

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL ROYALTY AT ROPER HIGH



The above photo was made at Roper during the recent Halloween Carnival, an annual event, and shows the royal court, with the queen being crowned by the principal of the school, T. A. Hood.

Crop Damage Varies County Agent States

Deadline Close On Cover Crops

Deadline is November 16 for sowing winter cover crops for farmers who have received approval through the ACP, it was announced this week by the county ASC office here.

Monday Holiday To Be Observed

Since Veterans Day date—November 11—falls on Sunday this year, Monday will be observed as a holiday by some.

About 100 Attend Club Achievement Day Program Here

Several persons from this county plan to attend the meeting of the Albemarle Schoolmasters Club to be held at Perquimans High School Cafeteria Monday night of next week.

County Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs Hold Event at First Christian Church

About 100 or more persons attended the Washington County Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs' Fall Achievement Day here Wednesday afternoon of this week.

Fail of Quorum At Meeting Here

Plymouth's mayor, A. J. Riddle, may be thinking up some sort of special attraction to lure members of the City Council to the next meeting of that body, set for Monday night of next week at the Municipal Building.

Award Contracts To Clear Streams

Contracts for clearing streams in 7 eastern North Carolina counties, including Washington, have been awarded, according to Steve Wall, chief of the Technical Liaison Branch, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District.

Poorly Stacked Peanuts Are Hurt Considerably by Wet Weather, Soybean Damage High, Agent Says

County Agent Guy M. Whitford reported this week that damage to peanuts stacked in the fields varies considerably from field to field, with the ones that were stacked properly being in much better condition.

County Men Fined In Federal Court

Six county persons received in federal court at Washington last week fines totaling \$4,250, it was unofficially reported.

Marketing Quota Vote on Cotton Set December 11

Cotton farmers in this county will have opportunity to vote December 11 on the question of marketing quotas for the 1957 crop.

Loan Association To Meet Tonight

The annual meeting of the stockholders of Plymouth Building and Loan Association will be held in the office of the association on Water Street here Thursday night of this week, beginning at 8 o'clock.

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In a telephone conversation with a Beacon reporter Wednesday morning, Mr. Lemley stated that he had written a letter of resignation to General Superintendent J. C. Poe of Raleigh, with resignation to be effective November 1.

Mr. Lemley explained that various unions had served notice on the management of the railroad that they would stage a strike unless Lemley be removed.

Despite the one-sidedness of the Eisenhower victory, the nation apparently maintained the Democrats in control of both houses of the Congress.

President Eisenhower rolled up a tremendous majority in both popular and electoral votes. It appears today that only Missouri, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina are in the Democratic column.

In 1952 Eisenhower carried 39 states with 442 electoral votes, while Stevenson carried nine states with 89 votes.

The voting was very close in North Carolina this year. With 1,065,471 of the state's 2,085 precincts reported this morning, Stevenson

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School Bond Issue Carries; Record Vote in County; Ike Sweeps Nation

President Carries 41 States With 457 Electoral Votes; County and State Remain Democratic

While most of the nation was voting Tuesday to return Republicans Dwight D. Eisenhower and Richard M. Nixon to the highest offices in the land, Washington County and North Carolina voters remained true to their Democratic heritage by giving majorities to Adlai E. Stevenson and Estes Kefauver.

The event will be held behind the Atlantic Coast Line station between the hours of 4 and 9 p. m. on Friday and from 2 to 9 p. m. Saturday, according to Jack W. House, jr., who is chairman of the project committee.

Other members of the committee were listed as Dr. A. L. Whitehurst, Foster Perkins and Jack Strader.

A charge of \$1 per shot will be made and ammunition will be furnished. Also, guns will be available for the use of those without their own guns, it was stated.

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The proposed bond issue for additional school buildings received 2,067 favorable votes to 837 against, returning the surprising majority of 1,230 for the issue.

Four of the six precincts returned majorities in favor of the bond issue, Skinnerville and Suppington being the two to return an unfavorable vote.

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Plymouth Precinct No. 2 returned the largest majority for the bonds, the vote there being 984 for to 86 against. Wenona voted 44 to 12 in favor of the bonds; while Skinnerville voted against, 140 to 55; and Suppington was 264 to 145 against.

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This year the Republican nominee received 35 per cent of the vote cast, while four years ago it was 28 per cent.

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However, they won Suppington in 1952 by 213 to 149, while this year they lost that precinct by 55 votes.

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There was no Republican opposition.

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Jaycee Turkey Shoot Arranged Next Week

The Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a turkey shoot here Friday and Saturday, November 16 and 17, it is announced.

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County Veterinarian Discussed by Board

County Commissioners instructed clerk to extend written invitation to veterinary student

Possibility of getting a veterinarian for this county was talked Monday at the regular monthly meeting of the board of county commissioners.

Guy M. Whitford, county agent, who appeared before the board to tender his report of work done during October, stated that he was in receipt of a letter from Berlen Harris who is attending veterinary school in Atlanta, Ga. The letter, Mr. Whitford explained, stated that the writer expected to complete his schooling next spring and that he was interested in locating in this part of North Carolina.

J. Robert Campbell, who serves as clerk to the board, was instructed to write to Harris and extend an invitation to visit Washington County before making a decision.

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Ask Return of Tobacco Cards

County tobacco growers who have completed the marketing of their crop are urged to return the marketing cards to the ASC office here.

Those who have not finished selling tobacco should return the cards just as soon as the marketing of the leaf is completed, it was said. Some of the smaller markets in the belt are winding up their selling season, it was learned this week.

To Hold Service Sunday At Morratock Church

Services will be held Sunday afternoon at 3:30 at the Morratock Primitive Baptist Church near Plymouth by the minister, Elder S. R. Boykin. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Vote in the County, by Precincts

Below is an unofficial tabulation of the Washington County vote, by precincts, as cast in the general election last Tuesday, November 6. The vote will be canvassed and officially certified by the county board of elections Thursday morning of this week, and, while the following returns are unofficial, it is believed they are substantially correct:

Table with columns for Precinct, Presidential Ballot (Stevenson and Kefauver, Eisenhower and Nixon), School Bond Ballot, County Ballot (Solicitor, State Senators, County Representative, Clerk of Superior Court, Register of Deeds, Recorder of Court, Recorder of Court, County Commissioner, Skinnerville Township, Constable, Lees Mill Township), and State Ballot (Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, State Auditor, State Treasurer, Attorney General, Supt. of Public Instruction, Commissioner of Agriculture, Commissioner of Insurance, Commissioner of Labor, United States Senator, Member Congress, 1st District).

October Wettest For Period Since 1942 This County

Only Fifth Time Since Weather Records Have Been Kept in County That Total Exceeds Five Inches

October just past was the wettest October in Washington County since 1942, a check of records at the weather station near here shows.

Total precipitation for the month was 6.27 inches, the weather station record shows. Some rainfall was listed on 18 of the 31 days in October, including a trace on the 5th.

October is usually a dry month in this area and the precipitation for the month this year has been equalled or surpassed only four times since the keeping of weather records was begun back in 1915.

The other wet Octobers were listed by the weather station staff as 1929 (6.89 inches), 1936 (6.40 inches), 1939 (6.75 inches), and 1942 (6.66 inches).

Total rainfall for the first 15 days of October this year stood at only .08 of an inch. But then it really began to rain . . . and rain . . . and rain. Continuous drizzles for a 24-hour period around the 17th resulted in a precipitation of 2.72 inches. On the 30th the rainfall measured 1.25 inches. On the other days rainfall was less than an inch, but there were so many rainy days the cumulative effect was great.

October rainfall totals since 1950 in this county read as follows: 1950, 1.65 inches; 1951, 2.93 inches; 1952, 1.11 inches; 1953, .66 of an inch; 1954, 1.27; and 1955, 1.10 inches.