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STATE MAGAZINE RUNS ARTICLE IN PRAISE BAILEY

Raleigh Newspaperman Is Very Complimentary to County Man

Carl Leroy Bailey, of Roper, is expected in a few days to announce his candidacy for the State Senate from this district. A full page write-up of Mr. Bailey appeared in the March 24th issue of the State magazine giving inside data on his activities at the last session of the general assembly.

The sketch was written by Wade H. Lucas, Raleigh newspaperman, who "covered" the legislature last session for a State newspaper. The Beacon is reproducing it here just as it appeared in the State magazine. It gives Mr. Bailey a well deserved boost for his activities in the capital.

Senator Bailey has not been consulted by the Beacon management and he does not know his home paper is carrying the item.

"When in future years the historians set out to chronicle the history of the school battles that were waged during the session of the 1933 General Assembly they cannot ignore the part played in those hectic fights by Senator Carl Leroy Bailey, of Washington County.

"Generally speaking, the credit for the State's taking over lock, stock and barrel of the public school system and agreeing to run the schools not only the required six months under the constitution, but eight months as well, is given Senator Angus Dhu McLean, of Beaufort, but many of those who witnessed the school fight will not hesitate to say the Senator from Washington County played a large part in helping Mr. McLean hoist high the flag of victory.

"Public school teachers meeting in Raleigh this week-end in their annual convention have doubtless heard much about Senator Bailey. He was a friend to them during the 1933 General Assembly and if he comes back to the 1935 legislature he may have another card or so to play in their behalf.

"Senator McLean is now holding down an important position in Washington, D. C., and he will not be back for the 1935 session, and who knows but that the large Senator from Washington may take up the mantle dropped by McLean and carry it forward next year.

"Although he had served in the 1925 House, the vast majority of the people of North Carolina had doubtless never heard of Carl Leroy Bailey before he entered the 1933 Senate, but before that session was half over the friends of the public schools knew that when one uttered the name of Senator Bailey it was not taken for granted that that person was talking of Josiah William Bailey.

"Few of those serving their first terms in the senate cut any legislative ice to speak of unless they, like Senator McLean, Senator Robert M. Hanes or others, have won their legislative spurs in the House. But the hefty Washington Senator was one of the exceptions to this rule. Mr. Bailey had somewhat of the bulldog spirit in him and that once he took hold of something he would not let go in a hurry.

"Through all the firing during the school battles Carl Bailey held on and refused to budge. It is not every legislator who will start out to reach an objective and keep going in the face of the terrific barrages that are some times laid down in the paths they must travel.

"Carl Bailey's voice has the sound like unto that of rolling thunder. I seriously doubt that he ever turned his vocal organs on full strength and if he had he might have seriously impaired the walls and roof of the senate chamber by the noise that he would have made.

"For a freshman senator, he spoke more than a senate newcomer usually speaks, but he it said in his credit that he seldom if ever got up to speak on a subject without being able to convince his fellow members he knew what he was talking about.

"Certainly, this statement is true on all legislation pertaining to the schools, for he was informed on school legislation. Only 35 years of age when he entered the Senate to become first lieutenant to "Captain" McLean, the big man from Washington was most active in helping from the blocs that helped precipitate passage of the State supported eight months school bill to which he put his name along with that of Senator McLean.

"Early in March, 1933, when the House of Representatives was yelling in a loud voice that the State could not support an eight months school Senators Bailey and McLean sawed legislative wood and kept on their plans. The louder their op-

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Columbia Defeats Roper In Game Last Friday

Columbia.—The Columbia High School nine snowed under Roper, 18 to 2, here Friday. Erratic playing of his mates contributed to the downfall of Raymond Ambrose, Roper hurler, as he let the opposition down with only three hits. Six hits were secured off of Grady Alexander for Columbia, despite the fact he struck out 19 in 7 innings.

Peacock slammed out a three-base hit to send Bateman in with the first run and Chesson singled to send Ambrose in the fifth for Roper.

CRESWELL CLASS RANKS THIRD IN THIS DISTRICT

Young Tar Heel Farmers Club Makes Envious Record

Creswell.—Third place in the district is the rank of the vocational agriculture class of the Creswell High School Chapter of Young Tar Heel Farmers of North Carolina when it was determined that this group of boys had annexed a total of 162 out of a possible 220 points for this term.

The highest rank of any school in the district was 180 points and that showed the Creswell boys under the supervision of C. H. Rabon, head of vocational agriculture in the school, were only a scant 18 tallies behind the leaders in this district which had a large number of school competing.

Here are the achievements of the class as released by Hilton Chesson, president of the class:

"A father and son banquet with at least 75 present; ten news articles published; participation in two district contests with Hilton Chesson at Williamston in public speaking and Junior Spruill and Garland Phelps judging livestock in Greenville.

"Educational trip to State Fair; agricultural museum established with a number of different specimens; three socials; conducted one chapel exercise; several pruning and culling demonstrations; presented one P. T. A. program; two bulletin boards made; three summer chapter meetings.

"All dues paid on time; each boy read and reported on two agricultural books; latest agricultural journals and papers read and studied; book cases, tables and other improvements for class room; purchased seed and spray materials for farmers; presentation of miniature for benefit of chapter.

A representative attended club program of Perquimans County High School Young Tar Heel Farmers; secured all necessary equipment for carrying out future farmer ritual; 91 per cent of all day projects completed.

Surviving are the following children: Bennie, Thurman, Elton, Miss Clara Bell, Mrs. Willie Oliver, and Miss Meter, and the following brothers: Charlie, Levan, Lawrence, and Jimmie Ange. He had been married for 32 years, and his wife survives him.

He was a member of the Free Will Baptist church.

Roper Seniors Will Have Play Friday

Roper.—The senior class of the Roper High School will present a play, "Here Come Three Knights" at the school auditorium Friday evening, April 6 at 8 o'clock.

It is a rollicking farce about three Knight brothers who fall in love with the same girl, and since she does not know them obtain jobs as servants in her house under a gentleman's agreement.

What results is a fast moving play that will delight the audience. Proceeds will go to purchase a gift, probably library books for the school.

Home Agent Announces Schedule for Next Week

The home demonstration agent's schedule for next week is as follows: Monday afternoon, Suppernoon. Tuesday afternoon, Cherry. Wednesday (all day) District federation at Washington, N. C. Thursday, Wenoona. Friday, Tabor. Saturday morning, curb market.

JUNIORS SENIORS HOLD BANQUET IN ROPER SCHOOL

Over 50 Guests Attend Annual Event Friday Night

Roper.—That modern major achievements of public school students include skill in committing minor infractions of the campus was the revelation made in a speech here last Friday evening by E. N. Riddle at the annual junior-senior banquet of the Roper High School.

Principal Riddle who has had many years of experience in this work told the students that unless they had learned to chew gum gracefully and without opening the lips and had had some experience in the art of writing and slipping love letters to each other that their education was not complete.

Furthermore he recalled that some of the students were proficient in cheating themselves by copying examination papers or securing help, and that some were especially irritable to their teachers and that some even would stoop so low as to steal each other's lunches.

Of course, this line of his speech used as an introduction kept the boys and girls in hilarity as they emitted series after series of loud laughs. Following this Mr. Riddle turned to the more serious things in school life and gave the students some timely and worthy advice.

Miss Renette Snell served as toastmistress and made the welcome address. Miss Marie Spruill gave the toast to the seniors while Hallet Everett responded. Miss Lala R. Chesson toasted the visitors with Mrs. L. S. Brey responding. Miss Margaret Chesson sang.

A toast to the school was given by Miss Margaret Windley with E. N. Riddle, principal of the school, responding with a short talk. Miss Virginia Gibson danced to the tune of "Sidewalks of New York", and her sister, Miss Catherine, gave a humorous dance. Miss Julia Gibson played for them.

Waitresses did a ballet dancing with Shep Brinkley providing the piano accompaniment. Names of the waitresses who served as well as danced were Misses Sarah Frances Leary, Lala Bell Davenport, Olive May Windley, Lindell Lewis, Carolyn Spruill, Edna Davenport, Virginia Ainsley and Mildred Phelps.

The menu consisted of four courses starting with fruit cocktail, then chicken salad, pickles, saltines and potato chips and iced tea, with a dessert of cake and ice cream followed with demi-tasse. The parent-teachers association of Roper prepared the repast while the waitresses came from the under-graduate classes.

The tables were arranged to serve 50 or more guests beneath a canopy of assorted colored streamers. On the sides of the rooms were pine branches cleverly arranged interspersed with roses. Potted plants were parked in the corners and other appropriated places.

Each place was decorated with programs arranged in heart-shaped and brown folded wrappers. Favors were duck-shaped balloons and chicks drawing little carts in which were mints. Assorted colored napkins were at the places. Amid this splendor candles burned brightly.

DISTRICT MEET OF CLUB WOMEN

Home Agent Urges Large Representation Next Wednesday

By Miss Eugenia Patterson
It is hoped that every club will be represented at the district meeting in Washington next Wednesday, April 11. Every club president and secretary is asked to put forth a special effort to see that their club is represented at the meeting. Men are invited also, since we are having two men speakers. I am sure they will enjoy it.

Dr. Frank Smetthurst, managing editor of the News and Observer and one of the outstanding newspaper men of the state, will speak. Dr. Wells, of the State College staff, will give his noted lecture on "Wild Flowers of North Carolina." Dr. Wells is widely known and will give his lecture at the Washington theatre in order to show the pictures of the various flowers.

Everybody who goes is asked to go to the Episcopal parish house first, which is on Main Street, one block below the main business section. Lunch will be left there and instructions given as to where to go. Please register, as Washington County wants a large representation shown. If you are in doubt as to how you might get to the right place, just ask anybody; they will direct you.

FARM NOTES

By W. V. HAYS, County Agent

The cotton sign-up is completed. Most every farmer who could establish a base acreage signed the reduction contract.

The Washington County Farmer's Club will hold its next dinner at Plymouth on Thursday evening, April 12. Mr. G. A. Cardwell, the agricultural and industrial agent for the A. C. L. R. Co., will be the speaker of the evening. Mr. Cardwell is a most interesting speaker and is an authority on many agricultural subjects.

Mr. Floyd's recommendations for tobacco fertilizers are: Ammonia from at least three sources, cottonseed meal, fish meal, and tankage and mineral, three to four per cent. Potash from 8 to 10 per cent. Phosphorus 5 to 10 per cent, on light soils at least 6 per cent.

CLUB WOMEN TO STUDY PATTERNS

Home Agent Outlines Program To Be Followed at April Meetings

Home demonstration lessons for the month of April will center around patterns, it was announced this week.

A good pattern is one of the most dependable assistants in dressmaking. Paper patterns were put on the market less than a century ago, and they gave the users very little help except to provide a cutting line. The modern pattern is so closely worked out with explicit directions for each step that an amateur may follow one very easily if she will only read, study and follow the directions provided by the manufacturers. Experimenting takes time and is often expensive.

There is economy in a good pattern. Economy of time because a standard commercial pattern is accurate in measurements and proportions, and using it carefully will save time in fitting. A good pattern is a money saver because if you have one good foundation pattern that fits, most of the garments needed may be made from it.

A few well chosen patterns kept in a convenient place are a help and also time savers to the family seamstress. Discard odd patterns as they become out of date. The women who boards her patterns from year to year gets an accumulations on her hands which she usually had to search through every time she wishes a particular pattern. A large 9 by 12 envelope is an excellent protection for a new pattern. Split open the pattern envelope, thus keeping all pictures and instructions. It is much easier to fold the paper pattern and return it to this large envelope than it is to get it back in the original one.

The home demonstration club women of Washington County are to study patterns this month. It is hoped that every club woman will attend her club meeting this month, and get the most help from the lesson. A good pattern that fits acts as a stimulant to a woman's imagination. There is a real pleasure in creating a lovely garment on which one expresses one's own personality. Come and see if you will not get help in making and fitting that new spring dress.

NEW CANDIDATES OUT THIS WEEK

H. C. Spruill Announces for Treasurer and Harry Stell for House

Two new candidates announced this week for places on the county staff of officers. They were H. C. Spruill, who again seeks the office of treasurer, and Harry Stell, who is after the job of representative to the North Carolina General Assembly.

Last week John W. Darden announced to succeed himself as recorder and judge and P. H. Darden, who desires the nomination for the vacancy on the board of education for the county. Mrs. Mary S. Cahoon and Mrs. Mary O. Sawyer are out for registers of deeds and Mrs. D. M. McKnight for coroner.

Mr. Spruill has been a worker for the Democratic party for years. He has served on the county board of education and as a commissioner and was for a while and is now a member of the council of the Town of Plymouth. He seeks the place now held by E. G. Arps.

Mr. Stell has worked in almost every campaign in recent years. And this time he is seeking his first county elective office. He has served as a member of the City Council in Plymouth for several years but is not now a member of this body.

TWO WOMEN BURNED MONDAY BY FIRE ON BOAT HERE

C. L. Groves and A. T. Darden Painfully Hurt in Gas Boat Blaze

Reports today from the homes of C. L. Groves, general manager, and A. T. Darden, foreman of the sawmill department of the National Handle Company here, were to the effect that both of the men, who suffered burns in a blaze that threatened the building containing vessels of the firm were gradually recovering.

Due to quick work on the part of Mr. Groves and Mr. Darden, who were on the True Temper, a light cruiser vessel, when it burst into flames in the boathouse, little or no damage was done to the building as they opened the gates and shoved the burning craft out into the river. Aside from his duties as foreman, Mr. Darden also serves as mechanic for the National Handle Co., and he with Mr. Groves, was adding final touches to the repairing of the vessel so as to deliver it on Wednesday of this week to a purchaser.

Mr. Darden was down in the hatch at the front end near the engine, when for some cause the engine back-fired and fumes from escaping gas added to the hazard. Immediately it burst into flames, destroying the top of the cruiser and also burning parts of the cabin.

When the blaze started, Mr. Groves stepped off of the vessel and began to open nearby gates to shove the boat out into the river away from the house and Mr. Darden was forced to come through the blaze from the hatch.

Mr. Groves suffered severe burns about the hands and face and so did Mr. Darden. They were brought to the office of Dr. T. L. Bray, who rendered medical attention at once. Miss Ethel Arps, a clerk, drove the car. They were delayed in arriving at the doctor's office as the fire truck and other vehicles met them going to the fire.

Mr. Groves spent a very good night Monday, but Mr. Darden suffered some. Mr. Darden was burned more severely than Mr. Groves, according to Dr. Bray.

The True Temper had been idle in the boathouse for some time. When the company secured a buyer, Mr. Darden had been working on it at odd times to get it in condition. Mr. Groves was going to accompany Mr. Darden on a trial spin up to the fishery. The vessel cost \$2,500 originally, but the price to the purchaser was to be much less and the damage is figured at about \$300.

Despite threats of burning the boathouse, no fear was felt for the plant itself, as the boathouse was about 30 yards from the shop near by and these two buildings were about 75 yards from the main part of the plant. Firemen arrived in time to control the spread of the blaze and prevented the boathouse from catching.

Name of Pecan Grove Dairy Is Changed

A change in the name of the Pecan Grove Dairy to the Springwood Dairy was announced here this week by Rev. R. H. Lucas, manager and owner of the enterprise.

Mr. Lucas announced that the change was effective at once and that the move was taken because in a search of the records and history of the Lucas plantation on which the dairy is located that it was referred to in old documents as the Springwood Farm.

The Springwood name came from the fact that the section out that way is now called Cool Springs and has been for many years. The name of the farm was taken from the spring and the woods that used to be about the spring. In olden days it was a kind of resort.

Can Secure Workers for Beautifying Property

The National Re-employment office located in the Municipal building in Plymouth, will aid any one in securing any help that they need to beautify their property whether it be on the building or work in the flower gardens or fish ponds.

Manager L. R. Ausbon has filed in his office a record of those who are unemployed and those wishing for some one to do this kind of work can apply to him for recommendation of the unemployed who can and will work in this way.

On his list are those who are willing to work on lawns, in flower or vegetable yards. This will solve the problem of many who are endeavoring to get help of this kind. Of course, the government pays no part of the wages, but only provides the employment agency.

Local Tug Hits Half-Open Bridge on Roanoke

Crashing into the Roanoke River drawbridge at Williamston Monday morning, a tugboat had its top deck torn away and fixtures damaged, it was reported here today.

The tug belonged to the National Handle Company, of Plymouth. It had an unusually long raft of logs in tow and could not check its speed in the swift stream. It was said that the captain was late in calling for the bridgekeeper and the vessel crashed into the half-open bridge. No damage was done to the bridge.

FAVOR NEW PLAN IN DISTRIBUTION OF TEXT BOOKS

State Board To Announce Selling Agent in County Within Short Time

The Washington County Board of Education went on record Monday as favoring the plan of "consigning" text books that are to be used in Washington County next term, it was learned today from James W. Norman, superintendent of public instruction.

Other plans of consigning the books to the publisher or to Raleigh met with disapproval, as the education officials believed that they should be sent direct to the place for which they are designated and they could be distributed at that point.

Distributors will be appointed in each section of the county for handling the books. This step was taken by Dr. A. T. Allen, superintendent of the state board of education, at Raleigh, who asked Mr. Norman to take the matter up with his board and determine the plan they favored. However, this plan is not definite for any portion of the state as yet.

Under this arrangement, the local board is allowed a percentage on the retail price. The board or the person who handles the book will be allowed to charge 10 per cent above the delivered cost of the books to them for their actual expense in handling them.

The State Board has ruled that any school not now maintaining an average attendance of 65 per cent of the attendance in the previous six months would be closed at once. This applies to colored schools, where the pupils began dropping out and working or stopping school for some other purpose.

Lowest attendance so far in the group in this county was given at 85.9 and the highest at 110.7. Bad roads, inclement weather, and sickness caused attendance to drop last week but not enough to cause alarm. Most of the schools have better attendance now than during the year.

Kenly Minister Holding Series Services at Roper

Roper.—Rev. W. Eddie Morris, of Kenly, pastor of a circuit of churches in Johnston County, began a series of evangelistic meetings here in Thompson's Hall Monday evening. Services are being held each evening at 7:30.

Assisting in the meetings is Rev. T. O. Todd, pastor of the church. It is not known just how long the meeting will run, but it is thought that the services will last for about two weeks. Rev. Mr. Morris will preach at both services Sunday, it was announced.

Overcrowding Is Cause Of Cannibalism in Chicks

The exact cause of cannibalism in chicks is not known but it is the opinion of good authorities that overcrowding and confinement has much to do with creating the habit. The trouble is more likely to occur when early hatched chicks are reared in confinement. To combat the vice allow the chicks a good run in the open and see that they are out whenever weather permits. Where they are crowded the group should be divided allowing six square inches of floor space for each chick. Where the habit is formed the worst cases should be destroyed and the others isolated.

Three New Bulletins Available To Citizens

Three new bulletins are available free of charge to citizens of North Carolina on application to F. H. Jeter, agricultural editor at State College. The bulletins are: Extension Circular 197, "Spraying for Control of Apple Blight"; Experiment Station Bulletin 292, "Crop Response to Lime and Fertilizer on Muck Soil"; and Technical Bulletin 44, "Hematology of the Fowl."

FATHER AND SON BANQUET DRAWS 75 AT CRESWELL

All Lads and Dads Sport Overalls At Unusual Event Thursday

Creswell.—Blue denim was the mode of attire when the Creswell High School chapter of the Young Tar Heel Farmers of North Carolina feted their fathers and their guests at the fourth annual father and son banquet held here last Thursday night with 75 attending.

The lads and their dads sported overalls. This is the traditional dress of the farmers, and the merry-makers felt at home with their new garb all new and shiny. Even the male members of the orchestra wore overalls. But clothes meant little to this group.

The proud fathers sat back in their chairs perfectly contented, not watching the clock for two hours, as their sons displayed their oratorical ability and then rounded out the program with appropriate music. Joe Baker Davenport's jokes kept the crowd laughing.

President Hilton Chesson served as master of ceremonies. Lewis Alligood gave the toast to the dads, with T. F. Davenport responding. Music was provided among the boys by Ernest and Melvin Davenport, who performed on the guitar and accordion while Junior Spruill sang.

Jesse Craddock, who will represent the chapter in Raleigh in an oratorical contest, spoke on The Call of the Future Farmers, and Gilbert Stillman explained the kinds of Protective Foods. A ripple of laughter broke in on Whitford Swains reading a paper on "Suppositions."

Robert Hathaway recited the Future Farmers' Creed. L. E. Hassell and C. Norman Davenport, jr., members of the county board of education, made a few remarks each. E. N. Meekins, of Raleigh, supervisor of vocational agriculture in this district, was the principal speaker and the honor guest.

Officers of the organization follow: Hilton Chesson, president; Whitford Swain, secretary; Jesse Craddock, vice president; Preston Woodley, treasurer; Lewis Alligood, reporter; Orval Alligood acted in the capacity of advisor for Teacher Rabon.

The beautiful decorations included green pine straw that was hung across the strings for the top and on the sides were green cloth presenting a freshness of spring and scattered about were potted plants, pine branches, with assorted colored napkins at the places.

The menu consisted of baked chicken, dressing, rice, gravy, English peas, tomato salad, cranberry sauce, hot rolls, butter, coffee topped with whipped cream and cocoanut pie a la mode. This food was provided by the boys of the class.

Those preparing the food included Mesdames J. W. Starr, O. D. Hatfield, C. N. Davenport, sr., A. L. Holmes, C. H. Rabon, Fred Smith, and Miss Eugenia Patterson. Waitresses were Misses Margaret Anne Swain, Elizabeth Phelps, Virginia Davenport, Marjorie Spencer, and Mollie Sawyer.

The Creswell orchestra, composed of the following, furnished music for the occasion: Miss Stella Johnson, piano; Clyde Smithson, saxophone; Roy Leitcheif, cornet; C. H. Rabon, banjo and director; Mrs. Roy Hopkins and Misses Sally Carter and Elizabeth Brins, violins.

Others recognized and who made short talks included O. R. Armstrong, member of board of commissioners; Walter H. Paramore, managing editor of the Beacon; C. H. Aderholdt, principal of the school; W. V. Hays, farm agent; O. D. Hatfield; and Mr. Belanga, member of the local board.

RELIEF OFFICE TO BE MOVED

New Quarters Will Probably Be in Leggett Building

The office of the Washington County Emergency Relief will move from their quarters in the courthouse to the Leggett building on Water Street above the store of R. E. Dunning, it was learned this week.

No date has been set for the removal of the emergency organization headquarters to the new building, but it is thought that they will move, but they may not move to the Leggett building, although that is understood to be the plan now.

The Washington County commissioners agreed to pay \$5 on the rent for the new quarters monthly. And this was about all that happened in the meeting held here Tuesday by the commissioners except for the few hours spent in attending to route business.