

JUNIOR - SENIOR BANQUET HELD FRIDAY NIGHT

Held at Local High School Building; Interesting Program

Dining and dancing, interspersed with toasts and music, composed the entertainment that the juniors provided for the seniors here last Friday night when the annual banquet was held in the Plymouth High School Building.

Colors of the rainbow were used in the decorations with the beautiful evening gowns of the bonnie lassies blending perfectly with the assorted hues, while the young men attired in dark shades provided a harmonious background for the mingling tints. Added to this glamor of brilliance were the costumes of the guest specialty dancers.

A three-course dinner was served. Miss Mavis Bowen toasted the seniors for the juniors while Miss Louise Blount, an upperclassman, responded. Edwin McNair recognized the faculty members present with a reply by Principal L. W. Anderson. James Harold Ward sang a solo.

Miss Evelyn Arps, foremost young lady dancer, did a solo number, while her students, consisting of Misses Myrtle Hopkins, Alberta Clagon, Melba Ruth Gurkin, Ruth Gaylord, Olivia Poteat performed in a chorus number Harold Brinn provided the piano accompaniment.

Pushing aside the tables, the young men and women dance until late in the evening.

Ministerial Union Formed Recently In This District

Embraces Church in Roanoke District of Christ

A ministerial union has been organized in the Roanoke District Convention of the Church of Christ, it was learned here today from Rev. N. A. Taylor, pastor of the local Christian Church, who says that the organization will work on the lines of a State organization.

Rev. J. A. Saunders, of Pantego, is president; Rev. Roy O. Respass, of Creswell, vice president, and Rev. Nixon A. Taylor, of Plymouth, is secretary and treasurer.

In addition to the officers the following ministers are members: Rev. D. Guy Saunders, Belhaven; Rev. W. O. Henderson, Elizabeth City; Rev. M. J. Penny, Martin County; Rev. W. A. Davis, Washington; Rev. G. D. Harrison, Jamesville; Rev. J. M. Perry, Robertsonville; Rev. D. W. Davis, Washington; Rev. H. E. Harden, Norfolk; Rev. M. L. Ambrose, Roper; Rev. Gilbert Davis, Plymouth; Rev. D. W. Arnold, Washington; and Rev. T. R. Tyre, Sr., Bath.

Plymouth Man Gets Honor as Principal

M. L. Basmight, of Ernul, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Basmight, of Plymouth, has won a coveted esteem at the high school there of which he is principal. He decided to change to another place with the idea that the people were tired of him at Ernul after seven years in the same school.

Immediately, a petition was circulated within his knowledge and only six people in the district refused to sign and they did so with the explanation that they had an aversion to signing such documents but wished that he would remain.

Principal Basmight has done good work in the school there, and they are in favor of him continuing indefinitely and when he was here not long ago he said, "a fellow can't very well leave a community or school under such conditions."

Schedule of Club Meets Next Week

The following schedule of club meetings for next week has been announced by Miss Eugenia Patterson, county home demonstration agent:

- Monday afternoon, April 15, Scuppernon.
- Tuesday morning, Creswell and Cherry 4-H clubs. Tuesday afternoon, Cherry.
- Wednesday morning, Roper 4-H clubs. Wednesday afternoon, Albemarle.
- Thursday morning, leaders' school for clothing leaders in agent's office. Thursday afternoon, Wenta.
- Friday afternoon, Mount Taber.
- Saturday morning, curb market.

Slight Gain in Volume of Raw Tobacco Exports; Substantial Increase in Value

A small volume increase and a substantial advance in value over the preceding year characterized United States export trade in leaf tobacco during 1934, a report prepared in the Commerce Department's Tobacco Division shows.

Exports to all countries of the unmanufactured tobacco during the last year totalled 440,866,369 pounds, valued at \$125,064,085, a volume increase of 4.4 percent and a value increase of 50.82 percent as compared with 1933.

Foreign shipments of raw tobacco from the United States in 1934 were destined to 94 different markets. The small increase in volume registered last year is due to increased purchases by Australia, Irish Free State, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom. Although there were increases in exports to individual countries in most

School for Clothing Leaders To Be Held Here Thursday, 18th

Home Agent Urges Various Club Leaders To Attend

By Miss Eugenia Patterson

Miss Willie N. Hunter, state clothing specialist, will be in Plymouth next Thursday morning, April 18, at 10 o'clock for a leaders' school, with the club clothing leaders. The meeting will be held in the agent's office in the courthouse. The leaders are asked to select a dress pattern for themselves, cut an inexpensive cotton dress by the pattern, baste it and bring to the school. They are asked also to bring the waist that they cut and worked on at the last leaders' school.

Please bring work boxes, notebooks, pencil, some paper for patterns and lunch.

Besides the "dress clinics," Miss Hunter will take up "accessories," for half of the lesson. All leaders are urged to be present. Please see that your leader gets to the school.

Proper Cultivation Secures Good Yields From Even Poor Soil

Bladen Farmer Secured Net Return of \$458 Per Acre Last Season

Scientific cultivation will make even mediocre soils produce unusually high yields of tobacco, says E. C. Blair, extension agronomist at N. C. State College.

Blair cites the case of G. E. Callihan, Bladen County farmer, who raised 1,560 pounds of tobacco per acre last year on Bladen sandy loam. During the nine previous years he averaged 1,434 pounds to the acre.

Last year, Blair adds, Callihan made a net return of \$458 per acre. This sum does not include the tobacco produced above his allotment, which was destroyed, nor the rental and benefit payments received from the AAA.

From 1926 through 1933, Callihan averaged a profit of \$316 an acre from his tobacco in spite of the fact that twice his crop was seriously damaged by hail storms and that several years he sold his weed when market prices were extremely low.

Callihan uses a fertilizer low in nitrogen and high in phosphoric acid and potash. Last year he applied 1,100 pounds of 2-9-7 fertilizer, mixed at home, to the acre and also a small amount of stable manure.

He plants the Cash variety of tobacco, 18 inches apart in the row, and lets it grow to a height of six feet before topping it. He uses the ridge system of cultivation, Blair points out.

Callihan has been following a two-year crop rotation, planting tobacco and cowpeas one year and cotton and abuzzi rye the next.

Pre-Easter Services At Zion's Chapel

Roper.—A pre-Easter campaign will begin at Zion's Chapel Sunday night, April 14. There will be preaching each night during the week at 7:30, with special services on Easter Sunday.

The campaign is sponsored by Holy Neck, Sta. Delight, and Zion's Chapel churches. Good music will be a special feature of this campaign. The minister of these churches, Rev. M. L. Ambrose, will do the preaching.

Everyone is invited to attend these meetings.

Interesting Paper Is Read at Recent Meet Of Masonic Lodge

Deals With Life of Col. E. B. Buncombe, of This Section

(Below are excerpts from a speech delivered in Unanimity Lodge of the Masonic Fraternity at Edenton by E. W. Spires, grand historian of North Carolina Grand Lodge and Mayor of Edenton, when a group of Plymouth Masons visited there recently. So impressive was it that the Beacon requested the speech for its brilliance and historical value.)

"Unanimity Lodge shares with your section the great honor and invaluable services conferred upon the Alhambra by Col. Edward B. Buncombe, who lived in that section of Tyrrell County which is now Washington County. His spacious mansion, situated near Roper, was said to have contained 50 rooms. The plantation was willed to him by his uncle. Colonel Buncombe was residing in the West Indies and some men from Bertie went there to purchase the plantation, informing him that it was a large tract of waste land suitable only for grazing purposes. His wife reminded him that if the land was of sufficient value to justify such a long trip in interest of a purchase, he should come to America and investigate the situation, which was accordingly done. Upon arriving, Colonel Buncombe was amazed to find such fertility of soil, an equable climate and the waters abounding in all kinds of edible fish. He removed his and several other families and had the mansion constructed.

Colonel Buncombe, although a young man, was an elaborate entertainer. Prominent men from all over the colony were guests at his home, a sign at the entrance to his estate reading "Welcome all to Buncombe Hall." It is said that a creek, or drainage ditch, bordered the plantation, over which was erected a portable bridge. When some of his guests desired to leave sooner than he wished, Buncombe had his slaves remove the bridge and hide it in the swamp.

The minutes of Unanimity Lodge, under date of June 3, 1776, record Buncombe as having been made a Mason, on which occasion he presented the lodge two handsome silver candlesticks, which are still possessed and highly valued by our lodge.

Red Cross Planning Safety Instruction Here This Summer

Swimmer Will Be Sent To Aquatic Safety School At Brevard

A. J. Berris, Jr., State director of Red Cross for North Carolina, visited Plymouth recently and conferred with Mrs. H. A. Liverman, chairman of the Washington-Tyrrell County chapter, on the subject of life saving and swimming courses for the boys and girls of the two counties.

Mr. Berres suggested that the local chapter send some good swimmer to the Red Cross Aquatic Safety school at Camp Carolina, Brevard, N. C., for the course in life saving, first aid, boating, swimming, waterfront leadership, etc., June 12 to 22nd, and upon his return home the chapter's candidate will give free courses in swimming and life saving to the youth of the two counties. This school is conducted every year by the Red Cross and takes care of the southeastern section of the United States. It is recognized as the outstanding camp of its kind in the world.

The courses to be given during the summer will be fifteen hours in length and will include perfection in swimming strokes, all of the approaches to a drowning person, the holds, breaks, carries and artificial respiration. Those boys and girls successfully completing the courses will be certificated by the National Red Cross and will be eligible to wear the insignia of the Red Cross life saving corps on their bathing suits.

It will be a wonderful opportunity for the youngsters of the counties to learn all there is to know about water safety as taught by the world's greatest life saving organization. There will be junior and senior courses depending upon the ages of those taking them.

18 Women Attend Leaders' School

Eighteen food and nutrition leaders, representing ten of the eleven home demonstration clubs, attended the leaders' school conducted here in the home agent's office Thursday morning beginning at 10 o'clock. Plans had been made for the second leaders' school the week before and Miss Thomas had been expected, but owing to the sudden and serious illness of her sister, she was called to Louisiana.

The leaders' school held yesterday was devoted entirely to the various ways of cooking fish and the value of fish as a good source of protein. In spite of bad weather the women agreed all had a pleasant and instructive day, adding to their cooking knowledge, as well as improving upon their ability as hostesses.

Entertains Firemen With Oyster Roast

Mrs. Sarah F. Nurney was host to the members of the Plymouth Fire Department at an oyster roast last Friday night. Every one present enjoyed the affair. Numbered among those present were Miss Iris White, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl White, who is mascot of the firefighters. Several barrels of oysters were served.

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Church School Day At Roper Sunday

Roper.—Church School Day will be observed at the Roper M. E. Church on Sunday, April 14, at 11 a. m. "The Church Teaches" will be the subject of a special program, which will be rendered. After this the pastor will make an appropriate address. The public is urged to attend.

Plenty of Green Feed Is Big Aid to Poultry

Plenty of green feed in the way of small grain, rape and kale keeps a healthy, heavy producing poultry flock on the farm of C. R. Barrier in Cabarrus County.

Local Chamber of Commerce Is Reorganized at Meet Last Week

ENTIRE SECTION TO BE CANVASSED FOR MEMBERSHIP

Z. V. Norman Is Elected President; W. M. Darden, Secretary

65 at Meeting Friday

Under the leadership of a new group of officers who have entered upon the discharge of their sundry duties with vigor, the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce today appears headed for one of the best eras of its existence with a majority group of citizens supporting the leaders.

Zeb Vance Norman, local attorney, has been named president, with W. M. Darden, another lawyer, as secretary. W. F. Winslow, merchant, and J. B. Willoughby, a partner in the Plymouth Motor Company, have been named first and second vice presidents, respectively.

A membership committee, composed of C. L. Groves, P. W. Brown, and J. B. Willoughby are canvassing the town and surrounding agricultural section for members, who secure membership at the rate of \$2 each. It is hoped that more than \$200 can be secured as the capital to start with and that additional money can be secured.

A board of directors, composed of Mayor Gilbert Davis, W. E. Waters, E. S. Blount, W. L. Whitley, E. G. Arps, W. A. Davidson, Mrs. Sarah F. Nurney, H. E. Harrison, H. A. Williford, J. F. Ausbon, and A. L. Alexander will prepare a group of by-laws and a constitution for the organization.

Among those who have endorsed the idea and will contribute financially to the new organization are Recorder J. W. Darden, T. F. Connors, manager of the National Handle Co. J. R. Manning, a partner in the Plymouth Motor Co., Dr. C. McGowan, W. F. Winslow and about 65 who were present at a recent meeting.

Much of the credit for the new organization should go to the firemen, who asked for a large gathering at their quarters last Friday night at which time the organization was perfected with the officers being named. The firefighters will continue their efforts to make the commercial organization successful.

A vote of thanks was given Chief L. W. Gurkin and his firemen for sponsoring the first meeting. The date and place of the next meeting will be announced later.

Funeral Held Last Thursday for Mr. Asa Tarkenton, 81

Well Known Farmer Dies From Infirmities of Age Wednesday

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at the Baptist church in Roper for Asa Tarkenton, well-known farmer of Washington County, who succumbed from the infirmities of age Wednesday after being in failing health for four months.

Burial took place in Zion's Chapel Christian church cemetery. Rev. W. H. Hollowell, pastor of the Baptist church, officiated, assisted by Rev. M. L. Ambrose, of the Christian denomination. Mr. Tarkenton was 81 years of age and was the last of his family, leaving no brothers and sisters. His wife was the late Mrs. Ellen Ainsley Bateman.

Surviving are the following: one sister-in-law, Mrs. W. H. Tarkenton, Roper; nieces, Mrs. C. N. Reynolds, Mrs. D. A. Hudson, Mrs. W. B. Masegale, all of Roanoke Rapids; Mrs. Hugh McCabe, Norfolk; Mrs. Lula Barnes, Tarboro; Mrs. Nellie Oliver, Mrs. J. C. Phelps, Mrs. John Furlough, all of Roper.

Nephews: H. W. Tarkenton, Frank Tarkenton, Roper; L. D. Tarkenton, Manteo; U. W. Tarkenton, Belhaven; J. W. Phelps, Tarboro; Clinton Tarkenton, Creswell; J. M. Tarkenton, Norfolk; H. W. Tarkenton, Elizabeth City. Active pall-bearers were relatives of the deceased.

Negro Drowned in Roanoke Here Last Saturday Morning

Isaiah Hedgepeth Dies When Bottom Falls Out of Gas Boat

Thursday morning the murky waters of the historic Roanoke River, which has swelled with the tides of recent days, continued to hold the body of Isaiah Hedgepeth, middle-aged negro, who was drowned Saturday morning when a gasoline boat in which he was riding lost the bottom and sunk.

Grappling hooks, nets, and other devices had been used in combing the river bottom to no avail. Some had suggested dynamite, but this has not been used. Inclement weather has hindered the searches. Another negro, Levy Dawson, in the boat who could not swim, was saved, while Hedgepeth was supposed to have been a good swimmer and was drowned.

Forester Declares It Is One Of Most Harmful Customs

Why burn the woods? This is a question that farmers should ask themselves every day, says R. W. Graeber, extension forester at State College.

"The practice of burning off wooded lands is one of the most harmful customs we have inherited from the days of 'frontier farming,'" Graeber says.

Fires burning through timber lands kill young seedlings, seriously damage saplings, and check the growth of big trees he points out, to say nothing of the destruction of humus and leaf matter in the soil. Sometimes big fires kill even the mature giants of the forest.

A study of one forest area which has been ravaged by three fires during the past 20 years showed that the growth of the trees had been set back a total of 11 years.

Burning off broom sedge does not make pasture lands produce earlier or provide better grazing, he says, but it does deplete the soil of valuable plant food. Burning fence rows drives birds out into the open, where they fall prey to their natural enemies and the mowing machine.

Many times brush can be put to a better use by placing it in a gully to help stop erosion, Graeber says, than by burning it—and it is just as cheap to haul it to the gullies as it is to burn it.

In the older countries, everything in the field that would decay readily is carefully saved and put back into the soil. People who fail to do this pay dearly for their wastefulness, he warns.

He recommends the construction of "fire breaks" along property lines and through wooded areas to check the spread of any fires which may break out. A "fire break" consists of a strip of land 10 to 50 feet wide from which all inflammable material has been removed by raking or careful burning.

Seek Registration of Pre-School Children

An educational clinic will be held some time before the end of the present school term for the purpose of securing the name, number and addresses of children who will be eligible to enter the public schools in Washington County next fall, it was announced today by James W. Norman, superintendent of public instruction.

Date of this clinic has not been announced. A child reaching the age of 6 by October 1 will be allowed to enroll now for entrance in the fall. Mr. Norman urges the parents to arrange for their children to attend the clinic when the date is announced.

FARM NOTES

By W. V. HAYS, Farm Agent

The beekeepers of Washington County are informed that there will be a meeting of beekeepers at the farm of Mr. Gibson Lewis at the head of the Mill Pond road on April 25th at 10 o'clock in the morning. All who are interested in bee culture are urged to be present at this meeting. We will go from there to Mr. C. E. Marriner's bee yard and will be there from 11:30 until 12:30 for demonstration purposes.

It has been reported that on rented acres of cotton and tobacco a producer will be permitted to grown corn, provided this corn is needed for food or feed for livestock on this particular farm.

The cotton contracts are in Raleigh being considered by the state board of review, and by the time you read this notice, we hope that we will have been advised as to the number of acres allotted to Washington County. It will not be necessary to call at the county office for this information; it will be mailed to the producer the same day it is received.

Peanut contracts have been adjusted by committees and tabulations sent to Raleigh for confirmation, which means that growers should be notified early next week, by letter, the permitted acres to plant.

Compliance Officer For State Located at N. C. State College

To Handle All Matters Relating To Compliance With Contracts

North Carolina will have its own compliance officer this year to adjust controversial matters arising from the operation of the adjustment contracts. Dean I. O. Schaub has announced that Percy Bloxam has been located at State College by the AAA and that all matters relating to compliance with contracts will be handled by him.

This means that farmers who may have difficulty in securing rental and benefit payments on their contracts should take up the matter with their local farm agents, who in turn will transmit the information to the extension specialists in charge of the commodity concerned. These commodity men will then handle the matter with Washington through Mr. Bloxam.

Minerals Necessary For Laying Flocks

For the laying flock the usual mineral feeds are bone meal, oyster shell, or ground limestone, salt and grit. Some materials are found in small grains such as wheat, corn and oats but the amount in these grains is inadequate and must be supplemented from other sources. Bone meal supplies calcium and phosphorus and helps build tissue and bone. Te oyster shell is fed for its calcium content. Salt stimulates the appetite, renders the mash more palatable and increases the vital processes while grit is an aid in grinding the food. All are absolutely necessary for egg production.

Legion To Sponsor Indoor Circus Here

The James E. Jethro Post, No. 164, of the American Legion, has contracted to sponsor an indoor circus and community fair in Plymouth the week of May 6 to 11.

It was announced that there will be shows, rides, merchants' booths, automobile and radio show.

Read the Beacon for further announcement.