

mate 1/c, received his honorable

discharge from the U.S. Navy on April 6 and is now at home here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.

J. Bateman. He was in the service for 32 months, 18 of which he was stationed in the Marianna Islands.

Glad to be home at last, he said vesterday that he was planning to attend school, possibly at Georgia

carpenter'

Maurice Bateman.

Tech, in the near future.

### THE ROANOKE BEACON AND WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS \* \*

Precinct Committees Elect-

ed; Small Attendance

Generally

Washington County Democrats

went about the business of setting

up their party organization last

Saturday morning by the election

of five-man precinct committees in

each of the five precincts. The meet-

ings were not very largely attended.

o far as can be learned. About 20

voters attended the meeting in

Plymouth precinct, which usually

casts the largest vote in primaries

The meetings were called by the

chairman of the county Democratic

the polling places at 11 a.m. Over

at Wenona, the smallest precinct in

the county, the meeting was not held

until 9 o'clock Saturday night, ac-

cording to a report forwarded to

the Beacon yesterday by H. J. Fur-

bee, secretary of the meeting.

executive committee to be held at

and elections.



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Plymouth, Washington County, North Carolina, Thursday, April 25, 1946

# **Plymouth Stores and Business Houses** To Be Open All Day Next Wednesday

County School Superintendent W. F. Veasey is in Chapel Hill today attending a meeting of the State Board Association. Members of county boards of education and county superintendents from all over the state are in attendance

Blue mold has about ruined prospects for early planting of tobacco, according to County Agent W. V. Hays. He said that transplanting would have been general by next Monday if the blue mold hadn't stepped in, but now very few will be able to begin by that time. The farm agent thinks there will be enough plants to go around, however, although there may be some scrambling for them.

Paul Basnight, Foy Davenpert and Alvin Allen, members of the Plymouth police force, attended a meeting of law enforcement officers held in Williamstori yesterday. Approximately 200 officers, including members of the highway patrol, sheriffs, deputies, police and FBI agents attended. Edward Scheidt, special gent in charge of the Charlotte FBI office, was in charge of the program.

Mrs. Cicero J. Norman, chairman of the baby contest for the May Day Festival, announced this' morning that the parade for baby contestants would begin at 10:30 a.m. next Wednesday morning at the Christian Church corner. Mothers and other attendants of the babies entered in the contest are asked to be there on time

Delinquent taxpayers are reminded that the 3 per cent penalty on unpaid 1945 county and town taxes becomes effective after May 1st. Tax collectors urge those who have not settled their tax accounts for last year to do so at once, to save the penalty and possible embarrassment later.

The new Firestone Dealer S Saw ters, opened here this morning. Carrying a big stock of auto acces sories, hardware, household necessities and appliances, the store presents a very attractive appearance. It is located next to the Plymouth Theatre on Washington Street.

Plymouth golfers will meet Goldsin a team match here Sunday moon. This will be the second Will Open Saturday

Miller Warren, president of the Plymouth Merchants Association, said yesterday that local stores and business houses would forego their usual Wednesday half-holiday and remain open all day Wednesday of next week, as requested by local Methodists, who are sponsoring the May Day Festival here on

that day. It was felt that with a large crowd of out-of-town people here, the stores should remain

open, not necessarily on account of the business to be done, but so the visitors would have a place to drop in and rest. The merchants are not only remaining open in the afternoon, but they join in urging a large at-

tendance on the day's festivi-Next Wednesday will be the second straight that stores have remained open. They were open yesterday after being closed all day Monday for observance of the Easter season.



For Next Two Years

Delegates Will Be Elected ed the county convention as dele-For State Convention at Raleigh Thursday

The Washington County Democratic convention will be held in the courthouse here Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, according to E. G. Arps, chairman of the county executive committee, who will preside. The principal business of the convention will be election of delegates to the state convention at Raleigh Thursday of next week and organization of the county executive committee for the coming two years.

Washington County will be entitled to 13 votes in the state convention, entitling the county to 13 delegates and 13 alternates, County Chairman E. G. Arps has been adtion in the county.

candidacy for county commis-sioner from district No. 1 in the May Democratic primary. The chairman of the county Democratic executive committee also is Joyner also is a partner in the to be elected Saturday, but not by the convention itself. This office is filled by the executive committee, which is composed of the chairmen

**Registration Books** For Primary May 25

of the five precinct committees. E. G. Arps, of Plymouth, has served as

tee for the past four years.

cording to the Democratic plan of

chairmen was elected by them, ac- Koonce, and W. N. Piercy.

organization. The chairman of each elected chairman of the precinct

pers

precinct committee serves as a mem- committee; Mrs. D. P. Pharr, sec-

chairman of the executive commit-

cinct committee: E. F. Still, W. vised. One delegate and alternate is allowed for each 150 Democratic and W. H. Booker. On motion of votes cast at the last general elec- Mr. Gaylord they were elected by

> The committee then went into executive session and elected H. H. Allen precinct chairman and W. H. Booker secretary. After their report was made to the gathering the meeting adjourned.

Precinct meeting were held in the Hassell, jr., as secretary. The fol-

White and H. L. Davenport, mem-

C. N. Davenport, jr., was elected

cinct committee; W. T. Alexander,

secretary; Edward Patrick, H. W.

Pritchett and O. D. Hatfield, mem-

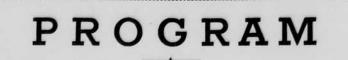
H. J. Furbee reports the following

precinct committee for Wenona: T.

**Jubilee Minstrels** 

Plymouth Theatre Next

Thursday Night



Precinct Meetings Held Saturday by County Democrats Complete Plans for May-Day Event Here Next Wednesday

Below is an outline of the program for the May Day Festival, to be presented in Plymouth Wednesday of next week, May 1, as announced yesterday by J. S. Brinkley, general chairman. All events will take place in the roped-off area on Washington Street, between Main and Water Street, except when otherwise noted.

Announcement by Mayor.

	A.M.	0-11:00	10:3
Choruses			
Hill-Billy Band	P.M	5-12:30	11:4
Glee Club	P.M	0-12:45	12:3
One-Man Band	P.M	5- 1:00	12:4
Concert by Greenville High School Band	P.M	0- 1:35	1:0
Parade of Primary Maypole Dancers	P.M	5- 1:45	1:3
Primary Maypole Dance in Plymouth	P.M	5- 3:00	1:4
Theatre; Admission 15-25c			
Athletic Contests, on Hampton Lot	Contract of Contract of Contract	0- 4:00	3:0
Indian Music Numbers		0- 4:15	
	P.M.	5- 4:45	4:1
Bubble-Gum Contest, Conducted	P.M	5- 5:00	4:4
By Mrs. Curry			
Band Music		0- 5:30	
Minstrel Show at Plymouth	P.M	0- 7:00	5:3
Theatre; Admission, 50c			
One-Man Band		0- 7:20	
Chorus		0- 7:40	
		0- 8:00	7:4
Auction Sale of 60 Pairs of Nylon	P.M	0- 8:30	8:0
Hose, Electric Clock, Various Other Items			
May Queen Crowning Ceremony	P.M	0- 9:00	8:3
A H Louis Induite Bearing Dell Cham An			

Added attractions at all hours include: Bazaar, Doll Show, Antique Display. Food, soft, drinks and ice cream on sale at food booths.

week.

furnished.

Application for absentee bal-

lots may be made by any mem-ber of the immediate family of

the applicant. It should be made to Mr. White, who will

mail the ballot to the address

Very few applications for ab-

**Be Cleared and Used** 

posal at Meeting Here

**Tuesday Night** 

Club Tuesday night, when it was

space used to relieve parking con-

The club has had this matter un-

Members decided to invite the may-

(See RIVER FRONT, Page 4)

Troop 84 Boy Scouts will

make a house-to-house collec-

tion of waste paper Saturday

morning of this week, April 27,

starting at 8:30 a.m., according

to Scoutmaster H. G. Harris. Re-



County Superintendent and the only persons who can cast absentee ballots in the Demo-Board Chairman Assured cratic primary on May 25, W. W. Of Prompt Action White, chairman of the county board of elections, stated this

L. E. Hassell, chairman of the county board of education, and W. F. Veasey, superintendent of public instruction, were much encouraged about prospects for the addition to the local high school building as a result of their visit to Civilian Production Administration headquarters in Greensboro Wednesday of last week.

sentee ballots are expected by Mr. Veasey said they were assured the county chairman. Those by Mr. Joliff, assistant chief of the who wish to have ballots sent to office, that no difficulty would be men or women in the armed ncountered in getting priorities for county last Saturday. At that time lowing were elected precinct comforces should apply to the chairthe proposed addition here. In fact, five precinct committeemen were mitteemen: Henry S. Everett, chairhe promised to have the necessary man at once. elected in each precinct, and the man; L. S. Brey, Clyde Snell, C. W. permission in the hands of school officials here by April 27th, so they At Skinnersville W. W. White was

All-Day Program Has Been Outlined

Parades, Bands, Minstrels, Auction Sale Will Be High Spots

Everything is declared in readi-ness for the May Day Festival to be held in Plymouth next Wednesday. May 1st, sponsored by the Plymouth Methodist church. J. Shepherd Brinkley, general chairman of the event, said yesterday that at least 1,000 visitors are expected to attend the all-day program to be presented here at that time. Proceeds will go to the construction of an educational building for the Methodist church

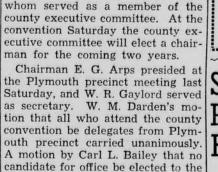
Numerous features have been arranged for the day, including band concerts, parades, beauty contest, baby contest, auction sale of 5 dozen pairs of Nylon hose and other scarce articles, athletic events, minstrel show, antique and doll displays, Maypole dance, singing, clowns, musical numbers, and others. A portion of the program is to be broadcast over the Washington station, which is also providing a hillbilly band for the occasion. The Greenville High School Band has been secured for the day.

Washington Street, between Main and Water, will be roped off, and most of the program will take place within that block. Several events will be held in the Plymouth Theatre, including the minstrel show and May-pole dance. Athletic contests, including three-legged race, potato race, sack race, and the like, will be held on the Hampton lot, under the direction of C. W. Dinkins.

There will be four large booths with the best of food and even pink lemonade. Also in shops on the block will be the doll and antique displays, which will be of interest to many. There will be fun and entertainment for all, young and old, and the general public is urged to attend.

Plymouth merchants will forego their usual Wednesday afternoon half-holiday, for the convenience of visitors. The Plymouth schools will operate on a curtailed program and children released at noon so they can take part in the days festivi-

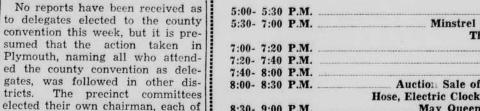
J. Roy Manning and "Colonel" W. T. Freeman have agreed to do the auctioneering, Mr. Brinkley said yesterday, and spirited bidding is expected for the many articles to



precinct committee was adopted, and Mr. Bailey then nominated the following to be members of the pre-

acclamation.

W. T. Freeman served as temporary chairman of the Lees Mill meeting, held in Roper, with L. E.



afternoon. This will be the second match between the two teams Goldsboro winning the first one, 46 to 29, in Goldsboro Sunday before last. The visitors will be served lunch at the club and matches will tee off starting at 1:30 p.m.

#### U. D. C. Chapter Will Meet Friday Afternoon

The Major Lewis Charles Latham Chapter of the UDC will meet at the home of Mrs. Abe Adler, Friday, April 26, at 3:30 p.m. All members are urged to be present.

## 15th District Club Women Meet Here

Registration books for the Demober of the county executive com- retary; C. T. White, Mrs. W. W. cratic primary on May 25 will be mittee. Congressional District and State bers. open for the next two weeks, beginning Saturday of this week, Ap-

conventions will be held in Raleigh Thursday of next week. At that chairman of the Scuppernong preril 27, and remaining open through time the party organization for the Saturday, May 11, according to Wal-

To Remain Open for Two

Weeks, Through Satur-

day, May 11th

William H. Joyner, of Plym-

outh last week announced his

Roanoke Coal Company here.

ter W. White, chairman of the counstate will be set up. ty board of elections. The Saturday before the primary, May 18, will Services at Holly Neck

be challenge day. It is not necessary for those who have registered and voted in recent

There will be services at the Holly H. Rosenthal, chairman; A. J. Furhave registered and voted in recent index of the set of precinct to another or who have

Several hundred home demonstra-will find it necessary to get their preaching service at 11 a.m.; The Lions To Present

tion club women of the 15th district names on the books in order to be public is invited. are having their annual meeting eligible to vote in the primary. here today. The 15th district is Residence requirements for regiscomposed of the counties of Beau- tration are one year in the state fort, Washington, Bertie, Hyde, Marand four months in the precinct. tin, Pitt, and Tyrrell. Registrars and places of registra-

Sessions are being held in the tion in the five county precincts are Christian church. Lunch was as follows:

served at the church annex at noon, Plymouth: B. G. Campbell, at offfce of B. G. Campbell Wholesale lina Council camporee, which will and program sessions were scheduled for 10:30 a.m. and following the Company, Water Street, in Plymlunch. Dr. Jane S. McKimmon, as- outh;

Lees Mill: Wade Hardison, at Barsistant extension director from State College, Raleigh, is the principal ton's Soda Shop, Rober; Skinnersville: Mrs. Myrtle A. speaker.

Arrangements for the meeting White, at her home; were made by Washington County Scuppernong: J. A. Combs, at home demonstration club women, town office in Creswell; Wenona: H. J. Furbec, at headed by Mrs. Frances M. Darden, county home demonstration agent. home at Wenona.



Church Sunday Morning

be held in Wilson Friday, Saturday and Sunday of next week. Scout-The Plymouth Lions Club will master H. G. Harris says this will sponsor the presentation of the

provide an excellent opportunity for Elizabeth City Lions Club Jubilee the boys to learn more about Scout- Minstrels at the Plymouth Theatre

his Arrangements have been made nated to the Boy Scout Building for the boys who are going to the Club.

Directed by Sanford Aydlett, the Friday afternoon. Scoutmaster Har- minstrel show boasts a cast of about ris will accompany the boys on the 40 members of the Elizabeth City trip, and all activities at the Campo- club. It is said to be one of the ree will be supervised by Scout- best home-talent shows presented masters and executives of the coun- in this section in years, and a full cil. All Scouts from here who wish evening of comedy and entertain-

Harris by Saturday morning of this Piano accompaniment for the musiweek, April 27.

unusually active this year, and the Tickets will go on sale tomorrow. scoutmaster said yesterday that 34 They may be purchased from any the most part, home owners were boys are now enrolled or in training member of the local club, the adto become Scouts. The expanded mission prices being 75 cents for membership has necessitated the adults and 50 cents for children. formation of a new patrol. It has Featuring the usual blackface been named the Lion Patrol, in hon- minstrel end men, six in number,

or of the Lions Club, sponsors of some unusual musical selections althe troop. Charles Smith is leader so will be presented, including the White Brothers Quartet. Others in noon for Columbia to begin the Paul Muller, forester at the pulp the cast include Sanford Aydlett, J. work there. They will be there mill, is active as assistant scoutmas- D. Aydlett, N. J. Ferrell, Ray C. about a week, according to present ter and Edward Craft, lately with Collier, Basil Pettit, Phil Bauer, M. plans. The other spraying crew the U. S. Navy, has been lending a S. Cridlin, D. W. Keese, jr., A. Gol- here, composed of Hubert Owens hand in teaching the boys knots and lobin, Ed Hainstock, E. R. Lamm, and Stewart Johnson, will continue rope work.

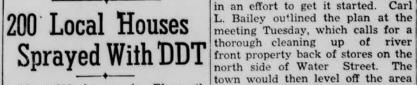
can proceed with plans for letting Suggest River Front the contract as soon as possible. Mr. Veasey said M. G. Norman, architect for the school board, was here Monday and said he would have the detailed blueprints for the addition ready by June 1st, when it is hoped the bids can be awarded. It is planned to add a one-story structure on the right of the pres-

ent building and connected to it by a covered passageway. The one story addition will contain four classrooms and new toilets for entire high school. One classroom is to be added in the present high school building. In addition, a new heat-

be installed.

A great deal of work remains to gestion on Water Street. The club be done, but the board of education voted to appoint a committee to plans to go ahead just as rapidly as work with the council in carrying possible, in order to have as much out this project, and city officials Here Next Week completed for use next term as pos- were assured support of the Rotarsible. Quick action is imperative, ians in the undertaking. as the school has earned two additional teachers for next term, and Cast of 40 Will Be Seen at

there is no place to put the classes until new rooms can be built.



About 200 houses in Plymouth and place a guard rail to prevent have been sprayed with DDT so far cars rolling into the river. Spaces in the campaign against malarial would then be marked off for parknosquitoes and flies, according to ing along the river front. Delbert D. Allen, who is in charge of the work here. The work is being done without cost to household-

State and district health authorities with the county and town.

tically everyone approached had cooperated in the work. A few people have declined to have their

homes sprayed. He said that, for prompt in complying with instructions to have their homes ready when the spraying crews arrive, which enables the work to be done rapidly

ceipts from sale of the paper will go to the boy Scout Build-Mr. Allen and his assistant, Ray Norman, will leave Friday aftering fund. Local housewives and merchants who wish to contribute old newspapers, magazines, books and cardboard cartons are asked to have paper tied in bundles or stacked in cartons or the work locally.

(See MAY DAY, Page 4)

### Milton Bowen Injured at Plant Here Last Week

Milton Bowen, employee of the American Fork and Hoe Company, was seriously injured last week, Rotary Club Sponsors Prowhen he caught his left hand in a saw at the plant here. He lost all the fingers of his left hand in the accident. He was removed to a Rocky Mayor E. F. Still and several Mount hospital immediately and is members of the city council were reported to be gettin along very well

special guests of the local Rotary this week. building. In addition, a new heat-ing system for the entire plant is to be cleaned up, leveled off and the Good Response for **Cancer** Campaign

> The cancer control drive is meeting with a splendid response here, it was learned yesterday from W. H. (Jack) Peele, county chairman- of the campaign. With a quota of ap-

der consideration for several weeks. proximately \$500, the goal was almost in sight up to that time, he or and councilmen to their meeting he said, although only a few reports had been received.

The Plymouth Junior Woman's meeting Tuesday, which calls for a Club is handling the canvass localthorough cleaning up of river front property back of stores on the ly, they had secured upwards of \$200 at last reports. Theatre patrons here are responding liberally, approximately \$150 having been raised by collections Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. The collections will be continued through the remainder of the week, and it is felt the county

quota will be oversubscribed.



other suitable containers and placed on porches or at the curbside in time for the collection Saturday.

The boys have three trucks available for picking up the waste paper. They will canvass all homes in the town as well as the Country Club Village and rural sections from Welches Creek on the Williamston road to "The Pines on the Roper road. All Scouts are asked to report at the Scout room in the courthouse at 8:30 a.m. Saturday to begin the canvass.

# **Aircraft Warning Tower Torn Down; Reminder of Air-Raid Threat in 1942**

J. H. Newkirk this week completed tearing down and removing the aircraft warning service tower erected here in 1942. when there was threat of enemy air raids along the eastern seaboard. Mr. Newkirk bought the lumber in the tower from local Civilian Defense officials, who turned the proceeds over to the Sea Scouts.

The tower was constructed on Water Street here at the request of Army Air Force officials in 1942 and was manned by volunteer observers over a period of several months on a 24hour basis. Similar towers were

built in practically all towns and villages along the Atlantic coast. All aircraft observed were reported to aircraft warning service centers, located at flying fields where interceptor and fighter planes were kept in readiness to fight off any threatened air raids.

None of the threats ever materalized, and there were no air raids anywhere on the eastern seaboard. Now that they have served their purpose, many of the observation towers are being torn down. Thus passes one of the few symbols of the recent world war to be seen in this section.

Local Scouts Will

A number of local Boy Scouts are planning to attend the East Caro-

ing and to have some real fellow- here next Thursday night, it was ship with nearly 2,000 other Scouts announced last week. Entire proceeds from the show will be dowho are expected to attend.

camporee to be excused from school

to attend should register with Mr. ment is promised all who attend. cal numbers will be by Miss Ann

The local troop, No. 84, has been Fountain.

of the new patrol.

and Elgin White.

ers through cooperation of Federal,

Mr. Allen said that so far prac-