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Local People Hope To Keep Catcher Westmoreland Here

Has Had Experience in Several League and Once Property of Yanks

Hopes that Lawrence E. (Larry) Westmoreland would remain here were heard on every corner today as his work behind the bat in the baseball game with Edenton Sunday bolstered the rumors that he knew his baseball.

Westmoreland has been around in baseball, as well as served a time as sparring partner to Jack Dempsey and Young Stribling. His baseball ability has carried him from one end of these United States almost to the other, and even down into Cuba, where he played a little.

His work as a receiver dates back to his days in Duke University, from which he graduated to the Durham Bulls. He was sold "up the river" by Manager George Whitted to the New York Yankees, who farmed him out to the Jersey City Skeeters, and from there he went to Elmira, N. Y. Then he went on to Shreveport, La., in the Texas League, and back to Charlotte in the Piedmont, where he came under the guiding hand of Guy Lacey. Manager Whitted received \$5,000 for the Carolina product, who not only was a good catcher but could hit at a .330 clip.

"I was playing semi-pro ball in the coal fields of Copperfield, Tenn., when I decided I would like to take a whirl at professional ball, playing every day, so I wrote to Manager Whitted, of Durham, who gave me a trial.

"One day, while warming the bench, the regular catcher was forced out on account of illness. Fortunately, I experienced a good day and caught the remaining games of the season," said Larry.

He was sold to the Yankees along with Dusty Cooke.

Cleveland Beasley Dies at Home Here After Long Illness

Funeral Held Tuesday for Highly Respected Local Citizen

Cleveland Beasley, highly respected local citizen, died at his Washington Street home here last Monday at the age of 55 years. He had been in declining health for several years, spending the past few months in bed. Mr. Beasley, a retired timber contractor, had been friends throughout this section.

His widow, Miss Claudia Liverman before marriage, survives with one daughter, Miss Nellie Frances Beasley. He also leaves three sisters, Mrs. Cottie Brown, Mrs. Maggie Swain and Mrs. Viola Spruill, and one brother, Mr. S. E. Beasley, all of Plymouth.

Funeral services were conducted at the late home last Tuesday afternoon by Rev. C. T. Thrift, pastor of the local Methodist church. Interment was in the family plot in the Windley Cemetery, near Plymouth.

Final Rites for Mrs. Susan Davenport

Mrs. Susan Davenport died Wednesday at her home near Creswell. She had been blind for 50 years and had been confined to her bed for 15 years. The funeral was conducted at the home by Rev. W. L. Jernigan. Burial took place at a family cemetery.

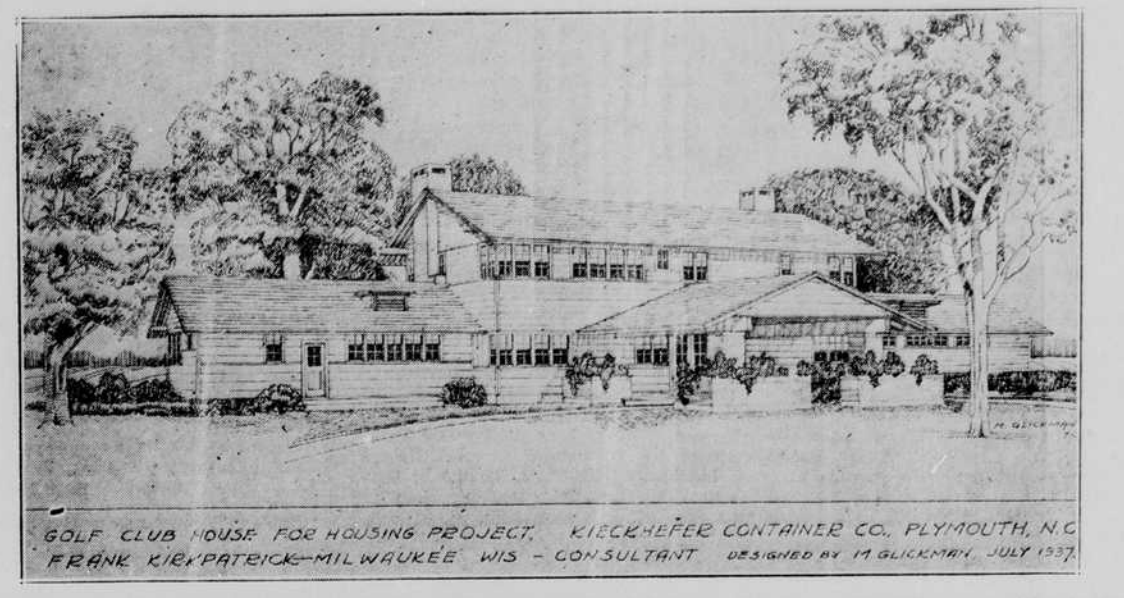
Surviving is a daughter, Miss Harriet Davenport, who lived here, and one brother, Silas Davenport, who is also blind.

Masonic Newcomers Meet Members Here

A "contact" meeting for Masons was held in the community hall Tuesday night with the 21 new Masons who are in town becoming acquainted with about 20 members of Perseverance Lodge, No. 58, here. Sandwiches, beer, and other refreshments, including soft drinks, were served. If the new people here become interested in the local lodge it would nearly double the membership.

Master Leon Rose presided and reported that this meeting was very successful in a social way in that the visitors were very loud in their praise of the local lodge and its members.

MODERN COMMUNITY HOUSE FOR THIS SECTION



The architect's drawing here shows a likeness of the club house for the community recreational center at Plymouth, promoted by the Kieckhefer Container Company. Membership is open to Martin and Washington County citizens, the promoters explaining that it is strictly a non-profit organization planned primarily for the general advancement of recreational activities of the section.

Country Club for Two Counties Near Plymouth Is Planned by Kieckhefer Container Company

Costs of Club Memberships

The cost for the various forms of membership in the Plymouth Country Club are as follows:

Class of Membership	Entrance Fee	Dues	Tax	Golf Privilege	Annual Total
Family (Husband, Wife and Children to 21 years)	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$1.00	\$25.00	\$41.00
Men, Individual	5.00	10.00	1.00	15.00	31.00
Women, Individual	5.00	10.00	1.00	10.00	26.00
Junior—12 to 18 years	2.50	5.00	.50	5.00	13.00
Junior—19 to 21 years	2.50	7.50	.75	7.50	18.25
Non-Resident (outside Martin-Washington Counties)	5.00	5.00	1.00	10.00	21.00
Weekday Membership	5.00	10.00	1.00	5.00	21.00
Clergy	5.00	5.00	.50	5.00	15.50
House Membership Only	2.50	10.00	1.00		13.50

All dues payable semi-annually in advance.

House membership entitles member to all privileges with the exception of golf, but includes tennis.

Weekday membership entitles the member to golf only on weekdays—Monday through Friday and privileges of club house at all times.

The club house and all facilities are for the benefit of members only, but by prearrangement with hostess and manager of golf course each member will be entitled to entertain visitors and friends by paying regular non-membership rates which will be established on very reasonable basis. On those who join prior to October 1, 1937, the entrance fee will be waived.

President Is Greeted By Large Crowd in Manteo Wednesday

Roosevelt Gets Enthusiastic Reception at Virginia Dare Celebration

The Southern Albemarle section came into its own Wednesday when President Franklin D. Roosevelt visited historic Roanoke Island to participate in the celebration commemorating the 350th anniversary of the birth of Virginia Dare. The country's chief was greeted by a crowd estimated to number between 15,000 and 20,000 people.

It was a great day in the history of this section, and the attention of the nation was centered on the possibilities that await the investor, tourist and sportsman.

People from nearly every state in the Union were present, reports from Roanoke Island stating that the huge celebration was handled without mishap, that the President seemed to enjoy his visit. Numbers of local people were present for the event, but many remained at home to avoid the rush that necessarily marks a crowd of that size.

Governor Clyde R. Hoey and other notables were present, but they were almost overshadowed by the presence of the President. He was the center, and wherever he moved through the throng there was a tumult. The islanders and those who were islanders for the day called out to the President as if he was one of them.

The President was accompanied by several representatives and senators, including Lindsay Warren and Robert R. Reynolds, reports stating that Mr. Josiah W. Bailey, North Carolina's senior senator, did not or could not accept the invitation to attend the celebration.

Hutson Discusses New Farm Plan at Meet of Farmers

The ideal farm program under the AAA would be one confined to educational work and soil conservation but in actual experience such a program is inadequate.

This is the opinion of J. B. Hutson, assistant administrator of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, who spoke twice last week before delegates attending the 34th annual Farm and Home week exercises at State College.

Mr. Hutson said it was almost a necessity to place some restrictions on the production of price-depressing surpluses of cash crops. Even with acreage control, there are often times good growing seasons, when production will go higher than was anticipated. Mr. Hutson declared that the present tobacco crop indicated a production of 750,000,000 pounds, and if the amount did not go materially beyond this figure, prices should be as good or better than last year. The cotton situation does not look so good, he said. Indications are that a 14,000,000 bale crop will be produced in the South, with consumption at 13,000,000 bales for this year.

Looking forward to 1938, Mr. Hutson said a simplified and more equitable farm program is being constructed by the AAA. The idea is not to make farm commodities scarce but to keep cash crop production in line with market needs. A special effort will be made to help growers of truck crops, and the whole program will be developed so as to fit to every kind of farm in this and other states. It is likely that the old "base acreage" plan will be discarded, but that each farmer will be given his share of the soil-depleting crops that he can grow without penalty and will be paid on that allotment. The allotments will be made by counties and divided within the counties by committees of farmers.

"Meeting God Face To Face" Is Subject Of Minister Sunday

Rev. Mr. Burrus, of New Bern, Speaker at Union Service Sunday

"Not what will you do when you wish to invest your earnings, lose your job, friends betray you, house burns to ground, or a casket is placed in your house or the physician shakes his head negatively, but what will you do when you meet God face to face?"

This was the question that was asked about 125 people at the union services in the Baptist church last Sunday night, when Rev. Mr. Burrus, of New Bern, spoke on "What Shall We Do When We Meet God Face To Face?"

"This question has been asked through the ages. Adam tried to hide in an endeavor to escape God while Job cited the good works he did, but none of these are the proper answers as brought out by the lesson which teaches that the person invited to the wedding supper should be properly clothed.

"We often ask questions about what we are to do when we come face to face with financial obligations, even to talking it over with the family, and we show concern when inroads are made on the health of either member of the family, but do we properly consider the value of knowing the answer when we face God?"

"This question concerning the soul is not to be postponed as it is eternal. It is more important that the financial standing or the concern about the health of the family, so why do not families as well as individuals be concerned more with it?"

"Take this question home with you. Get your pencil and in quietude write your answer and then imagine yourself face to face with God. Will your answer be proper? Will it be an excuse or will it be a good and correct answer?"

"The only proper answer is to give your heart to God now and embrace Christ as your Saviour and begin to bring in your neighbors," said the minister.

Mr. Burrus spoke to the largest Sunday night union service crowd as yet. Present were 16 Methodists, 19 Baptists, 44 Christians, 6 Episcopalians and 27 visitors. Every church in town was represented in the choir that sang the old-time hymns.

Funeral For Mrs. Gertrude Norman

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at Scuppernon Christian church for Mrs. Gertrude Norman, 63, who died Wednesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Herbert Clifton, near Creswell. Rev. Dave Arnold, of Washington, and Rev. Roy Respass, of Creswell, officiated.

Music was provided by the choir of the church. Pall-bearers were Herbert Clifton, Robert Clifton, H. R. Stillman, Wilbert and Gordon Sexton, Paul Davenport. She is survived by three daughters: Mrs. Hubert Clifton, Mrs. Robert Clifton, Mrs. Herbert Ambrose, and one son, Russell Norman; three sisters, Mrs. Tom Sexton, Mrs. Ed Sexton, of Roper, Mrs. Ellen Stillman, of Creswell.

Mrs. Norman was the wife of the late Bill Norman and had lived all her life in Washington County.

To Push Work On Secondary Roads

Raleigh.—Plans are going forward swiftly for the immediate expenditure of \$2,000,000 on the state's farm-to-market and school bus roads.

The money, appropriate recently by Governor Hoyt from the highway fund surplus, all will be spent within the next four months to repair secondary roads before winter. The governor said the allotment would be divided among the highway districts on the basis of needs.

Improvements to be made, he added, will be determined by Frank L. Dunlap, chairman of the Highway and Public Works Commission, and W. Vance Baise, chief engineer, with the approval of the commission.

Program of Expansion For Beacon Is Outlined

3 Slightly Hurt in Automobile Wreck

Russell Chesson received cuts about the head and a lady companion sustained minor injuries and Otis Gilliam was slightly hurt when an automobile driven by Chesson was in collision with another operated by Louis Latham Owens Sunday night.

The accident took place a few yards beyond Conaby Creek bridge. The cars were completely demolished. None was seriously hurt.

Body of Capt. Will Nixon Found Along Shore of Albemarle

Fell From Barge "Nichols" Last Week En Route To Norfolk

Found along the shore line of the Albemarle Sound Tuesday at noon was the body of Captain Will Nixon, who fell from the barge Nichols into the water last week while en route to Norfolk from this section. A search at the time of the tragedy failed to disclose the body.

Lloyd Dunbar was walking along the shore when he found the body, which had been washed ashore by the tide. L. S. Nixon, of Hertford, a brother of the victim, paid a \$25 reward to Dunbar for finding the body. The body was black and mangled by marine creatures.

Coroner Jack Peal was advised of the find and rushed an investigation. The family and relatives of the victim testified that they were satisfied that there was no foul play and that the drowning of Captain Nixon was accidental.

Included in the coroner's jury was Irving Dunbar, Duell Clifton, Archie Barber, Lloyd Barber, W. B. Barber, W. G. Barber and Lloyd Dunbar. Coroner Peal reported that the jury found the cause of death was accidental.

New Post Office Here Is Planned

Plymouth has been included in the House appropriations committee's list for new post offices to be constructed within the near future, according to information reaching here this week from Washington City. The plans call for the construction of a \$75,000 building here, and a \$70,000 post office in Farmville, the only other town in the First Congressional district to be included in the list announced this week by the House Appropriations Committee. Almost a dozen towns were included in the list, the reports reaching here stating that the Treasury Department would designate which offices were to be built.

Bowen Manager ABC Store Here

Sewell Bowen has been promoted to the position of manager of the ABC store in Plymouth, succeeding Roscoe Gaylord, who has been employed as a member of the office force with the task of preparing specifications for the Plymouth Box & Panel Company.

Mr. Bowen will be assisted by Raymond Smith, who is now working with the Norman Furniture Co. Mr. Gaylord will continue to keep the books of the ABC store in spare time.

Gives Dates for Cutting Lespedeza for Hay Crop

Lespedeza should be cut for hay when the plants attain a height of 15 inches, or when it is in full bloom—whichever occurs first. The usual dates for cutting is from August 1 to September 1 for the Korean and from August 15 to October 1 for the other varieties. When July and August are dry and September wet, the main growth of Common, Tennessee 76 and Kobe will take place in September and the cutting of hay should be delayed. If cut early, lespedeza will make enough second growth to reseed the land, but it is seldom possible to remove a hay crop and a seed crop in the same year.

Plan Semi-Weekly; Begin Installation of Machinery Saturday

Operations To Begin Just As Soon as Equipment Can Be Secured

Recognizing the greater need for increased newspaper and printing facilities in this section, and anxious to keep step with the rapid advancement marking the progress in this community and county, the Roanoke Beacon publisher are fast completing plans for placing in operation a modern plant on Washington Street here in the very near future, the management explaining that the opening date is dependent entirely upon machinery deliveries.

Not certain of its final plans just at this time, the management announced today that it was the definite aim of the Beacon to give to this fast-developing section a newspaper and the printing facilities it deserves and to keep pace with the advancement that is certain to follow here and in the Southern Albemarle area in the future. To the undertaking and in shouldering its fair share in promoting the advancement of Plymouth and this entire section and the welfare of the people therein, the Beacon management pledges its resources, though admittedly not large, and its every human effort with the expressed hope of adequately serving this section. "If we fail in this duty, the good will of the people of Plymouth and all the Southern Albemarle area and their support are not to be expected, and we will then withdraw and yield the field to someone who can perform that duty," one of the Beacon representatives said today, adding that every effort will be made to merit the continued support and good will of all the people, irrespective of class, color or creed.

The Beacon management pointed out that it had experienced many hardships and disappointments during the past few years that were marked by depression, but that it was well pleased with the loyal support accorded it by its patrons during that time, and believed that now it was time to move ahead with the trend of events.

Present plans call for the installation of a typesetting machine the latter part of this week, press manufacturers stating through their special representative yesterday that delivery on one of their machines could not be guaranteed within three months. However, other arrangements are being made with other manufacturers, and it may be possible to equip the new plant within three or four weeks. Special efforts are being made to get the plant in operation just as soon as possible.

Walter H. Paramore, associated with the Beacon as its managing editor and general manager here for the past several years, resigned last Saturday to go into business for himself. His resignation becomes effective as this issue of the Beacon reaches its distribution channels. He will be succeeded, beginning Saturday, by Elisha Penningman, promising young man who has had experience in the daily newspaper field in this State and in Massachusetts, and who, the management sincerely believes, will make friends readily and win the respect and esteem of everyone.

The expansion program will also add to the Beacon personnel two employees skilled in the handling of the types, machines, and presses. Just as soon as the mechanical unit is placed in operation, the publishers plan the issuance of two papers each week, possibly on Mondays and Thursdays. Further details in this connection will be made public just as soon as they develop.

County Council in Meeting Saturday

The County Council of the home demonstration clubs met last Saturday at Miss Misener's office and discussed plans for the fall federation, which will be held in the Roper High School auditorium September 30th.

There will be exhibits of clothing, house furnishings, handicraft, food, conservation projects and an interesting program by local women and an address by a good speaker.

It is hoped that the proposed county chorus will be fully organized by then and will give several vocal numbers.

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