

Council Names Officials For City Election in May

Polling Places, Registrars and Pollholders Designated; Election Set for May 8th

Arrangements for the municipal election in May were completed at the town council meeting Monday night...

Five members of Perseverance Lodge No. 59, A. F. & A. M. were in Rocky Mount Wednesday night to witness the degree work...

Sheriff J. K. Reid, Judge of Recorder's Court Edward L. Owens and Lee Davenport had their car to give out of gas on the old Mackeys road recently...

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Luttrell this week took over their new duties as managers of the Dutch Grill here, succeeding Bill Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Luttrell are from Hertford.

The greatest invasion of Plymouth "in force" since the Yankees were here in the early sixties occurred Tuesday night when the Jameville community moved to Plymouth in a body to watch their two high school basketball teams win the finals of the Lions Invitation tourney here.

Aged Plymouth Woman Succumbs To Heart Attack Mrs. Allie Hall Harrison, 82, Dies Wednesday Morning in Durham Hospital; Funeral Friday

Plymouth lost one of its oldest citizens in the death Wednesday of Mrs. Allie Hall Harrison, 82, widow of the late George Henry Harrison. Mrs. Harrison suffered a heart attack and died at a Durham convalescent home Wednesday morning at around 11 o'clock.

Mrs. Harrison was born January 25, 1869, in Plymouth, the daughter of the late William Henry Hall, of New York State, and Courtney Ann Todd Hall, of Washington County. She was a granddaughter of Captain Lewis Henry Todd, well-known boat owner in this section years ago.

Mrs. Harrison was educated in Plymouth under private tutors and taught in rural schools of the county briefly before her marriage November 14, 1888, in the Plymouth Methodist Church. The couple had one son, George Henry Harrison, jr., who died in 1926.

A member of the Plymouth Methodist Church since girlhood, Mrs. Harrison was active in church affairs until her husband's death late in 1944. She served on occasion as organist at the church, taught a Sunday School class, was a member of the Ladies' Aid Society, and also the American Legion Auxiliary and the Woman's Club.

Funeral services were expected early today but it is expected that last rites will be conducted Friday. The body is expected to arrive from Durham at a local funeral home sometime today.

Surviving are a granddaughter, Mrs. Helen Harrison Setzer, of Raleigh; one sister, Mrs. Arthur W. Swain, of Raleigh; two nephews and one niece.

Jury List Drawn for April Superior Court The names of 30 Washington County citizens were drawn by the county commissioners at their regular monthly meeting here Monday to serve on the jury for the April term of Superior Court. The term will begin Monday, April 16, with Judge W. C. Harris, of Raleigh, presiding.

The list includes 13 from Plymouth Township, 8 from Lees Mill, 7 from Scuppernon and 2 from Skinnerville. It is as follows: Plymouth: Mrs. D. R. Satterthwaite, Leroy Ange, Jack P. Ragland, C. O. Kelly, James S.

Bright Future Is Seen For This Type of Corn

Anyone looking for seed corn ought to see Raymond Davenport, of the Pleasant Grove section. He has developed a product that will make Burbank, Coker, Tait and Woods "forgotten men" as soon as the words get around, according to Dennis Chesson, one of his neighbors.

Mr. Davenport secured a normal good yield from his corn crop last year, one or more big healthy ears to the stalk. Then just recently, while disking the field for this year's crop, he started turning up pint bottles of whiskey at the root of the old stalks. One bottle looks as if

Order 30 County Men to Report for Induction on 12th

Property owners of Washington County are reminded that the county commissioners and the county tax supervisor will meet in the commissioners' room at the courthouse here Monday, March 19, as a board of equalization and review. The meeting will begin at 10 o'clock.

Persons who desire to register complaints or ask for adjustments in their property valuations are urged to be present at the meeting, as it will be difficult to secure corrections, even if they are deemed justifiable, by the board after that date.

Third ward: Mrs. Ray Brown, registrar; A. W. Cox and H. E. Campbell, pollholders; W. T. Arants, alternate.

According to the terms of a bill now pending in the General Assembly, which is regarded as certain to pass, all candidates for municipal office must file with the city clerk on or before the 28th day of April and pay a filing fee of \$2 each. So far, none of the present city officials have made any statement as to whether or not they will be candidates again, and no other person has filed for any of the offices.

County Would Be Affected by Bill Made in Senate Under Proposal, Second District Would Have Less Counties, Only One State Senator

A bill to reapportion state senatorial districts on the basis of the 1950 census was introduced this week in the General Assembly, which, if passed, will directly affect Washington County.

Washington County is now in the second state senatorial district along with six other counties—Dare, Martin, Tyrrell, Beaufort, Hyde and Pamlico. The second district at present is entitled to two of the state's fifty senators. Under the new bill, however, four of the seven counties would remain in the second district, with the addition of Bertie, while the other three would be transferred to the third district.

The proposed second district reorganization would include Bertie, Dare, Martin, Tyrrell and Washington counties and would be entitled to one senator. Beaufort, Hyde and Pamlico would be shunted to the third district, which would also include Craven and Pitt counties, and would be entitled to two senators.

The bill was introduced in the Senate by Senators Harvey Morris, of Mecklenburg, and Joe Caruthers, of Guilford, and in the House by Rep. David Henderson, of Mecklenburg, and a number of others. Mecklenburg and Guilford, along with Forsyth, would benefit from the bill to the tune of one new senator each. Each county now has one senator.

The Senatorial proposal would expand the number of Senatorial districts from 33 to 38 and parcel out the 50 senators according to recommendations of a study committee composed of political science experts from the University of North Carolina, Wake Forest College and Duke University. Every district in the State would feel the effects of the proposal.

Plans to reapportion the House members would make less drastic changes and would not affect Washington County. Authorization for reapportionment following the Federal decennial census will be made later than Monday. (See SENATE Page 7)

Peele and Ashby Sworn in as New Council Members

Succeed Willette and Joyner; 25-Mile Speed Limit Set for Certain Residential Sections

Swearing in two new members, making arrangements for holding the municipal election on May 8, and setting reduced speed limits for three residential sections of the town were the principal items of business transacted at the monthly meeting of the Plymouth City Council Monday night.

Mayor A. J. Riddle presiding over the session with the following members present: E. D. Keel, of the first ward; H. H. Allen and Robert W. Bowen, of the second ward; J. A. Holbrook, of the third ward.

Joseph H. Peele, from the third ward, and Percy Ashby, of the first ward, took the oath of office as councilmen to fill the unexpired terms of J. M. Willette and W. H. Joyner, respectively. Mr. Willette has moved out of the city, and Mr. Joyner moved from the first to the second ward recently, vacating their two posts. Justice of the Peace Cecil M. Beasley gave the oath of office to the new councilmen, whose terms have only about three months to run since all councilmen are to be elected in May.

Conditions of the roadway along the riverfront back of Water Street was discussed. Water from the buildings drains across the road, causing gulleys and mudholes, and it was decided to ask owners or occupants of the buildings to put in underground drainage. This will enable the town to place rock along the roadway and keep it in good condition. Chief of Police P. W. Brown was directed to request cooperation of the merchants in this project.

Due to increased living costs, it was unanimously voted to give nine laborers on the street force a raise of \$2 per week, effective immediately.

Without a dissenting vote, a speed limit of 25 miles per hour for motor vehicles was set for residential areas of Little Richmond Village, the country club village and East Main Street. Signs to this effect are to be ordered and installed. The speed limit in other residential areas of the town will remain at 35 miles per hour, as fixed in the state law.

The councilmen appointed officials and made arrangements for holding the municipal election on May 8. Several other matters were discussed at some length, including the bill pending in the legislature abolishing jury trials in the county recorder's court, but no action was taken.

Large Number at Funeral for Mrs. Loulie Hampton

Member of Prominent Local Family Died Sunday Morning at Hospital in Asheville

A large crowd, including many from out of town, attended funeral services at Grace Episcopal Church Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, for Mrs. Loulie Blount Hampton, widow of the late William Henry Hampton, of Plymouth, and mother of W. Roy Hampton who died suddenly here some weeks ago.

Mrs. Hampton, 82 years of age, died in an Asheville hospital Sunday morning at 6:30 o'clock, following a long period of declining health. She had made her home in western North Carolina for a number of years, preferring the climate there for reasons of health.

Born in Washington County December 25, 1865, Mrs. Hampton spent the major portion of her life here. She was the daughter of the late Levi and Sarah A. Newberry Blount, of this county. She was married at the age of 17 to Mr. Hampton, who died February 11, 1911. He was a prominent citizen and owned considerable property in Plymouth, and for many years was in the mercantile business here. He also operated the old Hampton fisheries nearby.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. L. W. White, of Suffolk, Va.; four grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the rector of the church, the Rev. Edward M. Spruill and burial followed in the church cemetery. The body was brought to Horner's Funeral Home here where it remained until a short time prior to the funeral hour.

Bill To Eliminate Jury in Recorder's Court Is Opposed

County Lawyers Say It Will Mean Congested Dockets and Increased Cost to County

Appearing before the regular meeting of the county commissioners here Monday, members of the county bar association presented arguments against enactment of HB 314, now pending in the legislature, which would automatically transfer criminal cases in the Washington County recorder's court to the superior court when jury trials are demanded. The bill was introduced in the house on February 14 by County Representative W. J. Woolard at the request of the county commissioners. Referred to the committee on courts and judicial districts, it was held up there until members of the county bar could be heard at the meeting of the commissioners this week.

At the conclusion of the presentation by the lawyers, the county board considered the matter in executive session, after which it voted unanimously not to ask withdrawal of the bill, but to request the representative to press for its enactment. Mr. Woolard was present at the meeting Monday and remained with the board while it was in executive session.

A similar bill was introduced in the General Assembly two years ago by Representative E. O. Arnold, also at the request of the county board. It was passed by the house but permitted to die in a senate committee after local attorneys opposed its passage there.

Z. V. Norman, president of the bar association, led off the discussion at the board meeting Monday. Stating that this county had had two one-week terms of criminal court a year, in January and July, he expressed the fear that eliminating jury trials in the recorder's court would serve to reduce the number of cases that would be excluded entirely, especially at the one-week mixed term in July. He said it also would increase court costs considerably; since only 6 jurors at \$1.50 per day each are required in recorder's court, against 24 jurors in superior court at \$4 per day. He cited other factors contributing to court expense that are higher in superior court than in the lower tribunal.

Carl L. Bailey took up where Mr. Norman left off and asked the board just what its purpose was in asking passage of the bill. Chairman Frank L. Brinkley replied that it was asked for reasons of economy, the board feeling that most of the cases could be tried in superior court without any additional expense. He also cited the small percentage of convictions obtained in cases tried in the recorder's court.

(See JURY BILL Page 7)

Auto Overturns, Driver Arrested

James Marvin Hardison, of Rt. 1, Plymouth, was treated at a local hospital for minor cuts and bruises which he sustained Saturday night at about 10:45 o'clock when the 1949 Plymouth he was driving east on U. S. Highway 64 went out of control and turned over six miles east of Plymouth, State Highway Patrolman Carl Gilchrist, of Plymouth, who investigated the accident, reported.

The accident occurred near the Edward Furlough residence when the vehicle ran off the pavement on the left side, travelled about 90 yards down the left shoulder of the road, veered to the right and turned over. Gilchrist reported. The car, belonging to Aubrey Garrett, of Plymouth, was damaged about \$300, the officer estimated.

Hardison was arrested for drunken and reckless driving.

Red Cross Fund Drive Off to Fair Start in County

Residential Solicitations Begun Monday; First Reports from Business and Professional Given

House-to-house solicitation for funds in the 1951 Red Cross Fund campaign in Washington County began Monday, Roy Manning, jr., of Plymouth, county chairman, reported. The annual drive got underway Thursday, March 1, Manning explained, but initial efforts were concentrated on non-residential sources.

The chairman stated that it was too early in the campaign yet to have a definite line on the progress made, since few reports have been turned in. However, it was announced that the business and professional group quota of \$500 has nearly been reached, with a total of \$468 in hand from this source.

Other reports available yesterday included \$32 turned in by Mrs. Glen Furbee, chairman of the drive in the Wenona section. The quota there is \$60. Manning said that the \$400 quota for the industrial group in Plymouth has been more than half reached to date.

Other groups not yet reporting, their chairmen and quotas, are as follows: Plymouth residential, Mrs. Frances Jones, chairman, quota \$375; Country Club Village, Joe Peele, chairman, quota \$115; Wilson Street Extended, Miss Ida Davis, chairman, quota \$75; Roper, Mrs. Myrta Marrow, chairman, quota \$200; Pleasant Grove, Mrs. T. W. Tarkenton, chairman, quota \$35; Skinnerville, Mrs. Walter White, chairman, quota \$50; Creswell, Mrs. Gladys Davenport, chairman, quota \$150; Cherry, Mrs. Harry Barnes, chairman, quota \$60; Mackeys, Mrs. Otis Chesson, chairman, quota \$65; and colored chairman for county, the Rev. A. R. Winborne, quota \$400.

The quota for the county this year has been raised to \$2,470, which is the highest in the history of the drives. The reason for the increase has been explained by the county chairman and others, it being pointed out that both local and national needs are greater than ever. For one thing, the Red Cross Blood Bank program which was recently instituted in this county will cost the county about \$130 for each visit of the bloodmobile, providing sandwiches and other refreshments for donors of blood, as well as other expenses incidental to the program.

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Three County Men Failed To Report For Exam Monday

Nineteen in Group Which Went to Raleigh; Names of Those Acceptable Will Be Certified Later

Nineteen Washington County young men went to the Raleigh induction center Monday to receive their pre-induction physical examination. The group included one young fellow who had not entirely recovered from a case of the mumps, but he went on to the center with the remainder of the contingent.

Originally the call on the county was for 35 men, but classification changes made during the past weeks reduced the number until only 22 men were available. Three of them failed to report Monday, but in two cases it was expected that requests for transfer would clear up their status, leaving one man actually on the delinquent list.

Last week, the local board reported that for the first time since it was reactivated, there were no names on the "delinquent list." This status lasted only a brief period, however, as the three who failed to report for pre-induction examination Monday now constitute a new list. The three are: Delano Davenport, formerly of Roper, but now living in Kellogg, Idaho; Charles Nathaniel Bowen, formerly of Roper but now living in Philadelphia, Pa.; and William Earl Blackwell, of Plymouth. It is anticipated that transfer requests will clear up the first two cases listed above, but notices mailed to Blackwell at Plymouth were returned "addressed unknown," and his name goes on the delinquent list.

The number of men who passed their physical and mental tests at Raleigh Monday are expected to be certified to the local board later this week.

Entertainment Saturday Night at Creswell School

An entertainment will be presented in the Creswell School auditorium Saturday night, March 10, at 7:30, by the Bailey Brothers. A small admission charge will be made, with proceeds going to the "Three-1" circle of Mount Tabor Church.

County Board Meet Is Held Monday Members of the Washington County Bar appeared before the county commissioners in their regular monthly session here Monday regarding a bill entitled "Jury Trial" which has been introduced in the General Assembly. The men, Carl L. Bailey, sr., Z. V. Norman, W. L. Whitley, Jr., M. Darden and Carl L. Bailey, jr., asked that the bill be recalled, claiming its passage would necessitate special terms of Superior Court and be an added expense to the county. The commissioners agreed unanimously, however, to proceed with passage of the bill. Jack Horner, of Plymouth, Washington County coroner, appeared before the commissioners and asked that they recommend to the State Board of Health that the vital statistics registrar districts in the county be consolidated. There are now four registrars in the county at scattered points. Horner recommended that Gilbert Asby, of Plymouth, be placed in charge of receiving births and deaths and that a central place of registry be located in Plymouth. The matter was left open until the April meeting. Other routine matters coming before the board included reports from County Tax Collector E. J. Spruill and Mrs. Frances M. Darden, home agent, and the drawing of the jury list for the April term of Washington County Superior Court. Mr. Spruill reported \$6,653.80 collected in his office in February. Mrs. Darden submitted her report of work done during the month of February. A list of 30 jurors were drawn to serve during the term of court opening April 16. The clerk was instructed to call attention of the highway officials to a bad railroad crossing 1 1/2 miles east of Plymouth, near Juniper Lodge, and to request that the crossing be improved. The board agreed and ordered that certain taxes be adjusted and paid.