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COUNTY POLITICS SEETHING UNDER COVER JUST NOW

Number Announcements of Candidacies Expected To Be Made Soon

A resume of what the rambling reporter picked up about the political situation of Washington County as concerns the coming June Democratic primary.

It is definite that Frank L. Brinkley will seek the office of register of deeds. Mrs. Mary Smith Cahoon is expected to enter the race. It appears now that Mrs. Kathleen Spruill, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Spruill, will also enter the race as friends continue to persuade her. Mrs. Mary O. Sawyer-Clayton will not run to succeed herself.

John W. Darden will run again for the nomination to succeed himself as recorder. This, he asserts, will be his last time to run for the place. Opposing him will be W. Ronald Gaylord, a young attorney. A third person who may seek the place is Sidney A. Ward, jr., attorney, who is expected to reach a conclusion soon.

W. T. Freeman avers that he will run for treasurer, while James A. (Jimbo) Chesson will be his opponent. Stuart Davis is expected to enter the race for this job. E. G. Arps, who has held the job for some time, will not ask for it again.

Sheriff J. K. Reid is not expected to have any opposition. C. V. W. Ausbon will not have to run again as clerk of the recorder and superior court. His term for four years expires two years hence. No names have been suggested as candidates for the nomination as coroner.

Looks like the jobs of the three commissioners may have to go begging. Frank Brinkley will not run again for this office. Sidney Smithson had not decided when asked about the matter Monday of this week, and J. M. Clagon is yet to announce his intention.

More are expected to enter the race as time goes by.

Erroneous Report About Liquor Sale

The Raleigh Times printed a story in its issue of January 28 to the effect that \$247,030.85 worth of liquor was sold in ABC stores in Washington County last year. It was also reported that taxes from this to the county government was \$9,410.92. Commissioner Frank L. Brinkley wants this money turned over to the county officials.

However, it was learned that this time it was not a reporter that erred but that the bookkeeping system of the Revenue Department of the State was to blame. There are, of course, no ABC stores in Washington County.

Ministers Will Use Newspaper Medium

Desecration of the Sabbath Day has become alarm and the ministers of Martin County propose to use the newspapers in this section, as well as the pulpits to improve conditions and Rev. Gilbert Davis, mayor-minister-merchant of Plymouth, who has charges in Martin County is on a committee to cooperate with the newspapers in spreading news of the effort for Sunday observance.

The Roanoke Beacon, Plymouth; The Enterprise, Williamston; and the Herald, Robersonville, are joining the ministers in their efforts and will devote space to religious news. Assisting Mr. Davis on this publicity committee of the Martin County Ministerial Association is Rev. J. M. Perry, pastor of Christian church, Robersonville; and Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, pastor of the Presbyterian church, Williamston.

Demonstrate Meat Canning on Friday

Don't forget to come to the free canning school Friday, 10:30 a. m., January 31. Interesting information will be given you by Miss Dickie Lee Lewis, home economist and culinary authority. The demonstration on canning meat will certainly aid you in your canning. The opportunity to have Miss Lewis with us is a great one. I'm sure you will miss something worth while if you fail to attend. I urge every one to be present who is interested in canning. The demonstration is to be in the basement of the courthouse.

Warden Asks Cooperation in Reducing Loss by Forest Fires

Farmers in Washington County are urged to by Forest Fire Warden Stuart F. Darden to be very careful when they burn brush or other growth on their land for tobacco beds or for other purposes, to prevent the spread of fire to the wooded sections.

In December, 1935, there were 33 counties cooperating with the state service for forest fire prevention, with an average of 150 acres burned, doing a damage of \$3.30 per acre. In December, 1935, there were

55 counties cooperating with an average of 23 acres burned per fire, and an average damage per acre of \$2.10.

Mr. Darden will be on the job every day from now until the spring burning season is over to help in preventing the spread of fires from farm lands to forests. Every person starting a fire should be careful not to let it get out of control. Mr. Darden urges all to help him keep down the damage done by fires, especially from now until the summer.

DEMONSTRATOR



Miss Dickie Lee Lewis, nationally known meat-canning expert, who will conduct a demonstration in the courthouse basement Friday morning, January 31, at 10:30. All women in the county are invited and urged to attend.

Tri-County Medical Society in Meeting During Past Week

Dr. T. L. Bray Is President Of Organization; Talk Mutual Problems

Selection of a place and the time for the next meeting was the problem that was facing Dr. T. L. Bray, health officer of Washington County, and his committee from the Martin-Washington-Tyrrell Counties Medical Society, which met in Williamston last week.

This organization is composed of 16 doctors from the three counties mention in the name of the society. They meet about six times each year, but their meetings are irregular in time. The organization was formed so that the physicians could discuss mutual problems and also for the social benefits.

Dr. Bray, well-known and well-liked physician of Plymouth, is the first doctor from Washington County to have the honor of being president of the society. He is also a member of the North Carolina State Medical Society, Seaboard Medical Society and Southern Medical Society.

Roper Juniors Will Give Play Thursday

Thursday evening, February 6, the junior class of the Roper High School will present their annual play, "Which Shall He Marry," a comedy in three acts. The popular admission will be charged.

The cast includes Virginia Gibson, Virginia Ainsley, Lelia B. Davenport, Mildred Phelps, Sarah F. Leary, Christine Chesson, Caroline Spruill, Russel Knowles, Asa Johnson.

Fire Destroys Barn In Westover Section

Fire destroyed a barn on the Folly Farm in the Westover section of Washington County Tuesday night. George W. Ayers now lives on the farm. Corn and farming implements were destroyed. It happened between 9 and 10 o'clock at night. Origin of the fire is unknown. However, it was not thought to have been fired maliciously. A rifle was also lost in the blaze. Hogs were killed the day of the fire, and it might have been that the blaze was started as the result of carelessness.

Roper Parents and Teachers in Regular Meet Last Tuesday

Complete Reports Made by Several Committees; Good Program

The Roper Parent-Teacher Association held its regular monthly meeting January 21, with a large number of members present.

Mrs. Poole, chairman of the ways and means committee, reported an "Inch arty" planned for Tuesday evening, February 24, at the school building, the price of admission being 1 penny for every inch of waist line. Fun and refreshments will be provided.

Miss Bunch, chairman of the library committee, reported \$8 on hand, raised by the high school students, to be used in purchasing books of fiction for the library.

Mrs. John Chesson, chairman of the membership drive contest, presented a cake to the tenth grade for having the most paid-up members present.

A special committee was appointed by the president to report to Superintendent McLean all persons in need of the clothing made in the WPA sewing rooms. This committee is composed of members in every community served by the school to wit: Dr. Gibson, Roper; Mrs. Leon Bray, Mill Pond; Mrs. Edna Skiles, Swain Town; Mrs. James Chesson, Cross Roads; Mrs. Clint Everett, Skinnerville and Holly Neck; Mrs. Will Swain, Pleasant Grove; and W. B. Davenport, Mackeys.

The chairman of the program committee, Mrs. Gibson, put on an interesting and timely Kipling program, with the following taking part: Miss Ruth McKellar, Miss Bunch, Mr. Forbes, and Mr. Poole. After the literary program, Miss Misenheimer, county demonstrator, conducted several games and contests, presenting the winners with candy donated by Mr. Frith Winslow.

Permit Fishermen To Sell White Perch

A committee, composed of Zeb Vance Norman, of Washington County; O. L. Williams, of Hyde County; and J. C. Meekins, of Tyrrell County, representing the Southern Albemarle Association, appeared before the Board of Conservation and Development at Raleigh on January 22 in behalf of the commercial fishermen in these counties in an effort to have present rules of the board suspended to allow the commercial fishermen broader privileges.

For some months, there has been no open season on white perch, and they were classified as game fish, but, at the instance of the committee, the board relaxed the rule, and white perch may now be taken and sold as any other commercial fish. This will mean a large saving to the fishermen of this section of the state, for the reason that white perch always bring a fancy price. The board also agreed to allow commercial fishing in certain waters of Tyrrell County and had been excluded as commercial fishing grounds.

Mary J. Sanderson Passes Wednesday

Mrs. Mary J. Sanderson, wife of Richard R. Sanderson, well-known and well-liked in Plymouth, died Wednesday at noon after suffering from high blood pressure and complications for about four years. She was 60 years of age. Surviving are the following children and her husband: Mrs. L. O. Swain, Morrison, Va.; Mrs. R. A. Chesson, White and William Sanderson, of Richmond; Eddie Sanderson, Philadelphia; Miss Alma and T. P. Sanderson, Plymouth.

Home and Club News

By Mary Frances Misenheimer

Schedule for February 3-8

Monday, Busy Bee Club. Tuesday, Hoke Club. Wednesday, Roper 4-H Club, Women's Club. Thursday, Chapel Hill. Friday, Beech Grove. Saturday, Murratock Colored Club.

Saturday morning, 8:30, curb market. Even if the weather is cold, try to be here. Mrs. Joe Browning of Hoke Club led the sales. This is the second Saturday she has led.

Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Dillon were selected as poultry and dairy leaders in the County Bridge Club. I am sure they are going to do great work with these two new projects.

Pleasant Grove Club was enthusiastic to have Miss Brooks, assistant nutrition specialist, present at their club meeting last Tuesday. Miss Brooks gave an interesting talk on "The Daily Food Essentials."

Members of the Creswell club are good-natured as well as interested in their work. Their meeting lasted until 5:30 Thursday, but they seemed to enjoy it and stayed until it closed. Several new leaders were appointed, and a new member, Mrs. Harris, was added to the club.

Alba Club started the new year right. Such a large number of members were present and all were ready to get to work. Their first plans are to give a play within a few months to help finance their club. Watch for the date.

Mrs. W. H. Harrison, president of the county federation, and the home agent attended a meeting in Williamston Monday morning, January 27. Agents from four counties, and the county council presidents of each county met to make out a program for the district federation meeting. The meeting is to be in Williamston this year. There is no reason why Washington County couldn't have the largest number present. Start making plans to attend. The date will be announced later.

Miss Sallie Brooks, nutritional specialist, held a most worthwhile leaders' school January 22, with 27 members present.

Miss Brooks gave to the leaders interesting and helpful facts concerning foods. "The Daily Food Essentials" and requirements for an award of merit were explained and discussed.

Picnic lunch was enjoyed by all.

Sunday Services At Zion's Chapel

Services at Zion's Chapel Sunday, February 3. Sunday school, 10 a. m. Preaching services 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Topic Sunday morning, "High Points in Sermon on the Mount." Topic Sunday night, "Things New." Everyone invited.—M. L. Ambrose.

Bonus Bill Is Passed Over Veto Monday

The bonus bill, calling for the distribution of more than \$2,000,000,000 to World War veterans became law Monday, when President Roosevelt signed the measure after the Congress had overridden his veto. Veterans will have to file papers with their own organizations or with the veterans' administration in Washington for an exchange of their claims for the \$50 baby bonds. No cash will be available before the 15th of next June.

Martin veterans are in line to receive \$257,774, and already a number of them have applied for the cold cash due them under the bill.

Craven Exchange Makes Profit of \$3,218 in 1935

The Craven County Farmers Mutual Exchange made a net profit of \$3,218.14 last season, out of which a 4 per cent patronage dividend was distributed to members. The Eastern Carolina Firemen's Association, and that each editor be requested to publish same together with his comments, and that they be urged to continue this fight until our highways shall be made safe for our citizens.

Applications Made To FHA for Loans Totaling \$20,000 by Plymouth Citizens

Applications have been prepared for loans amounting to close to \$20,000 for new residences in the town of Plymouth, it was learned from J. H. (Jack) McMullan, of Edenton, field supervisor for the FHA, who was in town last week.

All of these applications are loans for property in the town of Plymouth limits. None are for repairs or remodeling but all are for new houses. The average loan is for

\$3,500. Some are more and some less. This includes for Plymouth only.

Several thousands of dollars' worth of loans will be sought down the county, including Roper and Creswell. Mr. McMullan visited a number of interested persons while here. He was encouraged with the response to his visits. Any one wishing a loan for repairs or for new residence buildings should write to Mr. McMullan at Edenton.

Former Postmaster Said To Be Living In Canadian Town

Sheriff Receives Information Concerning A. L. Alexander

Definite information has been received by Sheriff J. K. Reid from unrevealed sources that A. L. Alexander, former postmaster of Plymouth and well-known business man, who disappeared from Plymouth Monday, October 21, 1935, was in St. Katherine, Ontario Province, Canada.

The information is both definite and reliable and came through legal sources but the sheriff would not reveal the actual source to the press. In fact he did not tell Mrs. Alexander and the family how he obtained the information, but did tell them where Mr. Alexander was.

It is expected that the matter will drop where it is, as it would cost some \$1,500 to extradite him from the country that borders the United States on its north. His deserted family does not have the money to bring him back.

The meagre information was to the effect that Mr. Alexander was working for or was a partner in a large fur-buying organization that operated in Canada. For years, Mr. Alexander was a fur buyer in Plymouth in addition to his regular duties as merchant-farmer.

A representative of the famed "G-men" organization was in Plymouth some time ago but did not get any information, so far as could be determined, about Mr. Alexander.

It is the opinion that the matter will drop where it is, as it is too expensive to secure the extradition of Mr. Alexander, who, it is sure, would fight the procedure.

Gets Two Years on Roads for Assault

Walter (Bootsie) Moore, jr., colored man, was sent to the roads for two years in recorder's court Tuesday as the result of an assault on George Patrick last Wednesday in the Skinnerville section.

Evidence tended to show that Patrick asked Moore for the money due on some overalls. Moore became angry and snatched a gun from beneath the folded arm of Patrick and fired at him, the shot going into the ground between Patrick's legs as he quickly leaped aside.

Then Moore converted the gun into a club and beat Patrick into insensibility and threatened to shoot him again, when a white man interfered. This is the fourth time that Moore has been found guilty of an assault.

Medical aid was rendered Patrick at a hospital in Columbia and he continues to improve from the skull wound.

Ability to Entertain Asset To Chauffeur

Ability to entertain has its advantages, even when one is a chauffeur. Take the case of Roy Murphy, colored, of Plymouth, who is now chauffeur for S. M. Chase, president of the Chase National Bank in New York City. Murphy was chosen from a group of 25 applicants from an employment agency. His quarters are on the Chase premises.

In addition to his neat appearance Murphy has a smooth voice and is well educated. And he can sing and dance. Many times this former school teacher and dance-band leader at a local resort, has resorted to his talents to entertain his employers.

With piano accompaniment, Murphy sings and dances to the guests of the rich New Yorkers. Mrs. Chase sometimes calls him "Bojangles," after the well-known singing and dancing movie actor, Bill Robinson.

LINDSAY WARREN WARNS AGAINST CROP INCREASES

No Control Program For Major Crops Of This Section In 1936

Washington, D. C.—In a statement sent this week to his district, Representative Lindsay Warren declared that there would be no potato program this year, and warned potato growers, as well as tobacco, cotton, and peanut farmers, that they faced the same bankrupt condition that existed prior to 1933 unless they exercised their own control over what they planted and produced.

The North Carolina member, who has played an active part in agricultural legislation during the last six years, said:

"By reason of the amazing decision of the Supreme Court, the Agricultural Adjustment Administration has been destroyed, as well as the control bills for cotton, tobacco, and potatoes. These measures had the overwhelming approval of the farmers of our state, for they were fast being liberated from an economic serfdom that had brought bankruptcy and ruin to them. As a result of the decision, Congress has been placed in a straightjacket, for every one knows that agriculture is a national problem. Congress will remain here in session and pass some new measure, which we hope will include all crops. What it will be or when it will become a law no one can now tell or predict. In my opinion, it is going to be difficult to secure any thing as effective as the AAA. Planting time will soon begin, especially potato planting. If our growers, especially after all they have suffered in the past, again plant the earth in potatoes, and run wild with the contract system, then the same bankruptcy stares them in the face.

"We made the greatest fight for the potato growers that has happened here in Congress for many years, and it was won against almost insurmountable odds. But the Supreme Court has now destroyed that. The same thing applies to tobacco, cotton, peanuts and other crops. The only hope I can see for our farmers this year is that they plant only what allotment they would have received had the AAA been continued, and in no case should they exceed that. After the hard lessons they have been taught in the past, they have now the opportunity to exercise self-control and voluntarily hold down their production. As one who is vitally interested in agriculture and who has fought its battles I urge them to do this. Overproduction in 1936 before any permanent farm policy is worked out, spells ruin."

New Music and Tap Dancing Studio Here

Plymouth has a music and tap dancing studio that has proved to be a success since it was opened a few weeks ago by Bob Wilson, of Baltimore, Md. Mr. Wilson came to Plymouth about six weeks ago with his wife and brother, Leo Wilson, at which time Mrs. Wilson, who is "Madame Evonne," gave two performances at the New Theatre here.

After being in Plymouth a few days Mr. Wilson and his family decided to locate here. Mr. Wilson rented some rooms and opened a music and tap dance studio, where he teaches string music and tap dancing. In the few weeks Mr. Wilson has been here he has had about 60 pupils taking lessons in both music and dancing.

After a few weeks' rest, "Madame Evonne" will go on tour again with her mind-reading acts, but Plymouth will be the headquarters, and Mr. Wilson will continue to maintain his studio here and take care of their two boys while Mrs. Wilson is on tour.

Skinnerville Man Dies From Gunshot

Carney Spruill, jr., young white man of the Skinnerville section of Washington County, was killed on Tuesday afternoon by a shotgun in his home. Officers were informed that the despondent young man took his own life.

No reason was disclosed for the act, except that he was despondent. Death followed shortly after he fired the shot. Funeral arrangements could not be learned in time for the paper to go to press. Dr. W. H. Harrell, of Creswell, rendered medical aid. He is survived by a widow and children.