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## SURVEYS BEING MADE FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROGRAM

### Number of Health Improvements Contemplated; Costs Estimated

Officials here today were awaiting the survey and estimate that W. C. Olsen, of Raleigh, as an engineer, is making to determine the cost of the health improvements contemplated by the City Council for the Town of Plymouth.

The first project is that of extending the water lines from Browning's filling station on the highway to Brinkley ball park, thence across Brinkley avenue to Mary Rhodes' corner on Madison street, down Madison Street to Dreamland auditorium, where the present terminal is now.

Two reasons are given for this needed improvement. First, it will eliminate the dead ends of the water lines and thus cause it to run around in a circle to secure proper circulation to improve the taste and health qualities of the water; second, to make available water for fighting fires that may occur in this area.

Also it may be that there may be a few added customers to the new water line, and it is also possible that proper arrangements can be made the line would be constructed out of the town as far down highway No. 97 as the new and improved county home and provide water for these buildings.

A second project will be the efforts to get the town ditch, reaching across town by the homes of Mrs. J. L. Hayes and Mrs. S. W. Beasley by J. S. Brown's residence toward the highway to Williamston, tiled. This will eliminate the stagnant water and will prevent the necessity of money being spent annually by the town to keep this ditch open.

A guess has been made by local people that it will cost upwards of \$18,000. This money can be secured by 45 per cent as a grant from the government, allowing 3 per cent interest on the other with close to 20 years to pay. It would mean that from the surplus of water funds would be taken about \$600 annually to pay interest and principal on the sum. No increased taxes can be assessed for this purpose; it must be paid through revenue derived from other sources.

## Debt Adjustment Committee Meets Friday, June 28th

### Will Be Glad To Receive Applications for Scaling Down Farm Debts

The next meeting of the Washington County farm debt adjustment committee will be held on June 28 in the courthouse, it was announced today by L. S. Thompson, secretary of the committee. Debtors who wish to appear before the committee should file an application with Miss Margaret Smith at the FERA office here.

Regular meeting dates of the committee are the second and fourth Fridays in each month. Mr. Bell of the Federal Land Bank at Columbia, S. C. and J. P. Greenleaf, field representatives of the state farm debt adjustment committee, met with the locals last week.

E. H. Liverman is chairman; L. S. Thompson secretary; J. W. Starr, of Creswell, vice chairman; Miss Margaret Smith, acting secretary. This committee will be glad to receive applications from those on farms who are in need of assistance in adjusting their debts.

## Davis Is Railway Watch Inspector

Appointment of Don G. Davis, local jeweler, as official railway watch inspector for the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company has been made by B. R. Hopper, of Chicago, president of the National Railway Time Service Company.

No charge is being made by Mr. Davis for this service. This appointment, which was recommended by the superintendent and general superintendent of the Norfolk Southern is a distinction in that it recognizes the ability of the jeweler in maintaining perfect time for the railroad men.

## Ice Cream Supper At Piney Grove

An ice cream supper will be given at Piney Grove Free Will Baptist church Friday night, June 28, at 7:30 o'clock. A cake will be raffled. The public is cordially invited to attend.

## Tomatoes Expected To Begin Moving From Washington County About July 1

Tomatoes will begin moving from Washington County around July 1, providing rain falls on the vines soon to give the moisture that is required by this vegetable, according to observers here.

These are the first tomatoes that are picked green, wrapped and shipped to the northern markets in refrigerator cars or taken by truck. They ripen in a few days after being picked, and about the time they arrive in New York and are sold to the consumers, they have ripened to a good taste.

Counting independent growers and those of exchanges or under contract there are not over 600 acres in the county, according to some reliable growers. The peak in recent years has been 1,200 acres.

Waters Produce Company will be in the field for the purchase and shipping of green tomatoes. They will do their work in their building on Water Street. Assisting W. E. (Bill) Waters will be Miller Warren. They hope to employ about 25 people.

## Mrs. B. G. Campbell Will Head Housing Campaign in County

### Plan To Organize Number Of "Better Home Clubs" Throughout Section

"Join the crusade." This is the appeal of Mrs. B. G. Campbell, chairman of the Washington County Better Homes Committee, is making to every woman in this county, as she concentrates her efforts and those of her committee to stimulating the interest among women toward recapturing the spirit of the traditional American home through the Federal Housing Administration.

Mrs. Campbell was appointed to this responsible place this week by Miss Cora A. Harris, of Charlotte, field representative of the Federal Housing Administration, who said, "This is a woman's war. She is the vanguard of the troops and her courage and determination and enthusiasm will lead others to victory. We must enlist the support of all women."

These women have undertaken a needed task. They will cooperate with E. S. Blount, chairman of the FHA in Washington County and his board of directors. The housing problem is pressing in Plymouth at this time. There are several families arranging to move here.

Mrs. Campbell will ask her committee, which is composed of a representative from the other clubs in town to form better home clubs. It is pointed out that happy and convenient homes will keep youngsters off the streets. And these women, through clubs and publicity and advertising will strive to make this section "home conscious."

There is said to be a shortage in the United States of five million homes. Women who spend 85 per cent of the incomes to families are urged to press this matter of needs of large and comfortable homes. Again a woman is faced with the problem some time or another of making a home for herself or some other.

## Local Team Loses To Scotland Neck

Scotland Neck's Boy Scouts eked out a 6 to 5 victory over Plymouth's Junior American Legion team in Scotland Neck Sunday.

Bateman, Mayo, and Cox, with two hits, led Plymouth, while Martin was the only Scotland Neck to annex two safeties. Cox with a couple of doubles led the hitting of both clubs.

Daniels and Mayo each fanned six. Plymouth had 5 runs, 9 hits, 2 errors, while Scotland Neck counted 6 runs, 7 hits, 2 errors.

Players for Plymouth were: Bateman, first base; Williams, catcher; Davidson, third base; Harrison, left field; pitcher; Cox, left field-shortstop-pitcher; Martin, centerfield; Harding, second base; Darden, right field.

## June 27 Is Deadline For ERE Teachers

No teacher in the emergency education program can be employed for the new term after June 27, it was announced here today by James W. Norman, superintendent of public instruction of Washington County.

Teachers who were engaged in instructing in this work in this county for the recent term, which ended May 30, included Mrs. A. W. Alexander, Mrs. C. C. Bateman, Mrs. W. B. Chesson, Mrs. Maude Norman Clifton, Mrs. Eva S. Bateman, Mrs. Mildred Norman, Mrs. Roy Respass, and Miss Lona Weatherly. One colored, Ada F. Reed.

## Davidson Exchange Sales Total \$13,055 in Short Time

During the three months of January, February and March, the Davidson Mutual Farmers' Exchange sold and bought products amounting in value to \$13,055.58.

## Mrs. George Barden First Prize Winner In Recent Contest

### Had Best Essay on Chevrolet; Other Winners Are Announced

Mrs. George Barden was adjudged the winner of the first prize, \$5 in cash, for the best essay entered in the contest conducted by the New Theatre and the Satterthwaite Chevrolet Company last Monday and Tuesday, "Why the Whole Town's Talking About the New Master DeLuxe Chevrolet?"

Miss Thelma Getsinger and Miss Martha Mayo were awarded \$2.50 worth of tickets each for their entries as second and third prizes, respectively. Jack Getsinger will get a chance of oil and grease job on his car as fourth prize while Joe Vail won the fifth award which was \$1 worth of theatre tickets.

Shep Brinkley, manager of the New Theatre, will enter his publicity and public appeal stunts in the motion picture operators' contest. He with the cooperation of others carried a full page advertisement in the Beacon; used banners across and on the streets; decorated his show house front displaying a Chevrolet; A sermon was preached on "Why the Whole Town's Talking" by Rev. J. M. Reid, pastor of the colored Methodist church here.

Judges for the contest were J. W. Norman, C. L. Bailey and Lloyd Owens.

## To Have Concert at Rea's Beach Sunday

Something new in this section will be a free concert at Rea's Beach, a resort on the Albemarle Beach near here, Sunday afternoon from 4:30 to 5:30 by J. E. Aiken and his orchestra.

Frank Rushing has just joined the orchestra. He comes from the college at Statesboro, Ga., and had a year with Blue Steele's orchestra, as well as the college orchestra. Members now are J. E. Aiken, director; Wesley Marrow and L. B. Spruill, saxophones; Mrs. Ruth Aiken and Asa Johnston, trumpets; Charles Mizelle, bass; Tom Norman, drummer; Frank Rushing, piano; Russell Chesson, vocalist.

## Plymouth Youth Is State Graduate

Robert Bowen, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bowen, of Plymouth, left yesterday for Covington, Va., where he has accepted a position in the chemistry department of the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Co.

Attending the graduation of Mr. Bowen from State College were Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bowen, Mrs. C. D. White and Earl Bowen, Plymouth; Mrs. G. D. Berry, Shiloh; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Bateman, Nellie Bateman, and Mrs. E. S. Bullock, of Rocky Mount; Mrs. J. M. Day and Mrs. J. M. Holder, of Asheville.

## Take Applications For Home Loans

New applications for home loans will be received by Carl L. Bailey and Z. V. Norman at their office in Plymouth until the 27th day of June. These applications must be filed in Greenville by the 27th, and all parties interested are urged to call on either Mr. Bailey or Mr. Norman for the preparation of these papers not later than June 25th.

## 2,000 Acres in Person County Being Terraced

Two thousand acres of farm land in Person County has been signed up in the new terracing program being advocated by the farm agent.

## SIDELIGHTS ON FIGURES FROM LAST CENSUS

### More Women Than Men in County and Town; Other Facts

By ROBERT B. CAMPBELL

According to the last census, 1930, Washington County has a total of 11,603 inhabitants, 154 more than were here in 1920. The females seem to be the predominant sex, leading the men 5,823 to 5,780. Showing their numerical strength again in the town of Plymouth, women claim 1,133, while the males can only account for 1,006. It is also interesting to note that there are only 35 more whites than colored inhabitants in Plymouth, 1,037 are whites, while 1,002 are negroes.

Unless bothered by them, few would think that Plymouth has 232 children under 5 years of age. Those between 5 and 14 are most numerous, 478 belonging to that division. Seventy-five are over 65 years of age.

Although the county claims over 11,000 population, out of 8,486 over 10 years of age, 972, or 11.5 per cent, are illiterate. This percentage is only 2 of 1 per cent lower than it was 10 years ago. There are 244 of 4,609 native whites illiterate and 726 of 3,858 negroes.

The marital condition of the county shows that the women are leading in all events except one. There are 1,210 single men as compared to 966 non-married women. So it seems that outsiders are besting home talent in winning the hearts of Washington County belles. A total of 3,118 women are married, 2,079 men. There are 416 widows in the county, which might offer encouragement to the large number of single men. Even in divorces the women have a very slight lead, with 29 against 25 for the men.

On the farm, though, the males are ahead of the females numerically, 3,130 to 2,943. The men, as in the case of the county as a whole, are more inclined to be single, leading 672 to 492. But when it comes to marriage in the rural section, women have only a narrow supremacy, 1,185 to 1,078. Of the 6,073 rural inhabitants in the county, 3,945 are whites and 2,123 colored.

Washington County in 1930 counted 19 foreign-born whites. They are classified: 5 Assyrians, 3 Germans, 2 Polish, 2 Russians, 1 each from Austria, Turkey and Canada, and 4 all others.

## CODE IS ADOPTED FOR 1935 SEASON BY WAREHOUSES

### Plan Is Virtually the Same As One Presented by Recovery Act

A voluntary code was adopted by the Eastern Carolina Warehouse Association at the body's regular annual meeting held in Wilson Wednesday. The warehousemen also went on record as favoring the policies of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in connection with the tobacco and farming in general.

The code adopted was almost word for word the same as that presented by the NRA last year. Its difference was the fact that all warehousemen were bound by the NRA code while the new presented is only mandatory to those who sign it, and requires 90 per cent of the members of the association before it can become legal. Twenty-six out of the 52 warehouses of this section who are members of the association signed the code and it is expected that the remaining 26 will follow in the next week. Most of the non-signers were absent from the meeting.

## Sewing Machine Shop Opens Here

A Singer shop has been opened in the Blount Building on Water Street, next to L. S. Thompson's store by W. S. (Bill) Davenport, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Davenport, of Macks, who has just returned from Washington, where he has been studying the sewing machine business. He will sell sewing machines, servicing them and the other machines that he sells, including vacuum cleaners. Bill is a graduate of the Roper High School, and in bringing this kind of business to Plymouth he marks a new era of this kind of business in this section.

## Stokes County Farmers Are Raising Own Mules

Stokes County farmers are beginning a new project for raising mules to replace old work stock.

## Home Owners Loan Corporation Again Receiving Applications; To Stop June 27

Home owners in Washington County, or in the State for that matter, who are in involuntary default on their mortgages are warned to file their applications for relief from the Home Owners' Loan Corporation by June 27, by Carl L. Bailey, local representative, who has plenty of blanks for this purpose.

"The Home Owners' Loan Act was amended May 28, granting a 30-day extension for new applications, which extension will expire at midnight on June 27. Home owners who have lost their homes by foreclosure since January 1, 1930; who were in involuntary default on June 13, 1933, with their

mortgages; who have defaulted since June 13, 1933, on account of unemployment or other misfortune; who are in genuine danger of losing their homes through tax sales or other foreclosures, are eligible for refinancing their obligation through the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, under rules and regulations laid down by the board of directors," said Mr. Bailey.

"This warning is given the public in order that every distressed home owner may have an opportunity to apply," says Mr. Bailey, "and each application must be accompanied by two pictures of the home."

## PREMIUM BOOK FOR GREATER PLYMOUTH FAIR IS NOW BEING PREPARED FOR PUBLICATION

### FIELD DAY

The Farmers' Field Day at the Blackland Station, at Wenona, near Plymouth, will be held on July 18, it was announced today by J. L. Rea, Jr., assistant director in charge of the test farm.

A full range of scientific facts, extension demonstrations, and rural life movements will be featured at this annual event. Hundreds of farmers through the experiment station conducted by the extension division at State College to hear these annual speeches see the plats and demonstrations.

## YOUNG MAN KILLS HIMSELF THURSDAY NEAR ROPER

### Funeral Service To Be Held Friday for Woodrow Peacock, 23

Funeral services will be held Friday for Woodrow Peacock, 23 years of age, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter McD. Peacock, of near Roper, who was found slumped on the floor dead at 3 a. m. Thursday morning after the report of a shotgun had been heard.

Officials think it a clear case of suicide. Beside his body was found the shotgun with an empty shell. The shots entered the right side of his skull above the head, penetrating the brain, causing immediate death. His brains were scattered about the room and the top of his head blown off.

He was heard by his parents to enter his home a few minutes before the report of the weapon. His father suspected his intentions when he asked him if he didn't have the gun, to which the young man replied in the negative. Before he could reach the bedroom of his son he heard the gun fire. No reason for the rash act could be determined.

## Program Outlined For Better Houses In Rural Sections

### Committees will Be Named To Carry on Work In Rural Sections

The state advisory rural housing committee of the Federal Housing Administration has worked out a plan for stimulating the better housing program in each of the counties.

The plan calls for the establishment of county rural housing committees to carry on the work locally with the help of A. K. Robertson, whose headquarters will be at State College.

As farm representatives of the FHA in this State, Robertson will visit the different counties to assist in the development of a better housing program where it has not been started and to do follow-up work in counties which have already been organized.

The purpose of the program, said Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College, chairman of the rural advisory committee, is to stimulate the making of permanent improvements to farm homes and buildings and to help farm families secure credit on reasonable terms when necessary.

Tentatively, the county committee would be composed of the farm and home agents, representatives of vocational teachers, representative farm men and women, NCERA representatives, Grange representatives and leaders of other agricultural organizations.

## TOTAL BIRTHS IN COUNTY DURING PAST YEAR IS 328

### 150 White and 178 Colored; Many Attended Only By Midwives

A total of 328 births was reported in Washington County during 1934, according to information issued to Miss Mozelle Hendrix, state nurse, who is in Plymouth this week, by Dr. J. M. Cooper, director of the division of preventive medicine for the North Carolina Board of Health at Raleigh.

Included in the total are 150 white births and 178 colored. There were 192 births attended by midwives in the county. It was revealed that only 27 of the whites were delivered by midwives, while 165 mothers who were aided by midwives were colored.

Statistics reveal that one-third of the women in North Carolina who give birth to children have the services of midwives and never consult a physician during the entire period unless it be for some acute condition not generally related to their pregnancy.

The remaining two-thirds of the women who are attended by physicians, about half of them call the doctor at the onset of labor, or engage him just a few days before expected confinement. It is true that by a little sacrifice of the husband and family more of these mothers could afford proper medical attention from trained persons.

Miss Hendrix has been in this section for several days examining the midwives and instructing them in the proper care of themselves and their patients. She was sent by the bureau of maternity and infancy of the State Board of Health to promote the welfare and hygiene of the midwives and their patients.

This is an annual trip of these state nurses to Washington County. One was here last year about the same time engaged in this work. Every effort is being made by the state to prevent as many deaths as possible of the mothers who die every year in North Carolina at childbirth.

There are 22 registered midwives in Washington County.

## PREDICT HEAVY INFESTATION BY WEEVIL IN STATE

### Climatic Conditions Have Been Favorable for Boll Weevil Development

A warning that boll weevil infestations in North Carolina may be heavy this year was issued last week by C. H. Brannon, extension entomologist at State College.

Climatic conditions during the winter and this spring have been favorable to boll weevil development, Brannon pointed out, and if cloudy, rainy weather occurs frequently during the cotton growing season, weevils will be numerous.

During the latter part of 1934, he continued, the weevil infestation in this State was heavy enough to leave a large supply of weevils for this season. Winter temperatures were not low enough to kill all the hibernating insects.

The weather so far this spring has been conducive to their development. All cotton growing counties of the State will probably be affected, Brannon said, and indications are that damage will be heavier than usual in the Piedmont area.

He is urging cotton growers to prepare now for controlling the weevil. "Boll weevil poisoning is recommended by both State and the Federal agricultural agencies, and it should be considered a regular part of making the cotton crop," Brannon said.

"Do not wait until the weevils attack the cotton in great numbers. Get your machines in order now. Lay in a supply of poison. Prepare to fight the boll weevil—and pick all the cotton allowed you under your government contract."

"When the squares begin to form, make weekly examinations of the squares. As soon as weevils are detected, start spraying or dusting. Don't raise your cotton for weevil food."

## County Ranks 37th In Number Farms

Washington County ranks 37th among the 100 counties in North Carolina in number of farms.

There were 1,273 farms in Washington County in 1925. Ten years later this number had been decreased by 31 to 1,242. There had been a 30 per cent increase from 1910 to 1925, and a 13 per cent increase during the last five years.