

C. E. Ayers saw Jimmy Brown, of Jamesville, third baseman for the St. Louis Cardinals get a triple and a single in the exhibition baseball game in Durham Tuesday afternoon...

The Branch Banking & Trust Company will be closed next Monday, April 13, in observance of "Halifax Day," a state holiday which falls on Sunday, April 12...

Principals of high schools in Washington County have been invited to attend a meeting Monday at Pullen Hall, State College, Raleigh where Navy officials will explain the plan for the Navy's vast officer procurement program.

Washington county commissioners and the Town of Plymouth Town Council will meet Monday for their monthly meetings. Regular scheduled meetings on the first Monday were postponed a week to observe Easter Monday as a holiday...

Easter Sunday was one of the most beautiful days for the fashion parade that has been enjoyed in many years. Easter in 1940 saw a snow falling and Easter last year was a cool day.

It is reported here that the We-laska Fish and Produce Company's canning plant at Mackeys is now canning herring and shad fish in addition to roe. The company also is anxious to can tomatoes during the season.

Miss Ruth Patten, of Columbia, has succeeded Mrs. George A. Peele as junior clerk-typist in the Farm Security Administration office here.

H. E. Beam, cashier of the Branch Banking and Trust Company here, has been named chairman of the Washington County committee to stage a campaign for the sale of U.S. savings stamps and bonds.

With a 11 percent increase in the white population of Washington county during the last 10 years, there were reported to be 6,857 white persons in the county in 1940, and a 5 percent increase in number of colored persons over the same period...

Brinson Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cox, has gone to Roxbury, Mass., to visit his brother, Bryan Cox who is serving in the Navy...

15 Cases On Civil Calendar For Court Beginning Monday

Judge J. P. Frazelle to Preside Over One-Week Civil Term

There are 15 cases on the civil calendar for the April term of Washington County Superior Court which convenes here Monday for a one-week term with Judge J. Paul Frazelle, of Snow Hill, scheduled to preside.

Included on the motion calendar are the following cases: John Towe et al vs. W. B. Watts; S. D. Davis vs. W. H. Clark et al; H. E. Spruill, W. D. Davis, T. W. Tarkenton and W. A. Knowles, all vs. W. H. Clark et al; W. M. Darden, administrator vs. Willie J. Sutton et al.

Uncontested divorce cases will be tried at the will of the court.

Monday, J. J. Johnson vs. Foreman Blades Lumber Company; M. T. Elliott et al vs. John Halsey.

Tuesday, Annie and Mae Spruill vs. W. J. Bell; J. J. Johnson vs. Taswell Wheelock; L. Shugar vs. Caleb Gibbs. Wednesday, In re: will of Charlie de Shields; N. H. Harrison vs. Gertrude A. Darden et al; N. H. Harrison vs. Neva G. Darden et al; Industrial Bank Inc. vs. W. T. Freeman; Industrial Bank vs. Joe Nowarah.

Thursday: Farmville - Woodward Lumber Company vs. H. W. Bowen; W. D. Phelps vs. Herbert Brewer; Herbert Spencer vs. Fennison C. Meades; Ben A. Davenport vs. Jessie E. Davenport; Maggie Swain vs. Claudia Beasley et al.

Merchants Association To Elect Officers Monday

An important meeting of the Plymouth Merchants Association will be held Monday night at 8 o'clock, and a large attendance is urged by James W. Norman, president of the organization.

Among the items of business to be transacted is the election of officers. Mr. Norman is now president and H. H. Allen is secretary of the organization.

FOR COURT CLERK



Wilbur M. Darden, who has been clerk of the superior court since C. V. W. Ausbon's resignation became effective March 1, announced his candidacy to succeed himself this week.

SEEKS REELECTION



Sheriff J. K. Reid announced yesterday that he would be a candidate for reelection, subject to the Democratic primary on Saturday, May 30. He has been sheriff since 1923.

Forest Fires Raged Over Large Area of County in Week-End

Christian Hope Church and Much Valuable Timber Destroyed

A forest fire, reported to have originated near Dymond City, in Martin County, Friday afternoon, burned over woodland in Griffins and Jamesville township into Washington County Sunday, damaging thousands of acres of land, destroying a church and threatening the homes of a number of persons living in an area along Long Ridge Road and highway No. 32.

A large crew of men, including employees of the forestry division of the North Carolina Pulp Company, was engaged in fighting the fire. Martin County Forest Warden Marvin Leggett used 50 men in his county and Washington County Warden S. F. Darden had a large number on duty in this county.

Christian Hope church was burned to the ground, causing a loss estimated at about \$2,000, Sunday about 2 o'clock. It is reported that a piano and one chair were the only articles saved from the burning building. Those who attended the church are reported to have used some precautions to protect the church and then returned to their homes to protect them.

J. W. Jackson, well-known local citizen, said that he helped build the burned church structure about 45 years ago. He said that when the building was erected an old church building over 100 years old was torn down.

It is reported that a barn on the premises of Jim Ellis was set afire by the forest fire, but enough help was summoned to put it out before much damage was done. A building on the farm of H. T. Gurganus was also said to have been fired, but the blaze was extinguished. Twelve years ago Mr. Gurganus lost his home and farm buildings as the result of a forest fire.

Members of the Plymouth Fire Department helped keep the blaze away from the homes of S. F. Darden, Mrs. Hooker and others on Highway 32 Sunday. It is reported that the fire has done immense damage to barns, log camps and other buildings on the property of various people. No loss of life or injury to anyone has been reported.

Committees Named To Administer Farm Program in County

Local Groups Elected at Township Meetings This Week

A committee composed of W. D. Phelps, of Creswell, chairman; R. L. Stillman, of Roper, vice chairman and C. W. Bowen, of Plymouth, member, was chosen to administer the soil conservation program of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration in Washington County for a year, at a meeting held last night in the agriculture building.

R. C. Jackson, of Plymouth, and Roy C. Chesson were elected alternate committeemen, in the order given, if there should be a vacancy created on the county committee. County Agent W. V. Hays was named secretary and Mrs. Frances B. Brown treasurer.

The estates in which these men are held by their former friends is reflected in their re-election to administer this program year after year. There have been some changes in the offices they hold, but the three men continue to serve. Last year, Mr. Stillman was chairman while this year he is vice chairman.

Community committeemen for Plymouth township, which were elected last night prior to the county convention, follow:

Plymouth: H. G. Simpson, chairman; P. H. Darden, vice chairman; H. J. Sawyer, member; J. E. Nooney and Harry McNair, alternates; H. G. Simpson, delegate to county convention, and P. H. Darden, alternate.

Long Acre: Raleigh C. Jackson, chairman; Preston Nobles, vice chairman; W. S. Bowen, member, E. L. Respass and L. T. Weede, alternates. R. C. Jackson, delegate to county convention and C. W. Bowen, alternate.

At a meeting held Tuesday night the following community committeemen were elected in Lees Mill township: Roper: R. W. Lewis, chairman; Herbert R. Chesson, vice chairman; J. E. Phelps, member; Wendell C. Spruill and Morton Marriner, alternates; R. R. Stillman, delegate to county convention and Roy C. Chesson, alternate.

Pleasant Grove: Willie C. Spruill, chairman; Clinton L. Everett, vice chairman; Sam L. Davenport, member. Dennis Chesson and Henderson Davenport, alternates; Willie C. Spruill, delegate to county convention; and John W. Swain, alternate.

Monday night a meeting was held in Scuppernon Township, with the following committeemen elected: Mount Pleasant: H. L. Davenport, chairman; W. A. Spruill, vice chairman; P. B. Belanga, member; John

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Political Interest Increases With Five Candidates for Offices in County Announcing This Week

FIRST CANDIDATE



Edward L. Owens, Plymouth attorney, last week became the first candidate for any county office when he announced he would seek the Democratic nomination as representative to the next session of the General Assembly.

FOR COUNTY JUDGE



W. Ronald Gaylord this week announced his candidacy to succeed himself as judge of the recorder's court. At the same time he announced he would not claim deferment from the draft by virtue of this office, if nominated and elected.

Reid and Blount in Race for Sheriff Is Only Contest So Far

Politics Likely To Supplant War as Topic for Next Few Months

Politics finally came out into the open here this week and bids fair to supersede interest in the war for the next two months. Several persons have publicly announced their candidacies for offices subject to the Democratic primary Saturday, May 30, but so far only one contest has developed, that being for the office of sheriff, for which Sheriff J. K. Reid and Edw. S. (Ted) Blount are announced candidates.

A brief resume of the candidacies announced this week, in the order in which they were received by this newspaper, follows:

Blount for Sheriff

Edw. S. (Ted) Blount announced Tuesday that he would be a candidate for the office of sheriff. Mr. Blount, a native of this county, has been in politics on one occasion before. He served one term as treasurer a few years ago. He did not offer for reelection, as he pledged himself not to ask for a second term when he was first elected. During the first World War, Mr. Blount was a second lieutenant in the Regular Army, and he was later captain of Company I, North Carolina National Guard, when that unit was located in Plymouth. He has served as chairman of the Washington County Selective Service Board since it was organized over a year ago, and he is also a director of the local building and loan association.

Gaylord for Recorder Judge

W. Ronald Gaylord, in announcing his candidacy to succeed himself as judge of the recorder's court, stated that he had informed the local draft board that he was relinquishing all claim to deferment from military service by reason of the office. Judges of all courts of record are exempted from military service under the selective service law, but Mr. Gaylord said he was not claiming deferment for this reason; and if he is called to service will apply for leave of absence from his court duties, as provided by a law passed by the last legislature. He has served as judge of the recorder's court for the past eight months, after serving one term as solicitor of the court and two terms as assistant solicitor. At the present time he is chairman of the county Democratic Executive Committee.

Rodman for Solicitor

W. Blount Rodman, solicitor of the recorder's court since last August, yesterday announced his candidacy to return to the office. This office was made elective at the last session of the General Assembly. Mr. Rodman has been associated with Zeb Vance Norman in the practice of law here for a number of years.

Darden for Clerk of Court

W. M. Darden, who was county representative at the 1941 session of the General Assembly, and who was recently named clerk of the superior court, announced yesterday that he would be a candidate to succeed himself for this office. Mr. Darden is a lawyer, and his legal training especially fits him for the office he holds.

Reid for Sheriff

Another Wednesday entry into the primary field was Sheriff J. K. Reid, who announced that he would be a candidate to succeed himself in the office he now holds. Sheriff Reid is a native of the county and a veteran of the last World War. He has held the office of sheriff for the past 19 years, having been appointed in 1923 to fill the unexpired term of his father, the late Sheriff J. E. Reid, who served in that capacity for 14 years prior to his death. This is the only county office for which a contest has developed so far.

Owens for Representative

In addition to the announcements made this week, Edward L. Owens last week announced his candidacy for the office of representative to the 1943 session of the General Assembly.

Building and Loan Directors End Sale 17th Series of Stock

Do Not Want To Accumulate More Money Than Can Be Loaned Out

The officers and directors of the Plymouth Building and Loan Association, in their monthly meeting here last night, decided to close the sale of their 17th series of stock which opened April 1st. No more stock will be sold except to persons who are interested in obtaining a loan for building immediately.

Officials stated that they were closing sale of stock in the present series, as they do not want to accumulate too much money without being able to lend it as the interest paid by the association becomes a burden when the money is idle.

Letters were read from the State Insurance Commission and the Federal Savings Loan and Insurance Corporation praising the standing of the association, as shown by audits made by representatives of the two supervisory organizations recently.

Since the organization has grown so large, it has become necessary to increase the bond of the secretary from \$5,000 to \$10,000, and the president and vice president will also be required to have bonds of \$2,500 each. The organization now has about \$54,000 in loans outstanding and the assets of the association are growing each month.

Change Schedule of Sweeping Streets

Streets in the residential section of Plymouth will be swept on Wednesday and Saturday mornings in the future in order that they may present an attractive appearance during week-ends, according to Chief of Police P. W. Brown, who urges citizens not to place trash or garbage on the streets after Saturday mornings, as it will not be removed and it makes an unsightly scene on Sunday.

Mr. Brown said the trash trucks would continue to call at residences for trash and garbage on Tuesdays and Fridays every week, and it is hoped householders will have such waste material ready when the trucks call.

Complete cooperation of citizens with this schedule is urged by the officer.

Expect 1,050 Men in County Between 45 and 65 to Register Monday, April 27

Basing his calculations on estimates prepared for the entire nation by selective service officials, Clerk S. A. Ward, of the local draft board said today that there would be about 1,050 men between the ages of 45 and 64, inclusive, to list their names in Washington County in the fourth registration, to be held on Monday, April 27.

When this age group is registered, selective service officials will have a list of all the men in the nation between the ages of 20 and 65 years. Those who register April 27 are expected to be classified for possible noncombatant service to the nation. It is planned to use some of them

Expect 300 Firemen At Quarterly Meet Here Next Tuesday

Is First Session To Be Held Here in 10 Years; Brockwell To Speak

More than 300 members of the Eastern Carolina Fireman's Association are expected to attend the quarterly meeting here next Tuesday, April 14, either in the Owens building on Washington street across from the Plymouth theatre or the Plymouth High School gymnasium.

Sherwood Brockwell, state fire marshal, will be the principal speaker for the occasion, with probably an introductory or welcome speech from either a town official or member of the local fire department.

Fire Chief Miller Warren said today that about 500 pounds of fish would be cooked to serve the firemen, who usually have a banquet at their meetings which start at 7 o'clock in the evening. Rock muddle and perch will be the featured dishes for the visiting firemen.

This will be the first meeting that firemen of this section have held here since 1932, when the firemen enjoyed themselves fully, as evidenced by the loud applause that greeted Fire Chief Warren's invitation to the firemen to come here at a quarterly gathering held in Farmville about three months ago.

Various firemen's committees have been preparing for the event for several weeks and all of the plans have been worked out for an enjoyable meeting here next Tuesday, when Fire Chief George Gardiner, of Greenville, president of the association, will preside.

Seed Peanuts Obtainable Through County Agent

Virginia bunch seed peanuts can be secured from the Williamson Storage Warehouse and from the New Carolina Warehouse at Williamson at \$6.48 per 100-lb. bag for cash, according to Mrs. Tom B. Brown, chief clerk in the office of County Agent W. V. Hays.

Peanut growers who need seed stock for oil can get Wilmington type peanuts here at the peanut warehouse at about 6 1/2 cents per pound. Persons wanting to obtain peanuts should first go to the office of the county agent for a certificate.

U. S. Marines, supervised by Marine Corps engineers, helped build the Sino-American highway near Tientsin, China.

Postal Receipts of Quarter Increase

Total receipts for the Plymouth post office for the quarter ending March 31 amounted to \$91,888.82, according to Postmaster John W. Darden, who said that business at the office was increasing continually, and the report reflects a large increase over the same period for 1941.

Stamp sales and War Savings Stamps and bonds sales amounted to \$30,138.39, making a total of \$34,672.72 for the quarter. During the same period last year, stamp sales and like receipts were \$4,347.75 and sales of war saving stamps and bonds \$3,055.75; making a total of \$7,403.06. Money-order receipts for the first quarter amounted to \$57,216.10.