

Big Meeting of County Farm Bureau Will Be Held in Creswell Friday of Next Week

One of the largest Farm Bureau meetings ever held in Washington County is expected Friday night of next week, April 5, when the session will be held in the Creswell High School auditorium, starting at 8 o'clock. This will be the first time the Farm Bureau has ever held a meeting in the lower part of the county, and some friendly rivalry is being worked up about which section is to have the largest representation, according to L. E. Hassell, of Roper, president of the organization.

Not only Farm Bureau members, but every farmer in the county is invited and urged to attend. Joe Williams, of Greensboro, assistant secretary of the State Farm Bureau, will be the principal speaker, and he will review some of the work of the organization as well as its aims and objectives in the future.

At the last meeting of the Farm Bureau, it was suggested that the next meeting be held at Creswell, in order to make it more convenient for farmers of that section to attend. This was agreed upon, but some of the leaders from this section of the county stated that they were going to try to have more present than those from any other section.

In order to work out transportation arrangements all farmers from the Plymouth section who plan to attend the meeting are asked to meet at the agriculture building here at 7 p. m. Friday night of next week. Those in the Roper section will gather at Barton Swain's store about 7:15. Cars will be pooled, and it is hoped to have a long motorcade from these two sections to make the trip to Creswell for the meeting.

At the present time the Farm Bureau has a membership of 204 in the county, and it is hoped this number can be raised to 500 before next fall. The need for a strong farmers' organization is becoming apparent, if agriculture is to hold some of its war-time gains, Mr. Hassell points out. All other types of industry and workmen are organized, making it more imperative that farmers get together to lend strength to movements designed to improve farming conditions, especially where legislative matters are concerned.

All who attend the meeting next week are assured an evening of real benefit, and Farm Bureau leaders urge every farmer in the county who can possibly do so to be there. Remember the time and place: Friday, April 5, at 8 p. m., in the Creswell High School auditorium.

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Meets Scheduled For Republicans

Plan To Put Slate of Candidates in Running for County Offices

J. C. Tarkenton, of Pleasant Grove, chairman of the county Republican executive committee, this week announced that two meetings will be held by Republicans during the next 10 days. The first is set up for Sid Harrington's store at Skippersville Friday night of this week, March 29, at 8 p. m., and the second will be held at the courthouse in Plymouth on Friday night of next week, April 5, at 8 p. m.

It is understood that plans will be discussed for putting a full slate of candidates for county offices on the ballot for the November election, nominations for which must be made by April 13. All Republicans in the county are urged by Mr. Tarkenton to attend these important meetings.

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Four More Candidates Announce This Week For Offices in County

Governing Boards Will Meet Monday

County and town governing boards will hold their regular meetings next Monday, even if it is April 1st, All Fool's Day, it is announced this week. The county commissioners will meet at the courthouse at 10:30 in the morning; the board of education at the same time in the county superintendent's office in the courthouse; and the Plymouth City Council will meet at 8 p. m. Monday night.

In addition to routine matters, the county commissioners hope to finish up their equalization work. Board of education members will decide about the heating plant for the local high school building, while the city council members will deal mostly with routine business, according to the present schedule.

Eight Cases Tried In Recorders Court Here Last Tuesday

Thomas L. Tyrrell Jailed In Default of Bond on Non-Support Count

Eight cases, involving fourteen defendants, were called at the regular session of recorder's court Tuesday. There was quite a variety of offenses charged, and a number of fines were levied by Judge W. Ronald Gaylord. Three defendants were found not guilty, while the remainder either entered pleas of guilty or were convicted. Proceedings were as follows:

John Lee, white, of Plymouth, was fined \$10 and costs for operation of a motor vehicle without a driver's license.

Admitting passing a school bus unlawfully, Alvah Gray, white, of Plymouth, also was fined \$10 and costs.

Donald M. Alexander, white, of Plymouth, paid a fine of \$5 and costs for speeding.

Thomas Lester Tyrrell, white of Florida, was found guilty of non-support after a lengthy hearing. He was given a sentence of six months on the roads, suspended upon payment of \$15 weekly to his wife, Mrs. Marie Tyrrell. Through his attorney, W. L. Whitley, Tyrrell noted an appeal to superior court, and bond was fixed at \$1,000. Unable to raise the bond, the young man was remanded to jail to await the July term of Washington County Superior Court.

Zebadiah Williams, colored, of Plymouth, was fined \$5 and costs for speeding.

Frank Mack Pettiford, Joe Lassiter, Joe Mack Pettiford and Arthur Pettiford were charged with participating in an affray. Arthur and Joe Mack Pettiford were found not guilty. Frank Mack Pettiford was fined \$20 and costs and Lassiter was fined \$5 and costs after they were adjudged guilty.

Frank Mack Pettiford, Joe Lassiter and Booster Barnes, all colored, of Plymouth, were found guilty of gambling and assessed the costs. Julian Chambers, tired in the same case, was found not guilty.

William Horton, colored, of Creswell, was fined \$25 and costs for possession of non-tax-paid whiskey.

Series of Revival Services At Roper Church in April

A series of revival services will begin at the Pentecostal Holiness church in Roper on Monday, April 15. The public is cordially invited to attend. Services will be held each night.

Girls' Scout Troop Is Organized Here; Sponsored by PTA and Woman's Club

A troop of Girl Scouts has been organized here under the direction of Mrs. W. V. Hays, leader. Mrs. John Hays and Mrs. Paul Neuller are assistant leaders. Several meetings have been held, and a large number of girls between the ages of 10 and 14 years are interested. The next meeting will be held Monday afternoon right after school. Mrs. Hays announces, and all who are interested are asked to be present at that time.

The troop is being jointly

F. C. Tarkenton Out For Commissioner

W. M. Darden, W. Ronald Gaylord, W. B. Rodman Other Candidates

Interest in county political affairs is beginning to mount a little, although not a single contest for strictly county offices has developed so far. Two candidates for office announced last week, and four more have made announcements this week, but there are still several offices for which no one has announced.

Candidates announcing this week include the following: Wilbur M. Darden, for renomination as clerk of superior court; W. Ronald Gaylord, for renomination as judge of recorder's court; W. Blount Rodman, for renomination as solicitor of the recorder's court. The one new entry in the field is Frank C. Tarkenton, of the Cross Roads section, who announced yesterday that he would be a candidate for county commissioner from district No. 1.

Mr. Tarkenton is the first candidate for membership on the board of commissioners, although all five places on the board are at stake in the primary and general election this year. Present members of the board, Chairman H. H. Allen and A. R. Latham, of Plymouth; J. C. Knowles, of Roper; H. W. Pritchett and T. F. Davenport, of Creswell, have not indicated whether or not they would run again.

District No. 1 is composed of Plymouth and Lees Mills Townships and is entitled to three places on the county governing board. The other two members will come from District No. 2, composed of Skippersville, and Scuppernon Townships. The county commissioners districts were set up by the last session of the legislature, and nominations are made only by voters of the respective districts. In the general election, the entire county votes on the five commissioners.

Mr. Tarkenton is a successful farmer of the Cross Roads section of Lees Mill Township and is widely known in the county. He has served as a member of the Roper local school committee, and in his announcement yesterday states that he is particularly interested in improvement of the schools of the county.

All three of the other candidates who announced this week are veterans of World War II. They were serving in the offices to which they ask renomination before they went into the service and received leaves of absences, resuming their duties after returning from the Army. Except for the time he was in the Army Air Corps, Mr. Darden has served as clerk of court since March 1, 1942, when he was appointed following the resignation of C. V. W. Ausbon. He was elected for the following term in 1942. Mr. Gaylord and Mr. Rodman also were elected judge and solicitor of the recorder's court, respectively, in 1942 and, except for the period of their Army service, have served since.

John W. Darden announced last week that he would seek nomination as representative, and Sheriff J. K. Reid announced for renomination to his office.

Revival in Progress At Methodist Church

By Rev. T. R. JENKINS

We feel that our church and community life has been enriched as a result of our spiritual emphasis week. Rev. Freeman Heath has brought some very practical and helpful and inspiring messages. We invite you to be present with us in the two remaining services. You will go away feeling that you have been with God.

Building Restrictions Imposed This Week; Local Plans Affected

Board of Elections To Meet Saturday

The organization meeting of the Washington County Board of Elections, originally set for last Saturday, has been postponed until Saturday afternoon of this week. The meeting will be held at 3 o'clock in the office of the clerk of the superior court.

The board will elect a chairman and secretary and will then proceed with appointment of precinct registrars and pollholders who will conduct the primaries in the county on May 25. Members of the county board of elections, reappointed March 15 by state board, are as follows: Walter W. White, of Skippersville; J. M. Clagon, of Roper; and J. Richard Carr, of Plymouth.

Roper Red Cross Quota Is Topped

Churches and School Take Leading Part in Putting Drive Over

Red Cross collections in the Roper section were largely made by the high school, churches and Mrs. Mildred Swain, according to L. E. Hassell, campaign chairman for the community. They did a good job, as evidenced by the fact that Roper is one of the two communities in the county that have raised their quotas.

With a quota of \$150, collections totaled \$155.23, received from the following:

Baptist church	\$ 8.00
Pentecostal Holiness	5.22
Methodist church	27.10
Zion Chapel church	37.00
Episcopal church	6.25
High school	45.66
Mrs. Mildred Swain	26.00
Total	\$155.23

Mr. Hassell extends his thanks to all who took part in the campaign in any manner, by making a contribution or taking part in the collection.

Roper Ruritan To Meet Thursday of Next Week

The Roper Ruritan Club will hold its monthly meeting Thursday night of next week, April 4, in the community building, it was announced Tuesday by officials of the club. An entertaining program has been arranged, and all members are urged to attend. The Zion Chapel church quadded will sing several numbers.

Fishing Season Will Be Closed From April 6 To May 19, Game Warden Says

The season for sport fishing in inland waters will be closed from April 6th through May 19, both dates inclusive, County Game Protector J. T. Terry announced this week. During this period it will be illegal to fish by hook and line or rod and reel in any of the creeks and small rivers of this section, although commercial waters and Lake Phelps are not affected by the closing.

Getting off to a good start about three weeks ago, sport fishermen have not been doing so well for the past week, and a half, due largely to northeast

Several Projects Brought To Halt

Leder Brothers and Belk-Tyler Stores Believed Definitely "Out"

A number of proposed building projects in Plymouth will be affected by the sweeping orders issued Tuesday by Federal agencies restricting many types of construction. Its full effects will not be known until regional offices are set up by the Civilian Production Administration and definite rulings are made as to the availability of certain needed materials.

With the exception of construction work actually underway on Tuesday, when the order was issued, all new buildings must be approved in advance by one of the CPA offices, which are expected to begin operations this week. Approval must be secured for all new buildings, whether dwellings, stores, factories, theatres, or any other type. Repair work costing up to certain amounts in specific categories are excepted, and all construction work actually underway Tuesday may be completed without authorization.

The order was issued to effect an increase in the construction of badly needed low-cost housing in the immediate future, especially housing for veterans. Homes built to sell to veterans at \$10,000 or less, or to rent at \$80 per month or less, will continue to be eligible for priority help in obtaining scarce materials. Other more expensive homes will be authorized only when construction will not impede the veterans program.

Expected to be immediately affected are the proposed store buildings here for Leder Brothers and Belk-Tyler Company, plans for which have been underway for sometime. It is known that Leder Brothers intended to begin construction right away, and the Belk-Tyler Company is understood to have been working on blueprints for their building. Under the terms of Tuesday's order, both of these are "out" for the time being, since work had not actually been started.

It is considered doubtful that anything can be done now in connection with plans for a new hotel.

3 Cars Damaged in Accident Tuesday

No one was hurt, but three automobiles were damaged and a portion of Richard West's fence destroyed Tuesday night in an automobile accident on Wilston St. Ext. The accident occurred where the road from the country club village intersects Highway 64 near the western edge of town.

The accident occurred when a Ford station wagon, owned by Aaron Cooper and driven by his son, Aaron Cooper, Jr., sideswiped a Ford coach driven by Miss Ada Gray Hopkins at the road intersection. The station wagon, out of control, then plowed down two sections of fence around the home of Richard West and crashed head-on into Mr. West's car, a Packard, parked in front of his home.

Miss Hopkins was accompanied by Mrs. Fred Floyd and two children, and there were several passengers in the Cooper car, but all escaped unhurt. The station wagon and Mr. West's car were badly damaged, while the Ford coach suffered a smashed fender. Local police investigated the accident, but made no arrests.

Scout Leaders Here For Training Course Last Friday Night

Officials Say Meet One of Most Successful Held In Council

Forty-five Boy Scout leaders from Martin, Washington and Tyrrell Counties attended the training session and dinner given at the Mayflower Restaurant here last Friday evening. W. F. Veasey, member of the Albemarle District committee, presided over the first part of the program until Sam Bundy, of Williamstown, took over to present the various speakers on the training program.

The Albemarle district committee was hosts to the meeting, described as one of the most successful ever held in the Eastern Carolina Council. There were 13 Scouters present from the Martin district, 28 from the Albemarle district, 2 from Greenville, and 1 each from Washington and Wilson.

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