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COUNTIES SET UP Member of Federal ORGANIZATION IN Jury, Criticized by COLUMBIA MEET Judge, Gives Reason

Improvement and Development of South Albemarle Section Planned

Columbia.—As a mother welcomes her children and their friends back home, so did Tyrrell County extend herself Wednesday, when delegates from Washington, Dare and Hyde Counties visited here to organize the Southern Albemarle Association.

Dare and Washington were formed from parts of the old Tyrrell County, while Hyde was considered as a neighbor as they went about their task of formulating plans for the improvement and development of the south side of the Albemarle Sound.

Blending their efforts in one action to achieve their goal, the counties organized under one group which will sponsor the development programs of each of the cooperating units with Representative Wallace Tatum, of Columbia, as president of the group.

Vice presidents from the counties follow: Hyde, W. W. Watson; Dare, M. R. Daniels; Tyrrell, J. E. Norris; Washington, Z. V. Norman. Mrs. Sue Brickhouse, of Columbia, will serve as secretary and treasurer. D. Victor Meekins, of Manteo, will serve as director of publicity.

Speakers included: W. W. Watson, Hyde, "Albemarle Natural Resources"; Z. V. Norman, Plymouth, "Albemarle Future Developments"; J. E. Norris, Columbia, "Albemarle Community Interests"; O. L. Williams, representative of Hyde County; Herbert Feele, editor Daily Advance, Elizabeth City; J. C. Meekins, Columbia, welcome address; J. W. Darden, Plymouth.

An executive committee from each county to serve with the vice president was named. Washington County members are: Mesdames H. A. Liverman, L. S. Brey, H. M. Ramsey; S. F. Nurney and W. M. Darden; W. F. Winslow, L. S. Thompson, E. H. Liverman.

The next meeting will be at Swan Quarter or Engelhard in Hyde County on Wednesday, January 29, 1936. Meetings will be held quarterly. A meeting of the executive committee will be held before this time.

Boy's Story of Trip Is Branded as False

Miss Ida Peacock, of Roper, writes the managing editor of the Beacon that she is due an apology in regard to the story about Bill Bell in last week's paper. Excerpts from her letter shows that the youth gave wrong information to the Beacon.

"It was a story from the first line. He is only 14 years old two months ago, his mother is living; no court returned him home, as I sent the money myself. The idea of being married, regardless of what he said; anyone with common sense would know that a minister or any other official would not marry a small boy of 14, and I am sure he told you plenty of things not true for effect."

The story was not published to damage the influence of anyone or to pet the grievances of the boy, but it related the tale as brought to the office by the boy, with a number of witnesses listening to the same story. It smacked of a good news story, and these are scarce. But all due apologies are hereby tendered.

Mother of Mayor Gilbert Davis Dies

Mayor Gilbert Davis was called to Washington Tuesday because of the death of his mother, Mrs. G. A. Spencer, of Belhaven, who has been confined in the Tayloe hospital there for the past month.

The funeral services will be held from the home in Belhaven Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Interment will be made in the Odd Fellows cemetery there.

Surviving are her husband, G. A. Spencer, and three sons, and several sisters and brothers.

Many friends of Mr. Davis here will attend the funeral.

Piona Recital Here Next Wednesday

Frances Stell Spruill will give a piano recital in the high school auditorium Wednesday afternoon, November 6, at 2:45 o'clock. Her program will be an interesting and varied one, consisting of works by the modern composers, as well as those of the old masters. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Member of Federal Jury, Criticized by Judge, Gives Reason

Harry Barnes, of Cherry, Holds Out Against 11 Other Jurors

Criticized by Judge I. M. Meekins in Federal court in Elizabeth City October 10, because he failed to agree with 11 other jurors, Harry Barnes, of Cherry, on a visit to Plymouth this week, explained his position in the disputed matter.

Mr. Barnes dissented in the case of Lawrence Nebb and Big Joe Jones, both of Norfolk, who were being tried for violation of the present liquor laws. When Judge Meekins entered a mistrial in the case he charged Mr. Barnes with being "dumb or arbitrary."

Harry explained here that he "could not believe the testimony of the state's witnesses as they were criminals" and it was his opinion that the statements they made were prejudicial and designed for vengeance.

Later in the day, Judge Meekins told Mr. Barnes that he had a right to vote as he did. "If you had agreed on a verdict, I don't know that I would have done much with the defendants. The case seemed to be an afterthought," said the jurist.

CRESWELL MAN IS KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT HERE

Joe T. Spruill Dies From Fractured Skull After Collision

Joe T. Spruill, of Creswell, was instantly killed in Plymouth yesterday when an automobile threw him from the rumble seat onto the pavement, fracturing his skull.

June Tripp, of Greenville, was driving the car that met the one in which Spruill was riding in a head-on collision thought to have been caused by the density of a heavy rain.

Mr. and Mrs. Kie Spruill, J. A. Furlough and Eli Spruill were riding in the car in which the victim was riding. Mr. Furlough was also thrown from the rumble seat and injured on the chest. L. K. Spruill was driving.

Both cars were almost demolished. Occupants of the Tripp car were injured only slightly.

Bishop Darst To Be Here Next Thursday

Bishop Thomas C. Darst, of Wilmington, will make his annual visitation to Grace Episcopal church for the evening service November 7, at 8 o'clock. The Bishop will be at Roper, November 8, for the evening service. The public is invited to attend these services and all communicants are urged to attend.

Senior Womans Club Will Meet Friday

The senior woman's club will meet Friday afternoon, November 1, at 3:30 in the Legion Hall. This is the regular November meeting and all members are urged to be present.

Overcrowding Is Bad for Poultry

Overcrowding the laying birds in fall and winter robs them of their vitality and makes them susceptible to disease.

Roy S. Dearstyne, head of the State College poultry department, recommends that the birds be given adequate housing facilities, with plenty of ventilation, but no drafts. The colds and roup from which many flocks suffer during the fall months may be traced to inadequate ventilation, he said.

As cold weather approaches, he continued, it is advisable to check the birds again for parasites, both internal and external. Infected birds should be treated at once.

Birds to be used for breeding purposes should be blood-tested for fullorum disease. When requested, the State Department of Agriculture will send an expert to make these tests for poultrymen.

Winter grazing crops should be sown in October, Dearstyne said, to provide a source of green feed for the flock during the winter.

FEDERATION OF HOME CLUBS IN ANNUAL MEET

Chapel Hill Club Winner of Trophy; Interesting Program

The fall federation of home demonstration clubs of Washington County met at Plymouth High School October 30. Great interest was shown by the large attendance of the clubs. All of the clubs were represented with a large number of members from each. Mrs. W. H. Harrison, president of the federation, presided over the meeting.

The meeting was opened by a song and the devotional was conducted by Rev. M. L. Ambrose, pastor of the Roper Christian church. The welcome was given by Mrs. W. V. Hays of the Cool Springs Club and the response by Mrs. Hilda Robertson, of Chapel Hill club.

The Zion Chapel quartet furnished two special numbers which were thoroughly enjoyed. Roll call and general report by the secretary, Mrs. L. S. Brey.

The treasurer's report was made by Mrs. C. S. Everett and an interesting reading was given by Mrs. A. E. Davenport, of Mackeys club.

The principal speaker of the afternoon was Mr. W. C. Manning, of Williamston. He gave an interesting and vivid description of his trip abroad this year. Inspiration was his talk in every detail. We are highly indebted to Mr. Manning for being present at our meeting and helping to make it a success. At the close of his talk Mr. Manning presented the trophy cup to the Chapel Hill club, the basis of award being increase of membership, federation dues paid, retaining old members, and all members present at the federation. Much interest was shown throughout the year in working for the cup. Alba Club scored all of the points Chapel Hill did with the exception of 100 per cent attendance at the federation. Both clubs are to be congratulated on their splendid work.

Of much interest was the style show, which presented the different types of dresses, sport, general wear, and house dress. Some attractive dresses were made by the women of the various clubs.

All of the clubs deserve a lot of credit for the splendid work done during the past year. May you strive to make the coming year just as successful.—Home agent.

Four Cases Tried in Recorder's Court

There was not so much to be done in recorder's court Tuesday. The docket was light, but Recorder Darden disposed of four cases.

Nathaniel Barnes, 29, colored, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon but was found guilty of simple assault and the judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs.

Ernest Nixon, 23, colored, robbery and larceny was the charge; held for probable cause under \$100 bond. Edison Godwin, 15, white, and Charlie Cullins, 24, white, were dismissed on a charge of forcible trespass.

Sid Miller, 50, colored, farmer, and Vernon Harris, 34, colored, laborer, were charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, but Miller was found not guilty and Harris was sent to the roads for two months.

Zion Chapel Church To Begin New Year

Roper.—The Zion's Chapel Church will begin its new year's work on the first Sunday in November, with the regular preaching hours. Homecoming services will be held and the roll will be called in the afternoon. Every member is expected to come and bring lunch.

Regular services will be changed from second to first Sundays in each month, beginning in November.

The subjects for November 3 are: Sunday morning, "The Net Cast in the Sea." Sunday evening, "Salvation in Type."

The Rev. M. L. Ambrose is pastor.

Work Rushed on New County Home

Work is being rushed on the new county home near Plymouth to complete the building by November 15. Eight new plasterers, new steam fitters and finishing carpenters are at work on the building this week. Instructions have been issued to complete the building as early as possible.

Home and Club News

By Mary Frances Misenheimer

Schedule for Next Week

Monday, Plymouth colored club. Tuesday, Hoke Club. Wednesday, Roper Club. Thursday, Chapel Hill. Friday, Beech Grove.

Curb market Saturday morning at 8:30. Curb market last Saturday was unusually good. Mrs. E. N. Cheson led the sales this time. Mrs. S. S. Lilley was second. Miss Lula Watson had led the sales eight consecutive Saturdays. Try to make the curb market better each week.

Special Meet for Colored

Dazelle Lowe, district home demonstration agent for Negroes, from A. & T. College, Greensboro, will be the principal speaker at a special meeting sponsored by the two colored home demonstration clubs in Washington County. The meeting is to be held Monday, November 4, at 2:30, at the Washington County Training school in Plymouth.

Jar Contest Winners

The final judging in the Ball and Kerr jar contest was held in the courthouse Saturday, October 26. Mrs. Z. T. Askew, of Alba Club, was first winner in the Kerr jar contest. This consisted of two jars of meat, two of vegetables and two of fruits.

In the Ball jar contest the seven best exhibits were chosen as follows: first, Mrs. W. B. Chesson, of Pleasant Grove club; second, Mrs. J. F. Furlough, Creswell; third, Mrs. Jane Vail, Swains; fourth, Mrs. L. E. Hassell, Roper; fifth, Mrs. Lee Midgett, Mount Tabor; sixth, Mrs. C. T. White, Albemarle; seventh, Mrs. E. D. Woodley, Cherry.

The women are to be congratulated on their canned exhibits. All of the exhibits were beautiful and all those who entered the contest deserve credit for the fine work that was done.

Hearing on Affray Is Continued Week

The case of an affray between J. C. Gatlin and H. R. Stillman, both widely known men of Creswell, will be called in recorder's court next Tuesday, having been continued from the last session.

H. R. Stillman is charged in a warrant issued on October 26, with the indictment being signed by J. C. Gatlin, with disposing of a 1934 model Chevrolet truck without having satisfied a mortgage against the truck. The alleged offense was done May 21.

J. C. Gatlin was charged in a warrant signed by H. R. Stillman with an assault with a deadly weapon, the weapon not known to Stillman. This altercation took place allegedly on October 26. Both cases are expected to be called for disposition next Tuesday.

Campbell Member Of Statesmen Club

Robert B. Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Campbell here, has been selected a member of the Statesmen's Club of Wake Forest College. Young Campbell has written some interesting items for the Beacon, as well as Old Gold and Black college newspaper.

The Statesmen's Club is composed of 21 members. The organization is limited to 4 per cent of the student body. Only juniors and seniors who have completed at least 12 hours of social science and have maintained a high average on their college work are eligible for membership.

Number Divorces Granted by Court

Highlights of the week's term of Washington County Superior Court, which convened here last week for four days were divorces. Two civil cases were non-suited. The case of Mrs. Fletcher Harris against E. H. Liverman, suing him for negligence as a result of injuries sustained in a fall through a trap door in his store, was continued until next term.

Divorces were granted the following: Beverly A. Davenport from Mary Catherine Davenport; Leah Davidson Lyon from O. H. Lyon, jr.; Nancy Evich Lane from Beaumont W. Lane; Annie E. Phelps from Earl Phelps.

MOST ACCIDENTS WHERE DRIVING CONDITION IDEAL

Review of Last Year's Record Shows Little Excuse For Majority Wrecks

If you are perversely determined to add your name to North Carolina's mounting roster of motor accident fatalities, here are the conditions which will come nearest assuring you a place on the list:

Drive an automobile. A pedestrian has smaller chance. Be a male from 18 to 24 years of age, have more than a year's driving experience, be sure that your machine is a passenger car in good condition, has four-wheel brakes and balloon tires, pick out a straight stretch of State highway on a dry, clear December Sunday between 7 and 8 p. m.; then get glowingly lushed, exceed the speed limit and smash another automobile. If you can't speed, try driving on the wrong side of the road; that's effective, too.

Your chances of getting bumped into limbo are least if you are a woman driver over 55, with less than a year's experience, have physical defects, operate a taxi with solid tires and a gum tailight, over icy pavements between 7 and 8 a. m., on a snowy Wednesday in February, and confine yourself to smacking street cars.

If you can't afford an automobile in which to cross the Styx, some obliging motorist will very likely catapult you over, if you meet the following requirements:

Be a pedestrian between 15 and 64 years old, walk on the roadway and get confused by traffic.

If, as a pedestrian, you deem it inconvenient to be bumped suddenly into glory, your best chance of sticking around longer lies in this formula: Be anywhere from 5 to 14 years old, have a physical defect of some sort and limit your relations with motor vehicles to hitching onto their sides.

Based on analysis of the 5,417 auto deaths which occurred in North Carolina from 1928 through 1934, the local circumstances under which one may or may not shuffle off this mortal coil via the gasoline route are tabulated by the Motor Vehicle Bureau of the Department of Revenue.

A composite study of the seven years shows that 95.2 per cent of the drivers involved in fatal accidents were men, the remaining 4.8 per cent women. A total of 94 per cent were intoxicated, while only 2.7 per cent were handicapped by physical defects. Drivers from 18 to 24 years were involved in accidents two and one-half times as often as motorists from 25 to 54 years old, while persons 55 and over comprised only 4.8 per cent of the total.

Drivers with experience of a year or more accounted for 69.5 per cent of the total, while those with three to six months constituted only 2 per cent.

Speeding caused 19.3 per cent of the deaths, driving on the wrong side of the road 6.6 per cent, and passing other cars on the wrong side caused only 1 per cent.

Of the cars involved, 89.14 per cent were apparently in good condition, the largest number, 33.71 per cent, were passenger cars, 43.9 per cent had four-wheel brakes and 45.7 per cent balloon tires. The defect responsible for the smallest number of deaths, .01 per cent, was a bad tail light, while taxis were involved in the smallest percentage, .16.

The study indicates that accidents have the greatest tendency to occur in December, probably because of the heavy holiday traffic, 11.4 per cent being noted for this month, while the smallest percentage, 5.3, falls in February. Clear days saw 73.7 per cent, while only 4 per cent occurred during snowy weather. The peak, 7.8 per cent, was reached between 7 and 8 p. m., and the nadir, 1.1 per cent, between 7 and 8 a. m.

The greatest number, 74.41 per cent, occurred on dry roads, 55.5 per cent on straight stretches of State highway, while the smallest, .24 per cent, were noted on icy or snowy roads, and only 2.6 per cent at rural intersections.

Collisions with other automobiles resulted in 25.9 per cent of the deaths, while crashes with street cars accounted for only 3 per cent. Sundays had the largest percentage of deaths, 20.7, Wednesday the lowest, 10.6.

Pedestrians comprise a smaller percentage of the deaths, but they have their inning, accounting for 1 out of every 3 fatalities.

Foot travelers between 15 and 64 years composed 47.6 per cent of these deaths, while children 4 years and under accounted for the smallest number, 7.7 per cent.

The figures indicate that 46.4 per cent of the victims were confused by traffic, 37.6 per cent were intoxicated, while the smallest number, 7.8 per cent, had physical defects.

Manager Expecting Extensive Variety of Agricultural Entries

Indications Point To One of The Greatest Fairs East Of Raleigh This Year

"Arrangements for holding the Greater Roanoke or Williamston Fair next week were announced virtually complete today. Resident Manager Harvey Walker expressing keen pleasure at the unusually bright outlook for one of the largest and most successful exhibitions ever held in this section.

"Activities in all departments are progressing rapidly," Mr. Walker said, "and present indications point to a well-balanced fair program in every one of the numerous departments. While many exhibits in the agricultural departments will make an appearance just before the fair opens, we already have numerous entries that virtually assure a successful fair from an agricultural standpoint." Entries will be received in practically all department except livestock and poultry up to 6 o'clock next Monday afternoon. Livestock entries must be gotten in by 6 p. m. Saturday of this week, while the poultry entries will close Wednesday, October 30, at 6 p. m.

Several of the schools in the county are showing much interest in their exhibits, and individuals are unusually interested in entering prize articles. The swine and poultry buildings will be taxed to capacity, judging from the present number of entries, and with fair weather prevailing the people of this entire section can be assured of a highly entertaining event.

A goodly number of private booths have been spoken for already, and it is believed all available space will have been taken by the latter part of this week.

The manager has established headquarters on the grounds, and all details will be handled in connection with holding the fair within the next day or two. The race track has been put in good repair, and the grounds, recognized as the best in the east, are in good shape for the big event all next week.

The hour of arrival of the World of Mirth Shows, the largest traveling road today, has not been determined, but work on raising the amusement tents and the numerous rides will get underway early Sunday morning. Manager Walker announced today that automobiles would not be allowed on the grounds Sunday, explaining that the shows and rides cover so much ground that the resulting congestion caused by cars would delay the activities of the approximately 600 workmen in establishing the midway.

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Change in the last trip only from each terminal moved up one hour earlier on the account of shorter days. The revised schedule for the winter months is as follows: Leaves Edenton, 7 a. m., 9:30 a. m., 1:00 p. m.; leaves Mackeys 8 a. m., 11 a. m., 2:30 p. m., and 5 p. m.

Many travelers have requested this change on account of the shorter days during the winter months.

Large Crowd at Supper in Roper

Roper.—The chicken salad and oyster supper given last Thursday by the Roper band was largely attended. Especially was the dinner music, played by Aiken and his band, enjoyed. The proceeds will be used in buying the public address sound system which the Roper band will use at the Big Broadcast November 5. The winner of the baby contest will also be announced at the Big Broadcast.

2 WPA PROJECTS FOR THIS COUNTY START MONDAY

Town Market Will Be Improved and Renovated; Begin at Once

Approval of two WPA projects in Washington County that mean an expenditure of close to \$13,000, with the work to be started Monday, was announced here today by R. L. Pratt of Elizabeth City, who will be assisted in the choice of the personnel and in other ways by Julian Brinkley, of Plymouth.

The first project will cost \$11,311 and comprises the construction of a road from the suburbs of Roper to "A" canal and thence up the canal bank to Lake Phelps, to bring the Cherry people within seven miles of Roper. WPA will provide \$9,335, while the county will be asked to contribute \$1,976.

The road will be rebuilt and graded for 2 1/2 miles along the canal bank of drainage district No. 5. New road will be built for three miles. Fifty acres of right of way must be cleared. Zeb Vance Norman, local attorney, has been asked to attend to the legal status of securing the right of way.

The other project was that of renovating and improving of the conversion of the old town market into a rest room for ladies. It is expected to take two weeks to do the job. White and colored will be arranged for. The City Council has agreed that this building be used for this purpose.

However, White and Bowen, who have had the market for years are still in the building. It is not known when they will be able to move. WPA officials urge that the work must be started at once. It may be that the matter will fall through should the starting of the project be delayed.

Persons refusing work with the new WPA will be dropped from the relief rolls. Those who are working elsewhere now may get a job with the new WPA projects, providing they finish their work at the first place and employees may stop their jobs with the WPA for other jobs temporarily and will be taken back when their job is finished elsewhere. But all relief subjects able to work must work.

A program will be given by the colored home demonstration clubs of Washington County on Monday, November 4, at 2:30 in the afternoon, at the Washington County Training School. Mrs. Dazelle F. Lowe, of Greensboro, state Negro home demonstration agent, will be the principal speaker.

Rev. H. M. Reed, pastor of the colored Methodist church here, will conduct the devotional services. Miss Eliza McNair will respond to the words of welcome to be read by the president. Mrs. H. M. Reed will give a reading. Miss Mary Frances Misenheimer, county agent, will make the introductory remarks. W. H. Berry, principal of the school, will make a short talk.

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