cooperation with E. F. Still and his assistants, who are now operating the plant here formerly known as a unit of the Chicago Mill and Lumber Corporation.

Mr. Everett has formerly been a salesman for the Atlas Plywood Co., a large organization that manufactures about the same material as the local plant. Immediately prior to this time Mr. Everett has been wholesale manager of the Washington, D. C., district of the Ford Motor Co.

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## 650 ATTEND MAY DAY PROGRAM AT CRESWELL

### Large Gathering See Exercises at School There Monday

Creswell.—The slanting rays of an afternoon sun peeped out from behind overcast skies between showers long enough to beam down upon an array of assorted colors that reflected the brilliance of the shafts of light as the Creswell High School presented their May Day festival here last Monday with 650 people attending.

The day's activities were divided into three paramount features with a gorgeous flower show starting the program, followed by a playlet outdoors that depicted the episode of a tantrum child being converted into a loyal subject of the realm of health, with the coronation ceremony of the May queen and the traditional May pole dance ending the gala affair.

There were 40 varieties of flowers that were arranged on exhibit in the first grade room. There were potted plants and cut flowers and novel arrangements of the floral display. A small sum was charged to see the flowers. After this two judges, Miss Eugenia Patterson, home agent of Washington County, and Miss Georgia Piland, home demonstration agent of Tyrrell County, inspected the flowers and attached ribbons to the winners.

An assortment of iris won a blue ribbon for Mrs. H. G. Walker, with a red ribbon being awarded a bunch of sweet peas entered by Mrs. T. C. Holmes. In the potted variety a blue ribbon was won by Mrs. J. L. Phelps with a begonia group and a fern entered by the school annexed the red ribbon. In the third group, Mrs. T. C. Holmes repeated with a blue ribbon on a miniature flower garden, with Mrs. A. S. Holmes copping the red stripe with a depression flower.

Miss Lillian Brickhouse, of the tenth grade, nosed out ahead of the other competitors being crowned Queen of May. She was chosen by popular vote.

Cleverly arranged in the picturesque setting of the flower show were enlarged portraits of Betty Joanne Davenport, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Davenport, jr., who was adjudged the winner in an infant's group in a baby show, with Clyde Smithson, 4 years of age, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Smithson, who won in the second group. Their photos were in large hand-tinted picture frames.

Preston Woodley played the role of the unruly child in the health program who was brought before Nellie Hathaway, as queen of health, to be heard on the charge of disobeying the rules of health, and after being brought in by force and hearing of the benefits of proper diets and eating habits he became a loyal and dutiful subject of the health kingdom.

Then followed the crowning of Lillian Brickhouse as queen of May. Surrounding her high-perched throne that was decorated with spring flowers and the usual appropriate colors were the court and the attendants of the queen with the lards and ladies gay. And standing in a circle viewing the spectacle were 600 or more people.

In the May pole dance a dozen young ladies weaved in and out with the beautiful streamers in their hands. They were dressed in paper gowns of assorted colors. The dancers were Miriam Woodley, Ruth Burgess, Evelyn Holton, May Patrick, Eloise Patrick, Laura Langley, Wilmer Alexander, Eleanor Furlough, Ruth Clifton, Mayme Simpson, Marjorie Spencer, and Letha Lane Bateman.

Miss Magnolia Hopkins played the piano for the May court singing and the May pole dancing. Mrs. A. Sexton Halmes was in charge of the arrangements and the immediate presentation of the festivities. Assisting her were a number of teachers and women of the community.

## Finals Program Under Way At Colored School

Commencement exercises for the Washington County Training School began here May 1 with the first grade entertaining the crowds that usually attend the functions on hand Monday night. Then the second grade was in the spotlight Wednesday evening, with the third and fourth grades scheduled for Friday night, May 5.

On Monday, May 8, the fifth and sixth grades will have charge of the exercises, with the seventh grade graduation program on Tuesday, May 9. Class-day exercises for the senior class will be held Wednesday afternoon, May 10, at 3 o'clock.

The high school graduation program will be given on Wednesday night at 8 o'clock with Rev. N. F. Brooks, pastor of the New Chapel Baptist church, as the principal speaker. The graduates will also get their diplomas at this time.

## Davis Wins Over Owens For Mayor By 47 Votes Tuesday

### ATTEND SOCIAL SERVICE MEET IN GREENSBORO

#### Welfare Work Discussed By National and State Authorities

By W. C. BREWER

W. C. Brewer and Mrs. Brewer attended the twenty-first annual convention of the North Carolina Conference for Social Service held in Greensboro April 23, 24, and 25. Welfare work and relief problems were discussed from every angle, by national and state authorities on the depression and how to make the best of it. Addresses were made by Dr. Howard E. Jensen, of Duke University on moral gains and losses of the depression, social and constructive phases of relief by Roy M. Brown, state technical supervisor of the Governor's Office of Relief. Talks were made by Miss Bertha McCall, general director of the National Travelers Aid. Mrs. Jane McKimmon, State Home Demonstration Agent; Walter B. Wilbur, Family Welfare Association of America, and many other men and women prominent in state and national affairs.

It was made plain to all superintendents of welfare that the funds are for relief and not charity and that Federal aid would be only a supplement to what the people do to maintain themselves. A little spot in the yards is not sufficient but every one is required to have a large garden in order to preserve and can for the coming winter. Those not having gardens will not be allowed to draw from the office of relief.

Hundreds in Washington County have received seed and have fine gardens, while many others show a willingness to let some one else do all the planting, hoping to receive their living from the county welfare, but it is the intention of the State Board to help only those who try to help themselves, thereby getting rid of loafing and voluntary vagrancy. There is no excuse for any one not having a garden, because if those persons receiving relief do not have space for planting vegetables, the superintendent of welfare will assist them in procuring a vacant lot. Those who have space that they will donate for the season please get in touch with your welfare workers at once.

## ROPER GIRL WINS BISCUIT CONTEST

### Miss Frances Chesson Will Represent County in District Contest

Roper.—The different 4-H clubs of the county have been having biscuit contests and the winners in each club received a print dress. The winners in each club were asked to take biscuits to Roper Saturday, April 22, to be judged by three home-makers from Roper, namely, Mrs. John Hassell, Mrs. Frank Wilson, and Mrs. Bell. The decision was not an easy one to make, but judging from the points on all angles, as texture, uniform size, color, taste, odor, etc., the decision was in favor of Miss Frances Chesson, of the ninth grade, Roper. She will represent the county in a district contest to be held in Elizabeth City, May 12.—Miss Eugenia Patterson.

## Second Quarterly Meeting Held at Creswell Church

Creswell.—One of the most interesting and spirited quarterly meetings yet held on this charge was held at Creswell.

Rev. J. H. McCracken, the presiding elder, preached a very inspiring sermon to the large audience. His subject was "A Memorial Love Offering." The lovely little church was decorated for the occasion with a galaxy of spring flowers to enhance the beauty. All the other denominations cooperated in the service with friendship and courtesy throughout the day.

Rev. William Winstead sang an appropriate solo at the close of the morning service. After which the quarterly meeting was in session. Representatives from each church were present. Rev. R. E. Atkinson gave splendid reports from the four churches.

At the noon hour, a sumptuous and most enjoyable lunch was served by the members of the Creswell church. The guests gave a rising vote of thanks for the enjoyable and bounteous lunch and the wonderful hospitality shown by the Creswell ladies.

## COUNTY NATIVE DIES SATURDAY

### L. V. Allen Victim of Short Illness at Norfolk; Had Relatives Here

Funeral services were held during the week-end in Norfolk for Leslie V. Allen, 43 years of age, native of Plymouth, who died at his Cushing Street residence last Saturday after a brief illness. Mr. Allen had been living in Norfolk for the last 17 years. He was employed as an electric crane operator in the Norfolk Navy Yard.

The burial took place in Olive Branch Cemetery. Services were conducted at the Snellings Funeral home with the Rev. V. L. Fisher, pastor of the Craddock Presbyterian church, officiating. A choir sang two popular old hymns. There were many floral tributes and the casket bore a spray of calla lilies.

The following relatives survive Mr. Allen in Plymouth, as well as his widow; mothers, Mrs. Alwilda Allen; a sister, Mrs. P. H. Darden; two brothers, T. S. Allen, and O. L. Allen.

## FUNERAL IS HELD FRIDAY FOR MRS. MYRTLE PATRICK

### Died Suddenly in Scuppernon Community Last Thursday

Scuppernon.—Funeral services were held in the Scuppernon Christian church here Friday afternoon for Mrs. Myrtle Patrick, 47 years of age, who died suddenly in her garden near here on the Sound Side Thursday morning as she was cutting cabbage for three colored women who had come to buy the vegetables.

Apoplexy is the attributed cause of her death, as she was said to have had a slight attack on last Sunday but had recovered enough to be out again. Other immediate members of the family are said to have succumbed to like attacks of this dreaded malady. However, just before her death she showed no symptoms of illness in this way.

Years ago Mrs. Patrick was married to Hugh Patrick, well-known and well-liked farmer of the Sound Side, who, with five children, Misses Calley, Marie, and May, and Roy and Joe, survives the deceased woman, as well as two brothers, M. F. Davenport, of Yorktown, Va. A number of other relatives in this community also survive her.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. W. H. Holwell, pastor of the Oak Grove Baptist church, of which Mrs. Patrick was a member, assisted by Rev. Roy Respass, pastor of the Christian church. When a girl, Mrs. Patrick joined the Scuppernon Christian church, but when she was married and moved away from that community she became affiliated with the Oak Grove Baptist church.

Active pall-bearers were: Hubert Davenport, Willard Davenport, Seaton Patrick, Harold Patrick, James Spruill, and Frank Tarkington. Honorary pall-bearers or flower girls were Mesdames David Ange, Frank Tarkington, Sadie Stillman, Raymond Patrick, Harold Patrick, and Misses Eugenia Patterson, Connie Stillman, Retha Collins, Gladys Collins, and Ruth Davenport.

Interment was made in the cemetery adjoining the Scuppernon church yard with a massive heap of beautiful flowers covering the grave.

## Baptists' Winning Streak Halted Last Thursday

The combined forces of the Christian and Episcopal churches making one ball team finally halted the winning streak of the Baptists last Thursday when they nosed out a one-run margin in an 8 to 7 victory over the Baptists. Earl Harrison hurled for the visitors with Ransom Martin receiving.

Batteries for the Baptists were Howard Poteat and Hubert Poteat pitching, and Max Darden, Woodrow Dixon, and Howard Poteat sharing in the catching.

## L. P. Hornthal Returns To Suffolk Factory

L. P. Hornthal, jr., for a while local representative of the Planters Nut & Chocolate Company, in Suffolk, has been called back to the plant. He left here last week-end.

W. E. Olds, of Williamston, will represent the firm in this section.

## ELECT THREE NEW MEMBERS TOWN COUNCIL

### Three Old Members Are Returned; Close Races Are General

Into the hands of three new members and three old members with one of the former councilmen elevated to the office of mayor of Plymouth, were thrust the problems of guiding this little town's destiny through two years Wednesday at noon, when the victors in Tuesday's municipal election took their oath before Justice of the Peace Walter H. Paramore.

Gilbert Davis, who defeated A. L. Owens for the office of mayor, concluded the reorganization meeting on Wednesday with a brief talk in which he assured the council that even if it were necessary to take \$100 of the \$150 allowed him annually he would employ a town attorney to sit with the councilmen in an effort to avoid further illegal procedure.

Mr. Davis did this for two reasons; one was to evade steps that were taken in the former administration that has resulted in the town now being sued by L. E. Ange for back salary for two years when Mr. Ange was fired by the town without the advice of a lawyer, and the second is to arrange for the town attorney to make only so much on legal services in the collection of back taxes.

In the election Tuesday, Mr. Owens was defeated by a majority of 47 votes for Mr. Davis. The total vote stood as follows: Davis, 234; Owens, 187. Votes in the three wards follow: first ward, Davis 73, Owens 75; second ward, Davis 51, Owens 43; third ward, Owens 69 and Davis 110.

In the first ward the Beacon predictions of last week were substantiated with E. F. Still being an easy winner with a total of 137 votes; W. E. Waters trailed with 110 to be the councilman with him; J. O. Everett dropping by the wayside with only 45 votes to his credit. Both of these are new councilmen.

In the second ward B. G. Campbell and Zeno Lyon were named, even though last-minute announcements by Macon W. Norman and L. S. Thompson were at first thought to have thrown a plug in the wheel. In the statistics the following votes were accorded the candidates: Zeno Lyon 58; B. G. Campbell 49; M. W. Norman 42; and L. S. Thompson 39.

The third ward was a close race. The electorate decided to return H. C. Spruill and W. H. Gaylord, who have been members for several terms. The vote stood as follows: H. C. Spruill, 98; W. H. Gaylord, 91; Walter H. Paramore, 85; and J. R. Manning, 80.

The new councilmen asked the news paper man to inform the public that they were eager for townspeople to take more interest in the affairs of their town. They are asked to attend the meetings with the first to come Monday evening, May 8. If the council chamber will not hold them the council will move to the courthouse.

## Number of Subscribers Paying Subscriptions

The Beacon continues to advance in its efforts to get a paid-in-advance subscription list. Each subscriber will be given an opportunity to renew. After this they will be discontinued unless they do pay their subscriptions. In the last week or two the Beacon has not pushed this, as they have been awaiting the outcome of certain matters. But subscriptions must be paid in advance now.

The new renewals who have paid up in the last few days are C. R. Winecoff, N. S. Harrington, J. C. Swain, C. M. Simpson, Roy Litchfield, Miss Lola Harmon, Mrs. Bettie C. Gurganus, J. T. Martin, Mrs. Annie Doughtie, W. T. Curles, W. D. Peal, Mrs. C. N. Davenport, A. W. Bachman, H. G. Walker, O. D. Hatfield, Mrs. H. T. Jackson, J. A. Bratten.

## Play To Be Given At Cherry Next Tuesday

Cherry.—A three-act comedy-drama entitled "Eyes of Love," will be presented at the Cherry school auditorium Tuesday evening, May 9, with a small admission fee charged.

The cast is made up of 10 characters, including the following: Iva Spruill, Mayme Woodley, Lucy Ray Spruill, Rupert Ainsley, Elizabeth Davenport, Mae Woodley, Dock Daval-enport, Dennis Phelps, Junior Spruill and Jesse Craddock.

The moral of the play is given in these words: "He who leaves God out of his reckoning does not know how to count."