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No Interest Yet in May City Election

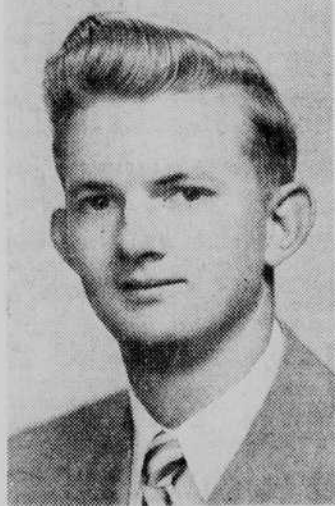
The town political pot will get a chance to start warming up Monday night...

without two regular members, although one vacancy is expected to be filled Monday night.

Several names have been suggested as his successor, and probably one of them will be selected Monday.

23 Men From County Leaving Monday for Pre-Induction Exams

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Dr. Beverley W. Cutler, of Washington, optometrist, recently moved to Plymouth...

Original Call Was for 35 Men, But Changes Case Reduction in Number Presently Available

Twenty-three Washington County young men are scheduled to leave here Monday morning to receive their pre-induction physical examinations...

First County Law Enacted Friday in General Assembly

Deals With Proceeds of Delinquent Taxes; Several Other Local Measures Are Pending

Washington County's first local law of the 1951 legislative session was enacted last Friday...

Another bill backed by the county commissioners barely missed enactment last week.

Mr. Woolard introduced another bill last week, at the request of the Plymouth city council.

One other bill introduced by the county representative is still in the house committee on courts and judicial districts.

From Roper: Alfred M. Davenport, Raymond Norman, Jimmie Bat Jones, William Norman Liverman...

From Creswell: Elvin Leigh, Joe Willie Jones.

Two 36 passenger buses and one 60 passenger bus will be purchased, it was said.

The purchase by the county of three new school buses for use in the county school system was authorized at a called joint meeting...

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The colored unit of the Washington County Farm Bureau will meet Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock in the Roper Agriculture Building...

ACCEPTS CALL



The Rev. Cavin Neill Barnette, of Corbin, Ky., who has accepted a call to the First Christian Church, Plymouth...

Kentucky Minister Accepts Call For Christian Church

The Rev. C. N. Barnette and Wife Moving to Plymouth Today; Services Announced for Sunday

Officials of First Christian Church of Plymouth today announced that the Rev. C. N. Barnette, of Corbin, Ky., has accepted a call to serve as pastor of the local church...

Last Rites For W. M. Peacock

Funeral services were conducted for Walter McDonald Peacock, sr., 75, of Roper, Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock...

PTA Will Present Musicales March 9

The Plymouth Parent-Teacher Association will present some of the pupils of Mesdames Laura Johnson, Robert Mohn and M. Hopkins in a musical Friday, March 9, in the Plymouth High School auditorium...

Baptist Layman To Speak Here

Horace Essom, state director of the Baptist Men's Brotherhood, will address the Men's Brotherhood of Ludford Memorial Baptist Church Monday evening, March 5...

Local Baptists Join In Evangelistic Plan

Ludford Memorial Baptist Church here is joining the 18,000 Baptist churches east of the Mississippi in a simultaneous evangelistic crusade...

Increase Of Five Per Cent In Weed Quotas Announced

Action Taken Tuesday by Secretary Brannan to Meet Expected Increased Demands for Products

A five per cent increase in 1951 quotas for flue-cured tobacco was ordered Tuesday by the United States Department of Agriculture...

The increase is calculated to mean an additional 66 acres of tobacco for growers in Washington County, which added to the present county allotment of 1,320 acres would bring the total county allotment of the weed crop to 1,386 acres...

The new national marketing quotas for flue-cured tobacco are now 1,297,000,000 pounds. The 1951 quota which was set earlier was 1,235,000,000 pounds.

The increases were made, according to Secretary of Agriculture Brannan, to assure ample supplies under the defense emergency. He said a higher level of industrial activity is expected to increase the demand for tobacco products.

Under the quota program, farmers who sell an excess of tobacco grown on their allotment are subject to stiff penalty taxes on excess sales.

Mr. Peacock died at his home at 9:15 o'clock Sunday evening, following an illness of five days during which he had been confined to his bed.

Son of the late Romas and Mary Newberry Peacock, of Roper, Mr. Peacock was born in Washington County, June 8, 1876. He was a lifelong resident of the county, a retired farmer, and a member and until his illness a regular attendant of Concord Primitive Baptist Church of Cherry.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Jenny Peacock; two sons, Leo Peacock, of Maryland, and Walter McDonald Peacock, jr., of Pennsylvania; three daughters, Mrs. Nancy Nesbit, of Louisiana, and Mrs. Shirley Weaver, of Ohio; 13 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

County Boards To Meet Here Monday

Regular first Monday meetings will be held here next Monday by the Washington County board of commissioners and the Plymouth Town Council, but of the Washington County board of education will dispense with its regular monthly meeting, since a called joint meeting of the board of education and the county commissioners was held here Tuesday afternoon.

The only business other than routine that is expected to come before the commissioners Monday is relative to possible local legislation in the General Assembly at Raleigh concerning doing away with juries in recorder court. W. J. Woolard, county representative in the legislature, and possibly some local attorneys are expected to meet with the board.

The city fathers are expected to have a routine business session. Time of the council meeting is 8 p. m. in the city clerk's office. The commissioners meet at 10 a. m. in the courthouse.

Mount Tabor Baptist Church To Have Service Sunday

Services will be held at Mount Tabor Free Will Baptist Church near Creswell at 11 a. m. on the first Sunday in March, the 5th by the Rev. T. F. Davenport, of Creswell. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Red Cross Fund Drive Is Opening In County Today

Creswell P.T.A. Meets March 8

Organization Under County Chairman Roy Manning, Jr. of Plymouth, Begins Solicitations

The Creswell Parent-Teacher Association will hold its monthly meeting in the Creswell High School auditorium on Thursday night of next week, March 8, at 7:30 o'clock, it was announced yesterday by Mrs. T. D. Woodley, publicity chairman.

Mrs. O. Q. Lassiter, of the committee on mental hygiene, will have charge of the program, which will consist of a movie, "The Problem Child." All parents and friends of the school are urged to attend.

The Washington County organization, announced last week, under the chairmanship of Roy Manning, jr., of Plymouth, today was poised to begin active solicitation for funds in the 1951 Red Cross campaign.

The canvass of the Plymouth business section and industrial area is expected to be completed first of all. The quota for the business section is \$500, and that of the industrial section is \$400. For the past several years, the Washington County chapter of the Red Cross has been among the first in the county to reach its quota and Manning expresses the hope that this record will be upheld this year.

Prominent Local Man Buried Here Friday Afternoon

R. A. Williford, 78, Succumbs Thursday After Long Period of Declining Health

Rufus Allison Williford, 78, for more than fifty years a resident and respected citizen of Plymouth, died at his home here at 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon, following a long period of declining health.

Mr. Williford was born in Rocky Mount October 16, 1872, the son of the late M. B. and Jerutha Ann Williford. He came to Plymouth in early manhood and for a period of 20 years or more was in the mercantile business here. After retiring from business, he operated the old Williford Tavern, on the site of the present Plymouth Hotel. He sold this property about five or six years ago, and since that time had not been active in public life.

He was married on April 27, 1898 in Plymouth to Miss Clara Jackson, of Plymouth, who survives. Mr. Williford was a member of Grace Episcopal Church here and was an honorary vestryman of the church.

Funeral services were conducted at Grace Church Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock by the rector, the Rev. Edward M. Spruill, and burial followed in the church cemetery. The remains were at Corner's Funeral Home here until the time of service.

Surviving besides the widow are one daughter, Mrs. Jacquelyn W. Norman, of Richmond, Va.; one son, H. A. Williford, of Plymouth; four grandchildren; 2 great grandchildren; three sisters, Mrs. Lessie Little and Mrs. Estelle McGee, of Rocky Mount, and Mrs. Mattie Hobbs, of Newport News, Va., and one brother, L. B. Williford, of Washington, D. C.

Veterans Dance Set Here Friday Night, March 16

A definite date for the recently postponed Veterans' Ball here was announced this week by W. J. Weaver, of the Bosie Bateman Post No. 4023, Veterans of Foreign Wars. The dance will be held in the Plymouth High School gymnasium Friday evening, March 16, beginning at 9 o'clock. Music will be furnished by Bob Jones and his Boats of Washington.

During intermission a drawing will be held and a television set will be presented to the lucky ticket-holder. Weaver said the proceeds of the dance will go to the building fund of the local veterans' organization.

Some 4-F's and 4-A's To Be Called Again

Since some Washington County draft registrants with previous military service are being reclassified from a deferred status to I-A (available for immediate service), the regulations governing the 4-A (veterans) classification were reviewed for the Beacon this week by an official of the local board.

Ten County Men Go Into Service

Ten young men of Washington County were accepted for enlistment in the Army or Air Force during the month of February, according to Sgt. Paul R. Fisher, of the recruiting service in Elizabeth City, through whom the enlistments were made. Four of the youngsters went into the Air Force, three into the Regular Army, airborne, and three into the Regular Army, unassigned.

Those accepted were as follows: Hugh G. Modlin, Luther A. Hobbs, James H. Allen and Herbert C. Hooker, Air Force; William C. White, Ray N. Piercy and Marvin H. Campbell, Regular Army (airborne); Woodrow W. Phelps, James D. Artis and Isaac Rowson, jr. (unassigned).

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A few men whose previous service records do not fall into one of the three categories above have been reclassified, and it is likely that they are in line for some additional service. Quite a number of men who failed their first physical tests also have been reclassified, from 4-F into I-A, and they will be included in future pre-induction calls for another examination, it is stated.

County Has Even 100 Draft-Age Men In Armed Forces

For First Time, Inductees Outnumber Volunteers; 69 Men in Class 1-A Not Yet Examined

Washington County had exactly 100 men of draft age in the armed forces on Monday of this week, when the latest report of availability and summary of classification was made by the local selective service board. For the first time the number of men inducted topped those enlisted since reactivation of the board last July. Of the 100 in the service, 55 were inducted and 45 volunteered.

As of February 26, the local board had a total of 1,150 registrants, 132 of them between the ages of 18 and 19. Forty men had been examined and found acceptable for service, 11 born in 1930 and 29 born in 1931. There were no men available in the older age groups, those born prior to 1930.

There were 69 men in class 1-A who have not yet been examined and 4 in class 1-A whose examination had been postponed because they were in college. In addition to the 55 inducted and 45 enlisted, 6 men are carried on the list as discharged and 3 as being in reserve components. There were 4 in class 1-D, members.

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Instruction in Golf Is Given School Pupils

For the past six weeks, members of the Plymouth High School senior class have been receiving golf instruction for two hours weekly during their physical education classes. Fred E. Sappenfield, golf pro at the Country Club of Plymouth, is the instructor, with the entire program under the direction of Miss Betty George, physical education teacher at the school.

Starting next week, the classes will be enlarged to include members of the ninth grade. Instruction for the past six weeks, has dealt with the grip, stance, swing and other fundamentals. Plastic balls that do not go very far are being used, and the class is held at the high school building here. One-hour classes have been held each Tuesday and Friday.

Mr. Sappenfield said yesterday that those who have been taking the course will be given an opportunity to put into practice what they have learned in about two weeks. They will be given an opportunity to play nine holes at the Plymouth course on a Saturday morning. It is understood that the club is planning to offer special rates for a "junior membership," entitling members of the golf class to play on specified days when few club members use the course.