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Make \$1,015 on May Day Event

Home and Farm Agents in Meet

The home and farm agents of Washington, Martin, Hyde, and Tyrrell Counties will conduct a general conference in the Agricultural Building in Plymouth today with B. Troy Ferguson, district farm agent, and Miss Pauline Smith, district home agent, as principal speakers, it has been announced.

Proposed Site of Center Approved By County Board

Commissioners endorse Washington as location for planned regional hospital

The county board of commissioners, at their meeting here on Monday, unanimously endorsed the State Planning Committee's recommendation that Washington, (N. C.) be the site of the proposed state-federal-local sponsored regional hospital which would serve Washington, Beaufort, Martin, Tyrrell, Pitt, Hyde, Craven, and Pamlico Counties as a part of the State's plan to bring adequate medical care within access of every family in North Carolina.

A delegation of Washington residents, C. W. Thompson, Harry McMullan, and M. O. Fletcher, appeared before the local board on Monday and reported the State committee's action to the Washington County group, asking their cooperation and endorsement of the project. They pointed out, however, that the State's appropriation rests on the passage of the Hill-Burton Bill, now under discussion in Congress, which would give one-third financing to such medical projects.

Lake Phelps Legion to Use Community Building

The Lake Phelps Post of the American Legion has obtained permission to use the Community Building at Lake Phelps for recreational activities, T. F. Davenport, Pettigrew Park warden, has announced.

Council Declines To Extend Sewers Beyond City Limit

Builders Offer \$1,000 to Aid in Expense Defray but Board Keeps Original Plans

Representatives of construction companies now engaged in building some 31 homes in the Stillacres section appeared before the Plymouth town council at its meeting on Monday night stating that they had almost completed eighteen houses, requested information on the council's plans for the laying of sewer and water lines in the area.

Veteran Groups Net \$424 From Carnival

Reports from officials in the Plymouth American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts state that a \$424 profit was realized from the carnival sponsored here last week by two organizations. The money has been placed in the Veterans Memorial Building fund, making a total amount of about \$3,300 to date.

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Mr. Waters, who was a native of Beaufort County and a member of the Pantego Christian Church for many years, had lived in Macksays for twenty years. His first wife, the former Miss Lula Dickens of New Bern died in 1904.

Mr. Waters is survived by his second wife, Mrs. Ella L. Waters of Macksays; one son, Melton E. Waters, of Long Island, N. Y.; one daughter, Mrs. L. W. Taylor, of Newport; one sister, Mrs. Mollie Skiles, of Washington, seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

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Elect Two New Council Members Tuesday; Riddle Renamed Mayor

County Board in Regular Session Here on Monday

Allow Farmers Home Office to Move to Old Employment Office Beginning June First

The Washington County Board of Commissioners, meeting in regular session in the county courthouse in Plymouth on Monday authorized Willis Bowen, district supervisor of the Farmers Home Administration in Washington and Tyrrell Counties to occupy the office in the courthouse basement now being used by the Employment Service and to assume occupancy on and after June 1 of this year.

It was revealed that Miss Miriam Patrick, supervising interviewer, while leaving the office on May 31 at which time the local office will be closed out, will be in Plymouth each Friday for the purpose of serving clients in Washington County. The board, considering this, allowed Miss Patrick to use the commissioners room at this time for the Employment Service. Mr. Bowen explained that the move from his present quarters to the courthouse would effect an annual rent saving of \$150 in his budget.

Harold Palmer, representing the John L. Roper Lumber Company, stated to the board that a piece of road at Macksays was not being maintained and that the company was experiencing difficulties in transporting logs and lumber to railroads cars at that point. He asked that the board recommend to the State Highway Commission that the road be scraped and graveled regularly in the following location: beginning at Spruills store on the Macksays Road, leading to the Pleasant Grove Road and running from there to the southern end of the Albemarle Sound railroad bridge, the road described being about 500 yards long. The board granted the request.

Reports were heard from the county farm and home agents and tax collector, who stated that during the month of April, \$2,466.10 in taxes had been collected. W. W. Ange was allowed \$30 for expenses covering 2 days work in looking up maps and determining the number of acres in the Respass Land Tract, now owned by W. S. Bowen. J. H. Hamilton was employed as courthouse janitor for the month of May.

All but Two Vet Houses Assigned

Members of the Plymouth post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, meeting last Thursday, held further discussion of finance arrangements for individual veteran purchase of the remaining pre-fabricated houses being sold through the local VFW, with all of the houses being assigned except two.

Elect Alexander Creswell Mayor

W. T. Alexander, incumbent candidate for mayor of Creswell defeated his opponent, J. A. Combs, by the slim margin of 9 votes in the Creswell town elections held there on Tuesday. Mayor Alexander polled 39 votes, while 30 ballots were cast for Mr. Combs.

Of the 8 candidates for the board of aldermen, H. W. Norman, C. N. Davenport, O. D. Hatfield, and H. R. Stillman, all incumbents, were reelected. They had been challenged by Dr. J. M. Phelps, Thomas H. Smith, and E. C. Craddock. Votes polled by the aldermen were Norman, 69; Davenport, 59; Hatfield, 57; Stillman, 49; Dr. Phelps, 33; Smith, 7; and Craddock, 8.

Engineer Tours County Conservation Projects

Soil Conservation District Engineer J. W. Hanna of Washington, N. C., was in Washington County Tuesday with Donald B. Jones, county soil conservationist, who made a tour of inspection of this area, it has been reported. Mr. Hanna and Mr. Jones gave special attention to the dragline ditching operations being carried on in the county.

Employees of Bank To Get 3 Holidays in May

Three official holidays will be observed by various and sundry offices and business in Plymouth during the month of May, it has been learned. The days are Confederate Memorial Day on Saturday, May 10; Mecklenburg Day on Tuesday, May 20; and National Memorial Day on Friday, May 30.

All federal offices, including the AAA, the post office, and the Farmers Home office, will observe May 30, while the local bank will take May 10 and 20

although since the National Memorial Day comes at the end of the month it may not be observed by the bank. Holiday celebrations for the county and town offices will be settled at the meeting of the town and county boards on Monday.

So far as can be determined at present, no other businesses than those named will observe the three holidays since most of the business houses in Plymouth have half holidays on Wednesday or Saturday of each week.

Get Bids for Added Water-Sewer Lines

Exum Cline Company of Rocky Mount Low Bidders. Work Schedule To Start Today

The \$11,617.50 bid of the Exum Cline Construction Company of Rocky Mount was accepted by the Plymouth town council, in special session last Thursday night, for the installation of the sewer and water mains in the Wilson and Washington Streets extensions, and Red Hill sections of town.

Bid for the contract was also made by E. W. Faucette Company of Boykin, Va., but its \$14,280 estimate was declined by the council.

Representatives of the Cline Company agreed to commence work on the water mains on Thursday of this week and to take levels for the installation of sewers on Monday of next week.

During the meeting, it was revealed that some sections of pipe were to be laid in the section of Stillacres now within the city limits and discussion arose concerning the advisability of extending the lines across the ditch marking the city limits and into other portions of Still acres, serving the new homes under construction there. Mayor A. J. Riddle favored the proposal, even stating that he would be willing to bear the expense of purchase and installation of the necessary materials, but the members of the council unanimously voted the suggestion down, maintaining that the town government's first duty is to the areas and citizens already living within the city limits.

As the plans now stand, sewer and water lines will be laid on the Wilson and Washington Street extensions, in the Red Hill section, and in the portion of Stillacres now inside the city limits up to the ditch which marks the south-eastern boundary of Plymouth.

Lake Flood Gates To Be Installed

Building operators on the installation of the new flood gates at the Bonarva, Transportation, Thirty-Foot, and Western Canals leading to Lake Phelps will begin in the near future, according to reports.

A movement has been on foot for several months to obtain the installation of flood gates in the canals with an eye toward maintaining a safe level of the lake and prevent periodic flooding of farm lands in its vicinity.

False Alarm Is Turned in Here

The Plymouth Fire Department, answering an urgent call on Monday afternoon, rushed to the scene of conflagration on Madison Street, just behind the Colored Methodist Church, and found a colored man carefully supervising a small but smoky trash fire.

The alarm, according to Chief Miller Warren, was turned in by a very excited 14-year-old boy and his equally excited mother who saw the smoke coming from behind a house in that direction and promptly gave the alarm. The alarm, though false, Chief Warren said, was given in innocence and no charges would be preferred against anyone concerned.

Roper Elects Set Of New Officials

Roper voters elected an almost completely new slate of town officials in the municipal election there on Tuesday, only one candidate, L. L. Mizell for town councilman being retained from the old set up.

T. R. Spruill, former member of the Roper council, was unanimously elected mayor with no opposing candidate recorded, and R. B. Forbes, H. S. Everett, and L. L. Mizell were all voted into positions on the town board.

Four candidates had announced for the council with E. M. Chesson being defeated by Mr. Everett by only one ballot, the final count being 27 votes cast for Everett and 26 for Chesson.

Candidates and votes in the Roper election were as follows: For Mayor: Spruill, 40 votes; for council: Forbes, 42; Mizell, 37; Everett, 27; and Chesson, 26.

Consults with Officials On New Creswell School

W. F. Veasey, superintendent of the Washington County Schools, traveled to Raleigh today to consult with State education officials on the continuation of a colored high school at Creswell.

As soon as definite word is obtained from State sources on the matter, final plans for the construction of a new colored school building will be made by the Washington County Board of Education.

W. H. Joyner and George W. Harrison Win, Replacing H. E. Harrison and J. W. Marrow

Plymouth voters elected two new councilmen, W. H. Joyner from the first ward and George W. Harrison from the third ward, and re-elected A. J. Riddle as mayor of the town in the biennial municipal election held here on Tuesday.

The council is now composed of E. D. Keel and Mr. Joyner from the first ward; J. Shepherd Brinkley and Harold Whitley from the second ward; and A. J. Byrd and Mr. Harrison from the third ward.

Mayor Riddle and the councilmen took the oath of office in the Municipal Building shortly after noon yesterday, as soon as official canvass of the election returns was completed. The oaths were administered by Justice of the Peace W. T. Freeman.

In the election Tuesday, approximately 380 votes were cast as compared with the 437 ballots cast in the 1945 municipal election which even then was not considered full voting strength of the town. Of the ballots cast in the 1947 election, about 145 were cast in the first ward, 74 in the second, and 160 in the third. Mr. Riddle led the opposing candidate for mayor, J. T. McNair, in all three wards by a wide margin. Total votes for mayor were Riddle, 280 and McNair 98.

Voting for councilmen was fairly close in the first and second wards where new candidates had announced, and ballots cast in the second ward were almost identical in number due to lack of opposition experienced by incumbents Brinkley and Whitley, running for re-election, both polling 66 and 63 votes respectively.

W. H. Joyner, new candidate in the first ward, received a comparatively heavy vote of 111 while the contest between Henry Harrison and E. D. Keel, incumbents, was closer, Keel winning out with a 30-ballot margin.

Third ward, most active politically of the three districts, recorded the heaviest balloting in the election, with New Candidate George Harrison polling 113 votes, A. J. Byrd running a close

Clagon Reappointed to County Welfare Board

J. M. Clagon, of Roper, was reappointed to serve on the county public welfare board for a term of three years by the board of county commissioners at their regular monthly meeting in the courthouse on Monday. Mr. Clagon has served with the board for several terms.

To Conduct Drive For Old Clothes Here This Week

The Rev. T. R. Jenkins Named County Chairman; Campaign to End Monday, May 12

Plans have been announced for the collection of clothing, bedding and shoes by Chairman T. R. Jenkins, who is heading the Washington County relief clothing drive. The drive will run from Monday of this week, May 5, to next Monday, May 12.

The Rev. Mr. Jenkins urges the full cooperation of every citizen of Washington County. The local effort, he said, is a part of the state-wide material goods campaign from April 20 to May 12.

The county chairman also stated that the following steps were to be taken specifically for the collection of goods in this area: bring donations to the church of which the donor is a member, or to the nearest church, not later than 10 a. m. Monday morning, May 12.

These goods will then be collected and carried to the Legion Hall in Plymouth where they will be packed and sent to New Windsor, Md., from which point they will be sorted and shipped overseas.

Mr. Jenkins remarked that undernourishment on a large scale in Europe and other foreign lands makes warm clothing more important than ever. The state goal is at least one pound of clothing for each citizen of North Carolina.