

County School Superintendent W. F. Vensey and L. E. Hassell, chairman of the county board of education, were in Greensboro yesterday to file application for priorities for a heating plant and an addition to the local high school building.

Firemen were called out about 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon by a fire in the dust house at the plant of the Atlas Plywood Corporation. The truck remained at the scene for some time pumping water on the burning sawdust and waste material. Damage was said to have been very slight.

Blue mold is said to be playing havoc with tobacco plant beds in various parts of the county. Some beds are said to be completely ruined. A few farmers are planning to start transplanting next week, if the weather permits, County Farm Agent W. V. Hays said yesterday.

A large number of local children have been kept out of school in the past few weeks on account of whooping cough and measles. While the number of absences was not considered sufficient to warrant closing of the schools, average daily attendance records are being kept down.

Harry Chesson and Benton Tetterton, employees of the North Carolina Pulp Company, were injured in an accident at the plant last Saturday. It is understood they were cleaning a sludge line and got some of the material in their faces and eyes. Both were taken to a Rocky Mount hospital and are said to be getting along very well this week.

Fishing restrictions will be lifted over the Easter week-end, according to County Game Protector J. T. Terry. Sport fishing with rod and reel, hook and line will be permitted in all inland waters on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, April 20, 21 and 22. After Monday, the season will remain closed through May 19th.

Following publication of an article last week about the help shortage in the local post office, a number of persons applied for jobs there. Postmaster J. C. Swain says there are no openings at the post office yet, although he has applied for permission to put on an additional clerk and carrier. It probably will be some time before action is taken on the application by postal authorities.

Legal liquor sales in Washington County during the month of March amounted to \$29,791.05, according to figures announced by the state ABC commission in Raleigh this week. Total sales in the state amounted to \$2,837,491.40 for the month, as compared with \$1,782,952.60 in March of last year.

Dance at Gym Monday for Benefit of Local School

A dance for the benefit of the Plymouth High School will be given Easter Monday night in the high school gymnasium. Music will be furnished by the Edenton Auxiliary Naval Air Station Band, and an admission charge of \$1 will be made, proceeds to be used for school activities. Tickets may be obtained from high school students, and the public is urged to attend.

Precinct Meetings Set For Saturday Morning

Democrats Will Perfect Local Party Organizations for Coming Two Years; County Convention April 27

Chairman E. G. Arps, of the Washington County Democratic Executive Committee, this week issued the biennial call for precinct organizational meetings, to be held Saturday of this week at the various precinct polling places, starting at 11 a.m. Members of the precinct committees will be elected, with the chairman of each to serve as a member of the county executive committee.

Under the Democratic plan of organization, delegates to the county convention are elected at precinct meetings, with one delegate allowed for each 25 Democratic votes cast at the last election. However, it is the usual custom in the county to name all Democrats who wish to attend as delegates. The county convention will be held at the courthouse in Plymouth on the following Saturday, April 27. At that time the county executive committee perfects its organization by electing a chairman. The county convention also names delegates to the district and state conventions, to be held in Raleigh this year on Thursday, May 2. Washington County will be entitled to 12 votes in the district and state gatherings. This entitled the county to 12 delegates and 12 alternates. Precinct chairman are urged to notify all Democrats within their precincts of the meetings Saturday,

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Superior Court Grants Eight Divorces and Ends Session

In session for just a little over a day and a half, the April term of Washington County Superior Court adjourned about 2:30 Tuesday afternoon, with the calendar just about cleared. Judge Walter J. Bone, resident judge of the second district, presided over the session, which was for trial of civil cases only. The principal business before the court was divorce actions, eight were granted out of the ten on the calendar, the other two being continued. One other suit, H. P. Taylor et al vs. Whitford Swain et al, concerning a boundary dispute to a tract of land in Skinnersville Township, was settled by agreement.

Second Bank for County Talked at Meeting Tuesday

Officials of Greenville Institution Meet With Local Group. A number of officers and directors of the Guaranty Bank & Trust Company, with headquarters in Greenville, met with a group of interested citizens here Tuesday morning to discuss the possibility of locating a branch of that institution in Plymouth. The meeting was held in the Legion Hall and was attended by about 40 interested local people. It was emphasized at the outset of the meeting that there was no criticism or lack of confidence in the local unit of the Branch Banking & Trust Company, but most of those present indicated they believed Plymouth had reached the point where two banks would be a decided asset to the town and community. Population, payroll, present and future trade prospects of the town and county were discussed and reviewed. The visiting delegation evinced much interest in the statistics and outlined steps that would be necessary in securing permission from the State Banking Commission for a second bank for the county. No commitments were made by either the visiting delegation or the local group, and it was determined that the matter of presenting the need for additional banking facilities would be largely up to county people. The movement here originated in local civic and commercial organizations, and it is possible that committees will be named to investigate the matter more fully in the future. It was urged that similar groups be formed in other sections of the county.

21 Democratic Candidates File for Offices in County

Ten Enter Contests For Commissioners

Seven for Three Places in District 1; Three for Two Offices in District 2

Washington County voters will have ten candidates from which to choose five county commissioners in the Democratic primary May 25. There are seven candidates for the three places in District No. 1, comprised of Plymouth and Lees Mill Townships, and three candidates for two places in District No. 2, composed of Skinnersville and Scuppernon Townships. Four of the present five commissioners are candidates for reelection, H. W. Pritchett and T. F. Davenport, of Creswell; Jesse C. Knowles, of Roper; and A. R. Latham, of Plymouth. The present chairman, H. H. Allen, of Plymouth, decided not to run for the office again this year. Plymouth has four candidates in District No. 1. Mr. Latham, who was appointed about a year ago when membership on the board was increased to five, is the only incumbent. He announced his candidacy last week. C. E. Ayers is one of the three candidates who announced for the office last Saturday. He is Standard Oil distributor for the Plymouth area, agent for Dodge automobiles, Frigidaire and other electrical appliances, and dealer for a number of household appliances, floor coverings, and the like. He has served on the city council and local school committee and is a charter member of the Plymouth Rotary Club. W. H. Joyner is another of the three local candidates who filed last Saturday. Farmer, landowner and partner in the Roanoke Coal Company here, this is his first venture into Washington County politics. He has served as AAA committee member, member of the War Price panel, and is active in the Farm Bureau. He also is a steward of the Plymouth Methodist church and charter member of the local Rotary Club. A native of Northampton County, he has lived in Plymouth since 1937. His late father was state senator, representative and sheriff in that county for a long number of years. Mr. Joyner is married to the former Miss Florie B. Davis, daughter of S. D. Davis, who served as county treasurer a number of years ago. Frank L. Brinkley also filed for commissioner last Saturday. Long active in county politics, he served as chairman of the board of county commissioners for a number of years. He also was chairman of the county Democratic executive committee. (See 10 ENTER, Page 4)

CANDIDATE



Ben A. Sumner, Plymouth traveling salesman, last week announced he would be a candidate for representative in the Democratic primary May 25. Mr. Sumner was representative from the county at the 1943 session of the legislature.

First Time in Years No Republicans File

Contests for Sheriff, Clerk Of Court, Representative And Commissioners

Political interest in the Democratic primary May 25th exploded into the open last Saturday, when a whole flood of candidates announced for various county offices just before filing time ended at 6 p.m. Members of the county board of elections canvassed the list after the filing period ended and came up with announcement that a total of 22 candidacies had been filed, including four without opposition and one for an office that officially does not exist. One of the major surprises was that no Republican candidacies were filed this year. Heretofore the party usually has filed practically a complete ticket, but lack of success in recent years has caused interest to drop, reaching a new low this year when no one even offered for any of the county offices. Lack of Republican opposition means that there will be no names on the general election ballot in November except those of the Democratic nominees. Contests developed for all offices except judge and solicitor of recorder's court, coroner, and member of the board of education. Most unexpected was the large number offering for county commissioner, ten candidates entering the list for the five places. Other contests include two for clerk of court, two for sheriff, and two for representative. In addition, there will be a contest for state senator, although the names of candidates from other counties in the district had not been received by the county board of elections up to Tuesday.

DDT Spraying Crews Started Work in Town And County Tuesday

Will Be Continued Through Summer

Householders Notified Day Ahead How To Prepare For Spraying

Spraying with DDT in the interest of malaria and mosquito control got underway in Plymouth Tuesday, when two crews sprayed about 40 local homes. The work is being done through the cooperation of Federal, State and district health departments and county and town officials. It will be continued until every citizen of the county is given the opportunity of having his house sprayed, according to Dr. C. McGowan, acting district health officer, who is in immediate charge of the work. The two crews here are under the supervision of Delbert B. Allen. Mr. Allen and Stuart Johnson make up one crew, while the other is composed of Hubert Owens and Roy Norman. All material and equipment are furnished by the state and federal governments, with town and county boards paying for the transportation and labor of one crew. Dr. McGowan stated yesterday that the spraying is being done for all householders, free of charge, in order to prevent the spread of malaria. He emphasizes that use of the spray is not dangerous to people living in the houses, and that as soon as the walls dry no one can tell DDT is on the walls. Flies and mosquitoes resting on the sprayed surfaces soon drop to the floor and die, although it may be several hours before they are dead. The solution being used is effective for at least four months. Householders will be notified at least one day in advance of the spraying, and the approximate hour will be given. Homes should be prepared for spraying by carrying out the following instructions: 1. Put out all fires. 2. Move everything that is less than 12 inches from the walls if possible. (See DDT SPRAYING, Page 4)

11 Men in Draft Calls This Week

Two draft calls were made on white registrants in the county this week by the local Selective Service Board. One group of five men left for Fort Bragg Monday to take their pre-induction physical and mental examinations, while another group of six men left yesterday for induction. All of the men called up this week were from Plymouth and Creswell. Plymouth furnished three and Creswell two in the pre-induction group which left Monday; and there were three each from the two towns in the induction call Wednesday. The list of men in the Monday pre-induction call follows: Paul Guest Snell, Melvin Kimble Davis and Thomas Ruffin Flowers, of Plymouth; Vance Read Clifford and William Avery Barnes, of Creswell. Those leaving yesterday for induction were John Fentress Jethro, James Henery Nooney and James Pressley Gurganus, of Plymouth; Eugene Herbert Spencer, Jr., Harold Reid Phelps and Frederick Drane Gaither, of Creswell.

Begin Levy for Personal Taxes

P. W. Brown, town tax collector, announced this week that he would begin levying on personal property and garnisheeing wages of those who have not paid their 1945 poll and personal property taxes by the first of next month. Penalties are already mounting on delinquent real estate taxes, increasing at the rate of 1 per cent each month. Those who have not paid their 1945 town taxes are asked to do so at once, to avoid the expense and embarrassment of having the tax collector bring action against them.

Foster and Sawyers To Open New Store

J. W. Foster and L. L. Sawyers announced this week that they would be ready for opening of their new Firestone Dealer Store in Plymouth on Thursday of next week, April 25. They extend a cordial invitation for people of this section to visit the new enterprise, which is located in the Brinkley Building next to the Plymouth Theatre. They will carry a complete line of Firestone products, including tires, tubes, auto accessories, tools, hardware of various kinds, household electrical appliances and sporting goods. While some items cannot be secured for stocking right now, they are opening with a store full of merchandise, and they plan additions as rapidly as the goods become available. Mr. Foster is just out of the service where he served 27 months, 16 of them overseas with an Army harbor-craft unit in the European theatre. He went into the service from Alabama, but formerly coached football at Sanford High School in this State. Mr. Sawyers is a native of Beckley, W. Va., and recently served as electrical and mechanical inspector for an insurance firm in Spartanburg, S. C.

Mrs. Frank Wilson Hurt in Roper Accident Saturday

Mrs. Frank Wilson, of Roper, suffered a fractured left leg and other injuries Saturday afternoon, when she was struck by a car operated by J. W. Gray, of the Pleasant Grove section. According to reports, Mrs. Wilson came from between two cars and walked into the path of Mr. Gray's car, which was proceeding very slowly at the time. The accident occurred on the streets of Roper. Mrs. Wilson was brought to the office of Dr. Bray here for treatment and is said to be getting along very well this week.

Eagles Club Organized By Young Men Here

The Eagles Club, composed of a group of local young men, was organized last week with 17 members. Officers are Melvin Sexton, president; Herbert D. Lassiter, jr., vice president; and Gus Gardner, secretary and treasurer. According to officers, the club will be social and benevolent in nature. Meetings are to be held each Tuesday night, and suitable quarters are being sought for the organization. It is described as a club for young men, "14 to 30," which just about covers the field.

Roy T. Hopkins, 48, Passes Suddenly at Home of Son Here

Final Rites Held in Creswell Yesterday; Resident Here 3 Years

Roy Thomas Hopkins, 48, veteran of World War I and foreman at the North Carolina Pulp Company, died of a sudden heart attack at the home of his son, William T. Hopkins, at the Country Club Village here Monday afternoon about 12:30 o'clock. Mr. Hopkins was in his usual good health and had just sat down for dinner with his son's family when he was stricken. Son of the late Washington Thomas and Mary Hatfield Hopkins, of Creswell, Mr. Hopkins was a native and lifelong resident of the County. He was born at Creswell on July 5, 1897, and after graduating from the schools there attended Wake Forest College for three years, where he took a leading part in athletics. He played varsity football and baseball and continued to play baseball for some years after leaving school. He entered the Army during the first World War and was assigned to a field artillery unit. He was on his way overseas when the war ended in November 18, 1919, and returned without ever getting into an action. He had extensive farming interests. (See ROY T. HOPKINS, Page 4)

Eastern Firemen in Meet Here Tuesday

Eastern Carolina firemen turned out in large numbers for their quarterly meeting with the Plymouth department members as hosts here Tuesday night. Fire Chief Miller Warren estimated that approximately 225 to 250 were present for the barbecue supper served in the Christian church annex by ladies of the church, and about the same number attended the sessions held in the church. Mayor E. F. Still welcomed the visitors on behalf of the town, with Mayor-Fire Chief Jerome B. Flora, of Elizabeth City, responding. Sherwood Brockwell, state fire marshal, was the principal speaker, his subject being the fire college and drill schools to be held in the state this year. Frank Bennett, chief of the Durham Fire Department, and president of the State Firemen's Association, also spoke briefly. E. W. Kinsey, of LaGrange, president of the Eastern Carolina Firemen's Association, presided over the session.

Council Reviews City Financial Condition

Report Shows Expenditures for First Three Quarters of Fiscal Year Are in Line With Budget Estimates

The Town of Plymouth's financial condition for the current fiscal year was found to be excellent by city council members at their regular monthly meeting Monday night. Several other matters were discussed at the session, but interest centered chiefly on the financial report submitted by City Clerk M. W. Spruill, showing the town's condition as of March 31st. Mayor E. F. Still and all six members of the council were present. The report submitted by Mr. Spruill showed that expenditures were running about in line with the budget prepared at the start of the year. At the end of March total collections amounted to \$59,940.26 for the nine-month period, against a total budget of \$61,000. Expenditures up to that time totaled \$45,300.31, not counting \$3,112.47 paid on items not included in the budget when it was made up last year. Items paid outside the budget include a note for balance due on the city fire truck and some refunds of consumer's water deposits. Despite these items the town had about \$11,000 in cash to the good, with uncollected revenue items of \$13,951.07 outstanding. For the most part, uncollected revenue consists of estimated water receipts for the last three months of the fiscal year and balance due on 1945 taxes. Part of the \$11,000 balance on hand now is due to sale of the Water Street lot owned by the town, which brought \$7,300. Revenue from operation of the local ABC store also helped out some. As a whole, expenditures are being kept fairly well in line with the budget estimate prepared last year. Mayor Still appointed a committee to study and revise the schedule of privilege taxes levied by the town. J. W. Marrow, J. S. Brinkley and A. J. Byrd were appointed to work with the mayor on this connection. The council also authorized purchase of a machine for marking the streets, provided the cost does not exceed \$100.

Local Stores and Business Houses To Be Closed Monday for Easter Holiday

Practically all Plymouth stores and business houses will be closed all day Monday in observance of the Easter holiday. Officials of the Plymouth Merchants Association announced yesterday that the custom followed for the past two years would be followed again, stores and business houses being closed all day Monday and remaining open all day the Wednesday following. Easter Monday always used to be a big day at fisheries in this section, but catches are reported to be small on Roanoke River this year, and no large crowds are expected. If the weather is suitable, farmers generally will be busy with field work, and the day will pass unnoticed by them.

Eighty Teen-Agers at Social Here Last Night

The social for Teen-Age boys and girls held at the Legion Hall last night was the biggest yet, according to representatives of the Parent-Teacher Association and Woman's Club, who supervised the program. About 80 boys and girls of all ages attended. Chaperones included Mrs. Ed Jackson, Mrs. Phillip Davenport, Mrs. W. V. Hays and Mrs. Frances M. Darden. Dancing was enjoyed, music being furnished by a record-player with two loud speakers, purchased recently by the Parent-Teacher Association. Several square dances were taught the youngsters by Mrs. Darden. Sandwiches and soft drinks were served.

Ben A. Sumner Enters Race for County Representative in General Assembly

Formally announcing last Friday that he would be a candidate in the Democratic primary for nomination as Washington County representative to the General Assembly, Ben A. Sumner, of Plymouth, this week stated that he planned to begin actively campaigning for the office at once. Mr. Sumner served as county representative at the 1943 session of the legislature and ran second in a three-way contest for the office in 1944, but declined to call for a second primary at that time. Mr. Sumner's entrance last week assured a contest for the

office at the May 25 primary, as John W. Darden, of Plymouth, had announced several weeks previously. Both men have served the county as representative, Mr. Darden going to the 1929 session of the legislature. Mr. Darden is a representative of the state parole commission, while Mr. Sumner is a salesman. Mr. Sumner won in a three-way primary contest in 1942, defeating Edward L. Owens in a second primary. In 1944, he was second in another three-way primary battle, trailing W. H. Peele by 23 votes. He later decided not to demand a second primary at that time.