

Ronald Waters of Plymouth was the winner of a large cake which was raffled off at the horse show in Washington Sunday.

Miss Constance Williford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Williford of Plymouth, recently was appointed reservations agent with Capital Airlines, Inc.

State Highway Patrolman W. N. Murphy will leave next Monday for Chapel Hill for three months of schooling.

Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Whitehurst spent Wednesday at Morehead City where they attended the eastern district meeting of the North Carolina Chiropractors Association.

Chief of Police and Mrs. P. W. Brown and their granddaughter, little Miss Patricia Adams, are spending this week in Silver Springs, Md.

Seven county 4-H Club members and their advisors, Mrs. Frances M. Darden and Assistant County Agent J. L. Outlaw, are reported to be having an enjoyable week at State College where they are attending the annual 4-H Club Week.

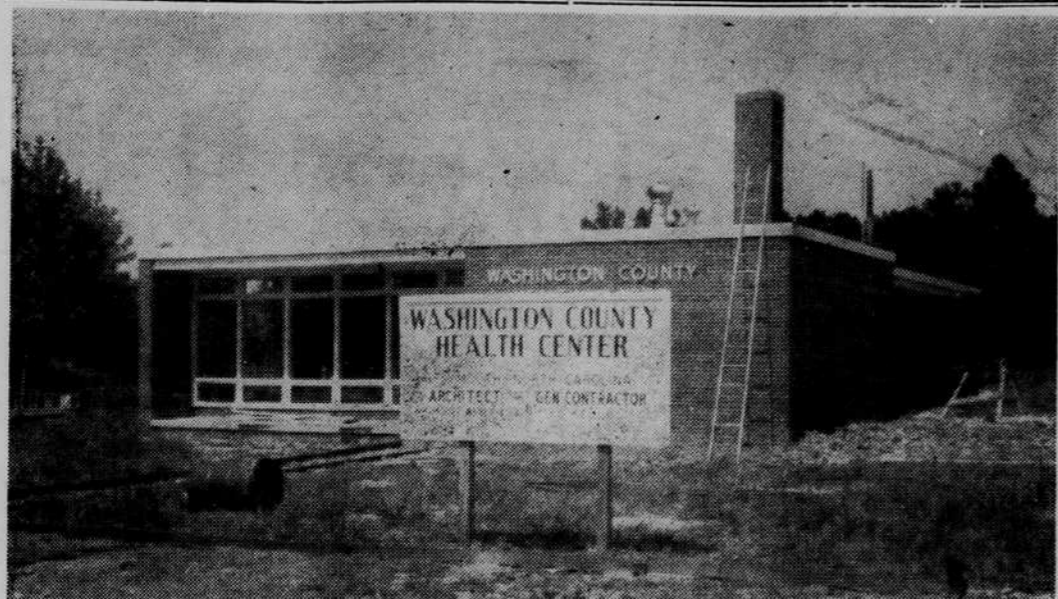
Mr. and Mrs. Willis Bowen returned to Plymouth Saturday after a one-week trip to Baltimore, Md., and the Eastern Shore, Willis, general FHA county supervisor, reports a most pleasant vacation.

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The letting is scheduled for Tuesday of next week on the bids. The work, it is said, will be part of a preliminary survey to ascertain the necessary length of piling and the approximate cost of the bridge.

The letting will not actually commit the state to construction of a bridge across the Alligator River but persons in this section long hopeful of such a structure are taking encouragement.

The state now operates free ferries across the river where it is proposed to construct the bridge.



Shown here is the new Washington County Health Center which is rapidly nearing completion. The new facility is located on Washington Street just north of the old county home building.

County Total of Salk Shots Thus Far 3,122

Teaching Spots Still Not Filled

The 12 vacancies on faculties of Washington County Schools remain unfilled, it was reported this week, but several interested persons have applied and are being interviewed, it is understood.

Disaster Station List Is Released For This County

Seven hurricane-disaster stations have been designated in this county with four other sites tentatively planned.

To Canvass Low Bids Next Week

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Deadlines Extended For Soil Bank Entry

Deadlines for the soil bank acreage reserve have been extended. Tobacco, cotton and corn sign-ups can now be made up to Friday of this week.

Number of County Growers To Send Leaf to Georgia

W. T. Freeman and J. L. Knowles plan to leave Saturday with 40,000 pounds of tobacco.

2nd Death on Streets Here Last Thursday

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Funeral Services For Bob Gurganus

Last rites for R. H. (Bob) Gurganus II, 65, of Plymouth, were conducted from Christian Hope Church of Christ Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. W. C. Chesson, minister of the church, assisted by the Rev. C. N. Barrette, minister of First Christian Church of Plymouth. Burial was in the church cemetery. The body remained at Horner's Funeral Home here until one hour prior to the services when it was carried to the church.

Wheat Marketing Quotas Approved For Coming Year

Nine of 10 eligible voters in the wheat referendum last Friday, voting unanimously for approval of marketing quotas.

New Station To Open on Monday

Plymouth's newest business is slated to open Monday of next week, although a formal grand opening will be held at a later date.

Education Board To Meet Monday

A called meeting of the Washington County Board of Education will be held here Monday of next week, R. F. Lowry stated yesterday. Mr. Lowry, who is superintendent of county schools, acts as secretary to the board.

Expect To Receive Some Peppers Here on Friday

Due to a depressed market the local Produce Auction Market has not received any peppers this week, Manager W. T. Freeman stated Wednesday morning.

CYF To Sponsor Bake Sale At Womble's on Saturday

A bake sale, sponsored by the Christian Youth Fellowship of First Christian Church of Plymouth, will be held at Womble's Drug Store Saturday of this week, it is announced.

Big Business

Hunters and fishermen have contributed to the nation's business turnover by more than five billion dollars annually.

No Action Yet on New County Agent To Replace Pruden

W. H. Pruden's Resignation Effective Tuesday of Next Week; Board May Meet Next Monday

Indications are that Washington County will be without a county agent for some time after Tuesday of next week.

That is the date on which the office will become vacant, County Agent W. H. Pruden having announced his resignation effective July 31.

The resignation of Pruden, who came to this county from Hyde County about four years ago as county agent, was accepted with reluctance and the commissioners endorsed W. H. Hays of Plymouth for the job. Mr. Hays served as county agent here for about 19 years, resigning early in 1952.

At their regular July meeting Monday, July 2, the county commissioners instructed Clerk J. Robert Campbell to write to John E. Piland, eastern district agent of State College Extension Service and furnish him with excerpts of the minutes of the June 22nd meeting of the commissioners regarding endorsement of Mr. Hays to succeed Pruden as county agent. This was done, Mr. Campbell said, but the letter was not acknowledged.

Mr. Campbell stated Wednesday that Mr. Piland called him over long distance telephone Tuesday of this week to apologize for not having answered Campbell's letter.

The chairman of the board of commissioners, Frank L. Brinkley of Plymouth, is ill at this time in a Durham hospital. It is understood that Mr. Brinkley will return home late this week but he will be incapacitated for some time, it is said. Commissioner Hubert L. Davenport of Skippersville is acting chairman of the board.

There is strong likelihood that a special meeting of the commissioners will be called Monday of next week to consider the matter, but nothing definite could be learned here late Wednesday.

The county is fortunate in having an assistant county agent at this time. J. L. Outlaw of Seven Springs assumed his duties as assistant agent here late last year. He was placed in charge of boys' 4-H Club work in the county as well as other duties.

Mixed Reaction to School Plans Now Being Studied



HIT TREE: This is what remains of a four-door sedan after it left US 64 and hit a pine tree on a curve at Oak Grove Church in the Skippersville section early last Thursday morning.

The car evidently was turning over when it hit the tree injuring the driver and only occupant, Hector Quesnel, a Marine from the Edenton base. A helicopter landed at Washington County hospital here about noon Thursday and removed the still unconscious Marine to the Naval hospital at Portsmouth. There were unconfirmed reports here that the man was dead upon arrival in Portsmouth, but Highway Patrol officers said Tuesday he was still alive at the time. Patrolman L. N. (Red) Walters, of Columbia, said this was the sixth wreck he had investigated which involved the same tree.

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Anton Kolpak, 23, of Plymouth, Thursday became the second traffic fatality of the year in Plymouth.

Kolpak died at 10 p. m. Thursday in Washington County Hospital of multiple injuries sustained about two hours earlier when his truck went out of control on East Main Street Ext. and clipped a telephone pole and power pole near Peele's cleaners.

The truck was heavily damaged, according to Officer H. B. Johnson of the local police department who made the investigation. It was said that Kolpak apparently swerved to his right to avoid a car coming onto the road from a service station and lost control of his vehicle.

He was rushed to the hospital here but died later without regaining consciousness.

The first traffic fatality in Plymouth this year came on Friday, March 30, when Catherine Bell, 6-year-old daughter of Samuel Bell, Plymouth Negro, was struck by a pickup truck operated by Henry Gray Spencer, 25-year-old Plymouth carpenter. That accident took place north of the intersection of Wilson Street and Carolina Avenue.

Two Marine sergeants from Edenton met instant death in the county Friday, April 27, in a bridge mishap involving just one car. They were William W. Lajoie, 20, and Lawrence Richard McLares, 21.

Kolpak, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Kolpak of Plymouth, was employed by Julian Brinkley. He was a native of Nowogrodek, Poland, born June 16, 1933. He had lived here about four years, coming to Plymouth from Columbia. He was a member of the Catholic Church.

Kolpak is survived by his parents.

Funeral services were conducted at 11 a. m. Saturday from St. Ann's Catholic Church at Edenton with Father Joseph F. Bauman officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

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Eight Bills Submitted To Extra Session of Legislature Monday; Favored by Governor and Commission

Mixed reactions have greeted proposals for retaining segregated schools in North Carolina which have been submitted to the special session of the General Assembly since it convened in Raleigh Monday at noon. However, it is believed the legislators will favor the eight bills proposed by Governor Luther Hodges and the state administration to carry out recommendations of the State advisory committee on education.

Local people questioned about the proposals this week reserved their opinions for the most part, although some are outspoken for or against the proposals. All of those questioned were in favor of maintaining the schools on the present basis, but there were differing opinions as to the best method of doing this.

Quite a number indicated they probably would go along with the governor's recommendations, although some had grave doubts about the wisdom of permitting local units to vote to suspend public schools when threatened by integration. Main objection here seems to be that any action to suspend schools should be taken on a statewide basis rather than by local units in order to present a united front. Those who expressed this view said opponents of segregation would have a far easier time breaking down the school system on a unit-by-unit basis than they would if they had to make the attack on the entire state.

While opinion has not yet crystallized, it is generally believed the governor's proposals will be carried in this session. Quite a number of opponents of the administration plan appeared at public hearings in Raleigh early in the week, including a Duke professor of constitutional law, who expressed the belief that the administration plans would not stand up in the courts. Others, including several ministers, opposed segregation in principle, but it is not likely these views will receive much support in this session.

Governor Hodges told the General Assembly Monday night that the Pearsall Plan for meeting the school segregation problem is a "sensible and acceptable" program which offers "the best possible course of action at this time."

He addressed a joint session of House and Senate but much of his speech was directed, persuasively, toward the public who eventually will pass judgment on the basic proposals of the Advisory Committee on Education headed by Thomas J. Pearsall of Rocky Mount.

The Governor stressed (1) that the Pearsall plan leaves to local communities the decision of what to do with their schools and (2) that it is his belief "the people of North Carolina expect their General Assembly and their Governor to do everything legally possible to prevent their children from being forced to attend mixed schools against their wishes."

He said the State would not defy the Supreme Court, but "we are going to use every legal means we can devise to insure that the effects of what we feel is an erroneous decision by the Supreme Court are not forced on our State in a fashion which could deprive us of one of our dearest possessions—namely, our public schools."

The Governor was interrupted 15 times by applause and drew his longest applause with an aside from his printed speech in which he said: "Let me say I do not agree with the Supreme Court decision, I do not favor integration. . . I believe the majority of white and Negro people of the State feel the same way. Anyone who says otherwise," he said, "is twisting the truth."

Water frequently has very little gum, oil and resin. If considerable water is lost during the yellowing period you have a better chance of drying the leaf with a minimum amount of sweating, sponging, brown scald and blackening. "As the tobacco reaches the yellow stage provide plenty of ventilation and advance the temperature to dry the leaf fairly quickly. If you push the temperature up without providing ventilation to help hasten drying, mottling, scald, sponging and dark color will result," Hawks concluded.

Agent Offers Advice On Curing Wet Leaf

In view of recent heavy rains here, information on handling tobacco that is full of water should be of interest to growers. The following was released this week by S. N. Hawks, Extension Tobacco specialist.

"Tobacco that is gorged with water at harvest time should be well ripened and mature. Yellowing should be accomplished with considerable ventilation to remove all water possible before raising the temperature to the leaf drying phase.