

Plymouth's Growth For Over Century Has Been Unusual

Much Progress Noted In School System During Last 148 Years

TOWN IS RICH IN HISTORICAL DATA

Population Is Estimated At 3,000; Six Plants Employ About 800 People; Weekly Payroll Of \$13,000; Four Miles Of Paved Streets; Is Served By Two Railroads And Three Ship Lines

Ever since 1780 when the town of Plymouth was formally laid off as a town there has been a gradual and steady growth that is becoming more noticeable as the days and months and years come and go. It is becoming generally known that there are six manufacturing plants in this small town that employ some 800 people here each week and in return for their labor there is about \$13,000 paid to them weekly. Four miles of paved streets have enhanced the attractiveness of the city immensely.

Daily some 450 pupils gather into the two school buildings to be instructed by a teaching staff of seventeen. Three or four trucks bring them in from the rural sections every day to the local school that is the only chartered school in the county. A score or more students from this town and immediate section are away at college in some educational center of higher learning. Just seventy-five years ago Plymouth had a public school that operated for only three months in the year.

Up until 1888 there were no railroads in Plymouth. The first line that ran into Plymouth was the Atlantic Coast Line that operated a train between Plymouth and points to Williamston and on in that direction. Then came the Norfolk Southern from Mackeys into Plymouth in 1905. Now the town is served by two railroads, three ship lines and one motor bus line. However, the town has been inconvenienced with more boats coming in and out in trading and bringing passengers in time past.

The Bank of Plymouth was established in Plymouth in 1886. Several banks have succeeded this pioneer in the banking system. Some of these have gone under. The present Bank has resources over \$5,000,000. Mail was brought in here three times a week on vessels from Franklin, Va. and three times a week from the surrounding communities mail was brought here by stage.

Courthouse

The courthouse in Plymouth before the Civil War was a small wooden building that did not cost over \$300, and was located near the same spot where the present handsome \$90,000 structure now stands. The new courthouse replaced the one that was discarded about eight years ago which was erected directly after the War Between the States.

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ALMO THEATRE TONIGHT

Ronald Coleman
IN
"The Night of Love"
AND
M. G. M. NEWS

Saturday Night Only
Conrad Nagel

"The Girl From Chicago"

ALSO
Sixth Episode of Serial
"Perils of the Jungles"
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THANKSGIVING OBSERVED HERE

Thanksgiving Day was celebrated yesterday for the three hundred and seventh time in America in accordance with the annual proclamation from the President of the United States and a subsequent proclamation from Governor Angus W. McLean, of North Carolina.

In 1620, some 17 years after the first English settlement was made at Jamestown, a valiant band of Pilgrims landed on the bleak New England shores of Plymouth, Mass., and began a second colony in the New World. After many hardships, facing dangers known and unknown with the small band steadily decreasing in numbers, the first harvest time came with a bountiful yield.

Believing that Divine Providence had watched over the Pilgrims and brought them safely to their first harvest, Governor Bradford issued a proclamation calling on the people to observe a day of thanksgiving and prayer for the blessings of life. This simple observance in 1621 at the dawn of American history was the beginning of one of the oldest and greatest national holidays.

With the crops in the store-houses and the winter supplies ready, the Pilgrim Fathers brought in fresh meats from the forests. Every good thing was prepared for a great village feast and to show their good will for the red man, they invited the friendly Indians to partake of their bounty.

Thus the Pilgrim Fathers inaugurated a national holiday at Plymouth in Massachusetts just about a century and a half before Plymouth, North Carolina, was formally laid off as a town. Merchants in the same State that originated the annual Thanksgiving holiday exerted much influence in naming Plymouth, North Carolina.

LOCAL COUNCIL JUNIOR ORDER CHOOSES NAME

Membership in the local Junior Order of the United American Mechanics passed the fifty mark at the meeting held last Monday night. Charter and supplies have been received by T. I. Moore, State organizer, who is in charge of the organization of the local council.

The name selected was Plymouth Rock Council No. 213. Everything is now in readiness to complete the council. A special meeting will be held in the Masonic hall this evening at 8 o'clock. Officers and members will be instructed in the work and candidates will be obligated this evening.

A charter class will be secured to be initiated by the Old Hickory Degree Team of Washington when they visit the Juniors for the purpose of exemplifying the degrees of the order.

A regular communication of the council will be held Monday night December 3, at 8 o'clock, at which time nominations for local officers will close and the officers will be elected. All applicants and members are urged to attend this meeting.

SUPERIOR COURT CONVENES IN COLUMBIA

Columbia, Nov. 29.—Swift justice was meted out to the defendants that have been arraigned before Judge Walter Small, of Elizabeth City, who is presiding over the November term of Superior Court that has been in progress here this week. Solicitor Herbert Leary, of Edenton, has been prosecuting the offenders of the law while a number of local and Washington county attorneys have been appearing for them.

SURPRISE DANCE IS GIVEN MISS BOWEN

A surprise dance was given to Miss Doris Bowen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bowen, at the home of her parents in the Chapel Hill schoolhouse section last Friday night with forty guests present. Refreshments were served.

PEANUTS YIELD \$131.41 PROFIT ON 2 ACRES

Roper, Nov. 29.—Peanuts raised on two acres on his father's farm in connection with his classroom studies in the vocational agriculture class in the local high school netted Louis Edward Hassell, Jr., of near here, \$131.41 in profit this year, it was learned today from Professor B. G. O'Brien, head of this department in the school. This profit was revealed in the correct records kept during the working of the project during the entire crop season by the young farmer.

A summary of the record that was kept in connection with the raising of the peanuts was submitted to Professor O'Brien as follows: 155 hours of time spent on the crop; total yield for the two acres was 3,366 pounds; the gross income \$168.30; the cost was \$36.89; and the profit was \$131.41. The time used was a little less than the average, and the yield was considerably above the average yield for the year, stated Professor O'Brien.

The outstanding feature of the project is the practice of sound economics by keeping the cost of production at such low figures. If the cost of producing or growing a crop is equal to the sale price there is no use of growing the crop. The net profit, or margin of profit is an essential point in agricultural economics. The task of the agricultural student and farmer is to keep the cost of production at the minimum and at the same time get the maximum yield that is possible, continued Mr. O'Brien.

Other features of this achievement are the fact that the boy is only 12 years of age and the fact that there was very unfavorable weather conditions prevalent during the growing season.

LOCAL MINISTER PREACHES IN GREENVILLE CHURCH

Rev. A. H. Marshall, rector of the local Grace Episcopal Church, preached the sermon in the Episcopal Church in Greenville at the institutional services held there for the Rev. Mr. Lillyerop, the local minister was designated as speaker on the occasion by Bishop Darst, of the diocese of Eastern North Carolina. All the clergymen in the diocese were present at the Greenville meeting.

Rev. Mr. Marshall will preach here at 11 o'clock Sunday morning; at Hamilton at 3:30 in the afternoon; and at Williamston at 8:00 o'clock.

WENONA COMMITTEE WILL GO BEFORE COMMISSIONERS

Wenona, Nov. 29.—A committee from this section will meet with the County Commissioners Monday requesting the officials to make some arrangements of keeping the Turnpike road in better condition. During the rainy season just passed the road was well nigh impassable. It is hoped that the officials will contract the upkeep of the road to some private individual.

Baptist Minister Addresses Thanksgiving Day Assembly

"Gratitude is the fairest blossom that springs from the human soul, and the heart of man knows nothing more fragrant," the Rev. J. R. Everett told the congregation that assembled in the Baptist Church yesterday morning for the annual union Thanksgiving service during a discourse on the text found in Ephesians the fifth chapter and the twentieth verse that reads as follows: "Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ."

In the sermon the minister pointed out the fact that the Jews had a Thanksgiving festival which they celebrated as the Feast of the Tabernacles. Also he told of the origination of Thanksgiving in 1621 when Governor Bradford called the first Thanksgiving feast, and also the time in 1864 when President Lincoln made it a national holiday. Contrasting the reasons for the setting of the Americas, he stated, "South America was settled by men seeking gold; North America was settled by men seeking God."

In speaking of God as the Great Giver, the preacher said, "giving

ASK OFFICIALS TO GUARANTEE SURVEY COST

More than likely a delegation from the Chamber of Commerce will appear before the County Commission at their meeting in the courthouse next Monday in an endeavor to persuade the county officials to join the City Council in pledging an equal amount for the payment of the costs of the survey of the Roanoke, Middle and Cashie rivers in anticipation of the erection of a series of three bridges to span these bodies of water and for the construction of a causeway to link these bridges together thus making it possible for traffic to leave Plymouth at the foot of Washington street and intersect highway number 342 on the Eden House road.

If the tentative plans are successful that are made in the preliminary survey and are adopted by the Highway Commission and are approved by the legislature then the amount of \$250 which the City Council and the County Commissioners have paid for the survey will be refunded to them. Officials of the Chamber of Commerce are very well pleased with the reception extended them by Frank Page, of Raleigh, chairman of the State Highway Commission when they conferred with him in the Capitol City last Friday.

Frank Kugler, of Washington, district highway commissioner, who accompanied the officials to Raleigh on their trip to confer with Chairman Page is enthused over the probability of the erection of the bridges. President Norman of the Chamber of Commerce delegation in the Raleigh meeting, stated that Chairman Page was very kind in offering this method of progress on the new bridge.

TO ADVERTISE PROPERTY OF DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS

Plymouth taxpayers have only about one more week to pay their town taxes before they will be advertised for sale. Collections have not been so good this year as they were last year. The advertisement of the delinquent tax list has been delayed for about thirty days and if payment is not made immediately the property will be offered for sale some time next week, it is thought.

CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Roper, Nov. 29.—Little Miss Hattie Marie Brey was hostess to her friends Tuesday on Bank street celebrating her fifth birthday. Many games were played after which delicious refreshments were served. Those present were: Misses Ruth and Doris Chesson, May Joe Walker, Doris Mae Lewis, Sarah Snell, Virginia Ainsley, Katharine Leary, and Messrs. James Leon McAllister, Kenneth Chesson and David Hale Johnston.

SOCIETY PRESENTS PLAY

The Womans' Missionary Society of the Christian Church will present "Around the World with Christ and His Disciples" in the church Sunday evening at 7:30. Everyone is urged to attend.

Citizens Of Roper To Have Electric Power Saturday

URGES NEED OF FARM NAMES IN COUNTY

By PRATT COVINGTON

A suitable name which is distinctive of features or characteristics of the farm or which fulfills a sentiment or an idea which the owner wishes to convey, is a factor which gives a dignity and an idea of permanency to any home. The name should be dignified, permanent, suitable, pleasing in sound and suggestion. The right farm name will outlast the man who gives it. A good name will help to make a good farm for it will dignify the home and increase the value of the property.

The natural features and characteristics will suggest name beginning, and name endings as: hills, knolls, ridges, cliff, rocks, valleys, woods, kind of trees, shrubs, flowers, farm crops, wild game, live stock, rivers, creeks, springs, gates, views, locations, historical events, Indian names, family names may all offer suggestions. A name that fits one part of the state may not be appropriate in another section. No farm owner should give his farm the name of a famous farm in another state unless that name is appropriate for his farm. Study your farm before giving it a name. Individuality should be the key note.

Answer these questions before deciding on a name: Is your farm in a valley, on a hill, near a river or lake? What are the most outstanding characteristics or features of the landscape—rivers, ponds, lakes, mills, mountains, hills, forests, fields, lovely winding roads, battle field, or other historical events, Indian legends? Does the architecture of the house offer a suggestion? Is the family name too commonplace to be pleasing for a name? Could the surnames of both husband and wife be used? Is the farm one which demands a dignified name or a commercial name? Is the name you are considering harmonious in sound? Is it commonplace or does it interest strangers as well as the family? Is there a sentiment you wish to convey? Is the name appropriate? Does it have individuality? Will it live?

A suggestive list of names follows: Airy Knoll, Beech Grove, Bide-a-Wee, Broad Acres, Brookdale, Cedar Crest, County Heights, Deep Woods, Fern Brook, Gray Gables, Forest Hill, Glendale, Green Acres, Hedgewood, Hillcrest, Longview Farm, Many Brooks, Oakland, Pasquannock, The Films, The Pines, Wayside Home, Willow Brook and Willow Banks Farm.

PLAYLETS ATTRACT MANY AMUSEMENT SEEKERS

A large crowd attended the presentation of the three one-act plays that were given in the school auditorium Tuesday evening. The playlets were brimmed full of fun, gaiety and laughter. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the school.

AEROPLANE HERE THIS WEEK

Pilot Pennington and Jim Brewer of Rocky Mount were here this week in an aeroplane taking passengers to ride. Several have made the trip in the plane.

OFFICERS SEIZE 670 GALLONS OF WHISKEY IN RAID

Six hundred and seventy gallons of whiskey was seized in a raid on a boat that was operated by E. Joe Pritchard near the Sound Yester day morning by Sheriff J. K. Reid, Chief of police P. W. Brown and L. L. Basnight, it was learned here today from the officers. The whiskey is being kept in the courthouse in Plymouth to be used as evidence in the trial that will be held at an early date.

Leonard Barco Contracted With Town To Furnish Street Illumination

TOWN NOT ASLEEP IT IS EVIDENT

Renovating Old Town Plant Which Has Been Discarded For Years: Many Meters Have Been Installed In Buildings; Current Will Be Turned On Tomorrow

By HELEN BREY
(Staff Correspondent)

Roper, Nov. 29.—Perhaps there are many citizens in this immediate community as well as in the county at large that have concluded that the sign of progress in Roper is a dead issue, however, it is significant that the town has not fallen asleep as its citizens will soon be enjoying a convenience that many small towns of the size of Roper are not permitted to enjoy.

Several years ago the citizens of Roper had electric lights, but for the past two years the inhabitants have had to resort to the primitive illumination system, and streets have been in darkness for the lights furnished by the individual merchants during business hours.

Last week, Leonard Barco signed a contract with the town officials to furnish electric power for the town. Mr. Barco has been working on the old town plant for several weeks and he hopes to be in a position to furnish current in a few days.

Beginning December 1, every one who wishes may have electric lights in their homes, shops and other places. Meters have been installed in most of the residences and in many of the business houses. Each person will pay their light bills according to the amount used. The minimum amount has not been announced.

Many citizens are elated over this fact and are of the opinion that Mr. Barco will give the town efficient illumination through the renovated power plant. Citizens are urged to cooperate with the manager of the new illumination system.

METHODIST PRESIDING ELDER WILL PREACH HERE SUNDAY

The Rev. O. W. Dowd, recently appointed presiding elder of the Elizabeth City district of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church, will preach in the local Methodist Church at the 11 o'clock preaching service Sunday morning. Following the sermon holy communion will be celebrated. A business session will be held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Elder Dowd was formerly pastor of the Methodist Church at Hamlet, and has filled some of the leading pulpits of the North Carolina Conference. He is a noted pulpit orator and his services are much in demand in churches of his denomination.

HELPS OUT ON BAIL PENDING A HEARING

Grover Phelps is out under a \$500 bond after having been arraigned before Judge Zeb Vance Norman Tuesday on charges growing out of an automobile wreck that occurred on highway number 90 between Plymouth and Columbia Sunday afternoon. The court deferred the hearing in the case until the condition of L. T. Norman, the driver of the Ford that collided with the automobile driven by Phelps, is either improved or grown worse. The three occupants in both cars were injured. The Negro who was with Phelps received the most severe injuries.

Sell School Property

Five buildings and five lots will be sold from the Cool Spring, Allen, Bateman, Monticello and Jackson school districts at the courthouse Tuesday, it was announced today by J. W. Norman, county superintendent of public instruction.