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VIGOROUS DRIVE FOR ROOSEVELT IS PLANNED HERE

Regardless of Local Differences, Democrats To Wage Strong Fight

“Regardless of the cooperation of the minor group and the state organization, the major group of Democrats of Washington County will wage a vigorous campaign for the election of the entire Democratic ticket,” it was announced today by W. M. Darden, leader of the major faction.

“The people of Washington County have indicated by their ballots whom they wish to serve as leaders in this county, and therefore the successful group which I represent will not yield to the state nor any other faction in their efforts to replace the leadership wished by the majority of the Democratic electorate.”

“We will have four or five good rallies in this county. They will be in Cherry, Roper, Creswell, and Plymouth. Speakers will be chosen from a list of 100 submitted to me by the state organization and our group will support these speakers and the rallies and the party in its great fight.”

“A campaign fund will be solicited by our group for defraying the expenses of a campaign prior to and on election day. Those who contribute through other channels except through our group cannot be guaranteed that their money will do the most good where it is needed most.”

“On election day, we will arrange our program and work through the same organization that has twice been successful in upholding the democracy of this county. In 1934 the present Democratic leaders were successful in their fight for nomination of Democratic candidates. This year they repeated. The majority is with us.”

“So as the true representatives of the party we enter this campaign. No state organization or group can usurp or take away from our group the leadership and trust placed in us by the majority of voters in two primaries. We are ready to serve them and will not renounce this confidence,” concluded Mr. Darden.

In Ashokie last Friday J. C. Swain was recognized by the credentials group as the proper chairman of the Washington County Democratic Executive Committee. Mr. Darden was recognized as chairman of the Plymouth precinct, to which office he has been duly elected.

Mr. Darden's attitude is that despite the repudiation of the State officials he is the legal chairman of the committee, and he refuses to renounce his office, which he still claims as his, despite the recognition of Mr. Swain by the state organization.

Mr. Swain's organization is expected to also prepare and wage a contest for the party. The ticket of Mr. Darden's group was nominated with the exception of Clyde Smithson, who failed to secure a lead over E. F. Swain, Creswell, for commissioner; and Mr. Swain is the only successful candidate of the minority organization.

Pledge 300 Acres To Cucumbers

More than 300 acres have been pledged to be planted to cucumbers in this section next year, and P. H. Roberts, Jr., manager of the plant of the C. C. Lang & Co., which is to be built here within the next few months, thinks that a total of 700 acres will be grown in the trade area next year.

He will probably work through the farm classes in the schools. He will have a meeting in Jamesville next Tuesday night, at which time he expects to have 100 acres pledged. It is expected that he will have a meeting in Roper, Plymouth and Creswell before the campaign for pledged acres is concluded.

New Physician To Arrive Next Week

Dr. Alban Pappineau, of the staff of the State Sanatorium, is expected to arrive here next week to begin the practice of medicine. His office will be in the building on Water Street above the Burgess Shoe and Clothing Store. He will live in the brick residence to be vacated in October by Mrs. D. V. Clayton, who, with her family, will move to Williamston.

About Town

“In Langley Field about a year ago I saw a house through which an airplane had been driven. A lady occupant of the home was to be married and had her trousseau displayed on a bed when the machine crashed through, ruining her clothes. A fund was contributed by sympathizers to replace her wedding clothes,” said C. V. W. Ausbon, clerk of superior court.

The new filling station on the highway between Plymouth and Roper is named the Argonne. It is owned by Eli Phelps, who served with the A. E. F. in the Argonne Forest in France during the World War.

E. B. Rooks, of Washington, who works insurance over here, knows how to handle the dogs. A canine ripped one leg of his trousers off through a crack in a doorstep, and when he came back for the second bite, Mr. Rooks kicked him in the mouth and “teeth were scattered about the yard like corn.” To this day that dog never stays around front when Mr. Rooks enters the yard and “he still has no upper teeth.”

It has been reported that the Department of Conservation and Development shows that in Washington County 81 per cent of the total area is in forest, with 65 per cent of the total swampland. And the same authority says that 90 per cent of Tyrrell is swampland and forest, with only 6 per cent in cultivation. Washington has 19 per cent in cultivation.

Miss Katherine Lyons, French teacher in the Plymouth school, is the daughter of a teacher. Her mother is a language instructor in Queens College at Charlotte. This school has about 350 girl students and is operated by the Presbyterians.

Bugs sometime surprise poultry. J. E. Westray tells of the time when a strapping Rhode Island Red rooster popped its bill down on a bee. Now the wary chickens walks around and “eyes corn for a minute or two before he picks it up.” The rooster's bug diet is limited.

“Just reminders,” said W. F. Winslow, referring to the group of checks he has in a glass frame over his desk. One was from a firm that had stopped payment, two were from former bankers, and so on goes the list. About \$25 was represented in the “worthless checks” kept as a lesson.

Nine boys will be enrolled from Washington and Tyrrell Counties at the CCC recruiting station in Washington, N. C., when Miss Ursula Bateman, certifying agent from the two counties, carries the youths over Friday.

There will be 5 principals and 4 alternates from Washington and 4 principals and 4 alternates taken from Tyrrell. They will enter the service of the Civilian Conservation Camps.

Miss Mary Claude Spruill, now Mrs. Charles A. Peele, of Williamston, will resign her position as secretary and stenographer for Senator Carl L. Bailey about the middle of October. She will go to Williamston to live with her husband. She thinks that they will be in a position to secure an apartment by this time. She has been with Mr. Bailey for six years. No successor has been named.

Senator Carl L. Bailey, chairman of the commission appointed to consider the claims of counties against the State Highway and Public Works Commission for public roads constructed by the counties, is at home this week.

Last week he heard with his committee 23 counties argue for their contentions in Asheville. Next Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, he will hear about the same number in Raleigh. In November he will have another session of his committee.

Sound motion pictures will be used by Dr. J. C. Knox, of the State Board of Health at Raleigh, when he comes to Plymouth Friday for three showings of his health program, beginning at 2:15 and 3 at the Plymouth High School and later in the afternoon at the Senior Woman's Club meeting in the legion hall at 3:30.

Hostesses for the club meeting will be Mesdames B. G. Campbell, Robert Bateman, T. L. Bray, P. W. Brinkley and the members of the Junior Woman's Club.

FRANK C. SPRUILL MADE CHAIRMAN ELECTORS HERE

Agency To Raise Funds for Re-election of President Franklin D. Roosevelt

The appointment of Frank C. Spruill as chairman of the Roosevelt Electors Committee has been announced by A. D. Folger, State Finance Director and National Committeeman for this State, from his headquarters at Raleigh.

The Roosevelt Electors Committee, of which there will be one or more in each county, is the official agency designated by the Democrat National Committee to raise funds for the re-election of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

In selecting Mr. Spruill as one of the Committee Chairmen for this county, Mr. Folger pays a fine tribute to the qualities of leadership, ability and party loyalty that are possessed by Mr. Spruill.

As chairman of the Roosevelt Electors Committee he will be in charge of the work of raising funds in this section for the campaign. Every person contributing will be enrolled as a member of the Roosevelt Electors committee and presented with an elector's certificate. Details of the drive for funds will be explained by Mr. Spruill who asks the help and cooperation of the people of Washington County.

The solicitation should not be confused with the funds heretofore solicited for the nomination of Roosevelt.

There is a committee in each precinct that will call on the interested people for donations toward advancing this cause. W. M. Darden, county chairman, urges that the committee make an unusual effort in raising this fund and that the Democrats of the county contribute as liberally as possible for the re-election of Roosevelt.

Mrs. Gordon May Is College Journalist

Mrs. Gordon May, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Everett here, who organized the journalism department of Stratford College, Danville, Va., in 1930-31, returned this year as instructor in journalism and to occupy the position of publicity director of the college.

Shortly after the beginning of the session in 1930-31, Mrs. May conceived the idea of having a journalism department publish a college paper. The 6-page paper was known as the “Stratford Traveler.” It won immediate favor and received the blue ribbon award from the Inter-collegiate Press Association.

Mrs. May also organized the Blue Pencil Club and the Quill and Scroll Society, membership in both requiring special aptitude in journalistic work. Her publications in every instance have received awards.

She is a graduate of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, has had professional work in Columbia University in New York, and the University of California, as well as extension work at Carolina. She has taught in several large schools.

Mr. May is head of the science department in the George Washington High School in Danville. They have twin sons about 3 years of age. They spent their vacation here the first of September with their parents. Her brother, W. J. Everett, is chief of police in Asheville, and another brother, V. E. Everett, lives here.

E. G. Arps To Open Grocery Here Soon

E. G. Arps, local druggist and treasurer of Washington County, will open a grocery store on Water Street in the building now occupied by Williford's Yellow Front Grocery as soon as Mr. Williford moves his store across the street to the J. C. Spruill building.

Mr. Arps will have in his employ Gilmer Ayers, who was formerly connected with Williford's for about six years as butcher and clerk. He is to add another clerk, whose name will be announced later.

Mr. Williford would not announce the successor to Mr. Ayers, but rumors have it that Sidney Hilliard, who was here years ago and who has been in the business in Norfolk, would return here to be associated with Mr. Williford.

Mr. Williford thinks that he will be unable to move from his present location by the week-end, but will be in his new store next week.

Home and Club News

By Mary Frances Misener

Schedule for Next Week

Monday, Busy Bee Club.
Tuesday, Hoke.
Wednesday, Roper.
Thursday, Chapel Hill.
Friday, Beech Grove.
Saturday, curb market, 8:15.
Mrs. Joe Browning is still leading the sales at curb market. Miss Lula Watson is second highest seller. Both have had good sales the past month.

Three interesting meetings were held last week in which the scoring of yeast bread was done by Miss Brooks, assistant food specialist.

Tuesday morning Mrs. George Bowen entertained a group of the club members. Mrs. Hays and Mrs. Phelps won the prizes for the best bread. Mrs. Bowen served punch and cookies.

The Roper Club was hostess to Beech Grove Club, Cross Roads, and Swain Club Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. F. D. Wilson. After the judging of the bread a contest was held. The hostesses served nut cookies and tea.

Mrs. Lewis Hassell, Mrs. John Hassell and Mrs. Jane Vail won the prizes for the highest scoring of bread.

Wednesday morning, Mrs. Roy Hopkins was hostess to the Cherry, Mount Tabor, Scuppernon and Creswell Clubs. An interesting meeting was held in connection with the scoring of yeast breads. At the close of the meeting Mrs. Hopkins served iced tea and cookies. Mrs. Ida Bateman and Mrs. Kitty Norman won prizes.

The women were very cooperative in the clubs, trying to make the bread contest a success. I think each one taking a part in it.

The members of Swain Club enjoyed a surprise birthday party given by Mrs. Hardison honoring her daughter, Mrs. Reason, last Wednesday evening. After the lecture a demonstration of school lunches. A social hour was enjoyed by those present.

Creswell Home Demonstration Club had good attendance at its regular meeting Thursday. This club is very interested in all phases of club work and tries to get all reports correctly.

It is time, in October, to pay federation dues and to make an annual report of club work. Each club member is asked to fill in the blanks that are given in.

Each hgharden leader is asked to send in a report of her garden and a short story of it as soon as possible.

Only Two Cases in Recorder's Court

Only two cases came before Recorder John W. Darden Tuesday, and these consumed the entire morning session.

Wilbur Howard was given four months on the road, suspended upon the payment of \$10 and costs on a charge of reckless driving, speeding, and for not having the proper brakes on his truck. The charges were brought after a wreck with another truck operated by a man named Stillman. Policeman L. C. Snell, of Roper, was the prosecuting witness.

Raymond Garrett was given three months suspended upon the payment of \$10 and costs on a charge of assaulting Julie Nichols and with making himself a nuisance and being drunk. L. L. Basnight was the complaining witness.

Local Youths To Put On Rodeo

Now Plymouth is to have a rodeo, according to placards in the windows about town.

Wilford Whitley, son of Attorney and Mrs. W. L. Whitley, is in charge and with his pony will be one of the performers. Young Jack Swain, Harry McLean, and others will be in the show.

“Yes; we have a bucking horse, wild calf, jumping racks and other things,” said young Mr. Whitley, who wanted the public to know that it would be in the back yard of Mrs. Sally Gardner, and that members of the high school band would play in the parade preceding the show.

PLYMOUTH GRID TEAM TO HAVE FIRST TEST 20TH

Hertford To Play Here; Trying To Get Game Armistice Day

Pigskin fans of this section will have their first opportunity to see the Plymouth High School “lads” in a game here on October 20, when the Perquimans County High School from Hertford invades Plymouth.

However, unless a game is secured with Rich Square or Greenville for this coming Friday, the first game of the season will be played on October 9 at Aulander. Other games scheduled include one at New Bern on November 13 and at Hertford on November 20 for a return game.

The locals hope to arrange for about three more games during the season, with one to be played probably on Thanksgiving, and it is hoped by some that a game can be played here on Armistice Day, November 11.

Coach L. W. Zeigler is whipping the boys into shape fast. They have buckled down to hard scrimmages and now are employing some of the strategy that will be worked in the games. The line is weak but is expected to improve with hard work. The backfield is shaping up nicely.

One of the worst problems is that there are not enough candidates for the squad to have a good group of substitutes and also the battle for positions is not as keen as it should be if there were more fellows after them.

The starting line-up will be something like this: Ray Bowen, left end; Eugene Basnight, left tackle; Reuben Mayo, left guard; C. B. Clifton, center; Bryant Cox, right guard; Bill Darden, right tackle; Earl Bowen, right end; Russell Harrison, quarterback; Frank Winslet, left halfback; Richard Lucas, right halfback and Norman Mayo, fullback.

Young Democrats Will Meet on 14th

Democracy's campaign for votes in Washington County will begin among the young folk of the party here on Wednesday, October 14 at 8 p. m., in the courthouse, at which time Thad Eure, of Winton, nominee for Secretary of State, has been invited to be the principal speaker.

This unit is joining the state organization in designating the event as a “Roosevelt-Hoey” rally, and in addition to the speech of Mr. Eure, short talks will likely be made by candidates in the county who represent the party on the tickets.

Besides arousing enthusiasm among the young men and women, the meeting is designed to aid in arranging for the local unit to affiliate with the program and spirit of the Young Democratic Clubs of North Carolina.

The Washington County organization hopes to have registered for the party as many of the eight million young men and women as possible who will vote for their first time on November 4.

Walter H. Paramore is county chairman.

Principals To Meet During October

A meeting of the principals of the schools in Washington County will be held some time during the month of October to prepare a program for the monthly teachers' meetings that are to be held during the term.

Present will be H. H. McLean, the superintendent; E. W. Joyner and Miss Ethel Perry, Plymouth; C. H. Aderholdt, Creswell; D. E. Poole, Roper. In some counties such a group is called the Schoolmasters Club.

Holding Dances To Raise Class Funds

Now is the time for all dancers to come to the aid of the senior class at the Plymouth High School, according to President James Harold Ward.

“We are having a dance for everyone who wishes to dance and to help raise money for the senior class gift to the school. A victrola will be borrowed from Rea's Beach to provide the recordings of the best musical numbers of the country's best orchestras,” said young Ward.

He urges all to be at the dance at the high school gym (tonight) Friday at 9 p. m.

REGISTRATION

Registration books for the general election in November will be opened on October 10, and will remain open until October 24. Challenge day has been set for October 31. The same precinct officers who served before will be on duty in the general election.

Those who have come of age since the last election, or who have been living in the county six months or precinct four months will be eligible to vote. James E. Davenport, chairman of the board of elections, urges all to register so that they can vote.

TEACHERS PAY IN COUNTY RAISED \$2,348.68 OVER 1935

Average of \$4 Per Teacher Per Month Increase Over Last Year

Salaries of teachers in Washington County will be increased by \$2,348.68 from the State fund this 3 months over the preceding term, according to statistics released by H. H. McLean, superintendent of public instruction.

Last year the 85 colored and white teachers were paid \$56,459.60, while this term the expense for this purpose will be \$58,808.28. This is an average increase of about \$4 or more a month to each teacher, or about \$50 a term. The increase as announced by the state is 4.16 per cent.

A teacher in primary grades with an A grade certificate, with maximum experience increment, has her salary raised from \$108 monthly last term to \$112.50, while in high school an A grade certificate with maximum increment calls for the same wage.

The highest paid among the staff members are the principals, who teach and supervise also. The highest est paid in this county is \$198.50, which includes maximum academic qualifications and experience.

Rea's Beach Has Successful Year

Business at Rea's Beach, Albemarle Sound resort, was better this year than in many seasons past, according to L. W. Gurkins, owner, who promises the surf lovers that they will have a much better place to spend their hot summer days next summer.

Mr. Gurkin will build a new dance hall, at least 75 by 100 feet, over some brand bathhouses. More conveniences will be afforded as well as privacy by the new houses. This will greatly enlarge the dance pavilion, which was crowded several times this summer.

Also Mr. Gurkin plans to have canvas canopies or tent-shelters along the beach for people to rest under while lying in the sand. New walkways will be built to the water. The recent storm damaged this part of the beach.

And to cap the whole thing he plans to improve the beach walls so that they will be more attractive, and more convenient. In fact Mr. Gurkin plans to spend several hundreds of dollars on the place.

He hopes to arrange schedules far enough in advance with reliable bands so that the best music possible for the dances will be available.

Welfare Board Only Advisory

“Those seeking employment or other help from the welfare department in Washington County should not come to me or other members of the board, as we act only in an advisory capacity and have no authority over these matters ourselves,” said Mrs. W. R. White, Plymouth, chairman of the Washington County Advisory Welfare Board.

“Ever since a news story in the Beacon a couple of weeks ago revealed that I was a member of this board I have been besieged by numbers of people in regard to this work but Miss Ursula Bateman is certifying agent and looks after this part of the work, and we cannot help, but the needy should apply to Miss Bateman,” said Mrs. White.

A meeting of this advisory board was held last week, with Mrs. White made chairman, and E. S. Woodley, of Creswell, attending, but F. D. Wilson, Roper, third member, did not receive his notice in time to be at the meeting.

ROLAND C. BIGGS KILLED BY TRAIN NEAR PLYMOUTH

Body Is Found on Track Near Home Saturday Afternoon

Rumors are that a suit against the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company is in the offing as the result of the death of Roland Biggs, 49, laborer and farmer, whose mutilated body was found on the tracks near his home immediately after the passenger train came in from Tarboro Saturday about 7 p. m.

The best the family could learn is that he might have fallen when the train hit him or either he was trapped on the tracks. So far as could be learned no witnesses saw the tragedy, and railroad men on the train didn't know they had hit the man until afterwards.

It was said that the hat of the victim rode into town a mile or more from the accident on the “cow-catcher.” Evidence tended to show that his body was pushed along by the “cow-catcher” several feet from the place of the tragedy, which was about 100 yards from the victim's home.

There is no coroner of the county at present. Clerk of the Superior Court C. V. W. Ausbon has not appointed one. However, Jack Peel, nominee of the Democratic party for this office, has not been qualified to fill any unexpired term.

After it was declared that the man was dead and died on the tracks beneath the wheels of the train, officials here could see no reason for a coroner and one was not appointed for this case. No one would make an affidavit that one was needed.

The Nurney Funeral Parlor here prepared the body for burial and conducted the last rites, with Rev. N. A. Taylor, pastor of the Christian church, officiating in the Methodist church at Dardens.

Early Sunday morning, Ronald, 25, a son of the victim, was snatched from the waters of the Roanoke twice as he was endeavoring to drown himself. He was locked in jail to prevent further rash acts.

Mr. Biggs was well known and well liked here.

Hope To Present Play by October 20

Hopes that the presentation of “Beauty and the Beast” will be ready for the third week in October as the Federal Theatre Project of the WPA continues under the direction of Mrs. Kathleen Spruill.

Materials for the costumes have been requisitioned, but have not arrived. A dress rehearsal was to be held this week when Howard Dailey district director, is expected. A treasurer has been appointed, and a small admission will be charged.

Zeb Norman, as the beast, and Priscilla Whitson, as the beauty, head the cast, which includes a number of dances and the following: Miriam Joyner, Fanny Winslow, Roy Manning, Patsy Dixon, Harry McLean, Rex Paramore, with Miss Evelyn Arps as dance director and Mrs. W. B. Cox as pianist.

Armistice Program Is Being Planned

A committee, including Dr. C. McGowan, B. G. Campbell, and another is busy arranging for an Armistice Day program that is to be held here on November 11 by the James E. Jethro post of the American Legion.

A program better than the one last year is expected, according to Commander P. W. Brown. A speaker will be secured, a parade held, and a program rendered.

Local Men Seize Thief at Bank

Remember Bob Johnston and Lloyd Horton as Plymouth's latest heroes. Waiting in the vestibule of the Guaranty Bank & Trust Co., in Greenville Tuesday, they were suddenly stirred to action by the yell of the cashier to stop that man. Bob set himself as a burly negro lunged into his arms headed for the door. He held tenaciously and Horton came to his rescue. The cashier took from the negro's hands and pockets a \$50 pile of greenbacks that the negro had grabbed from beneath the window of the cashier's cage and then turned the thief over to the police.