

D. B. Jones county soil conservationist; E. H. Liverman, of Plymouth; C. L. Heynen, of Wena; and Hoyt R. Davenport, of Creswell, are attending a soil conservation field trip in Pitt County near Greenville today.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cox and daughters, Bob Bateman, Mr. and Mrs. J. Brinson Cox, Mrs. Isoline Jackson, Mrs. Lorraine Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Britt, Mrs. Mollie Chesson, of Plymouth, and Mrs. Edna Mizell, of Roper, attended the funeral for little Billy Jackson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Jackson, jr., in Windsor Monday afternoon.

Matthew Ranson Martin, a graduate of Plymouth High School some years ago, is now a senior at the University of Southern California, according to Howard Patmore, registrar. Mr. Martin served in the Army Air Corps during World War II, and is studying journalism at Southern Cal. He is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Van B. Martin, of Plymouth.

Check 152 Children In Pre-School Clinics

Officials of the district health department have vaccinated 152 Washington County children of pre-school age in their first three sessions of the pre-school clinic.

There have been 75 Plymouth white children vaccinated; 57 Plymouth colored and 20 Roper white. The 20 vaccinated from Roper is far below the number expected from that area, according to Miss Elizabeth Wood, public health nurse. She says that twice that many should have reported for vaccination.

If any children miss being

Over 700 Register In Three Wards for Election May 3rd

Registration for the town election on May 3rd picked up sharply during the first and second wards during the past week, but continues to lag in the third ward. The books will be open for a little more than a week yet, and local people are again reminded that a new registration has been ordered, which means that everyone who wants to vote in the municipal election must register between now and 9 p. m., Saturday, April 23, when the books close.

Up to yesterday afternoon 308 persons had been registered in the first ward by Clarence Blount, registrar. He said that about represented the total voting strength of the ward, and he does not expect to add more than 25 or 30 more before the books close.

In the second ward, Mrs. C. A. Cratch had registered a total of 349 up to yesterday afternoon. It is estimated there may be another hundred or so to register in this ward, now the largest in the town.

Mrs. Ray Brown, third ward registrar, had registered only 66 up to yesterday. However, she expects to begin canvassing her section for additional registrants within the next few days. This was the method employed in the other two wards and is largely responsible for the much larger registration in them.

The books are open for registration every day, in the first ward at Mr. Blount's home; in the second ward at Satterthwaite Motor Co., where Mrs. Cratch is employed; and at Mrs. Brown's home in the third ward. On Saturdays, the books are at the polling places, as follows: First ward, courthouse; second ward, Roanoke Coal Company office, corner of Water and Jefferson Streets; third ward, at Arrants' Garage.

Superior Court To Convene Tuesday For Brief Session

Judge Chester Morris To Preside; Civil Calendar Is Arranged for Three Day-Term

A three-day civil calendar has been scheduled for the April term of Superior Court to begin Tuesday morning here in the courthouse. The court was originally set to begin Monday, but the day being Easter Monday, it was decided to convene court a day later.

Judge Chester Morris, of Currituck County, is scheduled to preside.

The cases and the days they are calendared to appear are:

Tuesday, April 19—Ethel Keys vs. Ivory J. Keys; Lyman Elks vs. Maureen S. Elks, R. L. McNair vs. Ethel L. McNair; Lewis Cherry vs. Alice Cherry; Mary Thomas vs. John Thomas; William E. Hedgebeth vs. Lillian D. Hedgebeth; Ed L. Owens vs. P. H. Darden; O. D. Hatfield vs. Earl Midgett; Rotelia Kenny vs. Henry J. Woolard.

Wednesday, April 20—W. H. Oliver vs. C. E. Ayers; Pacific Fire Insurance Company vs. C. E. Ayers; J. S. Shugar vs. Seaton Davenport, et al.; W. E. Knowles, et al vs. Junior Spruill.

Thursday, April 21—Willie Mizelle vs. Hyacinthe Mizelle.

Eight Candidates File for City Offices in Past Week

Appoint Registrar for Roper Election May 3

Arrangements have just about been completed for holding the Town of Roper election on Tuesday, May 3, it was learned yesterday from A. R. Phelps, city clerk. Members of the city council recently designated Mrs. Helen Phelps as registrar and directed that the registration book be opened Saturday of this week, April 16, and remain open through the following Saturday, April 23.

A mayor and three members of the city council will be elected in May. Present officials are Reynold Spruill, mayor; L. L. Mizell, E. N. Chesson and H. S. Everett, council members. So far none have definitely indicated whether or not they will be candidates. Deadline for filing is 6 p. m., on Thursday, April 23, according to the city clerk, with whom notices of candidacies are to be filed.

Mrs. Phelps will have the registration book at her home across the street from the polling place, starting Saturday. It will be open for the registration of new voters from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. daily and until 9 o'clock each Saturday night during the registration period. It is not necessary for those who have voted in previous town elections to register again.

Three Aspirants for Two Places on Council From First Ward; No Other Contests Yet

Town politics perked up considerably this week, with a total of eight candidates filing for offices at stake in the municipal election on May 3rd. Only one contest has developed thus far, with three candidates for the two places as councilmen in the first ward, but several others are understood to be in the making; and by next week the political pot should really be boiling.

Candidates who have filed thus far include Mayor A. J. Riddle, who announces for reelection; W. H. Joyner, E. D. Keel, and E. Ludford McNair, for councilmen from the first ward; John E. West and Robert E. Bowen, for councilmen from the second ward; J. A. Holbrook and Max Willette, for councilmen from the third ward.

Messrs. Joyner and Keel are both members of the present council and the first to announce formally for reelection. Mr. McNair, a Plymouth native, is active in organized labor circles and is making his first bid for a town office. He is president of the Plymouth Central Labor Union and a vice president of the State Federation of Labor.

Both Mr. West and Mr. Bowen are natives of Plymouth and are making their first try for local offices. Mr. West is an employee of the North Carolina Pulp Company and resides in the Red Hill section of the second ward. Mr. Bowen is superintendent of the pulp mill and lives on Jefferson Street.

Both third ward candidates are employees of the North Carolina Pulp Company. Mr. Holbrook resides in Little Richmond Village and Mr. Willette lives in the country.

Quite a number of other candidacies have been rumored, especially for councilmen, and it is expected the second ward anyway will have some additional entries within the next week. A few names have been mentioned as possible candidates for mayor, in addition to Mr. Riddle, and there may be developments along this line in another week or so.

None of the incumbent second and third ward councilmen have announced for reelection. Shep Brinkley and Harold Whitley, of the old second ward, have indicated that they would not be candidates; and A. J. Byrd, of the old third ward has likewise stated he did not expect to run again. George Harrison, jr., of the old third ward, is expected to announce his candidacy in the near future.

Except for the Branch Banking & Trust Company, there was no observance locally of Halifax Day, April 12, one of the two dates on the North Carolina State flag. In fact, few people thought of the day being a legal holiday until they went to the bank and found it closed. The date commemorates passage of the "Halifax Resolves," on April 12, 1776, empowering North Carolina delegates to act with the other colonial delegations in promulgating the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.

Dog Vaccinating To Start Monday

Owners are reminded to have their dogs vaccinated during the coming week, when a county-wide campaign will be held. The vaccination will be done by Paul Basnigt and Foy Davenport, acting under instructions of Sheriff J. K. Reid. They will visit every locality in the county during the week, and Sheriff Reid warns that the state law requires all dogs to be vaccinated.

A complete schedule has been worked out, and dogs must be brought to the points listed, as there will be no house-to-house vaccinating as in former years. The fee for vaccinating includes all dog taxes. In the Town of Plymouth \$2 will be collected for each male and \$4 for each female dog vaccinated. In the remainder of the county the fee, including county dog tax, is \$1 for males and \$2 for females. Owners are subject to prosecution for failure to have their dogs vaccinated by the tax paid.

Following is the schedule to be followed by Messrs. Basnigt and Davenport next week:

Monday and Tuesday, April 18-19, all day at police station in Plymouth.

Wednesday, April 20: 9 to 11 a. m., at Stillman's Store, Long Ridge; 12 to 2 p. m., at Holton's filling station at end of Turnpike; 3 to 5 p. m., at Williams' filling station, Wena.

Thursday, April 21: 9 to 11 a. m., at The Pines; 11 a. m. to 1 p. m., at Chesson's store, Westover; 1 to 3 p. m., at Davenport's store, Mackeys; 3 to 4 p. m., at Tommy Tarkington's filling station, Pleasant Grove; 4 to 6 p. m., at Texaco service station, Roper.

Friday, April 22: 9 to 11 a. m., at the "Y," Skinnerville; 12 to 2 p. m., at Davenport's garage, Creswell; 2 to 4 p. m., at H. P. Barnes' store, Cherry.

Over 170 Entries In Corn Contest

Approximately 170 Washington County farmers have entered the 100-bushel corn contest, according to County Agent W. V. Hays. As a result of interest in the contest some 4,000 acres in the county will be planted to hybrid varieties of corn, an increase of probably 1,000 acres over last year. Normally, the county has about 6,000 or 7,000 acres of all types of corn.

Mr. Hays was working up the list of prizes to be given winners in the contest when the results are tabulated next fall. Local merchants and business houses are giving most of the prizes, many of which will consist of articles of merchandise or services to be rendered.

Commenting on the acreage to hybrid corn, Mr. Hays said that it would be even larger if the seed was available. Some growers have experienced difficulty in securing approved varieties of seed, and many dealers are reported to be completely sold out. Some farmers have already completed their planting operations.

Complete Schedule Outlined To Cover All Sections of County; Cooperation Urged

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Plymouth residents missed seeing the total eclipse of the moon Tuesday night as clouds dominated the skies. However another eclipse of the moon is expected about October 6 of this year. Moon gazers and potential astronomers will have to wait until that date to see the moon pass into the shadow of the earth.

James H. Ward, lieutenant commander in the USNR, resumed his work as an insurance agent here this week after spending his annual two weeks tour of duty with the Navy. He shipped out of Charleston, S. C., aboard a mine sweeper. After spending several days in Christobel, Panama, the sweeper returned to the coast from Cape Hatteras to take part in fleet maneuvers.

Seine Fishing on River Said Poor

Seine fishing in the Roanoke River at Jamesville was reported to be very poor in Jamesville the first of this week, with not more than 200 to 500 herring being caught on each haul. Few other types of fish were being caught at that time. However, drift netters were said to be picking up about 100 herring on each cast Sunday. Most of the catches are being sold right off the battery.

Wednesday was reported to be a banner day for set-net herring fishing in the Mackeys section, with most of the fishermen getting good catches.

Seine fishing on the river is expected to reach a climax by Easter Monday, although operations usually continue well into the month of May.

Little Blue Mold Is Reported in County

Tobacco plant beds in Washington County are said to be in splendid condition at this time, County Agent W. V. Hays reported yesterday. He said that many farmers had plants ready for transplanting and that he had heard of very little blue mold, although some farmers have started spraying in anticipation of trouble from that source.

Reports from Martin County state that blue mold is prevalent in almost every section, although the attack has not proven disastrous thus far.

Burning Oil Stove Smokes Up House

A smoked house was about all the damage a burning oil stove did at the home of James Bell, colored, early Monday morning, according to Miller Warren, fire chief. The Plymouth Fire Department was called to the East Fourth Street home about 8:30

Firemen Attend District Meeting

Members of the Plymouth Fire Department attended a district meeting of the East Carolina Firemen's Association at Belhaven Tuesday night.

Fire departments at the Edenton Air Base and the town of Newport were taken into the association. The association now includes 49 fire departments in 30 counties in eastern North Carolina.

Firemen attending from Plymouth were Miller Warren, fire chief; Earl Bowen, Carlyle Dowdy; E. L. McNair; Rankin Ambrose, Nick Ange, Jack Willoughby, R. S. Edwards, Jack Stubbs, Philip Liverman, Tom Burgess, Tom Sanderson and H. L. Britton.

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Name Officers of Legion Post

Dallas Waters was named commander of the James E. Jethro Post, No. 164, American Legion at the annual election held last Friday night.

Other officers elected are: F. M. Carpenter, first vice commander; James Boyce, second vice commander; Hubert Ange, third vice commander; Newman Allen, adjutant; P. B. Brown, finance director; and W. S. Davenport, membership chairman.

The new officers will be installed at the next regular meeting of the post, Friday night, April 22.

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AAA Office Starts Task of Compiling Crop Acreage Data

The county AAA office last week started on one of its most extensive jobs in recent years, the compilation of farm acreage reports, covering the acreage planted to every type of crop grown in the county and on every farm in the county. The report covers the crop years of 1941, 1942, 1946, 1947, 1948, and 1949, and it must be completed by June 30, according to Miss Miriam Ausbon, chief clerk.

Each farm operator in the county—and there are more than 900 of them—will be called up to give the acreages he planted to all crops during the years mentioned. The office workers will assemble all the data available from records now in the files, but it will be necessary to call in farm operators to complete the reports, since not all crops are covered in the information presently kept at the office.

Miss Ausbon said that farmers would be called in to assist in completing the reports, and it is essential that the information be as accurate as possible, as the totals must agree with the total acreage of cultivated acreage on each farm.

Sale of Town's Property Fails

There was very little interest in the proposed sale of several pieces of town-owned property when it was offered at auction last Monday. Only about 8 or 10 people were on hand, and only one or two bids were entered, regarded as certain to be rejected. A council meeting is to be held later to pass on the bids.

Edward L. Owens bid \$200 for the two lots on West Main Street. They are located at the site of the old town trash dump. Mayor A. J. Riddle tried to stimulate interest in bidding for the Water Street property, including municipal building, laundry building and the lot extending back to the river. He raised the bid to \$16,000 on the whole lot, but there was no further bidding. Attempts to sell the property in several tracts also failed.

Materials Arrive For Water-Sewer In Red Hill Area

Materials needed for extension of city water and sewer lines in the Red Hill section have been received and placed, and the work will get underway as soon as a ditching machine can be secured, possibly within a week or two, it was learned yesterday from Chief of Police P. W. Brown, who will be in charge of the project. The work is to be done by a town crew of workmen, he stated.

It is planned to install about 3,000 feet of 6-inch water main and 800 feet of 2-inch mains, in addition to 3,000 feet of 8-inch sewer lines on West and Latham Avenues. Six fire hydrants are to be installed. All the pipe and hydrants have been received and placed on the site of the project, Chief Brown stated.

The new lines will serve about 25 houses, according to town officials, and it will complete the work planned in that area. Lines have already been installed to serve much of the Red Hill section, it was stated.

Estimated cost of the project now underway is around \$14,000 to \$15,000, according to Mr. Brown. The cast-iron water pipe alone, about 3,000 feet, cost in the neighborhood of \$5,000, he stated.

Cantata Sunday By Junior Choir

The Youth's Choir of the Plymouth Methodist Church will present the cantata, "At Dawn," by William Baines, on Easter Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock, in the Methodist church. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The cantata opens with a chorus of 20 voices, composed of some of the best talent in Plymouth, singing "This Is the Day Which the Lord Has Made." Immediately following, the tempo and expression changes to a quieter mood, leading into the acknowledgment "That we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the World." This movement closes the prologue and leads into the main theme, "At Dawn," which opens with a soprano duet, "As It Began To Dawn." Then that which follows in song and verse vividly depicts the sacred events that occurred on that first Easter dawn.

The cantata is under the direction of Mrs. Kathleen Nobles, and Lloyd Gilbert is the accompanist at the organ.

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Thomas W. Davis Rites Wednesday

Thomas W. Davis, 71, husband of Ida Chesson Davis, of Roper Route 1, died at home Tuesday at 3 p. m. He had been in declining health for two years.

Funeral services were held yesterday from the Horner Funeral Home at 2 p. m. Interment was made in the Wingham Cemetery. The Rev. B. E. Bingham, of Roper, conducted the services.

Cancer Drive Is Far Below Goal

Washington County's first annual cancer drive fund campaign under the American Cancer Society is "creeping along" according to Mrs. W. J. Woolard, county commander of the society. Only \$154 had been collected through Tuesday. The goal for the county is \$800.

Mrs. Woolard reminds Washington countians that there is only 17 more days left as the campaign for cancer funds ends the last day of this month.

More funds are expected to be collected next week as she and the Rev. E. M. Spruill, county chairman, took a cancer fund bank to each school in the county this week.

Bingo Games Will Be Held Again This Week

Bingo games sponsored jointly by members of the Plymouth American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars organizations have been scheduled again for tonight, tomorrow and Saturday nights in the Legion Hall. Games get underway at 7:30 o'clock each night.

Proceeds from these games will go towards the veterans building fund.

High School Football Game Here Friday Night

A football game will be played under the lights at the baseball park here Friday night between the Plymouth High School team and an all-star group composed of former local high school players. Proceeds will be used to pay off a deficit incurred by the high school athletic association in recently painting and repairing the gymnasium. The kick-off is set for 8 o'clock, and it is hoped a good-sized crowd will be on hand.

The game will mark the end of

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the local high school football team. It has been working out daily for about a month now, and this test will enable local followers to get a preview of how the team will stack up next fall.

The all-star group has some excellent players, who have been working out this week to get in shape for the game tomorrow night. Coach Joe Foster is lending them enough high-school equipment to take care of themselves in the clinches.

The all-stars will include the following: Ends: Clarence Alex-

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ander, Calvin Basnigt, Jimmy Winsett; tackles: Herman Hooker, Junior Leggett; guards: Henry Sawyer, Billy Swain; center: Bosie Owens; backs: Phillip Gurganus, Ralph Basnigt, Ira Ward Asby, Robert Swain, Foster Ange. There are several other prospects who are likely to get into the line-up before the night is over, including Ted Pinner.

Coach Foster said the high school team would be selected from the following: Ends: Leroy Singleton, Phillip Tetterton, Dennis Davis, Edmond Mizell; tackles: Wayne Browning, Douglas Browning, Jewel Hardison, George Shaver; guards: Charles Hohl, McCauley Harris, Hugh Modlin, Alvin Owens; centers: Junior Pierce, Bobby Gurganus; quarterbacks: Jimmy Barnhill, Lynwood Brown; halfbacks: Bobby Jean West, Charles Smith, David Reid, Dennis Davis; fullbacks: Alvin Tuten, Bruce Bateman. Others likely to see action include Paul Singleton, Ronnie Owens, Hardy Cobb, Homer Stynes, Enoch Reid, Gerald Bowen, Hugh Nash, Gerald Beasley.

Recruiting Officer Here Monday and Tuesdays

Sgt. Paul R. Fisher, of the U. S. Army and U. S. Air Force Recruiting Service in Elizabeth City will be in the Plymouth Post Office each Monday and Tuesday from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. to interview all persons interested in enlisting in these branches of service. Sergeant Fisher reminds veterans that they still may be accepted in grades up to Technical Sergeant.

Club Women Hold District Meeting

Headed by Mrs. Frances M. Darden, home demonstration agent, about 40 members of Washington County home demonstration clubs attended the 24th district meeting in Williamston yesterday. A special bus was chartered to take about 25 club women, and several cars were also driven to the sessions.

Sessions were held in the Baptist church, with Dr. I. G. Greer, of the State Medical Care Commission, as guest speaker at the morning meeting. Miss Ruth Current, state home agent, and Mrs. George Apperson, president of the state federation, also made brief talks.

The Williamston High School Band provided music and a parade for the club women at the close of the morning session. Lunch was served at the Woman's Club Building, and the afternoon session featured county reports, committee reports, and a team demonstration by 4-H club members from Beaufort County.

Plymouth PTA Installs Officers

Plymouth Parent-Teacher Association will install its officers for next year at a meeting next Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the local high school auditorium.

Officers up for installation are: Mrs. K. S. Trowbridge, president; Mrs. Lawrence Jones, vice-president; Mrs. Harry Barnhill, recording secretary and Mrs. L. S. Thompson, treasurer.

As a special program, Mrs. Lawrence Jones will review two magazine articles, "An Open Letter to Parents," by Dwight D. Eisenhower and "The Truth About PTA," by Jerome Ellison. Mrs. R. E. Dunning plans to lead the devotionals.

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