

Miss Cornelia Edmondson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Edmondson, of Plymouth, made the varsity basketball team as a forward at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro this season, recognition being accorded her and other members of the team at a banquet Wednesday evening.

Miss Barbara Norman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Norman here, was recently appointed with three other girls to head the various groups in the Home Economics Department at Salem College to make May Day costumes. Miss Norman is also a member of the exchange and circulation staff of the Salemite, school paper.

P. W. Brinkley, chairman, said today that the county board of elections would meet soon to name the precinct officers for service in the Democratic and Republican primaries to be held on May 25. The county board, appointed last week-end, is composed of Mr. Brinkley and J. W. Marrow, sr., Democrats, and J. R. Carr, Republican.

Red Liverman, Reuben Mayo and Bill Hays spent the spring holidays at home from State College in Raleigh. Young Mayo said that spring football workouts had been started, and all three of the local boys—who played on the high school team here—had a chance to make the squad.

E. J. Spruill, county auditor; W. M. Darden, representative; J. J. Hassell, mayor of Roper; C. N. Davenport, sr., mayor of Creswell; and Harry Pritchette, member of the Creswell town board, attended a meeting of officials of the surrounding counties in Edenton Monday, where proposed legislation and other matters concerning town and county government were discussed.

An Easter egg hunt will be given for the children of Grace Episcopal Sunday school Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, according to T. W. Earle, church official, who asks those owning cars to attend and help transport the children to the location of the egg hunt.

W. M. Darden and Walter H. Paramore attended a meeting of the executive committee of the first district of Young Democratic clubs, held in the George Reynolds Hotel at Williamston Tuesday night, when it was decided the district Jeffersonian rally would be held in Greenville on April 19th.

The Edwards Marvel Family, contortionists, will perform at the Plymouth Theatre Sunday afternoon and night, according to Shep Brinkley, who says the company puts on one of the best acrobatic contortionist acts he has ever seen.

Al R. Latham said today he had decided to enter the race for the Democratic nomination for Washington County commissioner from the first district, which includes Plymouth Township.

Charles Brown, 13-year-old son of Chief of Police and Mrs. P. W. Brown, was the top bowler at Jim Antonaider's bowling alleys last week. The youngster counted a top score of 123 pins, which Manager Jim said was good bowling for anybody.

The muscles in the arm of Fred day afternoon when some iron pipe after when iron tubes or pipes fell on him. Dr. T. L. Bray said the popular young man was painfully but not seriously hurt.

The Juniper Lodge this week installed draught-beer equipment, the beverage being served directly from the keg to the customer, according to Luther Nobles, owner.

Arnold Speaker at Meet Here Tonight

E. F. Arnold, executive secretary of the State Farm Bureau, will be the principal speaker at the monthly meeting of the Washington County Farm Bureau in the agriculture building here tonight, it was announced yesterday by W. D. Phelps, president.

A report on the activities of the Peanut Stabilization Cooperative will be made by L. E. Hassell, of Roper, who this week attended a meeting of peanut growers from this section in Washington, D. C., where the cooperative was discussed.

A large attendance at the meeting, which begins at 7:30, was urged, as there are a number of matters important to farmers to be discussed, in addition to the information to be given by the speakers.

Southern Albemarle Association Will Hold Meeting Here Monday, June 10th

Plymouth was chosen as the place for the June 10 meeting of the Southern Albemarle Association by the executive committee of the organization, which met in Manteo yesterday, with Representative W. M. Darden, H. H. McLean, county superintendent of schools, and John W. Darden, secretary of the county chamber of commerce, attending from Plymouth.

The date selected is just prior to the second Democratic primary, and it is planned to have

Local Firemen Get \$100 Check as Token Of Appreciation for Efficient Service

Appreciative of the tone of the letter which accompanied a \$100 check turned over to the Plymouth Volunteer Fire Department by the American Fork & Hoe Co., Fire Chief L. W. Gurkin asked that the letter be printed. The letter, from A. W. Ferguson, secretary and treasurer of the firm, of Cleveland, Ohio, is as follows: "We want to take this opportunity of thanking you, and each and every member of your organization, for the prompt and efficient assistance that you rendered to our organization at Plymouth at the time of the 'boat house' fire.

"While apparently the building was doomed at the outset of the fire, the willing cooperation of the local fire department is greatly appreciated by this company, and as a token of this appreciation, we are enclosing herewith our check payable to your order as fire chief, for \$100, and will be glad to have such use made of the proceeds of this check as you and your organization think best."

Mr. Gurkin said this expression of the American Fork & Hoe Company was very much appreciated and, as one fireman expressed it, "the money sure came at a good time."

Development of Park Depends on Donation

Town and County In New Directory

Washington County will be represented in the new directory of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad with a comprehensive story and pictures, as the result of efforts of John W. Darden, secretary of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce.

Pictures of plants, points of interest and other pictures will be included in the new directory with subject matter pertaining to the history and important information of the county as Mr. Darden has already submitted it. A concise but comprehensive survey of the attitude, population, location, area, educational institutions, agricultural conditions and 1,200 words of general interesting information has been supplied.

Fearing Believes State Will Operate Free Ferries on 64

Also Thinks Bridges and Roads Will Be Found Cheaper

"I have good reasons to believe in a very short while we are going to get the state to take over Alligator River and Croatan Sound ferries and operate them free of tolls," Senator D. Bradford Fearing, of Manteo, wrote the Beacon this week. Continuing, Mr. Fearing said, "In my opinion, the state will find it cheaper to give us free bridges than free ferries, and I predict that if we work along the free ferries angle for the time being we will soon have bridges."

If toll-free ferries were operated or bridges built over Alligator River and Croatan Sound, it would constitute an extension of Route No. 64 from Manteo to Murphy, putting Plymouth on the highway which thousands travel every summer to attend the Roanoke Island historical drama, "The Lost Colony," as well as open up the Dare beaches to the remainder of the state.

As president of the Roanoke Island Historical Association, Inc., which promotes the "Lost Colony" presentation, Mr. Fearing believes it will be best to work for free ferries and then, when and if, the state starts operating the ferries it will find it cheaper to build bridges and roads than to maintain the ferries.

Bank and County Offices Will Be Closed Monday

The Branch Banking and Trust Company and the county offices at the courthouse here will be closed on Easter Monday, but the ABC store, post office, and other places of business will remain open as usual for business.

The public schools in the county will open Monday as usual. A number of public offices throughout the state will be closed for the day, and banks in near-by towns are expected to be closed also.

Ask County To Put Up \$500 To Insure \$28,850 Being Spent

Matter Being Held in Abeyance; Also Ask \$300 From Creswell

A request has been made to the Washington County Commissioners for a contribution of \$500 to be used in the development of Pettigrew Park, on which the State and Federal Governments will put up the remainder of \$28,850 which will be used to make a number of improvements to the area. The \$500 asked from the county is sought primarily as evidence of local interest in development of the project, and in the event the amount is not raised, it has been suggested that Tyrrell County will be made the same proposition and, if accepted, the improvements will be located on the Tyrrell side of Lake Phelps.

The county commissioners, lacking in ready funds, are holding the matter in abeyance for a few days to determine what can be done about it. It is possible that the amount may be included in the budget for next year, since the county's \$500 would insure a total expenditure of \$28,850 on the project, with the remainder coming from State and Federal funds.

Located about 38 miles from Plymouth on the dividing line of Washington and Tyrrell Counties, the park area includes the famous Lake Phelps, the largest natural fresh-water lake in the state, the Collins plantation, and other points of interest. Fishing, boating, and bathing would be made the main attractions of the park, with the historical background adding to its appeal to visitors. Near the park are the thousands of acres owned by the Farm Security Administration and operated as a resettlement project known as Scuppernon Farms.

Plans for development of the area include restoration of the old Collins home, building of piers and cabins for the convenience of visitors, providing picnic grounds, and cleaning of the place in general, with employment of a caretaker to look after the property. The place has been extensively advertised and is well known throughout the state, which it is believed would serve to attract thousands of visitors there annually. It is understood that the town of Creswell will be expected to make a contribution of about \$300 toward development of the project. It was explained that while the contributions by the town and county were not exactly required, the agencies handling funds for park development were not willing to go ahead and spend a lot of money on a park unless the localities affected were willing to prove their interest in the development by appropriating a nominal sum. There are a number of other parks in the state seeking appropriations from the state and federal funds, and governing bodies of the counties in which some of them are located have expressed willingness to contribute substantial amounts for development of their parks. Stanley County issued over \$30,000 in bonds to help pay for improvements to the Hanging Rock Park, it was said.

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Beacon Is Moving To New Quarters

After more than 20 years at its present location, the Roanoke Beacon will move its equipment to the Landing Building next to Hassell Brothers Bakery on Water Street within the next few days, plans being made to vacate its present building by April 1. The new quarters will provide more office space and make it possible to add to the stock and equipment now carried. Two job presses have been bought to supplement its present equipment to the end that better and more rapid service can be rendered.

Seed-Feed Loans Available Again

Application blanks have arrived for farmers in Washington County who wish to borrow money from the Emergency Seed and Feed Loan Fund, for the purchase of seed, fertilizer and feed for livestock, it was learned today from Miss Martha Hornthal, who has charge of receiving applications. Miss Hornthal will be glad to aid farmers in filling out the blanks if they will see her at W. R. Hampton's office.

So far, few applications have been made. The money is available to farmers who are unable to secure loans from other sources, such as banks, fertilizer concerns, or crop-lending agencies.

J. L. Phelps Named Delegate to G. O. P. National Convention

County Man One of Two From First District; Pledged To Taft

Republicans of Washington County were auspiciously recognized at the first congressional district convention held in Williamston last Thursday, John L. Phelps, of Creswell, being named with Wheeler Martin, of Williamston, as a delegate from the district to the national convention, which will be held in Philadelphia in June.

H. A. (Chubby) Liverman, of Plymouth, was named as chairman of the first district congressional committee, which also includes the following members: Clarence Allen, Beaufort; P. D. Burgess, Camden; M. S. Elliott, Chowan; B. C. Kinsey, Currituck; W. H. Elliott, Hertford; Harvey Mason, Hyde; Jesse Wilson Price, Martin; M. N. Tokey, Pasquotank; J. P. Jessup, Perquimans; H. R. Munford, Pitt; and F. E. Cohoon, Tyrrell.

Congressman Lindsay C. Warren will have competition from the district in the November general election, as the Republicans endorsed John A. Wilkerson, Beaufort County attorney, for that post. Neither Warren nor Wilkerson have competition in the primary.

In the harmonious meeting, which was attended by a number from this county, the group laid the groundwork for unified strength and a determination of purpose with a plan to exert most of their strength not in the subdivisional politics but in an earnest campaign for the gubernatorial and presidential offices in November.

The support of the district was pledged to Senator Robert A. Taft for president, with the delegates instructed to stick by the Ohio man in the national convention as long as there was any hope for his nomination.

Joseph Hall Fauste Dies At Home Here After Long Illness

Well Known Local Man Died Yesterday; Final Rites This Afternoon

Funeral services are being held this afternoon at the home on Fort Williams Street here, for Joseph Hall Fauste, 65, who died Wednesday morning after a lingering illness of several months. A sufferer with diabetes for about a year, complications developed which were the cause of his death.

The funeral services are being conducted by the Rev. P. B. Nickens, pastor of the local Baptist church, and interment is to follow in the Windley cemetery near here.

The son of the late Nathan and Annie Mary Duke Fauste, he was born in Nansemond County, Virginia. While a young man he moved to Bertie County, where for 25 years he was an engineer on the Aulander-Windsor train. About 25 years ago he came to Plymouth as a machinist and blacksmith for the Plymouth Box and Panel Company.

He was a member of the Capehart Baptist church in Bertie County for 35 years.

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Schedule Outlined For Creswell Band

Under the direction of Bob Merritt, the Creswell High School Band is preparing for several appearances during the last few weeks of the school year.

Friday of next week, March 29, the band will go to Greenville to take part in the district elimination contest, where two bands will be selected to go to the state finals in Greensboro during April.

A concert will be presented in cooperation with the Plymouth and Roper bands in Roper on Thursday, April 11, with L. W. Zeigler, of Plymouth, Tom Furness, of Roper, and Bob Merritt directing.

On April 12, the Creswell band will play at the Tulp Festival in Washington.

Full Day of Worship Services Planned By Local Churches for Easter Sunday

Observance of Easter next Sunday in Plymouth churches will provide a full day of worship with the theme of the four denominations represented here revolving around the Resurrection. A sunrise service at the Christian church will start the day's observance of one of Christendom's most sacred events. Rev. N. A. Taylor, the pastor, will also preach at the regular morning and evening services on topics surrounding the event.

Holy Communion will be celebrated at the Grace Episcopal church Sunday morning at 7 o'clock. Mite boxes will be turned in at the Sunday school hour, with lay readers' service at 11 a. m.

Rev. P. B. Nickens, pastor of the Baptist church, will speak on subjects dealing with the general theme at both the morning and evening hours. A Baptismal service will follow the night worship services.

At the Methodist church, the day's observance begins at 9:45 with a special Easter program being presented by the children in Sunday school. Rev. O. L. Hardwick, the pastor, will preach at the morning hour on a topic dealing with the Easter celebration. Music appropriate for the occasion will be a feature of all the religious services in the town.

State Official Says Earnings Justify 4 Per Cent Interest on Full-Paid Stock

Applications are being received by the Plymouth Building and Loan Association for the purchase of stock in the tenth series, dated April 1, it was announced following a meeting of the officers and directors of the association last week.

Officials of the organization start the sale of stock in the tenth series shortly after receiving a letter from the State Insurance Department stating that the rate of earnings last year on full-paid stock was in excess of 4 per cent and on the installment stock in excess of 5 per cent.

Increased earnings of the organization, figured on the basis of the 1939 report to the State Insurance Commission, will justify the payment of 4 per cent interest on the full-paid stock outstanding, amounting to \$3,700, according to a letter from Geo. W. Crone, deputy insurance commissioner, received this week.

President E. F. Still said today that all officials, directors and stockholders would conduct an intensive campaign to increase the amount of stock outstanding in the association, which will make more money available for loans to improve and build homes in Plymouth.

More interest has already been evidenced in the coming series of stock than in any past series, it was learned from the secretary, M. W. Spruill, and it is hoped a record number of shares will be sold.

It is pointed out that building and loan stock is exempt from taxation, which fact coupled with the rate of earnings of 4 per cent on full-paid stock and about 5 per cent on installment stock, makes this rank among the leaders from an investment standpoint.

Accessory Store To Open Here April 1

Shelves and counters are being constructed and general improvements made in the Hampton Building next to W. R. Hampton's office and will be occupied soon by a tire, auto accessory and electrical appliance store that is being financed by H. E. Harrison.

Bill Roebuck, formerly parts manager for the Plymouth Motor Company, will be placed in the new store as manager, and Messrs. Harrison and Roebuck said this week that they hoped to be ready to open the new place of business by April 1.

Several carpenters were at work today and Mr. Harrison said that much of the merchandise for the store had been ordered. Mr. Roebuck plans to spend a week at a trade school, where he will be familiarized with the methods to be used in management of the business.

197 Soil Checks for Farmers Received

A batch of 197 checks, representing a total of \$12,421.62, was received Wednesday of this week for distribution to farmers in Washington County who cooperated in the 1939 agricultural conservation program, it was learned today from County Agent W. V. Hays' office. Farmers are being notified direct to call for their checks.

Prior to this week a total of 340 checks, representing \$20,016.26 had been received and distributed in the county. To date 537 checks, totaling \$32,437.88, have been received for farmers in the county.

Superior Court in April Is Called Off By Vote of Bar

The Washington County Bar Association at a meeting held here Tuesday afternoon voted to eliminate the April term of Superior Court, according to Clerk of Superior Court C. V. W. Ausbon. It is understood the bar was divided on the question of calling off the term, but a majority felt the number of cases was not sufficient to justify the expense of the term. Only a few cases were on the calendar for the court. W. L. Whitley, Z. V. Norman and A. R. Dupree, sr., were in favor of holding the court, while the other members of the bar voted against it.

It was explained that since the April term is devoted exclusively to the trial of civil actions, there were not enough urgent cases awaiting hearing to put the county to the expense of holding the terms, which was scheduled to start on April 15.

Cases intended for the one-week April term will be put on the calendar for the two-week July term, when both civil and criminal cases are up for disposition. Judge Q. K. Nimocks, of Fayetteville, who is now holding court in Williamston, was scheduled to preside over the court here.

Father and Son Banquet In Creswell Friday Night

Vocational agriculture students of the Creswell High School will have their annual father-and-son banquet tomorrow (Friday) night at 7 o'clock, with the boys providing the program for the entertainment of their dads and guests. The home economics department of the school will serve a barbecue dinner.

Special guests invited include H. H. McLean, C. N. Davenport, Jr., A. T. Brooks, W. V. Hays, Hubert Davenport, H. W. Pritchett, Julius Snell, Bill Riddick, Bob Merritt, W. S. Moore, C. H. Floyd, V. H. Durrance, T. W. Armstrong, Paul Liverman, E. F. Swain, and E. N. Meekins, of Raleigh, district supervisor.

Models included Misses Leslie Darden, Lillian Robbins, Norma Bratten, Hulda Mae Sawyer, Libby Willoughby, Elsie Liverman, Jane Read, Frances Turnage, Clara Louise Jones; Messdames Hulda Gurganus, Virginia Heritage, Louise Ennis, Neva Harrington; Messrs. W. F. Winslow, Dallas Waters, Bill Owens, Brinson Cox, Ferner Waters, Harvey Wittet, Roscoe Browning, Frank Winesett and Bill Darden.

700 Attend Fashion Show Last Friday

Seven hundred persons crowded into the Plymouth Theatre here last Friday night for the fashion revue presented by the E. H. Liverman Department Store, with Miss Virginia Cahoon directing the style parade.

Miss Clara Louise Jones sang several selections and dances were presented by Earl Phelps and Dorothy Spruill, with Shep Brinkley providing the accompaniment at the organ.

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Merchants Here Have Complete Stocks To Serve Last-Minute Easter Shoppers

With the largest stocks ever purchased for Easter and the spring season, Plymouth merchants were ready today for the last-minute Easter shoppers who are expected to flock to local stores in increasing numbers Friday and Saturday for their spring wearing apparel.

Though shopping has been fairly steady during the last few days, the merchants say they still have complete stocks, as new arrivals daily are keeping their

Fisheries Not To Be Operated for First Time in 100 Years

W. R. Hampton Says Declining Fish Supply Does Not Justify Expense

For the first time in over 100 years the famous Kitty Hawk and Slade herring fisheries, located at the converging points of Roanoke, Middle and Cashie Rivers, about 2 miles upriver from Plymouth, will not be operated on Easter Monday, it was learned today from W. R. Hampton, owner, who stated that he did not plan to operate the fisheries at all this season.

According to Mr. Hampton, herring catches have been so small for the past two seasons that the venture has proven unprofitable, and it was decided to abandon operations altogether this year. Failure of the fisheries to be operated will mean that from 200 to 250 persons usually employed there for 10 weeks each spring will be without work this year. In the past thousands of dollars were paid out in wages each season.

Mr. Hampton's father, W. H. (Billy) Hampton purchased the fisheries more than 70 years ago, and operated them each spring as long as he lived. Tremendous hauls have been made at the fisheries in years gone by, the catch from a single haul of the long seines running over 100,000 many times. Large quantities of shad, rock, perch, and an occasional sturgeon were also caught at the fisheries over the long term of years they were operated.

Mr. Hampton said the supply of fish had sharply declined for the past two seasons, with disastrous results to him financially.

Asked about the rumored pollution of the stream as a cause of the decrease in quantity of fish caught, Mr. Hampton declined to comment, simply stating that it had been decided not to attempt operation of the fisheries this year.

A pilgrimage to the fisheries on Easter Monday has become an annual custom for many people, who will miss their trip this year. They came from all sections of eastern Carolina, and in recent years many from out of the state, to see and hear the negro employees sing as they hauled in and put out the huge seines, as well as to gaze at the thousands of fluttering fish dumped on the "batteries" of the fisheries.

Herring Cannery Opens in Mackeys

A herring roe cannery opened in Mackeys this week, with A. T. Belch, sr., A. T. Belch, jr., and C. J. Belch, of Colerain, as partners in the new concern. A. T. Belch, jr. will live at Mackeys and manage the plant.

Operations were scheduled to begin Wednesday. Herring and herring roe will be purchased from fisheries and fishermen in this section. Much of the herring will come from their seine at Wood Island.

Sixteen white women will be employed as roe pickers, and 10 to 20 more will be employed at various other jobs in the operation of the plant, which, in addition to canning roe, will skin catfish for shipment and buy and sell many other kinds of fish.

The roe produced will be canned under the label of the Chowanoke Herring Roe.