

At the meeting of the Washington County Triple-A committee held in the Agricultural Building here recently, it was revealed that the committee members had a record for 100 per cent attendance during the past year which, according to the secretary, Miss Miriam Ausbon, is the first perfect meeting attendance for the group in the past several years.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Liverman, who have been visiting relatives in Florida, returned to their home in Plymouth Sunday night. While in Florida, they visited with their daughter, Mrs. Elsie Callis and Captain Callis at Drew Field near Tampa. Mr. and Mrs. Liverman also flew from Tampa to Havana, Cuba, for a two-day tour.

Two county buildings in Plymouth, the courthouse and the Agricultural Building, are sporting new water coolers which have at long last been installed. The old "jug-on-the-top" type have been retired from service and the new streamlined ones were installed last week after waiting several months for proper piping. One is in the "Ag" building while the other two are in the court room and in Mrs. Annie Myrtle Bateman's office.

Plymouth firemen received an alert-call from Columbia last Saturday around 5 a. m. with all members reporting to the local station, and remaining on call for several hours. No trip was made however since the Columbia firemen controlled the blaze there, which, despite their efforts, destroyed one building containing a restaurant and a dry cleaning establishment.

W. Roy Hampton, director with the State Board of Conservation and Development, has pointed out that the extension on the shad and herring fishing season applies to inland waters only and not to commercial areas outside those designated districts.

Reports from the Jamesville Fishery indicate that the herring at that point are few and far between, the report adding that on Monday of this week, the big sein was dipping up only about 100 herring, and that only 12 were taken in the entire day's fishing operations.

County Principal Resigns Position

H. V. Chappell, principal of the Creswell White Schools has resigned his position there, effective at the termination of the present school year, after serving in the capacity of principal for two years. W. F. Veasey, county schools superintendent, has announced. To date, he said, no successor has been located to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Chappell will be located in the central part of the State next fall serving as principal of a school in that section, it is understood. He served three years with the American armed forces during the recent war and prior to his induction was principal of the Oxford School in Catawba County. He is a native of Perquimans County.

Mr. Veasey stated that he regrets Mr. Chappell's resignation and praised him for his cooperation with the county board of education and with the county office.

Lions Club Admits Two New Members Thursday

Two new members were admitted into the Plymouth Lions Club at its meeting last Thursday night. They are Ken Trowbridge and Paul Mueler. Mr. Trowbridge is head of the wood and land department at the pulp mill while Mr. Mueler, who is also employed by the mill, is prominent in local Boy Scout work.

Darden Says Custom House Farther Down

Last week's issue of the Roanoke Beacon carried a statement from E. E. Harrell stating that the new Plymouth Furniture store would be located on the site of the old customs house on the upper end of Water Street where excavation of the foundations and basement is currently being carried out.

John W. Darden county representative to the legislature, has asserted that this is an error since the customs house was located farther down the street where the Browning and Gander stores now stand. Mr. Darden says that the building was constructed around 1800 and used as a customs house from 1830

County and Town Official Boards Will Hold Regular Meets Monday

Town and county boards will conduct their regularly scheduled monthly meetings on Monday of next week, which is first Monday. The town board meeting in the Municipal Building at 8 p. m., will probably settle contracts for the laying of sewer and water mains on Wilson Street extended, the Red Hill section and portion of Stillacres now within the city limits. Bids for the work were

considered at a special session of the council on Thursday. Other business will be routine. The county commissioners, meeting in the courthouse at 10 a. m., having nothing more scheduled than routine work, which, it is reported, will be quite a relief after the past few months which have been consumed with the tax revaluation business. The board of education,

meeting in the courthouse at the same time, may consider plans for the new colored high school at Creswell if full information on the proposed job is received by the board at that time. Details of the Plymouth School construction and insurance on the new class rooms will be discussed by the board, who will also consider the county garage situation.

Rent Control Office Here Will Be Closed

Withdrawal Is Made by Price

Lewis E. Price of Plymouth has announced his withdrawal from candidacy for councilman from the third ward in Plymouth which he had announced last week. Mr. Price, who is connected in a business capacity with the local 356 of the pulp, sulphite, and paper mill workers, stated that due to the nature of his employment as representative of the organization, he would be required to attend to out-of-town business frequently and if elected, would not be able to spare the amount of time required by the office for which he had been a candidate.

School Teachers Rehired in Roper By Committeemen

Nine white, 14 colored instructors reelected; R. B. Forbes, Wilkins Renamed Principals

Nine white teachers and 14 colored teachers in the schools in the Roper district were re-elected for employment by the Roper School committee at a meeting held here on Tuesday night of this week.

Those renamed to positions in the Roper district are as follows: White: R. B. Forbes, principal; Mrs. Annie Lou Gurkin, home economics; T. R. Spruill, history and mathematics; J. E. Mullen, agriculture; Mrs. J. E. Mullen, English and French; Grammar School: Mrs. W. F. Veasey, first; Mrs. Laura Keyes, second; Mrs. Neva Liverman, third; Mrs. T. R. Jenkins, fifth.

Mrs. Mattie Swain, fourth grade teacher, and Mrs. Annie S. Davenport, sixth and seventh grade.

To Hold Clinics In Roper Schools

Pre-school clinics will be conducted in Roper on Friday and next Monday, health department officials have announced.

The colored clinic will be held from 10 a. m. until noon in the Colored School building on Friday, while the white clinic will be conducted on Monday in the White School at the same hours. Parents of children who will start school next fall have been requested to bring the children to the clinic so that the necessary physical examinations and vaccinations can be made.

Council Opens Bids Tonight

The Plymouth town council will conduct a special meeting in the Municipal Building tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock for the purpose of opening bids on the water main project planned for the Red Hill and Wilson and Washington Street extensions program. Councilmen will consider all bids and make their choice of contractors at the meeting. So far, only one bid has been received by W. A. Roebuck, town clerk, with whom all bids must be filed, although it is understood that several other companies are planning to try for the job.

Regulations Still in Effect; County Area To Be Served From Another Branch

The Plymouth Rent Control Office will be abolished and will end its services to Washington County on Wednesday, May 16, Mrs. Sabrie Reid, chief clerk of the local office, has announced.

She added that rent control would still be in effect, however, with the citizens of the county being served by another office which will be designated at a later date. Mrs. Reid remarked that all landlords and tenants who have rent control problems pending, and those who are renting properties that have not been registered with the rent control program should appear at the Plymouth office immediately and have their affairs settled, in order to avoid inconvenience of having to travel to the new office which will be located in another county.

Mrs. Reid has been chief clerk of the Plymouth office since October of 1946 when a full-time Washington County branch of the service was instituted. Prior to that time, the county had been served from the Elizabeth City office.

All Farm People Invited to Meet

J. C. Tarkington, president of the Washington County Farm Bureau, has stated that although that organization, joint meeting with the Women's Auxiliary, being held in the Agricultural Building in Plymouth on Friday at 8 p. m., is being conducted by the Bureau, all farm men and women in the county are urged to attend as matters of importance will be discussed at that time.

He stated that all aspects of the rural hospital insurance program will be discussed at that time and will be of vital importance to all rural families in the county. Dr. L. M. Massey of Zebulon, chairman of the program, and Mrs. B. Everette, of Palmyra, State women's chairman, will be the principal speakers.

Episcopal Bishop To Visit Parish

The Rt. Rev. Thomas H. Wright, D. D., bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina, will visit the Parish of Parson Pettigrew on Sunday, May 4, delivering sermons and administering the apostolic rite of confirmation. Bishop Wright's schedule will be as follows:

Christ Church at Creswell, 11 a. m.; Galilee Mission at Lake Phelps, 3 p. m.; Saint Andrew's Church at Columbia, 8 p. m. The general public has been extended an invitation to attend all services at these churches.

Man Injured at Mill Last Week

James Green, young colored employee at the pulp mill, sustained a crushed left leg in an accident occurring at the plant Tuesday of last week which resulted in the amputation of the injured limb in a Rocky Mount hospital to which he had been taken for treatment. According to Green, he and a companion were opening a truck door when a piece of wood, projected from a conveyor, pinned him against the side of the truck, inflicting the injury to his leg. First aid was rendered Green by Dr. T. L. Bray.

Henry Everett Is Only Contestant For Town Office

Unofficial Reports Indicate Incumbents to File for Re-Election With Roper Clerk

So far as could be learned by Wednesday of this week, Henry Everett is the sole candidate for political office who has filed with Aubrey Phelps, Roper town clerk, for candidacy in the Roper town elections being conducted there next Tuesday. Mr. Everett has given himself as candidate for member of the Roper town council.

Unofficial reports indicated that the incumbent councilmen and Mayor John Hassell would file for re-election as well as one or two other citizens who were expected to file for council member. So far as could be learned on Wednesday none has appeared before the clerk and officially announced his candidacy.

It is expected that those who file will do so at the last minute, Thursday having been set as the unofficial deadline for filing for election.

Present Roper town officials are Mr. Hassell, mayor; Louis M. T. R. Spruill, and J. R. Swain, councilmen.

Veterans Housing Finance Aired by VFW at Meeting

Several Applicants for Homes Plan Buying Arrangements; 8 or 9 Homes Still Available

Financial arrangements for the purchase of prefabricated houses, made available to county veterans through the Plymouth post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, were discussed with 6 or 7 applicants at a called meeting of the VFW held in the county courthouse here on Monday night, with most of the applicants indicating that they will be able to meet the \$2,000 purchase, transportation, and assemblage cost. Blount Rodman, post adjutant, has reported.

It was also stated that around 8 or 9 houses are left in the allotment made by the government to the local organization and that these will be made available to veterans in the county who can provide adequate financing for the homes. It was pointed out that such arrangements may be made through GI loans, although it might prove difficult if the homes are to be located in rural sections.

Other means of financing the purchase of the houses discussed, Rodman stated, are through banks, loan associations, or private individuals. The houses, which are at present located at Alexander Park in Portsmouth, Va., contain four rooms and bath and are equipped with all essential plumbing facilities.

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No Petitions Are Filed in Raleigh On Train Problem

State Commission Will Notify W. R. Hampton on Date of Public Hearing About Trains

According to a letter received by W. Roy Hampton, of Plymouth, on Monday from the secretary of the State Public Utilities Commission in Raleigh, Norfolk Southern Railroad Company has not yet filed its reported request to the commission for authority to discontinue passenger trains One and Two traveling through Plymouth from Norfolk to Raleigh. Mr. Hampton has reported. It was previously announced that the hearing would be last Monday, but such was not the case.

The letter, he said, stated further that when the petition was filed with the commission, he would be notified of the action and of the date of the public hearing to be conducted by the commission on the matter.

Mr. Hampton stated that when the hearing is held, he plans to join a delegation of Plymouth citizens, which will be headed by Mayor Archie J. Riddle, who will protest against the proposed measure on grounds that it will disrupt express service to Plymouth and the county. It is also understood that the railway company's proposition is being opposed by business and civic groups in Edenton and Elizabeth City who would also be affected by the abandonment of the present schedule.

Local Young Man Admitted to Bar

On Thursday of last week, at the regular April term of the superior court of Tyrrell County, Judge Chester Morris, presiding, Wilford L. Whitley, jr., son of Attorney and Mrs. W. L. Whitley, of Plymouth, presented his license to practice law in the State of North Carolina, duly issued by the board of law examiners of the State, and, having taken and subscribed the oaths prescribed by law in open court, was duly admitted to the practice of the profession in the State.

Young Whitley successfully passed the Bar examination given by the law examiners board in Raleigh on March 25 through 27 of this year and received his license at that time. He is a graduate of Plymouth High School, Fishburne Military Academy, Waynesboro, Va., and Davidson College, Davidson, having been awarded a bachelor of science degree from the latter institution. Whitley is also a graduate of the Duke University law school, receiving the degree of bachelor of laws upon his graduation from there in January of this year.

He is also a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity, Phi Mu Alpha fraternity, and Phi Alpha Delta fraternity.

Schedule of Dog Treatment Listed

Sheriff J. K. Reid has announced that Officers Foy Davenport and Paul Basnight will be at specific stations in the county next week for the purpose of completing the dog vaccination program now underway in this area. He added that owners are required by law to have their dogs given the anti-rabies treatment.

No special charge is being made for the vaccination although owners are required to pay the regular tax of \$1 for males and \$2 for females.

The vaccination schedule will be as follows: Monday, May 4: Mackeys, 10 a. m. to 12 noon; Tommie Tarkenton's store, 12:30 to 2 p. m.; Roper, 2:30 to 4:30 p. m.; Tuesday: A. R. Patricks store, 9 a. m. to 12 noon; Justin Davenport filling station, 12:30 to 2:30 p. m.; Creswell, 2:30 to 5 p. m.; Wednesday: Harry Barnes store at Cherry, 9 a. m. to 2 p. m.

Lieut.-Col. Tarkenton Visits Relatives Here

Lieut.-Colonel J. C. Tarkenton, jr., Mrs. Tarkenton and son, Clinton III arrived in Pleasant Grove for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Tarkenton, sr., on Monday. Lieut.-Colonel Tarkenton is reported greatly improved following his recent illness. He is stationed at Fort Monroe, Va.

Interest Is Said Mounting In Election Next Tuesday

Negro Boy Bound To Higher Court On Killing Count

Rupert Cox, 14, to Be Tried on Second Degree Murder Charge in July Criminal Term

Probable cause of guilt was found in Washington County records court on Tuesday in the case of Rupert Cox, 14-year-old negro schoolboy of Roper, accused of killing Floyd Dudley, 16, also colored of Roper, in a schoolyard fight during the noon recess of J. J. Clemmons School there on Tuesday of last week.

Cox was bound over to superior court under \$500 bond and will be tried in the July criminal term of court on a charge of second degree murder. It is understood that the defense will plead for acquittal on grounds of justifiable homicide involving self defense.

Evidence given by schoolboy witnesses at Tuesday's hearing agreed on all points except that of whether or not Dudley was also armed with a knife. All maintained, however, that the fight arose when Cox struck Overton Howard (Dudley), Floyd's 10-year-old brother, with a broom-handle which he had been using as a baseball bat. Overton was said to have begun crying and to have reported the incident to his brother who accosted Cox with the matter, the fight ensuing. Overton maintained that Floyd was unarmed but other witnesses did not agree with him on this point.

The weapon used in the stabbing was a heavy 3-bladed pocket-knife, the blade used being about two and one-half inches long. Dudley was stabbed near the heart and died, apparently, of internal bleeding.

Group Names List Possible Officers

Members of the nominating committee of the Scuppernon Drainage district met in Creswell on Monday night and selected a list of possible commissioners to be submitted to W. M. Darden, clerk of superior court, who will appoint three out of the group to serve on the district's board.

Those recommended for the positions are as follows: Mt. Taber section: A. W. Furlough and L. E. Ambrose; Ambrose Road section: W. A. Gibbs and W. P. Davenport; Newlands section: J. M. Davenport and Douglas Davenport; Creek section: Mitchell Edwards and Phillip Spruill.

No decision was made by the nominating committee as to whether a recommended three commissioners would be chosen by ballot of the landowners in the district or whether the entire list would be turned over to Mr. Darden to make the selection. No plans were made for a future meeting.

Ralph Hunter Initiated Into Honorary Society

Ralph Hunter, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Hunter, of Plymouth was recently initiated into the Tau chapter of Phi Sigma Pi, national education fraternity, located at East Carolina Teachers College in Greenville. Eighteen other pledges were initiated at the same ceremony which was held last Thursday.

Legionnaires Meet Friday

American Legionnaires from Washington, Martin, and Tyrrell Counties will meet in the Legion Hall in Plymouth on Friday at 8 p. m. for the purpose of electing officers of the newly formed Legion district which includes those three counties, Blount Rodman, commander of the James Jethro Post in Plymouth, has announced. Formerly, Washington County had been included in the second district which was composed of Beaufort, Hyde, Tyrrell, Martin, and Washington Counties with Floyd Cohoon of Columbia as district commander. The change was effected last week.

NEW ATTORNEY



Wilford L. Whitley, jr., above, was recently admitted to the practice of the profession of law in Tyrrell County superior court. He is the son of Attorney and Mrs. W. L. Whitley, sr., of Plymouth.

Third Ward Has Two to One Lead In Registrations

First and Second Areas Also Record Sharp Increases; Most New Voters Booked Saturday

Topping the other two wards almost two to one, Plymouth's third ward registered a total of 63 new voters in the two-week pre-election period which terminated last Saturday. Mrs. C. A. Cratch, registrar for the Third district, stated that the majority of the registration were made by her last Saturday, attributing the large number of names to the fact that the political contest in that area was more intense due to its greater number of candidates for town council.

Wards one and two also recorded a sharp increase in new names on Saturday with ward two making 13 new registrations, totaling 34 in all, and ward one reporting, unofficially, about 35 in all. Most of the new registrations in all sections were made in a last-minute rush to registration places before the books were closed. The final total of new voters in Plymouth, according to the registration records, stands at about 132. Many of these names, of course, represent persons who have moved from one ward to another, although a good percentage are new residents of the town who will vote here for the first time next Tuesday. This Saturday, May 3, has been designated challenge day.

New Dragline Is Secured Monday

Another dragline has been secured for ditching projects in Washington County and was set in operation on the Wade Thompson farm, near Roper, on Monday. Donald B. Jones, county soil conservationist, has reported. Jones stated that about four miles of ditches, including the East-West Canal would be cleared by this machine which is the third now in operation in the county.

Mr. Jones requested that farmers in the Roper section who wish ditching work done on their properties get in touch with him at his office in the Agricultural Building in Plymouth as soon as possible.

Ten Candidates for Offices at Creswell

Two candidates have filed for mayor of Creswell and eight candidates are seeking a place on the town's board of aldermen in the coming municipal elections there on Tuesday, it has been reported. W. T. Alexander, who has served in the capacity of mayor for the past two consecutive terms, is seeking re-election and is opposed by J. A. Combs, a former mayor. In the race for the board of aldermen, the incumbent mem-

Contest for Councilmen in First and Third Wards; Two Aspirants for Mayor

Interest in Plymouth's municipal elections set for next Tuesday took a sharp increase in the past few days, judging from the great upswing in registrations of new voters in the town's three wards. With each of the first two areas more than doubling the number of new names and the third ward equalling the others combined.

Although Lewis E. Price, who had previously announced his candidacy for councilman from third ward, withdrew his name from the ballot, reports indicate that the campaign for the position, with incumbents J. W. Marrow and A. J. Byrd opposed by George W. Harrison, is still warm, with no accurate forecasting of who will oust whom.

W. H. Joyner who had declared his candidacy for the council as one member from first ward, opposing incumbents E. D. Keel and Henry Harrison, is still in the running with interest among voters in the biennial race on the increase in that area as evidenced by the more than 100 per cent rise in registrations.

So far, no other candidate has declared against Mayor A. J. Riddle, running for re-election, except J. T. McNair who, to date, has not campaigned much beyond his announcement and his declaration of supporting a progressive administration if elected. Some political interest has been evidenced in second ward although it runs a poor third compared with the other two sections of Plymouth.

Polling places and officials in the election on Tuesday will be as follows: ballots to be cast at courthouse, poll-holders E. A. Harrison and R. W. Johnson, registrar, Mrs. Hermine Ramsey; second ward: ballots to be cast at Cherry and Cutler shop on Water Street; C. E. Jones and Tex Edens, poll-holders; W. Roy Cutler, registrar; third ward: ballots to be cast at Dardens store on Jefferson Street; poll-holders, C. W. Dinkins and Benton Liverman; registrar Mrs. C. A. Cratch. Voters who mis-mark their ballots or otherwise disfigure them have been requested to turn the damaged ticket in to the poll-holders who will issue fresh ones. Polls will open at 6:30 a. m. on Tuesday and will close at 6:30 p. m.

On Thursday of this week, the list of candidates for political posts in Plymouth read as follows: for mayor, Mr. Riddle and Mr. McNair; for councilman from first ward, Henry Harrison and E. D. Keel running for re-election and W. H. Joyner opposing; for councilman from second ward, Harold Whitley and J. S. Brinkley, for re-election, none opposing; and for councilman from third ward, A. J. Byrd and J. W. Marrow running for reelection, George W. Harrison opposing.

Negro Loses Foot In Accident Here

George Marriner, young colored man of Roper, suffered the complete amputation of his left foot in an accident at the Atlas Plywood plant near Plymouth last Friday around 7 a. m., it has been reported.

Marriner was said to have been changing his position on a lumber carriage when his foot slipped and fell against a saw blade which was in motion at the time. He was given emergency treatment in the offices of Dr. T. L. Bray in Plymouth and removed to a Rocky Mount hospital for further treatment.