

Adrian Ayers, of Rocky Mount, who was here recently visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ayers, served as president of the Varsity Club of the East Carolina Teachers' College at Greenville, where he was a student and an athlete, last term.

G. R. Leggett remarked at the clearness of the water of the usually muddy and murky Roanoke River last Monday. The reflection of the pretty green trees on the north side was beautiful. Lack of rain is believed responsible for the clear water.

A total of \$1,500 has been invested in instruments alone in the 17-piece Plymouth High School band, which is conducted by L. W. Zeigler. Now they want to purchase an alto horn, which will add about \$75 more to the investment.

L. O. Branch, an insurance man from Washington, N. C., here with L. H. Cottle this week, is an assistant scoutmaster of one of the hustling troops of the town in which he lives. He greeted George Thomason, assistant scout executive, who was here this week.

E. R. Conway, Jr., counsellor on cubbing for the East Carolina District of the Boy Scouts of America, and his father, here for a meeting Monday evening, played a round of golf at the Plymouth Country Club and were loud in their praise of the local course.

A shortage of films in Hollywood may cause Shep Brinkley to close down his New (Old) Theatre some time within the next few weeks. Studios have cut expenses and reduced the number of pictures that they make during the year.

Joe Nobles, who does the umpiring for the Plymouth baseball club, has served as an arbiter in the Coastal Plain League and in other organized loops. Last season he called a game in Williamston attended by many local fans.

A Charlotte group of bond brokers writes in asking for the highest offer on \$5,000 worth of Plymouth Street Improvement 6 per cent bonds, due April 1, 1943, with October 1, 1936, and subsequent coupons attached.

The price of the Boy Scout uniform has been materially reduced and this may mean that more of the scouts in Washington County will begin wearing them soon. It is well now to inquire about the new low price. Write or see some scout official.

Youngest in age of any of the candidates in the Democratic primary is E. Ludford McNair, who is in the race for the job of the oldest candidate, C. V. W. Ausbon, clerk of the superior court, who has served for 30 years and is second oldest in the state in point of service.

The two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Whedbee have black eyes which they obtained when an automobile in which they were riding, operated by "Mobile" Jones, turned over Saturday near Jamesville.

Negro Given Year on Roads for Damaging Property of A. C. L.

Joe Garrett Found Guilty of Putting Stones in Boiler of Locomotive

Unusual was the case of Joe Garrett, 24, colored, who was given 12 months on the roads in recorder's court Tuesday on charges of trespassing on the property of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, placing stones in the engine boiler, and destroying the records of the engineer.

Another unusual case was that of Samuel Hoover, 32, colored, who was given 18 months on the roads for entering the county home and stealing a number of articles valued at \$20, after he had been forbidden to enter the premises.

S. L. Petty, 34, white, was fined \$50 and assessed the costs on a charge of driving drunk. Prayer for judgment was continued until June 30.

Augustus (Buster) Johnson was given three months on the roads on a charge of failing and refusing to support two children and leaving them in the care of Frank Johnson. The road sentence was suspended upon the payment of the costs and \$2.50 per week for the children.

Warren Barnes, 49, white, was charged with being drunk and driving a mule in a careless and reckless manner and with possession of illegal whiskey. He was found guilty of being drunk and cruelty to dumb animals and given a six-month suspended sentence.

Observe Air Mail Week Here Starting Monday

"After a visit to each of the post offices in Washington County," said Postmaster George W. Harrison, chairman, "I was very much elated over the interest and enthusiasm shown by postal workers and patrons at each office in Air Mail Week, observance of which will begin next Sunday.

Air Mail Weeks starts May 15 and continues through May 21. Persons who have important business or personal matters which require mailing are being urged by the postmaster to use air-mail stamps during the week.

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County Convention Is To Be Held Saturday

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Local interest in the Democratic State Convention at Raleigh next Thursday is considerably heightened by the fact that Congressman Lindsay C. Warren, of the first district, is to be the keynote speaker. A number of Plymouth people plan to attend for this reason.

Experiment in Beef Cattle Raising Now Under Way at Roper

W. H. Thompson Receives 100 Steers From Florida This Week

An experiment in beef type cattle raising in Washington County on a large scale is underway at the Elmhurst Farm, near Roper, owned by W. H. Thompson, brother of L. S. Thompson, of Plymouth.

Mr. Thompson recently purchased 100 steers in Florida and unloaded them through the cattle chutes at the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad yards here Monday and transported them to his farm, where the test is being conducted.

The cattle were placed in a 300-acre pasture on the farm which is enclosed by an electric fence. There they will be grazed and fed according to approved methods, with close observation and records kept of their increase in weight and general condition.

It is understood the diet of the cattle will be rotated on lespedeza, oats and rye, and every effort will be made to assure their proper health and weight increase to determine if cattle can be grown for beef purposes at a profit in Washington County.

This is believed to be the largest-scale beef cattle production ever attempted in the county, and County Agent W. V. Hays is planning to watch the growth of the cattle and advise Mr. Thompson and his representatives here in regard to feeding and care of the stock.

Level of School Lot At Creswell Raised

Work has been started on raising the level of the lot for the new \$80,000 school building that is to be erected at Creswell to replace the present structure, which has stood for years but which is now in bad repair.

The new building will contain 20 rooms and an auditorium and will be large enough to take care of the present enrollment and it is hoped the future enrollment for years to come.

After the level is raised the work will begin on the foundation for the building.

Orphans To Sing at Church In Creswell Monday Night

The Methodist Protestant Children's Home in High Point will send a group of children to Creswell to give a program Monday evening at 8 p. m. in the Methodist Protestant Church. Dr. A. G. Dixon, superintendent of the home, will be in charge. The public is urged to attend.

Senator Reynolds To Make Radio Talk Next Tuesday

"I believe if you use the air-mail stamps for important mail once, you will continue to do so, because it is quicker; costs only 3 cents more than ordinary first-class mail; 3 cents will add wings to your correspondence, and special delivery air mail will get an answer from your friend today that you expected tomorrow," said Mr. Harrison.

Those wishing an air mail envelope can obtain same free at the post offices upon request, as they are contributed for your convenience by the postal workers in the county.

Will Name Delegates To State Convention At Raleigh May 19th

Distribution of Votes by Precincts Outlined; Precinct Chairmen Named

Selection of delegates to the State Convention that is to be held in Raleigh Thursday of next week, recommendations for a platform for the party, and completion of the county organization are the principal items of business to come before the Democrats of Washington County in convention at the courthouse here Saturday morning at 11 o'clock.

The delegates and officials named last week in precinct meetings will gather for the event, with voting strength in the county convention based on the total votes cast for governor in the last general election, distribution as follows: Plymouth 31, Lees Mills 17, Scuppernon 12, Skippersville 5, and Wenona 1. Delegates attending will vote the full strength of the precinct they represent.

At the precinct meetings held last Saturday, Dr. C. McGowan was named chairman of the Plymouth precinct committee, with Mrs. Mary Smith Cahoon, Frank L. Brinkley, P. W. Brown and L. W. Gurkin as committeemen.

Scuppernon precinct elected Mike Davenport chairman, with Mrs. Clyde Smithson, J. G. Woodley, W. S. Ainsley and B. F. Spear as committeemen.

Skippersville has C. L. Everett as chairman, without any committeemen being reported.

Lees Mills has W. W. Tarkenton as chairman, with W. A. Koonce, R. W. Lewis, Clyde Robbins and Roy Chesson as committeemen.

Wenona has W. E. Allen as chairman.

Seek Charter for Cub Pack Here Result of Meet Monday Night

Cubmaster and Committee Appointed; Sixty Boys Invited To Join

Application has been made for a charter for a cub pack in Plymouth as the result of a meeting held in the courthouse last Monday night, with E. R. Conway, of Greenville, counsellor on cubbing for the East Carolina Council of Boy Scouts of America.

Tom Brown was named cubmaster to be assisted by Charles Noe and Bill Lucius. The cub committee is composed of P. W. Brown, Walter H. Paramore, C. A. Gradeless, and J. M. Polk.

The den chiefs will be announced later, as well as the den mothers and dads, and another meeting will be held next Monday night at the courthouse for the purpose of continuing the organization of the pack.

The names of 60 boys who had been invited to join were read, but only about 20 were present. It is believed that on account of school not being in session some could not attend the meeting, and others will be added as the organization goes along.

The names of eight or more charter members were taken and the charter applied for.

Present with Mr. Conway was his father, who was a visitor, and also George Thomason, of Wilson, assistant Scout executive, who also made a short talk to the boys and their parents; and Dr. A. Papineau, district Scout chairman.

18 New Names Put on Registration Books

Only 18 new names have been added to the books in the Plymouth precinct so far, it was learned today from W. E. (Jack) Weede, who asks that the people be informed that the book will be at his store all during the week for registering new qualified voters who wish to cast their ballots in the Democratic primary on June 4.

He expects that about 100 new names will be put on the book before the end of the registration period at 6 p. m., Saturday, May 21. No new registration of old voters is necessary. All persons becoming 21 years of age or who have established their residence here since the last election should register.

Mr. Weede will have the book at his store during the week, but will be at the courthouse on Saturdays from 9 to 5.

Senator Reynolds To Make Radio Talk Next Tuesday

The first broadcast to be made by Robert R. "Our Bob" Reynolds in his campaign for renomination to succeed himself as United States Senator will be made over radio station WPTF at Raleigh next Tuesday evening for 15 minutes, starting at 7:45, according to John W. Darden, local Reynolds supporter.

During this time Senator Reynolds is expected to reply to some of the charges made by Congressman Frank Hancock, who is opposing Reynolds.

Earl Wilson, 25, Dies Result of Accident While Loading Logs

Death of Popular Young Man Comes as Shock to Pleasant Grove Community

Funeral services were held in the Holly Neck Church Sunday afternoon for Earl Wilson, 25, who died Saturday in a Washington hospital as the result of a fractured skull sustained when a piling struck him on the head Friday afternoon.

Mr. Wilson was loading piling from a truck to a freight car at the Creswell station Friday afternoon about 4 o'clock, when a unit of the 90-foot piling slipped from its supports and struck him. He was given medical attention by Dr. J. M. Phelps at Creswell and then rushed to a Washington hospital, where he lived until Saturday evening at 9:30. He was employed by Laevette and Daniels.

Mr. Wilson was very popular in the Pleasant Grove community, where he lived, and his sudden death came as a shock to the entire section.

The funeral was held in the Holly Neck Church, of which Mr. Wilson was a member, interment following in the Holly Neck cemetery. Rev. Dave Arnold, pastor of the church, conducted the services, which were largely attended by a host of sorrowing friends and relatives.

Active pall-bearers were Benny Tarkenton, Earl Willard, Carlton Lambeth, Henry Griffin, Jimmy Dixon, Honorary: J. S. Davenport, Nick Daniels, Tom Basnight, Charles Snell, George Laevette, J. A. Alligood, Flower girls: Mesdames J. C. Tarkenton, Clara Snell, Ruby Collins, Renz Spruill, Howard Davenport, Rena Liverman, Effie Gurkin, Misses Agnes Spruill and Wollie Davenport.

Surviving is a widow, Mrs. Minnie Pearl Davenport Wilson, two children, Sonny 3, and Betty Lou 1; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wilson; and two sisters, Mrs. Dolphus Lamb and Miss Anne Mae Wilson; all of the Pleasant Grove section.

Clinic for Venereal Diseases To Be Held In Creswell Weekly

Health Officer To Be There Each Thursday, Starting Next Week

A venereal disease clinic will be held each Thursday afternoon between 2 and 4 o'clock at Creswell, beginning Thursday, May 19, it was announced this week by Dr. S. V. Lewis, district health officer.

"This clinic," says the health officer, "in the east end of Washington County is held only for those who have difficulty in attending the clinic in Plymouth due to travel facilities. Dr. Lewis pointed out that out of the several hundred persons who have visited the Plymouth clinics 117 have been found to have syphilis, and all but two of these are members of the Negro race.

There are 81 cases in and around Plymouth, 13 in and around Creswell, 16 in the vicinity of Roper and 5 in the Mackeys section.

Many of these cases were discovered among those who applied for jobs and certificates as domestic servants, but there have been a few cases discovered among farmers who have applied for the clinical services. In one or two instances it has been found that the disease embraced the entire family, and tests were made of the children for treatment if necessary.

None of the present clinics have been held as a result of aid from the Smith Reynolds fund, recently created to help in the work, but the health officer pointed out that with the additional money available from this fund the state will be enabled to increase the number of clinics being held in North Carolina.

Program Committee To Meet Here on 20th

A meeting of the program committee of the Albemarle Sound bridge celebration has been called for the courthouse in Plymouth on Friday, May 20, at 11 a. m., it was announced today by John W. Darden, chairman of the committee.

Each of the seven persons on the committee is asked to work out his idea of a program to be presented at this meeting, and from these several ideas a general official program will be arranged.

"It has been suggested that the Governors of North and South Carolina and Virginia be invited to attend, with a national figure here to speak," Mr. Darden said.

TWO GAMES

The Rocks will play at home twice during the week-end, starting Saturday afternoon with Texaco Beach, a strong club from near Elizabeth City, and then on Sunday, when the Norfolk Police invade the park of the locals.

Manager Armstrong urges a good attendance at both of these games, as the two teams coming here are reported to be very good, and the games should prove very interesting.

Total Five Candidates Announced Withdrawal from Contests in June Primary Since Filing Time Closed

Valentine To Speak at Legion Meeting Friday

Mingling with his war buddies will be Ilmuous T. Valentine, a candidate for judge of the second judicial district, who will speak at the meeting here Friday night of the James E. Jethro Post of the American Legion.

Mr. Valentine was a corporal in the 113th Field Artillery and is well liked by the former service men. He was also one of the managers of the gubernatorial campaign of Dr. Ralph W. McDonald in the June primary two years ago and a lawyer of high reputation as an entertaining speaker.

A fried chicken supper has been promised and the members of the American Legion Auxiliary have been invited to attend. A large crowd is expected to be present, according to officials of the post.

Dr. C. McGowan, district commander, says there is a treat in store for everyone who attends and the Legionnaires are urged to be present, as there will be several business matters before the meeting that must be given consideration.

Ben A. Sumner Out Of Race for House; Other Withdrawals

T. R. (Dick) Chesson and W. L. Whitley Also Decide Against Running

Withdrawal of several candidates in the last few days leaves only 5 of the 12 offices in Washington County with contestants as the time for the June 4 Democratic primary nears.

Since the date of the expiration of the filing time there have been five to have their names eliminated from the ticket after paying their filing fee and making it public information that they would be candidates.

Latest to leave the race is Ben A. Sumner, who declared Wednesday in a telegram to P. M. Arps, chairman of the county board of elections, that "due to business keeping me out of the county I do not have time to devote to the campaign, so I am withdrawing," thus leaving the contest to A. R. Dupree, sr., W. T. Freeman and Wilbur M. Darden.

T. R. (Dick) Chesson this week issued the following statement in withdrawing from the race for county commissioner in district No. 2, "I prefer not to become engaged in any factional fight, as I am not aligned with any faction, and prefer to stay out of political squabbles . . ."

Since Mr. Chesson left the race for commissioner of the second district, the battle is left up to J. C. Knowles and J. H. Gaylord, sr. J. E. Campbell, in district No. 1, and E. F. Swain, in district No. 3, had no opposition.

W. L. Whitley decided not to run also, leaving Walter H. Paramore to be declared the Democratic nominee for appointment by the legislature to membership on the county board of education.

G. C. Phelps has previously made public his intention not to run against S. D. Davis, incumbent, and Linwood Hassell for the job as treasurer. The race for the job as coroner continues unabated, with W. Harry (Jack) Peele and William S. Nurney both working for the place.

Edward L. Owens, who paid his fee and filed for the office of township constable also has asked that his name be omitted from the ballots.

The following have had no opposition at any time: J. K. Reid, sheriff; Mrs. Mary S. Cahoon, register of deeds; and John W. Darden, judge of recorder's court.

Still with opposition is C. V. W. Ausbon, clerk of the superior court, who is being opposed by E. Ludford McNair.

WITHDRAWS



Ben A. Sumner, prominent local citizen, this week announced his withdrawal from the contest for nomination as representative to the general assembly, due to the fact that he will be absent from the county during the remainder of the campaign. There are three other candidates left in the field for this post.

Tobacco Protests Are Referred To Wallace by Bailey

Secretary Says Farmers Desire To Plant 300,000,000 Pounds Too Many

Complaints about flue-cured tobacco allotments made to Senator J. W. Bailey by producers in Washington and other counties in the bright belt have been filed with Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, the Senator said this week in releasing a memorandum from the Secretary in answer to the complaints.

Indications are, Mr. Wallace said in his memorandum, that the farmers desire to plant about 300,000,000 pounds in excess of the present level of world consumption of this kind of tobacco.

Specific complaints, in many cases, are from farmers who began or increased their production in 1936 and 1937, taking advantage of favorable prices resulting largely from the operation of farm programs.

Some farmers do not, according to Mr. Wallace, understand that the acreage allotments which have been established under the Agricultural Conservation program are separate from the marketing quotas, which will be established later under the Agricultural Adjustment Act.

A review of the acreage allotments to correct errors will be made within a few days, say the officials.

New Series of B. & L. Stock Is Now on Sale

Loans totaling \$4,700 were approved and a third series of stock opened by the board of directors and finance committee of the Plymouth Building and Loan Association in session at the city's clerk's office in the Municipal Building Wednesday night.

This large sum of money was distributed to five applicants, with one to build a new home in Plymouth and another to construct a new residence at Mackeys. The other three were for repairs and remodeling homes in Plymouth.

As soon as preliminary matters can be completed, this money will be available and should help along the

building program in Plymouth considerably.

The third series of stock, totaling \$25,000, was declared open for the current quarter closing on July 1. New members are urged to inform Secretary M. W. Spruill the number of shares they desire.

The amount loaned Wednesday depletes the loan fund for the time being, but with payments being made weekly, the sum will soon be built up again to where additional loans can be made.

The loans made Wednesday night brought the total amount of loans from \$3,800 to \$8,500.