

Expect Record Vote in County Next Tuesday

Bond Rally, Band Concert Tonight

A big bond rally, to be touched off by a half-hour concert by the Plymouth High School band, is all set for Plymouth Thursday night of this week.

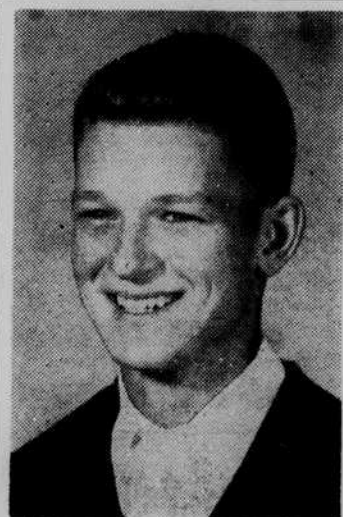
James H. Ward, chairman of the Washington County School Improvement Committee, made the announcement.

\$500,000 school bond issue to be voted upon by the electorate of this county Tuesday of next week at the general election will be fully discussed, Mr. Ward promised, as will the building program to ensure if the bond issue is voted in.

"Several interesting local and outside speakers have been lined up for this rally," Ward said, "and a panel of local school authorities will be present to participate with others present in a question-and-answer period."

Delegation Proposes Central High School

CLASS PRESIDENT



Thomas Haines Ragland, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ragland of Plymouth, was last week elected president of the freshman class at East Carolina College, Greenville.

Two From County Get Top Offices As ECC Freshmen

Plymouth Boy Elected Class President; Cherry Girl Is Representative on Student Governing Body

Two students from Washington County were last week elected to top offices of the Freshman class for the 1956-57 school year at East Carolina College at Greenville.

The election was held on the campus of the college Tuesday of last week. Young Ragland won over Wade Ward of Bethel in a race for top position among new students on the campus.

A graduate of Plymouth High School, Ragland is majoring in social studies at East Carolina. He

Resolution Approved By Board Education

Below is the text of the resolution adopted by the Washington County board of Education Monday afternoon, following a public meeting at which petitions were presented by a delegation of county citizens asking that one central high school be established as near the geographical center of the county as possible for white high school pupils.

- "Be it resolved: (1) That the Board of Education respectfully thanks the members of the delegation which appeared before the board on October 29, 1956, and all who signed the petition for their interest in and support of better schools for all the children of Washington County; (2) That it is the opinion of the board that the plan as recommended by the survey committee, approved by the board of education and by the school improvement committee, continues to be the basic plan by which it proposes to spend the money derived from state and county bonds; (3) That the board does not believe in forcing any high school to be consolidated without the approval of the people; (4) That when the majority of the citizens in any school district desires to consolidate its high school with another high school in the county the board will give careful consideration to such a recommendation; (5) That the board of education hopes all citizens will rally to the support of the children of the county and vote for the bond issue on November 6, 1956."

Ward stated, of Carl L. Bailey, sr., Plymouth attorney who serves as counsel for the county board of education; J. W. Norman, also of Plymouth, who is chairman of the county education board; and Roy F. Lowry, superintendent of county schools.

The Rev. Paul B. Nickens, minister of Ludford Memorial Baptist Church here and Plymouth chairman for the school improvement committee, will be the keynote speaker, it was said.

The meeting will be open to all who care to attend, Ward stated.

Ten From County Attend 4-H Club Event at Edenton

Five Girls and Three Boys Represent Clubs of County at Recognition Day Program Saturday

Eight county 4-Hers and their advisors were in Edenton Saturday to attend District 4-H Recognition Day.

The morning session was held at the Chowan County courthouse and luncheon was enjoyed at the Masonic Temple. In the afternoon district winners in various categories of 4-H work were recognized and a tour was made of historic points of interest in and around Edenton.

Wayne Davis of Creswell received a certificate for the winning forage crop demonstration participated in by him and by Eli Spruill, also of the Creswell 4-H Club.

Other county 4-H members who attended were Frank Skiles, county winner among boys of the Farm and Home electric project, Larry Hopkins, of the Plymouth club, county health king, Glenda Stotesbury and Mary Margaret Atamanchuk of the Plymouth club, and Frances Everett, Diane Gaylord and Becky Hutchins, all of the Roper club. J. L. Outlaw, assistant county agent who is in charge of boys' 4-H work in the county, and Mrs. Frances M. Darden, county home demonstration agent who supervises girls' 4-H work, accompanied the group.

World Community Day Service To Be Held Here Friday

United Church Women of Plymouth To Hold Annual Service at 3:30 P. M. At Ludford Church

Friday of this week at 3:30 p. m. at Ludford Memorial Baptist Church World Community Day will be observed by Plymouth church women.

The annual occasion is a spiritual undertaking through which church women rededicate themselves to building life, friendship and lasting peace, it is explained.

The United Church Women of Plymouth will observe the day by uniting in a service of worship, prayer and study. During the special service at the church a nursery will be provided for young children, it was announced.

The offering received at the service will go to bring care, comfort and security to aged and sick refugees, to men and women forced off their land in Pakistan, to ministerial students in Indonesia, and many other similar projects.

The program has been released as follows:

Prelude: meditation on World Community Day; hymn, "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"; Call to worship; scripture reading; responsive reading: Human Rights and Freedom; prayer; special music: "O Brother Man, Fold to Thy Heart Thy Brother"; prayer for the United Nations (Stephen Vincent Benet); dedication of gifts; Doxology; benediction; postlude.

Time Growing Short for Sowing Cover Crop, Said

Farmers who have not sown cover crops but who plan to do so should get the job done right away, County Agent Guy M. Whitford stated yesterday.

These sowings should be made not later than the 15th of this month, Mr. Whitford believes. He said it is now too late to seed pasture.

Bond Issue, Local, State, National Officers To Be Decided at Election

Registration and Interest in Bond Issue Indicates Record Vote of More Than 3,000 Next Tuesday

Most political observers are expecting a record-breaking vote to be cast next Tuesday in Washington County. This is indicated by the largest registration in years and the fact that much interest is being shown in the school bond issue, as well as candidates on the presidential ballot.

Registration in the county during the period which closed last Saturday totaled 362. This was the third registration period to be held this year, others being before the primary in May and the special general election in September. It is estimated that more than 500 persons have registered so far this year in the county.

Registration by precincts during the period ending last Saturday was as follows, as reported by W. T. Freeman, chairman of the county board of elections: Plymouth No. 1, 108; Plymouth No. 2, 158; Lees Mill, 64; Wenona, 1; Skinnerville, 15; and Scuppernon, 15.

Largest vote previously cast in the county was at the general election four years ago. At that time 2,748 votes were cast for the two presidential candidates, Eisenhower and Stevenson, the same two heading the national tickets this year. It is now believed that the county vote will go well over 3,000 next Tuesday.

There has been little active campaigning by either party in the county this year, although the Republicans have been more active than the Democrats in this respect. A district rally was held here by Republicans several weeks ago, with a number of candidates for state offices present. A district Democratic rally was held at Washington on last Thursday, with a fairly good representation from this county.

In the 1952 general election, President Eisenhower received about 28% of the vote cast in Washington County, 774 against 1,974 for Stevenson, and this marked a new high for Republican candidates in recent years. In 1948 the Republican nominee received only 16% of the county vote. As a rule, Republican candidates for state offices receive less than 20% of the Washington County vote, and in view of the little interest being shown in the state ticket it is not believed they will do any better this year. There is no Republican opposition for Democratic candidates for county offices this year.

Bishop Cushman Will Speak Here

Bishop Ralph S. Cushman, outstanding author, preacher and churchman, will preach at a series of special services to be held soon at Plymouth Methodist Church.

Announcement was made this week by the minister of the church, the Rev. Jesse H. Lanning.

The series of services will begin Sunday morning, November 18, and continue through Wednesday, November 21, the announcement stated. Mr. Lanning said that Bishop Cushman's spiritual poems and other writings are widely known and used. A number of his books will be available for purchase during the time of the revival.

The public, Mr. Lanning said, is invited to attend and share in these services.

Local Boy Named To Naval School

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner, First District of North Carolina, yesterday announced from his home in Washington the appointment of Cecil Neal Carter, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Carter, of 28 Golf Road, Plymouth, as a candidate for midshipman in the United States Navy and admission to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.

Young Carter is now in his second year at Riverside Military Academy, Gainesville, Ga., where he has made an outstanding record. He was appointed sergeant first class in the Riverside corps of cadets shortly after the opening of the school year. He will take the entrance examination for the Naval Academy in the spring of 1957.



DEATH CAR: Above is what is left of one of the four automobiles involved in two accidents that cost four lives in Washington County last Friday night and Saturday morning. The car, a 1949 model Chevrolet driven by Dallas Lee Blount, young county colored man, was in collision with another machine driven by an Edenton Marine, David Gerard Baugh, at 11:50 p. m. Friday on US 64 15 miles east of Plymouth. Drivers of the two cars met instant death. Saturday at 8:50 a. m. two more lives were snuffed out in a collision three miles east of Plymouth on the Mackeys Road. Victims were Mrs. Virginia Furlough of near Edenton and Joe Ransom, aged Plymouth Negro who was a passenger in a pickup truck which went out of control and struck the Furlough car.—Staff photo.

Four Killed Outright In County Accidents

Edenton Marine, Mrs. Virginia Furlough, Two Colored Men of Plymouth, Victims of Two Wrecks

Four persons were added to the highway death toll for 1956 in this county and considerable property damage was done in a series of highway accidents Friday and Saturday.

The dead were listed as David Gerard Baugh, Edenton Marine whose home was given as Ojai, Calif.; Dallas Lee Blount, colored of Plymouth Rt. 1; Mrs. Virginia Furlough of Plymouth; and Joe Ransom, colored, of Plymouth.

There were two fatal wrecks, exactly nine hours apart, according to the report submitted by State Highway Patrolman Carl Gilchrist of Plymouth, the investigating officer.

At 11:50 p. m. Friday a 1950 Ford traveling east on US 64 and a 1949 Chevrolet traveling west on the highway were in almost head-on collision half a mile east of the Dennis Chesson residence some 15 miles east of Plymouth, the report stated.

The Ford was owned and operated by Baugh and the Chevrolet by Blount. The report of the patrolman showed that the Ford was "apparently being operated to the left of the center line." Both drivers met instant death, it was said. The cars were demolished. A passenger in the Blount car, Willie Lee McCuller, 24, of Roper, suffered a fractured left arm, head cuts and bruises. Sheriff J. K. Reid also took part in the investigation.

At 8:50 a. m. Saturday a 1953 Ford owned and operated by Elvin Henderson Furlough of Plymouth was struck by a 1942 Ford pickup truck which was out of control on the Mackeys Road three miles east of Plymouth, the report showed. The Furlough car was traveling east and was meeting the truck, owned by Sonny Watson of Plymouth and operated by Philip Taylor, also of Plymouth. The report of Patrolman Gilchrist stated that the investigation showed that the truck was being operated by a drunken driver at an excessive rate of speed and in a reckless manner, that the truck ran off the pavement.

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Early Visit To Polls Is Urged

Polling places in Washington County will open at 6:30 a. m. and close at 6:50 p. m. next Tuesday, the hours fixed by state law for voting in the general election.

Twelve hours should be ample time for every eligible voter to cast his ballots, but it has been pointed out that in view of the heavy registration, especially in the Plymouth precincts, voters will do well to go to the polls as early as possible. This will avoid the last-minute rush that usually develops at the polling places.

Three From Here At Bridge Group Meet Wednesday

H. W. Pritchett, Dr. J. M. Phelps and W. M. Darden Attend Session of Southern Albemarle Group

H. W. Pritchett and Dr. J. M. Phelps, both of Creswell, and W. M. Darden of Plymouth attended the meeting of the Southern Albemarle Association at Belhaven on Wednesday of this week. Mr. Pritchett is vice-president for Washington County of the association.

About 60 persons attended the meeting and a luncheon at River Forest Manor. The meeting was held at John A. Wilkinson High School with Melvin Daniels of Mantoo, president of the association, in charge.

The association went on record to work for a bridge across Alligator River, toll-free or not. It was brought out that if such a bridge cannot be built toll-free, then the association would favor a toll bridge. A group from Wilmington and New Hanover County interested in getting a bridge across the river.

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County Voters To Get Four Ballots Next Tuesday; Presidential, State, County, and Bond Issue

Washington County voters will decide a number of matters at the general election next Tuesday, November 6th. Along with others throughout the state and nation, they will express their preference between candidates for county, state and national offices. In addition, they will vote "yes" or "no" on the issuance of \$500,000 worth of school improvement bonds by this county.

Each voter will get four ballots when he or she goes to the polling places next Tuesday. The national ballot will contain the names of Democratic and Republican candidates for President and Vice President of the United States. The state ballot will contain the names of Democratic and Republican candidates for state offices and Member of Congress from the First Congressional District.

The county ballot will contain the names of Democratic nominees for district solicitor, district state senators and county officers, for which there is no Republican opposition in this county. In Lees Mill and Wenona precincts the county ballot will also contain the name of a Democratic candidate for township constable, who also has no opposition. The fourth ballot will be on issuance of the school improvement bonds, with spaces providing for voting "yes" or "no" on this issue.

Most interest in this county is probably centered on the bond issue, with the national ballot running a close second. The presidential ballot contains four names: Democratic, Adlai E. Stevenson and Estes Kefauver; Republican, Dwight D. Eisenhower and Richard M. Nixon. There is no provision for "splitting a ticket" in voting for president and vice president. A vote for Stevenson for president is automatically a vote for Kefauver for vice president; similarly, a vote for Eisenhower for president is also a vote for Nixon for vice president.

The state ballot contains the names of 25 Democratic candidates and 12 Republican candidates. There are no Republican candidates for judges of the supreme court and judges of superior court, accounting for the difference.

The Democratic state ticket lists the following candidates:

- For governor, Luther H. Hodges; lieutenant governor, Luther E. Barnhardt; secretary of state, Thad Eure; state auditor, Henry L. Bridges; state treasurer, Edwin Gill; attorney general, George B. Patton; superintendent of public instruction, Charles F. Carroll; commissioner of agriculture, L. Y. Ballentine; commissioner of insurance, Charles F. Gold; commissioner of labor, Frank Crane; chief justice of supreme court, J. Wallace Winborne; associate justice of the supreme court, William B. Rodman, jr.; judges of superior court, 2nd district, Malcolm C. Paul; 3rd district, William J. Bundy; 9th district, Hamilton H. Hoggood; 13th district, Raymond W. Mallard; 14th district, Clarence W. Hall; 16th district, Malcolm B. Seawell; 18th district, J. M. Pritchett.

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Mrs. Furlough Is Buried Monday

Funeral services for Mrs. Virginia Adams Furlough, 31, of near Plymouth, were held from Mt. Tabor Free Will Baptist Church at 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon. Officiating were the minister of the church, the Rev. Charlie Hamilton, and the Rev. C. N. Barnett, minister of First Christian Church, Plymouth. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Furlough was killed almost instantly in a highway accident three miles east of Plymouth early Saturday morning. She was a native of Norfolk, Va., but had made her home in this county for the past 13 years. She was born May 12, 1925, daughter of John and Ellen Twiddy Adams of Norfolk. She was married at South Mills March 7, 1943, to Elvin Furlough of Creswell who survives. She was a member of Mt. Tabor Church.

Other survivors include her parents; two sons, Richard and Larry Furlough of the home; a sister, Mrs. Mae Curry of Norfolk; and three brothers, Frank Adams, John Adams, jr., and Clarence Adams, all of Norfolk.

Condition of Peanut Crop Causes Anxiety

Peanut farmers were getting anxious this week about the condition of their money crop on the stack poles in the fields. Reports from one nearby county stated that some farmers were tearing up the stacks and spreading the vines on the wet ground.

It was unofficially reported here that rain had fallen for 16 consecutive days in October, making the month one of the wettest in memory. October in this section normally provides beautiful weather for the most part.

The sun came out briefly around noon Tuesday but the skies soon were filled with gray clouds again and soft rainfall continued intermittently. Wednesday the sun got the better of the argument with the clouds, for the first time in days and days.

The Beacon was unable late yesterday to contact the weather station near here for figures on the precipitation.