

Guy V. Elliott, of Kinston, county attorney and former recorder's judge of Lenoir County, was here on business this week.

Sidney A. Ward, Jr., resigned as president of the Laymen's League of Grace Episcopal Church at a meeting held at the home of J. W. Read last Thursday night.

There are still two days in which those who want to join in the Better Homes Week campaign can clean up, paint up, fix up, and in other ways put their property in better condition.

W. W. (Dock) Roberson, whose home was destroyed by fire some time ago, has asked the Beacon to express his appreciation to the people who helped him fight the fire and also those who have contributed for his benefit since then.

D. V. Willis, a representative of the Pitt Poultry Co., expressed his satisfaction this week over the response he received while buying poultry here during the past season.

The largest advertisement ever taken by one firm in the Beacon is the four-page section in this issue devoted to the opening of the new Plymouth Motor Company building.

Frances Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Jones, and Alton Mayo, son of W. J. Mayo, were awarded the American Legion medals for being outstanding students in the seventh grade last session.

The Major Louis Charles Latham Chapter of U. D. C. won the attendance prize at the district meeting held in Aulander last Saturday.

Several remarks of complimentary nature were made by the members of the Plymouth Lions Club last Thursday night, when they ate supper in the Roper school building prepared by the parent-teacher association there and served well by the six boys serving as waiters.

Veneral Disease Clinic Not To Held Here Next Week

No veneral disease clinic will be held on Monday and Tuesday of next week, it was announced today by Dr. S. V. Lewis, district health officer, as the entire force will attend a state medical society meeting in Pinehurst next week.

Major Part of Bridge Celebration in County

Tentative Plans Are Discussed at Meet in Manteo Last Week

Suggestions for County Float Invited by Members of Committee

Suggestions for a historical float to represent Washington County in the pageant that will celebrate the opening of the Albemarle Sound Bridge will be welcomed from anyone, according to John W. Darden and Z. V. Norman, county members of the central committee, who are anxious to hear opinions of the people in this regard.

Each of the counties will be entitled to a float in the parade across the bridge. It is generally thought this should deal with some historic subject, and so far the construction and sinking of the Confederate Ram "Albemarle," which went down in Roanoke River during the Civil War, has been the only incident mentioned regarded as worthy of portrayal.

At the meeting in Manteo last Thursday it was decided the major portion of the celebration will be held on the Washington County side of the sound bridge. This site will be pointed out to the 11 members of the State Highway Commission on Thursday of this week when they visit the bridge en route to a meeting in Columbia, where removal of tolls on ferries in this section will be discussed.

At the meeting last week, John (Continued on page six)

Property Listing Time Extended Until May 9

Late property listers were given a new lease on life today by an extension of the time for listing real and personal property, as it was decided by Supervisor H. S. Spruill to continue the work through Monday, May 9.

Those who have failed to list so far are urged to do so at once, to avoid being penalized for failure to list and also to help prevent last-minute rush and congestion that necessitate additional help at increased expense.

Majority of Teachers In School To Return

Lot of Cleaning Up Done Throughout County This Week

By Mrs. FRANCES M. DARDEN Home Demonstration Agent

The Better Homes and Clean-Up Campaign is progressing in a great big way. An enormous amount of work is being done throughout the county.

Attractive posters have been placed in the windows of the different stores to remind the forgetful to paint-up, clean-up, and fix-up.

To close the Better Homes Week in the best way possible, the club women of Washington plan to leave Plymouth Friday morning, April 29, at 6 o'clock—from the Agriculture Building—for a trip to Williamsburg, Va., to visit the lovely gardens and the Colonial buildings which have been restored.

Attend Hearing in Columbia Thursday

W. M. Darden, Z. V. Norman, J. W. Darden and Carl L. Bailey joined the entire membership of the State Highway and Public Works Commission when they passed through here at 9:30 Thursday morning bound for Columbia, where they were to attend a hearing on the request of the Southern Albemarle Association for removal of tolls from ferries in the state.

Enroute to Columbia, the commissioners also looked over the site for the Albemarle Sound bridge celebration. The 11 commissioners were to travel from Columbia to Fairfield, Stumpy Point, where they were to get lunch, then to Mann's Harbor, and over Alligator River back into Columbia in the afternoon.

Mrs. Martha Ann Jackson, 63, Died Here Last Friday

Final Rites Held Sunday Afternoon for Respected Local Citizen

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon for Mrs. Martha Ann Jackson, 63, who died Friday afternoon after a short illness. Rev. N. A. Taylor, pastor of the local Christian church, conducted the last rites, and interment was made in the Windley cemetery.

Mrs. Jackson was a member of the Christian church for many years and was well known and well liked in the community.

Wiley Store Building At Creswell Is Being Razed

Creswell—An old landmark, the Wiley store building, is being razed this week. This property was acquired by Mr. Wiley from A. G. Walker, and in it the former operated a store for 55 years. A. G. Walker was the father of H. G. Walker, who formerly conducted an extensive business here.

Preparing Allotments for Corn and General Crops

Allotments for corn and other general crops will be mailed to farmers of Washington County about the first of next week, according to County Agent W. V. Hays, who added that tobacco, cotton and peanut allotments have already been mailed.

W. L. Hassell has about 60 per cent of his list for Plymouth Township completed, and Walter W. White, down in Skinnerville, reports the work about 75 per cent completed. P. B. Belanga, at Creswell, and A. R. Phelps, Roper, have about 60 per cent of the property in their townships on the books.

All Except Two Have Been Relected by Local School Board

Principal R. B. Trotman Will Again Head Schools Here Next Term

All members of the teaching staff in the local white schools have been relected by the City School Board, with the exception of two, it was announced this week by Carl L. Bailey chairman. There are six vacancies in the colored schools.

Heading the lists, Principal R. B. Trotman will return as head of the white schools, and W. H. Berry will return as principal of the Washington County Training School.

It is not definitely known how many of the teachers will be back, as it is possible that there may be some resignations. Only a few have notified the board members of their acceptance for next term.

A list of relected teachers follows: White Schools

Principal R. B. Trotman, W. D. Starr, Thelma Getsinger, Emma Coley, Nevie Pickette, L. W. Zeigler, Selma Braxton, Mrs. Katherine Harrison, Ethel Perry, Ruth Kiker, Frances Bowen, Nellie Tarkington, Ruth Modlin, C. O. Armstrong, and Katherine Brandon.

It was said that Miss Perry, who has been here for some time, may teach in Canton next year, where she has relatives, but this is not official and she was invited to return.

Colored Schools

Plymouth: Madelyn E. Watson, Willie W. Walker, Henry C. Hankins, Sophia E. Spruill, Reunice A. Walker, Eunice E. Leak, Ethel Jane Rodgers, and Principal W. H. Berry.

Morratock: Emma D. Walker and Mary C. Austin.

Brooks: Margaret Heath Berry and Lillian Hill.

Deep Bottom: Ernest L. Owens and Mariah E. Baum.

Lunches Served in Plymouth Schools Average 300 Daily

An average of 300 lunches were served daily, with 100 free, at the lunch room of the Plymouth school during the past term, it was announced today by Mrs. Kathleen Spruill, supervisor of the WPA project.

County Commissioners To Meet Again Monday Night

The Washington County Commissioners will again hold their regular session at night this month, the meeting being scheduled for 7:30 p. m. next Monday night.

Penalty of 4 Per Cent After May 1st on Taxes

Those who have failed to pay their 1937 taxes in the Town of Plymouth and County of Washington are advised that after May 1st those past-due taxes are subject to a penalty of 4 per cent.

Local Schools Close Successful Year With Exercises This Week

Dr. Ralph Deal Is Speaker at Graduation Program Held Wednesday Night

With the delivery of a stirring address by Dr. Ralph Deal, professor at East Carolina Teachers College in Greenville, Wednesday night, the local schools closed a very successful term.

H. H. McLean, superintendent of public instruction of Washington County, presented 24 graduates with their diplomas, showing they had completed the prescribed courses. A large crowd attended the closing program of the commencement.

The list of graduates follows: Hilda Ange, Helen Bratten, Doris Bateman, Evelyn Basnight, Cornelia Edmondson, Eisie Liverman, Maxine Jones, Lillian Reid McGowan, Laura Lou Lucius, Mary Sallinger, Jennette Roberson, Jennette Rath, Rosemary Nestor, Myra Ward Moore, Catherine Terry, Lola Allen, Frances Swindell, Bill Spruill, Ronald Waters, Ellis Newberry, Reuben Mayo, Dick Henderson, Jack Lefever, Hickman Jackson.

Tuesday the seniors had their class night exercises and Monday night Mrs. Laura Johnson presented her pupils in a music recital with 47 numbers.

Rev. Stephen Gardner preached the commencement sermon Sunday evening to a large crowd. The combined choirs of the town furnished the singing.

Successful Term in Roper School Closes; Progress Is Reviewed

Enrollment Increased From 361 To 426 During Year; Other High Spots

By D. E. POOLE, Principal

The Roper School has just closed a very successful year. The enrollment increased in high school from 94 to 112 over last year. In the grades the increase was from 267 to 314, making a total increase from 361 to 426 in the whole school. This increase is a good indication that the parents of Washington County are becoming more and more interested in the educational welfare of their children, but the increase would have been even greater had all the parents done their duty by their children. It is hoped that more parents may wake up to the fact that an education is the best legacy that can be left their children.

The school has gone forward with a number of improvements. A new heating and plumbing system was installed this year, as well as a new pump for furnishing good drinking water for the children. The agriculture and home-economics departments made some fine steps toward better teaching facilities. The school grounds and libraries have been greatly improved. The patrons of the Roper school are invited at any time the building is open to have a look at the high school library. A greater amount of maps, charts and globes were secured this year for use by the children, as well as an ample supply of supplementary readers for the grades. Every effort is being made to meet and pass minimum state requirements.

Next year a twelfth grade is to be added to the school and a complete business course is outlined for the broadening of the curriculum, and it is hoped that the parents in the community may see to it that their children are enrolled so that they may have the opportunity to take one of the several courses to be offered.

South Plymouth Lots To Be Sold Saturday

The remaining lots in the South Plymouth subdivision will be sold at public auction on Saturday, April 30, commencing at 2:30 p. m., on the grounds, rain or shine, by the United Auction Company, of Wilmington, who are associated here with W. M. Darden.

Method of Financing New School Outlined

An arrangement has been made whereby easy terms are offered in purchasing the property, with as low as \$10 per 50-foot lot cash and the balance at \$5 per month.

A number of cash prizes and a Crosley super-8 lay-down radio will be given free to those attending

23 Candidates File for 12 County Offices; Six Without Opposition; Contests To Be Decided June 4th

Precinct Officials for Primary Are Named By Board Elections

Registration Books Open May 7, Close 21st of Registrars List

Precinct officials to serve in the Democratic primary on June 4 at Washington County polling places were announced today by P. M. Arps, chairman of the county board of elections. Places for the polls will be designated later.

Registration books will open May 7 and close May 21 for the benefit of those who wish to register for the primary.

Poll holders, by townships, follow: Plymouth: Jack Weede, registrar; A. Lloyd Owens and Tom Sanderson, judges of election.

Lees Mills: H. W. Tarkenton, registrar; R. L. Stillman and Clyde Chesson, judges.

Skinnerville: C. L. Everett, registrar; C. C. Cahoon and Boyd Davenport, judges.

Scuppernon: T. F. Davenport, registrar; Roy L. Litchfield and Bill Peel, judges.

Wenona, W. L. Furbee, registrar; J. L. Rea, jr., and Walter E. Allen, Republican officials for the general election in November are announced as follows: E. R. Jackson, Plymouth; C. L. Walker, Roper; Louis Bateman, Skinnerville; Louis Spruill, Scuppernon; and Carl S. Heynen, Wenona.

The usual custom in this county has been to have the Republican judge to serve in both the primary and general election. This year the Republicans will not serve in the primary.

County Agent Points Out Allotments Not Made by His Office

Determined by Committee According To Farm Program Rules

"Some farmers have the mistaken idea that the county agent makes allotments of cotton, tobacco and peanuts to the farms of the county," said County Agent W. V. Hays this week, in calling attention of farmers to the fact that this work is done by county and township committees.

The set-up is so arranged, according to Mr. Hays, that the township committees are supervised by the county committees, who, in turn, are responsible to the state committees, and then over them all are the administrators of the farm program at Washington, D. C.

Continuing, he said, "It is impossible for the county agent to settle complaints relative to allotments. The law states that all complaints should be made in writing to the particular committees responsible for the crop in question. The committees will then answer the complaint in writing.

"If satisfaction is not received the matter may then be taken to the state committee in care of E. Y. Floyd at Raleigh. This is not intended as a suggestion but as a statement to clarify the opinion of several who are interested in adjustments.

"Local and county committees had nothing to do with the cotton allotments. The cultivated land and the acres of cotton planted in 1935, 1936, and 1937 by a mathematical formula designated the acres to plant

County committees of Washington County are L. E. Hassell, W. D. Phelps and Corbett Swain.

Township committees follow: Plymouth, H. C. Spruill, J. T. Brown, J. F. Allen; Lees Mills: L. E. Hassell, J. E. Davenport, Hubert R. Chesson; Skinnerville: Clinton Everett, Hubert L. Davenport, Hilton Chesson; Scuppernon: J. Dewitt Davenport, W. D. Phelps, H. A. Norman.

Plan Organization Of Softball League Among Fans Here

Realizing the need of physical exercise for men, the Laymen's League of Grace Episcopal Church, through its representative, R. A. Duvall, is taking the lead in making plans for the organization of a softball league here this summer.

The proposal has been discussed with Rev. P. B. Nickens and Ronald Galyard, of the Baptist Church; Rev. N. A. Taylor and W. M. Darden, of the Christian Church; Rev. C. T. Thrift and Z. V. Norman, of the Methodist Church.

AGAIN HEADS SCHOOLS



Principal R. B. Trotman will again head the Plymouth City Schools next term, his reelection to the post having been announced this week.

Church Organizations Taking Lead in Sponsoring Movement

These men and others have signified their intention of joining the league, with each church possibly being represented by a team and a schedule being worked out so that each club will play about once or twice each week.

Mr. Duvall has determined that the cost for equipping a team will be a small item compared with the fun and physical benefit the men will get out of the game.

Those interested in the game are urged to see Mr. Duvall or the pastor of their church

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Number Last-Minute Entries Before Filing Period Ended 23rd

Carl Bailey Withdraws From House Race; Four Others Remain in Field

Twenty-three candidates are in the field for Democratic nominations to 12 offices in Washington County, and the battle for ballots has begun, with every man's opponent in the open, as filing time expired at 6 p. m. Saturday.

Six of the candidates are unopposed and their nomination will be certified by the board of elections without the necessity for their names appearing upon the ballots. There are a total of 17 candidates for the other 6 offices, the contest for which will likely be decided on Saturday, June 4, although a second primary is possible for some of the offices.

Carl L. Bailey filed for representative to the General Assembly Saturday afternoon but had withdrawn Monday afternoon when the list of candidates was prepared by P. M. Arps, chairman of the board of elections. Mr. Bailey stated that he only filed to give himself more time to consider the matter, and that business and personal reasons would make it impossible for him to serve at the next session, even if he was assured of the nomination and election without opposition.

This leaves four men in the race who are expected to go the route. They are Wilbur M. (Pet) Darden, W. T. Freeman, A. R. Dupree, sr., and Ben A. Sumner. Harry Stell, incumbent, is not a candidate this year.

A well-known young man, E. Ludford McNair, is opposing the veteran C. V. W. Ausbon for clerk of the superior court. Mr. Ausbon is the second oldest superior court clerk in point of service in the state.

J. R. Campbell has no opposition as county commissioner from district No. 1 in Plymouth, neither does E. F. Swain, candidate in the third district, at Creswell; but in the second district, at Roper, there are three candidates: J. C. Knowles, T. R. Chesson, and J. H. Gaylord, sr.

W. L. Whitley, who has held the office of member of the county board of education from Plymouth for the past two years, is opposed for nomination by Walter H. Paramore, local newspaperman.

S. D. Davis, treasurer, has two opponents for nomination to his office

Method of Financing New School Outlined

South Plymouth Lots \$22,185 Grant From WPA; Balance Is To Be Raised by County

Final Figures on Cost Placed At \$82,185, Leaving Cost To County, \$60,000

Plans for raising about \$82,185 for construction of the new Creswell school building continues active today, following the letting of contracts last Thursday calling for close to this amount of money in connection with the construction work.

The plan for raising the money is as follows: \$22,185 contributed by the Public Works Administration; \$25,000 on hand, borrowed from the State Literary Fund; \$10,000 in cash contributed by the Washington County commissioners; and \$25,000 more to be borrowed from the State Literary Fund.

It was explained that the last \$25,000 will be secured by a bond issue, which the Local Government Commission will approve when the county pays \$38,000 in bonds and interest due by June 1. The money is on hand to pay this amount.

It was at first suggested that the Creswell building could be renovated and an annex added for about \$40,000, but this idea was abandoned and it was decided to build a new 20-room structure, doubling the cost.

The contracts call for the payment of 90 per cent of the total expenditures each month on the project, and the money must be in hand to pay as the building progresses.

An agreement was reached with the WPA for demolition of the frame building next to the brick structure before the Federal agency would agree to make any contribution toward the new building.