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NUMBER COUNTY CONTESTS TO BE BEFORE PEOPLE

While Fair-sized Vote Is Predicted, There's Not Much Interest in Vote

Saturday the qualified voters in the Democratic primary in Washington County will trek to the polls to once again demonstrate by the ballot their choice for the party nominees in the general election that will be held in November.

There has been very little "whooping it up" in this campaign. Most of the work of the office aspirants has been done in personal calls, visits and solicitations. Many of the candidates are saving their energy until the final rush for the votes on election day. Not a single speech has been made by a candidate in the county this year.

This is an off-election year, and only two candidates for state offices will be voted on, and they are Stanley Winborne and E. C. Mason for utilities commissioner of North Carolina. They will have to vote for but one.

Now, in the county the contest will be found numerous contests, but there has been very little or no increase in registration except for a few who have become of age since the last election, indicating there'll be a medium size vote cast tomorrow.

Candidates follow: Carl L. Bailey, Roper; R. L. Coburn, Williamston; W. A. Thompson, Aurora; A. Corey, Jamesville, for the State Senate; J. C. Gatlin, Harry Stell, Edw. L. Owens, for member of house of representatives; Mrs. Mary O. Sawyer and Mrs. Mary Smith Cahoon, for register of deeds; J. W. Starr, E. G. Arps and H. C. Spruill, for treasurer.

There are two to be chosen from the three aspirants for the county board of education: C. N. Davenport, Jr., R. H. Lucas and P. H. Darden; one commissioner from each district in the county: No. 1, either W. R. Hampton or Frank L. Brinkley; No. 2, either H. D. Davenport, E. R. Lewis or J. M. Clagon; District No. 3, either Clyde Smithson or M. F. Davenport.

The voting places, barring last-minute changes: Roper Lumber Company store in Roper for Lees Mills; Jim Stewart store in Creswell for Scuppernon; Jim Elliott store in Skippersville for Skippersville; courthouse in Plymouth; school building at Wenona.

LOCAL MAN IS NAVY GRADUATE

Lawrence Bonner Clark Is One of 450 Who Received Diplomas This Week

When the 450 midshipmen of the class of 1934 receive their diplomas and commissions at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., yesterday, Plymouth had one numbered among the fortunate in the persons of Lawrence Bonner Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Clark.

Young Lawrence entered the Plymouth schools in the third grade and had no other preparation after graduating from high school except five weeks coaching in English and mathematics before taking the entrance examinations at the Naval Academy in June, 1930.

It is thought that young Clark is the only boy from Washington County or the Plymouth High School ever to finish his course and graduate at the Naval Academy. He is the only boy that has kept up with his classes from this section and graduated in the prescribed four-year course. More than 200 boys have been dropped or turned back from the class that started in 1930.

Young Clark deserves much credit for his ability and determination to climb over more than 250 in his class and secure a commission.

Certificates Given Number Of Commercial Students

Of the many certificates awarded students in the Plymouth High School for the year 1933-34, the following received certificates in shorthand: Ellen Bowen, Syble Bowen, Rachel Carson, Louise Chesson, Agnes Davis, Juanita Holliday, Edgar Spruill, and Ida Mae Waters.

The following received certificates in typewriting: Michael Atamanchuk, Ellen Bowen, Syble Bowen, Thelma Bryant, Annie Bryant, Rachel Carson, Louise Chesson, William Davenport, Agnes Davis, Luther Gurkin, Juanita Holliday, Martha Ivachiv, Charlie Jackson, Leon Gaylord, Lois LeFever, Aubrey Liverman, Hughes Respass, Edgar Spruill, Clarence C. Waters, Ida Mae Waters, George Waters, Naomi Weede, and Syble Williams.

Miss Josephine Bryant is instructor of the Commercial Department in the school.

Business Houses Here Are Planning to Close Next Tuesday for Opening Game

Merchants and business men in the town of Plymouth will close their stores on Tuesday afternoon, June 5, at 3:30, for the opening game of the Albemarle League in Plymouth. On June 4th Plymouth will play Williamston in the Martin County town, returning home for the opening game with the Martins here Tuesday.

After next week, beginning on June 13, the merchants and business men will close their stores each Wednesday at 12 o'clock noon for the remainder of the baseball season. Business men urge their customers to purchase this time so as to give them a half day holiday weekly.

Herewith is the schedule for the first two weeks of the season (the complete schedule will be published next week):

MONDAY, JUNE 4th
Plymouth at Williamston.
Bertie at Ahoskie.
Edenton at Elizabeth City.

TUESDAY, JUNE 5th
Williamston at Plymouth.
Ahoskie at Colerain.
Elizabeth City at Edenton.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6th
Edenton at Williamston.
Ahoskie at Elizabeth City.
Bertie at Plymouth.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7th
Williamston at Edenton.
Elizabeth City at Ahoskie.
Plymouth at Windsor.

FRIDAY, JUNE 8th
Williamston at Elizabeth City.
Plymouth at Ahoskie.
Edenton at Windsor.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9th
Plymouth at Williamston.
Ahoskie at Plymouth.
Bertie at Edenton.

MONDAY, JUNE 11th
Williamston at Ahoskie.
Plymouth at Edenton.
Elizabeth City at Colerain.

TUESDAY, JUNE 12th
Ahoskie at Williamston.
Edenton at Plymouth.
Bertie at Elizabeth City.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 13th
Williamston at Windsor.
Edenton at Ahoskie.
Plymouth at Elizabeth City.

THURSDAY, JUNE 14th
Bertie at Williamston.
Ahoskie at Edenton.
Elizabeth City at Plymouth.

FRIDAY, JUNE 15th
Williamston at Plymouth.
Ahoskie at Colerain.
Edenton at Elizabeth City.

SATURDAY, JUNE 16th
Plymouth at Williamston.
Ahoskie at Elizabeth City.
Bertie at Edenton.

LEADER SCHOOL IS HELD HERE FRIDAY, MAY 25

Session At Home Agent's Office Attended by 20 Club Leaders

By Miss Eugenia Patterson

Last Friday afternoon, 20 of the clothing leaders of the various home demonstration clubs met in the home agent's office for a school on "grooming." The school was conducted by Miss Willie N. Hunter, state clothing specialist. The local beauty shops cooperated with Miss Hunter in the work, which made the school much more interesting and beneficial.

The school not only emphasized the grooming in its relation to clothing but to mind and body also. Miss Hunter conducted the general meeting of the school, at which health, posture, facial expression, complexion, and clothes were discussed. Ruth Wadsworth's definition of a charming woman was given the women. Perhaps the women who were not present would be interested in it, too.

"What is a Charming Woman?"

1. She is good to look upon—may or may not be beautiful, but she has the good looks that result from good health and good physical care and careful dressing.
2. She is sufficiently sure of herself to be unconscious of self.
3. She is interested in other people, therefore a pleasant companion.
4. She is very much alive, full of energy.
5. She is mentally, at least, ageless. She keeps up with the times.

ZONE MEETING HELD AT ROPER ON MAY 23RD

Spring Meeting of Methodist Mission Society Held Last Week

Roper.—The Plymouth zone held its spring meeting at the Roper M. E. church on Wednesday, May 23.

Mrs. C. T. Rogers, of Williamston, the zone leader, presided, with Mrs. Parker acting as secretary.

Rev. A. E. Atkinson conducted the morning devotional. Mrs. Jack McAllister heartily welcomed the visitors, and Mrs. Swain graciously responded. Reports from the various auxiliaries were made. Creswell reported that all women, except one, who were members of the church were members of the missionary society.

HOLD SCHOOL FOR MIDWIVES

Practice Papers for Those Engaged in Work To Be Renewed

Midwives in Washington County are further afforded an opportunity to have their permits to practice renewed if they attend a group of meetings that are to be held in the county next week, it was announced today by Dr. T. L. Bray, health officer.

Two representatives of the North Carolina Department of Health are in the county this week and are planning three meetings of instruction for next week. They are Misses Cora Beam and Lina Hayes, of Raleigh. Also practice papers for those engaged in this work will be renewed.

The meetings are scheduled as follows: Roper, Wednesday, June 6; Creswell, June 7; Plymouth, Friday, June 8.

Those practicing midwifery in this county are urged to attend these meetings and unless they abide by the law and instructions issued by the State Board of Health then they will be subject to being barred from practice and prosecuted.

To Teach Business Science In Greensboro City Schools

Miss Virginia Cahoon, daughter of Mrs. E. H. Liverman, has accepted a position in the Greensboro Senior High School, to teach general business science and shorthand for the year 1934-35.

This is the first time that general business science has been offered in the Greensboro school, Miss Cahoon being the first teacher to be placed in the commercial department.

FARM NOTES

By W. V. HAYS, County Agent

Word has recently come from the U. S. Collector of Internal Revenue that farmers marketing over 1,000 pounds of dressed pork or pork products will eventually pay the processing tax. If this has been overlooked, it would be wise to make returns as the penalties are increased from time due.

Bean beetles are beginning to appear. Two or three sprays or dustings with magnesium arsenate will, if done at the first appearance of these pests, keep them from doing much damage.

A meeting for all the corn and hog contract signers in Washington County is called on next Monday morning at 10 o'clock, June 4th, at the courthouse. The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers and a director for the Washington County Corn and Hog Contract Association.

All the tobacco checks but about twenty have been delivered. Notice will be sent upon arrival of these checks.

ROPER SCHOOL FACULTY LINEUP

Principal E. N. Riddle Is Expected To Return For Next Term

Roper.—Teachers for the Roper High School next term who contemplate returning include E. N. Riddle, principal, who has been at the head of the school for upwards of eight years. Although Mr. Riddle is a licensed lawyer, he will more than likely return as head of the local schools next term.

Other teachers returning are Misses A. C. Carstaphen, Josephine Covington, Florence Dailey, Carrie Jane Herman, Marie James, Mattie Mayo, and Carolyn Brooks in the grammar school and Mr. Riddle, R. B. Forbes, Misses Ruth McKellar and Margaret Elizabeth Nichols in the high school department.

Miss Helen White, fourth grade teacher, will not return. B. G. O'Brien, head of the department of vocational agriculture for about six years, will not return. Miss Mattie Mayo may not return on account of the regulations governing attendance of pupils, it is understood.

Dental Clinic for Needy Children Held This Week

Dr. A. Underwood, of Raleigh, a representative of the State Board of Health, who has been holding a dental clinic for needy children between the ages of 6 to 13, will conclude his work this week-end. He has been here for several days.

He has examined about 400 children and treated 250 of this number. It is possible that he will return in the fall and at that time will serve other children. None but those unable to pay were examined and treated this trip.

Club Women Invited To Attend Meeting at Duke

All club women in this section are invited to attend the forthcoming two-day institute or summer conference to be held at Duke University, Monday and Tuesday, June 11 and 12, it was announced today by Mrs. B. G. Campbell, of Plymouth, president of the fourteenth district of the Federation of Woman's Clubs.

Sessions will be held on the new campus at Duke. Meals and one night's lodging will also be had on the new campus. No registration fees will be necessary. Women attending this meeting will hear Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt on the evening of June 11 at Page Auditorium and Rev. Layton Richards, one of England's eminent preachers.

Mrs. Campbell was confirmed as district president at a recent meeting of the State Federation in Asheville.

VALUE OF SALES TAX IN KEEPING SCHOOLS OPEN

Additional Levy of \$1.01 Would Be Needed To Run County Schools

The North Carolina Department of Revenue is expending in Washington County a total of \$57,408 for the operation of schools for the term of 1933-34, it was revealed today by figures secured from the office of Harry McMullan, at Raleigh, director of assessments and collections for the department.

The tax value of the property in Washington County \$5,628,809. In order to supply the equivalent amount by property tax in this county it would require a rate of present property value of \$1.0198.

The combination of the present tax rate of \$1.87 with the amount to be levied to support the school system entirely by property tax would make necessary a total rate of \$2.89. Of course, this rate would create a lot of trouble in collecting.

The county-wide tax levy for 1933 in Washington County of \$1.87 was designated to raise a total of \$105,259 for the past year to pay all of the expenses, and this did not include a 15-cents tax on property for school operation and maintenance.

So if the state failed to contribute to the support of local schools in the county then it would be necessary for a total rate to be levied of \$2.89, which would raise a total of \$162,667 to pay for the operation of schools and the regular county expenses.

These figures illustrate the extent to which property has been relieved of taxes and the burden shifted from counties to the state government. This has been largely accomplished through the general sales tax. Cancellation of the 15 cents property tax and elimination of special district taxes have brought these figures down to where they are not so drastic.

BALL SEASON TO OPEN TUESDAY, JUNE 5TH HERE

Preparations Complete for Encouraging Opening With Williamston

Last-minute preparations are being made here by Manager P. W. Brown to have the local baseball club to make a good showing in the Albemarle League which opens Monday with Plymouth at Williamston, while on Tuesday, June 5, the same two clubs officially open the season here.

Mr. Brown is making every effort to have the stores to close up here on next Tuesday afternoon from 2 o'clock until after the ball game so as to have as good a crowd as possible at the opening of the season here. After this he will ask the business men to close Wednesday afternoons.

The six teams including Plymouth, Williamston, Edenton, Elizabeth City, Ahoskie and Windsor-Colerain play a six-game a week schedule. This means three games at home and three away for each club every week. Half-day holidays on Wednesday will give the local fans an average of a game every other Wednesday at home.

The club has new suits, new bats and baseballs to open the season with. Even the bases will have new equipment to mark them with the home plate being made of rubber. The grandstand has been renovated, the owners placing a new roof on it and making the stand safer by additional supports.

This year the Brinkley Hotel will house the players. They will be served meals in the old Brinkley hotel. Luther Brown will be in charge of the hostelry to look after the accommodations for the players.

The tentative line-up, subject to last-minute changes, is as follows:

Earl Johnson, catcher with Ahoskie and Norfolk clubs, once;

Harry VanHorn, Morehead City, first baseman; Howard Brown, of Jamesville, second baseman;

Preston Chappel, Wake Forest freshman, shortstop;

Morris, Wake Forest, third base;

Burl Gurganus, right field;

Monk Morris, center field;

Tex Edens, left field.

The Burnham, of Elizabeth City, pitcher; and Red Sculley, veteran from last year, also a twirler. Efforts have been made to get Vincent O'Brien for the throwing staff. He was with Edenton last season. Two more pitchers are to be added.

LAKE FARM CLUB WOMEN ACTIVE

Home Agent Reviews Activities There During Recent Months

By Miss Eugenia Patterson

The home agent felt more than repaid for efforts put forth in the Lake Farm Home Demonstration Club when making her monthly home visits last Monday.

Two months ago a kitchen campaign was launched in this club, and in this campaign the women were urged to build more shelves for storage space, raise stoves and tables to proper working heights, built cabinets and many other things, but her greatest desire was to get the kitchens screened. On last Monday several answers to her prayer were there to show for themselves. Five kitchens had been screened and two homes screened throughout. Mrs. Sheridan Clifton had put a sink and pump in her kitchen, besides building storage spaces, painting, and having the whole house screened.

As the kitchens were inspected, the gardens and yards were included. As a section, they have the prettiest gardens anywhere. This is a forerunner to the canning program, which will be started later. They are not only raising vegetables but chickens, too. Mrs. Henry Bowen now has 11 hens with biddies and many others nearly as many. Mrs. Jim Davis has 136 biddies and milks two cows. Sounds like fried chicken and whipped cream.

"This isn't all they are doing, either. Quite a lot of papering and painting is being done inside the homes to make them more attractive."

Candidate's Card Left Out Through Error Last Week

Through an error the name of Henry D. (Peg Leg) Davenport was omitted in the list of candidate cards last week. Mr. Davenport has not decided to get out of the race as has been reported, but he is waging a lively campaign. It has been reputedly said that he had withdrawn, but there is no foundation to these rumors. Mr. Davenport is a candidate for commissioner.

It appears that the name of Thomas F. Davenport was inserted instead of H. D. Davenport. Mr. Tom Davenport started some time ago that he was withdrawing from the race.

SPEAKER HERE



CAPT. TOM DANIELS

The James E. Jethro Post, No. 16, American Legion, held a very impressive Memorial Day Service in the courthouse here Wednesday night, May 30th, at 8 o'clock. The services were carried out in regular ceremonial order by Dr. C. McGowan, post commander, who thanks the Columbia post for the loan of its standard and colors.

Mr. Jim Caldwell, state adjutant, was introduced by C. R. Wynecoff, and made a short talk on the Legion activities throughout the state. The principal speaker, Captain Tom Daniels, state commander, was introduced by Dr. McGowan, and his talk was considered one of the best ever heard here.

AGENCY LOWERS INTEREST RATES TO FIVE PERCENT

New Interest Rate Is Not To Effect Loans Made In Full Already

J. E. Hull, secretary and treasurer of the Washington Production Credit association has just received word from Governor W. I. Myers of the Farm Credit administration in Washington, D. C., that the interest rate on new loans from production credit associations has been reduced from 5 1-2 to 5 percent.

A cording to Mr. Hull the new 5 percent interest rate becomes effective immediately on all new loans and advances made by the association and will be applicable until further notice.

"The new interest rate of 5 percent will not affect loans already advanced in full," Mr. Hull said. "These will continue to bear the rate of interest prevailing at the time the loan was closed. The interest charges on loans from the association are collected when the loans mature. The Washington association is now making loans on acceptable crop and chattel security to farmers in Beaufort, Hyde, Martin, Tyrrell and Washington counties.

"The reduction of the interest to 5 percent on new loans," Mr. Hull continued, "is made possible by a recent sale of Federal intermediate credit bank debentures to investors at an unusually low rate of interest. The association gets money to lend farmers from the Federal intermediate credit bank of Columbia, S. C."

"The lowering of the interest rate on new loans to 5 percent is the second reduction in two months, the rate having been reduced from 6 to 5 1-2 percent on March 16."

"According to Governor Myers," said Mr. Hull, the Federal intermediate credit bank is passing on immediately to farmer-borrowers from production credit associations the saving made possible by lower cost of getting money. The confidence of investors in the security of the intermediate credit banks has been such that the banks are able to get money to lend at the lowest discount rate in their history. Governor Myers says that the resulting low rate of interest on production credit association loans is enabling farmer-borrowers to save thousands of dollars on the cost of their farming operations this year. If the associations make sound loans, and loans that are collectible, an adequate supply of low cost money will continue to be available."

Home Agent Announces Schedule for Next Week

Following is the schedule of home demonstration club meetings for next week as announced by Miss Eugenia Patterson, home agent.

Monday, Wenona.

Tuesday, Hoke.

Wednesday, Roper.

Thursday, Chapel Hill.

Friday, Beech Grove.

Saturday morning, 8:15, curb market. Come, fresh vegetables, etc.

CALL NINE CASES IN COURT HERE DURING MONTH

James Pittman Sentenced To The Roads For Assaulting Female

Nine cases consumed much of the time devoted to the docket of the recorder's court during the month of May, it was learned from a review of the records today.

Jaes Pittman, 24 colored, entered a plea of guilty of assaulting Mamie Canady, colored, with a deadly weapon. Pittman is said to have used a porch swing as a club. He knocked the woman under the swing and poised it so as to strike her repeatedly. He was sent to the roads for two years.

Clarence Barnes, colored, entered a plea of guilty of carrying a concealed weapon and was sentenced to two months on the county farm.

Cap Everett, 29 years old, pleaded guilty of being a public nuisance, and was sent to the county farm for 30 days.

Eddie Jennette, 21, was sentenced to the county farm for six months on a larceny charge.

Mackey Peacock, young white man, was adjudged not guilty in the case charging him with larceny. He was arraigned on a warrant issued by J. H. Gaylord, III, charged with stealing a battery from him (Gaylord) worth \$7.50 on April 26.

Ladie Staley alias Ladie Rascoe, 47-year-old colored man, pleaded not guilty, but the court adjudged him guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon and he was sentenced to the county home for a period of three months. He appealed and the court required bond in the sum of \$100.

A mistrial was ordered on May 1 in the case charging Robert Purnell, young colored man, with violating the prohibition law. He was later found guilty and was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs. He appealed, and bond in the sum of \$100 was required. Purnell was said to have sold liquor to Odell Burnuff.

Sam Williams, young colored boy, was found not guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon. George Boone, 46 year-old-negro, was sentenced to the county home for a period of four months.

Judgment was suspended in the case charging Luther Patrick, 37-year old white man, with violating the liquor laws. Capias is not issued as long as he refrains from drunkenness and shows good behavior during next twelve months.

MANY AT SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING

Lees Mill Meeting Held at St. Delight Church Sunday

Mackeys.—Despite inclement weather, a fairly large crowd attended the Lees Mills Sunday school convention that was held at the St. Delight Christian church Sunday afternoon near here.

J. H. Long, of the St. Delight Sunday school, welcomed the visitors to the gathering, while H. R. Lewis, of Roper, responded. W. B. Davenport, of Mackeys, led the devotional part of the service. Mrs. Joe Cox and Ben Barnes sang a duet that was well liked. Mrs. Cox accompanied the singing with violin music.

A quartet composed of Mrs. Louis Mizell and Mrs. Theodore Chesson, R. W. Lewis, and Jesse Knowles sang a very pretty song. Among the other speakers were Mayor Gilbert Davis, of Plymouth; Walter H. Paramore, and F. R. Lewis, of Roper.

FIVE PROJECTS NOW UNDERWAY

\$4,500 for All Relief Activities Was Appropriated During May

Work is being done on five projects in Washington County, it was announced today by W. R. Hampton, chairman of the board of Washington County Commissioners.

This includes cutting timber for the county home, work on the Plymouth school gymnasium, Macedonia colored school, community hall and drainage of canal in Creswell school. As soon as this work is concluded then work on the county home will be resumed.

Work on these projects will be completed in time, but work can only progress as fast as they can go on the money to be used for relief work. During May \$4,500 was allotted to Washington County. This money has to be budgeted to supply all the needs.