

### SUNDAY SCHOOL GROUP TO MEET AT ZION CHAPEL

#### Convention Will Be Held With Christian Church There September 12

The Washington County Sunday School Association will hold its annual convention at Zion Chapel Christian Church, near Roper, Tuesday, September 12, it was announced here today by E. R. Davenport, president of the organization.

The exercises will begin at 9:30 in the morning and will continue throughout the day with an hour off for lunch. Food will be served at the church picnic style and there is sure to be a plenty for all those who attend. Everyone is urged to carry a basket.

The convention is interdenominational and workers and delegates from every Sunday school of the county urged to attend and participate in the convention. It is hoped by Mr. Davenport and the other leaders that it will be a day of Christian helpfulness.

Helping in the convention will be Rev. Shuford Peeler, of Raleigh, general secretary of the North Carolina Sunday School Association, who will speak and render valuable advice on the best methods to advance the Sunday school work in this section.

The song service will be led by experienced leaders and congregational and special singing will be features of the musical program at the convention. The musical program will be supplemented by numbers from an orchestra that has been secured by Mr. Davenport.

The address of welcome will be made by Mrs. Leon S. Brey who is also secretary of the meeting. The response will be made by R. L. Lewis which will be followed by a program rendered by the representatives of the Sunday schools that have delegates present.

The principal morning address will be made by Rev. Mr. Reece, and this will be followed by reports from the superintendents of Sunday schools represented at the convention. Attendance records will be kept. These officers urge all pastors and superintendents to be present.

Other important speakers who will be on the program are Rev. Roy Respass, Dr. Harrell and Rev. W. H. Hollowell. These men will bring a message relating to Sunday schools that are expected to be very interesting and helpful to all those who attend.

The officers announce that again this year a pennant will be given to the Sunday school having the largest attendance based on the miles traveled. It is expected that there will be much friendly competition for the pennant among the Sunday Schools.

Officers for the coming year will be chosen and a place decided upon for the next meeting as a conclusion of the day's activities.

### MRS. BOWEN HAS GARDEN RECORD

#### Vegetables In Her Garden Returned \$82.08 Up To First of Last July

By EUGENIA PATTERSON

Mrs. Jesse Bowen, of the Alba Club has a record kept of her prize garden from last December 1 to the present time, and I throw it out for a challenge to any gardener who has lived in the region of dry weather this past summer.

Mrs. Bowen goes to the curb market every Saturday morning with her fresh vegetables to be sold, and she had some vegetables first on the market this past spring. She had May peas in April and got tip-top prices for them. In several cases it has been the "early bird who catches the worm" with her. She has not only supplied her family with groceries from her market receipts, but she has been liberal with her vegetables to her friends who didn't happen to be as fortunate as she. She is one of those people who will divide always with her neighbors.

She has sold this year \$40.01 of vegetables from her garden, has used \$27.27 worth at home, and has given away \$14.50 worth. It takes a lot of vegetables to bring in a return of \$82.08 up to July 1. Mrs. Bowen is keeping her record right on through the year, and will have a better showing at the end of the summer. The total cost of all her seed amounted to \$2.64. She raises most of them. This is a small amount of money when you consider her returns.

She won a free trip to Raleigh to the State Short Course and thinks it was worth her hard labor and keeping records. Her winter garden is on the way. She happens to be garden leader for the Alba Club.

### BASEBALL SIDELIGHTS

Walter Davis turned in his 15th victory out of 17 starts this season for Plymouth when he hurled seven and one-third hitless innings against Columbia, after Red Sculley had been knocked from the box last Saturday. The score was 7 to 3. Leary hit a homer off Sculley.

Roper defeated the Newlands team 9 to 6 on the Creswell diamond last Thursday afternoon, with Phillip Spruill and Roy Hopkins doing the battery work for Newlands, and Charlie Mizelle and Tom Norman pitching and Ralph Harrell receiving for Roper.

Plymouth defeated the U. S. S. Idaho of Portsmouth, 3 to 2 and 5 to 3, in a double-header here Sunday afternoon.

Van Horn, with three knocks, led Plymouth at bat, while Moon and Mick annexed two each for the Idaho nine. Slim Gardner was hit hard for eight hits, while Moon allowed Plymouth nine safeties.

In the second affair Van Horn led Plymouth with two blows, while Buddy Richardson clouted one over the left-field wall with one aboard to help along the cause. Parker and Mick led for the visitors with two each. Red Sculley, local twirler, was touched for 9 hits, while Parker yielded 7.

Jim Weaver, head football coach at Wake Forest College, and his assistant, Roy Greason; and John Caddell, baseball coach at the same institution, were in Plymouth Tuesday night of this week visiting some of the local athletes who will probably attend this school this season.

Tex Edens will go to college as a backfield man in football as well as baseball, as he was a member of the Oak Ridge Institute football squad last year with Coach Weaver. Preston Chappell is interested in basketball and baseball at Wake Forest.

Elizabeth City will play here Saturday afternoon. Plymouth will play Williamston here Sunday afternoon at the first in a series of games between these two teams.

Caromont Mills of Rocky Mount will play a double-header here Labor Day, September 4, with first game starting at 10:30 in the morning and second at 4 p. m.

Dunston raced home with the winning run in the ninth inning, when a hard-hit ball was deflected off the ungloved hand of Pitcher Longest, allowing Slim Gardner to reach first safely in the tenth inning to give Plymouth a 3 to 2 victory over Tarboro here Tuesday afternoon.

Both hurlers did good mound work, each allowing seven hits. Richardson with two led Plymouth and House with two knocks led Tarboro. Longest fanned seven and Gardner whiffed six. Umpire Milton Jones was hit twice by pitched balls, once on each shoulder and finally called them behind the pitcher.

### RELIEF NEEDS IN COUNTY FEWER

#### Expenditures Decrease To \$1,196.26 In the County During Last July

Total relief expenditures in Washington County during July were \$1,196.26, it was learned today from Mrs. W. C. Brewer, superintendent of public welfare in this county.

This sum represents a decrease of approximately 25 per cent, as compared with the amount spent during June. Very little of the amount spent was provided for locally, but came from Federal funds.

During this month, there was a decrease in the number of families receiving aid, with only 153 in this county being helped along. It is about 40 per cent as many as were helped in other months, and the decline continues.

The decline is attributed to improved business conditions; a logical seasonal decline and because of the fact that most of the relief families have been assisted in planting gardens and small farms from which they have derived their food supplies.

The welfare workers here are endeavoring to do all they can to decrease the number of dependents upon them and it is probable now that there will be less help coming winter for all concerned than was the case last winter.

It is thought also that the general improvement in conditions here will make it so that there will be a great reduction in the number of applicants for help this winter, and those who are out of work should begin now to lay by such things as they can for an early winter.

### URGES GROWERS TOBACCO TO BE AT MEET HERE

#### To Be Held At Courthouse Saturday Afternoon 3 o'Clock

A mass meeting of tobacco growers of Washington County will be held Saturday afternoon, September 2, at 3 o'clock in the courthouse in Plymouth, according to Farm Agent W. V. Hays.

In several counties the tobacco growers have held meetings and organized temporary associations for the purpose of cooperating with other counties and with the Federal Government in working out a plan in handling tobacco under the agricultural adjustment act.

This plan has now progressed so far that it is believed by the growers that some plan can be presented that will be acceptable to the administration. A conference is called at Raleigh on September 6th for that purpose. The meeting in the courtroom Saturday afternoon is primarily for the purpose of electing three of the most able tobacco men in our county to represent us at that conference.

"Think this over so that we may be able to draw up appropriate resolutions for presentations at the Raleigh conference," urges Mr. Hays.

### SURVEY MADE OF CANNING DONE ON TWO FARMS

#### Colored Families Haven't Realized Need To Can Food, Agent Says

By EUGENIA PATTERSON

Among the many and varied experience of a home agent, it becomes her privilege to survey and work with these people. There are 33 families on the Western farm, which lies right on Lake Phelps and joins the Shepherd Farm. There are about 2,200 or 2,300 acres of land in cultivation in both tracts. Of the above 33 families, 9 are colored. The Shepherd farm has 7 white families and 2 colored.

House to house visits were made last week and a line-up was gotten on each family's garden, their plans for winter gardens, and also a check-up was made on food canned and stored for winter use. The white families have been doing quite a bit of canning, but the colored people haven't felt the urge yet. One woman, who has always planned and looked out for her family has canned 30 quarts of fruits and vegetables, and another one has canned 300 quarts for her own family and her father and brother, who live together. The next highest number was 150 quarts, while two white families had only saved 8 quarts each. The grand total for the white families amounted to 1,106 quarts, while the colored families on Western have saved only 22 quarts, quite a contrast.

Now for the Shepherd farm. We found that the seven white families had canned 289 quarts and the colored families none.

A new canning program will be started there, and we hope to save a large number of quarts of surplus vegetables.

### Name Teachers for Colored School Here

Colored teachers for the Washington County Training School in Plymouth were announced today by Principal William Bery, who predicts that last year's record of pupils will be increased this year. Last season 545 enrolled for classes.

Teachers follow: First grade: Romaine Godley and Mrs. Reunice Walker. Second: Margaret Heath and Esther D. Sharpless. Third: Edna L. Wall. Fourth: Sophia Spruill. Fifth: Eloise Simmons. Sixth: Daisy Clark. Seventh: W. W. Walker. High school: Madelyn Watson, English and French; Annie Minor, science and history; William Berry, mathematics and history. There was no reduction in the number of teachers in this department in this school this year.

### Use Lard and Sulphur To Kill Some Poultry Insects

The sand flea or stick-tight flea among poultry can be treated very effectively by rubbing the infested parts with a mixture of two parts of lard and one part of finely powdered sulphur. The insect breeds in shady, sandy places under outbuildings and in chip piles and these places should be sprayed with kerosene or wired off so as to exclude the birds.

### FARM NOTES

By W. V. HAYS

Winter legumes are profitable in more ways than one. They furnish grazing for the livestock through the winter. They prevent soil erosion, thus conserving plant food and preventing washing. Turned under in the spring they are worth from \$10 to \$20 in the form of plant foods. Plant some cover crop on every acre possible.

A cooperative order on our fall grain and clover seed will save us all some money. The sooner they are bought the cheaper prices will be.

A good hog grazing mixture would be oats and crimson clover. Sow right away, one and one-half bushels (Norton) oats and 10 to 15 pounds crimson clover.

A good cover and soil improving crop would be: One and one-half bushels of rye or oats and 15 to 20 pounds of hairy winter vetch (it is not necessary to inoculate after May peas).

If interested in a cooperative order of grain or clovers and vetch, see C. S. Rabon, Creswell; B. G. O'Brien, Roper; or W. V. Hays, Plymouth.

### LUMBER MAN IS HURT IN RECENT AUTO ACCIDENT

#### Was On Way To Plymouth To Close Deal For Plant Site Here

A letter has been received from J. B. Ross, sales manager of the East Alabama Lumber Company, of Tuskegee, Ala., by Zeb Vance Norman, local attorney, who was told of the reason for the delay in the closing of negotiations here for a plant here.

The letter follows: "I am replying to your of the 25th to Mr. W. G. Mitchell as Mr. Mitchell was in a rather serious automobile accident last Friday, August 18, and as yet has not recovered enough to handle his mail. He was driving to North Carolina on the date of the accident, and while approaching Atlanta and passing a truck he had to run into a telephone pole to avoid running over a woman who walked into the path of his car.

"His car was demolished and he was both painfully and seriously injured. Fortunately no bones were broken, he was badly bruised internally and also about the head and face. The doctors allowed him to leave the hospital this week. He is now at home in bed. His progress is satisfactory, and we hope that by the last of next week he will be able to get back on his feet and return to work.

"As soon as he is in condition to attend to business, either he or the writer will come to Plymouth to close for the mill site.

"You understand we were held up on account of the lumber code. This code as signed will be all right from our standpoint, and we do not think anything else can happen to delay the building of the mill."

This letter is referring to Mr. Mitchell, who is president of the lumber company, but it is expected that Mr. Ross will be manager of this plant and will live here with his family as soon as the plant is erected.

### Revival Begins Sunday at Pleasant Grove Church

Pleasant Grove.—A revival meeting will begin at Pleasant Grove church Sunday. Rev. R. L. Hethcox, of Trip Lett, Va., will assist Rev. R. E. Atkinson during the meeting. Rev. Hethcox is a much beloved preacher in this community. The people will be delighted to welcome him in this community. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

### NEW BANK HOURS

Uniform banking hours have been adopted by the North Carolina Bankers Association, and will be effective in Plymouth, it was announced today by H. E. Beam, cashier of the local unit of the Branch Banking and Trust Company.

The hours will be from 9 a. m. to 2 p. m., except Saturdays, when the banks will open at 9 a. m. and close at 12 o'clock noon. During the tobacco season banks will remain open after 2 o'clock only for paying tobacco sales.

Other business houses in Plymouth, beginning September 1, will open in the mornings at 8 o'clock and close in the afternoon at 5 o'clock and those patronizing the local NRA members will have to do their business in the limited time.

### LOCAL PLANTS WORK UNDER LUMBER CODES

#### Fall in Line With Other Firms in Putting Over NRA Program

Falling in line with the general trend of the merchants and consumers here in an effort to put across the President's NRA campaign, the local plants are now working under the code of fair competition for their industry, it was learned today.

The Plymouth Box and Panel Company, through its general manager, E. F. Still, announces that it has been observing the lumber code of fair business competition since August 22, as far as hours and wages are concerned. The minimum rate now paid employees is 23 cents an hour, with the maximum number of hours of labor for employees is 40 hours a week, except certain classes of employees, including the night watchman, and other such employees.

C. L. Groves, manager of the local unit of the National Handle Company, is away on his vacation, and the Beacon could not learn from authentic sources what steps this plant had taken to join in the general efforts to improve conditions.

However, it is known that the plant is working only 8 hours daily at the present for 5 days and maybe a half day on Saturday. This plant has never paid its employees less than 15 cents an hour for a day of 10 hours, and it is thought there has been some kind of boost in pay checks.

As soon as Mr. Grove returns, which is expected to be the last of this week, the Beacon will endeavor to get some information on the individual observance of the code by this plant, as they are under two acts, one of lumber and the other implement makers.

W. H. Clark, manager of the Plymouth Peanut Company, advised the Beacon that he was closed down at the present on account of the lack of peanuts, but that as soon as he could replenish his stock he would start a gain and would operate under the code agreed upon by the peanut industries.

Smaller industries here, with E. H. Harris and John Williams, operating saw mills will probably, if they have not already done so, raise wages and shorten hours so that they can come under the code and be in a position to join with the general effort to improve conditions.

### Bailey Vice President of District Bar Association

Carl L. Bailey, of Roper, was elected vice president and Zeb Vance Norman, of Plymouth, was named a member of the board of directors of the second judicial district bar association that was held in Rocky Mount last Saturday with attorneys from five counties present.

The meeting was called by Judge M. V. Barnhill, of Rocky Mount, who presided prior to the election of officers. Lawyers were present from Nash, Edgecombe, Wilson, Martin, and Washington Counties.

The third Saturday in June was set as the date for annual meetings. After the business session Judge Barnhill and the Nash County Bar Association served a barbecue dinner.

### Winds Helps Take Care Of Knotty Problem

A lashing wind that bolted over trees and removed roofs from houses did a good turn to Jim Francis at the Main Street home here of J. W. Cooper.

A large tree stood beside the home of Mr. Francis and Mr. Cooper, with limbs and branches sheltering one side. They have realized the danger of the tree for a decade but could not figure a safe way to chop it down. Mrs. Wolfe lives next door. If the tree was cut down it would break wires or fall on one or other of the houses, causing damage. But the wind came along and solved this by bringing the top part out about middle way of the trunk and it never touched anything as it fell.

### Firm To Make Shoe Shine Machines Is Incorporated

Secretary of State Stacey W. Wade has issued a charter to a group of men here as the result of an invention by Mose W. Spruill of an automatic shoe shining machine and a request for a charter by a local group. The facts of the incorporation follow: "Automatic Shoe Shines, Incorporated. Principal office at Plymouth. To own and operate shoe shine machines. Authorized capital stock \$100,000; subscribed stock, \$250, by M. W. Spruill, Gilbert Davis, and Z. V. Norman, Plymouth."

### FASHION SHOW

September 6th is designated as a big day in the life of Plymouth this year, as there will be a fashion show in connection with the regular feature at the New Theatre, to be followed by a dance at 10 o'clock. Everybody is urged to attend all of these activities. A big day is promised. Everybody come.

### COUNTY RANKS 67TH IN NUMBER OF ILLITERATES

#### Approximately 1,400 Over Ten Years of Age Can't Read or Write

Washington County ranks sixty-seventh among the 100 counties in North Carolina in the number of illiterates, it was learned today from statistics prepared by the department of rural social-economics of the University of North Carolina.

An illiterate is one who confesses the inability to read and write. How many near-illiterates there are in this county there is no way of knowing. It is certain that there are more people who can barely read and write than there are who cannot read and write at all.

Figuring on a basis of 12,000 population, with a specified amount of 11.5 people over 10 years who are illiterate, this makes it close to 1,400 people around us here who are over 10 years of age and who cannot read and write. This makes this county a fraction above the State average of 10 per cent of illiterates.

The tabulation as taken from the 1930 Federal census reveals that only 5.3 per cent of these in this county are white and that it is a problem among the negroes with 18.8 per cent, mostly adults, who can neither read nor write nor even, in most cases, sign their names.

About half of the negro illiterates are 21 years of age or more. And it was revealed that upwards of 75 per cent of all white illiterates are over this age. Illiteracy is more prevalent among men than women. In other words, there appears to be about a third more illiterate men than women in this county.

The depression among white and colored has brought about a bad condition, as those who wanted to attend school did not have sufficient clothing or the necessities to attend. It is a usual case to find a 15 or 16 year old negro in some of the lower grades, and this is caused sometimes by not being able to attend school.

### TEACHERS GET SPECIAL RATES

#### Duke Hospital Announces Reduction for Carolina Teachers

Durham.—North Carolina school teachers whose pay checks have been considerably diminished in the face of generally rising costs of living may have some consolation in the fact that they can be ill for less during this period of economic uncertainty.

Because of the lower incomes of the faculties of the universities, colleges, and public schools of the state, Duke hospital has announced a revised schedule of rates applicable to those groups. The revision involves a considerable reduction from rates hitherto charged, and gives all college and public school teachers in North Carolina advantage of the same rates enjoyed by faculty members and employees of Duke University, it is announced by Superintendent F. V. Altwater.

The present Duke hospital middle-group daily rate of \$3.50 to \$4.50, and the full private daily rate of \$6 to \$9, established last April 20, which cover all hospital costs, including those usually charged as extras, represent a 50 per cent reduction from the former rates. This new concession to all North Carolina teachers, announced today, of an additional reduction of 50 cents a day from the present middle-group and \$1 from the full private daily rates is a further saving to them of approximately 15 per cent.

### Suggests Planting Vetch and Austrian Winter Peas

A mixture for fall sowing and which has been found very satisfactory is composed of one bushel of bushless wheat, one and one-half bushels of oats or headless barley, and 20 pounds of hairy vetch or 30 pounds of Austrian winter peas. This mixture, sown between October 1 and 15 on well fertilized soil will be ready for cutting the following May and will yield from two to three tons of excellent hay to the acre.

### MASS MEETING OF DRY FORCES WILL BE HELD SUNDAY

#### To Be Held in High School Auditorium Here; All Are Invited

The people of Washington County are called to meet at Plymouth Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the high school auditorium, for the purpose of considering plans and methods for conducting the campaign in support of the dry laws of the state and the nation, it was announced today by Dr. J. W. Harrell, leader of the dry forces in Washington County.

Rev. R. E. Atkinson pastor of the Roper Methodist church, will be the principal speaker.

The State's United Dry Forces, through Dr. Harrell, issued the following in reference to the campaign: "The wet wave in North Carolina has reached its peak. Every change in sentiment from now until the polls close November 7 will be in our favor. This declaration is increasingly strengthened by the reports coming to us from every part of the field. Workers are volunteering and our forces are mobilizing with enthusiastic determination from one end of the State to the other. The slogan that illustrates the spirit that animates them: 'North Carolina dry though all the world go wet.'"

About 50 counties are already organized in the short time we have been at work; the others are either organizing now or will organize immediately after the meetings called for Sunday in every county in North Carolina.

"North Carolina is dry. Her people are not ready to go on a debauch. They are not ready to repeal the prohibition laws under which North Carolina has enjoyed the greatest quarter century of progress the state has ever known. They are not ready to have their sons and daughters exploited and doomed to disgrace and shame at the behest of selfish design and unscrupulous greed of gain. North Carolina is dry. Our task is only that of marking the ballots and depositing them in the proper boxes."

### PLANT CROPS IN FALL FOR COWS

#### Advisable To Keep Cows Off Permanent Pastures During Winter Months

The short hay crop occasioned by the continued dry weather in parts of this State this past summer means that an additional acreage should be planted to winter-growing crops this fall.

"The need for temporary pastures next spring on most North Carolina dairy farms will be urgent," declares John A. Arey, dairy extension specialist at State College. "The supplies of hay on most of these farms will be exhausted by February or March, especially where there are no silos and a few cows are kept for cream production. Usually when the supply of hay is exhausted the cows are turned on the permanent pastures whether there is anything to eat on them or not. Neither is the condition of the soil considered. This means that the cows damage the sod and get little nutrition from the early grass."

If temporary grazing is provided through March and part of April, the cows may be kept off the permanent pasture until the grass has made a desirable growth and the soil is dry enough to prevent damage to the sod from trampling.

Arey says most any of the small grains might be used to supply this temporary grazing; but, a mixture composed of several will give better grazing than any one used alone. One good mixture is two bushels of Abruzzi rye and 15 pounds of crimson clover an acre. Another which he highly recommends consists of 10 pounds of bushless barley and 10 pounds of crimson clover. The first mixture should be planted during the latter part of August and up until September 15 while the second mixture should be planted between September 15 and October 15.

Heavy seeding and a fertile soil are necessary for best results in securing spring grazing. Two tons of ground limestone per acre with 400 to 500 pounds of fertilizer applied at seeding will give best results.

### Tobacco Growers Organize In Effort To Raise Prices

Tobacco farmers of Craven and Granville Counties have organized county associations to aid members in bargaining for better tobacco prices this fall.