

W. R. Hampton, member of the State Board of Conservation and Development, said last week that the board met in Winston-Salem to consider the selection of a geologist to succeed H. J. Bryson, but the successor was not named at that meeting.

Churches in Washington County today were preparing for services centering about the theme of Mother's Day on Sunday. There will be special exercises in the Sunday schools, special music and sermons will be delivered by the ministers in the morning and evening.

H. E. Harrison, owner of the H. E. Harrison Wholesale Company and the Harrison Auto Supply store here, said today he was well satisfied with the business his newly opened auto accessories store was doing.

Straw hats have made their appearance on the streets already as residents resorted to them for head comfort on the warm days this week. Official straw hat day comes on Sunday of next week.

Mrs. A. Edison Davenport has reconsidered her decision against serving on the Washington County Board of Public Welfare representing the Lees Mill section and has accepted appointment for a new three-year term.

The Oxford Orphanage Singing Class will give a concert in the Plymouth High School auditorium Monday night, May 13, at 8 o'clock. As usual, these boys and girls will give an entertaining performance and members of the local Masonic lodge urge a large attendance.

Miss Barbara Norman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Norman here, is serving on the costume committee for the May Day pageant to be presented Saturday afternoon on the Salem College campus in Winston-Salem. Miss Norman, majoring in home economics, assisted in designing and making the costumes for the event.

Sea Scouts from Plymouth expecting to attend the Sea Scout rendezvous at Southmont, near Lexington this week-end are Dr. A. Papineau, skipper; W. S. Moore, mate; Asa Rogers, coxswain; Roy Manning and Phil Liverman, seamen.

Mrs. J. A. Bratten Dies Here Friday

Funeral services were held here on Saturday morning at the home of a daughter, Mrs. T. A. Stubbs, on Washington Street, for Mrs. Comfort Jane Bratten, 80, who died last Friday morning.

The Rev. Paul B. Nickens, of the Baptist church, conducted the service and interment was made in the Windley cemetery near here.

The widow of John A. Bratten, who died about 20 years ago, she was a native of Washington County, the daughter of the late Alfred Leggett and Mrs. Sarah Jane Leggett, and for the last few years she had resided here with her daughter, Mrs. Stubbs.

Surviving are the following children: Mesdames C. D. Webb and W. A. Munden, of Edenton; Mrs. T. A. Stubbs, of Plymouth; Charlie and Albert Bratten, of Plymouth.

Zoning Ordinance Is Adopted by Council

Several Appear for Hearing at Meeting Last Monday Night

Several Changes Adopted With Final Vote Set For Tonight

With two persons opposing and several approving the proposed zoning ordinance, the Town Council of Plymouth Monday night heard a lengthy discussion regarding the ordinance and then unanimously passed it with a few changes which will be presented and ratified at a special meeting to be held tonight.

W. L. Whitley and G. K. Harris opposed the ordinance in detail, while J. R. Campbell, H. H. McLean, C. E. Blount, S. A. Ward, Colon Gurkin and others spoke in favor of the advertised ordinance but objected to the exceptions which permitted erection of service stations at five intersections in the residential area.

One of the changes made in the ordinance was to make the center of Main Street the dividing line between the business and residential sections, with business establishments permitted on the north side of the street, while on the south side is restricted to residences and places of human habitation.

It was also decided to change the western boundaries of the residential area to Monroe Street and the corporate limits the eastern boundary. It was also decided to permit G. K. Harris to continue with the construction of a store in yard on Jefferson Street, since he had already begun work on it, but it was also required by the town that he observe the law already in effect requiring buildings to be not less than 5 feet from the property line.

Community Building at Roper Is Made WPA Project With Allotment of \$2,608

The efforts of members of the Roper Woman's Club to secure a community building there were rewarded this week with an announcement being received from Representative Lindsay Warren stating that President Roosevelt had approved a WPA project for a community building in Roper, with a Federal allotment of \$2,608.

Mrs. Ardie Blount, president of the club, was highly elated over the announcement, which comes as a climax to the efforts of the women to provide a building on Boush Street there for holding community gatherings. Heretofore, practically all public activities were held in the school building.

Plan Big Day Near Creswell May 30th

Harmony Reigns at Precinct Meetings in County Last Week

Precinct Committeemen Are Elected; Name County Chairman This Week

Harmony reigned in the five precinct meetings held in Washington County Saturday when Democrats met to select delegates for the county convention, to be held in the court house here Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, and to name the precinct committeemen.

Resolutions were passed at all of the meetings naming those attending to vote the full strength of their respective precincts at the county convention.

Precinct committeemen were elected as follows, with the chairman of each automatically becoming a member of the county executive committee, which will name the county chairman at the county convention Saturday:

Plymouth: W. Blount Rodman, chairman; W. R. Gaylord, W. H. Paramore, Mrs. Mary S. Cahoon, vice chairman; and Dr. Claudius McGowan.

Lees Mills: J. A. Chesson, chairman; Mrs. Eva Harrell, vice chairman; J. C. Knowles, E. L. Davis, H. R. Chesson. H. W. Tarkenton called the meeting to order and R. C. Peacock was named temporary chairman at the meeting last Saturday.

Wenona: W. J. Vaughan, chairman; T. L. Williams, W. E. Allen, H. J. Furbee and Staton Harris.

Skinnerville: W. W. White, chairman; H. L. Davenport, Whitford Swain, J. B. White, and M. F. Davenport.

Scuppernon: C. N. Davenport, jr., chairman; Mrs. Clyde Smithson, vice chairman; W. T. Alexander, Alexander Davenport, H. A. Norman.

Funeral services were held at the home in Washington, N. C. Wednesday afternoon for Dr. William Luther Davis, 72, who died Tuesday at 1 p. m., after an illness of several months. For six years, from 1919 to 1925, Dr. Davis was a resident of Plymouth.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. J. R. Everett, pastor of the first Baptist church in Washington, assisted by Dr. J. W. Spillman, of Kinston, and Dr. Peabody, of Tarboro. Interment was made in Oakdale cemetery in Washington.

Married three times, both Dr. Davis and his surviving widow, Mrs. Allie Peele Davis, were born in Bertie County. While here Dr. Davis was an optometrist. For years he was a Baptist minister, serving churches at Mildred and Speed, near Tarboro.

Besides his widow he is survived by the following children: Mrs. Belva Terry, Windsor; Mrs. Corbett Hayden, Richmond, Va.; Miss Sally Mae Davis, Greenville; G. T. Davis, Windsor; D. G. Davis, Plymouth; W. L. Davis, Herman Wilson Davis, and Gilbert P. Davis, of Washington. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. J. T. Mizelle, of Richmond.

Services Sunday at Zions Chapel Christian Church

Regular services will be held at Zions Chapel Church of Christ Sunday, May 12, it was announced today. Sunday school will be held at 10 in the morning, with preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. The pastor, Rev. M. L. Ambrose will preach and there will be special music.

Everyone is invited to attend by church officials.

Hold Exercises at Pettigrew and St. David's Cemeteries

Plans for the observance of Memorial Day at historic old St. David's Episcopal Church Cemetery and the Pettigrew cemetery on the old Bonarva Plantation near Creswell, are nearing completion today, with C. C. Crittendon, of Raleigh, secretary of the State Historical Commission, invited to make the principal address.

Graves in the 100-year-old cemetery around Creswell, where Bishop Charles Pettigrew, first Episcopal church bishop of North Carolina, and his worthy brother, General J. John Pettigrew, of Confederate Army fame, will be decorated at that time.

Mrs. W. C. Jones, president of the local chapter of United Daughters of the Confederacy, and Mrs. Claudius McGowan, a state officer of the U. D. C., will write chapters throughout the twelfth district to participate in the event.

The celebration will open with services at St. David's cemetery at 10 o'clock, the featured part of the day's program being scheduled for 11 o'clock. The Rev. John W. Hardy, of Williamston, will make the invocation; the creed and psalter will be read by the Rev. C. E. Williams, of New Bern, and prayer will be offered by the Rev. John Armfield, of Ahoskie.

A welcome address to the crowd will be made by the present rector of the church, the Rev. W. B. Gaither. The principal speech of the morning session will be made by C. W. Tatem, of Columbia, former representative of Tyrrell County in the legislature and well-known civic worker in the Southern Albemarle section. The Rev. C. A. Ashby, of Edenton, will also make a speech.

The presentation of alms and the benediction will be made by the Rev. Sidney E. Matthews, of Washington.

Following a basket picnic, the throng will go to the community house on Lake Phelps at Pettigrew Park, where the afternoon exercises will begin at 3 p. m. W. L. Whitley will serve as master of ceremonies and deliver a speech in the form of an eulogy of General Pettigrew. During this service the high school bands from Plymouth, Creswell, Columbia and Edenton will play the national anthem, a southern song, and "Carolina," during which pledges will be made to the flags of the three dominions.

In addition to Dr. Crittendon, other speakers at the afternoon session will be T. W. Armstrong, manager of the Farm Security Administration Scuppernon Farms Project, of which Pettigrew Park and Bonarva Plantation were once a part; and a speaker from the University of North Carolina, which has the Pettigrew cemetery in charge.

Following these exercises, the gathering will move in a body to the graves of the Pettigrew, with the Boy Scouts, bands, clergy, choir, firing squads, buglers, and U. D. C. chapter members in the line of march. The ladies of the U. D. C. will conduct the closing services, after placing wreaths on the graves.

The Rev. W. B. Gaither, of Creswell, rector of the church; the Rev. C. A. Ashby, of Edenton; John W. Darden, of Plymouth; and C. W. Tatem, of Columbia, are the persons behind the movement to have the celebration staged on national Memorial Day, May 30.

Woman's Club Sponsors Supper Next Tuesday

The Senior Woman's Club of Plymouth will serve a supper at the Legion Hall next Tuesday, May 14, beginning at 6 p. m. and continuing until 9 p. m. A choice of three menus will be available at 25 cents each, as follows: chicken salad plate with hot biscuits; ham and potato salad with hot biscuits; or hot waffles with sausage. The public is cordially invited to attend. Family parties are especially welcome.

Vaccination of Dogs Is Urged by County Health Department

County Will Enforce State Law Requiring All Dogs To Be Treated

By S. V. LEWIS, M. D. County Health Officer

Rabies, the disease caused by the bite of a "mad dog," is one of our most serious diseases, and no person or animal has ever recovered from it, which of course makes the disease hopeless except from the point of preventing the disease.

As a protective measure against rabies the Washington County commissioners on the first Monday of May, 1940, adopted the state law, requiring all dogs over six months of age to be vaccinated against the disease. They also appointed rabies inspectors whose duty it is to visit various localities in the county for the purpose of vaccinating dogs against the disease. It is not known whether all of the appointment have been accepted, but the following is a list of appointed inspectors:

Paul Basnight, for Plymouth Township and the neighborhood of Wenona and Westover. Mr. Basnight has accepted the appointment and fixed the following schedule to vaccinate dogs: One visit only to "Uncle Tom Bate-man's" place on Highway 64, Monday, May 13; Skyles store at West-over, each Tuesday from 1 to 5 p. m., until June 30; Williams' service station at Wenona each Wednesday from 12 to 6 p. m. until June 30; and at the office of the Plymouth police department on all other week days.

Henderson Norman was appointed for Skinnerville and Scuppernon Townships, but this department has not been advised whether or not he has accepted the appointment, nor do we have a schedule of his appointments for the purpose of vaccinating dogs.

C. E. Swain, of Roper, was appointed inspector for Lees Mill Township, but his acceptance and scheduled visits for vaccinating dogs has not been received by this office.

The cost of vaccinating dogs is refunded when taxes are paid, provided such dogs are listed on the tax books. It is commonly believed that rabies is more common and more deadly during the summer months, but, as a matter of fact, it is more virulent during the colder months, and the reason we have more rabies during the summer months is because dogs and other animals that carry the disease have a tendency to roam around more during the warm weather months.

As a protection against rabies, dog owners are urged to have their dogs vaccinated. This is an effort on the part of the health department to protect the population as well as the dogs against the disease. It must be remembered that one of the first symptoms of rabies in a dog is his tendency to stray away from home and perhaps not return again, because rabies is a disease of the brain and nervous system, which causes the dog to roam around without knowing where his home is.

Three new books are provided for each precinct. One is for registration of Democrats and one for Republicans for use in the primaries; while the third will include all names and be used only at the general election in November.

Unofficial but reliable reports had it that there are about 400 registered in Plymouth; 300 in Lees Mills; 60 in Skinnerville, and 260 in Scuppernon. Only a small percentage of the Republicans had registered according to the reports.

It is understood that the number of registered voters will be greatly increased Thursday, Friday and Saturday as party workers have begun to haul the voters in to register, and in some precincts the registrars have been taken to the voters in an effort to get as many as possible on the books.

Most of the registrars can be found at their homes or places of business at any time during the day to register, as follows: Plymouth: Mrs. Addie L. Brinkley, courthouse or home across the street; Lees Mill: A. R. Phelps, home or filling station; Skinnerville: W. W. White, at his home or store; Scuppernon: Thomas F. Davenport, at his home or somewhere in Creswell; Wenona: W. L. Furbee, at his home or somewhere in Wenona.

Roper Delegation Seeks Supplement

Members of the Washington County Board of Education, in session here Monday, heard a delegation of 42 women from Roper ask that school officials include in their budget a sum of \$150 to supplement the earnings of Miss Lucy McDonald as piano teacher there.

Miss McDonald has been giving piano lessons and instructing the glee club in the school, with her only income coming through the fees for piano lessons.

The delegation was told that no money could be appropriated for such a supplement and was also advised that the qualifications of Miss McDonald as a public-school music teacher would not meet state requirements. Miss McDonald is an accomplished piano instructor, but she lacks a few hours of study in public school music to meet state requirements in this respect.

No successor to Frank L. Brinkley as a member of the Plymouth school committee was appointed at the meeting Monday, due to the pressure of other matters. Mr. Brinkley resigned to become chairman of the board of elections.

Blue Mold Present in Practically All Tobacco Beds of County, Farmers Say

Blue mold is reported to be causing serious damage to tobacco plant beds throughout the county. The late spring with its cool damp weather has been almost ideal for widespread infestation, in addition to causing practically all types of farm work to be delayed later than for a number of years past.

County Agent W. V. Hays this week issued the following statement relative to controlling the disease: "Inquiries are coming in practically every day for some simple and inexpensive control method. We do not know of any control using the old bed and

Local Bank Will Be Closed Friday for First of Three Holidays During Month

The Branch Banking and Trust Company will be closed on Friday for the first of three holidays scheduled this month, the others falling on May 20 and 30.

Friday, May 10, is a state legal holiday, observed only in North Carolina, as Confederate Memorial when flags or flowers are placed on the graves of former Confederate soldiers. Many people here will attend the first showing of "Gone With the Wind" at the Plymouth Theatre that day, with its vivid portrayal of the South's battle for a lost cause.

Monday, May 20, will be Mecklenburg Day, another holiday observed only in North Carolina, memorializing the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence in Charlotte on May 20, 1775.

Thursday, May 30, is national Memorial Day, and as such a legal holiday for not only the banks but also all federal employees, including postal workers. There will be no mail deliveries on that day.

Saturday Last Day to Register for Primary

New and Old Voters Must Be Registered Before Closing Time

Reported Only 1,100 of More Than 2,500 Eligible Have Put Names on Books

Approximately 1,100 persons have entered their names on the election books in Washington in the new registration in progress, and with only two days more, there are still about half the number of eligible voters who have not had their names enrolled. Chairman Frank L. Brinkley, of the board of elections, said today that the books would close Saturday, May 11, at 6 p. m., and after that time it will be impossible for those not registered to qualify to vote in the primaries May 25, regardless of their party affiliations.

Everyone who wishes to vote in the primaries must be registered before Saturday night, regardless of how many times he may have voted in prior years. The old books will be destroyed, and only the new books used in future elections. Election returns in 1936 and 1938 indicate that there are about 1,700 Democrats and 800 Republicans eligible to vote, provided they register in time.

Plans for "open house week" for Works Progress Administration workers during the period between May 20 and 25 were completed at a meeting of the committees in the county held in the office of Mrs. Kathleen S. Nobles at the school here Wednesday.

Members of the various committees were instructed as to their duties on the occasion in welcoming and arranging for visits of the public to projects that have been concluded or are now under progress.

A feature of the occasion will be dinners at Plymouth, Roper and Creswell Monday evening, May 20, for colored and white workers, with a speech to be made over a nationwide radio hook-up by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of the President, regarding WPA work.

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Frank Chism's check-writing proclivities here last Saturday caused him to wind up before the bar of justice in recorder's court Tuesday morning, when he was assessed with the costs after forging the name of R. A. Wilson to a check and attempting to cash it at E. H. Liverman's store.

It was reported also that Chism was successful in getting another merchant to cash a check with a name purporting to be that of R. A. Wilson, paymaster of the William Muirhead Construction Company. Each time the would-be forger missed the middle initial of the paymaster. It was revealed that the matter between the victimized merchant was settled before the warrant was issued, while Mr. Liverman pushed his charge. Chism is colored.

W. S. Blount, white, was found guilty of driving a car after his driver's license had been revoked for one year, and so his driver's license was revoked for an additional year.

Zeb V. Price, white, was fined \$50 and the costs on a charge of operating an automobile while drunk.

County Commissioners Consider Routine Matters

The Washington County commissioners in session Monday attended to matters of routine interest, including the employment of Greathouse and Butler, of Rocky Mount, to make the annual audit starting on June 30.

To prevent the spread of rabies the following persons were appointed to administer vaccinations: Paul Basnight, Plymouth; C. E. Swain, Lees Mills; H. A. Norman, Skinnerville and Scuppernon.

County Convention Of Democrats Will Be Held Saturday

To Elect Delegates To State Convention in Raleigh Friday, May 17

Selection of delegates to the state convention in Raleigh Friday of next week, May 17, recommendations for a platform for the party, consideration of the Roosevelt third-term movement, and completion of the county organization are the principal items of business scheduled to come before the Democrats of Washington County at the courthouse here Saturday morning at 11 o'clock.

Chairman W. Ronald Gaylord said that delegates to the state convention would be elected on a basis of 12 votes representing the county at the meeting. In 1938, there were 24 delegates elected to attend the convention, with the power to cast a half vote each. It is expected that all those wishing to go to the state convention will be named by the county meeting to represent the county and votes its full strength.

John W. Darden, a member of the state advisory committee, who is in charge of the activities of the Roosevelt-Third-Term movement in this county, is expected to introduce a resolution in the county convention Saturday favorable to the third-term movement, but it is not expected that he will seek a delegation to the state convention instructed to support only Roosevelt as the party's choice for the Democratic nomination.

Immediately after the county convention, or during a lull in its business, the precinct chairmen—who comprise the county Democratic executive committee—will gather for a short meeting and name the chairman of the county executive committee. Mr. Gaylord was named to this post in 1938.

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

Regular Sunday Services At Episcopal Church

The Rev. Sidney E. Matthews, of Washington, N. C., rector, will conduct services at Grace Episcopal church here Sunday morning. Holy Communion will be celebrated also and there will be special music.

Sunday school will be held at 10 o'clock as usual.

Several From Here Attend Funeral for Mrs. Morgan

Mrs. J. S. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hardison, Mrs. W. F. Ausbon, Mrs. C. T. Robbins, Mrs. H. M. Ramsey, and Mrs. and Mrs. C. V. W. Ausbon attended the recent funeral of Mrs. W. F. Morgan in Winfall.

Mrs. Morgan was Mrs. Brown's sister.

Final Exercises Held At Roper Last Night

W. B. Rodman Main Speaker; 12 Seniors Are Given Diplomas

Program of Commencement Exercises Began Last Friday Night

A speech by Senator W. B. Rodman, of Washington, N. C., who served as chairman of the senate appropriations committee at the last session of the legislature and who was a lieutenant in the Naval Reserve with the American fleet in the World War 22 years ago, was the principal speaker at the graduation exercises in the Roper High School Wednesday night.

Prayer was offered by Rev. M. L. Ambrose, Christian minister. Walter H. Paramore, member of the county school board, introduced Mr. Rodman and Miss Mayo Jo Walker played a piano solo. Awards were presented to those making special accomplishments during the year, and H. H. McLean, county superintendent of schools, presented the diplomas to the graduating class.

The closing exercises for the school began last Friday night, with the presentation of "Masquerade," by the senior class to a large and appreciative audience. The cast included Earl Spruill, Joe Cox, Wesley Everett, Eva Spruill, Julian Davenport, Herman Myers, Jane Windley, Elsie Knowles, Virginia Spruill, Ruth Hassell, Herbert Curles, Marshall Spencer, and Doris Curles. Marvin's were Sidney Hassell, chief, Hattie Marie Brey, James McAllister and Marguerite Furlough. Carol Chesson and "Pinkie" Marrow were class mascots.

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