

Speaking Contest Here Tomorrow

The district elimination in the soil conservation public speaking contest for high school students will be held in the agriculture building here Friday afternoon, starting at 2 o'clock.

The district winner will receive a \$50 savings bond, while a \$25 bond will go to the runner-up. The district winners advance to the state finals, which will be held in Raleigh Friday of next week, March 25, starting at 10 o'clock in the morning.

Counties included in the northeastern district are: Beaufort, Bertie, Greene, Hyde, Martin, Pitt, Washington, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Hertford, Pasquotank, Perquimans and Tyrrell. Dennis Davis, Plymouth High School student, won the county contest held at Roper last week and will represent Washington County. Ruth Ann Spruill, of Columbia, will represent Tyrrell County, and is the only girl contestant in the group.

Equalization Board Orders 12 Changes At Meet This Week

The weather has been paying very little attention to the calendar for the past three months. This section was blessed with spring-like weather through much of January and February, while March, thus far, has been cold and blustery.

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Spring Season Begins Sunday

According to tradition, spring comes on March 21st. However, the World Almanac, which likes to be exact about these things, says the vernal equinox, marking the official beginning of spring, occurs at 5:49 p. m., on Sunday, March 20th. At any rate, next week marks the beginning of the spring season, and it will be very welcome throughout this region.

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Joyner Resigns as Business Manager Of Ball Club Here

W. H. Joyner this week forwarded his resignation as business manager of the local baseball club to the board of directors and President A. J. Riddle. Mr. Joyner explained that he would not be able to devote the time necessary to the job and said he was resigning early so that the club would not be handicapped in getting ready for opening of the season.

Is Arrested Twice Within Two Hours

Last Saturday wasn't the 13th, but it was an unlucky day for Milton Norman, colored, who operates a store in West Roper and is a part-time preacher also. Sheriff J. K. Reid caught him twice within two hours for dispensing non-tax-paid liquor, and he drew a fine of \$100 and costs on each count when he was arraigned in recorder's court here Tuesday.

Old Barn at Lake Burned Monday

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Albemarle Schoolmasters In Regular Meet Monday

Roy F. Lowry, county superintendent of public instruction; H. L. Furr, principal of the Creswell school; and J. F. Fleming, principal of the Plymouth schools, attended the monthly meeting of the Albemarle Schoolmasters' Club in Elizabeth City Monday night. Mr. Lowry is president of the club and presided over the session.

Number Guests Invited To Jaycee Meet Friday

Members of the Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce will be hosts to a number of prominent citizens of Washington County at their regular dinner-meeting tomorrow night at 7 o'clock in the Christian Church Annex.

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Roper Ruritans Plan Amateur Show 25th

The Roper Ruritan Club is planning to sponsor an amateur talent show Friday night, March 25, at 8 o'clock in the Roper High School Auditorium. Charles Mizell, who will emcee the show, is rounding up the talent. He reports that already he has received entries from Plymouth, Jamesville, Farm Life, Creswell and Roper. Mr. Mizell asks any person who wants to be in the show to phone him at 313-1 Roper.

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Winners of Safety Contests at Plant Here Get Rewards

A series of informal dinners is planned for shift workers of the North Carolina Pulp Company, starting last night and continuing through April 1st, according to W. H. Gaylord and R. E. Bowen, who are in charge of arrangements. The dinners will be given in honor of winning shift workers in the continuing safety campaign at the pulp plant, and awards are to be given winners for the period which ended last December 31st.

County Board Requests Action on 3 Local Bills

Politics Here Slow To Warm Up This Year

Although the municipal election is less than two months off, town politics are slow to begin warming up this year. Not a single formal announcement of candidacy has been made, although a few members of the council have discussed informally whether or not they intend to run.

Would Stagger Terms of Commissioners' Eliminate Jury Trials in Recorder's Court

While meeting as a board of tax equalization and review here Monday, members of the county board of commissioners also discussed several proposals which they are requesting Representative E. O. Arnold to have enacted into law during the current session of the legislature. The clerk was instructed to write the representative and ask him to introduce three bills for passage as soon as possible.

Candidates For Legion Officers to Be Selected

A nominating committee was appointed at the local American Legion meeting last Friday night to select candidates for the election of new officers of the post to be held Friday night March 25. Members of the nominating committee are Bruce Bateman, P. W. Brown, Blount Rodman, Robert Tetterton and W. S. Daventport. Other routine business matters were taken up by the post members.

Lake Phelps Legion Post Meets Monday

There will be a meeting of the Lake Phelps Post, No. 391, American Legion, in the school building at Creswell Monday night at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to attend. Refreshments will be served. Dr. J. M. Phelps is commander of the post, and H. S. Woodley is adjutant.

Williamston Colored Band Plays Friday

The Williamston Colored High School Band will give a concert in the Plymouth Colored High School tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock. The program is being sponsored by the Progressive Club of the Mount Hebron A.M.E. Zion Church. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Expected Directors Will Hold Meeting in Near Future to Choose His Successor

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Meet To Organize Rural Scout Pack

A training session for the organization of a rural Cub Scout Pack will be held in the home of Mrs. Perry Turner on the Washington Highway tonight at 7 o'clock.

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