

## OVER 200 ATTEND FATHER AND SON BANQUET FRIDAY

### Clyde Erwin Is Principal Speaker at Event in Roper Friday

Pater and their lads went out together last Friday night.

And men of 60 and boys of 12 laughed heartily at the jokes told by men who knew their gags and how to put them over.

They listened to lively tunes that caused both the oldsters and youngsters to softly shuffle their feet or mumble the notes of the music from Aiken and his Carolina Aces.

And then they grew serious and talked together of the future of the American farmers and how, through better education and more cooperation among the tillers of the soil, there was a brighter day ahead for them.

They ate good wholesome food that was produced right here in Washington County and prepared and served by the best cooks in the world, wives and mothers of the banqueters.

This was the first annual father and son banquet of the Tri-County Vocational Agriculture association, which is composed of farm students in the Jamesville, Plymouth, Roper, Creswell and Columbia schools. Over 200 were present.

Clyde Erwin, superintendent of public instruction in North Carolina was the principal speaker, and he spiced his address with wholesome jokes as he told of the value of education as regards agriculture.

Mr. Erwin was presented by T. E. Browne, state supervisor of vocational education, who in turn was introduced by N. B. Chestnut, of Greenville, district supervisor of vocational education.

Principal D. E. Poole, of the Roper school, returned thanks for the food, while Woodrow Collins, Roper, welcomed the visitors. Stafford Davenport, Creswell, replied. F. C. Stallings, Jamesville, told of the objectives of the Future Farmers of America organization.

Ernest Davenport provided the harmonica music, while Wilford Swain danced as the contribution of Creswell to the program. Ray Coburn, Jamesville, spoke on "Down on the Farm." Charles Ed Brinn, of Columbia, told "How To Improve the Poultry Flock."

William Mizell, Plymouth, revealed some interesting facts on "Winter Cover Crops." Miss Alice Ambrose, Roper, was featured in a solo by the orchestra.

Principals of the schools were recognized: W. T. Crutchfield, Columbia; D. E. Poole, Roper; L. W. Anderson, Plymouth; J. T. Uzelle, Jamesville; C. H. Aderholdt, Creswell; other recognized were H. H. McLean, superintendent of public instruction, Washington County; R. H. Bachman, superintendent of public instruction, Tyrrell County.

Teachers of vocational agriculture in the schools that put on the banquet were: A. H. Guy, Columbia; A. H. Tucker, Creswell; C. H. Floyd, Roper; J. O. Cooper, Plymouth; R. C. Jordan, Jamesville.

Officers of the association are Louis Alligood, Creswell, president; Grayson Everett, Roper, vice president; Charles E. Brinn, Columbia, secretary; F. C. Stallings, Jamesville, treasurer; Ray Bowen, Plymouth, reporter; A. H. Guy, Columbia, advisor.

## Watch Offered Best Student of English

A watch will be given by Don G. Davis, local jeweler, to the student in the senior class of the Plymouth High School who manifests the most improvement in English during the last semester.

The report cards of the individual will form the basis of decision. Work done already has no bearing on the case except to determine the improvement made by the student. Either a boy's or girl's watch is offered. Ask Mr. Davis at his store about details or Principal Anderson.

## Favorable Comment Given Local Singers

"That is the best choir anywhere in this part of the State." "It is worth going a hundred miles to hear." "That choir is good enough to sing in New York City."

These are remarks remembered by Rev. C. T. Thrift from the visitors who were here last week to the group conference of the Methodist church. The allusions were to the local Methodist Church singers.

## SIDELIGHTS ON FATHER & SON SUPPER FRIDAY

Clyde Erwin, superintendent of public information of North Carolina, down here for the father and son banquet, told this one:

Two drunks were swifter than another, encumbered with a handbag( and climbed aboard the moving train as it pulled out of the station. The third rested on the bag, exhausted after trying to catch the train and his pals.

"Pity you were left," said the sympathetic soul. "And how about my pals on the rear of the train who came down to see me off," replied the third.

"Give him the eyes of an eagle so that he see sin afar off.

"Glue his ears to the gospel telephone and fix his gaze on the center of the skies;

"Illuminate his brow so that the fires of hell will look like light from tallow candles,

"Anoint him with the kerosene of thy power and set him on fire."

That is what N. B. Chestnut, of Greenville, district supervisor of vocational education, said when he introduced T. E. Browne, state supervisor of vocational education, at the father and son banquet.

"There are two kinds of dairy stock," said Mr. Browne, "one is the dairy type and the other is the beef type. I don't get fat; so I am not of the beef type.

"While I was extolling the benefits of peanuts on one occasion, I mentioned that hogs ate them and recited the benefits they received, when I was interrupted in the back of the hall by a voice, 'Why don't you eat them?'"

R. H. Bachman, superintendent of schools in Tyrrell County, and H. H. McLean, superintendent of the schools in this county, and many others were loud in their praise of the fine coffee served. It was brewed by Miss A. C. Carstarphen, who has been teaching school in this county for more than 50 years.

As usual, a banquet entails a lot of work for some one. This time it was Mrs. Edison Davenport, president, and the women and girls of the parent-teacher association at Roper who were tired when the banquet ended. The ladies did their work well.

## Funeral Thursday For Eli S. Spruill

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon for Eli S. Spruill, 48, who died Wednesday morning in a Durham hospital. He had been suffering from pneumonia about a week before his removal to the hospital.

Last rites were held in the Phillip Christian church, of which he was a member, by the pastor, Rev. Roy O. Respass.

Surviving is a widow, four daughters, Mrs. D. E. Bowen, Portsmouth; Mrs. W. H. Peele, Misses Irene and Iris Spruill, Creswell; five sons, M. O. Spruill, Newport News; Junior, Wilson, William, and Jimmy Spruill, Creswell.

## Attend Republican State Convention

J. R. Manning, H. A. Liverman, and J. R. Carr, of Plymouth, and John L. Phelps, of Creswell, attended the meeting of the Republicans held in Raleigh last week. Mr. Carr said one guest was as good as another, but that it looked like Gov. Alf Landon, of Kansas, would be the Republican nominee for president.

It was also interesting to note that Mr. Phelps was named by the State Republican party as their nominee for commissioner of agriculture for North Carolina. Mr. Phelps is a large planter and certainly knows the needs of the farmer. He has run before for this same office, but the Democrats have managed to count more votes.

## Tribute Is Paid To Local Curb Market

Glowing tribute is paid to farm women of this vicinity who successfully operate their own cooperative curb market in Plymouth, in a feature article by Roy H. Park which appears in the April State Farmer section.

Under the heading "Curb Marketing Has Become Big Business," the Plymouth market is listed as one of the 34 successful similar projects in the state.

## GROW LETTUCE AND CELERY ON COUNTY FARMS

### \$60,000 Experiment Now in Progress on Farm Near Creswell

Lettuce and celery culture is now an important enterprise in Washington County.

Millions of plants have been removed from beds in Miami and Sarasota, Fla., and transplanted on 90 acres of ground within the domain of the historic old Somerset Plantation in Scuppernon Township.

This project will mean an expenditure of \$60,000 by J. J. Schuur and his general manager, A. L. Vlieg, now are in charge of the farm that is located a few miles from Creswell. Options are held on about 300 acres of the land, with the buying delayed to await the success or failure of the first crop.

As many as 125 laborers have been employed at one time to help in removing and establishing the vegetables in this county. The pay roll is close to \$600 weekly. More than a third of the expenditure, or about \$25,000, will be paid to labor.

Rows of the pretty celery plants are more than a quarter of a mile long and are as straight as it is possible to have them. Squatting next to the celery are the green lettuce plants. Nature could hardly formulate a more beautiful picture than the green-brown celery plants and the lettuce heads as they peep out of a very black loamy soil.

Planting this season has been entirely by hand, with 40,000 celery stalks arranged on a single acre, with almost the same amount of lettuce arranged. Celery is growing on 60 acres and lettuce on 30 acres. That means 2,400,000 stalks of celery and over a million heads of lettuce.

The rows of the plants are three feet apart while the stalks of celery are four inches apart. The lettuce is spaced slightly farther apart than this.

Each acre represents an expenditure of \$500 for the celery and \$200 for lettuce. This includes, of course, planting, cultivation, fertilizing, harvesting, packing and shipping. Planting has been done by hand this season, but it is expected that next summer the second crop will be planted with the aid of machines.

There are to be two crops each year. The first is planted in March and harvested in June, while the second is planted in July and harvested in October.

During the growing period constant attention must be paid to the little tender plants. Grass must be taken from the rows with the use of hoes and by hand.

An irrigation system has been arranged with ditches for the water and a pump to take it away when it is too plentiful. Water is emptied into ditches spaced only a few yards apart, through which the water seeps to moisten the land and to nourish the plants.

Mr. Schuur and his helpers are very much encouraged over the prospects for their venture, as the growth of the plants has been very satisfactory so far. Some seem to think that the hot July weather may be detrimental to the planting of the second crop, but Mr. Vlieg doubts that this will be a very difficult matter to handle.

## Plan Dance To Raise Funds for Campaign

Wilbur M. Darden, local attorney and leader of young Democrats in Washington County, has been asked by Bessie B. Phoenix, president of State organization, to hold a Jefferson Day dance on the night of April 13 for the purpose of "raising more funds for the coming campaign." A generous portion of the money received nationally from these dances will go to the national headquarters of the Young Democratic Clubs of America to be used during the campaign.

## Begin Revival at Methodist Church

Rev. C. T. Thrift, the pastor, will preach at the Methodist church next Sunday, both morning and night, and every night next week at 7:30 o'clock. "Jesus Christ" will be the general theme of the series of services.

The subjects for Sunday will be: 11 a. m., "Jesus, the Child of Prophecy"; 7:30 p. m., "The Eternity of Jesus."

Every member of the Methodist church is urged to attend every service and the people of Plymouth are cordially invited.

## ABOUT TOWN

C. N. Davenport, sr., of Creswell, was in Plymouth Saturday attending to business. He mentioned that a number in his section had been sick during the winter, but that most of them had recovered. He also said that there were many deep holes in the roads, but that they were dry and passable in most places.

J. L. McAlister, of Roper, a former sheriff of Washington County, was in town Friday. He has been sick for some time, but is out again. He stayed in bed two weeks, which is a longer period than at any other period in his 60 years of life.

John B. Stillman, from out Cool Springs way, was in Plymouth last week-end. He has been in bed for the last three months, but is grateful that he is able to be out again. He has lost the use of his right hand due to what physicians have told him was arthritis. Except for the ailing hand he seemed to be in good health.

E. B. Spencer, of Creswell, was in Plymouth last Friday. He is much concerned with the social security law, or "old age pensions." It is thought now that as soon as the North Carolina General Assembly meets, law will be enacted to match the funds offered by the government, and this will mean that eligibles will receive about \$30 or \$45 a month.

Jack Swain was at home this week with his family from Merry Hill, in Bertie County, where he and Chas. Weeks are in charge of a logging crew for the Plymouth Box & Panel Company. They have 25 employees now and want to increase this to 40 this week. All but about 10 are from here. They have been working regularly despite bad weather.

Miss Edith Edmundson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Edmundson, was at home during the week-end from Greensboro, where she is attending the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina. She is majoring in music after having spent two years in studying piano at Louisiana College. She hopes to instruct in piano when she finishes three years from now.

Mrs. Eliza Hampton was at home during the week-end from Elizabeth City, where she is employed in the Federal Writers' Projects, which will make a history of the United States. She is interested in news and interesting material from Washington County. This is to give employment to writers, and this is why the government is doing this work.

Mrs. G. K. Harris spent last week-end in Raleigh.

## SUPERIOR COURT DOCKET CARRIES 15 CIVIL ACTIONS

### Court To Observe Easter Monday As Holiday; To Convene April 14

Fifteen cases are on the docket for disposition at the April term of Washington County Superior court which is scheduled to open here on Tuesday, April 14. Special attention is being called to the fact that Judge W. C. Harris, of Raleigh, will not open court on Easter Monday.

Sheriff J. K. Reid asks that the jurors and others take notice and not come to court until Tuesday as there will be no session on Monday. Divorce and motion cases are to be called at the discretion of the court. No cases are calendared for Saturday.

The calendar: Tuesday, April 14: W. W. Bateman against National Union Insurance Company; F. C. Tarkenton against Gurney P. Hood, et al; J. J. Johnson, et al, against W. B. Copersmith and others.

Wednesday, April 15: Shugar against W. S. Bowen; C. C. Paul administrator, against W. S. Bowen; J. L. Strickland, et al against Ernest Roe; Errel Jackson, et al against Branch Banking and Trust Company, (defendant objects to calendar of this cause and gives notice that motion will be made to strike same from calendar). Harrison Wholesale Company against J. C. Spruill et al; Harrison Wholesale Company against L. O. Horton et al.

Thursday, April 16: Cox Motor Company against John Atamanuck; G. H. Cox et al against J. H. Gaylord III; G. H. Cox against J. H. Gaylord III; Janie Davenport et al against Mary J. Davenport et al.

Friday, April 17: F. C. Thornton against John Atamanuck et al; J. I. Heritage against Victor Lewis.

## AMEND RULES TO PERMIT FISHING IN SOME CREEKS

### Lawful To Take Herrings With Nets In Certain Inland Waters Now

Below is a copy of a letter received by Miller Warren, game protector of Washington County, from J. D. Chalk, of Raleigh, commissioner of the division of game and inland fisheries of the State Department of Conservation and Development:

"In view of the peculiar local situation that exists in connection with the seasonal run of herring in certain canals and creeks in Washington, Tyrrell and Martin Counties, and in view of the fact that these herrings are now beginning to run and in order to permit your people to follow their usual custom of taking some of the fresh fish with dip nets for winter use,

"I am taking the liberty of granting the privilege requested until the close of the commercial fishing season which is now scheduled as May 10, and I shall ask the board to confirm this action at the next meeting.

"The streams in which herring can be taken in this manner are the canals that run from Lake Phelps to the Scuppernon River and the following creeks: Deep Creek in Washington and Tyrrell Counties; Kendrick's Creek or Mackeys Creek, Conoby Creek, and Welch's Creek in Washington County; Warren Neck Creek, Gardner's Creek and Sweet Water Creek in Martin County."

Copies of this letter were sent to L. E. Warrington, C. L. Bailey, Jno. W. Darden, De. C. McGowan, W. J. Sawyer and W. O. Abbitt. Mr. Darden was the first to raise this question with the department of conservation and development officials.

## Films To Be Shown Here Rank High

Evaluations of the current films that are to be shown in the New Theatre are made by Mrs. L. W. Anderson, of Plymouth, chairman of the preview committee of the fifteenth district of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs.

Pictures booked for the New Theatre here that are endorsed by Mrs. Anderson's committee starts with "The Littlest Rebel," which stars Shirley Temple and plays here next Thursday and Friday, April 3 and 4.

Other pictures that are booked by Shep Brinkley include "The Story of Louis Pasteur," "Diamond Jim," for future showing here. These are included among the 30 approved by Mrs. Anderson's committee. Others of high rank that have already been shown include "David Copperfield," "Mutiny on the Bounty," "A Tale of Two Cities."

## Sues Edenton Man Result of Arrest

Delma Simpson, of the Skimmersville section of Washington County, has filed suit for \$5,000 against E. J. Spruill, of Chowan County. The action was brought in Edenton.

Mr. Spruill had sworn out a warrant against Mr. Simpson charging him with the theft of \$7 worth of soybeans. The theft was alleged to have occurred on March 16. Magistrate John W. Darden heard the complaint and acquitted Mr. Simpson.

Through his lawyer, Mr. Simpson claims that he is "sensitive and of upright disposition" and considers himself damaged at least \$5,000.

## W. B. Rodman, Jr. In Race for Senate

William B. Rodman, jr., has formally announced his candidacy for the state senate from this senatorial district, subject to the June primary. Mr. Rodman graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1910, studied law there and obtained his license to practice in 1911. He has since that time practiced in Washington, N. C., and generally throughout this district as a member of the law firm of MacLean and Rodman. During the World War he served in the Navy with the rank of lieutenant, and prior to the war he served as commanding officer of the Washington Division of the Naval Militia. He has served as mayor of Washington and as president of the Washington Rotary Club. He is president of Harris Hardware Co., a director of the Bank of Washington, and engages extensively in farming in Beaufort County.

## Sheriff Says Politics Hamper Institutions

### Home and Club News

By Mary Frances Misenheimer

The home demonstration clubs that meet the week following the first Sunday in the month were held this past week, since there was a fifth Sunday. The week following a fifth Sunday is usually left vacant. The meetings were held a week early so the agent can spend the Easter holidays at her home.

The largest of members were present at the Cool Springs Club meeting last week that has been in months. Mrs. John Stillman, who has been absent due to illness, was out again. Several new members were added to the club. A number of shrubs were exchanged.

The members of the Piney Grove Club brought to their yard leader, Mrs. Harold Patrick, all types of shrubs. Since Mrs. Patrick has a new home, all are interested in helping to improve her yard.

Mrs. W. H. Harrison and Mrs. L. A. Parrisher visited the home agent Monday afternoon. They were in town in the interest of the rural electrification program.

Mrs. R. W. Lewis, garden leader of Cross Roads Club, says her garden is looking good.

Mrs. J. W. Marow, poultry leader of the same club, has started work on the poultry project.

A good meeting was held at the Lake Farm last week. This was the first meeting to be held for several months, due to the bad roads.

Misses Blanche and Ida Davis have 350 baby chicks. One will know where to look for young chickens in a month or so.

## Local Merchant Offers \$5 Prize for Best Club Gardens

### Home Agent Urges Women To Work for Award by W. F. Winslow

W. F. Winslow, prominent business man of Plymouth, is offering a prize, \$5 in cash, to the home demonstration club in Washington County which has the best and most worth-while gardens.

Mr. Winslow states, "It is with pleasure I offer this prize to the club that strives to uphold and take an interest in all phases of the club work—especially the gardens."

Club women, get busy on your gardens. Which club will have every member having an A-1 garden? No matter how small the club is, you have a chance. The judging will be on the percentage basis. \$5.00 is something to work for. I can speak for the club women as a whole and thank Mr. Winslow for the interest he has and is showing in boosting the club work.—Mary Frances Misenheimer, home agent.

## Value for Farms In County Ranks 52nd

Washington County ranks 52nd among the 100 counties in the State according to average value of farm land and buildings per farm for the year 1935.

The average acres per farm is 58.6; crop land harvested per farm, 25.2 acres; value of land and buildings per acre, \$34.72; value of land and buildings per farm, \$2,040.

## Worming of Poultry To Be Done Very Carefully

Birds that are heavily infested with worms are usually quite thin, there is a drawn appearance of the face parts, and sometimes a fading of the eye. The birds are also sluggish and are invariably poor producers. When this condition appears in the flock several birds should be killed and the intestinal tract checked for worms. Before any medication, however, one should see his county agent, as worming a flock must be done carefully to prevent the birds going into a moult.

## Describes Difficulty Of Finding Place for Insane at Hospitals

### Says Assembly Should Pass Laws Providing Care for Unfortunates

"Walking a political plank as narrow as the hair on your head is necessary to get a mentally sick person admitted to state institutions," it was charged here today by Sheriff J. K. Reid, of Washington County, who knows the troubles encountered in this work.

"All they tell you is that there is no room. That they are crowded. They should make room for these forgotten men and women. Legislators pass laws for bridges and highway construction and anything for pleasure, but they never think of these dependent people who have lost their mental faculties or are born with an unsound mind.

"Here in jail now is a colored girl who has been incarcerated for 15 days; a raving maniac with not enough mind to keep herself clothed. For more than two weeks we have been awaiting reply to an application for entrance at the state hospital for the colored in Goldsboro. But not a word.

"How would you like for your wife, mother, sister, daughter, father or brother, who was so unfortunate as to lose their minds, to be lodged in a county jail, there to stay while officials haggle over their admittance to state hospitals. It is a shame and a disgrace.

"Some time ago I was compelled to resort to one of our senators for help in order to get a little girl admitted to the Caswell Training School at Kinston for the feebleminded. I threatened to leave her sitting on the steps of the institution. The official in charge replied, 'I don't blame you.'

"If they haven't room to take care of these forgotten men and women they should provide for them in the next legislature and then they could turn again to road building, bridge construction, highway improvement and other things for pleasure. Unless our legislators do this, they are not doing their duty. This does not apply to all, as some are conscientious and want to do their duty, but these seem to be in the minority.

"I'm not a politician myself; just a conscientious servant of the people whom I represent in my county," concluded the officer who has been the guardian of the law in this county for 15 years, succeeding his father.

## Show Much Interest In Special Services

The evangelistic meeting which started last Sunday at the local Christian church is proving to be of great interest to the community. The auditorium has been filled to its capacity for the past two nights, and to make room for the churches that expect to visit, the partition will be removed to give more seating space. Added to the list of churches that will be guest of the local church is Holly Neck Christian church. They will be present on their assigned special night (Tuesday, April 7), with a large delegation and special music.

Mr. H. H. McLean, speaking at the Christian church Monday night, on "Lay Evangelism," stirred his listeners to feel their responsibility, as laymen, in winning souls to Christ.

The regular monthly meetings of the Ladies Aid Society, Matron's Circle, and Missionary Society of the Christian church will be postponed until after the revival.

## Unusual Memory Possessed by Lamb

Mrs. Sara F. Nurney tells this one. When a girl she had a pet lamb. It wandered four miles from home onto the farm of the recent George W. Ayers on the Folley Road. Two years afterward she was riding by and stopped at a flock of 150 sheep. She called to the sheep, named "Daisy," and the animal walked from the flock and ate out of her hand.