

An acre of peppers was set out on the farm of Mayor A. J. Riddle near here Monday by Elvin Adams, his tenant. It is the first reported in this section this season. The mayor had 1 1/2 acres in peppers last year and plans to plant 3 acres this season.

2nd Lt. and Mrs. Clarence O. Kelly, jr., returned to Plymouth last week-end to spend a few weeks with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Kelly and Mr. and Mrs. K. S. Trowbridge, before Lieutenant Kelly leaves for overseas duty. Young Kelly graduated from the University of North Carolina last June and received his commission in the Air Force at the same time. He was called into active duty in November and has been at Francis E. Warren Air Base, Cheyenne, Wyo., at supply school most of the time since. He expects to leave in about 20 days for his new post in England.

Those who have not paid their 1953 taxes are reminded by town and county tax collectors that the rate of interest on unpaid taxes will go up another half cent after the first of May. The rate of interest this month is 2 1/2 cents; starting on May 2nd the rate will advance to 3 per cent.

Local golfers, who have always considered the course here one of the most difficult they have ever played, can appreciate a remark made last week-end by Paul Munsell, of Kinston, past president of the Southern Seniors Golf Association. Speaking at a buffet dinner at the club Saturday night after a trying day on the links, Mr. Munsell, who is a pretty good golfer in his own right, said "You folks here have about the finest golf course in the eastern part of the United States, but if it was mine I'd plow it up."

Dr. A. Papineau is attending a post-graduate institute in Chapel Hill this week on "Implications of Newer Diagnostic and Therapeutic Techniques." It is being held at the Medical School of the University of North Carolina on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Dr. Papineau will return home tomorrow.

Eastern Carolina Firemen in Meet At Roper Tuesday

Members of Roper Department Serve Barbecue and Brunswick Stew To Nearly 200 Visitors

Members of the Roper Volunteer Fire Department were hosts Tuesday to upwards of 200 "visiting firemen," when the Eastern Carolina Firemen's association held its quarterly meeting in that town.

The Roper firemen did it up brown, too, providing one of the best barbecues and brunschwic stew suppers ever staged in this section. The dinner was held in the high school auditorium, which was turned into a huge banquet hall for the occasion. Five pigs were donated to the firemen by various public-spirited citizens of the town, providing some splendid barbecue, with nearly a tubful left over after all the visitors had fairly well stuffed themselves.

Members of the school lunchroom staff prepared the brunschwic stew, which was done to perfection. They also prepared the slaw and cooked the cornbread that rounded out the dinner.

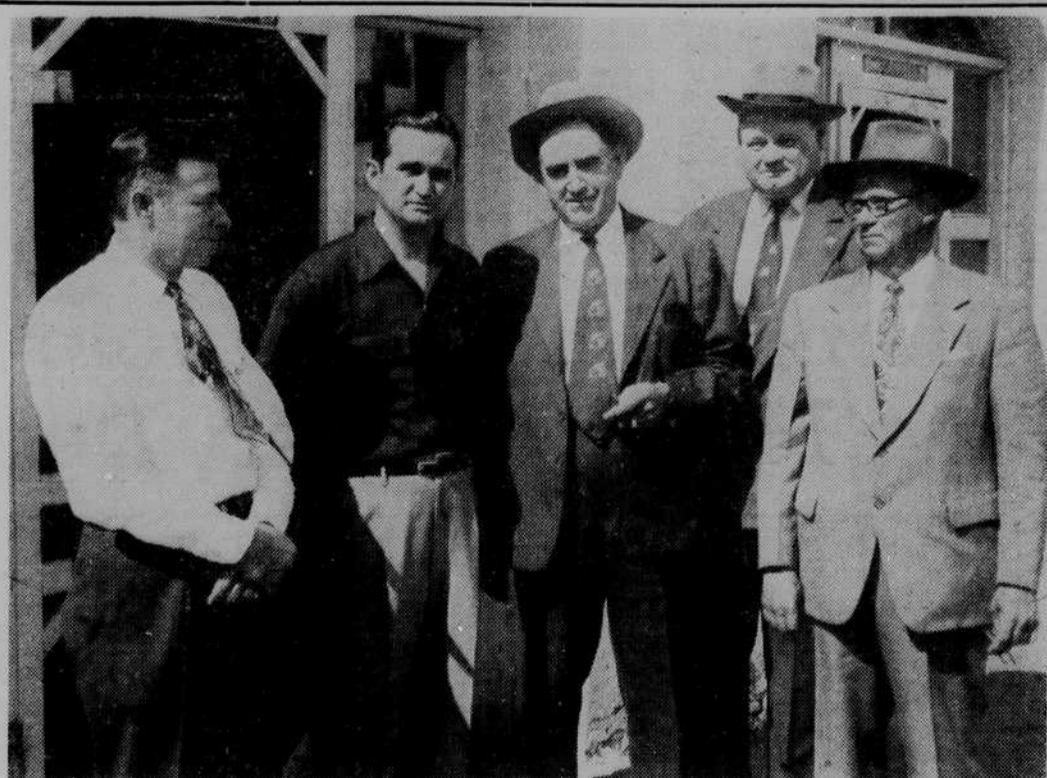
Counting members of the host department, there were 185 firemen in attendance, representing most of the 35 towns which are members of the association. In addition there were some 20 to 30 invited guests who were not firemen. Some of the visitors arrived early in the afternoon to look over the fire department building in Roper and to visit with friends from other departments who likewise arrived early.

Principal speaker at the meeting which followed the dinner was Charles F. Gold, of Raleigh, insurance commissioner of North Carolina. He spoke at some length on the work and activities of the state insurance department. He was introduced to the group by Curtis Flannagan, assistant chief of the Farmville Fire Department.

Henry S. Everett, chief of the Roper department, called the meeting to order, and Plymouth Fire Chief Miller Warren presided in his capacity as president of the association. The invocation was made by the Rev. Edward Spruill, rector of St. Lukes Episcopal Church at Roper. Mayor Reynold S. Spruill, of Roper, delivered the address of welcome, with H. O. Lovic, of the Plymouth department responding.

Chief Henry Everett recognized special guests, and Tyrus Bissett, chief of the Wilson department and president of the State Firemen's Association made a brief talk.

CANDIDATE W. KERR SCOTT AND SOME OF HIS LOCAL SUPPORTERS



Former Governor W. Kerr Scott (center) was in Washington County last Thursday afternoon in the interest of his candidacy for United States Senator. While in Plymouth he announced that a committee had been selected to manage his campaign in the county, four members of which surround him in the photo above. They are, left to right: Leroy Ange, Lewis Price, Governor Scott, W. M. Darden and W. H. Thompson. Other members announced include Harry Barnes and C. N. Davenport, jr., of Creswell; Walter W. White, of Skimmersville; W. L. Whitley and Harvey Hobbs, of Plymouth. The former governor arrived here shortly after noon and shook hands with a number of his supporters on the streets following an impromptu parade led by the Plymouth High School Band. He also spent some time at the pulp mill during the shift change at 3 o'clock.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

County Board of Elections Names Primary Officials

Weather Blocks Work on Streets

Mayor A. J. Riddle said yesterday that the street surfacing projects here are a standstill right now. The work is being done by highway commission workmen, who are waiting for the ground to dry out somewhat before starting the actual black-topping of several streets.

Crushed rock and screenings have been put on most of the streets and "worked in" by the highway crew. Several soft places in the block of Adams Street next to the Methodist Church are to be filled in, and surfacing will be started just as soon as weather conditions are right, according to the mayor.

Present Prospect Bright for Ample Leaf Plants Here

No Incidence of Blue Mold Reported in County Plant Beds Thus Far, According to Farm Agent

Tobacco plant beds in the county are reported to be doing very well, according to County Agent W. H. Pruden and several leading farmers queried this week. A few farmers are said to have poor stands, but as a whole the outlook is promising for an ample supply of plants by transplanting time.

Cold weather in late February and during much of March delayed plants to some extent, and transplanting possibly will be about a week later than last year, according to reports. It will be about May 1st before any plants are set out in the county.

The county agent said that while no blue mold has been reported in this county, it is prevalent in some other sections. Pruden said plants in beds are about as large as usual at this time of year, but if blue mold is seen, it will be reported.

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Easter Monday To Be General Holiday Here

Easter Monday, April 19, will be observed as a general holiday by most business establishments in Plymouth. The post office and restaurants will be open, but stores, county, town and federal offices, both banks, garages and practically all other business places will be closed. Drug stores and filling stations will observe Sunday hours, it is understood.

The North Carolina Pulp Company will continue operations as usual, but the plant of

Members Take Oath of Office and Perfect Organization at Meeting Saturday Morning Here

Members of the Washington County Board of Elections perfected their organization and appointed precinct election officials at a meeting here last Saturday. Appointed by the state board of elections recently, the three members met in the office of the clerk of superior court at 11 o'clock Saturday morning and, after taking the oath of office before Clerk W. T. Stillman, proceeded to set up machinery for holding primaries in this county on Saturday, May 29.

W. T. Freeman, of Plymouth and Roper, was reelected chairman of the board, and J. Richard Carr, Republican member, was reelected secretary. Moye W. Spruill, of Plymouth, is the third member. All three men were members of the board two years ago.

It is not yet known whether or not there will be a Republican primary this year in the county. So far, no Republicans have filed for any of the county offices, but if a contest should develop by the filing deadline, 6 p. m. Saturday, it will be necessary to hold a primary for that party. There are no contests on state or district levels between Republicans. The board appointed a Republican judge of election for each of the six precincts.

No changes were made in any of the polling places for the coming primary, and the voting will be done at the same places they were in the 1952 general election. Registration books will open on Saturday, May 1, and remain open through Saturday, May 15; each registrant being required to be at the polling place on each of the three Saturdays during that period. During the remainder of the time the registrar may register qualified voters at his residence or place of business.

Next meeting of the board of elections will be held at 6 p. m., Saturday of this week in the office of the chairman, W. T. Freeman. At that time the board will officially certify names of all candidates for printing on the ballots, except where they do not have opposition. Those without

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the Atlas Plywood Corporation will be closed after Friday until Tuesday morning. The Tru-Temper Corporation plant will close down this afternoon and remain closed until Tuesday morning. School students also will have Monday off, returning to classes at the regular time Tuesday morning.

Stores here remained open all day yesterday, but will resume their regular weekly half-holidays next Wednesday, it was stated.

To Hold Clinic Here Tomorrow

Last of the series of pre-school clinics for Plymouth white children for 1954 will be held Friday morning at 9 o'clock at the Washington County Health Department here, Miss Elizabeth Wood, county health nurse announces. The health department is located on Washington Street adjoining the Washington County Hospital.

The clinic will open at 9:30 a. m. and all persons who have children who will become six years of age on or before October 15 of this year and who have not previously brought such children to a pre-school clinic are urged to bring them at this time.

The clinic will offer immunization against whooping cough, diphtheria and small pox, Miss Wood said.

Special Programs At Most Churches On Easter Theme

Sunrise Services at Two Local Churches Sunday Morning; Special Easter Music Also Features

Various special services for the Easter season have been planned by the churches in this area, most of which have already been announced and some already carried out.

The Baptist church is having a musical program tonight, presented by the senior choir under the direction of Mrs. Roy T. Hopkins, with Mrs. W. D. Walker as organist. Special programs will be given at both the morning and evening hours on Easter Sunday. The pastor, the Rev. Paul B. Nickens, will bring the message at both services.

A special sunrise prayer service will be conducted at the First Christian Church Sunday morning at 6:30, with the pastor, the Rev. C. N. Barnette, in charge. Mr. Barnette is also conducting special services nightly at the church this week, starting at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend. The week's service will come to a close Sunday evening, with the annual Easter Canata presented by the choir under the direction of Mrs. H. E. Newland, music director for the church. A baptismal service will be held immediately after the cantata.

A three-hour service is planned at Grace Episcopal Church here on Good Friday afternoon, beginning at 12 noon. The service will commemorate Jesus' passion and crucifixion and is sponsored by the Plymouth Ministerial Association.

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Consent Judgment Of \$5,000 Entered In Williams Case

Trial in Superior Court Here This Week Required Most Of Two Days; Other Cases Continued

A consent judgment, awarding \$5,000 to Waverly Williams in his suit against Howard Estep, was signed by Judge Chester Morris in Washington County Superior Court Wednesday at noon. Court adjourned shortly afterwards for the term which began Monday morning.

The Williams-Estep case consumed practically the entire time of court this week, the trial beginning Monday morning and ending with the signing of the consent judgment yesterday. Two divorces were granted in the only other cases brought to trial during the term.

Waverly Williams, 19-year-old Plymouth youth who lost a leg in an automobile accident near here last June 29, was suing Howard Estep, owner of the other car involved in the accident, for a total of \$100,000. Mr. Estep's car was being driven by his son, Randall Estep, at the time of the accident.

Norman and Rodman represented the plaintiffs in the case, while the defendant was represented by Bailey and Bailey. Nearly two days was required for presentation of testimony, the plaintiffs contending the accident was caused by negligence of the defendants, while the defendants countered with the claim that the plaintiffs were guilty of contributory negligence.

Williams suffered a brain concussion, broken bones in his right leg above the ankle and a badly crushed left leg that necessitated amputation above the knee when he was pinned between the two cars about midnight on June 29. Testimony showed that the Williams car, driven by James Asby, another Plymouth youth, had stopped on the Triangle Road near here. Asby and Williams had gotten out of the car when it was struck by the Estep car, driven by Randall Estep, pinning Williams between the two cars. Asby jumped to safety.

Other passengers in the Williams car were Howard Mizelle, Haywood Davenport, Wayne Nobles and James Haislip. Estep was alone at the time of the accident. Both cars were returning to Plymouth from Belhaven when the accident occurred. Young Estep said he did not see the other car on the highway until he was too close to avoid hitting it.

The judgment signed yesterday specified that no finding of fault was embraced in the award made. The only other cases disposed

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South Albemarle Body Here Today

The executive committee of the Southern Albemarle Association is meeting in Plymouth today, with a business session beginning at 10:30 a. m. in the courthouse, to be followed at 1 p. m. by a barbecue dinner in the agriculture building. From 50 to 60 persons were expected to attend.

Dr. W. T. Ralph, of Belhaven, president of the association, is presiding over the sessions. Local arrangements are in charge of Harry W. Pritchett, who is vice president of the association for Washington County.

Six counties are included in the membership of the association, Washington, Dare, Tyrrell, Hyde, Beaufort and Martin. Each county has a vice president and nine members on the executive committee.

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Special Service Friday Afternoon

By REV. E. M. SPRUILL There will be a service of meditation and devotion in Grace Episcopal Church, Plymouth, Good Friday, April 16th, beginning at 12 o'clock noon and lasting until 3 o'clock. It will be in solemn commemoration of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ's passion and crucifixion, with special emphasis on our Lord's last words from the cross.

Ministers of the local Episcopal, Methodist, Baptist and Christian Churches will take part as will the pastor of the Methodist Church of Roper. This is the fifth consecutive year this type of service has been held in Grace Church, Plymouth. The public is invited and urged to attend.

The Rev. Edward M. Spruill, the host minister, will give the

Findings of Survey Panel Studied by School Board

BUILDING IS COMPLETE FOR AUCTION MARKET

Work was completed last week on the vegetable market to be operated here during the coming season. Operators of the market are James H. Ward, W. T. Freeman and W. M. Darden. They have also made arrangements for warehouse facilities and say everything will be in readiness for opening the market as soon as truck crops are ready for harvest.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.



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Saturday Is Deadline For Filing; 13 Entries In Running Thus Far

Contests Assured for Representative and Commissioner in Scuppernon Township; Expect Others

With 6 o'clock Saturday afternoon of this week as the deadline for filing, there were 13 candidates definitely in the running for various county offices yesterday. At least one other has announced he will be a candidate, although he has not officially filed with W. T. Freeman, chairman of the county board of elections, up to noon yesterday, when the last was checked.

Signed notices of candidacies and filing fees must be in the hands of the chairman by 6 p. m. Saturday, April 17, in order for candidates to get their names on the ballots, Mr. Freeman said. A meeting of the board of elections will be held immediately after the 6 o'clock deadline to officially certify names of all candidates for printing on the ballots, except where they do not have opposition. Those without opposition will be certified as nominees of their respective parties for the offices to which they aspire.

So far there have been no Republican candidates for any county office. It has been rumored here that a full slate would be entered. Unless the names are entered by 6 o'clock Saturday evening, they will not appear on the general election ballot in November.

Those who had officially filed up to yesterday noon are as follows, listed in the order of filing: Edward L. Owens, for state senator, Second Senatorial District; Phillip M. Spruill and Douglas W. Davenport, for county commissioner, Scuppernon Township; J. Whitford Swain, for member board of education; E. O. Arnold, Ben A. Sumner and Dr. J. M. Phelps, for county representative; W. T. Stillman, for clerk of superior court; W. Blount Rodman, for solicitor of recorder's court; J. C. Knowles, for county commissioner, Lees Mill Township; Frank L. Brinkley, for county commissioner, Plymouth Township; Jack L. Horner, for coroner; and J. K. Reid, for sheriff.

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HOUSE CANDIDATE



Summer Candidate For Lower House; Three in Contest

Plymouth Man Represented County in 1943 Assembly; Outlines Main Points in His Platform

Former Representative Ben A. Sumner, of Plymouth, announced Monday that he would be a candidate in the May 29 primary for county representative in the next General Assembly. Mr. Sumner, a traveling salesman who was formerly in the insurance and real estate business here, represented the county in the 1943 legislature.

His entry made the representative race in this county a three-way affair. E. O. Arnold, of Pea Ridge, who represented the county in the 1948 General Assembly, and Dr. J. M. Phelps, of Creswell, had previously announced

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No Action Likely on Building Suggestion Until Further Allocation Is Made Of State Funds

Findings of the special panel assigned to make a survey of school building needs in Washington County were considered by the county board of education at its meeting last week. No action has been taken or is likely until it is learned how much money will be available for additional buildings from proceeds of the state bond sale, according to Roy F. Lowry, county superintendent of public instruction.

Seven recommendations were made by the panel, affecting both white and colored schools in the county. They were not listed in any order of priority, as all were considered of equal importance. They included construction of two elementary classrooms and a combination gymnasium-auditorium at the Plymouth white school; a combination gymnasium-shop at Roper white school; a lunch room and shop at Creswell; and conversion of the present auditorium at Plymouth white school into two rooms for science and home economics.

Recommendations for Negro schools included construction of four classrooms and a lunch room at Plymouth; razing of the old wooden three-classroom building at Plymouth; razing of the old wooden building at Roper and construction of eight new classrooms on the site.

While the recommendations are advisory and not binding, they represent the considered opinion of the five panel members named by the state board of education to make the survey. The survey was requested by the Washington County board of education. The

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Calvin C. Wynne Dies of Injuries Following Assault

Sheriff J. K. Reid Expects Arrest Shortly of Three Pea Ridge Negroes Involved in Fracas.

Sheriff J. K. Reid said yesterday afternoon that arrests were expected momentarily in connection with the fatal beating of Calvin Wynne, white, in a fight with three colored men in the Pea Ridge section last Saturday night. The sheriff said identity of two of the men sought was known and he expected all three to be in custody very shortly.

According to reports, Wynne, about 37 years of age, accompanied by Edison Twiddy, went into a colored store in the Pea Ridge section about midnight to buy some tobacco. He was followed outside by three Negroes, one of whom asked if Wynne wasn't "in the wrong place." The Negro then hit Wynne twice, knocking him down.

Wynne later returned home and went to bed. He was found dead by his wife about 4 a. m., and she called officers. The body was brought to Plymouth, where an autopsy was performed by Dr. Woods, of Edenton, who said death was caused by a ruptured spleen. According to the sheriff, Wynne must have been kicked after he was knocked down.

The store where the fight occurred is on the old Plymouth-Creswell Road. It is known as Johnny Patrick's Place but is operated by Lorenz Norman, colored. Wynne was a native of Martin County who had lived in the Roper section for about 9 years.

Son of the late Augustus Wynne and Esther Bennett Wynne, he was born near Williamston 37 years ago and spent his early life on a farm. In 1945 he located in Washington County, marrying Miss Lily Marriner. He was engaged in the logging business, first with the Richmond Cedar Works and later with an Elizabethton City firm.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Mack Willard in Scuppernon Church of Christ Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Interment was in the Marriner plot at Pleasant Grove.

Surviving are his widow; two sons, Charles Calvin Wynne, jr., and Kenneth Wynne, and a daughter, Jeannette Wynne, all of the home; a sister, Mrs. Daniel Lilley of Williamston; and three brothers, Dillon Wynne of the old home, James Wynne of RFD 1, Oak City, and Irving Wynne of Popular Point.