

## ABUSE ABSENTEE BALLOT LAW MAY EFFECT REPEAL

### Number Inequalities Cited As Recommendation for Its Abolition

Evils of absentee voting as demonstrated in primaries were made known today by a poll holder who has served a number of times in this county.

Washington County was allotted 500 absentee ballots for the second Democratic primary Saturday. Along with this number there were applications and certificates and envelopes to match. More than 80 of these were used last Saturday in Plymouth precinct alone.

Two absentee voters live in Washington, D. C., and work with the Federal government. They taught school here three months, moving away close to two years ago and through political aid secured a government job. They have no holdings here and pay no taxes. These two have as much right by law to vote in this county to help in the election of officers to govern people here as the wealthiest taxpayers and most helpful citizens, as they do not vote in the National Capital and retain their residences where they wish.

Several school teachers whose homes are not here but who teach here during the term have a right to vote here. They not only vote for state officers, but have a voice in a county government under which they do not live but two-thirds of their time and to which they pay no taxes.

Another couple moved to a distant state. They claimed they have not been away long enough to have their residences elsewhere. So they send their ballots back here to elect officers who they do not have to live with nor help pay their salaries.

Then the other kind of absentee voter is the person who has no interest in the election. They are the stay-at-homes. Under a little pretense they sign the affidavit that they are unable to attend the election, and with no interest are easily persuaded to favor a certain candidate who brings in their ballot.

If all of the absentee votes allotted to this county were used, and probably 350 were, then basing the figures on the more than 2,000 ballots cast last Saturday, then this would show that probably more than 20 per cent of the electorate here never goes to the polls to show their colors and to publicly proclaim their interest in availing themselves of this privilege of citizenship.

Basing the number on the ones cast in the Plymouth precinct, 90 per cent of these absent voters who live away but retain a residence here, pay no taxes to the upkeep of a government that they help control. However, there may be some few physically unable to attend the polls who own property and live here.

Summing up, this absentee voting stirs up more strife than any other form of voting. Out of the more than 900 votes cast in Plymouth only one person was challenged and that was on whether he was to vote in this precinct or another. Out of the 80 absentees 10 were ineligible, and 10 were challenged.

However, after wrangling and arguing about the law, all but about 10 were counted. It is interesting to note that more unqualified persons endeavor to vote by absentee than there are among those who present themselves in person at the precinct and ask for a ballot that they may signify their choice by law of their candidates.

## Recorder Sends Four To Roads

Forty-two months services on the roads were imposed upon four defendants in recorder's court here on Tuesday, when Recorder John W. Darden meted out justice.

Alustus Towe, 23, colored, and Tom Merrell, 30, colored, were given 18 months each on the roads for the theft of six bags of nitrate of soda from E. G. Harrison's warehouse on Water Street in Plymouth.

Jack Midgett, 26, colored, and Collie Simpson, 17, colored, were sentenced to the roads, Midgett for two months and Simpson for four, on a charge of assaulting Walter Howard and for disturbing services at Bethel church.

The case of Mike Atamanchuk, 20, white, charged with assaulting his father, John Atamanchuk, with a bottle, was non-suited.

Eddie Jennette, 21, colored, was given one month on the roads for assaulting Lucy Green, his wife, with an ice pick.

## Field Day To Be Held At Wenona July 16th

### About Town

Quartermaster Sergeant and Mrs. J. E. Thraikill and children, of Norfolk, were here during the week end visiting Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Brown, and Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Paramore. Sergeant Thraikill has been in the Marine Corps for nearly 19 years. He must serve 20 before retirement. He has done close to 8 years foreign duty, including periods at Haiti, Santo Domingo, and other places. He is also one of the bonus recipients.

Lem Winesett, of Loris, S. C., publisher of the Horry County News, was here this week visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. Winesett, new residents who are occupying the T. S. Lucas home on Third Street. His paper, judging from a copy, is smaller in size than the Beacon, but his paper boasts a circulation of 1,500, while the Beacon counts only 1,100. He founded the newspaper himself some time ago. With him were his wife and child.

Virginia Ayers, Ada Weede, Mrs. Francis Nurney, Delbert Allen, Mrs. Rosalie Sallinger, Mildred Robbins, Martha Hopkins, Myrtle Hopkins, Mildred Tetterton, and Clair Wilson are troupers now. They carried two of their Federal Theatre project plays to the CCC camp near Swan Quarter last Friday night. A truck was sent for them and returned them home. Hubert Cox, an enrollee, returned with them to see his parents.

G. Winesett, a new resident, has been operating an apiary for years. At one time he had 3,000 colonies of bees from which he sold honey. Now his holdings are greatly reduced. He is a former president of the North Carolina Beekeepers' Association.

Clyde Robbins, manager of a large farm out Westover way, reported today that he had lost 170 hogs from his large swine herd so far this summer. They died with cholera. The estimated value of these hogs was from \$5 to \$50 each, aggregating over \$2,500. This farm is one of the largest in this section, and last year Mr. Robbins cleared several thousands of dollars for the owners.

Gray Willis, manager of Pender's store here, who went to his home in Morehead City during the week-end returned with a tale of the multitude that flocked into the resort town for the holidays. Next neighbors to his parents received \$7 from three people for the privilege of sleeping on the floor. Hotels, boarding houses, and private homes were filled to capacity. Floors were so crowded dancing was not pleasant.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Newberry, of Washington, D. C., were here this week. Mr. Newberry is a draftsman for the government, and in his division they spend most of their time on guns and optical aids. He has been in the service for 27 years and only has three more before retiring. He was born and reared near Plymouth.

Jim Staton, of Williamston, one of the largest farmers in this section of the state, was here this week looking after one of his farms. He was also talking of the good tobacco that was grown in Washington County and remarked that most of it was sold in Williamston last year. The death of "Uncle Buck" Meadows, prominent tobaccoist, was lamented by the group of conversationalists.

Miss Pauline Davenport, of the Holly Neck section, was in Plymouth Tuesday. She sends news to the Beacon and will be glad to accept subscriptions or to serve the community in any way for the Beacon.

Hugh Brown and Paul Swain, of New York City, were here during the week-end. Both of the boys work in a cellophane bag plant. Peanut bags, pop-corn bags, and all such bags are made in this plant. They are even printed there. Many of the cellophane bags purchased here containing commodities are made in this plant.

There was no scheduled meeting of physicians here yesterday, but there happened to be the following here visiting relatives and friends: Dr. L. W. White, Suffolk; Dr. Bennett Stephens, Weldon; Dr. J. Ryland White, Atlanta, Ga.; and Dr.

## Col. J. W. Harrelson Will Be Principal Speaker at Event

### Large Number Farm People Expected To Attend; Program Prepared

Farm folk from miles around will gather at the Blackland Experiment Station at Wenona near here Thursday, July 16, for the tenth annual farmers' field day, when Colonel J. W. Harrelson, dean of administration at State College in Raleigh, will make the principal address.

This yearly event is sponsored jointly by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, the North Carolina Experiment Station, and the United States Department of Agriculture and hundreds of farm folk gather around for the day, which is filled with sports, farm information and dinner.

J. L. Rea, jr., manager of the test farm, will introduce F. E. Miller, of Raleigh, director of all of the state test farms, who will serve as chairman of the event. James Ambrose's string band of Belhaven will provide the music. Central committee members are F. E. Miller, Mr. Rea, and Farm Agent W. V. Hays, with Mary Frances Misenheimer, county home demonstration agent.

Marshalls headed by J. K. Reid, sheriff, include: A. P. Lefever, Herbert Allen, Bryan Harris, Holland Allen, and Carlos Manning. Tables will be provided for those bringing lunch. Barbecue and cold drinks may be purchased on the grounds.

Other State College speakers on the program are Earl H. Hostetler, head of the department of animal husbandry; L. G. Willis, soil chemist; J. E. Foster, animal industry department; Dr. R. W. Leiby, entomologist; W. H. Rankin, R. L. Lovvorn, A. D. Stuart, agronomists; L. I. Case, animal husbandry.

The afternoon will be devoted to amusement, with prizes for contests, including nail driving for ladies, supervised by W. V. Hays, farm agent of Washington County; soil and fertilizer; crops; horse weight judging; horse-shoe pitching; and others.

There will be exhibits of beef cattle, sheep, hogs, horses, entomology, agronomy, and trips of inspection can be made to plots that will show: quality meat studies beef cattle; improvement of native cattle by use of pure-bred sire; value of native reeds as a pasture for beef cattle; gleaming studies in beef cattle; cost of raising pigs to weaning age; cost of carrying breeding herd of hogs; peanut meal as a supplement to corn for fattening hogs; improvement of family cow; farm flock of sheep; fertilizer and crop rotation studies; lime tests; manganese and copper sulphate studies; pasture grass fertilizer test; corn variety; seed corn selections; small grain test; flax.

Farm machinery exhibits will be supervised by G. V. Holmes and Frank Jones. C. Y. Tilson, farm agent of Hyde County, will also participate, as well as agriculture teachers in the high schools in this section.

## Commissioners in Meeting Monday

The Washington County commissioners will advise Sheriff J. K. Reid the activities that he should take in regard to slot machines in this county. Zeb Vance Norman, attorney, will give the officials the benefit of his legal counsel in the matter.

Miss Sybil Bowen, for years a welfare worker here and assistant to Miss Florence Ledbetter, who left July 1, has been named an assistant to H. H. McLean, superintendent of schools, who, with Miss Bowen's help, will handle the welfare work. The commissioners also contributed \$5 monthly to the national reemployment office that is to be located here soon.

will not be connected with any re. Norman Harney, New York City.

Clarence L. Blount, of Plymouth, who has been in Elizabeth City as an assistant to E. S. Askew, district administrator of the WPA, is now located in the office here as area timekeeper of the WPA.

It is his duty to keep the time of the employees of 35 projects located in Chowan, Bertie, Martin, Tyrrell, and Washington Counties. He

## EXPECT TO RID COUNTY OF ALL SLOT MACHINES

### Town of Plymouth Refuses To Renew Licenses for Ten Machines

Ere the arrival of October, law enforcers are expected to take some action against the operation of "pin machines" and other coin-inserted chance devices that are now being operated in Washington County.

Already the town of Plymouth has refused to license the devices for operation again. This means that the town's revenue will be reduced about \$50 for the year. There are about 10 machines in the town limits and the license fee for each is \$5.

It is not known what attitude the county commissioners will take in the matter, but it is expected that they will be faced with the necessity of some kind of action in the matter. Town officials think it is folly to force the machines out of the limits with renewed business to be done by non-town taxpayers in the suburbs.

Zeb Vance Norman will render some kind of decision or legal opinion on the matter to Chief P. W. Brown, who is expected to do something within the next few weeks. It is predicted that the county commissioners will not take action until they get some kind of opinion from their counsellor.

July term of superior court will not be held, but Judge M. V. Barnhill, resident judge of this district, whose home is in Rocky Mount, will preside over the October term of court, and he is known by all to be a bitter foe of the chance machines and in many places charges the officers to "shut down" on them.

In an effort to save embarrassment that the law enforcers know will be their lot, it is expected that some action will be taken in the matter before the jurist delivers his charge to the grand jury in October.

## List of Nominees for Offices in County

Here are the nominees for the two parties that are to be elected to offices in Washington County in the general election in November of this year:

- Representative: Harry Stell, Democrat; J. Richard Carr, Republican.
- Sheriff: J. K. Reid, Democrat; and J. Dewey Phelps, Republican.
- Register of Deeds: Mrs. Mary Smith Cahoon, Democrat; and Aubrey Agan, Republican.
- Treasurer: Stuart D. Davis, Democrat; and H. A. (Chubby) Liverman, Republican.
- Recorder Judge: John W. Darden, Democrat; and T. W. Snell, Republican.
- Coroner: W. H. (Jack) Peele, Democrat; and W. W. Robertson, Republican.
- Commissioners: District No. 1: Frank L. Brinkley, Democrat; and George W. Sitterson, Republican; District No. 2: J. M. Clagon, Democrat; and Arthur Phelps, Republican; District No. 3: E. F. Swain, Democrat; and Jennings D. Davenport, Republican.

## Funeral Sunday for Mrs. Hannah Latham

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon for Mrs. Hannah Latham, 65, widow of the late Whit Latham, who succumbed Saturday after an illness of a short time. She lived on the Long Acre road near Plymouth.

Rev. N. A. Taylor, pastor of the Christian church, officiated. Interment took place in the family cemetery.

Surviving are the following children: Jack Latham and (Rabbit) Latham, of Plymouth; Tom Latham, of Raeford; E. W. and A. R. Latham, Plymouth; Mrs. J. W. Darden, Plymouth; and Mrs. Woodson Stubbs, Richmond.

## Divorce Suit Is Entered This Week

A suit for divorce was started in Washington County Superior Court by Claire Ray Wilson against Anne Elizabeth Wilson. The couple was married on October 29, 1932, and lived together until July 14, 1933. Mr. Wilson alleges that his wife abandoned him without cause.

Mr. Wilson is well known here, as he is manager of Rea's Beach, a resort on the Albemarle Sound near Plymouth, and stays while in town with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Rath.

## Clyde R. Hoey Gets Democratic Nomination for Governor; Thad Eure Is Ticket Leader in County

### County Vote Last Saturday

Following is the tabulation, by precincts, of the vote cast in Washington County last Saturday:

	Plym.	Le's	M	Skin.	Scup.	Wen.	Total
<b>GOVERNOR</b>							
Dr. R. W. McDonald	558	315	86	219	22		1,198
Clyde R. Hoey	339	193	120	205	4		861
<b>LIEUT. GOVERNOR:</b>							
Paul B. Grady	511	219	87	225	13		1,055
W. P. Horton	280	222	85	122	9		718
<b>SEC. OF STATE:</b>							
Thad Eure	656	379	153	257	16		1,461
Stacey Wade	173	83	29	102	8		395
<b>COUNTY COM.—Dist. No. 1</b>							
P. M. Arps	365	201	121	144	9		840
Frank L. Brinkley	519	310	91	294	17		1,231
<b>TREASURER:</b>							
Stuart D. Davis	432	277	132	176	18		1,035
Robert Campbell	444	280	71	230	7		982
<b>CORONER:</b>							
Jack Peele	543	233	125	332	14		1,247
W. S. Nurney	328	270	66	60	11		735

## PARTIAL LIST OF COUNTY SCHOOL TEACHING STAFF

### No Principal Yet Named To Succeed Anderson in Local Schools

An incomplete list of the teaching staff of the Washington County schools has been released for publication by H. H. McLean, superintendent of public instruction.

Plymouth: No principal has been elected to succeed L. W. Anderson, who has secured a job in Lee County, and a combination fourth and fifth grade teacher is yet to be named; J. O. Cooper, vocational agriculture teacher, will return.

High school: Eugene Powell, Flat Rock (new, science); Thelma Getzinger, Louise Brinkley (reinstated); Katherine Lyon, Charlotte (new, French); Nevie Pickett, Ruth (new), Nellie Tarkenton, Selma Braxton.

Hampton Academy: Katherine Brandon, Mrs. Kathleen Harrison, Gladys Bonner, Edna Glover, Ethel Perry and Blanche Mosely.

Roper: D. E. Poole, principal; R. B. Forbes, Cordelia Lanier, Hickory (new); Edwin Burche, C. H. Floyd, Mrs. Eloise McArthur Owens, A. C. Carstarphen, Margaret Davenport, Naomi Gibson, Laurinburg (new); Carolyn Brooks, Ayrer Gene Willis, Stockville (new); second-grade teacher not secured.

Creswell: C. H. Aderholdt, principal; W. S. Riddick, Mrs. A. S. Holmes A. H. Tucker, O. O. Rudisill, Mrs. O. R. Armstrong, Grace Stillman, Ruth Miller, Gladys Rountree, Mary K. Davenport, Creswell (new); Mary A. Clark. Mathematics and history teachers for high school and third-grade teacher to be secured.

Cherry: Rupert Ainsley and Mrs. C. N. Davenport, jr., are the only ones elected here. Three more are to be chosen. A. W. Davenport, who has been a principal a long time will not return to this elementary school.

## District Masons To Meet Tuesday, 14th

The annual meeting of the third district officers of the Masonic lodge will be held in Swan Quarter Tuesday, July 14, with an address featured by Rev. R. H. Lucas, of Plymouth, pastor of the First Baptist church, and district deputy grand master of the order.

Mr. Lucas has secured national publicity as a blind dairy operator, minister and farmer. He continues to get letters from well-wishers from Chicago, California, Washington, D. C., and Canada, who admire his activities despite his loss of eyesight.

The welcome address will be made by Rev. W. C. Lowe, pastor of the Swan Quarter Methodist church. Response will be made by John W. Darden, of Plymouth. Greetings will be heard from John A. Anderson, of Raleigh, state grand secretary. Also an address will be made by J. Giles Hudson, of Salisbury, state grand master of masonry.

## Get Fine Crop of Hay From 20 Acres Alfalfa

The Asheville Farm School in Buncombe County cut and stored a fine crop of hay from 20 acres of alfalfa last week and will top-dress the land with superphosphate.

## Brinkley, Davis and Peele Are Winners In County Contests

### McDonald Leads Hoey in Washington County by 337 Majority

Carrying about 68 out of the 100 counties, Clyde Roark Hoey was nominated for Governor of North Carolina last Saturday by one of the largest votes ever accorded a candidate for any office in the state. Unofficial and incomplete returns today gave Hoey a lead of more than 50,000 votes over Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, the count standing at 266,813 for Hoey and 212,879 for McDonald, with all of the 1,858 precincts heard from. With the exception of a number of counties in the east and one or two in the west, Hoey made a clean sweep in the State.

Administration candidate Frank L. Brinkley was renominated in last Saturday's second Democratic primary with a majority of 391 votes over his opponent, Percy M. Arps.

Robert Campbell, a newcomer in the political game here, was beaten by only 53 votes by the veteran campaigner, Stuart D. Davis, in the race for treasurer. W. H. (Jack) Peele beat W. S. Nurney almost 2 to 1 to win the nomination as coroner.

The upset in the day's voting was in the fact that Dr. Ralph W. McDonald carried the county by a majority of 337 over the successful candidate, Clyde R. Hoey, for nomination as governor of North Carolina. Thad Eure, successful in his efforts to beat Secretary of State Stacey Wade, led the ticket with 1,461, with Peele second with 1,247.

The campaign this year was waged between a successful group of insurgents who bolted the leadership of the old established Democratic leaders and the old-line veteran campaigners. The fight was bitter and hotly contested in every way.

It is the duty now of the two factions to decide upon some person to have the leadership of the Democratic party who will be mutually satisfactory and who will have influence enough and is competent enough to begin to heal the sores of division that have been brought about.

There is no doubt but that the Republicans will wage a hard campaign, both nationally and locally, this year, and leaders here predict that the Democratic cause should be strengthened by party harmony.

## SIDELIGHTS ON SECOND PRIMARY

A dead man was voted. To the polls came a man claiming his name was M. Leary. Registrar J. T. McNair found the name D. M. Leary on the books. He passed the man. Later it was found that D. M. Leary was dead. Another mistake.

H. J. Furbee, registrar at Wenona, said Tuesday morning they had the heaviest primary vote in years. Fact of it, the vote Saturday was larger than the first primary tabulation. Twenty-six votes were cast. Dr. Ralph McDonald carried this precinct with 22 votes.

It was reported that Dr. C. McGowan and John W. Darden were the leaders in bringing in voters. Between the two they brought into the Plymouth precinct polls almost half of the voters that came from the rural sections. They worked hard and fast.

Something unusual around the polls in the last two or three elections have been, the hard-working, vote-getting women. These ladies were driving cars, canvassing on the street and helping in marking the ballots. It is estimated that there were 25 in Plymouth and others elsewhere in the county. Old-timers marveled at this sight.

Eli Mizelle, Republican judge in the Plymouth precinct, remarked that he was glad his party did not have these hard-fought primaries in its organization. Like others, he observed the bitterness in this and in others in which he has served.

## PARTY NOMINEE



Clyde Roark Hoey who was nominated for Governor of North Carolina by more than a 50,000 majority by the Democratic Party last Saturday.

## Board Education Holds Its Regular Meet This Week

### Abolish Services of Part-Time Bookkeeper, Saving \$50 Monthly

A saving of \$50 monthly will be effected after August 1, when the services of a part-time bookkeeper is discontinued by the Washington County Board of Education, it was decided at a meeting Tuesday.

W. E. Waters, who has been filling this job for the last year or more since he was relieved as auditor, has been given his notice that his services will be required no longer after the first of next month. This action was brought about when the county commissioners decided to discontinue the appropriation.

The work will be divided among the regular employees of the county at a saving to the county and taxpayers.

Sidney A. Ward, sr., was named a member of the Plymouth school board to succeed E. F. Still, who resigned. The board is now composed of J. Robert Campbell, chairman; Walter H. Paramore, secretary and treasurer; and Mr. Ward.

The board confirmed the sale of the Wenona school property for \$400 to the North Carolina Blandland Experiment Station. It was also decided to employ custodians of the schools in the various places at a salary of \$5 monthly, their duties to include looking after the property.

## Marriage Licenses Issued Last Month

Marriage license were issued during the month of June as follows: White: Erel Wynne, Creswell; F. B. Davenport, Columbia; to Elizabeth Owens, Columbia; S. E. Getsinger, Dardens; to Louise Layton Blount, Plymouth.

Colored: Perlie Phelps, Roper, to Relucia Chance, Plymouth; John L. Rowsom, Columbia; to Pearl Spruill, Roper; Hyman Lucas, Roper to Elicer Chancery, Washington; William J. Whitley, Williamston, to Ella Wilder, Washington.