

## LEE F. GRAVELY SPEAKS AT LIONS MEET THURSDAY

### Senator From Nash County Outlines Provisions of Social Security Act

"Not every person over 65 years of age will receive financial assistance under the social security act as ratified by the North Carolina General Assembly," Senator Lee F. Gravelly, of Rocky Mount, told the members of the Lions Club here on Thursday night.

"It is true that the age of eligibility is 65 years, but there will be an investigation of each applicant that will be thorough so that those who are least worthy will not benefit from this act. The Federal government will contribute \$15, the State \$7.50, and Washington County \$7.50, making the total \$30.

"For instance, a man with a \$35 income will not get a cent. A person with a \$10 monthly income will get only \$20 to make out \$30. An appeal is permitted from the county welfare board to the county commissioners and then to the State Board of Appeals, which decision will be final as to the amount and the eligibility of the applicant.

"A levy of 10 cents on the \$100 will be allowed as a maximum for the expense of this work in this county. The statutory limit for the poor funds in the county has been 5 cents, which this county has added annually. However, some counties in this state have levied as much as 13 cents.

"Three courses are open to the state of North Carolina in regard to taxation: (1) Curtail state activities; (2) tax on land; (3) advertise the state to encourage people to come here. For this advertising purpose \$250,000 was appropriated by the legislature.

"Among the best features of the legislature was the decision to appropriate the money to help the aged, assist the blind, care for dependent children; and appropriating money to build adequate facilities for taking care of tubercular patients."

## Funeral for Louis A. Hardison Last Week

Funeral services for Louis A. Hardison, 53, were held at the home near Dardens Wednesday afternoon, with Rev. N. T. Taylor officiating. Interment was in the Gardner cemetery near Jamesville.

Mr. Hardison was born in the Fairview section of Martin County. He was a member of St. Delight Christian church near Roper. Mr. Hardison had been in ill health for months.

Surviving: A widow, Mrs. Bertha Hardison and the following children: Mrs. Delmas Harris and Arthur Hardison, Plymouth; Miss Beulah Marie Hardison, Jamesville; Dewey Hardison, Williamston; and Misses Eula Lee, Emma Belle, Ruth, Melvin and May Dell Hardison, Marvin, James Edwin, and L. B. Hardison, all of Dardens; sisters, Mrs. Anna Modlin, Rocky Mount; Mrs. Walter Gardner, Williamston; Mrs. Charlie Styons and Mrs. Will Twiddy, Plymouth; brothers, Church Ernest and Luther Hardison, Plymouth; and an aged father, J. D. Hardison, Williamston.

## Seniors To Spend Day in Greenville

High school seniors from Plymouth, Roper, Creswell, and other towns in this section will gather in Greenville at the East Carolina Teachers College on April 15 for a day on the campus.

College classes will be suspended for the occasion. The student county groups will register at the Robert H. Wright Building at 10 o'clock, which will be followed by a tour of the campus, a parade, a welcome speech by President Meadows and singing.

A barbecue luncheon will be served on the back campus at 12:50. A picture show and baseball game will feature the other activities.

## Roper Class Play Tuesday Night

The Junior Class of the Roper High School is postponing their play, "Red-Headed Step-Child," until Tuesday night, April 13, 8 p. m. Miss Cordulia Lanier urges all to attend. A small admission will be charged.

## Home and Club News

By Mary Frances Misenheimer

### Schedule for Next Week

Monday Scuppernon.  
Tuesday, Cherry.  
Wednesday, Albemarle.  
Thursday, Wenona.  
Friday a. m., Creswell 4-H Club.  
Friday p. m., Mt. Tabor club.  
Saturday, curb market, 8:30.  
Don't fail to visit curb market.  
Fresh vegetables are always available.

Mrs. J. H. Gaylord, of Roper, led the sales last week.

Mrs. M. E. Spencer, yard leader of Cross Roads Club, has started to work on her yard. Her good club members gave her all types of shrubbery to plant.

The Cross Roads club is growing. Three new members were added to the roll at the last meeting.

The leaders of Cool Spring club conducted the club meeting Wednesday. A very interesting meeting was held. The strongest clubs are those having good leaders.

The members of Piney Grove Club have responded in a splendid way in keeping the fall and winter garden records. All those entering the contest have sent in their records and stories to be judged. If every club will do this good.

The Woman's Club was hostess to the home beautification leaders in the county on Friday afternoon. Miss Florence Cox, of Winton, was speaker. Several clubs were represented at the meeting, and the leaders reported having enjoyed the hospitality of the club.

Please, garden leaders, see that those who entered the fall and winter garden contest have their report in to the agent by April 14. These reports are very important.

Mrs. Harold Patrick, of Piney Grove club, is working to improve her yard. Shrubbery was set out Thursday and plans were made for further improvement.

## Outlook Good For Hog Raisers This Year In the State

### Better Prices for Hogs This Summer Are Forecast

By H. W. Taylor

Better prices for hogs this summer are forecast by H. W. Taylor, extension swine specialist at State College.

Although large stocks of pork and lard are now in cold storage, he said, the number of hogs being slaughtered is diminishing, while the demand is holding up well.

Most of the nation's market hogs are produced in the western corn belt and in the north central states. The supply of corn in the western corn belt is approximately 40 percent less than it was two years ago, and the number of hogs there on January 1 was estimated at 14,525,000 head, the lowest in years.

The 26,473,000 head of hogs in the north central states is about the same number produced in 1935, according to a report from the federal bureau of agricultural economics.

Any increase in hog production in these regions will depend upon a return of corn production to something like a normal level, and that cannot affect hog prices this spring and early summer, Taylor pointed out.

The outlook, then, is that there will be a good market for North Carolina hogs, he continued. Prices are expected to hold up well through the spring, and rise in the summer.

## Space Sweet Potato Plants About Twelve Inches Apart

Sweet potato plants in the garden should be spaced 12 inches apart in rows from three to three and one-half feet apart. Close planting reduces the number of "jumbos" and also checks the losses from stem rot. Where extra early potatoes are desired, the plants should be spaced at least eighteen inches apart in three-foot rows. Better stands will be secured if the plants are set on high ridges. A 3-8-8 fertilizer mixture, applied at the rate of 800 to 800 pounds an acre is also recommended.

## FORMER COUNTY EMPLOYEE FILES CLAIM FOR \$650

### J. Corbitt Swain Alleges Amount Due Him for Expenses

No action is expected to be taken by the Washington County Commissioners on a claim filed by J. Corbitt Swain, former tax collector, who alleges that about \$650 expense money is due him.

Mr. Swain claims that this money accumulated over a term of two years since the time he became tax collector in December, 1934, and when he left the service of the county in December, 1936. During the period he was paid a certain amount of expense money.

At a meeting prior to the entrance of part of the present board of commissioners—Frank L. Brinkley and J. M. Clagon—in December, 1934, the old board of commissioners passed a resolution employing Mr. Swain at a salary of \$150 monthly, with an expense account of \$50 monthly.

When the present board came into authority back in 1934, in December, they retained Mr. Swain under the terms of the contract of their predecessors, with the exception of the terms dealing with the amount of expense money, which is now the bone of contention.

They agreed not to pay the amount of \$50 monthly, but placed on the records an arrangement to allow Mr. Swain expenses at the rate of 5 cents per mile for the use of his car, fixing a maximum of 100 miles weekly, or \$20 monthly.

Now Mr. Swain is seeking to recover from the county the difference between \$50 monthly and \$20 monthly for the period of two years which he served as tax collector. He claims that the \$50 monthly expense money fixed by their predecessors is binding upon the present commissioners.

## MAYOR'S PLACE IS WIDE OPEN; NO CANDIDATES

### Still, Campbell, S. A. Ward, Sr., Mentioned as Likely To Enter Contest

Today it seemed that no one was particularly interested in the position as mayor of Plymouth, as three persons who have been mentioned as candidates have not decided definitely to become candidates.

Eugene F. Still, president and manager of the Plymouth Box and Panel Company, several months ago announced that he would be a candidate for the chief executive's place in this municipality, but today he was definitely undecided.

B. G. Campbell, incumbent, has not announced and said he was still considering the matter, and it is thought likely by friends that he will be in the race. Mr. Campbell succeeded Gilbert Davis about five months ago and has been serving on the city council for years.

S. A. Ward, Sr., has been mentioned as a candidate and said that his intention if he did decide to run and was elected would be to (1) cut expenses of the town; (2) exert every effort to cut tax rate; and (3) pay indebtedness of the town.

The following councilmen are expected to be in the race also: First ward, T. C. Burgess and W. J. Mayo; second ward, Dr. W. H. Johnson and J. W. Norman; third ward, H. C. Spruill and E. H. Liverman. All but Mr. Norman are present members.

The election will be held on the first Tuesday in May. Books for registration will be open next week. It is not thought that there will be very much interest in the election unless the approaching time brings new candidates.

## Piling for Bridge Is Now En Route

The 70-foot piles, described as the "Short" ones, for the Albemarle Sound bridge should be ready to be shipped from a crosscutting plant at Wilmington by May 1.

The "long" piles, 102 feet long, are now en route from the west coast by rail, and were reported to have passed through Denver last Wednesday.

## About Town

The singing class of the Oxford orphanage will be in the Plymouth High School auditorium here on Monday, April 12. They will give dances, drills, sing and present a "general good performance," say friends.

A. L. Owens is moving his office from the rear of his former store building to the quarters next to Dr. T. L. Bray on Washington Street. The Norrpan Furniture Company desired more room and Mr. Owens moved. E. G. Harrison is now located in the building owned by P. A. Toodle on Washington Street.

Washington County commissioners in session Monday attended to only a few routine matters. W. J. Warren, Sr., H. M. Williams and N. W. Spruill were asked by the commissioners to investigate the killing by dogs of a hog owned by W. H. Koonce.

The James E. Jethro Post of the American Legion will entertain the members of the Legion Auxiliary at a supper on Friday night at 7:30 o'clock. The junior and senior women's clubs will serve.

The boys' and girls' basketball teams of Washington County Training School are back at their studies today after a trip to historic places in Virginia, including Williamsburg and Jamestown. Nineteen made the trip with Principal W. H. Brery.

For about 15 years the Plymouth High School commencement sermon has been preached by the minister in town by rotation. This year a Baptist minister is to preach. He, with a speaker, will be named later.

E. H. Liverman, one of the leading merchants in Plymouth, who has been ill for the last two weeks, is said to be recovering at his home. After an appendicitis operation he returned to his home to be seized with a head ailment.

It is a little bit late to mention this, but the Sunday school of the Grace Episcopal church contributed \$57 to missions in their mite box collection Easter. There were 58 contributors. The average boy contained about \$2.

## Roper Singers in District Contest

The Roper High School girls' and boys' trio and quartet will leave Saturday for Greenville, where they will enter the district music competition. They were successful last year and hope to repeat this time.

In the trio will be Misses Rosebud Gaylord, Doris Chesson and Marjorie White, while in the boys' quartet will be Earl Spruill, Sylvester Lilley, L. A. Parrisher and Asa Johnston. Young Lilley will sing a bass solo and young Mr. Johnston will play a trumpet.

## McCormack Sings in Movie Here Monday

Despite a public adulation amounting almost to worship, John McCormack, the world-famous tenor, and former choir boy, who sings in "Wings of the Morning," playing Monday, April 12th, at the New Theatre, is still the same genial and sincere Irishman as ever. The new film, a Twentieth Century-Fox release produced entirely in natural Technicolor, stars Annabella, Henry Fonda and Leslie Banks.

Probably the greatest moment in McCormack's life occurred at the Eucharistic Congress in 1932, in Dublin, when, at the height of the pageantry and religious fervor, it was his task to sing to an assembly of a million people. Many years before, the beloved tenor had sung in Dublin as a choir boy, and although half a lifetime and a world of success had passed in between, the same spirit and the same deep religious belief actuated the man who had risen to be a world celebrity.

## Chevrolet Moves Large Volume Freight Annually

The total amount of material moved by the Chevrolet traffic department in a year, if figured on a ton basis, would fill nearly 80 percent of all the box cars owned by all the railroads in the country.

If a whole year's traffic were loaded in one train of box cars with you standing by the engine, and the train started ahead and kept moving at average freight train speed (15.9 miles per hour), you would have to stand there more than 12 days and nights before the end of the train was in sight.

## Elaborate Program Is Prepared For Meet of Southern Albemarle Association Here Friday April 29

### BOOST WHITLEY FOR POSITION ON HIGHWAY GROUP

### Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell and Washington Urged To Support Local Man

Recommended highly to the governor for the position as commissioner on the State Highway and Public Works Commission is W. L. Whitley, of Plymouth, one of the ablest lawyers in this section of the State.

There are others who are candidates for this appointment, including Julian Wood, of Edenton, who desires to hold over into the Hoey administration from that of former Governor J. C. B. Ehringhaus. It is believed that none of the present members will be included in the new organization.

Friends of Mr. Whitley are working quietly but effectively to organize this section in his behalf. Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell and Washington Counties are being urged to endorse Mr. Whitley, who, it is believed, will work to the benefit of the entire Albemarle section.

John W. Darden, Frank L. Brinkley, W. M. Darden, and E. J. Spruill were in Raleigh yesterday and spent an hour with Governor Hoey in regard to Mr. Whitley, and they feel encouraged, even though the chief executive gave them no final word.

Mr. Whitley's opinions in matters of public welfare in this section have been widely accepted and his worth as a lawyer and citizen is well known, and if he should land the job he has nothing in a personal way to gain and would render a good service to the people of the Albemarle . . . both north and south.

Mr. Whitley has never opposed the Albemarle Sound bridge and is not so constituted that he will probably seek to serve his own county to the disadvantage of the other counties in this section of the Albemarle. His friends here hope that he can land the place.

## C. N. Davenport, Jr., Heads County Board

C. N. Davenport, Jr., of Mackeys, was named chairman of the Washington County Board of Education in its reorganization meeting held here Monday.

W. L. Whitley, Plymouth attorney and R. C. Peacock, of Roper, entered upon their duties as members of the board. Mr. Whitley has two years, Mr. Davenport four years, and Mr. Peacock has six years to serve.

H. H. McLean, superintendent of public instruction of Washington County for the last two years, was reelected for another two-year term without opposition.

Mr. Davenport has served for about six years, and by the other two members was elevated to the position of chairman in recognition of the services that he has rendered the schools in the past.

## Value State's Safety Legislation Proven During Year of 1936

### North Carolina Was One of Three States To Show Fewer Road Deaths

Pointing out that the value of North Carolina's sound safety legislation was proven during 1936, when the State set an accident prevention record for the South, Coleman Roberts, President of the Carolina Motor Club, recently urged that efforts be made to better the record in the future.

"Final figures," said Mr. Roberts, "show that only three Southern states, namely, West Virginia, Virginia and North Carolina reduced motor fatalities in 1936 as compared with 1935. The reduction of eight percent in North Carolina was the most pronounced. The significant thing, however, is that the three states reducing motor deaths at a time when the national total was rising, are the states which have the most effective safety legislation."

## Farm Notes

By W. V. HAYS, County Agent

Receipts from our recent cooperative hog sales to date amount to approximately \$10,000. This is considered a successful county organization, but is to be a cooperative project between the counties of Washington, Tyrrell, Martin and Bertie. At our sale this week we had hogs from beyond Windsor. Three heavy cars of hogs were loaded on this day and were shipped to Kingan & Co., Richmond. Bids were also received from several Baltimore packers. Our next sale will be held on April 13. There is one thing we must require at these hog sales; that is, we must know at least Saturday before the sale how many hogs are to be shipped so that cars may be ordered and other arrangements made. Please have hogs at the pen as early in the morning as possible to prevent crowding and confusion at the last hour. All hogs must be received not later than 12 o'clock.

Insects are doing considerable damage to our tobacco plants. For this trouble a mixture containing 1 pound paris green and 5 pounds red arsenate is recommended. Apply with a dust gun 1 pound of this mixture to each 100 square yards of bed, as no danger from paris green with a duster or light applications are made is noticeable.

We are contemplating a one-varietal cotton county. Anyone wishing certified cotton seed may get in touch with the county office at once for this.

## SHAD, HERRING FISHING IS ONLY KIND ALLOWED

### Season Closed on Perch and Bass Fishing in Inland Waters Now

Shad and herring may be taken with skim or gill nets of not less than 1-2 inches on Friday and Saturday of each week from February 5 to May 1 in Washington County, according to J. T. Terry, game protector of this county. This is the only exception for taking fish in inland waters in this section during this time, when anything other than hook and line, rod and reel or casting can be done.

E. B. Kugler, assistant to J. D. Chalk, commissioner of the division of game and inland fisheries in the department of Conservation and Development, writes Mr. Terry as follows:

"For the past four or five years the department has been trying to reach the point whereby bass, perch and other game fish could be given some little protection.

"The establishing of a closed season was a step in the right direction, but this step was nullified by allowing persons to fish two or three days a week during the closed season. Instead of reducing the fishing it was actually a stimulation, and the closed season with open dates really caused more harm than good.

"As last year, this year there will not be allowed any fishing whatsoever in the inland waters of North Carolina except for shad and herring with skim or dip nets."

## "On The Avenue" At New Theatre

Swinging merrily along to the tune of the best songs ever written by the greatest writer of songs in the world, "On The Avenue," opening Thursday, April 8th, at the New Theatre for a two-day run, represents Irving Berlin at his melodious best, in a musical that is full of pep and lilted good spirits.

With Dick Powell and Madeleine Carroll making a new and romantic twosome of musical comedy, the lively Twentieth Century-Fox musical presents a real-life romance of New York, and a show that's as big as the town. Alice Faye, the Ritz Brothers, and George Barbier add both melody and mirth to the production.

## Governor Clyde R. Hoey Main Speaker; Other State Officers

### First Governor of State To Speak Here in Over Score Years

For the first time in a score of years a governor of North Carolina will speak in Plymouth, when Governor Clyde R. Hoey addresses the meeting of Southern Albemarle Association here on April 29.

A general session will be held in the courthouse at 11 o'clock. Rev. R. H. Lucas, pastor of the Baptist church, will make invocation. Representative Charles Wallace Tatum, of Columbia, will preside. W. L. Whitley, well-known attorney, will make the welcome address.

Mrs. A. E. Davenport, of Mackeys, will give a special reading while John W. Darden, of Plymouth, will present Charles Johnson, State Treasurer, who will introduce Governor Clyde R. Hoey. More than a thousand people are expected to attend.

Promptly at 1:30 a lunch will be served by the Junior and Senior Woman's Clubs to 250 delegates from Washington, Tyrrell, Dare, and Hyde Counties and their guests. The lunch will be served in the Plymouth High School Gym.

The business session at 2:30 in the afternoon will be held at the courthouse with President C. W. Tatum, of Columbia, presenting purposes and aims of the association, with W. W. Watson, of Lake Landing, Hyde County; Melvin R. Daniels, of Manteo, Dare County; Frank L. Brinkley, of Plymouth, Washington County; C. Earl Cahoon, of Columbia, Tyrrell County.

L. W. Zeigler and his high school band will provide the music, which will include "Hail To the Chief." A committee composed of P. W. Brown, chairman, with T. C. Burgess and S. D. Davis, associates, will decorate the town with bunting, flags, and place in the merchants' show windows placards welcoming the visitors to Plymouth.

## Many Eating Places Required To Clean Up Or Be Closed Up

### Sanitation Inspector Finds Seven Places Too Low To Rate Scoring

The public eating places in Washington County will either have to clean up or close up, according to E. C. Hubbard, district sanitation supervisor for the State Board of Health. Sanitary inspections are made periodically in accordance with the requirements of the State hotel and cafe laws. All places preparing or serving food in any form are required by the State Board of Health to meet all requirements of the law. According to Mr. Hubbard, district sanitation supervisor, who made the survey, there are no grade A eating place, 1 grade B, 1 grade C, and 7 places receiving a score too low to rate a grade.

Public eating places scoring from 90 to 100 points are awarded grade A; 80 to 90, grade B; 70 to 80, grade C; and placards are posted accordingly in the respective places. Those places scoring less than 70 are operating in violation of the state hotel and cafe law and are subject to prosecution according to section 20 of the law unless the management discontinues operating until the necessary improvements are made to comply with the requirements of the law. Mr. Hubbard stated that places closed could reopen on having a re-inspection from the sanitary inspector, which would be given within 30 days upon written request of the proprietor.

Mr. Hubbard advises that anyone expecting to operate public eating places at beaches, fair grounds, shows, or elsewhere this summer should communicate, before beginning to operate, with the local health department, or the State Board of Health for rules and regulations regarding such places.

The periodic inspection of hotels, restaurants, and other eating places, explained Mr. Hubbard, is simply a safety measure required by law for the protection of the public.