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URGE SELECTING NEUTRAL MAN TO END PARTY ROW

Lindsay Warren Believes That Would Be Best Solution

Efforts to find a neutral party acceptable to both factions as chairman of the Washington County Democratic Executive Committee were still unsuccessful today. Congressman Lindsay Warren thinks this would be a very good solution to the controversy.

W. M. Darden, who is listed in the Democratic handbook as chairman of this county, continues to hold to this office and maintains that he will, with his major group, go ahead with the regular campaign and election activities for the entire party. C. J. Swain is expected to do likewise.

A letter from Congressman Lindsay Warren to John W. Darden reads in part as follows:

"I appreciate the fact that the situation over the county chairmanship in Washington County is a delicate matter. I have said to all who have mentioned the matter to me that it was most deplorable, and could, in the end, only injure the party and all elements would then receive the blame.

"I have hesitated to say anything whatever because someone might be unkind enough to say that it was none of my business and I was trying to inject myself in a matter I had nothing to do with. In this situation I am not concerned about individuals.

"For my part I feel very friendly to everyone involved and would go out of my way to help all of them if it were in my power. In a county that at times gets as close as Washington it is indeed a serious thing to have this affair standing out like an open sore just four weeks before the election.

"Personally, I think your suggestion to Chairman Wallace Winborne, State Democratic chairman, that a compromise be effected through the appointment of some neutral is the ideal solution if such can be accomplished. It shows on your part, and I assume that you are also speaking for your friends, a disposition to place the welfare of the party above everything else.

"I can't help from believing that if you, as one of the leaders in Washington County, would make this suggestion to those on the other side that it might be accepted. I have no reason to say that, but in view of your feeling I think you are in position to take the lead in this matter and again try to promote harmony."

It has been suggested that W. L. Whitley, who refused the place, would be a good chairman, and he would be accepted by the minor faction but the major faction would not accept him, it is feared. J. R. Campbell has been mentioned. The major faction would accept E. S. Blount who served last year.

AINSLEY-NEWMAN

Information has reached here of the marriage of Miss Edna Bland Newman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Newman, of Clinton, to William Stanley Ainsley, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Ainsley, of Creswell, which took place in Washington, D. C., last week.

Roosevelt-Hoey Rally Will Be Held Here 14th; Eure Speaker

Young folks from all over the county (and old as well) are urged to attend the "Roosevelt-Hoey Rally," which will be held in the courthouse in Plymouth Wednesday night, October 14, at 8 p. m., at which time Thad Eure, of Winton, nominee for secretary of state of the Democratic party will be the speaker.

W. M. Darden, local attorney and party leader, will open the meeting with a brief talk on the purpose of the meeting, while Senator Carl L. Bailey will introduce Mr. Eure. L. W. Zeigler and his high school band will provide music for the event, which is to launch the campaign of the party in this county.

District Meeting of Clubs Invited Here

A letter has been written to officials of the fifteenth district Federation of Women's Clubs, by the officers of the senior and junior Woman's Club and the Thursday Afternoon Literary Club here extending an invitation for the 1937 annual meeting of this organization to be held in Plymouth next October.

A delegation from here will voice this invitation when they attend the annual district meeting that is to be held in Farmville October 27th. Mesdames H. A. Liverman, E. H. Garrison, and Abe Adler are on a committee to secure transportation for those who wish to attend.

Mrs. W. C. Jones has been appointed chairman of the committee on the club women's magazine campaign, of which Mrs. R. E. Dunning, of Swan Quarter, is district chairman. An art exhibition is to be given at the November meeting, with Mrs. Jack Peel in charge.

At last Friday's meeting Dr. J. C. Knox, of Raleigh, State Board of Health, used sound motion pictures to portray the injury to the human race of the social diseases. Mrs. W. S. Carawan, of Columbia, spoke on a campaign for cleaning and painting that her district welfare committee is urging.

Hostesses to the 35 present were Mesdames P. W. Brinkley, T. L. Bray, B. G. Campbell, Robert Bateman, and the Junior Woman's Club. Ice cream and cake were served.

County Exhibit Wins \$25 at Fair

The Washington County Home Demonstration Clubs won \$25, second prize, at the Williamston Fair last week. The two projects displayed were "Foods and Yard Beautification." Foods have been our major project for the past year, and yard beautification a minor project.

Mrs. Hilda Robertson, of Chapel Hill Club, and the home agent planned and fixed the booth. The money received will be used to buy year books, send women to the short course and pay our pledge to the Jane S. McKimmon Loan Fund.

The women are grateful to Mr. Tucker and his agriculture boys of Creswell for the use of the miniature house used in the exhibit.

Home and Club News

By Mary Frances Misenheimer

Schedule for Next Week

Monday, Scuppernon Club.
Tuesday, Cherry Club.
Wednesday, Albemarle Club.
Thursday, Wenona.
Friday, Mount Tabor.
Saturday, curb market, 8:30. Please note the time has changed from 8:15 to 8:30. Mrs. Joe Browning again led the sales last Saturday. Miss Lula Watson was second highest seller.

The garden leaders are to send in their reports by the 16th of October. This report is not to include the entire gardens in the club, just their individual report.

The Beech Grove Club will not hold its regular meeting Friday. The style review contest is being held in Raleigh and several of the 4-H club girls are to attend this, accompanied by the home agent.

The Cross Roads Club selected as their exhibit for achievement day, "Cakes and Cookies." They are planning to have a god display of their cooking.

Excellent attendance has been had at practically every meeting in the Cool Springs Club. The members work together and accomplish a great deal. It is a wide-awake club.

The canned in Piney Grove Club is as pretty as any I've seen. Visits were made to the different homes at the last club meeting, and all had pretty canned products.

New interest has been taken in the Lake Farm Club. Attendance was good Friday and plans were made to do a lot of work for the coming year.

Sunday Services at Christian Church

The appetite is not satisfied until the body receives a balanced diet. In like manner, no person is happy until he has satisfied his religious impulses, which are as real as an urge to sing or paint.

The local Christian church recently observed "Back To Church Sunday." This emphasis, which will last throughout October, is to aid men to see the importance of building a well-rounded character.

The public is urged to attend Sunday, October 11th. The pastor, N. A. Taylor, will speak on "Was Jesus Unbalanced?" in the morning service and "The Angels Ministered Unto Him" at the 7:30 evening service.

All members are asked to begin making plans for the annual "home coming" Sunday, November 1st.

3 County Youths Accepted by CCC

Three out of five white youths called for service in the Civilian Conservation Camps from Washington County were accepted last Friday. They were Julian Comstock, Carlton Spruill, and Clyde Spear, of Creswell. No colored boys were called for enlistment.

MARRIAGE LICENSES Issued Last Month

Marriage licenses were issued during the month of September by Mrs. D. V. Clayton, register of deeds: White: Clarence Waters, Plymouth; to Pearl Hardison, Williamston; Lohman Tankerton, Creswell; to Evelyn Bateman, Creswell; Duell Boedker, Plymouth; to Edna Faust, Plymouth.
Colored: Joseph Heckstall, Plymouth; to Mary Day Barnes, Plymouth; Nathaniel Mitchell, Roper; to Marian Dickson, Plymouth; David Allen, Halifax; to Audrey Clarke, Roper.

LEGION AUXILIARY WILL MEET FRIDAY

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold their first meeting of the season Friday afternoon at 3:30 in the Legion Hall, according to Mrs. W. V. Hays, the president. Mrs. F. E. Cahoon, of Columbia, department vice president, will install the new officers.

ARMY ENGINEERS PLAN HEARINGS UNSOUND BRIDGE

No Opposition Expected at Hearing in Edenton Wednesday

No opposition is expected to be made at the meeting that will be held in the Chowan County courthouse in Edenton Wednesday, October 14, at 10:30 a. m., by the Army Engineers to hear complaints against an application by the North Carolina State Highway and Public Works Commission to construct a bridge across Albemarle Sound 4.5 miles from the Norfolk Southern bridge.

This meeting is to be held solely for the purpose of discussing the advantages and disadvantages of a bridge from Leonard's Point to Sand Point, as it relates to navigation. Whether or not it will effect the propagation of fish in the water is not to be considered. Opponents to the proposition will have to confine their argument to navigation effects.

The plans submitted provide for a wood pile and timber highway trestle between Sandy Point, Chowan and Leonard Point, Washington, with a steel swing draw span to be located about 8,000 feet from the north shore and between the northerly and southerly channel limits of fishing grounds. The swing draw would have two navigation openings of 140 feet horizontal clearance each between fenders.

The vertical under the draw, when closed, would be 10 feet above ordinary water level. For the convenience of small boats, one fixed opening is to be provided on the north side about 3,200 feet from shore and two fixed openings on the south side 3,800 and 7,200 feet from shore. Each of these fixed openings would have horizontal clearance of 23 feet and vertical clearance of 10 feet above ordinary water level.

Plans of the structure may be seen at the office of Major R. R. Cole, U. S. Army, acting district engineer, room 415, post office building in Norfolk, Va.

County Democrats To Meet Here 12th

A meeting for Monday night, October 12, at the courthouse, of the Democrats of Washington County is being called by J. C. Swain, chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee of Washington County.

"Every Democrat that is interested in the success of the election of the Democratic ticket in November is urged to be present at this meeting. We want to discuss plans for the party success," Mr. Swain announced.

23 County Students Get Aid From NYA

There are 23 white and colored students in Washington County schools employed by the National Youth Administration. Ten of these are white and 13 colored. Plymouth has 6 white and 9 colored; Roper 2 white and 4 colored; Creswell 2 white.

These are employed only from relief families. They are paid \$6 monthly, working 40 hours, with 2 hours each day. Arrangements can be made for the employment on a part-time basis of non-student youths from relief families. None but students are working now.

HOLLY NECK

Miss Frances Phelps spent Sunday with her aunt, Mrs. M. S. Phelps at Mackeys.
Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Davenport, L. F. and S. L. Davenport spent Sunday in Washington.

Elmer Phelps, jr., of Nashville, Tenn., is home spending his vacation with his mother, Mrs. Elmer Phelps. Ed Spruill, of Travis, is spending some time with Mrs. J. Wilson Chesson.

SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY GIVEN SUNDAY

Thirty guests were present Sunday afternoon, when Mrs. Levan Watson and family gave a surprise birthday party for her daughter, Miss Lula Watson at their beautiful country residence near Plymouth. Many pretty and useful gifts were received. Fruit, sandwiches, and cake were served.

About Town

Enrollment of the Washington County Training School here is given at 515, with an average attendance of 390 in the grades and 68 in the high school department. Principal W. H. Berry thinks that from this group, at a penny a day for 30 days he will raise around \$120 in the campaign for seats for the auditorium. This will purchase 120 of the needed 500 seats. Other will be asked to contribute.

This makes the fifth Plymouth that the Kay Bros. Circus has played this season, according to Thomas F. Kennedy, publicity director for the motorized circus which plays here Thursday. Others are in Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont. There are at least about 10 other places in other states by the same name. "This appears to be a nice little town," he remarked.

A nurse asked his legal name for the hospital records. His reply was "Buck" Smith. "Have you no other name but Buck," asked the nurse. "That is all I ever heard," said the patient. A relative passed through and explained that the youth's legal moniker was Fred Smith, jr., of Plymouth, but that he had answered about 16 years to "Buck."

Probably the only blossom from a sweet potato vine was brought into the Beacon office this week by J. L. Gurganus, who found it on his farm near here. This is the only one reported in this county for years. Those seeing the vine agreed it was the only one that had been in this county. An old resident remembers one years ago. Mr. Gurganus could find but one twig of a vine.

Raymond Bateman, son of N. D. Bateman, and brother, Louis, visited this county during the week-end visiting his family and relatives. Mrs. Bateman is now on a two weeks vacation after finishing a course at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md. He will return there on November 1 as an instructor.

Dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Davenport Sunday were Miss Geneva Davenport and Buster Mansfield, of Newport News; Mr. and Mrs. Carson Spruill, of Creswell; and Miss Miriam Wodley, of Creswell.

The Plymouth Federal Little Theatre of the WPA will present a play entitled "Beauty and the Beast," a two-act amateur drama directed by Mrs. Kathleen Spruill and a short one-act educational amateur play of home talent entitled "Balanced Diet," directed by Delbert Allen in the Plymouth High School Auditorium, Friday, October 6, 8 p. m. A small admission will be charged.

Mrs. J. Henry Highsmith, of Raleigh, assistant director of health education, will speak in the Legion Hall here Thursday, October 15, at 8 p. m., under the sponsorship of the Junior and Senior Women's Clubs. Her subject will be "The Social Security Act as Relates To Health." She will be at Gum Neck 3:30 Friday and Columbia 8 p. m.

Miss Mabel Patterson, of Raleigh, consultation nurse of the State Board of Health, will be here on Thursday evening and Friday with Miss Moselle Hendrix, district health nurse. She will visit Hyde County while in this section.

L. E. Hassell Heads Electors Committee

The appointment of L. E. Hassell 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 Committees, of which there will be one or more in each county, is the official agency designated by the Democratic National Committee to raise funds for the reelection of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

In selecting Mr. Hassell 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. Hassell.

As chairman of the Roosevelt Electors Committee he will be in charge of the work of raising funds in his 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. Hassell, who asks the help and cooperation of the people of his section.

TAX REFORM AIM AMENDMENTS TO STATE BASIC LAW

Committee Formed to Urge Passage of 4 Changes in Constitution

Another fight has begun for the right of the little man to live," writes Dr. Clarence Poe, of Raleigh, editor of the Carolinas-Virginia edition of the Progressive Farmer and Southern Ruralist, and chairman of the organization committee, as he designates Walter H. Paramore, of Plymouth, as a member of the State Committee for Tax Reform Amendments.

The four amendments to the state constitution in which this organization is interested are those which will (1) permit the legislature to grant a tax exemption of from \$100 to \$1,000 on a man's home. There are exemptions on nearly other kind of property, it is pointed out: \$300 for personal; all debts and insolvent credits; \$100 in incomes; \$10,000 widow's inheritance; and \$20,000 to direct heirs of insurance; poll taxes all over 50.

The other proposed amendments: (2) will permit an increase in income tax rates to not more than 10 per cent on the highest bracket; (3) will permit the legislature to classify property for taxation in such ways as will promote the public welfare; (4) will forbid the state, counties and cities from making more than \$2 of new debt for each \$3 old debt paid—unless approved by the people.

Men who are in favor of these amendments include Governor Ehringhaus, Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, Gilliam Grissom and many others. "Only on a man's home does the government tax the uttermost farthing, and the advocates of the homestead exemption will be quite content if we can go by stages as content finances will permit, allowing exemption of \$200, then \$500 and then \$750," writes Dr. Poe.

New Bridge Built At Hooker's Store

A new and substantial bridge has been constructed leading from Highway No. 64 in front of Hooker's Store to the Washington County Training School. Workmen under the instructions of E. S. Peabody, highway engineer in Washington, did the work. Highway equipment traveling over the bridge broke it in.

ROPER

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Camp, of Aoshkie, Mr. and Mrs. William Bateman, and Miss Marie James, of Tarboro, spent the week-end with Mrs. W. M. Bateman.
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Dillon and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Liverman and children were Sunday afternoon guests of Mrs. Dillon's sister, Mrs. Claudia Tetterton, of near Plymouth.

Misses Margaret and Blanche Lilley spent last week-end with their uncle, Mr. Bruce Chesson, and family in Williamston.

SKINNERSVILLE

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Everett and little son, Vernon, jr., of Norfolk, arrived here Sunday to spend some time with Mrs. Guilford Davenport.
Mrs. Henrietta Swain accompanied her sister, Mrs. Jim Swain, to Norfolk the past week for a few days' visit.

CRESWELL

Mr. and Mrs. Mercer Rowe and children, Robert, Lewis, and Lena, of Harrisville, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alton Harris and Mrs. Will Jordan.
Mr. and Mrs. George Mann, of Robersonville visited Dr. and Mrs. G. A. Martin last week.

OLD-FASHIONED SING IS ENJOYED MONDAY

An old-fashioned sing was enjoyed at the home of Mrs. R. W. Johnston Monday night. A silver offering was taken for the Woman's Auxiliary of the Grace Episcopal church. Favorite songs were enjoyed. A large crowd turned out to enjoy the novelty of an old time get-together.



"Yes! We'll All Be A-Flyin' Soon"
Attention, drivers! Let's talk about inattention.
High on the list of traffic sinners is the man whose eyes wander all over the landscape when they should be on the road ahead and whose mind, if any, is always on vacation from the business of driving.
Not only does he risk his own life and the lives of his wife and children, but he is also a menace to ev-

