

GOOD TURN-OUT FOR PLANT BED DEMONSTRATION HERE LAST WEEK



The above photo was made last Thursday afternoon on the A. J. Riddle farm near here and shows part of the crowd which witnessed a demonstration in preparing pepper and tomato plant beds. The demonstration was arranged by County Agent W. H. Fruden and conducted by Al Banadyga, extension horticulture specialist from North Carolina State College. Mr. Banadyga can be seen in the left middleground of the picture, explaining the various operations. There is little doubt that he could have got the job for fixing just about every bed in the county, had he so desired. About 75 persons attended the demonstration, more than usual interest being shown probably due to the establishment of a produce auction market here this year. — Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Liverman plan to leave Thursday of this week for an extended trip to the Panama Canal Zone and to the South American countries of Chile, Peru and Ecuador. The Livermans will visit their son-in-law and daughter, Major and Mrs. Russell S. Callis, at Fort Gulick, Canal Zone. Incidentally, Mr. Hilley says he positively will not take in any bull fights on this trip.

Announcement was received here this week of the birth on Friday, January 22, of twin sons to Mr. and Mrs. Ammon Smithson, of Falls Church, Va., at a Washington, D. C., hospital. The twins have been named William Ammon Smithson, jr., and Leigh Carlton Smithson. Mr. Smithson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney C. Smithson, of Arlington, Va., formerly of Creswell. Maternal grandmother of the twin boys is Mrs. W. W. Whitson, of Arlington, Va., the former Miss Marion Owens, of Plymouth.

Cadet Donald H. Somerville, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Somerville, of Plymouth, achieved first honor roll rating at Fishburne Military School, Waynesboro, Va., for the academic month ending January 28, it was announced last week by school officials. To be eligible for the honor roll, a cadet must have a scholastic record of no grade below 85 per cent.

Members of the Washington County ASC committee, county ASC Office Manager Miriam Ausbon and Mrs. June Copeland, cotton clerk in the county ASC office, will attend the district cotton meeting to be held Friday at Tarboro. The meeting will be held in the Edgemonte County Agriculture Building, beginning at 10 a. m. The new State ASC committee is expected to attend, along with representatives of 24 Eastern counties. Similar meetings for other districts have been scheduled, one at Raleigh Thursday of this week and another at Charlotte Monday of next week.

Mrs. Isabella Hardison, mother of Clyde Hardison, of Plymouth, is reported as "holding her own" but remains critically ill in a Williamston hospital. Mrs. Hardison, who lives near Jamesville, was taken ill at her home and carried to the hospital last Thursday night.

'College Day' Is Reported Success

"College Day," observed at Plymouth High School Monday afternoon, was reported a great success by Principal J. S. Fleming.

Representatives of many colleges and universities as well as the United States Army and Air Force were on hand from 1 to 3 p. m. and sophomores, juniors and seniors were permitted to visit three representatives each.

No report was available on the number of students who plan to enter schools of higher learning next fall. Most of these probably have chosen where they will go, it was pointed out, but information gained will be especially helpful to the sophomores and juniors.

The following were represented:

Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, C. W. Phillips; Shenandoah College, Mrs. Mohr; United States Army and Air Force, Arlice Atwood; N. C. State College, E. H. Spain and E. G. Thurlow; Salem College, Miss Edith A. Kirkland; Chowan College, President Orion F. Mixon; High Point College, Grady H. Whicker; Meredith College, Miss Mary Bland Josey; East Carolina College, Dr. Ed J. Carter; Duke University, Brooks M. Waggoner; University of North Carolina, Ed French; St. Mary's School, Mrs. Meredith Saunders; Guilford College, Charles C. Hendricks; Greensboro College, Clark Cahow; Virginia Intermont, Bristol, Va., Audrey Hassinger.

Propose Higher Hail Insurance Rate Here

A proposed filing of rates on Crop Hail insurance by the North Carolina Fire Insurance Rating Bureau would affect 38 counties, among them Washington.

The proposal would decrease costs in 16 counties and raise the cost in the other 22 counties. Washington County is listed in the latter group.

Commissioner of Insurance Charles F. Gold has announced that a public hearing is scheduled for February 16 in the office of the commissioner of insurance, 300 Labor Building, Raleigh, to consider the review of rates as filed by the bureau. This hearing will be held at 2 p. m.

Edward L. Owens To Run for State Senate

FOR STATE SENATE



EDWARD L. OWENS

Baseball Meet at Edenton Tonight

Plymouth is expected to be represented at a meeting in Edenton Thursday night of this week, when efforts will be made to revive the defunct Albemarle Baseball League.

The circuit afforded good baseball to fans in this section for many years and was regarded as one of the fastest semi-pro leagues anywhere, at one time.

The meeting will be held at the Chowan County courthouse and representatives from Plymouth, Edenton, Hertford, Elizabeth City, Windsor and Colerain are expected to attend.

It is understood that present plans for reorganization of the loop call for use of local player talent only. In former years, the league was a paradise for college players and many of the Albemarle's graduates went on to success in professional baseball.

It is thought that either Gilbert Vaughan or Ted Pinner, or possibly both, will attend from here. Time of the meeting has been announced as 8 o'clock.

Former Judge of Recorder's Court Here Files Monday; Says County Due Representation This Year

Edward L. Owens, Plymouth attorney and former judge of the county recorder's court, Monday announced he will be a candidate for one of the two positions as state senator from the second senatorial district, subject to the action of the Democratic primary on May 29.

In making his announcement, Mr. Owens said he felt Washington County was entitled to representation in the state senate at the next session, and that it would be his purpose to serve the best interests of the section. The late W. Roy Hampton was the last state senator from Washington County, serving in the 1945 General Assembly.

Mr. Hampton, by custom, was entitled to return for the 1947 session; but failed of reelection when Beaufort County had a senatorial candidate who ran "out of turn." By unwritten agreement, one of the two larger counties in the district, Beaufort or Martin, provides one of the two senators from the district, the other coming from one of the five smaller counties: Washington, Tyrrell, Hyde, Dare or Pamlico. Each senator usually serves two terms.

The smaller counties had no representation in the last General Assembly, Martin and Beaufort furnishing the two senators. Malcolm C. Paul, of Beaufort, has since been appointed to the superior court bench and will not be a candidate this year. The other senator, Hugh G. Horton, of Martin, has served two consecutive terms and is not expected to be a candidate.

L. H. Ross, a Washington attorney, has announced for one of the positions, and it is understood Martin B. Kellogg, of Dare, is also a candidate. D. V. Meekins.

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Quota Raised for Democratic Event

It was not known as The Beacon went to press who would represent Washington County at the annual Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner Saturday night in Raleigh. Carl L. Bailey, chairman of the Washington County Democratic executive committee, stated that who would go had not been determined.

The \$150 quota set for the county was raised and forwarded to Dinner Chairman John D. Lar-kins, jr., the latter part of last week, entitling the county to three seats at the Democratic party affair.

The dinner is to be held in the ballroom of the Sir Walter Hotel. The feature address of the evening will be delivered by Senator Spessard Holland, of Florida.

Mr. Bailey, County Representative W. J. Woolard and Woodrow Collins, all of Plymouth, represented the county at the annual dinner last year.

Coffee Drinkers Here Fare Better Than Most, Shown

Still Five Cents a Cup Across the Restaurant Counter; Sales Steady, Grocers Say

You can still get a cup of coffee for a nickel in Plymouth... and the higher price of coffee in the stores has not noticeably reflected itself in smaller volume of sales.

That was what a Beacon reporter discovered in a check made here Wednesday morning.

As reported in the daily press Leon Israel, vice president of the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange, told a Senate Banking subcommittee this week that there is no hope for a dip in coffee prices so long as the demand remains normal. And normal seems to be what it is here.

Coffee prices went up here about three weeks ago but there has been no slackening in sales according to managers of several local grocery stores who were interviewed Wednesday.

Housewives may be trying to get a few extra cups out of each pound but they are still buying coffee at about the same pace, it was learned.

Coffee prices have gone to a dollar a pound and over in many stores and it is reported that some

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CHECK FROM LOCAL SCHOOLS SWELLS POLIO FUND



"We can always handle a check like this," Tom Hopkins is probably thinking as he accepts check in the amount of \$1,099.36 from Principal J. S. Fleming. The money was raised in the Plymouth schools and represents a substantial part of the county goal in the annual March of Dimes campaign. Mr. Hopkins, who is county chairman of the drive, stated this week that more than \$3,000 was in hand toward the goal of over \$3,500. Principal, faculty and students were highly lauded by the county chairman for their splendid efforts.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

Farm Allotments On Cotton To Be Upped in County

Provision Referred to as '65-40-50' for Additional Acreage Allotments to Farms Explained

Congress recently enacted legislation amending the act governing determination of national, state, county and farm cotton acreage allotments. The new legislation increases the national cotton acreage allotment from 17,910,448 acres to 21,379,342 acres.

Under the amendatory legislation the 1954 cotton allotment for North Carolina would be increased by 96,193 acres.

The state ASC committee, exercising an option provided in the legislation, will apportion most of the additional acreage directly to farms, based on the acreage devoted to the crop in 1951, 1952 and 1953.

Farm allotments will be increased where necessary to provide each farm with an allotment of the larger of either 65 per cent of the average for the three years, or 40 per cent of the highest acreage planted in any one year during the three-year period, except that no allotment will be increased to more than 50 per cent of the total farm cropland.

Any acreage remaining after all farms have received allotments under the "65-40-50" provision will be allotted to county committees for making adjustments to take care of hardship cases, it was said.

Legislation also provides that farm allotments which will not be used may be released for 1954 or permanently to the county committee and re-allotted to farms in the county for which no allotments have been established. A farm releasing acreage for 1954 will be given credit for having planted such acreage unless no cotton was planted on the farm in 1953 and 1952.

Local Woman's Club To Sponsor Variety Show

The Plymouth Woman's Club will sponsor a local talent variety show here Thursday night, February 25, Miss Elizabeth Wood, club president, announces.

The show will be staged at the high school auditorium with curtain time set for 8 o'clock. A nominal admission charge will be made and proceeds will go to the club building fund.

Two Grass Fires at Once Here Wednesday Afternoon

Local firemen had two grass fires to fight at one time early Wednesday afternoon. One was back of Hampton School and the other across from Golf Road Service Station in front of the store formerly operated by James Hardison.

There was no damage.

Many Local, District, State Offices at Stake This Year

MARCH OF DIMES QUEEN AND RUNNERS-UP



Miss Jo Hobbs was crowned Washington County March of Dimes queen for 1954 during intermission of the annual March of Dimes ball held last Saturday night at the Veterans Club here. Miss Hobbs, center, was crowned by Miss Mary Alice Kelly, one of the runners-up. Shown at right is Miss Mary Frances Peed, runner-up.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

County Polio Drive Passes \$3,000 Mark

Parking Meter Receipts for Rest of Week Donated; Jo Hobbs Crowned March of Dimes Queen

The 1954 Washington County March of Dimes fund has gone over the \$3,000 mark and is still growing with prospects of possibly as much as \$150 more when the "test tube" coin receptacles are collected Monday of next week, Chairman Thos. F. Hopkins reports.

With a number of local chairmen to be heard from it is now believed that the goal of more than \$3,500 for this county will be reached before the drive is brought to a conclusion.

The annual March of Dimes Ball, held last Saturday night at the Veterans Club here was reported as a big success in every respect and the net profit realized from the project was reported by Mr. Hopkins to be \$103.20. The dance was well attended.

During intermission, Miss Jo Hobbs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hobbs, was crowned as 1954 March of Dimes queen at approximate ceremonies. Miss Hobbs was attended by a court of 19 princesses and was crowned by the runner-up in the queen's contest, Miss Mary Alice Kelly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Kelly.

The Town of Plymouth has announced that all parking meter receipts Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week will be donated to the March of Dimes. This is expected to swell the total considerably.

Farm Consultant Works With Bank

James Moore, Martin County native now living in Windsor, is serving as agricultural representative and consultant with Planters National Bank and Trust Company, dividing his time about equally between the Plymouth and Ahoskie banks.

Mr. Moore is a graduate of Jamesville High School and of North Carolina State College, Raleigh, where he majored in vocational agriculture.

Prior to assuming his present duties January 1 of this year, Mr. Moore worked for a year with the Soil Conservation Service in Martin County.

His work with the local bank embraces assistance to farmer patrons of the bank in all possible ways, dealing with farm loans, representing the bank at various agricultural meetings and working in close conjunction with other local agricultural agencies to improve agriculture in this county.

Farmers who wish to discuss financial problems or in other ways secure assistance such as help in farm management are invited to contact Mr. Moore.

Not To Observe Holiday Friday

Friday of this week is the anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's birth but no holiday will be observed here. The post office and banks will remain open as will other offices and business houses.

Monday, February 22, is a national holiday and will be observed by post office, banks and federal offices, however. "They are so close together (Lincoln's and Washington's birthdays) they won't let us take but one," Cashier H. E. Beam, of Branch Banking & Trust Company remarked.

Arrest Here Aids Solve Robberies

An arrest made here recently by Game Warden J. T. Terry helped to unravel evidence which led to the arrest of four teenage boys in Martin County in connection with a series of robberies there in recent weeks.

Terry arrested Billy Barnes, 19, for shooting a coat out of season, hunting out of season and on Sunday, the boys was tried by Magistrate C. M. Beasley and fined \$10 and costs. It was said that Barnes, William Robertson, 16, and James Moore, 18, had practically wrecked a cabin on Conaby Creek owned by a group of Plymouth sportsmen. It was reported that the boys had shot through the cabin with a gun, broken bottles, wrecked beds and furniture while camping out on the creek.

Lin Reason, 19, Moore, Robertson and Bobby Mims, 18, were arrested by Martin County Sheriff M. W. Holloman.

No effort has been made to prosecute the boys here for destroying property, Beasley said.

Several Contests Have Developed on District and State Levels; To Fill Nine County Offices

Although the Democratic primary is still some 15 weeks away, there are signs that the political pot is beginning to "bile" earlier than usual in Washington County this year. There are nine strictly county offices to be filled at the primaries and elections in May and November, to say nothing of various district and state offices.

Washington County offices to be filled include the following: representative; sheriff; clerk of superior court; three members of the board of county commissioners, from Plymouth, Lees Mill and Scuppernon Townships; one member of the board of education, from Skimmersville Township; solicitor of recorder's court; and coroner. Also to be nominated and elected this year are Representative in Congress; superior court solicitor; two state senators from the second district; United States Senator, state treasurer, insurance commissioner and several other state offices.

While no one has formally filed for any of the county offices, there are several candidates in the field for district and state positions. The filing deadline for state senator and county offices is Saturday, April 17, at 6 p. m., it was learned yesterday from W. T. Freeman, chairman of the county board of elections.

Other important dates in connection with the primaries May 29 are as follows: Registration period begins May 1 and continues through May 15; May 22 is challenge day, with the primary to follow the next Saturday, May 29. Filing fees are 1% of the annual salary of the offices for which the candidates file, with a minimum of \$5 for offices on fee bases which do not amount to \$500 annually.

Each candidate is required to sign the party affiliation pledge, agreeing to abide by the results of the primaries and to support persons nominated in their respective offices.

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Windsor Woman to Talk at PTA Here

A good attendance is expected for the February meeting of the Plymouth Parent-Teacher Association to be held Tuesday night of next week in the high school auditorium. The meeting will open at 8 o'clock.

It will be "Fathers' Night" and besides the attendance banners usually awarded, prizes will be given to the rooms having the largest number of fathers present.

Mrs. Clara Bond Bell, of Windsor, will be the featured speaker. Mrs. Bell, who is child welfare worker with the Bertie County Department of Public Welfare, will speak on the subject, "How the County Welfare Department Works through the School and the Home in Aiding the Abnormal Child."

A story and music hour will be provided for small children while their parents are attending the meeting.

ABC Board Reinstates ABC Officer Last Week

The Washington County Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, in its regular monthly meeting here last week, reinstated Robert Sawyer, of Roper, as Washington County ABC enforcement officer.

Control work had previously been suspended here for a brief period.

County Quota Crops To Be Pre-Measured

The State Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee has determined that official pre-measurement on all quota crops for 1954 will be offered to farmers in each county.

Farmers will be required to deposit with the county ASC office sufficient funds to cover the entire cost of the pre-measured acreage will be rechecked by a different reporter to determine that the farmer has planted within the pre-measured area.

No reporter will be allowed to do pre-measurement work in his home community and will not be

allowed to measure allotment crops for compliance on any farm that he pre-measured officially or unofficially.

The rate of deposit for pre-measurement has been set at a minimum of \$2 an acre or \$10 per farm, whichever is larger.

Miss Miriam Ausbon, county ASC office manager, states that farmers who are interested in the pre-measurement of their quota crops should make application to the county office prior to the closing date for accepting requests for pre-measurement which has been set as Monday, March 15.