

GOOD FINANCIAL RECORD MADE BY TOWN PLYMOUTH

Circular Letter Sent Out by Bond Brokers Praises Fiscal Affairs

"Plymouth made one of the most impressive showings for its size and debt of any town in North Carolina during the recent depression," says C. H. Godwin, an official of the Eastern Bond and Mortgage Company, of Williamston, in a letter to Mayor Gilbert Davis.

"The town has a good city government and an efficient tax collector. All interest on its bonded debt has been provided for up to May, 1934. There are only \$4,000 in past-due bonds, as follows: \$1,000 due April 1, 1934, \$1,000 due May 1, 1934, and \$2,000 due June 1, 1934. Bonds are due from 1937 to 1957.

"The assessed valuation in 1933 was \$870,037. The bonded debt was \$303,000. Water plant valued at \$100,000. Unpaid street assessments \$43,000. Net bonded debt \$160,000. Value of other property owned by town, including fire truck, real estate, and such property, is \$50,000.

"An annual income of \$4,000 is received from water and sewers. Plymouth has a tax rate of \$1.20, with a population of 2,500. The town has two railroads paying taxes and two large wood-working plants in addition to filling stations and other foreign-owned properties."

"This letter, although in the form of a circular letter sent out to investors offering subject to prior sale \$1,000 to \$25,000 in 6 per cent street improvement bonds of Plymouth, carries many complimentary remarks about the town of Plymouth, and I appreciate their attitude," said Mayor Davis.

"This letter explains the condition of Plymouth as results of an investigation from outside and carries more weight than if I were to release the same statements," said Mr. Davis.

NAME OFFICIALS FOR JUNIOR CLUB

Meeting To Elect Officers Will Be Held Here October 6

New officers for the recently formed Junior Women's Club here will be nominated at a meeting of the organization that will be held in the American Legion Hall here on October 6, it was announced today by Miss Louise Brinkley, vice president.

The nominating committee is composed of Misses Brinkley, Thelma Getsinger and Elizabeth Davidson. This organization has among its membership 18 of the young ladies of the town. They meet the first Tuesday in each month. A membership drive is planned for October.

This group is a branch of the Woman's Club, which has been operating here for years, with Mrs. H. A. Liverman as the present president. The younger women will plan their programs and operations similar to the senior organization but will have their own projects and programs.

Among the interesting things planned is a baby popularity contest and show that will be held here during the week of September 20 to 27.

Concert To Be Given By Colored Choir Friday

Something of a treat is in store for the music lovers here when a musical concert will be presented at the New Theatre from 8 to 9 p. m. Friday, September 14, by the Mount Lebanon A. M. E. Zion church senior choir of Elizabeth City.

The Mount Lebanon choir has recently defeated the Queen Street Baptist Choir, of Norfolk, in a contest, and now claims the east for its negro melodies. W. H. Ellis is chairman of the committee on arrangements and says that the choir which has been here before is a great musical combination.

There will be one showing of "His Greatest Gamble" on the screen.

Holiness Minister at Roper To Enter Bible Institute

Roper.—Rev. T. O. Todd, pastor of the local Pentecostal Holiness church, will preach his last sermon here Sunday evening before leaving for the Holmes Bible and Missionary Institute at Greenville, S. C., where he will matriculate.

The services will be in the recently completed church building. School opens in Greenville the first week in October, and Mr. Todd will not have the opportunity of preaching here after Sunday night.

The annual conference of this denomination meets in October at which time another pastor will be appointed to succeed Mr. Todd.

Marriage Licenses Issued Recently by Mrs. Sawyer

Marriage licenses have been issued by Mrs. Mary O. Sawyer, register of deeds of Washington County, to the following couples during the last few days:

White: Wilbert Huffland, Roper; to Fannie E. Copeland, Columbia; Henry Stevenson, Mackeys, to Mary Staley Mackeys; James A. Rodgers, Norfolk, to Mildred Anne Edgerton, Norfolk.

Colored: Louis Wynn, Plymouth, to Pauline Sutton, Plymouth; Sterling McNair, Plymouth, to Mary Skinner, Plymouth; Lee Stanley McCulough, Mackeys, to Mildred Davis, Mackeys; James Harrell, Plymouth, to Susie Bond, Plymouth.

TWO YOUNG MEN CHARGED WITH TOBACCO THEFT

Probable Cause Found in Recorder's Court Here Last Tuesday

Probable cause was found in recorder's court Tuesday in the case of Newsome Harrison, jr., and Paul Harrison, young white men, who were charged with the larceny of some tobacco from O. L. Allen of the Long Acre section of Washington County.

It was charged that the young men broke into the packhouse of Mr. Allen and stole the tobacco and then sold it at the Roanoke-Dixie Warehouse in Williamston under the name of Henry Bowen. A check was issued to them in this name and they cashed it. The tobacco brought \$18.47.

The check for the tobacco was drawn on the Branch Banking and Trust Company at Williamston. A bank employee identified the boys as the two who cashed the check. Suspicion was aroused by their behavior in the warehouse.

Bonds for appearance at the next term of criminal court was demanded in the sum of \$600 each. Those signing the bond included N. H. Harrison, jr., Newsome Harrison, Paul Harrison, and Mrs. N. H. Harrison.

Walter Pierce was fined \$50 and the costs for violating the highway laws. William Arthur Combs was found guilty of simple assault and prayer for judgment was continued until September 18.

The case against Leslie Fenner, colored, charged with being the father of an illegitimate child born to Mary Rhodes, colored, was continued until September 18.

COTTON SIGN-UP CARDS CHECKED

To Be Sent To State Board This Week; Corn-Hog Contracts Next

All applications for tax-exemption certificates on cotton have been signed and are now being checked, it was learned today from W. V. Hays, farm agent of Washington County.

These will be ready for sending to the State Board this week. Compliance on tobacco is complete and is almost complete on cotton. All farmers who were exceeding their quotas in cotton have gladly agreed to plow up the excess acreage.

The corn-hog contract have been brought into line with the county average and are now being typed. They will be ready for the producers' second and last signature within a few days; then to be cleared for payment to Washington.

Nearly all tobacco marketing cards have been issued. Prices are exceedingly high as compared with previous years. Only seven growers of tobacco this year in this county are ineligible to sign the contract.

Carrs Attend Reunion In Groups of Seven

Mr. and Mrs. J. Richard Carr and family have returned from the western part of North Carolina and Tennessee where they have been visiting relatives. While away they attended a reunion of the Carr clan in Jefferson City, Tennessee.

It is interesting to note that relations in this clan run in the sevens. Beside the father and mother of Mr. Carr, the following were present at the reunion: seven sons and sons-in-law; seven daughters and daughters-in-law; seven grandsons and seven granddaughters.

Few Changes Made in Cherry School Faculty

Cherry.—Very little change was made in the faculty of the Cherry school this year, as the following compose the staff: A. W. Davenport, principal, T. R. Ainsley, Mrs. C. N. Davenport, jr., Mrs. Sally Spruill, Miss Ellen Lee Yates.

PROGRAM FOR WOMANS CLUB IS PREPARED

Busy Time for Organization Is Forecast in Next Few Months

An interesting program is being planned for the next few months by the Woman's Club in Plymouth, according to Mrs. H. A. Liverman, president, who pointed out that the next nine months will be busy times for this organization.

The first meeting after the vacation period was held last Friday in the American Legion Hall, with 18 present, despite the torrential downpour of rain. The theme of this meeting was civics, with Mrs. T. L. Bray, a former president, in charge of the arrangement for the program.

L. M. Anderson, principal of the local school, spoke, and mentioned the good things he had found in Plymouth and gave some suggestions for improvements; and asked for the support of the club in school activities.

The Woman's Club will request the city council of Plymouth to apportion off a street block free of cars upon which the children will be afforded the privilege of skating.

The plan for the programs follows: October, "Citizenship," with Mrs. Mary Smith Cahoon in charge of arrangements for the program; November, "Education," Mrs. L. S. Thompson; December, "Christmas From Other Lands," Miss Nellie Tarkenton; January, "Art," Mrs. Clyde Cahoon in charge; efforts being made to get Mrs. C. J. Sawyer, of Windsor, as speaker.

February, "Music," Miss Ethel Perry; March, "Garden and American Homes," Mrs. S. A. Ward; April, a miscellaneous program, with Mrs. J. K. Reid making the arrangements; and May, "Outstanding North Carolina Authors," Mrs. B. G. Campbell.

The club also decided on the following projects for the current fiscal year: Each member asked to be responsible for two crepe myrtles and one dogwood tree on their premises; prize being offered for the most attractive living Christmas tree; Christmas stockings for the needy children, public playground for the children.

TIME TO PLANT WINTER GARDEN

Number of Crops Could Be Planted Now For Use in Coming Winter

Fall gardens will supply the family with fresh vegetables until late in the winter.

Most of the summer crops are now gone, but the supply of vegetables can be kept up by planting fall crops in September and October, says Robert Schmidt, associate horticulturist at the North Carolina experiment station.

Fall vegetables, for the most part, belong to the leafy group and require rich soil or heavy fertilization to promote rapid growth. The crops should be those which can withstand the early frosts.

Snap beans will mature in about 50 days and may still be planted, Schmidt said. However, magnesium arsenate spray or dust should be used to control the Mexican bean beetle.

It is a little late for beets, but if planted in early September they will mature if the season is good. Carrots may still be planted in good soil. Cabbage, turnips, kale, mustard, broccoli, tendergreen, Chinese cabbage, collards, lettuce, spinach, onions and radish make good fall crops.

The fertilizers should contain large quantities of quickly available nitrogen. The soil should be well prepared before planting. Sufficient cultivation to control grass and weeds is also necessary.

Insects do their damage in the fall as well as in the summer and steps to keep them under control are important to the production of high grade vegetables. Recommendations for spraying may be obtained from the county agent.

Roper Enrollment and Attendance Both Good

Roper.—School opened here with a good enrollment on September 3 and the attendance continues fairly good, according to I. J. Kellum, principal of the Roper High School.

The faculty is composed of the following this term: High school, Mr. Kellum, R. B. Forbes, Miss Edwina Buch, Miss Ruth Kellar, Charles M. Floyd (vocational agriculture).

Grades: Misses Josephine Covington, A. C. Carstarphen, Carolyn Brooks, Mary Royster, Marie James, Francina Worrell, Carrie Jane Herman.

FARM NOTES

By W. V. HAYS, County Agent

A meeting for all potato growers has been called at Washington, N. C., on September 20th, by Congressman Lindsay Warren. If you are interested in better prices for potatoes and in having this crop made a basic commodity by all means arrange to attend this meeting.

Cotton ginners' certificates will be ready in about 10 days. Notice will be sent out when these arrive.

The peanut control program will begin about the 1st of October. The plan now is that the acreage be held at about the same as this year. It may be that surplus nuts and vines can be sold locally and avoid the picking expense. The plan is simply this: 10 per cent of our shelling stock will go for oil or feed purposes. On this the grower will be paid \$40 per ton. On the 90 per cent, he will be paid a parity or bonus of \$10 per ton. Full particulars will be out later. Be sure the operator who picks your peanuts has a license.

The corn and hog contracts have finally been cleared for payment from the county. Checks for the first payment should begin to reach the County by the middle of October.

The Jefferson Street corner is also a busy one as it leads to the business area and to some of the factories and to other populated sections. Thus the corners are a continued hazard to the life and limb of the children if they happen to be trapped while crossing by a speeding driver.

Chief of Police P. W. Brown has had the words, "Slow ... School" painted on the streets in large letters in an effort to control the speeders. Some want the area about the school building zoned with special laws governing the operations of vehicles in that section.

COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOLS IN MEET AT MOUNT TABOR

J. Richard Carr, Plymouth, Is Elected President for Coming Year

Creswell.—J. Richard Carr, superintendent of the Baptist Sunday school in Plymouth, was elected president of the Washington County Sunday School Association at a convention held in the Mount Tabor Free Will Baptist church near here Tuesday.

E. R. Davenport, of near Columbia, who served as the executive last year, with R. W. Lewis, of Roper, were both named vice presidents this year. Mrs. E. M. Chesson, of Roper, succeeded Mrs. Leon S. Bray as secretary and treasurer.

Division directors as elected follow: Children: Mrs. W. H. Harrison, route 1, Plymouth; young people, Mrs. O. D. Hatfield, Creswell; adults, James W. Norman, of Plymouth; administrative, Rev. J. W. Hardy, of Creswell, rector of the Episcopal church.

The next session will be held the second Tuesday in September, 1935, at the St. Delight church near Plymouth. The attendance banner was awarded to the Zion Chapel church near Roper. The offering and crowd was larger than in years in this county.

Rev. Shuford Peeler, of Raleigh, secretary of the North Carolina Sunday School Association, was the principal speaker. Scripture and prayer in the morning was by Rev. L. L. Davenport. Afternoon devotionals were led by R. W. Lewis.

Rev. W. H. Hollowell, of Creswell, spoke on "Family Fellowship With God." Special music was rendered by the Zion Chapel Sunday school. J. Richard Carr sang two solos. A fellowship dinner was enjoyed at noon.

URGE RECORDS BY FARMERS OF PEANUT SALES

Will Be Great Aid If Campaign To Aid Growers Is Instituted

Due to the belated passage of the law designating peanuts as a basic commodity under the Agricultural Adjustment, a campaign for the reduction of peanut acreage was not instituted in 1934. The more favorable price for the short crop of 1933 largely eliminated such a need in connection with the production of this crop. However, the sizeable increase in the 1934 acreage over that of 1933 may make it necessary to institute a heavy campaign for control of acreage for another year.

The most extensive peanut areas in North Carolina are found outside of the main eastern cotton and tobacco territory. However, there are a few counties, such as Martin and Edgecombe, which had large acreages of peanuts, as well as tobacco, cotton, and numbers of hogs.

The availability of records of peanut sales reports should aid greatly in establishing a basis for contracts if the government sees fit to inaugurate a reduction program on this crop. Although no definite arrangements have yet been made for peanuts, interested growers should anticipate such a campaign and begin preparing reliable records and evidence for use in this connection.

TAKE ACTION TO INSURE SAFETY SCHOOL PUPILS

Speeders In School Zones Will Be Carried Before the Courts Here

Fear that speeding autoists and reckless drivers will maim or kill small children in the primary grades at Hampton Academy here has resulted in some definite action by Mayor Gilbert Davis and others.

School is dismissed at 12 o'clock, noon, for the lunch recess. Factories also allow the same hour for lunch. People hurrying to and from the plants in cars and business men and others hastening to lunch causes much traffic at this time.

The school is mid-way the block between Washington and Jefferson Streets facing on Main Street. Public highway traffic comes up Washington Street causing much traffic at the corner where many of the children cross the streets hurrying in three directions.

The membership committee, composed of Mrs. Lindley Windley, Mrs. L. L. Mizell, and Mrs. John Chesson, is planning definitely to double last year's enrollment. This committee solicits your aid by asking each old member to come and bring at least one new member.

The program theme deals with the home start; stressing the vital influence that home has upon every school child. Speakers for the evening have not been announced. Group singing will be an added feature of the evening.

The school has already manifested an enthusiasm for more and better singing and to encourage and endorse this movement the executive council of the parent-teacher association voted to purchase 100 song books to be given to the school during the chapel hour.

With an enrollment of 400 or more boys and girls the school needs the interest and active support of the community.

PLAN TO FORM AUXILIARY OF LOCAL LEGION

Meeting Will Be Held Next Month To Perfect Organization

A meeting will be held here sometime in October for the purpose of organizing an American Legion auxiliary. All eligible women are invited to be present. The date and place will be announced later.

1. Mothers, wives, sisters, or daughters of members of the American Legion.

2. Mothers, wives, sisters, or daughters of men and women who were in the military or naval service of the United States between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, and who died in the line of duty or after honorable discharge.

3. Women who of their own right are eligible to membership in the American Legion.

Those interested are urged to see Mrs. C. McGowan or Mrs. W. V. Hays for further information.

URGE FARMERS KEEP LEAF DRY

Leaking Packhouses Should Be Looked After To Prevent Damage

With rain sweeping over this section almost continuously for the past few weeks, tobacco farmers have been advised by dealers here to keep their leaf as dry as possible so that it may be marketed in good order.

Leaking packhouses, particularly, it was said, should be looked after and every effort made to protect the tobacco from the rain.

Tobacco marketed in good condition always brings more money than that not receiving proper attention, it was pointed out, and growers who wish to receive the top of the market should make an effort to keep the leaf out of the rain and see that it is carefully graded before being brought to market.

Discusses Value of Winter Garden to Relief Families

W. B. Pace, Durham County agent, has been discussing the value of fall gardens with relief families. Most of them wish to raise as much of their own food as possible.

Creswell School Gets Off To Good Start

Creswell.—C. H. Aderholdt began another year as principal of the Creswell High School when the educational institutions in this county opened September 3. Associated with him is a good group of teachers.

High school: Mr. Aderholdt, Mr. Adeox, R. L. Leitchfield, Mrs. Josephine Holmes, and C. H. Rabon, agricultural teacher.

Grades: Misses Hilda Credle, Hazel Craddock, Gladys Rountrye, Faye Tadlock, Grace Stillman, Ruth Miller, Mary Clark, Stella Johnson, and Mrs. O. R. Armstrong.

TEACHERS AND PARENTS MEET IN ROPER 20TH

First Meeting of School Year; Seek To Boost Membership

Roper.—The parent-teacher association of the Roper school will hold its first regular meeting of the school year in the auditorium Thursday, September 20, at 7:30 p. m. Every citizen of the school community is urged to be present.

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HIBERNATING PESTS CAN NOW BE DESTROYED

Destruction of Foliage and Stalks Left in Field Is Great Advantage

After fall crops are harvested, landowners of North Carolina can materially aid their next year's crop by a cultivation program designed to destroy hibernating insects in the foliage and stalks left in the field, Dr. B. B. Fulton, research entomologist at N. C. State College, suggests.

Foremost among the injurious insects which can be destroyed are the pickle and melon worms, which are abundant among squash, cucumbers, cantaloupes, and melons. These insects exist in the pupae stage during the winter and can be destroyed by a complete removal and destruction of all infested plants after the crop is gathered.

The plants may be destroyed by turning the land, feeding the hogs, burning, or by using them in the compost heap, which produces an excellent manure needed by most soils. The compost heap is effective if the infested material is packed down and covered with earth in order that the heat generated by the rotting organic material may destroy the larvae and pupae or imprison the adults.

Dr. Fulton says horn worms and bud worms develop on tobacco stalks where they are allowed to stand in the fields after the crop is removed. The worms will damage the leaves and tips of next year's tobacco crops to a greater extent if the stalks are not destroyed this fall.

The larger cornstalk borer can be partially controlled easily and economically by plowing under the corn stubble with a turning plow by early December, harrowing over the stubble immediately and allowing the field to remain undisturbed until the first of March.

Other common insects which Dr. Fulton says may be curbed by clean culture, are: corn billbugs, squash bugs, corn root worms, chinch worms, tobacco flea beetles, and red spiders. The latter are harmful to cotton and other cultivated plants.

Although raking up and burning the stalks and foliage to destroy hibernating insects is a sure method, plowing is also advisable, for, in addition to destroying the hibernating quarters, the wild food plants of the insects are also killed.

Abundant rainfall has caused the tallest growth of lespedeza in Catawba County in recent years. Farmers are cutting large quantities of it for hay.

HOLD TWO TERMS SUPERIOR COURT IN SAME MONTH

First Term Will Be Held Here October 8; Next On October 22nd

Two separate and distinct terms of Washington County Superior court will be held in Plymouth during the month of October.

The first term, which begins on October 8, is a special term with Judge Henry A. Grady, of Clinton, as the presiding jurist, in which about 25 civil cases have been docketed for disposition. This calendar appeared in this paper August 31.

The second term will begin on October 22 which is the regular fall term of the court. During this session the famous forest-fire cases of W. W. Robertson against the Virginia Electric and Power Company will be called again.

Jurors for both of the terms have been drawn by the commissioners. It is thought that Judge Walter L. Small, of Elizabeth City, will preside over the second term unless there is a change in slate or an exchange among the jurists.

Jurors for the special term beginning October 8:

Plymouth Township: Raymond Leggett, W. Lee Hardison, D. B. Baxter, C. H. Davis, Bruce Terretton, R. E. Dunning, C. C. Spruill.

Lees Mills Township: M. L. Sawyer, W. Bruce Davenport, Ernest Rose, E. S. Knowles, R. T. Chesson, J. P. Sawyer, L. A. Parrisher.

Scuppernon Township: S. D. Phelps, J. R. Snell, W. C. Woodley, H. P. Barnes, Z. T. Tarkington, Jas. Woodley, T. J. White.

Skinner'sville Township: C. A. Collins, H. W. Swain, Jr., Delbert Patrick.

Jurors for the regular term beginning October 22:

Plymouth Township: Frank Spruill, C. C. Styron, J. L. Horton, C. P. Williams, E. W. Ayers, M. L. Bowen, Joe W. Snell, W. A. Davidson, John T. Askey.

Lees Mills Township: A. R. Spruill, G. B. Ferebee, H. W. Tarkenton, W. S. Spruill.

Scuppernon Township: A. Robert McGowan, R. N. Davenport, David W. Phelps, C. L. Barnes, Samuel D. Spruill, W. D. Jordan, M. E. Ambrose.

Skinner'sville Township: F. C. Spruill, Carney Spruill, Jr., T. W. Swain, O. L. Davenport.

LOCAL NEGRO ON ILL-FATED BOAT

Was Killed or Drowned in Disaster Off New Jersey Coast This Week

Sammy Louis Pettiford, formerly of Plymouth, but more recently of Portsmouth, Va., lost his life in the much-publicized burning of the luxurious liner, Morro Castle, which was burned off the New Jersey coast. Pettiford, colored, was employed on the boat.

Pettiford is a brother to Ed Pettiford, who is employed at the Plymouth Box and Panel Company here. His grandmother, Roberta Pettiford, of West Water Street, left Tuesday for Portsmouth to attend the funeral. Only meager details of the death of Pettiford has reached here as yet.

News accounts place the death toll in this fire and from drowning causes as 133. An investigation is in progress in New York to determine the cause of the accident. Criticism has been made of the officers for their handling of the affair.

Washington Tobacco Market Makes Record

The Washington tobacco market is forging to the front in the high prices paid for the golden weed.

Statistics revealed that it led the markets in Greenville, Wilson, and other markets in this section. The small markets have been making a good showing this year in this section.

There are two warehouses in Washington. One is the Farmers Warehouse, which has as its proprietor, H. C. Gravelly, who has been connected with Washington markets for 20 years. L. M. Knott is the proprietor of Knott's Warehouse and is well known among the weed growers.

Quarterly Conference Is Held At Rehoboth Church

Skinner'sville.—The third quarterly conference of the Creswell M. P. charge was held at Rehoboth church on Sunday afternoon with good attendance. Creswell church was well represented. Two visitors were present. Rev. and Mrs. B. M. Williams, of the Efland charge. Mr. Williams was assisting Rev. P. E. Bingham in a revival meeting held at Creswell church the past week.