

Five Men Named to Board of Education

Names of five men appointed to the Washington County Board of Education are contained in the omnibus bill introduced into the lower house of the General Assembly Tuesday night.

and Wade Hardison, of Roper; James W. Norman, of Plymouth; P. E. Belanga, of Creswell; and Walter W. White, of Skinnerville.

Several County Bills Passed by Assembly

Corn Planting Gets Underway

A big majority of county farmers are getting ready to plant corn, County Farm Agent W. V. Hays said yesterday.

Other Local Measures Pending; Only Three Sponsored by County Board Commissioners

Only one of the three bills requested by the Washington County Commissioners at their meeting March 14 has been enacted into law by the General Assembly so far.

Tobacco plants are said to be small and not too plentiful at this time. However, transplanting time for this crop is still about a month away.

After the corn crop is planted, peanuts are next on the program, usually starting around April 20.

Cancer Drive Will Get Underway in County Tomorrow

Quota is \$800, With 40 Per Cent To Be Retained for Benefit of County Patients

Washington County's first annual cancer drive fund campaign under the American Cancer Society scheduled to begin tomorrow will begin without a staff of solicitors, Mrs. W. J. Woolard, county commander said yesterday.

Play by Creswell Seniors Tonight

Creswell.—The senior class play, "In Again! Out Again!" a three-act comedy, will be presented at Creswell High School auditorium Thursday night of this week at 8 o'clock.

The cast of characters includes the following seniors: Rebecca Patrick, Maudie Twiddy, Stancel White, Alice Davenport, Norma Riddick, Stanley Hufton, Thomas Nooney, Phillip Johnson, Vivian Holton, Jackie Craddock, Dorothy Mae Ambrose, and Mary Gaither.

No Candidacies Yet For Election May 3

Not a single candidate has officially filed thus far for any of the seven municipal offices at stake in the town election on May 3rd.

Mayor A. J. Riddle said this week he had not made up his mind whether he would be a candidate or not. W. H. Joyner has indicated he would run for reelection as councilman from the first ward, but E. D. Keel, other member of the council from that ward, is still on the undecided list.

Talent Show at Roper Tomorrow

Postponed last Friday night because of power failure, the amateur show sponsored by the Roper Ruritan Club will be presented in the high school auditorium there Friday night of this week at 8 o'clock.

At least 18 amateur acts will be in competition for the long list of prizes to be awarded. Specialty numbers of practically every description, including impersonations, vocal selections, instrumental numbers, hill-billy and other band arrangements, blues singers, singers of "sweet" and "hot" music, and comedy skits, are all on the skit, and a full evening's entertainment is assured.

Charlie Mizell will be master of ceremonies. Prizes range from \$15 cash to various items of merchandise donated by cooperating merchants, all to be awarded the successful contestants. Proceeds from the show will be used for purchasing an oil stove for the community building.

Pre-School Clinics To Be Held Here April 4th and 8th

First in Series That Will Be Held at Principal Schools in County; For White and Colored

Pre-school clinics set up by the District Health Department will be operated next Monday for the Plymouth White School Children and next Friday for the Plymouth Colored School Children. Clinics will be held in other sections of the county on designated dates during the remainder of the month.

Members of the Plymouth Parent-Teacher Association will aid clinic officials here Monday. The health department announced last week that any school child who has not been vaccinated for whooping cough, diphtheria, and smallpox will not be allowed to enter school in Washington County next fall.

Previously it had been the policy for the nurse to visit each school at the beginning of the school year to vaccinate all children who had not been vaccinated before.

The schedule for pre-school clinics in Washington County is as follows:

Plymouth White School Children report Monday April 4 in the legion hall at 9:30 a. m.; Plymouth Colored, Friday April 8, Colored School 10 a. m.; Roper White, Monday April 11, Roper School at 10 a. m.; Roper Colored, Friday April 15, Colored School, 10 a. m.; Creswell White, Monday April 25, Creswell High School, 10 a. m.; Creswell Colored, Friday April 22, Colored School, 10 a. m.

Thieves Break in 4251; Get Very Little Cash

Someone broke in the "4251" restaurant on West Water Street last night or early this morning between 11:30 p. m. and 6 a. m. and stole \$7 in cash from the cash register, according to Jack Owens, manager.

The thief or thieves entered the restaurant by way of the window to the men's rest room. Exit was made by the side door. Nothing was taken other than the \$7, Mr. Owens reported. About a dollars worth of pennies were left in the cash register.

Install Equipment for Shelling Seed Peanuts

New seed peanut shelling equipment was installed this week at the Newman farm, one mile east of Plymouth on the old Mackeys Road, by James H. Ward and Percy R. Ashby. They plan to start operations tomorrow (Friday) and will be glad to serve peanut farmers of this section.

The machinery installed by Ward and Ashby is said to be the most satisfactory type employed in this work, giving more planting kernels per bag than any other method. They invite farmers to visit their place and observe the new equipment in operation.

Potato Growers Meeting To Be Held in Columbia

Commercial Irish potato producers in Washington County are invited to attend a meeting in Columbia on Thursday, April 21, at 3 p. m., when methods of handling potatoes from digging to delivery at markets will be discussed. Several speakers will be present from the Extension Service of North Carolina State College, and all phases of potato production will be considered. Slides and moving pictures also will be shown.

Collect \$1,903.79 for Red Cross Campaign

Washington County's Annual Red Cross Drive is officially closed for this year, according to W. J. Woolard, county chairman, who reports a total collection of \$1,903.79.

The figure collected is \$353.79 over the goal set for this county by the District Red Cross, but \$46.21 short of the \$1,950 personal goal set by Mr. Woolard.

The National Red Cross quota was reached in the first five days of the month, when Mr. Woolard directed his "whirlwind campaign" to top the goal. The county chairman wishes to thank all the section chairmen and their staffs who made the

Concrete Walks at School Paid for by Parents-Teachers

Work Is Nearing Completion on Five New Sections; One More Is Needed

The fifth section of the new concrete walks being laid in front of the Plymouth High School building and the annex is just about complete, according to Louis Owens, supervisor of the job. The Plymouth Parent-Teacher Association is sponsoring the project.

New walks already completed are from the right entrance of the high school building to the Washington Street sidewalk and a like walk from the left entrance to the street sidewalk. Another walk extends from the right entrance joining old center walk to the front entrance. A similar walk extends from the left entrance. The fifth section of the new walk, which remains to be completed, extends from the left entrance of the high school building and will reach the entrance to the annex.

Mrs. H. C. Carter, president of the Parent-Teacher Association, said that this project alone would cost approximately \$600. Another walk is planned, but funds will have to be raised for it. The planned walk would extend from the arcade between the two buildings to the gymnasium entrance. The association would also like to have the main entrance walk to the high school building rebuilt.

Members of the local parent-teacher association raised the \$600 for the walk project for the most part by serving dinners to civic clubs. Mrs. Carter said she was trying to get the money for the remainder of the program by donation, as the school year is getting short.

After the walks are complete the P-T-A is planning to beautify the school grounds by planting shrubbery in appropriate places. Several women's clubs have already declared they would donate the shrubbery, according to Mrs. Carter. However, the planting will not take place until next fall.

Baseball Game Set for Sunday

Unable to secure any of the college or Coastal Plain league teams in this section for an exhibition game with the Mahanoy City (Pa.) Brewers here Sunday, Bill Joyner announced yesterday that an all-star aggregation would meet them. The game will be played at the local park, starting at 3 p. m.

The local all-star aggregation will include a number of players who performed in the Albemarle, Martin County and other leagues of this section last year. The perennial "Slim" Gardner, of Jamesville, has agreed to start on the mound, and "Monk" Webb, who was with Edenton last year, also is expected to perform. "Gas-house" Parker and Johnny Bonhok, also of Edenton, have agreed to play, and local players include Ted Pinner, "Zero" Holliday, Streeter Tugwell, and others. Efforts are being made to get John Wolfe, signed this week as an outfielder for the Rams, to come over from Greenville and take part.

Attend Paper Makers' Convention Last Week

Charles H. Painter and James M. Hamilton spent last week in Cincinnati, Ohio, as delegates from the local union at the 19th annual convention of the International Brotherhood of Paper Makers.

To Begin Registering for Town Election Saturday

Regular Meetings of Boards Here Monday

The County Board of Commissioners and the County Board of Education have scheduled meetings in the courthouse Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

The county commissioners will meet as a board of equalization and review Monday morning to consider the cases of nine persons or firms who failed to list their taxes for 1948. Those called to the meeting are representatives of the Plymouth FCX Store,

Manning Motor Company, H. E. Harrison Wholesale Company, Ralph S. Browning, C. J. Norman, Still Realty and Insurance Company, Pembroke Baker, Dr. L. W. White and Rose's 5 and 10-Cent Store.

The matter of dog vaccinations is also scheduled to be considered by the commissioners.

Matters of a routine nature are slated to be discussed by the members of the board of education.

Books to Continue Open Through 23rd; Complete New Registration Is Ordered

Registration books for the town election on May 3 open Saturday and will continue open through April 23. A completely new registration has been ordered, due to changes in the boundaries of wards since the last election two years ago. Regardless of how many times a person has voted in the past, he or she will not be eligible to vote on May 3rd unless registered during the time the books are open.

Registrars and judges of election were appointed by the city councilmen at their meeting March 7th. However, it is reported the registrar appointed for the second ward, J. T. McNair, has declined to serve, and city officials did not know yesterday who would be named in his stead. An appointment will be made between now and Saturday, and the registrar will be at the polling place on each Saturday from then until April 23rd. Saturday, April 30, will be challenge day.

In addition to registering prospective voters at the several polling places on Saturdays, the registrars will also register those who present themselves wherever the books are kept on all other days during the registration period. Registrars will be at the polling places until 9 p. m. on the last registration day.

Boundaries of the three wards, polling places, registrars and judges of election are as follows: First Ward: That portion of the town lying east of the center line of Washington Street; polling place at the courthouse; Clarence Blount, registrar; E. A. Harrison and R. W. Johnston, judges of election.

Second Ward: All that portion of the town lying between the center lines of Washington and Wilson Streets; polling place, office of the Roanoke Coal Company, corner of Jefferson and Washington Streets; J. T. McNair, registrar; T. E. Ainsley and W. S. Hardison, judges of election.

Third Ward: That portion of the town lying to the west of the center line of Wilson Street; polling place, Arrants' Garage on Wilson Street Extended at the entrance to Little Richmond Village; Mrs. Ray Brown, registrar; Rev. J. F. Miller and C. E. Ayers, judges of election.

Boy Scout Camporee Here This Week-End

To Be Held at Stillacres Saturday and Sunday; Columbia, Roper, Creswell Boys Expected

The first Albemarle District Boy Scout Camporee ever held in Plymouth will be set up on the hut property at Stillacres Saturday and Sunday.

Scout patrols from Plymouth, Plymouth Rural Route, Roper, Creswell and Columbia, all in this district are expected to attend. Patrols from the Martin County District have been invited to attend. A contingent of sea scouts will also set up camp and act as advisors in special events.

Scouts will register on the hut property Saturday morning at 10 o'clock prepared to stay all night and cook four meals. The camporee will break-up Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The Albemarle District Camporee is a preparatory camp for the council camporee to be held in Washington April 22, 23 and 24th. A full round of scouting events have been planned including, cooking, first aid, tent pitching, compass, knot tying, signalling, judging, tracking, camp layout, and inspection. Points will be gained from these events toward three camporee prizes. The first prize is a blue ribbon; second, red ribbon; and third a white ribbon.

Saturday night a big campfire program is planned from 8 to 10 o'clock. Old time campfire songs, an address by the Rev. P. B. Nickens, playlets given by each patrol, a talk by George Brown, field executive of the East Carolina Council about the Washington Camporee is included in the program. The public is cordially invited to attend the campfire ceremonies.

Sunday morning at 8:45 o'clock the Rev. E. M. Spruill, of the Grace Episcopal Church, will conduct church services.

License Required For Herring Nets

Fishermen who use set or dip nets for herring in inland waters of this section were reminded this week by County Game Protector J. T. Terry that a license is required for each net in use. These licenses may be obtained from Mr. Terry or any of his deputies in the county at a cost of 50 cents each.

Licenses are not required for using set or dip nets in Roanoke River or Albemarle Sound, as these are commercial waters. However they are required if used on creeks or canals in the county. Most of this type of fishing is carried on in the Lake Phelps region, Mr. Terry stated. Licenses may be obtained from J. E. Pierce in that section.

Colored Farmers To Meet Saturday

All colored farmers of Washington County are urged to attend a meeting in the Agriculture Building in Plymouth, Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, to organize as part of the Washington County Farm Bureau.

R. Flake Shaw, vice president and secretary of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation will speak on the aims and ideals of this organization.

Senior Play Here Tonight

The senior class of Plymouth High School will present Jay Tobias' "Here Comes Charlie," a three-act comedy in the school auditorium here tonight at 8 o'clock. Students in the high school building will see the play performed this afternoon.

Charlie Hopps, a young hill-billy girl, makes her home with a sophisticated family in the big city, when she becomes orphaned. The escapades she takes part in and the embarrassment she creates should highly please the audience.

Mrs. W. J. Weaver is the director of the play.

Broken Wire Puts Area in Dark for Two Hours Friday

Several Events Put Off And Others Held With Makeshift Lighting Facilities Last Week

A broken cross wire on a power pole causing a top wire to make contact with a bottom wire two miles east of Robersonville Friday night plunging this area, from Tarboro to Columbia, into darkness for two hours and ten minutes. Electric power went off at 7 p. m. and came on again at 9:10 p. m.

During the two hour blackout a number of local events were postponed, some carried on with candlelight and still others by storage and dry cell batteries.

Members of the local Plymouth American Legion post were just beginning a meeting to elect new officers when darkness postponed the event to the next regular meeting, Friday, April 8. Bruce Bateman pushed a light switch in the court room of the courthouse, where the meeting was to be held, but the lights went off a moment after he pressed the switch. First thought was that a fuse had been blown.

Roy F. Lowry, superintendent county schools, who was working in his office had papers full of figures spread out on a large table, where he was tabulating lists of fuel for schools to use (See BLACKOUT, Page 12)

Sale of City Property To Be Held Monday

Very little interest has been evidenced thus far in the proposed auction sale of several pieces of real estate owned by the town, set for noon next Monday in front of the courthouse door.

The property to be offered includes the fire department building and municipal building, as well as a vacant lot on Water Street, the structure immediately back of these three places, presently occupied by the D. & N. Laundry, and two lots on West Main Street.

W. L. Whitley, attorney for the town, will conduct the sale. He has invited prospective purchasers to suggest the manner in which they would like the property divided, but had received none the first of this week. He emphasizes that this is not a forced sale, and the city council has reserved the right to reject any and all bids.

The council proposed to sell off these items of real estate and use the proceeds to improve the city market building and erect a new fire department building on the lot adjoining the city water tank. The modernized city market building would be used to house the police department, city clerk's office and other town activities.