

COUNTY LEADER OF DEMOCRATS IS MOOT QUESTION

J. C. Swain Elected by One Group Saturday; Darden Also Claimant

They are still inquiring of each other on the streets today as to who is the legal chairman of the Washington County Democratic Executive Committee, while the partisans move on to Ahoskie to attend a rally on Friday.

W. M. Darden, a leader in the major faction, claims this honor, while his rights are contested by J. C. Swain, who was elected to this job last Saturday at a meeting held in W. L. Whitley's office, at which time Mr. Whitley emphasized his first statement that he would not accept the place.

Wallace Winborne, state chairman, is said to be "playing ball" with both of the claimants by corresponding with both of them and addressing each as chairman of the county Democratic executive committee. But how much longer this can continue is not known.

This situation has come down from a split in the Democratic county convention held here several months ago. W. W. White claims that he is the precinct chairman from Skippersville, while C. L. Everett contests this and claims the office himself.

E. R. Lewis, Lees Mills; J. L. Rea, Wenona; and C. L. Everett, Skippersville, elected Mr. Whitley as chairman, and when he declined to serve elected J. Corbett Swain to the job. Clyde Smithson, Scuppernon; W. M. Darden, Plymouth; W. W. White, Skippersville, elected Mr. Darden as chairman.

It has been reported that the State party officials recognized Mr. Everett as the proper Skippersville chairman and thus recognize Mr. Whitley and later Mr. Swain as the legal chairman. The major faction in the county, whose candidates were nominated in the primaries, recognizes Mr. Darden.

A show-down is expected soon. It may be that both factions will endeavor to have a crowd present at the Ahoskie meeting to increase the voting power so that the largest delegation can dominate the meeting as regards matters relating to this individual county.

Pungo Man Sets Trap for Thieves

Willie Allen from out Wenona way brings the story to Plymouth of the resourcefulness of a Pungo man in apprehending chicken thieves.

A steel trap was set at the door of the poultry house. When the hand reached in to bring out a hen the jaws of the trap clamped down on it. A comrade went for a scolding to help free the trap's prisoner. It seemed ages to the man with the hurting hand in the trap before his comrade returned, and so he let out a yell for help and was freed by the owner of the chicken house. Both were white men.

Names of the principals in the story could not be learned, but Mr. Allen will vouch for the truthfulness, as he called names but those who passed the story on could not recall the names of the principals.

Try To Organize For Group Singing

Miss Ruth Modlin, a member of the school faculty, choir leader of the Christian church and otherwise a good musician in general, is co-operating with Principal E. W. Joyner and others in an effort to get a group of interested singers to organize some kind of system for the singing of this talent.

J. B. Alderman, of Dunn, one of the leading song leaders in this state has offered this community the opportunity of participating in this group singing. It would cost \$600 a year. It is hoped that 150 interested people will contribute \$2 each for a year.

Mr. Alderman will secure a singer from the Westminster Choir School, of Princeton, N. J., to give one day's service to this community each week. He will assist congregations, choirs, choruses, or any other group singers in arranging and giving a program or will train them for the community.

Miss Modlin, being a singer herself, is interested in this plan, and it is hoped that something can be worked out in regard to the matter.

HOW AGRICULTURAL BUILDING WILL LOOK



When completed, Washington County's agricultural building, next to the courthouse, will look similar to the one pictured here. The building here will present a better appearance, the district supervisor of the WPA, which organization is handling the construction, explaining that certain alterations would effect improvements.

COMPACT BILL

Meeting in Washington last week, farmer representatives of the tobacco-growing sections were advised that the legal division of the Federal government was working out details in regard to additional legislation needed to make effective some form of tobacco control. At a recent meeting in Pitt County, J. E. Winslow, State Farm Bureau president and one of the representatives attending the Washington meeting, stated that the legal division of the government was drawing up a model bill, including the agreement entered into by the various farm bureaus, and that copies of the proposed bill will be made public within the next few days.

County Council in Meeting Saturday

The members of the county council held an interesting meeting Saturday afternoon in the home agent's office. Mrs. W. H. Harrison, president of the council, presided.

The members of the council voted for the officers of the federation to give a report at the fall federation. Plans for a program of the federations were discussed. Mrs. Edison Davenport, of Mackeys, was elected secretary of the federation to succeed Mrs. Leon Brey.

Mrs. A. L. Holmes, of Creswell, and Mrs. Z. S. Waters, of Pleasant Grove were elected to serve with the home agent on a flower and fund committee.

Mrs. Hilda Robertson, Mrs. Jasper Swain, and Miss Ida Davis were appointed as a nominating committee for president of the federation this fall.

The following clubs were represented at the meeting: Creswell, Cherry, County Bridge, Roper, Cool Springs, Chapel Hill, Alba, Pleasant Grove, and Swain.

Ministers Invited To Attend Show

Ministers and their wives from Plymouth, Roper, Columbia, Creswell, Mackeys, Jamesville, and any rural parishes have a special invitation to attend the New Theatre here Thursday or Friday of this week to see "San Francisco" as the guest of Shep Brinkley.

This picture has been acclaimed by critics as the most uplifting outstanding Christianlike picture to come out of Hollywood. The story deals with two brothers, one good and one bad. Clark Gable was never better as the bad brother, who did for Spencer Tracy, the good brother, what his own followers could not afford to do. Jeannette MacDonald is the guiding force to bring the brothers together.

"This picture I personally endorse as being of the highest quality entertainment attainable. In Murfreesboro this production played to capacity crowds, and I have yet to hear any one say it wasn't as advertised," says Shep.

Farm Teachers Meet in Roper

N. B. Chestnut, of Greenville, district supervisor of vocational agriculture in the schools in this section, met with the teachers of this course in the schools of Washington, Martin, and Tyrrell counties at Roper last week.

A. H. Tucker, of Creswell, discussed the Young Tar Heel Farmers' organization, while J. O. Cooper, of Plymouth, outlined a program of work, with C. H. Floyd, Roper, and J. C. Eubanks, Jamesville, joining in the general discussions.

MORTGAGE SALE IS HELD UP BY ORDER OF COURT

Sallie M. and J. L. Swain Secure Injunction Against Plymouth Oil Co.

A restraining order was granted Sallie M. and J. L. Swain against Clyde McCallum and E. Leigh Winslow, trading as the Plymouth Oil Company, which prevented the sale of property on Monday that was advertised in the Beacon during the last four weeks.

Judge J. Paul Frizzelle, of Snow Hill, signed the restraining order on last Sunday (however, the papers are dated on Monday). The property advertised was described as being "bound on the west by Highway No. 90," which is the place at which Ralph Browning operates a filling station.

The plaintiffs set forth that they erected a filling station on the land for trade and were under contract to handle Plymouth Oil Company products, and that the Standard Oil Company offered them \$5,000 for land and station but were dissuaded from this proposition by the Plymouth Oil Company representatives, who "would convey to them that part of the property not considered in and operated by the filling station."

In December, 1932, the defendants failed to execute to them a deed as mentioned and foreclosed mortgage under this power with E. R. Chesson, agent of the Plymouth Oil Co., as the purchaser. They went to Clyde McCallum and E. L. Winslow for adjustment of a book account of \$350 and a deed which they refused to execute.

Later a deed was executed by the defendants to the plaintiffs and a mortgage taken for money due. The plaintiffs claim they are due credit for \$149 paid on account, \$575 stock and fixtures from the store when they stopped business and \$108 in taxes now due, which have not been paid. And the plaintiffs allege that these three items should cancel the debt entirely, leaving them the house in which they now live.

The plaintiffs also allege that they were to get 1 cent on each gallon of gasoline as rent for the filling station which the Plymouth Oil Company has failed to turn over to them at a period between November, 1931 to April, 1933.

Offers To Provide Gymnastic Training

Calisthenics is offered to the people of this section by Cecil (Bugs) Beasley, of Plymouth, who has trained pugilists in the light heavyweight classes.

Mr. Beasley offers to train the high school chaps in the art of self defense as a health measure, although some may desire to enter the game as a professional in years. His services would be free to the school boys and girls (separate classes).

The only provision is that the school officials equip the local gym with punching bag, rowing machine and other equipment so that gymnastic training might be undertaken right here in Plymouth.

His idea also is to include classes at night, or in the daytime if preferred, for men and women of excess weight, as well as underweight children. They will be given such exercises as will aid in trimming their figures and adding to their health.

A nominal charge will be made by him for his service, which can be secured very cheap if enough people are interested. Benefit dances, plays and other entertainments can be given by those interested to help the school officials to secure money enough to properly equip the gym.

He is now training Johnny Mueller, of Wenona, and Bryan Cox, of Plymouth.

Add New Members At Roper Churches

The last two weeks have been important in the church activities in Roper.

Last week there were six additions to the Baptist church as the result of a series of revival services held by the pastor, Dr. G. A. Martin, of Creswell. D. E. Poole was in charge of the singing.

This week Rev. W. W. Watson, pastor of the Methodist church, has been conducting a series of meetings that will probably end Sunday night. The results will be announced at that time.

Lang to Locate Pickle Plant Here If Acreage Is Secured

C. C. Lang & Son, of Baltimore, who operate large plants at Washington and Elizabeth City, N. C., Hall, N. Y., Preston, Md., and Millford, Va., and buy large quantities of onions, peppers, and cucumbers for pickles, will put in a branch plant at Plymouth if sufficient acreage is pledged for planting to the various crops for the crop years of 1937.

The Lang firm established a plant at Washington 5 years ago and they now have a very large business at that place, employing about 100 during the entire year, and using the products raised by some 650 farmers the past season, giving them a cash market for all of the cucumbers, etc., that they produced under contract at a state price.

Some of the growers made as high as \$200 per acre for cucumbers during the growing season this year. The past spring was hard on the cucumber grower, heavy rains early and later on a severe drought, but the average production in the Washington section was very satisfactory, running about \$140 per acre.

As the cucumber crop is harvested in June and is over by the 10th of July, it gives the grower ready cash at a time that it is most needed.

P. H. Roberts, jr., will have charge of the Plymouth business. He is the son of the manager of the Washington plant. Mr. Roberts is an experienced pickle man and will be able to give the growers valuable information relative to the best method of planting and harvesting the crops to be produced at Plymouth. Mr. Roberts is a southern man, born in Mississippi, but has had 15 years' experience in the pickle business in Ohio and Michigan, which constitute the center of the pickle production of the United States.

Football Team Is Being Organized At Local School

Notwithstanding press reports that Principal E. W. Joyner was not in favor of football in the athletic program, the Plymouth High School is expected to have a football team this year.

In fact close to \$100 has been pledged and about \$65 has been collected as a "financial starter." Drills have been in order all this week with L. W. Zeizler, science teacher, band instructor and coach in charge of the preliminary workouts.

Forty dollars' worth of used equipment has been purchased from the Roper boys. This will be cleaned, renovated and improved until it appears now that the boys will have pretty good equipment for a dozen boys to trot onto the field in full football togs.

The boys became enthused, the school board agreed to the sport, Mr. Ziegler capitalized on the interest of the students and teachers and E. F. Still, former school board member, planked down \$10 at one throw so the boys went after the populace for donations.

Mr. Joyner desires to arrange games for October with schools in Williamston, Windsor, Columbia, Edenton, and other schools in this section. The schedule calls for one game a week, usually on Fridays. It is not known whether they will enter conference competition.

Some of the huskies on the team include Richard Lucas, Bob Bateman, Norman Mayo, Reuben Mayo, Jimmy Wineset, Jimmy Hays, Russell Harrison, Henry Gray Mizelle, Tarleton Gardner, Bill Darden, Bryan Cox, Brinson, and others.

New Supervisor of Home Management

Miss Mary E. Johnston, of Charlotte, has succeeded Miss Kestler as supervisor of home management in Washington and Tyrrell Counties under the Rural Resettlement Administration, assuming her duties on Monday morning.

She was transferred to Plymouth from Clinton in Sampson County, where she worked with the same organization for some time. She will share a joint office here with C. C. Hutcheson, supervisor of farms for the R. A.

Her work will bring her in contact with 163 families in these counties. Mornings she will be in the office, while in the afternoons she will be in the field, and every Saturday morning will have office hours from 8:30 to 1.

Miss Kestler, who has been here almost since the beginning of the project, resigned to be married. Miss Eugenia Patterson, district supervisor, was here with Miss Johnston on Monday and introducing her to friends.

Phelps & Freeman Will Buy Cotton

A. R. Phelps and Tom Freeman, of Roper, are broadening their cotton-buying activities this year. They will purchase seed cotton, bale cotton, and cotton seed. This year they will not do any ginning, but will buy the cotton crop from people in several counties.

DIG FOR PUMP OF BOAT SUNK HERE FOLLOWING FIRE

Low Water Enables Workmen To Dig Few Hours; Attempt Unsuccessful

Dirt was shoveled fast for a few hours last Friday as workmen taking advantage of low water in the Roanoke River were endeavoring to locate a steam pump that was on the old "Mayflower," which was burned in 1920 across the river from the town market.

Despite hasty efforts that the workmen were making to tunnel into the dry mud on the banks of the river while the water was low, their were futile, as at nightfall the pump had not been found. A ditch was dug to the front of the boiler.

Representative Harry Stell once worked on this boat as an engineer. Captain Tom Davis was in charge, and Captain Stephen Aumack was also at one time connected with the vessel. It was said to have been a "hard luck" boat. Once it turned over and a child was drowned.

The vessel was moored to the wharf here one night when it was discovered afire. Plymouth has been burned numbers of times, so some one cut the boat adrift on the Roanoke. It drifted across the river, where it burned to the water's edge.

It has also been rumored that there was some money on board in silver dollars that belonged to some member of the crew who either left the boat when the alarm was sounded or who had been spending the night in Plymouth and could not get aboard to get his money.

W. R. White and John W. Darden and others remember the burning of the boat, and one remarked that "it was a pretty sight, the vessel floating slowly down the stream with flames leaping from it."

When the river was lowest last Friday it has been in the memory of the oldest inhabitants. It was down 5 feet as the northwest wind pushed it out into the Atlantic. Normally it is about 20 feet off the market dock, and on Friday it was down to 15.

Roper Enrollment Same As Year Ago

Enrollment for the month of September in the Roper school is about the same as for the same month last year, despite the fact that there were about 30 beginners this year, according to D. E. Poole, principal.

This year it is given as 330, while last year it was 331. However, the enrollment is expected to reach 370 before the end of school. Last term the total enrollment was 361. Thus the school retains its teaching staff of 13.

The high school has 85 last year, while this year it has 91. The total last year was 97; this year it is expected that it will be more than 100.

Reasons for the increase after the first months is that many start later on account of helping harvest the fall crops, while many will move in from other districts, as around the first of the year a number of farmers change their places of residence.

Changes Made in WPA Organization

The office of payroll clerk has been abolished by the WPA and W. B. Cox, who held the office, has been made project supervisor of Washington and Tyrrell Counties. Clarence Blount is located here as time-keeper for five counties.

There are eight projects now under the supervision of Mr. Cox, with the agricultural building, sanitary and privy work and road project at Roper in this county and drainage at Gum Neck and Alligator, privy, agricultural building and street work in Columbia.

Roper Parents and Teachers To Meet

The Parent-Teacher Association of Roper will hold a meeting in a few days to outline a program for the next year's work and to further perfect this organization which has been doing good work in connection with the school.

New officers are Mrs. R. D. Blount president; Mrs. Jim Leary, vice president; Mrs. Aubrey Dixon, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. D. E. Poole, chairman of the program committee; and Mrs. Willie Mizelle, chairman of the membership committee.

TO SPEAK AT FAIR



Hon. Lindsay C. Warren who speak to the Farmers' Day Rally at the Williamston fair on Wednesday morning, September 30.

Suit Is Dismissed For False Arrest

A suit for \$5.00 brought against Edward J. Spruill by Delma Simpson on an allegation of false arrest and malicious prosecution was dismissed in Chowan County Recorder's Court in Edenton last week after three days and over \$200 was spent on the case by the county.

Mr. Spruill charged Mr. Simpson with stealing a bag of blue Tokyo soybeans last year some time from his home. After a hearing before Magistrate John W. Darden, Simpson was found not guilty and was acquitted. Then Mr. Simpson sued Mr. Spruill for damages.

Witnesses on the stand averred that a trail of beans from a sack led from Spruill's to Simpson's, where a sack half filled with beans, with a hole in the bottom was on his back porch.

Both sides had important lawyers, among them Carl L. Bailey, of Plymouth.

Number Cases Tried Tuesday in Court

James Hill, negro, was sentenced to three months on the roads, with the road sentence suspended upon the payment of costs and purchasing his driver's license, in recorder's court here Tuesday as the result of a collision between a truck he was operating and an ice truck on the new Roper bridge.

Witnesses asserted that the ice truck was parked on the side of the one-way bridge waiting for traffic to pass and that when the ice truck pulled out to cross the bridge, the truck driven by Hill collided with it. This bridge is being widened, and men were working on it when the crash occurred, but they leaped to safety.

W. A. Jackson was again arraigned in court to answer to a charge of abandoning and failing to support his wife and children. Prayer for judgment was continued with the understanding that he pay to his wife \$6 weekly for the support of the children.

Wilbur Treadwell was given three months on the roads, suspended upon the payment of costs on a charge of kicking Mary Walker in the side and breaking two ribs.

Preston Bell was found guilty of assaulting Hampton Little with a brick.