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ANNOUNCE PROGRAM OF CLOSING EXERCISES FOR PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

HUBERT POTEAT TO BE SPEAKER ON FRIDAY, 29TH

First on Program Will Be Commencement Sermon Sunday Morning

Dr. Hubert McNeil Poteat, of Wake Forest College, has been secured to deliver the literary address at the graduating exercises of the Plymouth High School here Friday night, May 29, Supt. E. H. Hicks announced yesterday.

It is expected that a large crowd will be present to hear this noted educator and speaker. The diplomas will be awarded to the 23 members of the graduating class at this time by Superintendent Hicks. There are 9 boys and 14 girls in the class this year.

The first of the commencement exercises of the Plymouth High School will be the baccalaureate address on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock by Rev. A. S. Barnes, of the Methodist church of Raleigh. The address will be delivered at the high school auditorium. Members of the graduating class will be present in a body. The public is cordially invited to attend this service.

The music recital will be given on Wednesday night at 8 o'clock. The Toy orchestra, Glee Club, and town pupils will take part. This program is under the direction of Mrs. E. H. Hicks.

Class night will be held Thursday night at 8 o'clock. A special program has been prepared for the occasion by the seniors, and the public is cordially invited.

It is expected that large crowds will attend each of the programs, and especially on Friday night, at which time Dr. Hubert McNeil Poteat will deliver the literary address.

AUXILIARY HAS 1000 POPPIES TO SELL SATURDAY

Will Be On Sale in Plymouth, Roper, and Columbia

Saturday, May 23, which has been proclaimed National Poppy Day by the American Legion Auxiliary, will be observed in Washington and Tyrrell Counties by the sale of poppies. One thousand poppies have been ordered, and Mrs. Sidney Smithson, of Creswell, under whose direction the sale will be conducted, is expecting all of these to be sold.

These flowers are made by disabled World War veterans, who receive one penny each for all they make.

Mrs. Smithson urges that the public remember the mental strain of the non-compensated ex-service man in the hospital as he thinks of his wife and children at home with no income. Then open to him this opportunity whereby he can earn money by making poppies.

The poppies will be on sale in Plymouth, Roper, Creswell, and Columbia, under the auspices of the Seppernong Post, No. 182, of the American Legion Auxiliary. It is urged that the public keep this event in mind, and when you are approached by members of the Auxiliary Saturday, buy one or more poppies. The proceeds will go to disabled World War veterans, their families and children who are in need of help.

MANY FARMERS SHIP MAY PEAS

Fairly Good Price Was Being Paid Early Part of This Week

Washington County farmers are busy this week gathering May peas and shipping them to northern markets. A number of buyers and solicitors of New York firms are in the county this week buying and soliciting peas. A number of carloads were shipped on Tuesday, E. H. Liverman, of Plymouth, having shipped a car Monday.

Jack Swain also left Monday with a truck load of peas for New York. It is understood that a large crop of May peas will be produced in the county this year. During the first part of the week, a fairly good price was being paid. Local people are of the opinion that the crop of May peas will bring a good pay roll into the county, resulting in a good bit of money being placed into circulation.

BABY SHOW LAST FRIDAY NIGHT IS GREAT SUCCESS

Total of \$175.85 Is Realized By Methodist Young Women's Society

The baby show, sponsored and staged here last Friday night by the Young Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church proved a big success in every way. A vast crowd attended the show Friday night, and the Society received \$175.85, which is practically clear, only a few expenses to come out of this amount.

This money will be used for paying on the new pipe organ of the Methodist church. The Young Women's Missionary Society has been making money in various ways for this fund during the past several months. To date, approximately half of the purchase price of the organ has been raised by these ladies, the purchase price of the organ being \$900.

William Swain, of late younger group, and Mary Lillian Campbell in the group over three years of age, were awarded the two five-dollar gold pieces for having received the largest number of votes.

The following babies in the younger group received prizes: Phyllis Davidson, Bill Willoughby, Raymond Leggett, Jr., Gwendolyn Hurley, Bill Robbins, Martha Manning, Helen Gene Harrison, Ann Cahoon, Bobby Dunning, Joyce Dixon, Eleanor Jean Lockamy, Walter Ange, Joe Reid, the third.

The older group, consisting of children over three years of age, to receive prizes were: Fanny Lee Winslow, Darrell Clayton, Priscilla Lyon, Katherine House, Peggy Joyce Caravan, Mary Dean Groves, Zeb Vance Norman, Jr., Joyce Brewer, Charles Brown, Francis Stell Spruill, Francis Lane Bassinger, Sonny Wilford, Priscilla Whitson, Buddy Alexander, Mary Cahoon, Zeno Lyon and Skinner Ayers.

The program lasted from 8 until 10:30 o'clock last Friday evening. Local merchants donated the prizes awarded to the winning babies. Members of the Young Women's Missionary Society stated yesterday that they desired to take this means of thanking the local merchants for the various prizes donated and also every one else who contributed to the show in any way.

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DISTRICT MEET OF MASONS HERE

Held Thursday Afternoon; Proves Big Success In Every Way

The district meeting of Masons held at Perseverance Lodge here Thursday afternoon proved a big success in every way, a large attendance having been present. Distinguished Masons present for the occasion included J. W. Winborne, of Marion, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, and John H. Anderson, of Raleigh, Grand Secretary of the order. The meeting started at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and at 5 o'clock the lodge was thrown open to everybody, that is, including Masons, their wives, lady friends, etc.

During this hour refreshments were served and a general good time had by every one. It will be remembered that Perseverance Lodge is one of the oldest Masonic lodges in the State, and located in one of the oldest towns of the State.

Home Agent Announces Schedule for Next Week

Miss Pratt Covington, county home demonstration agent, announced that her schedule for next week would be as follows:

Monday, at Pleasant Grove; Tuesday, at Creswell; Wednesday, at Beech Grove; Thursday, at Piney Grove; and Friday, at Plymouth.

MAYOR SUGGESTS TOWN CUT SALARIES

Snake in Church Is Cause of Disturbance During Service

An uninvited snake, of rather huge proportions, caused considerable excitement and came near breaking up the preaching service at Grace Episcopal church here Sunday night. The reptile was first discovered by the congregation crawling along the rafters of the ceiling of the church.

The service was brought to a standstill when this discovery was made, but before anything could

be done, the snake concealed himself. Hence, the service was continued. It was not long, however, until the snake bobbed up on the pipe organ, causing still further excitement. But before any one could get to him, he had eased himself into a hole, where he could not be bothered.

To date the snake has not been captured, and it is generally supposed that he is still making his abode in the church.

TOWN CLERK PRESENTS FIGURES ON FINANCIAL STATUS OF PLYMOUTH

HOW I WISH TO LIVE

I wish to live without hate, whim, jealousy, envy, fear. I wish to be simple, honest, frank, natural, clean in mind and clean in body, unaffected—to say "I do not know" if I be so, and to face any obstacle and meet every difficulty unabashed and unafraid.

I wish others to live their lives, up to their highest, fullest, and best. To that end I pray that I may never meddle, interfere, dictate, give advice that is not wanted, or assist when my services are not needed. If I can help people, I'll do it by giving them a chance to help themselves; and if I can uplift or inspire, let it be by example, inference, and suggestion, rather than by injunction and dictation.—Elbert Hubbard.

PONY IS KILLED AFTER BEING BIT BY RABID DOG

Officers Report More Mad Dogs In Section Than In Number Of Years

A pony belonging to T. C. Burgess, of Plymouth, was killed here Wednesday morning by local officers after having been bitten by a dog Sunday morning which was pronounced by the State laboratory to be suffering with rabies. Mr. Burgess' dog was also killed Tuesday, though it was not known that the hydrophobic dog bit him. This measure having been taken for precaution.

It seems that the dog which bit Mr. Burgess' pony Sunday was in the possession of Lee Roy Smith, and it was not known at the time whether the dog was suffering with rabies or not. However, the dog was killed, and its head sent to the State laboratory at Raleigh for examination. State authorities advised that the dog was suffering with hydrophobia.

Chief P. W. Brown killed a stray dog which was loitering about the streets here Wednesday morning.

According to local officials, there have been more mad dogs in this section than has been known for several years. Local citizens are of the opinion that every precaution possible should be taken in order to protect children as well as adults from dogs suffering with this terrible disease.

Therefore, if you have a dog, it is advised that you keep him at home and not allow him to wander about at will.

Dr. T. L. Bray spent Wednesday in Raleigh on business, having purchased a new Oldsmobile.

LEADING FARMER OF COUNTY DIES EARLY FRIDAY

Daniel I. Marrow Dies At His Home At the Age of Fifty-three Years

Daniel I. Marrow, 53 years of age, and one of Washington County's most prominent farmers, died at his home about 2 o'clock Friday morning of last week, following a prolonged illness of approximately four months.

Funeral services were conducted from the home at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon with Rev. Conley Greer, of Plymouth, and Rev. Bascom Hurley, of Roper, officiating. Interment was made in Zion Church cemetery.

The funeral was largely attended, many Plymouth and Roper people having attended. The floral offerings were very beautiful and manifested the high esteem in which the deceased was held by his neighbors and friends.

Besides his wife, Mr. Marrow is survived by two daughters and two sons and many other near relatives.

The deceased was one of the best known farmers in this county, having made quite a success at farming. He was a man of sterling character and had many friends not only in his own community but throughout the county.

BUSY PREPARING PLANT HERE FOR TOMATO SEASON

Manager Crockett Returns from Northern Cities To Make Arrangements

Mr. Carroll Crockett returned to Plymouth Wednesday evening following an extended business trip to New York and other northern cities. During the fishing season here Mr. Crockett was engaged in the packing of fish and is now busy making preparations for the packing of tomatoes during the coming season.

Mr. Crockett stated that he intended to use local help entirely for the wrapping and packing of tomatoes this season. Heretofore, wrappers have been imported from Florida and elsewhere.

It is understood that something over a hundred people will be used during the tomato season. This will last for several weeks and will afford a substantial pay roll for Plymouth people.

Compliments Home Agent For Publicity in Beacon

Miss Pratt Covington, home demonstration agent, has just received a letter from Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon, assistant director of home extension, of Raleigh, expressing appreciation of the story recently published in the Beacon relative to the county federation.

She also stated that the page advertisement sold by the club women for securing a steam pressure cooker was a clever idea and that she desired to congratulate the ladies on their success.

Announce County Curb Market Prices Saturday

Spring chickens	34c
Mustard	2 1-2c lb.
Spinach	2 1-2c lb.
Onions, bunch	5c
Turnips, bunch (large)	10c
Lettuce, head	5c
Eggs, dozen	15c
Honey	20c lb.
Water Ground Meal	3c lb.
Asparagus, bunch	5c
Spring Cabbage	2 1-4c lb.

Fourteen varieties of vegetables were sold on the market last Saturday.

Wheat and Soybeans Pay Farmer of Wake County

Wheat and soybeans grown on four and one-half acres of land has netted H. H. Atkins, of Wake County, a total of \$246.50 in addition to the soybean hay and wheat straw used on the farm and 70 bushels of wheat that will be milled for home use.

Original Deed for Town of Plymouth Found in Old Newspaper Clipping

Through the courtesy of Mrs. J. E. Blount, of Oakland Farm, The Beacon has been furnished with an ancient newspaper clipping of the original deed of Plymouth which we are again publishing for the benefit of our readers. The document is as follows:

"Through the courtesy of Capt. E. R. Latham we are in possession of the original deed and plot of the town of Plymouth. We publish the deed below as near as it can be made out, for the wear of 103 years had faded the document to some extent. As will be seen from the deed, at the time of this transaction Washington county was a part of Tyrrell.

"This Indenture made this the twenty-first day of January in the year of our Lord one Thousand Seven

Hundred and ninety, between Arthur Rhodes and Milly, his wife, of the county of Tyrrell and State of North Carolina, one the one part and Charles Johnson, Esq., Thomas Stewart, John Stewart, Edmund Blount, Jr., John Armistead, William Armistead, Jr., Thomas Hunter, Martin Byrd and Levi Blount, all of the State aforesaid, of the other part witnesseth that they the said Arthur Rhodes and Milly, his wife, for and in consideration of the sum of Eight Hundred and Sixty pounds specie paid by the several proprietors of the lots laid off on the land hereby to be conveyed by this present writing and for divers other good causes and considerations then thereunto moving and for in consideration of five shillings current money to them in hand paid by Chas.

Johnson, Esq., Thomas Stewart, John Stewart, Edmund Blount, Jr., John Armistead, Jr., Thomas Hunter, Martin Byrd and Levi Blount the receipt whereof the said Arthur Rhodes and Milly, his wife, do hereby acknowledge and themselves therewith fully satisfied and paid, they the said Arthur Rhodes and Milly, his wife, hath granted, bargained and sold, aliened and confirmed and by their presents doth grant, bargain and sell, alien and confirm unto the said Charles Johnson, Esq., Thomas Stewart, John Stewart, Edmund Blount, Jr., John Armistead, Jr., Thomas Hunter, Martin Byrd and Levi Blount and their successors forever all that tract of land lying situate and being in the county aforesaid on the river Roanoke known by

the name of the Brickhouse Plantation as the same is now laid off into one hundred and seventy-two town lots with streets for a town containing one hundred acres to be the same more or less beginning at a cypress tree on the edge of river Capt. Cotter's corner, thence running South twenty-nine degrees, East fifteen hundred and eighty feet to the South corner of lot No. 12 in the plan of said town thence North sixty-one degrees, East thousand six hundred and eighty feet to the center of three saplings, Thomas Stewart's line seventeen hundred feet to Roanoke river, thence along up said river to the beginning Cypress and also the revision and revisions remainder and remainders and all the estate, right, title, claim and demands

whatsoever of them the said Arthur Rhodes and Milly his wife in and to the said tract of land and premises and every part thereof, excepting such lots as they, the said Arthur Rhodes and Milly, his wife, hath preserved for themselves or have already conveyed before the date of these presents to those who by virtue of their tickets were entitled to deed and did receive the same to have and to hold the said one hundred acres of land as the same is laid off into one hundred and seventy-two lots for the purpose of creating a town thereon to the said Charles Johnson, Esq., Thomas Stewart, John Stewart, John Armistead, Jr., Thomas Hunter, Martin Byrd and Levi Blount, and their heirs and assigns forever.

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Committee Is Appointed To Make Survey

TO MEET MONDAY

Group Will Study Work of Each Employee And Make Report

The new mayor and board of councilmen held their first meeting here Friday night, May 15, at which time a number of important matters were discussed. The meeting was adjourned until Monday night, May 18, of this week.

Mayor A. L. Owens presided over this meeting, and the following councilmen were present: E. R. Jackson, G. D. Davis, H. C. Spruill, and Harry Stell. The town clerk, M. W. Spruill, acted as secretary.

Mayor Owens presented a plan for curtailing the salaries of all the town employees which was discussed to a considerable extent. The plan called for reductions in salaries ranging from \$10 to \$50. However, no definite action was taken on this matter, and it was tabled until the Monday night meeting.

The matter was taken up again on Monday night and after a general discussion, a motion was made and carried, empowering Mayor Owens to appoint a committee of three to investigate and study the jobs and work of each employee of the town and make recommendations at the next meeting as to what reduction in salary each employee should receive.

At the meeting Monday night, Mayor Owens stated that complaints had been made to him regarding Councilman Harry Stell holding two offices, namely that of Game Warden for Washington County and also councilman for the town of Plymouth. He stated that he had taken the matter up with Attorney General Brummitt, and forthwith produced a telegram from the Attorney General which he requested the clerk to read. The message stated that it was illegal for a councilman to hold two offices, after which Mayor Owens asked Mr. Stell which office he purposed to hold and which he intended to resign.

Mr. Stell replied, "I guess I'll resign the game warden's office," and the same was spread upon the minutes.

The matter of securing a siren for the city fire department which had been taken up and discussed at the first meeting was resumed at the Monday night meeting. It seems that before the town can close down the present steam plant and start the new water pumping system it will be necessary to install a new alarm system for the fire department.

L. W. Gurkin, fire chief, came before the board and presented plans and information concerning a system that he had been investigating. Accordingly, Mayor Owens and Mr. Gurkin were appointed a committee of two to make still further investigations and to make arrangements if necessary with the State for extended time in securing and installing a system.

A motion was also made and carried instructing the clerk to pay the interest on some bonds which are due, the amount being \$700.

The committee appointed by Mayor Owens for investigating the jobs of the town employees and to make recommendations for reductions in salaries is composed of one councilman from each ward, namely, E. R. Jackson, B. G. Campbell, and H. C. Spruill. This committee will make its report next Monday night.

A motion was also made and carried, instructing Harry Stell to continue the installation of the city water pumping plant and system.

At the first meeting, held Friday night, May 18, the following employees for the town were hired: P. W. Brown, hired for two more years as chief of police, salary not fixed. I. E. Ange, hired as chief engineer for a term of two years, or as long as his work is satisfactory, salary not fixed. M. W. Spruill, hired as city clerk for two years more, or as long as work is satisfactory, salary not fixed.

A motion was also made and carried to retain G. R. Coburn as night policeman at the same salary he is now receiving.

The meeting was adjourned about 11 o'clock until next Monday night.

Return From Southern Trip

Louis Phillip Horntal, Jr., and Arthur Francis Adler have just returned from an extensive trip of the Southern States. Mr. Horntal reports an upward trend in business, especially in the Carolinas.