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LOCALS IN THIRD PLACE; WIN FROM ELIZABETH CITY

Jays and Martins Tied for First Place; Locals Need Added Pitchers

Plymouth dropped two games to Edenton this week, but came back Wednesday to take one from Elizabeth City and get third place in the Albemarle League including Wednesday's game. This gives Plymouth a percentage of .556, with 4 games lost and five won.

Williamston and Elizabeth City with 6 won and 3 lost each are tied for the top rung of the ladder. Their percentage is .667. What this club needs is hurlers. Ben Singleton and Howard Burnham are about the best hurlers they have.

There is Snooze Burnham and Grady Alexander, as well as Manager Red Sculley to help the twirling staff. But a winning pitcher who can take two games a week is needed.

Plymouth defeated Elizabeth City Wednesday by the score of 7 to 6. It was a close game, with the tying run on third when the game ended. Howard Burnham was touched for 11 hits. Plymouth collected 11 hits off Edmonds and Hines.

Preston Chappell led Plymouth at bat with a triple and double, while Chub Goodman with a double and single led Elizabeth City.

Hitting the offerings of three twirlers to all corners of the park for 16 safe blows, Plymouth defeated Ahsokie 11 to 3 here Saturday.

Howard Burnham limited the visitors to six hits, as he went the entire route. Andros, Acree, and Booth were victims of the local slugger's attack. Outland and Reeves divided the catching duties among themselves for the visitors. Outland injured a finger for the second time in as many games.

Tex Evans and Earl Johnson paced the locals with three safeties apiece, with Baker Brown counting two hits in a perfect day at bat. Glenn Reeves annexed two of the six hits allowed by Burnham. Harry Van Horn smashed a homer over the left centerfield fence for his second hit.

Preston Chappell, flashy Plymouth shortstop, got a good hand from the crowd when he went over behind second base to nab a hard-hit liner and made a perfect throw to first.

Erratic playing caused Plymouth to lose a 4 to 2 ball game to Ahsokie Friday. Chappell and others made a series of errors. Prof. Sculley held Ahsokie to 6 hits, while his mates collected 12, but they failed to push over the runs.

Tex Edens hit his fourth homer in as many days for Plymouth. Chappell with three safeties paced Plymouth at bat. Outland clouted a four-bagger for Ahsokie. Batteries: Sculley and Johnson, Plymouth; Taylor and Outland, Ahsokie.

Failure of his mates to hit resulted in a defeat for Jack Wilson and Plymouth Monday, when Edenton took their measure, 2 to 0, to register the first shut-out Plymouth has suffered this season. Hoots Cohen pitched good ball for Edenton.

A safety each gave Johnson, Edens, Van Horn, Chappell and D. Morris the only blows counted for Plymouth. Wilson allowed Edenton only six hits, one more than Plymouth collected. It was a good pitching duel.

A terrific cuffing was handed Plymouth here Tuesday evening by the Edenton Colonials, when the locals were submerged beneath a 14 to 3 defeat to number their first defeat in their own backyard.

Coon Weldon slow-curved the boys into submission, allowing six blows, while the Colonials hopped on Ben-Singleton and Red Sculley for 14 runs. Cady Alexander hurled the last inn for the Josers and did not allow a hit.

Singleton and Chappell with a double each led Plymouth. Weldon walked seven men. Singleton passed five in four innings on balls, allowing four blows, while Sculley, his successor, was touched for eight hits and four walks in as many innings.

BASEBALL NOTES

The Plymouth Merchants continued their revenge for last year's defeats at the hands of the Bertie club when they romped on them for the second time this season last Thursday in the first series of Albemarle League play last week to the tune of 13 to 5. The Merchants won the first encounter Wednesday 13 to 6.

Tex Edens, Wake Forest athlete, blasted out his third homer in as many days. D. Morris, with three blows, led Plymouth's attack.

"Snooze" Burnham held the Berties to 9 hits while his mates claimed 16 from Bertie flingers. Batteries: "Snooze" Burnham and Johnson, Plymouth; Marshall and Costello, Pratt, Bertie.

FIRST CANDIDATE



Mrs. MERLINE H. SHUMWAY

who is one of the first to announce her candidacy for state president of the American Legion Auxiliary, has served on the state board for the past three years and is a member of the Jim Leonard unit of Lexington. She is known in Plymouth, having visited here with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Ausbon several years ago.

FORTY PERCENT OF 1932 TAXES IS NOT COLLECTED

Report Shows Only \$68,360 of Levy for Period Has Been Collected

A preliminary statement on property tax collections and delinquency as of December 31, 1933, shows a delinquency of 40 percent in Washington County 1932 taxes, it was learned today from statistics supplied by William L. Austin, of Washington, of the division of real estate taxation, bureau of the census of the Federal Government.

This means that only about \$68,360 has been collected in this county on 1932 taxes at the first of the year of 1934. This left an uncollected amount of \$46,240 for the year in question. The total tax levy for 1932 was \$115,600.

However, it can be said that much of the delinquent tax represented in the above figures has been collected since the tabulation of the above figures was made in Washington.

It is a coincidence that Tyrrell County has the same percent of delinquents as that of Washington. It has a levy of \$36,800 with \$14,720 of the 1932 taxes still uncollected. There is much difference in the amount of the levy between the two counties.

Tyrrell County has only about 7,000 population while this county has close to 12,000. The difference in the amount of levy is caused much by the amount of bonded indebtedness of Washington County. Operation of the government in this county has been about the same as that of the sister county, it appears.

However, Washington and Tyrrell are among 13 counties in this State which have a delinquency of 40 percent or more, and so this shows that these two lower counties are not so much poorer than certain counties in other sections, or should it be said, more negligent in paying their taxes.

BEGIN REVIVAL HERE JUNE 17

Rev. C. B. Mashburn Will Be Speaker at Series in Christian Church

A series of revival services will be held in the Christian church here for a week or 10 days, beginning June 17, it was announced today by Millard Darden, one of the leading officials.

The speaker will be Rev. C. B. Mashburn, pastor of the Christian church at Farmville. The visiting minister has quite a reputation as a pulpit speaker and evangelist, and a large crowd is expected to attend the services nightly.

Also Rev. Gilbert Davis, of Plymouth, will cooperate in every way possible. Then the choir of the church and individual members will provide special music for the services. Mr. Darden urges all who can to attend.

Next Week Anniversary Week At Local Theatre

Next week will be anniversary week for the New Theatre. This will mark the first year of Shep Brinkley's management of this playhouse. And it has been a success.

Next week he will feature some of the best and most popular pictures that he could obtain for this special treat. Theatre-goers are urged to help Mr. Brinkley make this week an especial success, as far as record crowds are concerned.

CHILD SURVEY IS NOW UNDER WAY ALL OVER STATE

Sponsored by American Legion and Legion Auxiliary

A state-wide child welfare survey of North Carolina, sponsored by the North Carolina Departments of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary, started Friday, May 25, under the direction of Mrs. W. R. Absher, state department president of the American Legion Auxiliary. The survey is being conducted from the office of the state supervisor, Miss Rachel Payne Sugg, in North Wilkesboro. Mrs. Kitty Norman is the canvasser for Washington County.

Workers' wages in each county are being paid by FERA funds. The survey has a four-fold purpose and is expected to result in the recording of the status of every needy, blind, deaf, or crippled child in the state; the listing of every World War veteran and World War orphan. The needy children of veterans will be recorded so that those eligible to receive help from the Legion's National Child Welfare Endowment fund of more than \$5,000 may be determined. "There are many North Carolina children entitled to relief from this source, and a few are receiving it," Mrs. Absher states. Next, the survey will list every needy orphan and other child in need so the cases may be brought to the attention of relief agencies.

Every blind and deaf child not now receiving adequate care will be listed, as will adult blind persons, and all crippled children and other persons who need industrial rehabilitation will be noted.

Mrs. Norman today made the following statement: "In the child welfare survey, we desire that every one who knows of any child that should be included in the census of veterans' orphans, physically handicapped, or other underprivileged children, please notify me personally or by mail. It is very essential that we have the whole-hearted cooperation of all civic organizations, in the survey is to be a success in our county."

REFINANCING FARM DEBTS

Total of \$28,400 Loaned in Washington County Since June, 1933

A total of \$28,400 in Federal land bank and Land Bank Commissioners' farm mortgage loans was made in Washington County from June 1, 1933 to May 1, 1934, according to H. J. Furbee, secretary and treasurer of the National Farm Loan Association.

Of this total, farmers in Washington County used approximately \$25,600, or 90.1 per cent, to refinance their indebtedness. By refinancing, farmers obtained new mortgage loans which they used to repay their old debts. They generally reduced their annual interest charges in doing so. In a number of cases, scale-downs of indebtedness occurred in connection with the new loans. These and other advantages benefited farmers primarily. Secondly, creditors benefited from the receipt of cash or bonds in exchange for obligations they held.

Of the loan money used by farmers in Washington county to refinance their debts, about \$13,100 it was estimated repaid their debts to banks; \$5,300 their taxes; and \$7,200 their debts to "others," or creditors not separately classified, including private mortgage lenders, mortgage loan companies, retired farmers, and many others to whom farmers were in debt.

A total of about \$2,800 of loans in the county was used for purposes other than the refinancing of borrowers' debts. Of this sum, \$1,700 was used for the purchase of land and equipment, the construction or improvement of buildings, and for general agricultural uses, including the provision of capital, while \$1,100, the balance, was used for the purchase of stock in national farm loan associations, for loan fees, etc.

Carl Bailey Speaker At Convention in Beaufort

Senator Carl L. Bailey, of Roper, was the keynote speaker for the Beaufort County convention held in Washington Monday. Mr. Bailey spoke for a short time on the principles of the Democratic party. He went back to the old county that sent his colleague, A. D. MacLean, to the Senate in 1933.

Special Service At Christian Church Here

A special service will be held at the Christian church here Sunday morning, according to Mrs. George W. Bowen. A special speaker has been secured to bring the message. Mrs. Bowen urges all to attend and especially the men.

FARM NOTES

By W. V. HAYS, County Agent

Cotton held on farms and in storage to be exempt from the penalty tax must be stamped and tagged before July. A postal card mailed to the county agent will facilitate the handling of this.

Threshermen this season must have an operator's license. This can be secured free from the register of deeds at the courthouse. A record book will be issued in which a record of the bushels and kind of grain threshed from each farm is kept.

The cooperative wool pool will be held at the depot in Creswell on the 29th of this month. Wool from Tyrrell and Washington Counties will be graded and classified. Prices received will be on this classification. Do not use wire or hemp string in tying fleece, cotton is best.

A new administrative ruling has come from Washington relative to all rented acres. Hay crops or grazing crops may be planted on tobacco as well as corn and hog rented acres.

THRESHERMEN BLANKS READY

Law Requires Threshermen To File Reports with Register of Deeds

Blanks for threshermen operating in Washington County during the 1934 season have been sent to Mrs. Mary O. Sawyer, register of deeds, with the request that she have a report made to the government on the activities of these men in his county.

Mrs. Sawyer received the blanks from Frank Parker, of Raleigh, agricultural statistician for the North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture who cites the law to Mrs. Sawyer endeavoring to show that these reports should be made by the threshermen to the register of deeds, who, in turn, forwards the information to the Cooperative Crop Reporting Service in Raleigh.

The first information they want is the total number of threshermen in this county. Then she is to determine the number of licensed machines and those who operate without the proper authority. She must also report when the machine they are using was purchased.

Information is to be kept by the threshermen on the bushels and acres of wheat, oats, rye, barley and peanuts. In the latter crop they must disclose the bags and acres. It is the duty of those engaged in threshing to keep accurate and complete records of the amount of any crop threshed and to report same to Mrs. Sawyer.

The preliminary report of the threshers is due before September 15. The final report is due promptly at the close of the operating season, or at latest by October 31. Preliminary peanut reports are due by December 15 and final reports by February 1 of each year.

Those who wish further information on this matter should see Mrs. Sawyer. If they fail to do so, and fail to report properly, they will be subject to penalty as provided by law.

The above does not mean that any one will be prohibited from operating a thresher by any fee for license. It simply means that with the free license card is given a free record book for recording the threshings on each farm. The law only requires of the thresher that he keep a record for the benefit of the agricultural department of the State.

WHITLEY QUILTS ELECTION BOARD

Resignation Will Become Effective After Second Primary

The question of who will be the chairman of the next board of elections for Washington in the general election in November is puzzling many here.

W. L. Whitley, who has served in this capacity for the last three or more years, has sent in his resignation to the state board of elections. It is effective on July 2.

Mr. Whitley first announced his intention to resign before the first primary, but after the state board failed to name any one he decided to serve through the second primary, June 30, but after certification of the returns his work will be finished.

Associated with Mr. Whitley on this board is P. B. Belanga, the Democratic member, and J. T. McAllister, Republican official. These two men will have to find another partner, or rather the state board will have to find Mr. Whitley's successor for the general fracas.

FIRE DESTROYS COLORED HOMES HERE TUESDAY

15 Persons Made Homeless By Blaze Destroying Two Dwellings

Smoldering ruins is the only thing left today as 15 persons with tears in their eyes view the debris that only a few hours before had been their homes.

Fire that was fanned by a stiff wind leveled two homes to the ground. Sparks burned a hole in the third and a fourth near by was threatened, saved only by hard work of the Plymouth Fire Department.

The wife of Ben Armistead made a fire in the wood stove of her home Tuesday to prepare supper. Hot coals or heat ignited a blaze beneath the stove and caught the papered wall, spreading fast all over the house while the frightened woman made frantic appeals for help.

Most of her colored neighbors, as well as some of the members of her own family were in the potato fields. Her husband was at work in a factory. A few white people passing on the highway responded to the pleas of the woman.

Despite valiant efforts the strong wind blew the flames and sparks across to the home of her mother, India Armistead, colored, and then her house burned to the ground. She was away and came home in time to see the house going up in smoke.

The home of Lillie Mae and Charlie Hedgepeth, which is almost a new house, was threatened by sparks. This home was saved by the heroic work of the firemen, who did not let the matter of not having a hydrant to furnish them water stop them. They worked with chemicals and whatever they could get, keeping the house wet.

The sparks spread across the road a good distance to the home of Ed Staston, colored, on the farm of A. L. Owens, and burned a hole in the roof. Firemen succeeded in saving this house.

The fire destroyed the clothing, furniture, cooking utensils and practically everything in the home of Ben Armistead except the clothing worn by the members of the family. Some of the furnishings in the home of India Armistead were saved, as well as three outhouses.

Not a person was injured in the blaze, but a fireman left the roof of the second burning house just a minute before the roof fell in. Damage was estimated to be about \$800. The house in which Ben Armistead lived was owned by John Ransome, while the one occupied by India Armistead belonged to her.

So far as could be determined, no insurance was carried on any of the structures and they were said to be a total loss.

GOOD START ON POULTRY WORK

Roper Club Boy Raises 148 Chickens From 150 Baby Chicks

Roper.—James Chesson, jr., student of vocational agriculture in the Roper High School, and who will be in the tenth grade next year, has made an excellent start in poultry project work according to B. G. O'Brien, agricultural teacher in the local school.

He bought 150 pure-bred white leghorn baby chicks in early spring. He has raised 148 out of the 150. He raised them in a brick brooder house, built by the agriculture class. He used wire on the floor of the house. The chicks were fed properly and made good growth. The boy sold off enough cockerels to pay for the initial cost of the chicks and the feed they have consumed.

He is keeping all his pullets and a number of nice cockerels to get a good start in pure-bred egg production. His breed is the pure-bred white leghorn, which is the outstanding egg-producing breed.

James also makes good grades in school and is a leader in his classes.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardison Return From Raleigh

Postmaster George W. Hardison and Mrs. Hardison returned Tuesday from Raleigh, where they have been visiting their children, Attorney and Mrs. Samuel Ruark.

While in the capital city, Mr. and Mrs. Hardison heard Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt speak and also met Governor and Mrs. Ehringhaus and Mr. Hardison attended some of the precinct conventions of the Democrats and reported them as being plenty rough.

County Convention To Be Held Here Saturday

The Democratic convention of Washington County will be held in the courthouse in Plymouth Saturday, June 16, at 11 o'clock in the morning. Every Democrat is urged to attend.

TEST FARM EVENT

Wenona.—The date for the annual mid-summer field day that is to be held at the Blackland Test Farm here has been set for July 19, it was announced today by J. L. Rea, jr., assistant director in charge of the farm.

Mr. Rea is arranging a good program for the event which will start at about 10 in the morning and last well into the afternoon. The name of the principal speaker has not been determined, but it is thought that it will be one of the State agricultural leaders.

VACCINATIONS TO BE GIVEN IN COUNTY AGAIN

1,500 Children Given Attention Last Year; No Charge Made

Evidence that vaccinations control contagious diseases can be proved from statistics in Washington County by the fact that only two cases of diphtheria were reported, although both of them died, during the past year, according to Dr. T. L. Bray, health officer.

Last year, Dr. Bray gave free vaccinations to 1,500 children and others in this county. Since that time the disease which used to victimize people in this section has been subdued. And so this year the county officials have decided with Dr. Bray to renew this campaign.

This year Dr. Bray will do most of the work, but will be assisted by Dr. W. T. Gibson in Roper and Dr. John M. Phelps, of Creswell. And school children are especially urged by the physicians to take these treatments. Dates that are to be as convenient as possible to every one have been designated.

Dates are announced as follows by Dr. Bray:

Creswell school building: From 2 p. m. to 4 p. m. on the following Sundays, June 24, July 1 and July 8.

Cherry school building: From 4 p. m. Sundays on the following dates: June 24, July 1 and July 8.

Roper, at Dr. Gibson's office: 2 to 4 p. m. on the following Fridays, June 22, June 29, and July 6.

Dr. Bray's office in Plymouth: Every Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5 p. m., beginning June 16, continuing through the month of July.

HOUSE IS BUILT BY FARM BOYS

Columbia Chapter Puts Up Building for Meetings And Banquets

Columbia.—Under the direction of F. F. Hendrix, vocational agricultural teacher, the local Young Tar Heel Farmer Chapter of Columbia High School, Tyrrell County, composed of students of vocational agriculture, has constructed a building in which to hold chapter meetings and banquets.

The total cost of building this chapter house was less than \$300 which went for wiring, painting, roofing, and other small jobs. The boys, through Mr. Hendrix, obtained permission from the Board of Education to tear down a vacant school building in the lower end of the county and use the lumber in the construction of the chapter house. The land on which the building stood was given a farmer for hauling the lumber to Columbia.

The students built the club house while working off their required number of hours of carpentering. The meeting place consists of four rooms. Upon entering the door there is a small office on the right while on the left there is a small room for storing tools. In the main part of the building there are two large rooms connected by double doors. One of the rooms is furnished with a desk, blackboards, and other classroom equipment. The other room is a workshop furnished with benches, tools, and various other carpentering needs. Practically all the furnishings were built by the students. By having the two large doors between the main rooms, the place may be converted into a banquet hall or used for other similar occasions.

The building is a one-story affair and presents a neat appearance from the outside, reflecting credit to its student builders.

Home Agent Announces Schedule for Next Week

The schedule of club meetings for next week, as announced by Miss Eugenia Patterson, is as follows: Monday, County Bridge. Tuesday, Pleasant Grove. Wednesday, Swain. Thursday, Creswell. Friday, Alba. Saturday morning, curb market.

BRINGS SUIT FOR \$10,000 AGAINST OWNER OF STORE

Mrs. Bonnie Mae Harris Is Plaintiff in Action for Personal Damages

E. H. Liverman, trading as Liverman's Department Store here, has been named a defendant in a suit for \$10,000 by Mrs. Bonnie Mae Harris, wife of Fletcher Harris, who fell through a trap door in the store here on April 5, 1933.

Through her attorney, Van B. Martin, Mrs. Harris alleges that she entered the ladies' hat and millinery department to purchase a hat. An employee of the store invited her to try on some hats and while looking them over the clerk placed on her head and directed her to a mirror, she says.

As she turned around to go to the mirror, she stepped through a trap door between her and the looking glass and fell 10 feet into a basement and against a brick wall, inflicting serious and permanent injuries, she alleges in the complaint.

Mrs. Harris complains that the fall almost broke her back and that it inflicted other injuries that are supposed to be permanent. Also she said she incurred much medical expense on this account and suffers much pain. The complaint alleges further that there were no rails or guards about the trap door.

The complaint placed the size of the door as 4 by 6 feet. She further complained that she was in good health at the time of the fall. She is 26 years of age. The complaint further alleged that she would be unable to do her work in the future as in the past on account of these injuries.

When the accident occurred, it was said that Mr. Liverman and his employees aided Mrs. Harris in getting to her feet and helped her get home and were attentive to her.

It is understood that this suit came as a surprise to Mr. Liverman, as he and the employees of his store did all in their power for Mrs. Harris. It is understood that Mr. Liverman paid the physician and also the medicine bill for Mrs. Harris.

LOCAL PRECINCT REELECTS STELL

Precinct Meetings Held Last Saturday; Other Officials Named

Hary Stell was named chairman of the Plymouth precinct executive committee of the Democratic party at a meeting held in the courthouse here Saturday. Mr. Stell succeeded himself in this capacity, being elected to membership on the committee and then the committee elected him chairman.

Other members of the committee were J. T. McNair, Jack L. Swain, Wilbur M. Darden, and Charlie Bowen. Most of these leaders were elected unanimously. Other names nominated but who failed in election were A. L. Owens, Jack Peele, William Walters, and P. W. Brinkley.

A motion was made and seconded that all Democrats in this precinct be made delegates to the county convention that is to be held here Saturday morning. Plymouth has 31 votes in the convention.

ACCEPTS CALL TO LOCAL CHURCH

Rev. Cecil Jarman, of Richlands, Will Be Here To Take Up Work in July

Rev. Cecil Jarman, of Richlands, has accepted a call as pastor of the local Christian church and will assume his duties in this capacity on or about July 1.

Mr. Jarman is a graduate of the Atlantic Christian College at Wilson and also graduated from the divinity school at Yale University. He is unmarried and about 30 years of age. The local church has been without an active pastor here for more than a year since the resignation of Rev. Conley Greer. Since that time church leaders have been occupying the pulpit on Sunday mornings.

Local Team To Play Roanoke Rapids Sunday

The first exhibition game of the summer will be played here Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock with Roanoke Rapids providing the opposition. This is a fast club and has won a number of games in independent competition.

P. W. Brown, business manager, urges every one to attend this game as well as the league games, as the matter remains that unless the people support the club the Plymouth entry will be forced to quit.