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LEGION TO MEET HERE TONIGHT IN NEW BUILDING

Post Now Has 36 Members; Complete List of Officers

A meeting of the James E. Jethro

Post of the American Legion will be held Friday evening at 8 o'clock in their new hall above the city market in Plymouth, it was announced today by Commander Dr. C. McGowan. This is to be the first gathering in the renovated story above the market.

This post was organized on November 28, 1933, in the courthouse here by W. V. Hays, county farm agent; and is a Washington County post, being named after James E. Jethro, of Skinnerville Township, who was the only soldier from this county killed in action in France during the World War.

The following officers of the post stand ready at all times to render such aid and assistance as they can to any former service man in this county, whether they are members of the American Legion or not: Dr. C. McGowan, commander; J. C. Swain, adjutant; P. W. Brown, sergeant at arms; O. R. Armstrong, first vice commander; Zeno Lyon, second vice commander; D. A. Hurley, chaplain; and R. L. Tetterton, service officer.

The post now has 36 members and hopes to be able soon to increase this to 100 per cent membership for the entire county. Active members now are:

Roy Litchfield, H. A. Willford, W. W. White, C. R. Wincoff, A. R. Patrick, Dr. Wade H. Johnson, W. V. Hays, J. J. Rodgers, P. H. Belanga, J. K. Reid, E. G. Arps, E. S. Blount, J. T. Daniels, H. P. Barnes, S. B. Lucas, Ben A. Sumner, H. E. Beam, Winton V. Ayers, Jesse B. McNair, Herbert A. Liverman, Luther R. Ausbon, Henry G. Simpson, Willie C. Spruill, William J. Jackson, W. C. Jones, Moye Spruill, Clyde Robbins, Percy Arps, Bruce Bateman.

Services at Holly Neck Church Saturday Night

Pleasant Grove.—The regular pastor, Rev. M. L. Ambrose, of Crews, Va., will preach at Holly Neck Christian Church Saturday night at 8 o'clock. His subject will be "God Cares for His People," while Sunday morning at 11 o'clock he will bring a message on "The Deity of Christ."

Candidates Continue Their Campaigns for Various Jobs

Candidates' cards left out in the issue of the Beacon last week included those of Mrs. Mary O. Sawyer, register of deeds, and her opponent, Mrs. Mary Smith Cahoon, and that of Harry Stell, a candidate for representative to the N. C. General Assembly.

Omission of these names does not mean that they have withdrawn from the field, but conversely they are waging a vigorous campaign for their respective offices.

CHEVROLET HAS INCREASED SALE

Company Sells More Than 100,000 Mark in One Month Recently

Detroit, Mich.—For the first time in three years, sales of an automobile manufacturer for a single month topped the one hundred thousand mark. This was brought out today in a statement issued by William E. Holler, general sales manager of Chevrolet Motor Company, announcing retail sales of Chevrolet passenger cars and trucks during April of 100,046 units. This figure includes Canadian, export and domestic deliveries.

This compares with 59,193 units in April, 1933, and 96,893 units in March of this year, according to the statement.

Retail sales the first four months of this year totaled 281,033 as compared to 184,138 in the same period a year ago, an increase of 52 per cent.

Chevrolet's April retail sales record is considered significant in view of the fact that this company has suffered an acute car shortage, practically since the new 1934 models were introduced and only now is catching up in a small measure with the thousands of unfilled orders on its books. Retail sales were higher than for any similar period in 35 months, since April, 1931, to be exact, and this tremendous retail volume, according to Mr. Holler, is the direct result of the modern features and many unusual improvements incorporated in the new 1934 knee-action models.

STATE OFFICER



J. M. CALDWELL
Adjutant of the North Carolina Department of the American Legion.

J. L. SPRUILL DIES AT HOME OF HIS FATHER SUNDAY

Was Sufferer With Infantile Paralysis for Number Of Years

Funeral services were held Monday for Jerry Layton Spruill, 41 years of age, who died Sunday morning at 8:15 at the home of his father, J. C. Spruill, on Washington Street in Plymouth.

Mr. Spruill had been confined to his home for upwards of two years suffering a relapse of infantile paralysis from which he suffered years ago. His legs and feet have been weak since childhood, but they bothered him more for the last few years.

He had been sick in bed for less than a week, but his weakened condition could not withstand the ravages and prying of the paralysis. He was able during the last years to spend most of his time out of bed around the house, but was very seldom seen around the streets in the downtown area except when brought down town in a car.

Final rites were held in the Methodist church here with a good crowd attending. Rev. R. R. Grant, pastor of the Methodist church, officiated. Interment took place in the family plot in the cemetery adjoining the historical churchyard.

Mr. Spruill was a member of the Methodist church. His spare time, while physically able, was devoted to the Plymouth Volunteer Fire Department, where he ranked as an engineer. With L. W. Gurkin, Mr. Spruill was probably first to join this competent organization of fire-fighters.

Active pall-bearers were Bob Tarlington, Fenton Reid, Sheriff J. K. Reid, Dr. C. McGowan, D. A. Hurley, and Joe Jethro. Honorary pall-bearers included members of the fire department and others.

Surviving Mr. Spruill is a father, J. C. Spruill, local merchant; three sisters, Misses Annie and Mae Spruill and Mrs. Wilbur Spruill, all of Plymouth.

Gala Opening of Rea's Beach Set for June 1st

The annual opening of Rea's Beach on the Albemarle Sound near Plymouth will take place on Friday, June 1, it was announced today by L. W. Gurkin, manager of the resort.

A dance in the evening with Al Gaskins and his Tar Heels orchestra with a featured torch singer, will be one of the highlights of the opening. An amplifier and automatic electric Victrola has been added to the equipment.

Renovations are being made now and have been in progress for some time, as Mr. Gurkin with a crew of men has been clearing away the debris caused by the storm and rebuilding the houses that were overturned by the wind last fall.

To Hold Leaders' School in Agent's Office Friday

On Friday afternoon, May 25th, at two o'clock, Miss Willie Hunter, State Clothing Specialist, will be in the county for a leaders' school. The meeting will be held in office of the home agent. Every leader is urged to be present, and every club is urged to see that its leader attends.

Attend Demonstration Of Beauty Culture

Mrs. Henry Lyon, Mr. Harold Brinn and Miss Grace Liverman attended a demonstration in finger waving and hair cutting at a beauty school in Norfolk Thursday, the authority in finger waving and hair cutting being E. Vernon, of Rochester, N. Y. The newest ideas were used, to suit each individual.

MEMORIAL DAY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 1934



WILL OBSERVE MEMORIAL DAY HERE ON MAY 30

Local Legion Post Plans Program To Honor Departed Comrades

The James E. Jethro Post, No. 164, American Legion, through its commander, Dr. C. McGowan, is making arrangements to fittingly observe Memorial Day, Wednesday, May 30, in memory of those comrades of 1917-1918.

Each business house in Washington County will be called on by a member of the Legion with a request that they help observe this day by closing their places of business. If possible a Legion speaker will be here for the occasion and services will be held for about an hour in the auditorium of the Plymouth High School at 11 o'clock, next Wednesday morning. This memorial service will be held and the Legionnaires earnestly invites the public to attend.

As the post is in its infancy and due to lack of proper paraphernalia is not prepared to visit the graves and hold ceremonies as the members would like, the cooperation of every one is earnestly solicited to help them make this a fitting memorial day in Washington County through this service.

Home Agent's Schedule In County Next Week

The first of the home agent's meetings will be held with the Alba club next Monday. The meeting is being held on Monday on account of the Leaders' School Friday of this week.

Tuesday afternoon—Cross Roads.
Wednesday afternoon, May 30th—Cool Springs.

Thursday afternoon, May 31st—Piney Grove.
Friday afternoon, June 1—Lake Farms.

Saturday morning—Curb market.

W. Frith Winslow Has Part on Church Program

W. Frith Winslow, superintendent of the Sunday school and vestryman of the Grace Episcopal Church here, was on the program at the meeting of the East Carolina Diocese convention held in Washington last week. He spoke at dinner. His subject was, "Duties and Responsibility of the Layman."

The convention was the fiftieth one of this diocese. Mr. Winslow reported that Judge Francis D. Winston, of Bertie County, was present and that he had attended the entire number of conventions.

Sunday School Convention At Saint Delight Church

Mackey.—The Lees Mills Township Sunday school convention will be held at the St. Delight Christian church at 3 o'clock in the afternoon on May 27, it was announced today, by W. A. Swain, president.

Mr. Swain and his advisors has arranged a good program and it is expected that a large crowd will attend the gathering. Usually this is one of the most interesting assemblies of this kind held in this county. Mr. Swain urged every one to attend.

STUDENT LEADER



JACOB TAYLOR, OF BETHEL

Mr. Taylor, a junior, was recently installed as president of the student government association of Atlantic Christian College, Wilson. Students enrolled in the college from this county are: Miss Neva Liverman, junior; Benton Liverman, freshman and Miss Della Bowen, freshman.

NOT CERTAIN FURCHES PLAYS

May Conduct Camp for Children Near Winston-Salem This Summer

Whether J. Frank Fuches, former coach and teacher in the Plymouth High School, will play baseball for the local club in the Albemarle league is problematical.

Before Mr. Fuches was advised that the locals were entering the league and would need his services, he, with his brother, Henry Fuches, a member of the Old Town School faculty, and Miss Mildred Kimrey, teacher in the Griffith School, planned a day-time camp for children, near Winston-Salem.

He went to Winston-Salem last week-end and they will canvass to determine the number of students who wish to enter the camp. If they get enough to warrant their continuance of the project then Mr. Fuches will remain there and not play baseball here; otherwise, he may be back and in the game.

The camp sponsors have planned a day's program of morning devotion, nature study, fishing and boating, games, swimming, lunch, quiet hour with studies, dancing, and other outdoor amusements for the children. The camp will be near Reynolda Road not far from Winston-Salem.

There will be three camping periods beginning May 28, June 25 and July 23. There will be no overnight students at first as they will be transported to and from town morning and afternoon. Equipment will be furnished except for fishing and bathing. A charge of \$10 monthly for each camper is being made.

It is understood that if the venture is a success there are some children from here who will probably attend the camp. However, there is nothing definite about the project as yet, and will not be until the solicitation of members is completed and they are enrolled.

FARMERS CLUB HEARS RALEIGH MAN THURSDAY

Banquet Is Held at Roper Friday Night; Several Speakers Heard

Roper.—Prosperous farmers of the future in North Carolina will be husbands of the soils and not agriculturists who seek all from the soil and give nothing in return, James M. Gray of Raleigh, educational manager of the Chilean Nitrate of Soda Bureau for North Carolina, told members of the Washington County Farmers' Club here last Thursday night.

Husbands of the soil, continued the speaker, plant cover crops to replenish and make more fertile the soil, while other classes "pull" a ground at present for all it can produce and have no thought for improving its condition for the years to come.

Changes in educational systems by taking the child from the community to a center are gradually detracting from the rural religious and social centers that are breaking down beneath the strain, as the best of its citizens drift to the towns or change their ideals to the town's circumscription.

T. R. Mellon, of New York, marketing specialist of the American Fruit Growers Exchange, told the farmers to grow the best fruits and vegetables possible and then to grade and attractively wrap and prepare them for the market in order to get better prices.

The banquet food was prepared by the Parent-Teacher Association of the Roper School, with the following 4-H club girls serving: Misses Margaret and Grace Windley, Marie and Ruth Spruill, Lindell and Lucille Lewis, Dora Tarkenton, and Virginia Knowles.

It was decided that at the next meeting that was to be held at Creswell on Thursday night after second Sunday the price per plate would be reduced to 25 cents from 35 cents.

J. W. Starr presided over the meeting.

Mrs. Lena Tarkenton Doneahoo Dies May 9

Piney Grove.—This community was saddened by the death of Mrs. Lena Tarkenton Doneahoo, who succumbed at her home May 9th. She had just returned from California, when she was taken seriously ill with pneumonia. She was about 29 years of age.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Holloway, pastor of the Oak Grove Baptist church, of which she was a member. Surviving are a husband, Jack Doneahoo, and a baby daughter, Alice Catherine. Her husband, an officer in the Navy, was at sea with the fleet and was not able to attend the funeral.

Pall-bearers were nephews and brothers of the deceased, including Elmer, Wilbur and Frank Tarkenton, John LeRoy and Lawson Spruill. Other near relatives are father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tarkenton; four brothers, Elmer, Frank, jr., Paul, and Wilbur Tarkenton; and five sisters, Mrs. Warren Spruill, of near Roper; Mrs. Clyde Liverman, of Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. Lawson Spruill, Mrs. Albert Lassiter, and Mrs. Robert Boyce, of Edenton.

LEGION HEAD



TOM C. DANIELS
Commander of the North Carolina Department of the American Legion.

CROP AGENCY LENDS \$115,522.00 IN THIS SECTION

Nearly All of Amount Has Been Paid To Farmers In Five Counties

Farmers in Martin, Washington, Beaufort, Hyde and Tyrrell counties have received loans, and approvals for loans, from the Production Credit association amounting to \$115,522.00, according to J. E. Hull, secretary and treasurer of the association.

Since its recent organization the association, which includes the five counties, has made an increasing number of loans to farmers for growing crops this season, for purchasing and producing livestock and for other general agricultural purposes. Altogether 390 farmers and stockmen have obtained loans or approvals, and new applications are being received daily.

Of the total amount of loans and approvals of the association, \$106,257.00 has been paid out in cash to borrowers, including loans paid in full and first installments on budget loans. The balance of \$9,265.00 will be paid out on a budget or installment basis, the money being advanced to borrowers in amounts as needed during the season, thus enabling them to save on interest costs and finish their crops or livestock operations by using their production money for production purposes.

The interest rate on loans from the annum or 5 percent on late loans, payable at the end of the term of the loan. Since interest on a budget loan is not charged on the full amount of the loan for its entire length, but on each advance separately from the time the money is advanced until repaid, farmers may save from 1-3 to 1-2 on interest charges by borrowing from the association. For instance, if a farmer obtains an approval of a loan of \$1,200 to be paid out in six equal advances—\$200 every 2 months—his total cost at the end of the year is \$38.48, compared to \$66, he would pay if he obtained \$1,200 in a lump sum—a direct saving of \$27.52.

Final Rites for A. H. Spear Held Wednesday

Cherry.—Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Phillip Christian church for Abraham H. Spear, 58, well-known citizen of this county and a successful business man and farmer. The service was conducted by Rev. Roy Respass, assisted by Rev. Leary, of Petersburg, Va.

Surviving is a widow, Kitty Spear, and son, Ernest Spear, two daughters, Roxie Spear, of Creswell; and Mrs. J. E. Collins, of Greenville.

Active pall-bearers were his nephews, W. E. Spruill, Phillip Spruill, Mitchell Spear, Dan Spear, Clyde Spear, and Alton Spear.

Honorary pall-bearers: H. P. Barnes, W. T. Alexander, J. W. Spruill, Carson Spruill, Will Davenport, C. N. Davenport, D. E. Woodley, A. L. Holmes, J. W. Starr, S. R. Davenport, of Creswell; J. K. Reid, H. C. Spruill, E. G. Arps, L. J. Spear, E. H. Liverman, E. L. Owens, of Plymouth; and J. A. and R. L. Collins, of Greenville.

Piano Recital and Playlet To Be Given Next Week

Mrs. Laura S. Johnston will present her pupils in a musical playlet and piano recital at the Plymouth High School auditorium May 31 at 8 o'clock.

Scenes will be taken from the childhood of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart with the court of the Emperor of Austria. A dozen children will participate. Numbers of other children will perform in the remainder of the program.

WANT COMPLETE LIST OF SERVICE MEN IN COUNTY

Urgent Need of Complete Roster Explained by Legionnaire

There is a drastic need of a complete roster of all men and women who either enlisted or were inducted into the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps for service during the World War from Washington County. It is impossible to find a list of those in this county who served during this period. The James E. Jethro Post, No. 164, American Legion, through its Post Adjutant, Mr. J. C. Swain, is making this appeal at this time, that all ex-service men and women, whether a member of the post or not, either see him in person and give him the following information or write him this information: Name, address, Army serial number, if possible; date enlisted or inducted, date discharged, and name and number of outfit at time of discharge.

Mr. Swain also wants this information from those ex-service men living in Washington County who enlisted or were inducted elsewhere. There are several who were from this county and have moved away, and this same information concerning this class would also be appreciated if some member of his family or acquaintance would advise Mr. Swain.

As the Beacon may not reach every ex-service man in the county, Mr. Swain would appreciate it if those who are fortunate to read it would help him by talking up the need of this information to assist him in properly preparing this Washington County roster of all ex-service men from this county.

MANY APPLIED FOR TOWN JOB

Will Appoint Successor To Cofield at Next Meeting of Town Council

Renewed efforts are being made by Mayor Gilbert Davis to have a quorum present at the City Council meeting that is to be held on the first Monday night in June to select a permanent successor to C. T. Cofield as night watchman at the municipal plant here.

An official meeting has not been held since February although there have been three regular meeting nights and one or two called meetings scheduled. Each time three or less member came. And it is peculiar that on one night a certain group will be present and another at a subsequent meeting.

There are a number of matters to be attended to at the next meeting. However, at previous meeting times no special business came up for discussion except the matter of Mr. Cofield's resignation. A meeting was scheduled Monday night of last week but failed to materialize.

Included among those who applied for Mr. Cofield's job with the town are Alfred Bratton, Raymond Alexander, Cleve Beasley, P. D. Allen by written applications while E. S. Beasley and possibly others have asked for the job verbally.

The job with the town pays a salary of \$15 weekly ranging from \$60 to \$75 monthly with the latter wage prevailing when a month has five pay days in it. Mr. Cofield had held the job at this wage for some time.

The duties of the watchmen at the municipal building are to attend to the pump that forces the water into the tank for the city water system nightly; to answer the phone and sound fire alarms and to keep a fire in the furnace heating the building in winter.

Mr. Cofield left the town where he had been employed for a number of years for a higher salary and day work with the National Handle Company in their transportation department and to look after boats and do other work.

Sonny Moore, colored, a town employe has been doing the work now for some time. He was succeeded in the street cleaning department by Pete Powell, also colored.

Sheep Killing Dog Loose In the Creswell Section

Creswell.—What is troubling J. W. Starr, president of the Washington County Farmers' Club, is a sheep-killing dog. Twenty-eight of his sheep have been slain by this murderous brute in the last two weeks. Mr. Starr keeps the woolly creatures in a pasture at the back side of his field. "Every time I go gunning for the dog or try to ambush the cunning creature, he either escapes or fails to come into the pasture, but I am still living in hopes of getting him," said Mr. Starr a day or two ago.