

IMPROVEMENTS TO BE MADE BY LOCAL CHURCH

\$2,000 To Be Spent in Enlarging Seating Capacity Of Present Building

An expenditure of more than \$2,000 is being planned by the Christian church to increase the seating capacity for the Bible School and to arrange a basement for church social functions.

Allotments have been made to the different Bible school classes ranging in sums from \$250 down, with each class having a quota so that the privilege of raising some of the money will be afforded to each Sabbath school attendant.

It is proposed that the church be extended from the rear about 18 feet backward to the border line of the church yard, and the width will be about three-quarters the width of the building. It is hoped by sponsors of the plan that a basement will be included for church social functions.

Above the basement will be two floors of classrooms with about six rooms on each floor. John W. Darden, superintendent of the Sunday school, hopes that the money will be raised and that the project can be completed in time for a homecoming day in November this year.

Herring Fisheries Closed for Season

The Kitty Hawk and Slade fisheries were deserted today.

Herring fishing on the Roanoke river so far as these two fisheries are concerned is over for the season. The law limits commercial fishing until May 10, but W. R. Hampton did not catch very many herring this season due to several causes.

High water that prevented early season fishing is blamed and the scarcity of the fish as they have already been up to spawn and have continued on their way. Also Mr. Hampton says "they have been catching the young herring up the coast and selling them as sardines."

This has been the least profitable season in many years hereabouts. Usually they catch hundreds of thousands of the elusive fish. This season the hauls have been irregular and unprofitable. Cold weather is also against the fishermen.

Local Class Judges Stock in Contest

The judging team from Plymouth High School agriculture class was given an average of 81 points, with Thomas Bateman 86, William H. Mizelle 83, Jack LeFever 73, in the livestock judging contest held in Washington during the week-end.

Cattle and hogs were judged. The local boys did not understand that they were to judge heifers and had not properly prepared themselves in this phase of the contest. The class has only been organized four months.

Service Sunday at Episcopal Church

Holy Communion will be celebrated at the Grace Episcopal church here Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. Sidney A. Matthews, of Washington, will be here for the service.

PLEASANT GROVE

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Roberson and Mrs. Robert Brown, of Williamston, were the recent guests of Mrs. Ida Hodges.

Rev. W. J. Watson, of Roper, and Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Phelps were the dinner guests of Mrs. W. B. Chesson Sunday.

Mrs. William Liverman, of Travis, spent several days with her mother, Mrs. N. T. Everett last week.

Miss Rosebud Gaylord, of Roper, was the week-end guest of Miss Virginia Tarkenton.

Miss Myrtle Tarkenton, of Columbia, and Miss Nellie Tarkenton spent Sunday with Mrs. Effie W. Gurkin.

W. B. Chesson made a business trip to Elizabeth City Friday.

Mr. E. L. Riddick is reported to be very ill at this writing.

Mrs. W. B. Chesson attended the canning school at Plymouth Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hodges and Russell Holland returned to Baltimore Thursday after spending several days here with their mother, Mrs. Ida Hodges.

Resolution Requests Paved Road Here To Washington

A resolution was passed by the Washington County Commissioners to ask the State Highway and Public Works Commission to "establish a hard-surfaced road from highway No. 64 in Plymouth leading southwardly to the town of Washington, the route and course of the road to be left to the discretion of the State Highway Commission."

This resolution was signed by over 600 people from Washington and Beaufort Counties. It is seeking a dependable road to connect

Plymouth, county seat of Washington County, and Washington, county seat of Beaufort County. J. G. Jefferson and W. S. Waters, of Pine-town, and Cleveland Harris and Ed Respass, of this county, were securing the signatures.

Harvey Waters is also interested in the project and is working in the Douglass Cross Roads section in Beaufort County. All these parties are asking for the road, let it be either by Long Acre or Long Bridge or any other route, as long as it connects the two county seats.

Farm Notes

By W. V. HAYS, County Agent

One day last week I had been distributing poultry sale circulars at the schools and returned to the courthouse just as court had recessed. A number of ladies were coming out the door and I handed them each a circular. One of the ladies called to another, "Mary, when 'The Man' comes next week for your chickens and eggs, show him this!" "The Man" must have met prices offered from the exchange, because Mary never delivered any poultry or eggs. For six weeks the price received by Mary for chickens and eggs has been considerably better. We have hardly been receiving enough poultry and eggs to meet the expense of trucking. This is borne by some of the counties that are marketing considerable poultry and eggs. We hope to start this marketing program much earlier next year and we also expect a much better tonnage on poultry and a heavier delivery of eggs. Due to the small amount collected for the past two or three weeks this poultry sale is discontinued for the present. We will probably start up in a few weeks, or after frying chickens are ready for market and provided prices offered farmers are not in line with market prices.

An order of pedigreed farm relief cottonseed was made up of twenty-odd growers in Washington County and the seed delivered for planting this past week. This will make the third consecutive year that pedigreed seed of this variety has been ordered by growers. A warehouse report on cotton stored from Washington County is also very interesting, in that the county average has improved considerably each year. The 1935 warehouse report showed 39 per cent of our cotton grading 7-8 inch staple and 28 per cent grading 15-16 inch staple, and 33 per cent grading 1 inch and better. By getting in a few hundred bushels of pedigreed seed each year and taking proper care of seed produced from this cotton we could make even a better showing as a whole. According to grade, our cotton should be worth considerably more than \$5 a bale above the 1933 crop.

It will be necessary for each and every farmer who wishes to participate under the new farm program to make application for a grant. It will be necessary to fill out this application during the month of May. Committeemen as listed below will be in each community to receive your applications and assist the farmers in filling them out: Mr. W. D. Phelps will be at Mr. Harry Barnes' Store in Cherry Monday and Tuesday, May 11 and 12, and at Mr. W. T. Phelps' Store in Creswell Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 13-16.

Mr. Hilton Chesson will be at Mr. E. Pritchett's Store on Monday, May 11; at Snell's Store on Tuesday, May 12; at Mrs. J. A. Stillman's store on Wednesday and Thursday, May 13 and 14; and at White's Store Friday and Saturday, May 15 and 16.

Mr. Leslie B. Spruill will be at Mr. Dick Chesson's store at Westover, Monday, May 11; at Mr. Will Davenport's store at Mackeys on Tuesday, May 12; and at Dr. Gibson's old office in Roper Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 13, 14, 15, 16.

Farmers in Plymouth Township will make application for grants at the county agent's office. Please go to the committeeman nearest you at the designated time mentioned above and fill out your application. All applications after May 16 will have to be made at the county agent's office not later than May 30.

An Agricultural News Letter was released May 4, reading as follows: "An open offer by the Secretary of Agriculture to pay any peanut grower for diverting peanuts into oil at a rate of \$21 a ton for Virginia type, \$11 a ton for Spanish type, and \$3 a ton for runner type peanuts has been extended from April 30,

1936, to May 20, 1936, the Agricultural Adjustment Administration announced today. The offer became effective March 25, 1936.

This offer is a part of a peanut diversion plan designed to remove surplus peanuts from the normal channels of trade and divert them into the manufacture of peanut oil."

Joint Meeting of U. D. C. and Legion

Mrs. F. S. Dunstan, of Windsor, an official of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, will be the principal speaker here Friday night, when the Major Charles Louis Latham chapter of the U. D. C., the James E. Jethro Post of the American Legion and the legion auxiliary meet together.

Hal Williford will be awarded a cross of honor for being the descendant of a Civil War veteran who fought with honor in the World War. Mothers Day will be observed and also Old Soldier's day which is supposed to be on May 10, which falls on Sunday at which time Rev. C. T. Thrift, pastor of the Methodist church, will preach a special sermon.

Electric Line To Be Extended Near Here

The Virginia Electric and Power Company is waiting only to make final arrangements for a power line right of way with one party before work will begin on the line from the edge of Plymouth toward Dardens, running as far as the home of W. V. Hays.

Already 15 subscribers have signified their intention of using current from the line. The distance is a little less than two miles. As soon as the arrangement can be made the power company will begin work on the line. Dale Tetterton, a line engineer, has laid out the route.

Board Members Are Chosen by Districts

"Commissioners will be elected from districts in Washington County, rather than the old rule of the three receiving the largest number of votes from the entire county," it was announced today by Frank C. Spruill, a member of the board of elections.

"Frank L. Bfinkley, incumbent, Sidney A. Ward, sr., and P. M. Arps will be the candidates from the Plymouth district, with one to be chosen; J. M. Clagon, incumbent, no opposition, but Roy W. Stillman is expected to announce soon in Lees Mills; Clyde Smithson, incumbent, unopposed so far, Scuppernon and Skinnerville district.

L. E. Hassell, for board of education, is the only new candidate to announce this week. Jack Peele announced last week for coroner.

Mother's Day at Christian Church

Many on "Mother's Day" will be wearing a flower or sending gifts to their mothers. A beautiful custom. But a more noble custom is answering a mother's prayer by attending church on this day, May 10.

A special service has been arranged by the Christian church. It is hoped that all mothers of the church and those who are in the community may attend. Special honor will be given to the oldest mother present, and flowers will be pinned on those who come to church without any.

The pastor will speak on "The Applied Gospel of Mother Love."

There will be held at the county home a service by the Christian church in honor of mothers at 3 p. m., May 10.

Twelve additional farms have been selected in Jackson County for farm management demonstrations in cooperation with the TVA.

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ABOUT TOWN

Realty transfers: Same E. Beasley to Cottie Bowen about four acres between Rudolph and Moratock roads, excepting the land which includes home and outbuildings of Mr. Beasley; H. J. Combs, Columbia, to S. M. Combs, Columbia, 20 acres of Ashe and Otis Rawls property on east side of New Road; Eloise Benton and R. K. Benton to B. A. Davenport, 100 acres in Scuppernon Township; A. L. Owens, G. H. Harrison, M. W. Norman, C. V. W. Ausbon, Z. V. Norman, trustees, Methodist Episcopal Church to Emily Waters, a plot in the Methodist Cemetery.

Public thanks to these for renewing their subscriptions or becoming new subscribers to the Roanoke Beacon: L. L. Mizelle, Lucinda Cooper, Mrs. W. E. Skittleharpe, Joe Swain, Mrs. Della Robinson, S. B. Davenport, H. W. Hopkins, R. H. Chesson, H. W. Glover, W. A. Swain, W. A. Worsham, W. E. Allen, W. L. Harrison, W. W. Ange, C. M. Allen, Mrs. H. L. Pritchett and Mrs. M. M. Williams.

Dr. G. A. Martin is the new minister at the Baptist Church in Creswell. He has been living in Creswell about a month and is becoming active in community affairs as well as in religious duties. He, with Mrs. Martin, visited the federation of Women's club meeting in Roper last Tuesday.

Club women led by Miss Mary Frances Misenheimer, home agent, attended the annual district meeting of the Federation of Home Demonstration agents, which was held in the new Baptist church at Robersonville Wednesday morning. From the following items, the women were asked to select one food and carry enough to serve six: sliced ham, pickles, fried chicken, cake, fruit, sandwiches, deviled eggs. A good menu, it was

Picked up a condensed statement of the old Washington County Bank the other day. It showed that on September 30, 1919, the total resources were \$385,368.41 with deposits listed at \$257,969.07. Seventeen years later the Branch Banking and Trust Company shows resources of \$17,363,881.58 with deposits of \$15,662,308.82. This Washington County bank was organized in July, 1911.

Abe Adler, local merchant, received a blank from the officials of the Jewish organization asking that the census of the congregation in Plymouth be provided. Mr. Adler had to notify them that there was no Jewish organization here. Mr. Adler attends services of his denomination in Norfolk.

So far as it can be learned, W. L. Whitley is the county manager of Clyde Hoey for governor, while E. G. Arps is supporting A. H. Graham. These two men have been distributing placards and literature for the two candidates. It is not known who McDonald's manager is in the county but it is known that McDonald is popular.

A petition is going the rounds here asking that W. H. Berry be continued as the principal of the Washington County Training school here. Principal Berry has done some good work here during the last three years, and both white and colored citizens are asking that he be reinstated. No reasons for his failure to be reelected have been given by the school board, it is understood.

H. G. Walker, of Creswell and W. W. White, of Skinnerville, were in town Friday. Mr. Walker remarked that it is hard to be satisfied. A couple of months ago there was too much rain and now it is sorely needed, and it doesn't rain. New crops have been in the ground long enough for a good rain to be of much benefit.

Mrs. Bryant Jordan, Misses Mildred Norman and Eva Mae Jones are at work copying information from the records in the office of Mrs. Mary Sawyer-Clayton, register of deeds. They hope to finish their task this week-end. The data they are copying will be used in determining the true worth of North Carolina land.

Roper Faculty Will Present Play Friday

Roper.—The faculty of the Roper High School will present "Closed Lips," a three-act comedy-drama on Thursday evening, May 8. Miss A. C. Carstarphen, for 53 years a teacher, will be included in the cast supported by Francis Worrell, Alice Ambrose, Mrs. E. L. Owens, Tom Norman, C. H. Floyd, Ruth Nowarah, D. E. Poole, R. B. Forbes, and Russell Chesson. Proceeds will go to the Parent-Teacher Association.

Some Dates and Facts About Primary To Be Held June 6

Some facts about the primary election that is to be held in Washington County June 6th.

Registration books will be open on Saturday, May 9. Challenge day has been designated as Saturday, May 30.

No candidates will be allowed to file after Saturday, May 9. Those wishing to file before that time can see Frank Spruill in Plymouth or James E. Davenport at Mackeys.

Lees Mills Township: Registrar

will be in the company store at Roper or thereabouts; Ralph Harrell, registrar.

Plymouth: J. T. McNair, registrar, sitting in the courthouse.

Skinnerville: C. L. Everett, registrar, sitting in the old Jane Elliott store.

Scuppernon: J. A. Combs, registrar, sitting in the mayor's office in town of Creswell.

Wenona: W. L. Ferebee, registrar, in the old schoolhouse.

Soil Program Going Over Big In County

75 Per Cent Farmers Now Expected To Participate in Plan

Series of Meetings Held by County Agent During Past Week

Indications now are that more than 75 per cent of the farmers in Washington County will sign their contracts some time within the next week in cooperation with the new Federal agricultural program of soil conservation and development, according to W. V. Hays, county agent.

Mr. Hays conducted a series of meetings in the county last week, beginning at Plymouth Wednesday night with 35 present, then to Roper Thursday night, where 45 heard the plan explained and then to Cherry Friday night, where 50 greeted him and then to Creswell Saturday night, where 50 attended.

Many of the farmers advised Mr. Hays that this was a much fairer method of "rental payments" than was true with the old AAA which the Federal Supreme Court relegated into oblivion some months ago. At each one of these meetings Mr. Hays was accompanied by Wesley Marrow, assistant in cotton adjustment, and a sample was illustrated on the blackboards available.

The general sample used was that of a farm of 90 acres in 1935, base-acreage, with the following crop acreages: Tobacco 20, cotton 8, peanuts 25, corn 20, tomatoes 5, soybeans (hay) 4, soybeans (harvest) 4; pasture seeded (1932). The intention of the program is to reduce cotton 35 per cent, peanuts 20 per cent, tobacco 30 per cent, and other soil-depleting crops 15 per cent.

This man this year will have the following acreages: Tobacco 14, cotton 5, peanuts 20, corn 20, tomatoes 3, soybeans (hay) 8, soybeans (harvest) 14, pasture 4, soybeans plowed under for conservation 2. The change of course is reducing tobacco 6, reducing cotton 3, reducing peanuts 5, reducing tomatoes 2.

The rate of payments to the farmer will be: Tobacco, 850 pounds to acre, 5 cents a pound, \$42.50; cotton, total for 6 acres \$255; cotton, 300 pounds to acre, 5 cents a pound or \$15 an acre, and he gets paid for reducing 3 acres, making for total \$45. For peanuts he gets 1.4 cents a pound; figuring 1,500 pounds to the acre he will get \$18.75 an acre benefit, with a reduction of 5 acres he will get \$93.75; reduction of tomatoes by two acres would net him \$4.90, but he was only paid for 7-10 of an acre; thus giving him a total of \$398.65 for diverting soil-depleting crops into soil-conserving crops.

And this plan also includes payments for soil conserving or soil-enriching crops, of which he has soybean (hay) 8, soybeans (harvest) 14, pasture 4, soybeans (plowed under) 2, making 28 acres. The government pays \$1 an acre for enriching your own ground with these crops, thus he gets \$28 for soil-conserving crops, making his total receipts \$426.65.

But in order to qualify for this \$398.65, or conserving payment, he must have 20 per cent of the base acreage in soil-conserving crops. In order to earn \$28 for soil-building payment, he must have some soil-building practices. So he planted rye after his 14 acres of tobacco, seeded 4 acres of pasture, turned under green two acres of soybeans and will harvest 14 acres of soybeans. By doing this he earns the \$28.

The purpose of this soil conservation plan is to reduce the crops by decreasing acreage, to pay the farmer to improve his lands by soil conserving crops and drainage or liming, thus enriching the land to reduce to as low a level as possible the use of commercial fertilizer.

Mr. Hays has men in each section of the county who will help in dis-

FINALS SPEAKERS

Mr. H. S. Hille, president of Atlantic Christian College in Wilson, will make the commencement address on May 19 to the graduation class of the Roper High School, it was announced today by D. E. Poole, the principal.

Rev. M. O. Fletcher, of Washington, will preach the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday morning, May 17, at 11 o'clock in the high school building. Class night will be on May 18. The faculty will present a play Friday night, May 8.

Home and Club News

By Mary Frances Misenheimer

Schedule for Next Week

Monday, Scuppernon.
Tuesday, Cherry.
Wednesday, Albemarle.
Thursday, Wenona.
Friday, Mount Taber.
Saturday, curb market, 8:15. Be on time.

Mrs. Sadie Stillman, of Piney Grove Club, led the sales this past Saturday.

We are expecting to have some nice young chickens Saturday.

Miss Julia McIver, assistant clothing specialist, of Raleigh, held a leaders' school in the home agent's office Saturday afternoon, at 2 o'clock.

The women were well pleased with the helpful information given them.

New styles and patterns were studied and cut to be given to the various clubs in the county.

Mrs. Sam Lucas and Mrs. W. C. Moore, food leaders of the Cool Springs Club, were excellent in performing their duties at their last meeting. The demonstrations on "Spanish Ham and Meat Loaf" were given by them. These dishes were unusually good.

Miss May Wood, represent a fruit jar concern, gave a worth-while canning demonstration last Thursday in the home agent's office. Nine teen members of different clubs were present. Fruits and vegetables were canned. New methods of canning were discussed which was enjoyed by those present.

A good meeting was held at the Lake Farm Friday. A large number was present. Much interest is shown in the project we are studying now—foods.

Mrs. Chesson, of Piney Grove Club, has plenty of young chickens for sale. She is planning to send some to curb market Saturday.

The Swain Club women had an excellent clothing report at their last meeting.

Mrs. W. V. Hays, yard leader of Cool Spring Club, gave an interesting talk on "Beautifying Your Yards" at the last club meeting.

Rat Extermination Method Demonstrated To Farmers

With rats and mice taking a heavy toll each year in Washington County, farmers have been attending demonstration meetings at which extermination methods were shown.

tributing blanks and who will explain the program to the farmers as they come for their application for grants and these men will also help a farmer figure out the best planting method for each person so that he may get as much as possible out of the new program.

REPUBLICANS OF COUNTY IN MEET HERE THIS WEEK

Nominate Candidates for Offices in County and Adopt Platform

Demanding that governmental expenditures be drastically reduced, the national budget balanced, and national credit maintained, the Republican party of Washington County in convention here Wednesday adopted their platform and selected their nominees for the general election in November.

The platform asks "that punitive and confiscatory tax laws which now harass business, retard recovery, and promote wasteful and reckless expenditures, be repealed. That an efficient local administration of all relief activities be substituted for the present expensive, extravagant and partisan set-up."

"We demand that the educational system of North Carolina be removed absolutely from the field of politics. That an efficient system of promotion of teachers be adopted in order that those best qualified and rendering the best service in the way of instruction shall be rewarded for superior qualifications."

"We want honest election laws, honestly and fairly administered, which are absolutely necessary for the preservation of free government and we demand the repeal of the absentee voters law. We demand the enactment by the State of North Carolina of an old-age pension law, setting up a system of protection for the indigent, aged and infirm."

"We demand that all useless offices and agencies be abolished, that an effective policy of economy be inaugurated, that local self-government be reestablished, and local business of the communities be transacted without bothersome state department interferences."

"And we demand that savings thus effected and otherwise possible be used in the first instance to abolish the sales tax and other nuisance taxes, the tax on automobile license plates be reduced to a maximum of \$4 per year on lightest cars."

"We believe that the matter of the so-called 'whisky question' should be submitted to the people for a vote."

Nominees selected are: J. Richard Carr, representative; W. Dewey Phelps, sheriff; Aubrey Ange, registrar of deeds; H. A. (Chubby) Liverman, treasurer; W. W. Robertson, coroner; T. W. Snell, recorder judge W. W. Ange, jr., county surveyor; commissioners: Plymouth, George W. Sitterson; Lees Mills, Arthur Phelps; Scuppernon and Skinnerville, Jennings D. Davenport.

County Auditor Is Winning Pitcher

Second guessers said he couldn't do it, so E. Jack Spruill, auditor of Washington County, laid aside his pen and pencil and hurled his way into baseball fame this week by letting the Roper all-stars down with nary a hit and nary a run as Creswell triumphed, 11 to 0.

Spruill, an army pitcher for years, struck out the first 10 men and only 21 batters faced him. Roy T. Hopkins, his old time battery mate and college player, was on the receiving end. Josh Woodley cracked out three for four attempts to lead the Creswell sluggers.

Charles Mizelle, son of the late Capt. C. E. Mizelle, who caught the first professional game Christy Mathewson ever hurled, pitched for Roper with Ralph Harrell catching.

ROPER

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Pommering, of Norfolk, Va., were visitors here Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Gibson and son, Henry, of Severn, were visitors here last Thursday.

Mrs. Charles Mizelle is spending some time with Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Gibson at Severn.

Miss Margaret Davenport spent Sunday with Elsie Knowles.

Miss Carolyn Spruill and other friends have returned after spending a few days in Durham.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrell Lewis, of New Bern, spent Sunday here the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Lewis. Miss Ruby Bateman, of Plymouth, and Doris Mae Lewis were Sunday dinner guests of Doris Chesson.

Mrs. J. G. Nowarah was visiting her sister, Mrs. Ben Brickhouse in Columbia Sunday.

Mrs. Loyd Lucas, of Farmville, is spending sometime with Mrs. J. H. Gaylord, II.

Miss Mildred Phelps spent the week-end with Jeanette Robertson, of near Plymouth.

Mr. L. H. Spruill spent Sunday in Washington, N. C.