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## WARREN POINTS TO FARM PRICES IN TALK FRIDAY

Congressman Defends Record of Administration in Speech at Creswell

Comparing prices of commodities today with those paid to the agriculturists during the Hoover regime, Congressman Lindsay Warren pleaded to partisans to stand pat and invited the indifferent to the support of the Democratic party in a speech at Creswell Friday night.

Here is the way he showed the difference to prove better conditions: Cotton was 5 cents under Hoover, 12 cents with Roosevelt; corn, 45 cents a bushel in 1932 and 80 cents in 1934; tobacco was 10 cents and now it is 30 cents a pound; soybeans were 62 cents, now \$1.30; hay \$18, now \$27; hogs 4 cents, now 8 cents; peanuts 3-4 of a cent; now 3 1-2 cents.

He also pointed out that benefit payments to Washington County up until some time in October had been \$6,488 for cotton; \$6,815 for tobacco; and up until October 6, 1934, under the corn and hog agreements \$10,362 has been paid; and when the amount has been paid in full this county should have collected \$33,000 for this one commodity in benefit payments.

Down in a potato country, Mr. Warren brought to their attention the fact that under his sponsorship the largest potato growers' meeting ever held took place in Washington, N. C., and that as soon as the next Congress convened he was going to introduce a bill to make potatoes a basic commodity to be treated as tobacco and cotton.

He recalled how that the NRA had put 4,000,000 people back to work at an increase of 32 per cent in wages. He pointed out that the Federal Housing Act made money available for remodeling of homes; Civilian Conservation Camps employing thousands of young men; securities bill, to prevent the sale of fraudulent stocks and bonds.

Rural power act to arrange for the people in the country to have power in their homes; vocational agriculture act to promote the teaching of farming in the schools; arrange for the refinancing of cities, conservation measures to assure a playground for the youngsters and to conserve resources; refinancing of homes and farms to stop foreclosures.

He pointed out in a thorough manner the operation of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration and praised Chester Davis as a man of fairness. He took over the matter of the cotton allotments for Washington County and promised that the growers would be treated fairly.

W. M. Darden presided over the meeting. E. S. Blount, chairman, was in the audience.

## Large Cowd Expected At Fiddlers' Convention

Roper.—A large crowd is expected to attend the old-time Fiddlers' Convention that will be held in the Roper High School Auditorium at 8 p. m., on Friday, November 9, with Principal I. J. Kellum directing the entertainment.

Forty dollars in cash and a mule is listed as the prizes for the best clog dancer, and for the best performances on violin, banjo, guitar, mandolin, harmonica, accordion, and as hog caller, vocal quartet and band music. A popular admission price will be charged. Musicians from all over this section are urged to attend and compete for the prizes.

## Creswell Club Meets

Mrs. J. A. Combs was a gracious hostess to the Creswell home demonstration club last Thursday evening at her home in Creswell. The meeting was opened and presided over by the president, Mrs. C. N. Davenport, sr. Twelve members answered to roll call, and the secretary reported that every member of the club had paid their federation dues for 1934. This was a splendid record. Announcement was made concerning election of officers for 1935-36 at the November meeting.

The canning leader reported that 1,360 quarts of fruits, vegetables, etc., had been saved under the preservation program by club members. One member, Mrs. Lewis Spruill, had canned over 400 quarts.

The garden leader gave an interesting report of her fall garden.

The canning leader is Mrs. Roy Hopkins, who has served faithfully in this capacity for two years. The garden leader, Mrs. Fred Smith, has served her club in 1934 and has made a No. 1 leader.

Mrs. Renzy Sawyer, secretary, presented the agent with the 1934 report for her club.

The demonstration given by the agent was on fall styles.

The hostess served delicious apples and parched peanuts. Mrs. Roy Renzy was a special guest. The November meeting will be with Mrs. Ida Phelps.

## Find Body Retired Physician in River

OFFICERS HERE THINK IT CLEAR CASE OF SUICIDE

Dr. L. S. Webb, of Creswell, Had Been Missing for Nearly Week

The body of Dr. L. S. Webb, retired physician of Creswell, was taken from the waters of Amerson River, near Spruill's Bridge, not far from Creswell Saturday morning at 8 o'clock by a party of searchers who dynamited the river.

Dr. Webb, who was in his fifties and unmarried, left the home of his sister, Mrs. J. B. Cramer, in Wilmington, in an automobile on Saturday, October 20, for Creswell. He left alone and it is thought he made the trip alone.

Early Monday morning his automobile was found in a street in Creswell. The motor was still warm and the doors locked. Relatives supposed that he had gone to a boarding house. Upon his failure to return, later in the week the door to the machine was opened. Inside were found \$97 in cash, his watch and chain and his suitcase, intact.

Officers here are of the opinion that it is a clear case of suicide. His outer garments were found and this led to the searchers' dynamiting the small river. His body came to the surface and was brought ashore. No evidence of any foul play could be found.

Dr. Webb spent the past summer in Morganton. It was thought that he returned to Creswell to look after some land interest that he had in Washington County. He had been visiting Dr. and Mrs. Cramer in Wilmington for a week before he returned to the place where he had saved many lives as a physician to snuff out his own life.

## WIN PRIZES FOR CANNING

Two Contests Brought To Close at Roper Meeting Last Thursday

The home demonstration club women competed last Thursday afternoon in a canning contest sponsored by the Ball and Kerr Jar Companies. Many beautiful exhibits were shown. Miss Florence Parrisher and Miss Elizabeth Lilley, from the County Bridge Club, received the products and arranged them for judging. Miss Elizabeth Teterton, a home economics graduate of E. C. T. C., judged the products.

The Ball jar exhibit consisted of 1 jar of fruit or berries, and 1 jar of non-acid vegetable. Mrs. L. S. Brey, of the Roper club, won first place; second, Mrs. W. B. Chesson, Pleasant Grove; and third place was taken by Mrs. C. L. Everett, of the Albemarle Club.

The Kerr jar exhibits consisted of 2 jars of fruits, 2 jars of vegetables and 2 jars of meats. First prize was taken by Mrs. W. P. Davenport, of Cherry; second by Mrs. C. L. Everett, of Albemarle; and Mrs. S. L. Lilley, of County Bridge Club, won third place. The prizes are cash and jars.

## Mrs. Dunning Hostess

A most gracious hostess was Mrs. R. E. Dunning on Friday evening, October 26, when she charmingly entertained the members of the Ace of Clubs contract bridge club at her home on West Third Street.

Attractive Halloween tallies and decorations carried out the spirit of the approaching season. After many interesting progressions, Mrs. Moye W. Spruill was awarded a box of dusting powder for high score for members. Mrs. Henry S. Midgett made high score for the guests and she was presented an attractive waffle pitcher, while Mrs. T. L. Bray received a novel lemon squeezer for low score.

Following the presentation of prizes the hostess, assisted by Mrs. W. C. Jones, cleared away the cards and served a most attractive plate of Halloween salad with miniature cheese pumpkins, brownies and hot tea.

## Alba Club Meeting

The Alba Club met with Mrs. R. B. Davenport on Friday, October 26. Seventeen members were present and only two were absent.

Reports were heard from all the leaders after the usual opening exercises.

A nominating committee, consisting of Mrs. A. T. Darden, Mrs. J. T. Aske, and Mrs. T. S. Allen was appointed to select officers for the coming year.

The November meeting will be held with Mrs. E. L. Davenport.

## Woman's Club Meeting Put Off Until Nov. 15

The next meeting of the Woman's Club of Plymouth will be held on November 15, instead of this coming Friday, it was announced today by Mrs. H. A. Liverman, president of the organization. The postponement was made on account of the inability of Miss Juanita McDougal, of Raleigh, the guest speaker, to attend. Miss McDougal is with the State Department of Education and can arrange to be present on November 15.

## FUNERAL IS HELD FOR MRS. FANNIE AYERS THURSDAY

Well Known Local Citizen Dies After Lengthy Illness

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon for Mrs. Fannie Ayers, wife of the late W. C. Ayers, who died at her home on Third Street Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock from a severe attack of uremic poisoning. She had been in declining health for about three years and had been confined to her bed since Friday.

Her husband, known as Bill Ayers, was a prominent merchant in Plymouth before his death about 18 years ago. Mrs. Ayers was a member of the Methodist church here, and her pastor, Rev. R. R. Grant, officiated at the last rites in the church. Interment took place in the adjoining cemetery.

Surviving are four daughters: Mrs. Claudius McGowan and Mrs. W. F. Winslow, of Plymouth; Mrs. B. A. Sumner, of Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. J. P. Sutton, of Chicago, Ill. A large crowd attended the funeral and a beautiful floral offering was contributed.

## ALBA CLUB WINS BEACON TROPHY

Makes Best Record During Past Six Months; Cool Springs Second

Each federation meeting shows the keen rivalry among the various home demonstration clubs of the county to see who will win the much-coveted trophy cup, which is given by the Roanoke Beacon, with Mr. W. C. Manning making the presentation.

The points on which the club are judged are as follows:

1. Number of club members gained since last federation.
2. Number of club members lost since last federation.
3. Number of "paid-up" club members.
4. Average attendance for club meetings since last federation.
5. Number of members attending the federation.

Every club in the county was represented this year except Hoke Club, but Alba won the cup. However, Cool Springs ran a close second. Alba had a larger percentage of members present at the federation than Cool Springs.

## Literary Club Meeting

The Thursday Afternoon Literary Club held its regular meeting Thursday, October 25, at the home of Mrs. R. W. Johnston on East Main Street, with Mrs. H. S. Midgett presiding.

During the business meeting, Mrs. B. G. Campbell, district president of the federation of women's clubs, gave the club \$1 for having the largest number present at the convention in Columbia on October 23. This prize was offered by Mrs. Campbell to any club which attended the convention 100 per cent, and the Plymouth club had only 2 members absent, and since none of the clubs in the district had 100 per cent attendance she presented the local club the prize.

During the literary program, the following members had parts: Mrs. Z. V. Norman and Mrs. B. G. Campbell. At the conclusion of the program they went to the dining room, where coffee was poured by Mrs. H. S. Midgett, club president, and Mrs. Johnston, who stood at opposite ends of the table, and a delightful salad course was served.

## Hostess To Music Club

Miss Peggy Brown was hostess to the Bach Music Club at her home on East Main Street Friday evening.

After a delightful program, participated in by Mary Lillian Campbell, Frances Stell Spruill, Peggy Brown, Fannie Lou Winslow, Gilbert Davis, and Daryl Clayton the hostess served a "tutti-frutti" course with cake to the 12 members present. Charles Brown was a special guest of the club.

## CHRISTIANS TO INSTALL NEW PASTOR NOV. 4

Rev. Nixon A. Taylor Will Take Over Work Here Next Sunday

The local Christian church will have a public installation service for their new pastor, Rev. Nixon A. Taylor, and a home-coming service on the first Sunday, November 4.

The program for Sunday will be about as follows: 9:45 a. m., Sunday school. Superintendent John W. Darden urges every one to be present and to be on time.

At 10:30 a. m., the installation service will begin, with Wilmer Chesson serving as chairman. Welcome address by J. W. Darden.

The installation address will be made by W. L. Whitley. W. C. Chesson as chairman will receive the pastor in behalf of the congregation. E. H. Liverman will offer the installation prayer. The response will be made by the new pastor, Rev. Mr. Taylor.

The Lord's Supper will be observed and offering taken. After the sermon, lunch and a social hour will be enjoyed in the Sunday school room. A roll call will take place at 1 o'clock and other business matters attended to. It is expected that adjournment will take place at 2:30 p. m.

"The public is invited to worship with us on this occasion. The entire membership of the church is requested to come and answer to their names," it was announced by an official.

Mr. Taylor in a native of Jacksonville, N. C., but for the past four years has been pastor of a church in High Point. He comes highly recommended by C. C. Ware, state secretary of the Christian organization. He is married and has one child.

He is a graduate of Atlantic Christian College in Wilson. While a student he took an active part in the activities of the college, and as a freshman was honored with the selection as soloist at the senior's commencement program. He was a member of the college quartet during his four years in school.

He served as an officer in every society to which he belonged. His religious activities brought him in connection with Y. M. C. A. and Boy Scout work. As a junior he won first prize in the commencement oratorical contest. In addition to his duties in colleges he served five churches: Wilbanks, Macesfield, Dover, Armenia, and Arthur.

After graduation he served the church at High Point until he was called to the Plymouth church. During his first pastorate he organized two Christian Endeavor societies as choirs and a young people's class. The church membership almost doubled, and much of the church debt was lifted.

The new minister's wife has been of much help to him because of her ability as a musician and her loyalty and love for the work. They have a daughter, Dorothy, two years of age.

## Mrs. Leggett Hostess

Among the many social activities of the fall was a delightful contract bridge party given on Thursday evening, October 25, by Mrs. George Raymond Leggett at her home on Washington Heights.

A pretty arrangement of fall flowers formed a setting for the tables appointed for the game and during an evening of spirited progressions Mrs. Moye W. Spruill made high score while Mrs. E. G. Arps won consolation prize. To both were presented attractive gifts. To Miss Elizabeth Russell, house guest of Mrs. Leggett, was given a guest prize.

## Home and Club News

By Miss Eugenia Patterson

Schedule for Week  
Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 6, Hoke.  
Wednesday, Nov. 7, Roper.  
Thursday, Nov. 8, Chapel Hill.  
Friday, Nov. 9, Beech Grove.  
Saturday morning, curb market.

## Curb Market Sales

The curb market sales are holding up well. Vegetables are still plentiful. Collards are sweeter since the frost. Mrs. L. L. Lilley had the largest receipts for last Saturday. She had butterbeans. Everything sold there is fresh. Come.

November is the month when all club officers for the next two years' service will be elected. Please, every club member make a special effort to be present at your November meeting and help to select your club leaders. We want to consider this as a very important matter and want to make our best choice.

## Suits Against Power Firm Are Settled By Agreement

PARTIES READY FOR ELECTION NEXT TUESDAY

Democrats and Republicans Making Last-Minute Announcements

Impetus has been added to the battle for ballots as the Republicans and Democrats near the sixth day of November, Tuesday, which will be the crisis of the campaign.

A challenge has been issued by R. Clarence Dozier, of South Mills, Republican candidate for Congress, asking that Lindsay Warren, of Washington, Democratic incumbent, meet him in a joint debate in the courthouse here Friday night. This challenge was made in an open letter to E. S. Blount, Democratic chairman, by J. C. Tarkenton, Republican chairman.

A caucus was held in the courthouse by the Democrats on Tuesday night, at which time they decided for several reasons, given in the advertising columns of the Beacon why they would not have a speaker to meet Mr. Dozier. The Republicans broadcast circulars with their letter of challenge and the Democrat will make public their reasons for not accepting the challenge.

R. L. Coburn, of Williamston, and C. L. Bailey, of Roper, candidates of the Democrats for the State Senate, and Congressman Lindsay Warren have spoken at strategic points in the county for their party, while Mr. Dozier has been over here before in difference sections in the interest of the Republican cause. Stanley Winborne, of Raleigh, utilities commissioner, was in Plymouth Thursday night to speak for the Democrats.

In the advertising columns of the Beacon will be found an item by Congressman Lindsay Warren as released to E. S. Blount, in which statistics are given of the benefit payments made to farmers in Washington County and the other counties of the district, while also in this issue is a statement by the Republicans calling on the people "not to listen to the Democratic boss and office seekers."

The campaign will be brought to high tension between now and Tuesday, which is the show-down day. The regular campaigners have not been so busy this year, but Harry Stell and J. Richard Carr, as opponents for the office of representative to the general assembly, have waged a hot and bitter fight. The Democrats feel that in the program of President Roosevelt they have something to boast about, while their opponents, of course, are picking flaws in the administration.

Donnel Gilliam, of Tarboro, solicitor of the second judicial district, a Democrat, has no opposition for this office, while Robert M. Gradeless, Republican, is the only opponent of C. L. Bailey and R. L. Coburn for the State Senate. Two of these can be elected. Harry Stell is opposed by J. Richard Carr, Republican, for membership in the House of Representatives.

C. V. W. Ausbon, for 26 years clerk of superior court, a Democrat, is opposed by Roy V. Patrick. J. K. Reid is opposed by E. R. Jackson, Republican, for sheriff. Mrs. Mary O. Sawyer, for register of deeds and John W. Darden, for recorder's court judge, both Democrats, have no opposition. E. G. Arps is opposed by Asa D. Snell, Republican, for treasurer.

Mrs. D. M. McKnight, Democrat, is opposed by Ashbury W. Ambrose for the office of coroner. In the race for commissioners Frank L. Brinkley is opposed by A. L. Alexander, Republican, for the first district; J. M. Claggon's Republican opponent for the second district is B. B. Spencer; and Clyde Smithson, Democrat, is opposed for the third district by Stewart J. Woodley.

## Pleasant Grove Club Meet

The Pleasant Grove Home Demonstration Club met with Mrs. H. G. Spruill Tuesday afternoon, October 23, with a large number present. The club was hostess also to three visitors from other clubs, Mrs. W. H. Harrison, county council president; Mrs. George Bowen, president of the Alba club; and Mrs. L. S. Brey, county council secretary; also Mrs. Dora Blount and Mrs. Glover, of Mackeys. Business consisted mainly in payment of federation dues and announcements concerning the federation meeting.

After greetings were given by the visitors the agent took charge of the meeting. The demonstration for the afternoon was fall styles and cleaning of felt hats.

The hostess served delicious refreshments, assisted by Mrs. S. Z. Waters, Miss Agnes Spruill, and Mrs. N. G. Chesson.

The November meeting will be held with Mrs. W. A. Swain next meeting.

## Members of Fire Company Are Served Refreshments

A pleasant surprise was given the members of the Plymouth Volunteer Fire Department last Friday evening, when Mesdames Frances Nurney, D. M. McKnight, J. W. Darden, and G. K. Harris served delicious refreshments to the firemen.

Included in the menu provided by these women was coffee, cake syllabub, with cream and other delicacies. The firemen enjoyed it very much.

## COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICERS NAMED AT ROPER MEET

Mrs. Harrison and Mrs Brey Are Re-elected Without Opposition

The Washington County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs met last Thursday afternoon at Roper school building, with Mrs. W. H. Harrison presiding. The purpose of this meeting was to elect a president and secretary for the next two years. A nominating committee, consisting of Mrs. C. N. Davenport, sr., chairman, Mrs. L. A. Parrisher, and Mrs. Hugh Allen, recommended that Mrs. W. H. Harrison be renominated to serve as president again; also that Mrs. L. S. Brey be reelected secretary. This motion was put before the council, with Mrs. C. N. Davenport taking the chair. The nominations presented by the committee were voted on without any addition, and Mrs. Harrison and Mrs. Brey were unanimously reelected to serve for the coming two years.

## NEW MANAGER HANDLE PLANT

Thomas F. Connors To Succeed Groves, Who Also Remains Here

Thomas F. Connors, of Memphis, Tenn., is new manager of the local plant of the National Handle Company, succeeding Carl L. Groves, who for 12 or more years, was in charge of the local unit.

Mr. Connors has been with the company for years and was transferred to Plymouth from Memphis. He will reside at the home on Third Street formerly occupied by Mr. Groves. Mr. Connors hopes that he can move into the residence in the next two weeks, and he expects his wife down in that time. The couple have no children.

Mr. Groves will continue on with the company, according to Mr. Connors, but will live in another residence. The house occupied by Mr. L. Bailey and R. L. Coburn for the State Senate. It is understood that Mr. Groves may have an apartment in the suburban home of Mrs. Mary O. Sawyer, but this is not authentic.

No reason was given by the organization for the change in management. Mr. Groves has lived here a long time and was well liked by the employees and people of the town. Mr. Connors will be welcomed by the business men of the town and the people.

There have been some other changes in the personnel of the plant recently. J. G. Dixon, superintendent for years, is now operating a similar plant in Wilmington. Stuart Windt and W. T. Stillman, with Misses Ethel Arps and Annie Myrtle Peal compose the office force at the present.

## Services at Mount Zion Church Next Sunday

Rev. C. L. Bennett will preach at the Mount Zion Free Will Baptist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Every one is urged to attend by Mrs. H. D. Peele, one of the leading ladies of the church.

## Funeral for Dr. Webb Held Last Saturday

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon in St. David's Episcopal church in Creswell for Dr. L. S. Webb whose body was found in River near Creswell Saturday morning. A large crowd attended the funeral for the man who practiced medicine in Creswell for years and who was well known.

## Local Semi-Pro Cage Team Organized Here

The Plymouth semi-professional basketball club has been organized with Darius Spruill as manager; Samuel Lloyd, president; Amos Cox, secretary; and W. H. Berry, treasurer. Any team in this vicinity wishing a game is urged to get in touch with Amos Cox, Plymouth.

## LAWYERS IN CASE TO RECEIVE HALF OF \$6,000 AWARD

Settlement Is Agreed Upon By Attorneys Last Thursday Night

"If you are displeased with respect to the forecast of defendant's counsel, of what this and other juries would do, my answer is this," Hallett S. Ward, of Washington, said, in addressing the court when a compromise ended the most famous civil suit ever started in Washington County, last Friday.

Taking up his answer, Mr. Ward waxed poetical: "Drink deep of life's fond delusions; 'Gaze on the storm clouds and flee 'Swiftly from strife and confusion, 'Leaving the check to me."

He was referring to the case of W. W. Robertson against the Virginia Electric & Power Company, which was generally regarded as a test case embracing 21 others actions, and which has been dragged through the lower courts and to the highest tribunal in the state within the last four years.

A settlement was agreed to by the counsel for the litigants on Thursday night. Friday it remained only to notify the court and the jury of the agreement to settle, with the power firm turning over to the plaintiffs \$6,000 for damages alleged in suits that aggregated upwards of \$50,000.

It was learned from H. S. Ward, chief of plaintiff counsel, that \$3,000 of the amount would go to the attorneys for their efforts in the case and that the other \$3,000 would be allocated to the 21 other parties, with checks divided into three denominations, \$50, \$200, and \$225.

W. W. Robertson was understood to have received about \$225 for his damages and that he was to get \$100 more than any of the remainder because of extra work on his part and also for his responsibility under bond for near \$2,000 in costs.

It was interesting to note the intense feeling of the lawyers as the judge was dismissing the case. Frank S. Spruill, sr., of Rocky Mount, addressed the court and the jury with an explanation of why settlement was made. Senator Carl L. Bailey, of the staff of the defendants, said he "was confident the jury and others would decide with the defendants." Then came Mr. Ward's remarks and poetry.

In the supreme court, three judges held that the case could go to the jury only because of the yellow-jackets' nest and the setting out of the fire to burn it. The case hung by a single thread and that was the testimony of Maurice Wheelbee.

After the case had been decided by the supreme court the counsel for the power firm filed notice for new trial because Wheelbee made an affidavit in Zeb Vance Norman's office repudiating his first testimony. For this affidavit (a declaration that his first testimony was false), he said he was promised \$100.

With this new evidence the supreme court sent the motion down to be heard in superior court here again, and Judge Small ordered a new trial in the case. Then came the compromise agreed to on Friday to close out a case that has been a blight on the county.

The names of the joint plaintiffs with Mr. Robertson follow: H. D. Jack Blount, Gus Mann, S. A. Ward, Steve Skinner, Laura Johnston, Micheline Atamanchuk, A. B. Houtz, Southern Roller Stave and Heading Company, Mary E. Phelps, J. T. Bateman, J. S. Shugar, G. W. Sitterson, E. S. Phelps, Mrs. Charles Robertson, James Thomas, Ida Lanier, Carter Basnight, A. L. Owens, Willis Robertson, L. J. Cooper, Pierce Puckett, and P. W. Brinkley.

## County Bridge Club

The County Bridge Home Demonstration Club was entertained last Monday afternoon, October 22, by Mrs. Lilley Williams. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. L. A. Parrisher, president. The Ball and Kerr canning contests were discussed and rules governing them given. Announcements were made relative to the county federation held last Thursday. The secretary reported seven members paying federation dues. A committee, consisting of Misses Florence Parrisher and Elizabeth Lilley, was appointed to be in charge of receiving the canned products to be entered in the contest on federation day.

The agent gave a demonstration on fall styles, which was most helpful and interesting. The hostess served delicious chocolate candy. The November meeting will be held with Mrs. J. H. Robertson.