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Miss Jane Crofton was selected as Miss Washington County in a contest held at the Veterans Club here Wednesday night during Teen-Age Open House. Miss Crofton will represent the county in the beauty contest at Elizabeth City May 15 to select the annual Albemarle Potato Festival queen.

Methodist church services have been held in the courthouse here for the past several weeks while the interior of the church was being painted. The Rev. Dwight L. Fouts, pastor, said Tuesday it was doubtful that the church would be ready for use by this weekend, so the morning service will be held in the courthouse again, while there will be no evening service. He said regular services would be resumed in the church on Easter Sunday.

Mrs. Ted Blount has returned home from Philadelphia, Pa., where she attended the flower show at Convention Hall last week. Mrs. Blount says she was surprised to find an exhibit from Plymouth at the show. It was the exhibit of Soil-Tone Corporation. When she inquired about the booth she was told that Dr. Eyster, manager of the corporation plant here, would be in Philadelphia Thursday.

Seaman J. T. Terry, jr., left Korea Sunday on the USS Wisconsin and is due to arrive in Norfolk, Va., May 4, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Terry, of Plymouth, have learned. The Terrys expect their son home for a brief visit after his arrival in Norfolk but he will not get an extended leave until June 22.

Richard M. Joyner, who has been a teller at Planters National Bank & Trust Company here since its opening last December, has been transferred to the Ahsokie branch office and promoted to head teller. Prior to coming here, Mr. Joyner worked in the parent bank at Rocky Mount for sometime. He assumed his new duties at the Ahsokie bank Monday of this week.

Charlie I. Holmes, who has been in the U. S. Navy for several years, is expected home very soon according to his mother, Mrs. W. T. Holmes, of Creswell. The young man is just completing a round-the-world cruise aboard the "Fighting Jimmy C." Owens—a destroyer reported sunk by the Communists once in 1952. Crewmen claim the Owens is the only Atlantic Fleet destroyer to make a round-the-world cruise going both ways.

Camporee Here Is Success in Spite Of Weather, Said

About 130 Scouts Representing 18 Patrols in Wasmarty District Here For Week-End Event

Despite raw weather which made comfortable sleeping in tents difficult, some 130 scouts representing 18 patrols from six communities in the three-county Wasmarty District held a successful camporee here near the Plymouth Scout Hut the past weekend.

No accidents were reported and all events went off as scheduled. A disappointingly small number of adults, and parents of scouts turned out for such events as the campfire Friday and Saturday nights, but there were a few visitors from time to time.

The scouts began arriving from Williamston, Bear Grass, Columbia, Jamesville, Creswell, and, of course, the local troop, at about 4 p. m. Friday and by 5:00 o'clock the campsites were arranged.

The Creswell troop, which was attending its first camporee, came without tents as the ones they ordered had not arrived and they had to send a truck to Norfolk, Va., for them. The tents were delivered to the campsite by the truck and soon everything was in order.

The camporee was held for the purpose of preparing scouts from Washington, Martin and Tyrrell Counties—comprising the Wasmarty District—for the coming East Carolina Council Camporee to be held at Rocky Mount April 30, May 1-2.

Jerry Ashwill, of Williamston, district field representative, was in charge of events.

Religious services were conducted for the scouts at the campsite Sunday morning at 8 o'clock by the Rev. D. L. Fouts, minister of the Plymouth Methodist Church here.

Regional Legion Meet Set Here Friday Night

James E. Jethro Post No. 164 of the American Legion will host the third district at a barbecue supper meeting at the Veterans Club here Friday night of this week, Post Commander A. L. Whitehurst has announced.

Braxton Voliva, third district vice president, of Columbia, will preside over the business session. The program for the evening will feature a film, "Cross Roads U. S. A."

The supper will be served at 7:30 o'clock. Approximately 75 persons are expected, Commander Whitehurst said. Posts at Williamston, Windsor, Creswell, Columbia, Edenton and Plymouth are expected to be represented. It will be the first time in several years that the district meeting has been held in Plymouth. Commander Whitehurst is urging that as many members of the local post as possible attend the meeting.

Firemen of East Meet In Roper Next Week

Court Term To Open on Monday

The regular one-week April civil term of Washington County Superior Court will open here Monday morning of next week, with Judge Chester Morris, of Coitlock, presiding.

The docket will be prosecuted by District Solicitor Elbert Peel, of Williamston. The Washington County Bar recently met and set the calendar but it was not available late yesterday. It is understood, however, that the calendar is rather light.

Great Need for Crop Reporters In This County

High School and college boys who would like to engage in ASC compliance work on farms of Washington County this summer are urged to see ASC County Office Manager Miriam Ausbon at the Agriculture Building here.

With acreage allotments and marketing quotas on tobacco, peanuts, cotton and wheat, and with acreage allotments on corn in some areas, there will be much more work in measuring these allotment crops than can be done by ASC county committee-men, it is explained.

The work includes determination of land areas on farms in the county by use of aerial photographs. All persons doing this work must have transportation available for travel between the county office and farms in the county. Instruction in this type of work is being made available at all colleges and may be available at other schools on request to the ASC county office.

Measuring of the various crops under acreage control must begin after the last planting date and be completed prior to any harvest. The bulk of the help will be needed as early as possible in May and continuing through June.

Miss Ausbon estimated this week that between 15 and 20 crop measurement reporters would be needed for the work.

Preparations Going Forward For Entertaining About 225 Visiting Firemen at Quarterly Event

For the first time in history, the Roper Fire Department will entertain a meeting of the East Carolina Fireman's Association when the quarterly meeting of that body convenes at Roper High School Tuesday night of next week. Miller Warren, Plymouth Fire Chief, is president of the association, and Ed Kinsey, of La Grange, is secretary.

A barbecue and brunswick stew will be served by the Roper firemen in the school auditorium at 7 p. m.

Roper Fire Chief Henry S. Everett will call the meeting to order and the Rev. Edward M. Spruill, of Plymouth, rector of Grace Episcopal Church, Plymouth, and St. Luke's Church, Roper, will pronounce the invocation.

Chief Everett will recognize all special guests and then the speaker of the evening, North Carolina Insurance Commissioners Charles F. Gold, of Raleigh, will be presented.

Preparations for the big gathering have been going forward in earnest at Roper for the past several weeks, it is reported.

Take Five Stills In County Raids

Five stills, 2,150 gallons of mash, 18½ gallons of whiskey and a quantity of equipment were seized in 10 raids in this county during March, County ABC Officer Robert S. Sawyer, of Roper, reports.

One man—Henry C. Bateman—was caught and given a hearing at Elizabeth City and bond set at \$300.

Sawyer's report shows that six coolers, 22 barrels, four vats and eight worms were also confiscated.

Assisting Sawyer in the raids were Sheriff J. K. Reid, of Plymouth, federal ATU and State ABC officers.

Local Man Dies Two Hours After Plant Accident

Tom Dunbar Succumbs at Washington County Hospital to Injuries Received In Fall; Funeral Today

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon of this week at 2 p. m. at the chapel of Horner's Funeral Home here for Tom Dunbar, 47, of Plymouth. Officiating will be the Rev. L. A. Ambrose, of Creswell, assisted by the Rev. Billie Twiddy, of Elizabeth City. Interment will follow in Piney Grove Church Cemetery, near Roper.

Mr. Dunbar died at 11:45 a. m. Tuesday at the Washington County Hospital where he had been rushed following an accident at North Carolina Pulp Company plant here. Mr. Dunbar suffered a fall from a ladder while painting at the plant earlier Tuesday morning and suffered a head injury. He was at first believed not seriously hurt, it was said. He lived for about two hours after the fall.

Mr. Dunbar was a native and lifelong resident of Washington County where he was born February 27, 1907, the son of the late Henry W. and Minnie Collins Dunbar. He was a member of the Plymouth Free Will Baptist Church.

He leaves his widow, Geneva Hill Dunbar; a son, Forest Carol Dunbar, of Plymouth; one sister, Mrs. Mary Ethel Tarkington, of Roper; and two brothers, Lloyd and Irvin Dunbar, both of Roper.

Red Cross Drive Collects \$1,712

County Fund Chairman D. Marvin Weaver, of Plymouth, announced late Wednesday that \$1,712.49 had been raised in the annual county Red Cross fund drive, with several reports still incomplete.

Striving for a county quota of \$2,750, the local organization seems doomed to come up considerably short of the goal, Weaver said.

However, he stated, every effort will be made to make up the deficit.

Complete reports were turned in since the last published list as follows:

Roper, \$125; Cherry, \$26.64; Creswell, \$89.85; Country Club Village, \$95.25; County Negro overall, \$213.91, including Plymouth, \$50.77, Roper \$105.12 and Creswell, \$57.62. Incomplete reports: Plymouth business and professional, \$400.70; Plymouth residential, \$214.50; Plymouth industrial \$198.85.

April Meeting of PTA Set for Next Tuesday

Members of the Plymouth Parent-Teacher Association are being reminded that the April meeting will be held one week earlier than usual. It will be held on next Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, in the high school auditorium.

Mrs. K. S. Townbridge, member of the Washington County Board of Education, will give a report on the survey of county schools which was made recently by the county commissioners and the county board of education.

RETIRING COMMANDER AND NEW OFFICERS OF LOCAL VFW POST



New officers of the Bosie Bateman Post, No. 4023, Veterans of Foreign Wars, were installed at the Veterans Building last Thursday night, following a ladies' night banquet. Immediate Past Commander Jack Weaver is shown turning over the gavel to the incoming commander, Melvin Boyd, as other officers look on. Left to right above are Shelton McNeil, judge advocate; Carl Rohner, senior vice commander; Past Commander Weaver; Commander Boyd; Walter Swain, junior vice commander; and Norman White, quartermaster. W. S. Davenport was installing officer.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

Alleged Slayer To Be Returned Here on Friday

Nathaniel Thomas Waives Extradition From Pennsylvania; To Be Held in Mackeys Killings

It was reported here late yesterday that Nathaniel Thomas, Mackeys Negro, had waived extradition from Pennsylvania, and he was expected to be returned to Washington County Friday of this week by Deputy Sheriff V. D. Deal, of Creswell, and Plymouth Police Officer Paul Basnight, who left here Wednesday morning to go to Philadelphia and get the Negro.

Thomas is wanted here in connection with the pistol slaying at Mackeys Saturday night of Aline Moore and Violet Chesson, both Negroes of Mackeys.

The shooting took place at about 10 o'clock in the yard of the home of Gus Moore, stepfather of Aline Moore, according to Sheriff J. K. Reid. An argument is said to have started when Aline Moore refused to accompany Thomas to a movie. In a rage, he is said to have whipped out the pistol and fired, killing both women.

Thomas fled the scene and was located in Philadelphia Monday by Pennsylvania officers whom the sheriff got in touch with, acting on his knowledge that the alleged killer had a half-brother living in the Pennsylvania city.

The Negro will be brought back here, jailed and held without privilege of bond to await trial at the July criminal term of Washington County Superior Court on a murder charge, the sheriff stated.

Easter Seal Sale Starts in County

The annual Washington County Easter Seal campaign, an appeal for contributions for crippled children, is now in progress with Mrs. Mayme W. Davenport, of Creswell, serving in the capacity of county chairman.

Mrs. Davenport reported this week that seals have been mailed and are now in the hands of the public. Also, a campaign is under way among students in the county schools and prizes will be given for the rooms collecting the greatest amount of money in the drive.

Local committees have been announced as follows: Mrs. H. H. Harrison and Mrs. Ben Gansdorn, Plymouth; Mrs. Beulah Gaylord and Mrs. Leon Bray, Roper; Mrs. C. N. Davenport, jr., and Mrs. J. M. Davenport, Creswell. The campaign will close the week following Easter, Mrs. Davenport has announced.

Plymouth Women's Church Council Meets Thursday

The Plymouth Women's Church Council will meet at 3:30 p. m. Thursday of this week at Ludford Memorial Baptist Church, officials of the group have announced.

Mrs. L. S. Thompson will be in charge of the program

Little Political Action As Deadline Nearing

Commissioner J. C. Knowles Of Roper, Officially Files For Race Monday; Sheriff Reid Announces

With the filing deadline for candidates in the coming Democratic primary only a little more than a week off, county politics continued listless here this week.

Only ripple reported on the political waters locally was the filing of J. C. Knowles, of Roper, who will seek another term on the board county commissioners from Lees Mill Township, and the announcement last Friday by Sheriff J. K. Reid that he would be a candidate to succeed himself. Sheriff Reid had not filed late yesterday, however.

Speculation and street talk continued in the quiet pattern of the political season so far, but the proximity of the April 17 filing deadline is expected to flush out at least one or two more candidates next week.

Members of the county board of elections will hold their organizational meeting Saturday of this week at which time it is expected that W. T. Freeman will be renamed chairman of the body. W. M. Spruill is Democratic member and J. Richard Carr is Republican member. All are from Plymouth.

Precinct officials—registrars and judges of elections—will also be appointed by the board at the Saturday meeting. Any other steps necessary in preparing for the May 29 Democratic primary will be taken at that time, it was said.

Precinct meeting dates have been announced as May 8. The county convention will be held the following Saturday, May 15, and the state convention will be held May 20.

Local Firemen Answer Alarms Friday, Tuesday

Plymouth volunteer firemen answered alarms here Friday noon of last week and again Tuesday at 6 p. m., but there was little damage done in either instance. Last Friday the firemen rushed to the residence of Charlie Agney, colored, near the True Temper plant to quell a blaze, while Tuesday's fire was a chimney blaze at the home of Kadie Moore on Chestnut Street.

Street Work and Parking Topics at Council Meeting

Street work and parking were chief topics at the April meeting of the Plymouth City Council, held Monday night in the Municipal Building. Four council members were present, W. C. Hall of the first ward, Jack Latham and George Harrison of the second ward; and J. D. Cruickshank of the third ward. E. D. Keel and John F. Davenport were absent. Mayor A. J. Riddle presided.

Parking problems generally came in for discussion, but no specific action was taken after it was learned from W. L. Whitely, city attorney, that a general ordinance empowered city officials to make and change parking regulations at any time. The question was raised by lack of a special ordinance against U-turns at the intersections of Water Street with Jefferson, Washington and Adams Streets.

Stores to Remain Open Wednesday

Plymouth stores will forego the usual Wednesday afternoon closing next week in lieu of closing Easter Monday, it has been announced.

The stores here will observe a full holiday Easter Monday, April 19, Wednesday, April 21, the half-holiday closings will be resumed. It has been the custom here for the stores to remain open all day Wednesday before Easter for the convenience of late shoppers.

Roper Ruritans Set Civic Goals For Improvement

Vote as Objectives Improvement Community Building, Recreational Facilities, Raise Funds for Bus

The board of directors and the objectives committee of Roper Ruritan Club held a joint meeting at Roper High School recently with 18 persons in attendance.

J. R. Swain, chairman of the Industries committee, reported on the North Carolina Conservation and Development Board survey for future industry for Washington County.

A report was made by the secretary of communications with the Public Utilities Commission and the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company.

It was voted to send a letter of thanks to Carolina Trailways for prompt action in establishing a bus depot at Roper.

The dangerous curve on Highway 64 was brought to the attention of the board and it was voted to take steps to reduce the hazard. W. J. Starr, chairman of the committee on public highways, streets and buildings, volunteered to notify the State Highway Department of the club's wishes.

The objectives committee voted See RURITANS, Page 10

Several Matters Transacted Here By Commissioners

Board Holds Regular Monthly Meeting Monday, Adjourned Session Tuesday; Visit Schools

The county commissioners met briefly here Monday morning in regular monthly sessions, then adjourned to accompany members of the county board of education on a tour of county schools.

The touring party enjoyed lunch at the Roper school. All members of the board were present for the meeting as follows:

Chairman Frank L. Brinkley and Commissioner A. R. Latham, both of Plymouth; Commissioners J. C. Knowles, Roper, H. W. Pritchett, Creswell, and H. L. Davenport, Skippersville.

The clerk, J. Robert Campbell, was instructed to write to J. J. Gilbert, district highway engineer, in the local district office, asking that a certain road in Scuppernon Township be graded and sand hauled into low places. The road starts at a point two miles south of Cherry off the Creek bridge and runs between the homes of Milton Phelps and Ernest Davenport leading to the residence of Steve Davenport.

Two petitions were received and accepted to be forwarded to the highway department to take over and maintain certain roads in Plymouth and Scuppernon Townships.

The Plymouth Township road in question runs from Highway 64 near Juniper Lodge through the Jackson Heights subdivision to the Plymouth-Mackeys Road, while the road in Scuppernon Township is three tenths of a mile from the Ambrose Road to a dead end.

Mrs. Frances M. Darden, home agent for Washington County, submitted a report of work done during the month of March.

The board adjourned to meet Tuesday of this week at 7:30 p. m. a brief report of which meeting is as follows:

The clerk informed the board that the Washington law firm of McMullan and McMullan is interested in buying some county-owned lands in Lees Mill Township and would like to have the board quote prices.

The board decided to offer for sale to the highest bidder at the courthouse at noon May 10, 1954, Registered Estate No. 113 in Lees Mill Township, containing a 160-acre tract.

Education Board Acts on Several Matters Monday

Ronald L. Davenport Elected To Succeed W. B. Davenport on Roper School Committee

The Washington County Board of Education, at its April meeting here Monday, elected Ronald L. Davenport to the Roper School Committee to succeed W. B. Davenport who had asked to be relieved of his duties as a member of the committee after many years of service to his community and county in this capacity.

The contracts of Mrs. George Frost Barnes, supervisor of white schools, and Mrs. Addie Beattie Boyd, supervisor of Negro schools were continued for the 1954-1955 school term. Mrs. Ollie E. Keaton, the librarian at the Washington County Union School at Roper, was granted permission to be absent because of illness until the end of the eighth school month.

The board authorized the sale of the Brooks School to Mrs. Mabel E. Griffin for \$1,110.00 and the sale of the Sound Side School to Mr. and Mrs. Otis Norman for \$1,467.50. Mrs. Griffin and Mr. and Mrs. Norman were the high bidders at public auction. The board was also informed that the high bidders for the Macedonia School were A. M. and M. H. Kochelis for \$2,800.00 on April 2.

The State Highway and Public Works Commission was granted the right of way to construct a hard surfaced road at the rear of the Roper School campus. The commission was also granted permission to move the agricultural building at the Roper school, providing desiring to do so.

The survey report which was recently made by a committee appointed by the Division of School House Planning of the State Board of Education was presented to the board. Because of a planned visit to all the schools in the county, no action was taken on the report.

"RATTLESNAKE PATROL" AT SCOUT CAMPOREE HERE LAST WEEK-END



Probably nobody ever heard of such a thing before, but that's a good bunch of "rattlesnakes" in the photo above. Members of the Rattlesnake Patrol, Troop No. 184, of Plymouth, they had just been cited for having one of the best arranged campsites and hobby displays at the Boy Scout camporee held here last week-end, and they were pretty happy about the whole thing. Reading from left to right above are Robert Lovie, Russell Bland, Warrnie Gurkin, Patrol Leader Henry Turner, Billy Bowen, Assistant Patrol Leader Larry Allen, Sonny Hardison and Jack Horner. John Andrews, another member of the patrol, couldn't be found when the picture was made last Saturday morning.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.