

Two County Contests in Primary May 29th

Two Ordered Held For Court in July On Slaying Charge

Preliminary Hearings Held In Recorder's Court Tuesday for Men Involved in Three Fatalities Recently

Following preliminary hearings in recorder's court here Tuesday, two colored men were ordered held for trial at the July term of superior court on charges growing out of three deaths in the county in the past two weeks.

Nathan Thomas, Mackeys Negro, was charged with the fatal shooting of Aline Moore and Violet Chesson, both Negroes of Mackeys, on Saturday night, April 3.

He did not take the stand at the hearing here Tuesday, and following presentation of evidence by the state, the recorder directed that Thomas be held for first-degree murder, without privilege of bond.

The other case was that of George Skinner, Creswell Negro, arrested by Sheriff J. K. Reid last Thursday as the result of the fatal beating of Calvin Wynne, 37-year-old white logwoods worker, in Skinnerville Saturday night, April 10.

The state presented evidence that Skinner and Wynne engaged in an affray outside a colored store in Skinnerville April 10, during which Wynne was knocked to the ground and allegedly kicked by Skinner.

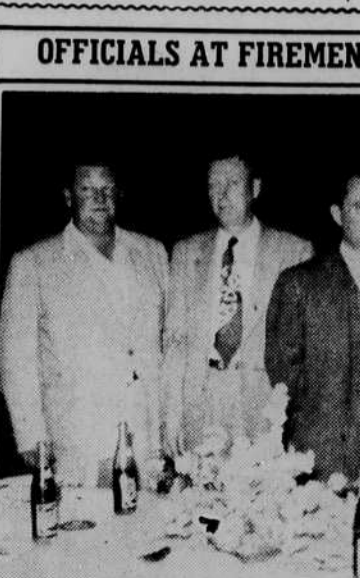
Service Held for Mrs. Della Phelps

Services were conducted Saturday by the Rev. Walter Armstrong, pastor, for Mrs. Della Sawyer Phelps, 78, at Holly Neck Church of Christ.

She was the widow of the late Winnie Phelps, of near Roper, and the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lott Sawyer, of Tyrrell County.

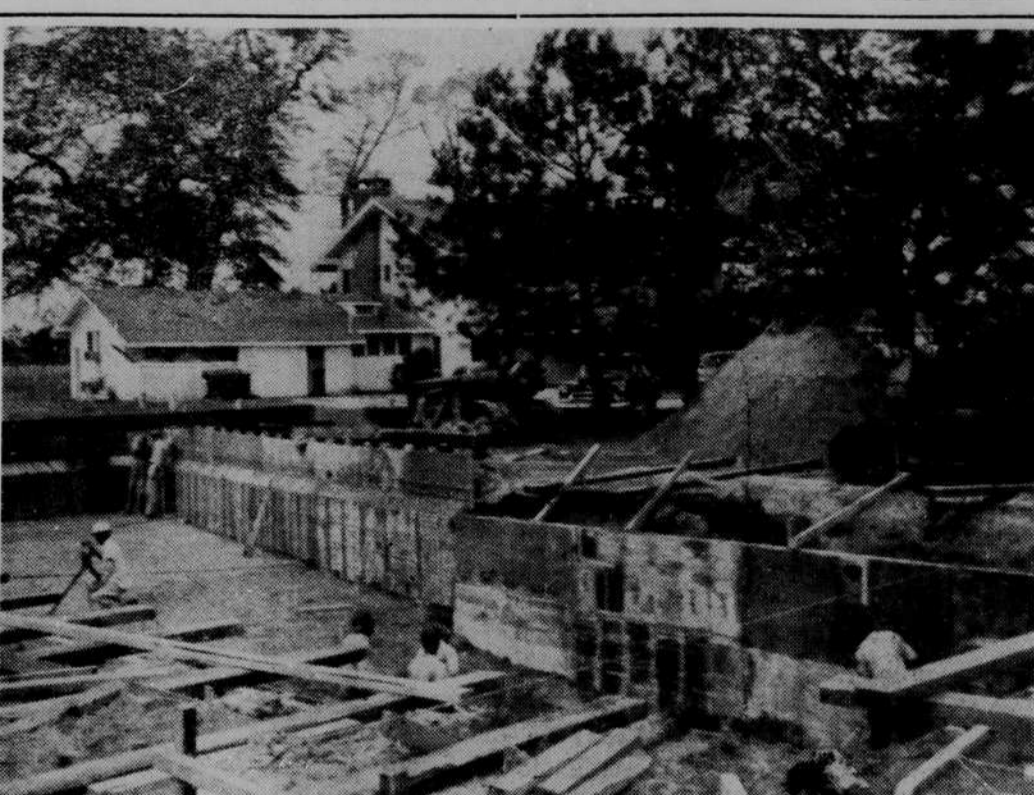
Services were held at the church at 3 p. m. and interment followed in the church cemetery.

OFFICIALS AT FIREMEN'S MEETING IN ROPER



Charles F. Gold (center), Insurance Commissioner of North Carolina, was principal speaker at the quarterly meeting of the East Carolina Firemen's Association held in Roper Tuesday of last week.

CONSTRUCTION OF SWIMMING POOL STARTED AT COUNTRY CLUB HERE



Construction started last week on a swimming pool at the Country Club of Plymouth, as shown in the above photo. The pool, with an area of some 1,800 square feet, is located just to the left and in front of the club building, a portion of which appears in the background.

Club Swimming Pool Work Is Begun Here

1,800 Square Feet in Area; Fully Equipped; Ready For Use by Middle of June, Officials Say

Work was started last week on a swimming pool at the Country Club of Plymouth, and it is expected to be ready for use by the middle of June, according to M. J. Polk, who is in charge of construction.

The pool will have approximately 1,800 square feet of area, according to the specifications. Depth will range from 3 1/2 feet to 9 feet, and its width is 30 feet at the deep end and 38 feet at the shallow end, and it will be 68 feet in length.

Recommendations by the state board of health officials are being followed in construction of the pool, although not required, since the pool is not public but restricted to the use of members.

A new schedule of membership dues was adopted recently by the board of directors, to become effective on July 1st.

The schedule will be rounded out with clinics Monday of next week at Creswell Colored School, same hour, and at Roper Colored School, Friday of next week, also beginning at 9:30 a. m.

The clinic held at Plymouth White School last Friday was attended by 78 persons, Miss Wood reported.

The Plymouth Lions Club is staging a party Saturday of this week at the Plymouth High School cafeteria, beginning at 8 p. m.

Choice of bridge, set-back or canasta may be played with door and table prizes being offered. Tickets should be sent for door prizes by those who purchase tickets and who will not be present for the drawing, since it is explained that it is not necessary to be present in order to win.

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Challenge Outline Will Be Given To People Next Fall

County Agent, Speaking for Committee, Advises of Delay in Getting Covers for Work

Presenting of the Challenge Program to the public will come some time next fall, it was learned here this week.

Originally, it had been planned to have the program worked out and ready for public presentation within weeks but delay in getting the covers made at Raleigh necessitated the postponement.

The report came in the form of a general letter to Challenge Committee members from Pruden and was mailed following a meeting here last week of the Washington County Agricultural Workers Council.

The letter from Pruden went on to explain in part: The completed Challenge Program has been ready for two weeks with the exception of a cover.

Although there is at present no compelling North Carolina motorist to undergo auto inspection lanes similar to those in some other states and in this state a few years back, they will have opportunity for voluntary inspection service, according to J. W. House, manager of House Chevrolet Company here.

The local auto firm is authorized sponsor of a volunteer vehicle safety campaign starting Monday of next week, Mr. House said.

The check-up is entirely free and without obligation, it is understood. It is designed to make for greater safety on the streets and highways through better mechanical condition of vehicles generally.

Such important items as brakes, steering, lights, horn, windshield, wiper and rubber, etc., will be gone over for defects and notes made of items needing attention.

Owners of all types and makes are cordially invited to take advantage of the service which is being endorsed strongly by both Governor Umstead and State Motor Vehicle Commission Ed Scheidt.

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SOUTHERN ALBEMARLE ASSOCIATION OFFICERS HERE LAST WEEK



Gathered on the steps of the Washington County Courthouse here last Thursday are some of the officers and directors of the Southern Albemarle Association here for a meeting of the executive committee.

14 Candidates Filed For Total 10 Offices

No Last-Minute Filers Saturday

Contrary to usual custom in Washington County, there were no last-minute filers for political office last Saturday.

Open Registration Books in County Saturday, May 1st

Remain Open Through Saturday, May 15; Service Men and Wives May Vote Absentee in Primary

Next item of interest on the primary election calendar for Washington County is opening of books for registration, which begins in all six voting precincts on Saturday, May 1.

No new registration is required this year, and those who have registered and voted previously need not do so again, unless they have moved from one precinct to another or unless they wish to change their party affiliation.

All of us feel the importance of this program and we would like for each of you to use every means at your disposal to keep the interest that was developed alive until the program can be presented next fall.

The Challenge program, when completed, will cover every phase of production, a complete land use program, advance theories of modern diversified agriculture designed to keep farmers employed on the farm the year round, stress the need and profit.

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Eight Without Opposition Certified as Nominees and Names Will Not Appear On Ballot

Fourteen candidates for county offices, one for district senator and one for a township office had filed with the county board of elections when the deadline was reached last Saturday evening at 6 o'clock, according to W. T. Freeman, chairman of the board.

Only two contests are assured for county offices, and voting in one of them is limited to Scuppernon Township. The contest for district senators also will be on the county ballot.

Principal interest on a county-wide basis is centered in the race for representative, enlivened last week by the entry of another candidate, former representative Ben A. Sumner, of Plymouth, who served in the 1943 Legislature.

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Auction Sheds and Other Buildings Ready for Market

Warehouses To Be Made Available To Growers for Regrading and Repacking, Said

The Plymouth Produce Auction Market will soon be ready for its spring and summer season. Buildings have been completed for all phases of the operation.

Warehouses to be made available to buyers for regrading and repacking, and unloading sheds for the convenience of both buyers and growers have been arranged.

The outlook appears very favorable for the '54 season. With the cooperation of everyone in the area this new market will be a great asset to Eastern North Carolina.

Other vegetables are also being planted — lima beans, okra, field peas, watermelons, cantaloupes, sweet corn, and others.

The market operators also report that they will sell flowers at auction on this market — principally gladiolus. A large number of flower growers in the Terra Ceia section near Plymouth have a large acreage and have indicated that they plan to sell on this market.

Louis Singleton, of Plymouth, was installed as first vice president of the student government association at East Carolina College in Greenville Wednesday night.

Jerry Trueblood is reported as "somewhat better" at MaryView Hospital, Portsmouth, Va., where he was rushed last Thursday. He was suffering with symptoms of poliomyelitis but a diagnosis revealed meningitis.

Local Methodists hope to have their new educational building completed in time for holding the district conference there on May 4. Most of the work is being done by volunteer workers who are members of the church.

Mrs. Sterling McCombs had a close call at her home here last Friday, when she was nearly overcome by fumes from a highly concentrated household bleaching compound.

Television fans in this section are looking forward to May 1, when the Norfolk station changes to Channel 3 and begins use of a much higher tower.

Winslow Talks at South Albemarle Directors' Meet

Construction of Toll Bridge Across Alligator River Favored by First District Commissioner

Additional funds will be needed before the Croatan Sound bridge can be constructed, J. Emmett Winslow, of Hertford, First District Highway Commissioner, told members of the Southern Albemarle Association board of directors last week.

The commissioner also told the Southern Albemarle group that he favored construction of a toll bridge across the Alligator River below Columbia on U. S. 64.

Speaking of the Croatan bridge, Mr. Winslow said the allocation of \$750,000 by Governor Umstead for this project was only a starter and that an additional \$2,250,000 would be needed.

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Easter Seal Sale Closes This Week

Mrs. J. M. Davenport, of Creswell, county chairman, this week appealed for a liberal response to the Easter Seal sale, which is being concluded this week.

Last year between \$300 and \$400 were raised through the sale of Easter seals, with proceeds being used for the care and treatment of crippled children.

The chairman requests all workers to complete their reports by the latter part of this week and send them to her, so that a complete summary will be available for publication next Thursday.