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## LOCALS HOPE TO BE ABLE TO PUT TEAM IN LEAGUE

### Plymouth Representatives Attend Albemarle League Gathering

Baseball is in the air in Plymouth for the 1934 season, as preparations are being made to have an entry in the Albemarle League from this community this year.

A committee composed of P. W. Brown, Dr. C. McGowan, Roy Manning, C. R. Wineoff, J. C. Swain, and others who would like to go are to attend a league meeting to be held in Windsor Thursday night of this week. At this time Plymouth is expected to enter the league.

New suits will be on the local players this season. A representative from a manufacturing concern for uniforms has been here this week, and Mr. Brown has been working in an effort to get business houses to provide a dozen suits.

A canvass is to be made to ascertain the amount that can be counted on as contributions from fans who are interested in this sport. It is predicted that if \$800 can be raised that the gate receipts will take care of the other expenses incident to the operation of the club.

Dr. T. L. Bray has been designated treasurer, and it is thought that P. W. Brown will serve as business manager while a player will be given charge of the team on the field. Players will be paid salaries this year. Five or six non-salaried players may be secured to bolster the locals.

Plymouth will be in the loop with Williamston, Windsor, Edenton, Elizabeth City, and Ahoskie. Each of the clubs will play four games a week, two at home and two away from home. Each home team retains its own gate receipts for its expense.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of each week will be included in the league schedules and the remainder of the week, especially on Sunday, the locals will play exhibition games either with league or independent clubs.

Contributors in the canvass will be called to a meeting that will be held in the future to elect officers who will direct the activities of the club and also aid in any of the governing duties of the operation of the organization.

Efforts will be made to secure Bubber Hart, of Norfolk, to add hitting punch to the club. Preston Chappell will be on short again. Harry Van Horn will either be in the field or on first base. Howard Brown is expected to be on second, with a new player to be named for the third spot.

Burl Gurganus is expected back from the CC camps in time to land an outfield berth. Albert Sculley, Mr. Burnham and Slim Gardner will be classed as local hurlers. Tex Edens is expected back. Additional pitchers are a problem as one or more will be needed.

Further announcements as to players will be made later.

## CONCERT GIVEN AT CRESWELL

### Sacred Music Well Received By Congregation at Methodist Church

Creswell—A good crowd greeted the presentation of the sacred concert given at the Methodist Episcopal Church here sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Society, with Miss Stella Johnson as director.

The program opened with an organ solo by Miss Johnson, followed by Scripture reading and prayer by Rev. P. E. Bingham. Mrs. A. C. Harris sang a solo and Mrs. Roy Hopkins and Miss Sallie Carter rendered a violin duet.

R. L. Leitchfield rendered a cornet solo; and Hershey Pritchett, Charles Pritchett, R. L. Leitchfield, and W. H. Winstead sang "In the Garden." Mrs. J. W. Starr sang "The Valley of Peace." Messrs. Leitchfield and Winstead sang "It Pays To Serve Jesus" as a duet.

After Miss Sallie Carter played a beautiful violin solo, a few remarks were made by the president of the organization, Mrs. H. T. Jackson. A duet was sung by Mesdames Roy Hopkins and H. A. Nerman. The benediction was by W. H. Winstead.

### Several From County At Clinic in Elizabeth City

Six or more cripples from Washington County attended the orthopedic clinic held in Elizabeth City last Tuesday. Some were taken over by W. C. Brewer. H. E. Springer, state rehabilitation representative, was present.

Treatments were recommended for those indigents who were in time for the examination. No charge was made for the examinations. The clinic was sponsored by the American Legion chapter in Elizabeth City.

## Carl Bailey Appointed Delegate To Meeting

Carl L. Bailey, of Roper, state senator from this district, and county attorney, was one of the 54 delegates appointed by Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus to represent North Carolina at the 29th annual convention of the National Rivers and Harbors Congress in Washington, D. C., next Monday and Tuesday.

## VERDICT IS SET ASIDE BY JUDGE IN CIVIL ACTION

### Twiddy-Tarkenton Case Is Expected To Go To Supreme Court

Indications are now that the hard-fought legal differences between B. F. Twiddy and J. C. Tarkenton will go to the Supreme Court of North Carolina as the result of Judge Walter L. Small setting aside the verdict in Washington County Superior Court here last week.

A jury rendered a verdict in favor of Mr. Twiddy after being out only a short time and then the action of the jury was set aside by Judge Small, who ordered a compulsory referee hearing in the matter. As to who will hear the case is not known.

This case came up for trial in the January term, but the presiding jurist ordered a mistrial after the jury failed to agree on a verdict. And then a new trial was ordered, and thus it came up among the preferred cases in the April term last week.

The suit was brought by counsel for Mr. Twiddy, who sought to restrain the foreclosure of a mortgage and to declare mortgage canceled on the records as the result of a transaction some years ago in which Mr. Twiddy purchased some machinery from Mr. Tarkenton.

Mr. Twiddy contended that he turned the machinery back to Mr. Tarkenton and that he in turn should have returned to him certain mortgage papers as promised, but that he failed to return the papers and recently sold the machinery at public sale.

Counsel in the case include Van B. Martin and W. M. Darden with Zeb Vance Norman appearing in the case the last time for Mr. Twiddy, while W. L. Whitley has represented Mr. Tarkenton throughout the entire proceedings.

## CAR AGENCY IN NEW LOCATION

### Chevrolet Firm Takes Over Building Used by Cox Motor Company

The Satterthwaite Chevrolet Company's sales and service department has been moved from its old location on Main Street extended to Washington Street in the downtown district of Plymouth, next to the Beacon office. This building for years was quarters for the Ford dealers.

Service on cars and parts and the sales of the Chevrolets will be done in the new building, while the draining pit and washing service will be at the old stand on Main Street Extended, where he will continue his filling station activities.

R. E. (Bob) Tarkenton and Joe Smith are salesmen for the Satterthwaite Chevrolet Company, while Lee Roy Harris is office manager. Earl Ainsley is employed in the repair department. This department may be augmented in personnel shortly. Dan Satterthwaite is owner and manager.

The local concern is enjoying its share of the business here, as the Satterthwaite Chevrolet company has delivered 21 new units since March 1, when they received their first 1934 car. Jesse Bateman is employed in the mechanical department in the downtown quarters.

## G. O. P. MEETING HERE ON MAY 2

### Candidates for County Offices To Be Selected by Committee

Republicans of Washington County will meet here at the courthouse at 11 a. m. on May 2 for selecting the candidates for the county ticket and to attend to such other business as may come before the committee, it was announced by J. C. Tarkenton, chairman of the Washington County Republican Executive Committee.

Mr. Tarkenton is anxious for all of those who can and will possibly be able to attend to come to this meeting, as an effort is to be made to get the best candidates in the field for opposing the Democratic nominees for the local offices as possible.

Also there will be other business to attend to and a good representation of the party affiliates is urged to attend.

## MACHINERY SET UP FOR HOLDING JUNE PRIMARY

### Precinct Officials and Polling Places Named at Board Meeting

Precinct officials to serve during the Democratic primary to be held in Washington County June 2 were named at a meeting held by the county board of elections with W. L. Whitley, P. B. Belanga, and J. T. McAllister present.

Mr. Whitley was unanimously chosen chairman of the county board of elections and Mr. Belanga named secretary.

The following polling places were designated for the purpose of the primary, and the following officials were designated to serve:

Lees Mills precinct: The old Sexton store in the town of Roper, if available; if not, then the old Roper Lumber Company store in the town of Roper will be the polling place; A. R. Phelps, registrar; Aubrey Ange, Republican judge and Henry W. Tarkenton, Democratic judge of elections.

Scuppernon precinct: The Jim Stewart store in the Town of Creswell, if available; J. A. Combs, registrar; W. Dewey Phelps, Republican, and Roy L. Leitchfield, Democratic judge of elections.

Skinnerville precinct: The Jim Elliott store in Skinnerville Township, where elections have heretofore been held; C. L. Everett, registrar; Lewis Bateman, Republican, and Chester Spruill, Democratic judge of elections.

Plymouth precinct: The courthouse W. Ronald Gaylord, registrar; J. T. McNair, Democratic judge, and E. S. Mizelle, Republican judge of elections.

Wenona precinct: The school building at Wenona; W. L. Furbee, registrar; J. L. Ray, jr., Democratic and Carl Heynen, Republican judge of elections.

## TOTAL SPENT BY CWA HERE \$39,929

### Amount Was Distributed Over Period of Four Winter Months

The total payroll in Washington County during the tenure of the Civil Works Administration was \$39,929.19, it was learned today from Mrs. Thos. L. O'Berry, state administrator.

This total does not include expenditures for materials, and it is known that the amount for materials by the time all of the approved projects are completed will amount to a good many thousands of dollars.

This payroll was distributed over four months, an average of close to \$10,000 a month. The largest amount of the 100 counties was in Guilford, which received \$563,481.27, while the smallest went to Currituck, which received \$21,617.62.

These facts reveal the generosity to Washington County in allocating funds for payrolls, as Perquimans, with a population about the same as Washington, spent only \$22,938.35. Martin, a much larger county, received \$63,210.75 in funds, while Tyrrell, with a population of about 6,000, was allowed \$34,508.78.

## County Well Represented At District Federation

Last week the annual district meeting of home demonstration clubs was held at Washington. The meeting opened at 10:30 in the Turnage Theatre, with Mrs. J. H. Tankard presiding.

The women were very fortunate in having for their guest speakers Mr. Frank Smethurst, managing editor of the News and Observer, and Dr. Wells professor of botany at State College. Mr. Smethurst gave us a picture of ourselves here in North Carolina with the rapid changing of attitudes, etc. Dr. Wells has a wonderful lecture on the wild flowers of North Carolina with illustrations, which are most interesting. This was thoroughly enjoyed by the women. All of us should know more about this subject and how to use them in beautifying our home surroundings.

Washington County can boast of having more women at the meeting than any county except the hostess county, which was Beaufort. They were at home, and we knew they would be there in large numbers. The following clubs were represented and totaled 84 women in attendance from them: Alba, Cool Springs, Chapel Hill, Wenona, Swains, Beech Grove, Creswell, Pleasant Grove, and Albemarle. You can see that more than one attended from each club. Mrs. Joe Davenport, of Pleasant Grove, drove her big truck and carried 16. This was an enjoyable trip. Mrs. Harrison certainly made the women sing.—Home agent.

## SECURE CARDWELL

Guy A. Cardwell, of Wilmington, agricultural and industrial agent of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, will be the principal speaker at the meeting of the Washington County Farmer's Club that will be held in the schoolhouse at Roper on the evening of May 10.

Mr. Cardwell's writings are well known to this county, as he has been contributing special articles on farm subjects for a long period of time. He is also said to be a forceful speaker and intensely interesting to farmers, as he has been writing on farm topics for years.

## GIRLS IN MEET HERE SATURDAY COUNTY CLUB

### 125 Representatives From 6 Clubs Attend County Federation

By Miss Eugenia Patterson

The second 4-H county federation was held at the courthouse last Saturday morning, beginning at 10:30. Every girls' club in the county answered to the roll call. About 125 girls attended from the six clubs.

The meeting was opened and the devotionals presided over by Rev. R. R. Grant, pastor of the Methodist church, with Rev. Atkinson, of Roper, assisting. The words of welcome were given by Myrtle Hopkins, of the Plymouth club. Marie Spruill, secretary of the federation and a member of the Roper club, responded to the welcome address. Evelyn Arps, of the Plymouth club, tap danced, which added much to the program.

Greetings were brought to the girls from the women's club by Mrs. W. H. Harrison, president of the women's county council. Dorothy Ainsley, of the Creswell club, delighted the entire audience with her guitar and singing.

Mollie Sawyer, of the Creswell freshman-sophomore club, was crowned queen of health for the entire county. She was preceded to the throne by Helen Phelps, Ellen Tarkenton, Lala Ruth Chesson, Lucille Lewis, Dora Tarkenton, and Georgia Collins, of the Roper club, who were dressed in organdy evening dresses of varied colors. Elsie Liverman, of the Plymouth club, carried the crown, while Lucille Lewis crowned the queen. This was very effective. After a period of group singing, announcements were made by the home agent, and then a bountiful dinner was spread in picnic style by the girls. This was one of the most enjoyable features of the day.

After lunch the group again assembled in the courtroom to be entertained by Miss Ruth Currier, from the Extension Staff at Raleigh, in stunts, songs, and lecturing. We were also fortunate to have Miss Martha Layton, assistant state 4-H club leader in the State of Vermont, to tell us of the work in Vermont. This was most interesting. She taught us the little song, "Mammy's Little Baby Likes Shortnin' Bread."

The entire day was enjoyed by all and the girls have finished another year's work.

## MANY ARTICLES ARE EXPORTED

### Total Export Trade Last Year Over Billion and Half Dollars

Fishing tackle, flypaper, shoe polishes, lawn mowers, bathtubs, wheelbarrows, sewing machines, safety razors, padlocks, paper bags, and pickles were included among the numerous articles commonplace in American life that were exported from the United States during the calendar year 1933, according to statistics compiled by the Department of Commerce. While the export value of many such articles was relatively small, the aggregate value of all of them due a large contribution to the \$1,674,975,000 export trade of the United States for the year.

Apples in boxes, the statistics show, were sold abroad during the year to a value of \$8,319,002. American-grown oranges were favored in many foreign markets during the twelve-month period, resulting in export sales reaching a value of \$6,664,550. American cigarettes were accorded much favor overseas during the year, with sales abroad totaling \$4,894,902. Locally grown grapefruit was received favorably in certain world markets, the value of the year's foreign shipments being recorded at \$2,180,818. Canned asparagus, valued at \$1,589,084, is recorded as an item of United States export trade for 1933.

## HOPE TO MAKE IRISH POTATOES BASIC PRODUCT

### Viewed With Approval by Farmers of Washington, Tyrrell Counties

Efforts of Congressman Lindsay Warren to make Irish potatoes a basic commodity under the National Agricultural Adjustment Act is viewed with approval by many of the farmers in Washington and Tyrrell Counties.

Potato farmers this year are liable to sustain a heavy loss, according to Mr. Warren, who ascribes increased acreage and the contract system as the cause of it, and for the reason that "legislation is much desired by the growers." Mr. Warren is working on the matter.

Last week Mr. Warren had a conference with Senator Harry F. Byrd, of Virginia, with this view in mind. And it was proposed for Senator Byrd to tack potatoes on as a "rider" to the sugar bill, now pending in the Senate.

Under the rules of the National House of Representatives, no amendments could be offered to the sugar rule, but no such rule prevails in the Senate, and such an amendment will be in order.

While making potatoes a basic commodity would not affect the crop this year, Mr. Warren stated that he believed "such action was the only hope for potato growers in the future."

Following a conference with A. E. Mercker, a representative of the Federal Department of Agriculture, Mr. Warren has turned over all available data on the matter to Senator Byrd, and it is thought that the Virginia Senator would do all he could to get the act through.

## CRESWELL GIRL HEALTH QUEEN

### Molly Sawyer To Represent County in District Contest

Every spring there is a keen interest shown in the 4-H health contest, which is held annually by the 4-H clubs. There are six clubs in the county, with a total membership of 209 girls. Their minds have been turned to questions concerning healthy living the entire year, but their attention has been especially turned to that subject for the past two months. Girls have been fighting the bad habit of eating finger nails and in general have been trying to improve in grooming.

In order to participate, one must be a 4-H club member in good standing and be at least 14 years of age. Some of the girls could not enter for this reason. Hollow teeth prevented some who were fine specimens from entering, badly shaped teeth kept others out. However, all were weighed, measured, and teeth and hands (finger nails, etc.) examined by the agent in the beginning. Those having the best standing were chosen to represent their respective clubs.

The following girls represented their clubs in the finals: Freshman-sophomore club, Creswell, Virginia Davenport and Molly Sawyer; junior-senior club, Creswell, Marjorie Spruill, Lillian Brickhouse, Kathleen Spencer, and Mary E. Spruill; Roper, Lucille Lewis, Hazel Roughton, and Camille Burgess from Plymouth. All the girls made a good average, but the finals ended with Molly Sawyer champion, Lucille Lewis, Roper, second, and Hazel Roughton third.

Mollie Sawyer will represent the county in the district contest to be held in Washington this spring.

## DEATH OF MRS. W. B. WOODLEY

### Had Been in Failing Health For Two Years; Died April 8th

Cherry.—This community was saddened by the death of Mrs. W. B. Woodley, who succumbed at her home on April 8. She had been in failing health for two years, being confined to her bed since January 1. She was about 57 years of age.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. Roy Respass, pastor of the Phillips Christian church, of which she was a member, assisted by Rev. P. E. Bingham, pastor of the Creswell M. P. church. Surviving are a husband and six children, Loomis, Clyde, Leon, Marshall and Mae Woodley, and Mrs. H. O. Barnes.

Pall-bearers were nephews of the deceased, including Dickie, Chester, Hillie and Jennings Davenport, Ira Phelps and Oldie Woodley. Other near relatives are a father, D. I. Davenport, four brothers, U. G., J. E., A. W., and D. E. Davenport, and two sisters, Mrs. W. S. Phelps and Mrs. John Hassell.

## Man Recently Injured Taken To Duke Hospital

George Bagley, who was injured in the leg some time ago, was taken to Duke hospital in Durham Monday by the W. T. Nurney ambulance for further treatment to the injured limb. About a month ago the leg was broken. It did not regain strength as it should, and so he was taken off for further treatment.

## FUTURE LOANS OF LAND BANK TO BE IN BONDS

### Secretary of County Organization Explains Recent Change in Policy

H. J. Furbee, secretary-treasurer of the Wenona National Farm Loan association, received word recently from Wm. I. Myers, Governor of the Farm Credit Administration, Washington, D. C., that Federal land bank loans and land bank commission loans will be made in the future through the Federal land bank in bonds of the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation, which bonds are guaranteed by the United States Government both as to principal and interest.

These bonds will take the place of the cash distribution in the disbursement of the unclosed loans previously approved by the Federal land banks.

The bonds of the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation, according to the statement by Governor Myers, will have behind them not only the unconditional guarantee of the Federal Government as to both principal and interest, and the capital of the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation amounting to about \$200,000,000, but also the consolidated bonds of the Federal land banks issued in exchange for the bonds of the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation and the mortgages accepted by the land bank commissioner as security for loans.

Governor Myers assured Secretary Furbee that the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation bonds will be an attractive investment. "They will be as readily marketable as bonds of the United States Government and they will be quoted in all of the principal markets," he continued. "Holders who have to dispose of these bonds shall not sell them without first ascertaining their real market value."

The Governor particularly stressed the fact that country bankers probably will be large investors in these securities since the creditors of farmers who are being refinanced may not all be in the position where they can hold the bonds so acquired and will find it necessary to sell them.

The secretary states that these bonds, which will be tendered to farmers' creditors in payment of the refinanced indebtedness, are "exempt from all Federal, State, municipal and local taxation, except surtaxes and estate, inheritance and gift taxes. They are lawful security for fifteen-day borrowings by member banks of the Federal Reserve system. They are also lawful investments for all trust, public and fiduciary funds of which the deposit or investment is under the authority or control of the Government. The payments of the interest on these bonds and the repayment of their principal are guaranteed by the United States, which means that if the Federal Farm Mortgage Corporation should ever be unable to meet the payments on the bonds, the Treasury will assume such payments."

"These bonds will be issued in denominations of \$100, \$500, and \$1,000. However, amounts less than \$100 will be disbursed in cash. For example, a loan of \$965 would be made in a \$500 bond, four \$100 bonds and the rest in cash. In addition, to provide for certain debts, such as taxes which cannot be paid in bonds, cash covering the required amounts will be provided.

"Loans which have been applied for and approved, but on which the cash has not been paid out, as well as those approved by the bank in the future, will be financed on the above basis. This arrangement in no way disturbs or alters the other provisions of the loans. The interest rate on new loans will continue to be 4 1/2 per cent for the emergency period when made through a national farm loan association and 5 percent when made directly by the bank."

## Wilson Farmers Bought 15,000 Pounds Lespedeza

Wilson County farmers have purchased 15,000 pounds of lespedeza seed cooperatively this season.

## FARMERS IN THIS COUNTY TO GET \$3,492.12 PAYMENT

### Due Producers of Cotton As Result of Signing Contracts

Washington County farmers have been paid \$3,492.12 in benefit payments for reducing their cotton crop under the National Farm Administration's Agricultural Adjustment program, it was learned today from Comptroller John B. Payne, of Washington, D. C.

In 1932 there was a total of 1,912 acres of cotton planted in this county, while in 1933 there was an increase to 2,738 acres. However, it is predicted as the result of the adjustment program by the Federal government that this number will be reduced to about 1,700 acres for 1934.

Counting it at about \$14 an acre for rental and the bonus that will be added on the other cotton that is to be harvested by those who are consistent and loyal to their agreements to curb reduction, there should be somewhere about 4,000 paid to this county.

The A. G. Walker Estate in the Scuppernon section is possibly the largest grower of the staple in this county, and it is understood that their acreage reduction this year called for about 100 acres less than last year, which cuts them down to about 200 acres in cultivation.

Beginning in 1925 the following yearly number of running bales ginned tells the story of the rise and fall of the interest in cotton in the county: 1,746, 1,263, 1,144, 1,796, 804, 1,251, 1,215, 983, 909, and 1,767 bales ginned in 1933. The above separate groups of figures give the annual gin totals in bales.

It is to be noted that in the general trend of cotton statistics that the trade's high figure of 1,746 bales in 1925 is exceeded by that of 1,767 bales for 1933, and that unless something is done low prices are inevitable for 1934.

However, the regimentation of the crop by the Federal government for the 1934 season is destined to reduce the crop in general as well as in this county, and it appears now that despite the heavy yields of 1933 there will be a considerable less in 1934, even estimated at 1,600 bales for this year in Washington County.

Adverse weather conditions may also hinder the yield and cause much less to be on the market than was at first predicted, even under the adjustment arrangement.

## INSTALL SHOE SHINE MACHINE

### Large Number of People See New Invention Here This Week

The first model of the shoe shining device invented and patented by Moyer W. Spruill has arrived and is now located in the Brinkley building next to the post office in the quarters formerly occupied by W. T. Nurney Funeral Parlor.

A large number of people have been steadily flocking in to see the new machine, first of its kind ever to shine shoes automatically for the public. The first machine cost upwards of \$1,100, but subsequent ones will cost much less.

It is being operated to ascertain the flaws in the device. As quickly as they are detected they will be corrected, and it is hoped by the Automatic Shoe Shines, Inc., that the device will soon be yielding an income.

## Young Farmers' Clubs Enter Growing Contest

Roper and Creswell chapters of the Young Tar Heel Farmers Clubs of North Carolina are anticipating conducting a chapter-growing contest. Valuable prizes and cash awards are offered.

There will be a cash prize of \$50 to each of four district winners and additional prize of \$50 to the highest ranking chapter of the four winners mentioned.

A nitrate of soda concern is to donate to each chapter 500 pounds of fertilizer material.

## V. E. & P. Co. Engineer Conducts Safety School

E. C. Bookman, of Richmond, Va., safety engineer of the Virginia Electric and Power Company, conducted a three-day first-aid school in the Plymouth High School on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of last week. About 30 pupils attended the demonstrations and classes.

Mr. Bookman instructed the young folk in first-aid treatment of fractures, burns, snake bites, artificial respiration for drowning or suffocation, and all of the other rudiments of first-aid work in emergencies.

## Club Girls Makes \$220 On Total of 102 Turkeys

Ruby Travis, a 4-H club girl of Catawba County, raised 102 turkeys from 6 hens last year to secure a gross income of \$220 from the birds.