

Boy Scouts of Plymouth, Roper and Creswell have been invited to attend a camporee at Williamston Saturday...

Snow fell here Easter Sunday for the first time in half a century. Old-timers say that snow has fallen here several times...

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman A. Bowen, of Williamston, died in a Washington hospital Friday morning.

The Roanoke District, Disciples of Christ, will hold their quarterly meeting at Zion's Chapel Christian church near here Saturday and Sunday of this week...

H. P. Davis, of Elizabeth City, was here Wednesday on business and said he thought he had a chance to win the Democratic nomination...

Fletcher Waters has granted permission to local flying enthusiasts to land pleasure flying craft at the airport on his farm near the golf course...

W. B. Cox has been made project supervisor of WPA projects in Washington, Martin and Tyrrell Counties. Under his supervision sanitary privies are being constructed at the rate of about 100 monthly for the three counties.

Corporal T. B. Brown has been assigned to duty several hours a day in weighing trucks and directing traffic over the Currituck bridge, which is being repaired after having been badly damaged by the snow and ice this winter...

W. Herbert Phelps, route one, Plymouth, who was mentioned in the list of delegates chosen to represent this county at a Republican convention, asked the Beacon to state this week that he was not a Republican but was a Democrat.

Walter Smith, baseball catcher for Hertford when that town was in the old Albemarle League, is making his home here for a few weeks while checking on filling stations in Washington County for samples of the products that they sell for a state agency.

Easter Weather Damages Plants

Easter Sunday snow followed by freezing weather the first part of this week proved costly to plants and possibly to fruit trees, but farmers in this county hesitate to offer an estimate of the extent of the damage.

One farmer said some damage had been done to tobacco plant beds, but it is understood that fruit trees and tender plants were the principal sufferers.

Planters were agreed that the cold weather would retard the growth of tobacco plants and delay transplanting from one to two weeks. Some went as far as to predict a shortage of plants and a scarcity of fruit as a result of the cold weather.

Infant of Mr. and Mrs. Rankin Ambrose Dies

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Rankin Ambrose died in a Washington hospital at 3:30 Wednesday morning. The report reaching here indicated that Mrs. Ambrose was also very ill. No funeral arrangements had been made today.

State College Specialist States This Section Adapted To Cattle Production

Opportunities for the production of beef cattle abound in this section of North Carolina either on an extensive scale or as a supplementary enterprise, it was said today by L. I. Case, specialist in animal husbandry, N. C. State College, who was here this week visiting County Agent W. V. Hays.

Operations Are Resumed at Pulp Plant Today Following Shutdown for Repairs

Operation of the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company was resumed here today after having been closed for about 10 days for seasonal repairs, it was learned today from O. H. Cox, manager.

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Southern Albemarle Leaders Now on Record in Opposition to Diversion of Gasoline Tax

MEET POSTPONED

Because of the fact that Commissioner E. F. Swain will be attending Federal court in Washington next week, the Washington county commissioners will not meet Monday as is the usual custom.

Cattlemen Organize At Meet Held Here Last Tuesday Night

W. M. Darden Elected President; L. E. Hassell Vice President

Out of a welter of opinions expressed by cattlemen at a meeting held in the agriculture building here Tuesday night, the Eastern Carolina Cattlemen's Association...

A nominal fee will be charged for membership in the organization to defray the small expenditures necessary, according to Representative W. M. Darden, of Plymouth, who was named president, but the benefits of this organization will greatly outweigh them.

The organization is the outgrowth of a localized plan developed in this county, but now, with the new name and the by-laws adopted by the organization Tuesday night, membership is eligible to cattlemen all over the eastern part of the state.

Fred P. Latham, of Belhaven, visited a meeting recently and told of his experience with his herd of 150 cattle. Robert Everett, of Palmyra, another cattle grower, is a prospective member. Van G. Taylor, W. O. Abbott, and L. P. Lawrence are Martin County members.

Officers are L. E. Hassell, Roper, vice president; County Agent W. V. Hays, Plymouth, secretary and treasurer; directors: W. H. Thompson, Greensboro shoe-store supervisor, who has about 200 cattle on his T-Ranch near Plymouth; A. J. Riddle, Plymouth; and J. L. Rea, Jr., of Wenoona, assistant director in charge of the Blackland Experiment Station.

L. I. Case, of Raleigh, specialist in animal husbandry at State College, and Paul Fletcher, marketing expert, told the men in a recent meeting here that this was a good section for cattle growing in a small way.

It is expected that when the organization becomes fully launched, the membership would represent the ownership of close to 1,000 cattle in the surrounding counties. The association is non-profit and will be operated similar to mutual exchanges.

Tentative Schedule Of Closing Exercises For School Outlined

Sermon To Be Preached by Rev. P. B. Nickens on April 21st

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Class night will be observed on Wednesday night, April 21, at 8 p. m. in the form of "A Southern Rosary" of the Colonial period, with the following taking part: Mary Charlotte Jones, salutatorian, with a four-year average of 93.2 on her studies; Brinson Cox, valedictorian, with an average of 93.7 for four years; other participants being elected by the class as follows: Jimmy Hays, gifforian; Carita Jackson, poet; Douglas Gurkin, statistician; Dorothy Simpson, prophet; and Jack Stubbs, testator.

Graduation exercises will be held on Thursday, April 25. The speaker has not yet been secured. This year's class of 23 is smaller than usual because pupils are taking advantage of extra courses offered.

Equalization Board Makes Few Changes At Meet Last Week

Most of Claims Result of Pulpwood Being Cut From Woodlands

Washington's board of county commissioners, sitting as a board of equalization and review here last week, heard complaints from more than 20 persons seeking adjustments on the tax valuations of their property but granted only a minor number.

Most of the requests for reductions in valuations came because of widespread cutting of timber for pulpwood which owners claimed decreased the value of their forest lands considerably.

The woodland of the George Brooke place owned by E. L. Owens was reduced from \$10 to \$6 per acre. From the Mary E. Bateman land owned by Ethel E. Allen there was an acreage reduction of three and a half acres that was taken by the State Highway Commission for a roadway. W. A. Mizell's woodland in Plymouth, township was reduced in valuation by \$145 because of pulp wood cut from the land.

Mrs. Jessie D. McNair had three acres taken from her taxable property because of a cemetery on the land.

Rev. B. B. Slaughter Will Preach in Mackeys Sunday

The Rev. B. B. Slaughter, of Elizabeth City, district superintendent of the Methodist church, will preach at Mackeys Methodist church Sunday night at 7:30. Special music will be provided by the Roper community choir.

New Auditorium at Creswell Now in Use

Students of the 12 grades in the Creswell school assembled for the first time in the auditorium of their new \$85,000 school plant Tuesday afternoon as the high school band, under the direction of Bob Merritt, played several march selections. When the 500 students were seated in their new auditorium chairs, installed last week, Principal A. T. Brooks and Dr. G. A. Martin, Baptist minister, spoke to the students who were related to be in the new building after years in the old badly congested structure.

Dr. Martin conducted the devotionals and told the students that "all knowledge is vain unless God dwells in and acts as a motivating force in their lives" while Principal Brooks dwelled on the perfect order in the line of march of the students, many of whom had not attended a chapel exercise during school hours since 1934, when the auditorium in the old building was divided into classrooms.

ASKS COOPERATION

Chief of Police P. W. Brown today urged citizens not to put trash and refuse on the streets Saturday mornings after the trash truck has passed, as it will remain in front of the homes on Sunday, presenting a very unsightly appearance.

Mr. Brown did not give the schedule of the trucks, as he said most of the citizens knew about the time the truck passed their homes.

Stockholders Asked To Help B. and L. Directors in Sale of Stock in New Series

Stockholders will be urged to assist the directors of the Plymouth Building and Loan Association in the sale of stock in the tenth series, which is being offered to the public now, with the new series dated April 1, it was said today by President E. F. Still.

Secretary M. W. Spruill is in receipt of a letter from officials of the State Department of Insurance advising that the earnings of the association justify paying 4 per cent interest on full-paid stock and 5 per cent on installment stock.

With this knowledge and confronted with the urgent need of new houses here, officials and stockholders of the association are getting set for an intensive campaign for the sale of stock.

New Registration Is Ordered for County

Action Taken by Board of Elections At Meet Saturday

CANDIDATE

Up To Candidates and Party Workers To Get Voters' Names Back on Books



P. G. Gallop, superintendent of Hyde County schools, last week announced his candidacy for the state senate from the second district, bringing to three the two numbers of aspirants for the two nominations to be decided in the primary May 25.

Meeting in official session at the courthouse here last Saturday morning, the Washington County Board of Elections ordered a new registration in each of the five precincts, and perfected its organization with P. W. Brinkley as chairman, W. J. Marrow, sr., secretary, and J. R. Carr, Republican, as the third member.

The registration books were in such condition that it was decided to have a complete new registration so that three books could be set up, one for the Democratic primary, one for the Republican primary, and one book to contain the names of registered voters of both parties for use in the general election in November.

Chairman Brinkley said that since there had been no new registration of voters in the county for more than 25 years he felt it was important to do this work now so that the books could be brought up to date.

Some have told Chairman Brinkley that it would take much pressure and work to get all of the old voters re-registered, but Mr. Brinkley said that if the candidates were sufficiently interested they could aid and encourage voters to register so that they could vote in both the primaries and elections.

It was suggested that the voters' names could be copied in new books, but after going over the old books, the election officials decided it would be best to order a complete new registration.

The county board will meet on April 6 to appoint registrars and judges of elections.

Large Crowd Hears Cantata at 'Roper'

Roper.—In spite of a driving snow-storm Sunday night, a good congregation heard the community choir give a rendition of Fred B. Holton's cantata, "The Thorn-Crowned King," at the Roper Methodist church.

Solo parts were taken by Miss Margaret Chesson, Mrs. Eula Chesson, Mrs. M. R. Gardner, R. W. Lewis, and Tom Furness, Jr. Other members of the choir were: Alma Knowles, Mrs. H. M. Williams, Katherine Leary, Mrs. Roger Chesson, Eva Chesson, Mrs. Pearl Bray, Mrs. Hattie Bell, Mrs. A. R. Hooker, Miss Ida Peacock, Miss Ilean Peacock, Mrs. Milton Chesson, Jesse C. Knowles and B. B. Spencer.

District Meeting of Methodist Laymen Will Be Held Here

To Gather at Local Methodist Church Sunday Afternoon

Stewards of Methodist churches in the Elizabeth City district will gather in the Plymouth Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock to discuss the theme of "Stewardship," with John R. Jenkins, Jr., of Washington, district lay leader, in charge. The Scripture lesson will be read by C. G. Morris, of Washington, past district lay leader. Prayer will be offered by B. W. Evans, of Edenton, associate district lay leader. Mr. Jenkins will present a report on the conference board of lay stewardship activities.

Rev. B. B. Slaughter, of Elizabeth City, district superintendent, will speak on "District Stewardship," J. A. Holmes, of Edenton, will discuss "Christian Stewardship," and D. S. Berry, of Swan Quarter, will speak on "Responsibilities and Privileges of a Methodist Steward."

Negro Woman Shot To Death; Husband Jailed for Murder

Leamon Alexander To Face Trial for Life Result of Killing Friday

At a preliminary hearing held here this week Leamon Alexander, colored, was ordered held without privilege of bond on a first-degree murder charge in connection with the death of his wife, Neeli Alexander, who died almost immediately after he had shot her at a local dance hall last Friday night.

Officers said Alexander walked into the Dreamland Auditorium, colored dance hall, and seeing his wife there, after he had forbidden her going to the place, he pulled a pistol, pressed it against her side, and fired a bullet into her body. She dropped at his feet, and friends, with officers, rushed her to Dr. T. L. Bray's office, where a short time after the fatal shot had been fired she was pronounced dead.

The shooting occurred about 10:15 Friday night, and about 2 o'clock the next morning Alexander was found hiding in an unfinished dwelling house at the south end of Jefferson Street, where officers said he was making an effort to escape by having a car pick him up.

Officer Paul Basnight, with Joe Nobles accompanying him, found the negro in the unoccupied house in a white neighborhood and he was lodged in jail to await the July term of superior court, when he will go on trial for his life.

Thief Grabs Money At Movie Box Office

Police today were unable to establish the identity of the negro who reached a hand through the ticket window of the Plymouth Theatre last Thursday night at 8:10, grabbing between \$18 and \$25 and escaping with his loot down an alley beside the theatre building.

Immediately after being notified, local officers nabbed a suspect and held him for several days, releasing him later when Mrs. Jack Frank, the ticket seller, said she could not positively identify him as the robber.

Shep Brinkley, owner of the theatre, said the negro slipped inside an outer door to the ticket window, grabbed the money hurriedly and escaped.

No Waiting List at Library for Books

In the future there will be no waiting list for books on the rental shelf of the Washington County Library on the second floor of the courthouse, it was announced today by Mrs. Lulla Jackson, librarian, who said she had been instructed not to reserve books for any one at any time from the rental shelf.

With this new ruling, Mrs. Jackson also announced new library hours as follows: 10 to 12 a. m. every day except Saturday and Sunday; and from 2 to 5 p. m. every day except Sunday.

Mrs. Jackson also said that the following books would be placed in the library on the rental shelf in a short time: "The Crying Sisters," "Eastwood in Eden," "The Late George Apley," "Stranger Within the Gates," "Song After Midnight," "Red Lanterns on St. Michaels," "Finder's Keepers," "The Trees," "Native Son," "Nazarene," "No Hands on the Clock," and "Thus Dr. Mallory."

Mrs. Harry Barnes Dies Suddenly at Cherry

A report has reached here that Mrs. Harry Barnes, wife of a Cherry merchant and a school teacher in Washington County, died suddenly last night at her home.

It was reported that she was standing beside a child when she suddenly fell and died almost immediately. No details concerning the funeral could be learned here today.

\$161,000 Allotted To Twelve Counties For Repairing Roads Damaged by Cold

estimate the share of Washington County in the \$161,000 allocated to the second division by W. Vance Baise, State highway engineer at Raleigh, for the purpose of repairing state and county highways that were damaged by the recent severe winter.

The 12 counties in the division while \$75,000 will be spent on pairing county highways. The sum of \$1,887,000 was apportioned by the State Highway Department to the 10 State highway divisions embracing all of 100 counties. This sum was apportioned to the divisions for immediate use in repairing damaged highways.