

## TOWN LAW ABOUT TRAFFIC DURING FIRES IS CITED

### Criticism of Fire Department Brings Answer From Members

By J. B. McNAIR

Owing to criticism by some local people as to the routes taken by fire trucks in answering fire alarms, also speed of truck and blowing of siren returning from fires, the firemen at their regular meeting Friday night of last week decided to bring to the attention of the public the following town ordinance adopted by the council March 10, 1924:

ARTICLE V.

1. All motor vehicles and vehicles drawn by team or otherwise shall be parked at a complete standstill at the curb of the street immediately upon the first sound or blast of the fire alarm or fire whistle of the town of Plymouth, and shall remain so parked until the fire truck has passed said vehicle, or until said fire truck has arrived at the scene of the fire.

2. That the firemen, fire truck, and other portable fire-fighting apparatus and equipment of the Town of Plymouth shall have the absolute right-of-way and control over and upon the streets of the Town of Plymouth immediately upon the sound of the fire alarm or whistle of said town, and shall continue in control of said streets until the fire to which same are called is completely extinguished, and any person obstructing the streets of the town so as to prevent or interfere with the authority conferred upon the fire company in this section shall be punished as hereinafter provided.

3. That no motor vehicle or vehicle drawn by team shall be parked within one block of the scene of the fire in the town of Plymouth, or within one block of the hydrant or hydrants to which the fire hose is connected during the progress of a fire in said town, nor shall be parked on that part of the street along which a line of hose is laid during the progress of a fire in said town.

4. That the foregoing provisions shall not apply to vehicles operated by members of the fire company of said town who are in good standing.

5. That the members of the fire company of said town are vested with police authority to enforce this ordinance and to make arrests for any violation of same.

6. That any person operating or in charge of a vehicle in any manner that is a violation of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of \$5.

Also article III, section 2, of the Town Ordinances:

"No motor vehicle shall be parked opposite or nearer a fire hydrant in the town of Plymouth than 15 feet."

This is also a state law.

As Washington Street is the center of the town, also the dividing line between the east and west sides of town and there being no fire alarm boxes or means of turning in fire alarms except by telephone or word of mouth, 9 out of 10 people in turning in an alarm will say "it's on east 4th street," or "west Main street." So, not knowing the exact location of the fire, the driver of the truck goes to Washington street and up that street to east Fourth or west Main and turns into that street until he comes to the scene of the fire. In some cases this saves a lot of valuable time. Every truck driver in the fire department knows that time is the most important factor in reaching a fire and to get there as quickly as possible with proper care and safety will oftentimes mean the saving of property and sometimes life.

As every fireman in the department is a volunteer, when the alarm sounds he must leave his job, whatever it is, and go, and every minute away from that job means a loss to him, so can you blame a fireman for wanting to get back to the firehouse and to his work when the fire is out (especially on a cold windy day)?

So, folks, when you feel like criticizing the firemen again, stop and say this to yourself: "Would I do what they are doing for the same they are getting for doing it?"

**Harnett Farmers Book Orders for Lespedeza**

Farmers in Harnett County have booked an order for 12,500 pounds of lespedeza seed with the FCX and plan to order more later.

**Catawba Farmers Going In For Big Poultry Year**

Numerous requests for poultry house and brick brooder plans indicate that Catawba County farmers are preparing for another big poultry year.

**Hyde Farmer Ready To Sign Corn-Hog Contracts**

Corn-hog growers in Hyde county are ready to sign the 1935 contract as soon as it is ready, says County Agent C. Y. Tilson.

## IRISH POTATO GROWERS MUST LIMIT CROP OR GET LOW PRICES

### Present Indications Are Carolina Growers Will Lose Heavily Unless Crop Is Reduced 30 Per Cent Or More, Horticulturist Says

Present indications are that North Carolina Irish potato growers will lose heavily on their 1935 crop unless they reduce it by 30 percent or more, says E. B. Morrow, extension horticulturist at State College.

Basing his statement on figures supplied by A. E. Mercker, secretary of the Interstate Early Potato Committee, Morrow said that the anticipated crop of 8,500 carloads would probably sell for \$1,500,000 less than the cost of production.

But if the crop is limited to 5,000 cars, he added, the growers stand in position to clear over \$1,100,000 above production costs. In other words, a reduction of 3,500 cars will put \$2,600,000 into the growers' pockets.

Some growers have expressed intentions of producing a big crop this year in order to establish as large a base as possible, said Morrow, who is executive secretary of the North Carolina Potato Growers Association.

But Morrow pointed out that the potato advisory committee has requested that the base price be 1930-34 inclusive, and it is not likely that the 1935 crop will have any effect upon the base average.

Furthermore, he said, there is not enough chance of the 1935 crop affecting the base, through a special ruling or otherwise, to justify the growers producing a big crop this year at a heavy loss.

Among the advisory committee recommendations are: determination by the secretary of agriculture of the advisable size of the annual crop to be marketed so as to maintain a parity price; a flexible basis of allotments to States; a tax of half cent a pound on all potatoes marketed which are not covered by tax-exemption certificates; transference of certificates between growers when desired; and a referendum on the plan after it has been in force one year.

## FARM NOTES

By W. V. HAYS, County Agent

Meetings have been called in the various townships for the election of cotton committees to handle the 1935 cotton reduction program. Friday evening at 7 o'clock Skippersville Township votes at Asa Snell's store. At 8 o'clock voting is done for Scuppernon Township at the schoolhouse in Creswell. Saturday morning at 10 o'clock Lees Mill Township votes at Roper schoolhouse and at 2 o'clock Plymouth Township votes at Plymouth courthouse.

Cotton contracts will be ready for signing about February 18th. Notice will be given in next week's Roanoke Beacon of date and place for signing these contracts, also particulars and kinds of contracts that may be made.

Cotton Growers, please note: To sign a contract you must have the cotton acres and yield for each year cotton was planted since 1928 on the particular piece of land mentioned in the contract, cotton history goes with the land—not the man.

We have in this office several cotton giving certificates not yet called for by growers. These will be returned to Raleigh if not called for by February 20th.

Thursday, February 14, at 10 a. m. Mr. E. R. Daniels, field man for the corn and hog section, will address the corn-hog growers of Washington County. This will be held at the courthouse in Plymouth. All contract signers and those contemplating signing up for 1935 are urged to be at the meeting. He can answer all the questions not answered satisfactorily by your County Agent.

The 1935 contracts are in the office now and will be ready for signing by Monday, February 18th. There will be a committeeman in each township to fill out these contracts.

The peanut sign-up is about complete. About six hundred growers have signed reduction agreements cutting their acreage for this year. A few growers have sold their peanuts since signing contracts, and if they will mail the weight slips or bill of sale to the county agent's office it will hurry up getting their checks. Be sure to have your name on this bill of sale, also the name of the buyer.

Cotton has been increased, so have the tobacco allotments, in my opinion, too much for our own good. The smaller growers will need to take advantage of this probably for economical production, but the growers above five acres of these crops will profit by holding down rather than increasing acreage to the extent of the 85 per cent allotment increase.

**Saw Mill Department of Handle Firm Operating**

After being shut down for several weeks, the saw mill department of the local plant of the National Handle Company started to work Monday morning with several new employees in the crew of workmen.

Many people of the community are particularly glad to see this unit of the plant in operation again, as it furnishes a large part of the firewood used in this section.

**American Legion To Meet Friday Night**

The James E. Jethro Post, No. 164, of the American Legion, will hold its regular meeting Friday night at 8 o'clock, and every member is urged to be present, as there is important business to be discussed.

## MAKE PLANS TO HOLD FAIR HERE NEXT OCTOBER

### Committees Are Named at Meeting Held Here Last Week

Indications today are that a fair known as the Plymouth Four-County fair will be held here during the week of October 14, 1935, according to advice from W. R. Hampton who has been chosen chairman of the group who will sponsor the event locally.

Guy Elliott, of Kinston, president and N. G. Bartlett, of Kinston, secretary of the East Carolina Chamber of Commerce, will manage the fair along with others that they expect to control in this section of the State during the coming season.

It is hoped that the spacious lot of the Brinkley ball park here can be secured for the purpose and it is thought that there will be little opposition to this plan and that the owner of the lot will lease it for the week at a reasonable rental.

No permanent buildings are expected to be built on the lot. Tents and other improvised buildings will be used to shelter the exhibits and other kindred things while the attractions will, of course, have their own canvas or such coverings.

Mr. Bartlett will have on the midway two shows that will travel his circuit during the season. This is the same carnival and side-show company that will play in Norfolk and Suffolk. Mr. Bartlett's organization will have nothing to do with the Williamston fair this next season.

The fair will feature exhibits and will have the sponsorship of people in communities in four counties: Martin, Beaufort, Tyrrell and Washington. It is expected to be supported by people in Jamesville, Dardens, Pantego, Pungo, Pike Road, Columbia, Gum Neck, Lake Landing, Belhaven and other surrounding towns.

Here is a committee that has been appointed in the different sections with more to be named later:

Plymouth: John Allen, Frank L. Brinkley, W. V. Hays, E. N. Liverman, B. G. Gaylord, Walter H. Lamore, Eugenia Patterson, J. L. Rea, Jr., A. L. Owens, P. W. Brinkley and Gilbert Davis.

Columbia: Earl Cahoon, H. H. Harris, W. H. McClees and W. S. Carawan.

Creswell: J. W. Starr and C. H. Rabon.

Roper: L. E. Hassell, Barton Swain and C. H. Floyd.

Mackeys: J. E. Davenport, Aubrey Ange.

Jamesville: C. C. Fleming and Onward J. Gaylord.

## COUNTY BOARD REGULAR MEET HELD MONDAY

### Bond of Clerk Not Accepted By Board; Standard Keeper Named

A solvent bond of \$5,000 must be posted by March 4 by C. V. W. Ausbon if he is to continue as clerk of the Washington County Superior Court, to which office he was elected last November, according to the commissioners of Washington County.

Mr. Ausbon has before the commissioners a bond of \$10,000, with W. R. Hampton, J. F. Belanga, H. S. Ward, M. F. Davenport, and W. H. Gaylord as guarantors. This bond has not been approved by the commissioners who have continued their objection.

These men may be acceptable on a smaller bond like the \$5,000 bond demanded, which amount has been fixed by the present North Carolina legislature. Mr. Ausbon contends that this is one of the best bonds he has ever given.

The commissioners also fixed a license tax of \$50 for any firm or corporation out of the county which solicits in Washington county for cleaning and pressing business. The firms now canvassing hereabouts for this class of business will be notified before they are haled into court.

C. C. Spruill has been named as standard keeper of the county. It will be his duty to inspect the weights and measures to see that scales and all measuring devices are proper and that the public is not being short-weighted.

**PRIZE OFFERED FOR BEST ESSAY**

Representatives from Nine Counties Expected To Speak Here March 19

The Williamston High School has been selected as the place for the preliminary run-off, for high schools of Dare, Tyrrell, Washington, Beaufort, Martin, Bertie, Pitt, Green, and Hyde Counties, in the state-wide oration-essay contest to be staged by High Point College in March.

This run-off will take place at 7:30 p. m., Tuesday, March 19, 1935, in the auditorium of the Williamston High School. One contestant will be selected to compete with the representatives of the other 17 districts of the state in the finals which will be held at High Point College March 29.

The successful contestants in each of the districts will be given a \$50 scholarship to the High Point institution. The one winning first place in the finals will be awarded an additional \$350 to be added to the \$50 district prize, to make a total scholarship of \$400. The second prize will be an additional \$150, which with the district award makes a \$200 scholarship for this place. The third best contestant will receive a total scholarship of \$100. Those not winning a place in the finals will be given the \$50 district scholarship.

Only two contestants from a high school may participate, and they must be seniors and must register for the contest on or before February 20. All contestants must be recommended by the principal or a member of the school faculty.

The subject for the oration or essay is: "Do I Expect My College Training to Make Me More Useful to My Community, or to Increase My Earning Capacity?" It is to be confined within 800 words, and must be in the hands of the contest directors on or before March 1.

**Willie Outlaw Is William Outterbutter When He Gets Married**

Born as Willie Outlaw, married as William Outterbutter, and dying as Willie Outlaw is the unusual record of a Martin-Pitt county negro, a former service man, for whose orphaned children efforts were made to secure compensation as the children of a World War veteran.

This negro, born in Martin and married in Pitt, entered the service in the World War, and a year or two after his discharge contracted tuberculosis and later died. His wife also died, and four minor children were left. A search to establish the claims of the orphaned children revealed the three names under which the important events of his life were recorded. Finally, Senator Arthur B. Corey, of Pitt County, lawyer in the case, got the threads together and secured the compensation for the children. The negro talked indistinctly and with a long drawl.

If his birth had been properly recorded and registered, none of the mix-up would have occurred. Thousands of cases develop every year, especially among World War veterans, when a registration of the birth would have saved incalculable work and expenses. This would have been avoided with complete birth registration.

The State Board of Health, the U. S. Bureau of the Census, and the N. C. Emergency Relief Administration are seeking to complete the registration of births in North Carolina during the past years, while parents remember the occasions distinctly, in the "Register Your Baby" campaign now in progress. Parents are asked to fill in the blanks and mail the postal cards they will be receiving the next few days.

**Case of Negro Proves Value Birth Records**

**Program of Services At Christian Church**

Sunday night, February 10, will be "Mother and Daughter" night at the Plymouth Christian church. This will be the second of a series of special services to be held during the "Home Beautiful Month," February. Many mothers and their daughters are expected to attend. A mother, Mrs. George Bowen, will make a short talk on "What Daughters Have Meant To Me." Her daughter, Mrs. Carl Means, will reply with "What Mother Means To Me." The pastor will bring the message of the hour, "Is Training Worth While?"

At 11 a. m., Mr. Taylor will speak on the subject, "The Mission of the Church."

Bible school will begin at 9:45 a. m., directed by the superintendent, Mr. J. W. Darden.

On Wednesday evening at 7:30, p. m., Mayor Gilbert Davis will speak on the subject, "An Ideal Boy or Girl." The public is cordially invited.

**Deliver Cotton Checks In Cumberland County**

Approximately three-fourths of the cotton parity checks for Cumberland county have been delivered.

## Seven Contest Workers Send In Subscriptions To Beacon

### GROWING FOOD ON FARM BETTERS FAMILY LIVING; CASH EARNING IS BUT SMALL PART OF REAL INCOME

### Farm Family Gets Average of \$540 Worth of Food Without Money

The cash earnings of live-at-home farmers are only a small part of their real income, says Dr. C. Horace Hamilton, rural sociologist at the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station.

In fact, he says, the incomes of farm families compare favorably with those of average industrial families when account is taken of all the benefits provided by the farm.

A recent survey of 98 farm families and 57 representative industrial families showed that the average cash income of both groups was about \$1,000 a year per family.

Aside from \$40 worth of food obtained from small gardens, the industrial family had to buy all its supplies out of the \$1,000.

But the farm family obtained \$540 worth of food and other living items from the farm. And it did not have to pay out cash for water, fuel, house rent and some food.

The farm family paid cash for 40 percent of its living and obtained the other 60 percent directly from the farm. The industrial family paid cash for 96 percent of its living and got four percent from the garden.

Dr. Hamilton points out that the more a farm family lives at home, the higher is its standard of living. Living at home also makes the farmer more independent of economic conditions in the rest of the world.

It is for this reason, he explains, that the New Deal programs for agriculture are stressing the self-sufficiency side of farming and encouraging rural rehabilitation, subsistence homesteads, rural industrial villages, and the like.

### FORMER RECTOR LOCAL CHURCH DIES IN RALEIGH

### Several From Here Attend Funeral of Rev. Theodore Partrick Wednesday

Flowers and messages of condolence were sent to the family of Rev. Theodore Partrick in Raleigh by the many friends here when his death became known Tuesday.

Communicants of Grace Episcopal church remember back a few years when as a young minister fresh from the seminary and printshop he came to Plymouth to accept his first parish. His work was done well and friends naturally flocked to him.

They watched his progress as he left his first work here and then went to Holy Trinity church at Scotland Neck and thence to the Church of the Good Shepherd in Raleigh. Over the radio they heard him deliver his sermons as he continued upward. Annually, during the summer, he would return for a visit.

Death came to him at 9:27 in a Raleigh hospital Monday night. A number from here attended the funeral of the beloved rector. A severe attack of influenza-pneumonia weakened his frail body and sapped out his life after a 48-hour battle.

Not only is his ministerial life remembered here by the stirring discourses he delivered, but he is remembered for his ministry to the sick and suffering, walking miles in the country daily to deliver spiritual as well as material assistance to the sick and downtrodden.

**Cool Springs Club**

The Cool Springs Home Demonstration Club met at the home of Miss Beatrice Asby on January 30. There were 13 members present and 1 visitor. Miss Patterson demonstrated on unfinished seams, pockets, buttonholes, and the like.

The members of the club have completed 65 garments during the month of January and have canned 189 quarts of meats.

After the meeting the hostess served ambrosia and cake.

### GIVES FACTS ON TRUCK FARMING IN THIS SECTION

### Thousands of Farmers Depend on This Industry For Livelihood

By GUY A. CARDWELL  
(Agricultural and Industrial Agent, Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co.)

Truck farming in Tidewater and Coastal Plain Virginia and the Carolinas is an established industry. Thousands of farmers depend upon this industry for their chief source of income, just as other thousands depend upon cotton, tobacco, and peanuts; hence, I would advise that cotton, tobacco, and peanut farmers who are planning to grow vegetables for shipment to the large markets next season approach this venture with caution. Do not accept as gospel all statements of large profits to be gained, or stories to the effect that Tom Smith and Bill Jones have become rich growing peas, beans, cucumbers, potatoes, tomatoes, etc. The truth is that berry, fruit, and vegetable growers had just as hard a time to hold things together during the last several years as did cotton farmers and tobacco farmers before the Agricultural Adjustment Administration came to their rescue.

There are opportunities in some localities for the growing of vegetables, but do not let the desire for quick money, and easy money, cause you to plunge into the truck farmers' pool. He was there first, and there may not be room for you unless he is such a sorry fellow that you can chase him out of his own pond.

The growing of truck requires well-conditioned soil, heavy fertilization, lots of work, and some skill. The preparation of vegetables for market, and the sale thereof requires experience and a thorough knowledge of market conditions.

It has been said that the key to successful merchandising is the satisfied customer and that the housewife is the ultimate buyer of over 90 percent of the food-stuffs that are sold. Therefore, we must carefully cater to her wants.

Quality products, carefully graded, attractively packed, suitably advertised, fully guaranteed, and delivery assured, will result in consumer satisfaction and repeat orders.

"Knowing the market" is the result of years of experience and careful study. No one guesses right every time, and the man who guesses right more than the average is the one who equips himself with all the facts available and then applies common sense and personal knowledge in arriving at conclusions.

While increased profits is one of the prime essentials of successful marketing, if a producer is to stay in business, it quite obviously follows as the end, rather than the means to an end.

It is in reality the object in view and will result if the various connecting lines or essentials of successful marketing have been carefully observed.

Cooperative marketing has well earned its place of distinction and importance the world over. However, cooperative marketing, in name only, means little or nothing except as it performs the functions of successful marketing more efficiently and economically than can the individual operator independently.

In some sections brokers and cash truck buyers are satisfactorily serving the growers, but even the most reliable brokerage firms and individuals are at a disadvantage in the conduct of their business unless the growers are organized for the protection of their own industry and closely watch production, packing and grading; in other words, properly prepare their products for market.

### ACTIVE WORKERS NAMES ARE STILL BEING RECEIVED

### Others Expected To Enter This Week and Keen Competition Expected

Due to the cold weather here of late workers in The Roanoke Beacon's \$600 subscription and prize campaign are just getting down to business. Any one who has not been interviewed and who wants to take an active part in the drive and compete for one of the five cash prizes or a liberal cash commission has only to send his or her name in to the newspaper, or, better still, call around to the office and receive details first hand.

Those who have started an active campaign by making at least one subscription return to the Beacon office includes Miss Callie Davenport, of Creswell; Miss Winona T. Gardner, of Plymouth; Mrs. S. F. Darden, of Route 1, Plymouth; Mrs. H. D. Peele, whose address reads Roper, and also Mr. E. M. Clifton, of the same town. Two others are Miss Margaret Hooker, of Plymouth, and Miss Elizabeth Vail, of Route 1.

Now, these seem to be the only ones at this writing who have actually gone to work and secured renewals and new subscriptions, but no doubt there are others who have signed orders but have not gotten around to turn them in. There are quite a few listed as workers, as will be seen by referring to the advertisement concerning this contest which appears elsewhere in this issue. However, those listed above are the only ones who have qualified for the prizes by turning in subscriptions.

**Next Week More Names**

The list of contestants is continually changing. Many say they need money and want to work and take out subscription books, which are free for the asking. But the test of earnest effort comes when they stick to it long enough to secure subscriptions. As fast as the campaign manager finds interested workers their names are added to the list. On the other hand, just as soon as the office learns that any particular one enrolled is not anxious to take an active part his or her name is taken off.

In another week or so it will be known to one and all just who the active workers are. By that time all those who want to take an active part will have entered and those who thought at first that they wanted to participate and find for one reason or another that it will not be possible for them to compete will have dropped from the list.

Let every one who wants to enter and win get their name in right now. Not much has been done at this writing in the way of securing renewals and new subscriptions, and the large field covered by The Roanoke Beacon has hardly been scratched.

The prize money is on deposit in the Branch Bank here at Plymouth. It is divided up into five prizes and includes \$300 for the best worker, \$150 for second, \$75 for third, \$50 for the fourth, and \$25 for fifth.

In addition to the prizes, commissions of 30 cents on each renewal or new subscription for a year goes to the non-winners. Commission will be paid on each report as made to the office by the workers. At the end of the campaign the commission paid to the winners will be deducted out of their prize. In this way workers can have a little spare money as they go along, being paid from day to day in proportion to the work accomplished and have something in the long run to look forward to.

**Roper School Closed Due To Large Number Absent**

Roper.—Public school here closed Tuesday to reopen again on February 18, if conditions are such that the number of children required can attend. More than 100 cases of diphtheria and colds and such illness have greatly reduced the attendance. James W. Norman, superintendent of public instruction, said that the schools would be closed until attendance justified its reopening.

**Legion Auxiliary To Meet Friday Afternoon**

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold its regular monthly meeting on Friday afternoon at 3:30 in the Legion Hall. All members are urged to be present.

**Peanut Campaign in Gates Gets Results, Agent Says**

The peanut sign-up campaign is getting results in Gates County, according to R. R. Rich, farm agent.