

STORMY SESSION OF DEMOCRATS IS HELD SATURDAY

Admit Walter W. White as Precinct Chairman After Protest Heard

Admission of Walter W. White into the Washington County Democratic convention here last Saturday as the duly authorized chairman of the Skimmersville precinct committee came after a stormy session, during which his credentials were questioned.

The convention was advised that no precinct meeting was held on Saturday, May 9, as the chairman from last year, C. L. Everett, went to the meeting but nobody came. So Mr. White, as a member of the precinct committee, called a meeting Saturday, May 16, at which time he was elected chairman of the precinct committee.

J. Corbett Swain led the opposition to Mr. White, alleging that no advance notice of the meeting scheduled to have been held on Saturday, May 16, had been made known to him, and that since Mr. Everett was the last duly elected chairman that he was empowered to act in the place of Mr. Everett, who did not attend.

Ronald Gaylord, who was made temporary chairman accepted the credentials of Mr. White and allowed him in the convention, and after W. L. Whitley and others had called for an appeal from the ruling of Chairman Gaylord then the matter went to the floor of the convention, which approved the ruling of Mr. Gaylord.

So, with Mr. White and the following precinct committeemen, W. M. Darden, Plymouth; Clyde Smithson, Creswell; E. R. Lewis, Roper; and J. L. Rea, Wenona, met after the convention and elected W. M. Darden as chairman of the Washington County Democratic Executive Committee for the next two years.

Delegates to the state convention who were selected with the authority to designate their successor if, for any reason, they could not attend, follow: A. L. Holmes, C. L. Bailey, E. L. Owens, J. W. Norman, S. D. Davis, W. H. Paramore, W. R. Hampton, Bill Waters, L. E. Hassell, J. L. Rea, Harry Stell, Z. V. Norman, Alexander Davenport, J. T. McNair, and W. T. Freeman.

A committee composed of W. R. Hampton, J. W. Darden, and Z. V. Norman was named to draft a resolution endorsing the present Democratic administration and approving President Franklin D. Roosevelt as the nominee for the coming general election. This committee was also charged with the duty of drawing resolutions of respect for O. R. Armstrong and J. C. Spruill, deceased Democratic leaders.

Short talks were made by Henry Swain, Z. V. Norman, and J. W. Darden.

Radio-Sound System For County Schools

An agreement has been made by the county board of education with the manufacturers of Occo-nee-chee flour to install in the Washington County schools, including Plymouth Creswell, and Roper, a centralized radio and sound distribution system which will amplify and distribute radio, music and voice from a central unit in the principal's office to every room in the building through loud speakers, and includes a fine public address system for the auditorium.

This equipment, if purchase by the schools, would cost several hundred dollars, will be installed at no cost to the schools as soon as they have secured a certain number of "points," represented by trade-mark words "Occo-nee-chee" cut from standard bags of Occo-nee-chee flour.

Radio and sound distribution is a modern note in education and the schools are fortunate in being able to secure this equipment at no cost to the schools of taxpayers. Children, women's organizations, and other school organizations are aiding in securing the points for their schools.

In addition to this radio and sound system for the schools an air-flow bicycle will be given to the student of each school who secures the largest amount of the required number of points for his school. This bicycle is one of the finest and most fully equipped ever seen in Washington County and will be on display at the various schools until the schools close and then in different grocery stores throughout the county during the summer months.

The county school officials have requested this newspaper to urge all women to save these trademarks and turn them over to any school child.

Farm Notes

By W. V. HAYS, County Agent

The new sign-up for this year's farm program has gone along pretty well, considering the busy season. At the end of the first week we had received 26 1/2 per cent of the applications necessary. Every farmer in the county is urged to make out the work sheet, which is necessary before a grant can be received. This work sheet is not a form of contract, nor is it binding in any way whatsoever. From this work sheet we are able to advise the farmer of any necessary changes or minor adjustments which it is possible to make in order that he may comply. Scuppernon and Skimmersville Townships are very fortunate in that it will be necessary to make very little changes to participate and receive benefits under the new farm program. Farmers in Plymouth Township are requested to call at the county office before the end of the month for making these applications. There will be some one in the office to assist with this work. These must be made by the last of May, anyhow. It will be much easier on all concerned if this can be done before the last few days of the month.

Mr. Doc Forbes will assist farmers in Lees Mill Township in working out these applications, and Mr. Hilton Chesson will assist in Skimmersville Township with Mr. Dewey Phelps in Scuppernon. If it is inconvenient for you to see either of these gentlemen, drop him a card, and he will be glad to call on you before the 30th. The rates of pay are based on an 80 per cent sign-up or participation by farmers in the program. Should we get 70 per cent payments will be increased 10 per cent, and should we have a 90 per cent participation payments will be less, but in no event will they vary more than 10 per cent. We must have 70 per cent by the end of the month. Make your application, then if for some reason you are unable to comply when measuring time comes there is no harm done. Look into this thing. You may get enough from this grant to pay your taxes and then some. At least it will do no harm. Please bring your peanut sale slips along when you come to sign up.

Mexican bean beetle time is here. Beetles, squash bugs and a number of insects can be controlled best and safest with 75 per cent rotenone-talc dust. Apply this at the rate of 20 pounds per acre on snap beans. For a spray derris cube (ground root) 4 per cent rotenone mixed with water at the rate of 3 level tablespoonfuls per gallon is also very effective. This preparation is neither harmful to people nor plants. Magnesium arsenate may also be used for bean beetles as either a dust or a spray. The arsenate is usually washed off of the bean by running water or by washing through two or three waters. They will be perfectly harmless for human consumption.

Two weeks ago a dead hen was carelessly thrown into a fence corner. Today there are several dead hogs on this same farm and the remainder are badly diseased with hog cholera. Buzzards evidently brought hog cholera to this farm, as they were noticed feeding around the fence at the time. Burying this old hen would have saved this farmer over \$100.

Now is a good time to clean up and burn all old filthy hog pens and beddings and plow up the ground which should be sown to soy beans on which the sow can farrow the crop of fall pigs. If this is done the pigs will not get worms until they have sufficient growth where worms will do very little damage. Besides burning up rubbish and plowing under the soil will go a long way toward eliminating our hog cholera risk.

A number of farmers have receipts for cotton in the office but have not made application for payment. It is necessary that a signed application be executed at this office before any adjustment payment will be made on 1935 cotton sold. Adjustment payments are made on any 1935 cotton sold up to this time, or until July 31, 1936. Cotton in storage on which government loans have been secured are due adjustment payments, but these applications will be received from August 1st and not later than August 15th. To receive this adjustment payment signed applications must be in the county office. If your name has not been signed to some of these forms it will be necessary that this be done to receive payment.

Bertie farmers are assuring themselves of better stands of cotton by treating the seed before planting.

FINALS PROGRAM OF SCHOOL HERE IS ANNOUNCED

Begins With Class Night Exercises on Friday May 9th

Commencement exercises of the Plymouth High School will begin with class night on May 29, at which time the final session of the senior's senate will be held.

Senate officials are: Hugh Jordan, president; Ruby McNair, clerk; Marvin Bowen, senator chief senior; Edwin McNair, senator junior; Francis Stillman, senator sophomore; Hilda Sawyer, senator freshman; Earl Bowen, sergeant at arms.

Hugh Jordan, salutatorian; Elsie Ruth Hardison, historian; Lewis Price, testator; Edna Earl LeFever, prophet; Joe Leggett, poet; Francis Stillman, gitorian; Edwin McNair, valetorian. A band concert under the direction of Instructor McDonald will be given.

Baccalaureate sermon on Sunday evening, May 31. Following the professional Rev. R. H. Lucas will say the prayer. The Methodist choir will sing. Scripture will be read by Rev. C. T. Thrift. Sermon by Dr. Leland Cook, of Kinston, and then the recessional.

"Aunt Jerushy on the Warpath," a three-act farce Monday evening, June 1, is the senior class play. The cast includes Hugh Jordan, Herbert Waters, Edwin McNair, James H. Ward, Marvin Bowen, Evelyn Arps, Elsie Hardison, Hazel Roughton, Alberta Clagon, Madeline Edmondson, Frances Edmondson, Walter Burgess, H. J. McDonald's band will play.

Commencement night, June: Introduction of Dr. E. J. Rees, of Washington, as the principal speaker, by L. W. Anderson. Presentation of awards: Buster Adler medal by W. R. Hampton; Don G. Davis medal by Mayor Gilbert Davis; American Legion by Dr. C. McGowan; picture memory by Mrs. H. A. Liverman; graduation award by H. H. McLean.

Piano recital Wednesday evening, June 3. Pupils of Mrs. R. W. Johnston. Every one is urged to attend these exercises.

Roper Senior Class Names Superlatives

Superlatives in the Roper Senior class just recently announced, are: Most studious: Marie Twiford. Most popular boy: Woodrow Collins.

Most popular girl: Ruth Spruill. Wittiest boy: Leon Peacock. Wittiest girl: Margaret Lilley. Most athletic boy: Grayson Everett.

Most athletic girl: Blanche Furlough. Most dependable: Virginia Craddock.

Most dignified: Agnes Davenport. Friendliest: Blanche Lilley. Most attractive boy: Harry Chesson.

Most attractive girl: Lindell Lewis. Best all around boy: James Chesson.

Best all around girl: Isoline Phelps.

Little Theatre Unit To Stage Comedy

A black-face comedy entitled, "Companion Mate Maggie," written by Helen Dorch, will be given Friday night, May 22, by the local Little Theatre unit of the Federal Theatre Projects. The place is to be announced. No admission will be charged.

Jesse McNair will provide the comedy with Tarleton Gardner doing some dances. Ten little girls in a chorus will dance steps taught them by Doris Bateman. The show will last about one hour and those who are interested in this phase of child training are urged to attend.

The cast of the play will include Bill Barden, Clair Wilson, Mrs. Rosie Sallinger, Thomas Stubbs, Ada Weede, Delbert (Duffy) Allen is directing this play.

Program at Roper Colored School

The program at the Roper colored school at its closing last Wednesday night follows: salutation, Katie Anthony; class history, Carrie M. Bullock; poem, Christine Gaylord; solo, Willie Rousem; prophesy, James Dickerson; will, Alice Basnight; valetorian, Dorothea Freeman; Principal J. J. Clemmons introduced Dean O'Kelly, the commencement speaker.

LEST WE FORGET

Poppies which will be worn here on Poppy Day, Saturday, May 23, in honor of the World War dead, will bring benefits to disabled veterans throughout the year. Mrs. W. C. Jones, rehabilitation chairman of Jas. E. Jethro Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary, said today as the Unit was completing preparations for its Poppy Day activities.

"The work of The American Legion and Auxiliary for the war disabled draws much of its support from the funds collected on Poppy Day," explained Mrs. Jones. "Without the contributions made for the little flower of remembrance, our organizations would be unable to continue their vast program of aid for the men who sacrificed health and strength in the nation's service."

ABOUT TOWN

If Mr. and Mrs. Milton Newberry, of Washington, D. C., will try the third time they may be extended the privilege of registering to vote the Democratic ticket in Plymouth Precinct in Washington County this year. Twice in the last 20 years they have made the trip here to register but election officials refused them. It was said they have not voted since they left here and election officials have been advised that they can register. Mr. Newberry is in the government employ.

Only 250,000 herring have been taken from the Roanoke River by the Kitty Hawk and Slade fisheries, according to W. R. Hampton. This is about 5 percent of the usual season catch. Last year 5,000,000 of the fish were caught by the two fisheries. This is the first time in 33 years that the enterprise has lost money, it is understood.

Now if you want to know what encourages a candidate just take this for an example. A fellow walked into the drug store here of P. M. Arps and said: "I am with you. I have 14 votes in my family and everyone of them will be cast for you." A few more of such supporters and "Pap" will be nominated.

C. M. Lamb, of the Mill Pond section, near Roper, says that deer come out of the forest near his farm and eat the green plants, including May peas, from his fields. And he further says that during the season that they can be hunted they stay deep in the forest. "They know when you can hunt them, as you never see them then." He has seen several at the time.

Mrs. Sara Swain, of Holly Neck, fell and broke her arm at her home several weeks ago. The bones between the elbow and wrist were fractured. Her ankle turned over as she stepped on a root and she fell on her right side, breaking the arm. Dr. T. L. Bray is attending her.

A vice chairman of the Washington County Democratic Executive committee will be appointed within the next few days, it was announced today by W. M. Darden, chairman. This office is usually filled by a woman. None were appointed in the convention last Saturday and Mr. Darden is endeavoring to find a good lady worker.

Funeral Sunday for Mrs. L. H. Tarkenton

Final rites were held Sunday afternoon for Mrs. L. H. Tarkenton, 20, who died at her Creswell home Saturday. Rev. R. O. Respass, pastor of the Creswell Christian church, officiated. Burial took place in the family cemetery.

She died in a Washington hospital. For years she was a member of the Mount Tabor Christian church.

Surviving is her husband, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Bateman; five sisters, Mrs. Tom Alexander, Mrs. Preston Haire, Mrs. P. J. Davenport, Miss Evelyn Bateman and Miss Margaret Bateman, all of Washington County.

Half Holiday

Most of the stores in Plymouth are arranging to close for a half holiday, beginning the first Wednesday in June. They will close at 12 o'clock for the remainder of the day to give their clerks and other employees a half day rest each week. Further announcements will be made next week, following a meeting to be held prior to next week's Beacon.

FINAL EXERCISES HELD THIS WEEK IN ROPER SCHOOL

M. O. Fletcher Preaches Sermon; H. S. Hilley Is Speaker

Final exercises were held at the Roper school this week.

The commencement sermon was delivered last Sunday morning by Dr. M. O. Fletcher. Invocation was by Rev. W. A. Watson and the benediction by Rev. M. L. Ambrose. A quartet, composed of Harry Chesson, Earl Spruill, L. A. Parisher and Sylvester Lilley, sang.

Class-day exercises were held on Monday in the form of a daisy chain with the following participants: Agnes Davenport, salutatorian; Harry Chesson, king; Woodrow Collins, prime minister; Leon Peacock, court jester; Marie Twiford, treasurer; Ruth Spruill, historian; Blanche Lilley, testator; Lyndell Lewis, composer; Greyson Everett, judge; Virginia Craddock, poet; Isoline Phelps, court muse; Blanche Furlough, gitorian; James Chesson, jr., valetorian.

The commencement address was delivered Tuesday by Dr. H. S. Hilley, president of Atlantic Christian College. The diplomas were awarded by H. H. McLean.

Sanitary Program Under Direction of WPA Progressing

85 Sanitary Privies Have Been Built in County Since Christmas

Privy building in Washington County under the WPA and NYA community sanitation program continues with about nine privies being erected weekly, it was announced today by Joe Weede, project foreman.

Eighty-five have been built in this county since the work started before Christmas. Much time was lost on account of bad weather. Orders are now in the hands of Mr. Weede for more than 40. He has been working about nine men weekly.

Many of the privies are painted. Some have masonry foundations and others have crosstod bottoms. Most of them have concrete slabs and rise. The payroll for the Washington County unit is upwards of \$40 weekly when the work is not hindered.

Officials are beginning to investigate the needs of privies by residents. The law on the matter is that "every residence located within 300 yards of another residence must have an improved privy of the type approved by the State Board of Health."

Sermon To Seniors At Creswell Sunday

Creswell — The commencement sermon for the seniors of the Creswell High School will be delivered by Rev. John W. Hardy is the Creswell Episcopal Church Sunday at the 11 o'clock service. Special music will include two anthems by Schubert and a quartet composed of Miriam Woodley, Elizabeth Phelps, Mollie Sawyer, and Elizabeth Sitterson, entitled "A Pilgrim's Journey."

Orphan Remembers Man Who Aided Him

Emmett Lesley Allen who was among the group of Allens placed in the Oxford Orphanage years ago from the Wenona section of Washington County, continues to stay in communication with John W. Darden, one of the Masons who befriended him. Young Allen was here last summer. He is now at Fort George G. Meade, Maryland, as a private and is taking a course in tank mechanism.

Gilbert Davis Will Preach Here Sunday

Rev. Gilbert Davis will preach at the Methodist church here Sunday morning while the pastor, Rev. C. T. Thrift will preach the commencement sermon for the Jamesville High School. Mr. Thrift will fill his pulpit in the evening and will conclude his series of sermons on "Home."

Mr. Thrift urges the local people to attend the morning service to hear Mayor Davis.

Home and Club News

By Mary Frances Misenheimer

Schedule for Next Week

Monday, 4-H club, Plymouth. Tuesday, Cross Roads Club. Wednesday, Cool Springs Club. Thursday, Piney Grove Club. Friday, Lake Farm. Saturday, curb market, 8:15. Mrs. R. W. Lewis led the sales Saturday. Mrs. C. W. Bowen was second highest seller.

Mrs. Mary Nooney's garden at Scuppernon is looking fine in spite of the dry weather. Most of the gardens in that section are nice ones.

I want all the clubs to keep in mind the \$5 prize offered by Mr. J. F. Winslow for having the best gardens. During the month of June I want a report from every club member concerning their garden. First, what is planted in the garden; second, amount planted; and third, the total amount of products sold.

Members of the Cherry Club are still working and are interested in their club work. A large number attended the meeting Tuesday.

A great deal of canning is being done in the county. The steam pressure is being used daily. Strawberries and May peas are the products being canned.

Mrs. W. L. Furbee, hostess to the Wenona club Thursday, gave a demonstration on how to make cottage cheese. This was worth-while information which all of the women were glad to have.

The Albemarle Club is small, but the club members are honest to goodness club workers and make the club very much a live wire.

The Mount Tabor Club never fails to have a large attendance at their meeting. They deserve a lot of credit, for most of them walk from one to two miles to attend.

The members are planning to make ice cream as an added attraction at the June meeting.

Mrs. J. B. Harrison Passes in Oak City

Funeral services were held Sunday for Mrs. Henrietta Harrison, 80, who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Isoline Respass, in Oak City, Saturday as the result of a complication of diseases. She was the widow of the late John B. Harrison, who was widely known in Martin and Washington Counties.

Burial took place in the Saints Delight Christian church cemetery, with Rev. M. L. Ambrose, of Roper, officiating.

She is the sister-in-law of George H. Harrison here and is survived by the following children: McDuffy Harrison, Baltimore; Hallett Harrison, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Isoline Respass, Oak City; and two sisters: Mrs. J. B. Allen, Jamesville, and Mrs. W. H. Corprew, Edenton.

Sunday School Meeting Sunday

The Lees Mills Sunday school convention will meet with the Pleasant Grove church, Sunday, May 24, at 3 o'clock. Devotionals will be led by Norman Chesson, while Edinson Alexander will welcome the visitors, with F. D. Wilson responding. Zion's Chapel Christian church will provide the musical feature. Officers will be elected for a new term. All of those of any denomination who are interested in this work are urged to attend.

Compliments School On Contest Showing

From Miss Juanita McDougald, of the division of instructional service in the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, comes the following letter to L. W. Anderson, principal of the Plymouth schools. "I had intended to write you as soon as I could get around to it, to tell you that your team from Plymouth really tied for third place in the rural art appreciation contest. I think this was splendid under the circumstances. You see, it was their first year, first time, and everything."

"I am glad to know that you are going to place art appreciation in your high school along with the creative arts."

MAY PEA CROP IN COUNTY ALMOST TOTAL FAILURE

Farmers Lose Hundreds of Dollars Due To Poor Season and Price

Hundreds of dollars invested in May peas this season have been lost by growers in Washington County.

An average expenditure per acre, excluding labor for planting, is about \$12 for seed, \$8.40 for fertilizer, \$15 for baskets and picking or about \$40 an acre. Close to 500 acres of the peas were planted.

Freight to New York and the commission merchants' fee add to about 45 cents a basket. The yield should be on an average of about 100 baskets to the acre. Dry weather and other factors have resulted in a small crop with as few as 50 baskets being picked from an acre.

Four carloads have been shipped by E. G. Harrison, with the first bringing \$1.15 to \$1.50 per basket, the second 90 cents and less and the last two dropped some lots as low as 65 cents. A small profit can be made at \$1.25 a basket, and a price of \$2 a basket is a money-making price for the farmer.

R. W. Johnston had 20 acres, and when the price fell so low he could hardly get enough to pay for the shipping and picking, so he is selling them locally in the field for canning purposes, or will plow them under for soil-developing purposes.

Unless the peas are properly iced and delivered in a good condition in New York or Baltimore, the price takes a tumble as the peas wilt and lose their fresh look, making them harder to sell. Trucks going into New York with peas are said to congest the market.

Theatre Here Books Select Productions

Theatre goes in Plymouth have in store for them some of the best productions that will be shown at the New Theatre as soon as they can be secured as over 25 of the pictures classed as "selected motion pictures" are endorsed by Mrs. L. W. Anderson and her committee from the district woman's club.

The evaluations of these current films include the following pictures which Shep Brinkley, manager, has booked: Captain January, The Country Doctor, Little Lord Fauntleroy, The Robin Hood of Eldorado, These Three, Trail of the Lonesome Pine, Desire, The Singing Kid, Everybody's Old Man, The Farmer in the Dell, Little Miss Nobody, Petticoat Fever, A Message to Garcia, Charlie Chan at the Circus, Moonlight Murder, Murder by an Aristocrat, Love Before Breakfast, Desert Gold, Treachery Rides the Range, Call of the Prairie, Sutter's Gold, Thirteen Hours by Air, Too Many Parents.

Pardon for Herman Fonville Mentioned

An investigation, with a view of pardoning, has been started in the case of Herman Fonville, negro, 25 years old, who has been serving time for breaking and entering and larceny. The negro was convicted July 7, 1933. He was sent from Washington County to the State's prison system, and has served nearly three years on a four-year term.

Revival Services At Piney Grove

A revival meeting will begin at Piney Grove Free Will Baptist church on Monday night, June 1. Rev. Manning and W. J. Jernigan will be in charge. Every one is urged to attend.

Offer Pointers To Girl Club Members

A bulletin filled with suggestions for 4-H club members in preparing and serving delicious, wholesome meals has been issued by the State College agricultural extension service.

The bulletin contains an outline of fundamentals in home economics, together with a number of tempting recipes recommended by the authors, Miss Mary E. Thomas, extension nutritionist at the college, and Miss Sallie Brooks, assistant.

Copies may be secured free by writing the agricultural editor at State College for extension circular No. 209, "Food Preparation for 4-H club members."