

LARGE CROWD AT SPECIAL SERVICE IN CHURCH HERE

Annual Homecoming Day At Church Here Attended by 300

Upwards of 300 people crowded into the Christian church here Sunday when the congregation celebrated their annual homecoming day with an interesting program.

D. E. Poole, principal of the Roper High School, as soloist was enjoyed by the large crowd as was the sermon, "Pressing Forward" by Rev. N. A. Taylor, who is generally conceded to be one of the most popular pastors ever to fill the pulpit in the local church.

In the pastor's report it was revealed that the minister had made 964 personal calls, held a revival at Dardens, delivered 123 sermons, baptized 20 with 23 being added to the church membership, officiated in three marriages, took part in twelve funerals and traveled 11,000 miles by automobile.

Quartets composed of Mr. Taylor, M. G. Darden, A. T. Darden and D. E. Poole; and M. G. Darden, E. H. Liverman, A. T. Darden and L. T. Weede brightened the program with singing. Remarks were made by the following: Mrs. M. G. Darden, W. C. Chesson and W. L. Whitley on "What Church Life Meant To Me This Year."

Short reports were made by Mrs. Cleve Cratch, president of the Young Matrons' Circle; J. W. Darden, superintendent of the Bible School, and a members of the building committee; M. G. Darden, a church official; C. Cratch, president of the Christian Endeavor.

It was reported that efforts would be made between now and the spring to make a canvass for donations to be used in extending the rear of the church several feet to the line using a basement, including three stories to be added on several rooms.

A roll call of the members was made and practically every member answered. Rev. Roy Respass, of Creswell, preached the homecoming sermon in the afternoon following a dinner that was served on the grounds.

Gets Cash for Load Lumber and Leaves

Bill Frazier, baseball pitcher of this section who worked himself into the confidence of E. H. Harris, owner of the lumber plant here of the same name, left town during the week-end with about \$67.47 belonging to Mr. Harris.

Frazier delivered a load of lumber to J. S. Whitley, Williamston Supply Company, at Williamston, last Saturday. He is said to have told Mr. Whitley to make the check payable to him so that he could cash it and bring the money to Mr. Harris.

He came back with the check and P. M. Arps here cashed it when it was endorsed by Frazier. Mr. Whitley found out about the trouble and had payment of the check stopped in the Williamston bank. Frazier went to the home of Mr. Harris, where he was staying and took his clothes and left and has not been seen since.

Thus Mr. Arps here is holding the check and Frazier has the money and gone. A warrant is expected to be issued charging him with embezzlement and possibly fraud.

Farmers Urged To Hold Off Peanuts

Farmers in this section are urged to wait until the weather clears to market their peanuts so that they can be properly dry when offered for sale. The kernels are probably wet and soggy now but will be dry in a short time.

It is also said that marketing the peanuts when they are not in prime condition damages the market.

County Board Will Hold Special Meet

The Washington County commissioners will meet here Monday in a special session. It is not determined what the special session will be concerned with. Last Monday only routine matters, such as hearing reports of the agents, were disposed of in a short session.

However, it was decided that interest on bond coupons up to and including June 1, 1934, were to be paid.

Legion Post Here To Put On Annual Celebration Monday

Tramping feet of soldiers on the march will be heard here again on Monday when members of the J. E. Jethro Post of the American Legion stage their annual Armistice Day celebration with former Lieutenant Governor R. T. Fountain as the principal speaker.

The exercises will open at 10 o'clock with a parade from the Plymouth High School to the legion hall building. In the line of march will be legionnaires, sons of legionnaires, school children and J. E. Aiken's Roper Band. There will be no floats. There may be some characters to represent the Red Cross, how ever.

A memorial service will be held in front of the legion hall at 11 o'clock. Names of the soldiers passed on will be read and appropriate remarks made commemorating their achievements while on duty for their country.

A platform will be erected on the vacant lot next to the Water Street generally-known Hampton lot. This is where the speaking will take place.

Home and Club News

By Mary Frances Misenheimer

Schedule of Club Meetings
Tuesday, Cherry Club.
Wednesday, Albemarle.
Thursday, Wenona.
Friday, Mount Tabor.
Saturday, Scuppernon.
Saturday morning, curb market at 8:30.

A great deal of interest is being shown by the people of Plymouth in attending curb market. Club women, bring your best to the market and make the market the best it has ever been.

Mrs. C. W. Bowen led the sales this past Saturday. Mrs. Bowen is chairman of the curb market.

At the fall federation October 30 a very pretty style show was held. In this style show different types of dresses were worn. Some of the dresses were new, some made over, but all of them were beautiful. Eleven of the women who entered the style show were given awards of merit in clothing. To receive an award of merit is quite an honor. There are certain requirements by the state that have to be accomplished before these are given.

I am proud to say the following women received awards of merit:

Mrs. C. S. Everett, Albemarle club.
Mrs. W. V. Hays, Cool Springs.
Mrs. L. A. Parrisher, County Bridge.
Miss Florence Parisher, County Bridge.
Mrs. P. M. Ambrose, Chapel Hill.
Mrs. W. W. Robertson, Chapel Hill.
Mrs. W. H. Harrison, Alpa.
Mrs. Z. S. Waters, Pleasant Grove.
Mrs. Ida Davis, Cherry.
Mrs. Kitty Norman, Scuppernon.
Mrs. John W. Spruill, Scuppernon.

The two colored clubs of Washington County sponsored a most worth-while and interesting program Monday, November 4, at the Washington County Training school. The attendance was unusually good. Over 300 were present. Men, women, and children from all over the county were there.

The meeting was opened by a song. The devotional was conducted by Rev. H. M. Reed and Rev. Owens.

Welcome address by the president of the Plymouth club, Mrs. Walker. Response, Eliza McNair, of Morratock Club.
Several beautiful musical selections were given by Roper and Creswell colored choruses.

M. F. Misenheimer, home agent, introduced the speaker, Dazelle Lowe, district home demonstration agent for Negroes from Greensboro, who gave a most interesting "live-at-home" talk. She urged the people to have year around gardens, chickens and cows, to make their homes more attractive and sanitary and have proper recreation in the home. I feel sure after hearing this splendid talk that there will be more work done to improve the ways of living. Miss Eugenia Patterson, former home agent, was present. She made a short talk, encouraging the women to go forward in their work as they had in the past.

The meeting closed after William H. Berry, principal of the school, made some interesting remarks concerning the home demonstration work being done.

place. Mayor Gilbert Davis will introduce the speaker.

After the speaking, legionnaires and invited guests, including members of the city council, county commissioners, school officials and others will enjoy a barbecue dinner. In the afternoon a free show will be given the legionnaires at the New Theatre.

A dance in the evening will climax the day's entertainment. J. E. Aiken and his band will provide the music. The Plymouth gym will be used if the weather is warm enough, and if not, the legion hall will be used. Citizens are urged to fly their flags on poles in the appropriate manner.

Stores in town will be closed from 10 o'clock in the morning for the remainder of the day. Purchasers are urged to do their buying before the closing hour so that the Legionnaires who work in stores and the others as well will have an opportunity to enjoy Armistice Day.

The new Roper band amplifying system will be used at the dance.

Applications Being Received for Head Roper Post Office

Number Expected To Take Examination; Date To Be Announced Later

Applications will be received until November 22 for the privilege of taking an open competitive examination to fill the position of postmaster at Roper as a vacancy is scheduled.

It is expected that appointment will be made as a result of this examination unless it is found in the interest of the service to fill the vacancy by transfer or promotion. This is not an examination under Civil Service Act and rule but is held under an executive order of July 12, 1933, providing for such procedure.

The date for assembling of competitors will be stated on the admission cards sent applicants after the date for the close of receipt of applications and will be about 15 days after that date.

It is understood that the term of Cyril L. Walker who has served upwards of 12 years as postmaster will expire some time before the spring and that the examinations are being given to provide his successor as Mr. Walker is not expecting reappointment. He has served under the Republican administrations.

It has been reported that Louis E. Hassell, jr., and R. C. Dick are among the applicants for the position. Others are also expected to take the examinations, reports state. Congressman Lindsey Warren, who controls federal patronage to a large extent in this district, is in the Philippine Islands at the present and it is not known who he will recommend for the position. He may take no action in the matter.

Mrs. Hester Cahoon Dies Near Mackeys

Roper.—Mrs. Hester Cahoon, 79, died Sunday morning at 2 o'clock at her home near Mackeys. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Pleasant Grove Methodist church, of which the deceased was an active member.

Rev. Sidney Matthews, of Washington, conducted the funeral rites. Survivors include her sister, Mrs. Cottie Chesson and one brother, Smith Clagon, of Edenton, and two grandchildren, Agnes and Glenwood Spruill, of Mackeys.

Pallbearers were J. C. Tarkington, George Ainsley, W. A. Knowles, W. E. Davenport, Walter White, and Will Swain.

Will Open New Hardware Store

A. Edison Davenport, formerly a partner in the Blount and Davenport Hardware Company here, will open a new hardware store in the building here on Water Street next to the Coca-Cola Bottling Works by this week-end.

He is awaiting for his stock to arrive and to complete arrangements and hopes to have this done by Saturday, so he can be open for business. Mr. Davenport dissolved partnership with E. S. Blount last month. This will make three hardware stores in Plymouth.

Farm Notes

By W. V. HAYS, County Agent

The corn and hog vote of Washington County by hog raisers on October 26 was duplicated over the corn and hog producing area of the United States. The vote here was 70 for and none against by old contract signers and by none-contract signers 8 for and 2 against the continuance of a corn and hog contract program. The contract signers in the county for the past two years have received a great deal of benefit in the signing of these contracts. Our hog growers who did not sign the contract also benefited under the program by the increased prices received for their hogs. Tentative plans for the program next year indicate that the number of hogs a grower may produce or his allotment under contract will be slightly increased. The reduction of corn acreage as far as it can be learned will probably be some greater than for the past two years. The plan in detail will be mailed to swine growers as soon as received at the county office.

Tobacco planters are urged to return their sales cards as soon as their tobacco has been marketed. These cards must be checked in the county against the government tax warrants drawn at the warehouses. This checking is done for the protection of the grower and he is responsible for any mistakes on his card whether for or against him as the case may be. Growers are again warned that the sale of tobacco on a neighbor's marketing card is a violation of the contract. These tax warrants are under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Internal Revenue and your county agent nor your committeemen would be of much help in case of violation.

Peanut growers who have an excess of peanuts or peanuts which are to be hogged off are asked to notify the county office in writing as soon as the former instructions have been complied with. The sooner this is done the sooner checks will be received.

Save your peanut sales receipts. They are valuable and will be the basis of pay for signing the contract next year. Peanuts contracts will probably cover a four-year period.

Peanut picker operators should determine before picking peanuts for growers whether or not a grower has a peanut contract. Picker machine operators picking peanuts for non-signers are violating their own contract and are assisting to defeat the purpose of the peanut adjustment contract. Peanut growers who have more than one farm under the contract or who have more than one peanut contract will receive their check some time soon. Notices will be sent these growers immediately after these checks reach the county office.

All 1935 cotton producers who desire to participate in the 2-cent adjustment payment must file their cotton sale certificates in the county office. Producers who have sold their cotton prior to November 1 must have their cotton sale certificate filed in the agent's office not later than November 16th.

All growers selling their cotton after November 1 must bring into the agent's office their certificates of sale not later than seven days after the sale of their cotton.

Producers that have stored their cotton in the government pool or Cotton Growers Association will not make application for an additional payment until their cotton is sold. If their cotton has not been sold by July 31, 1935, and is still in the government pool or Cotton Growers association these producers will make application between August 1 and 15 of next year.

Rogers-Cobb Movie Here Next Week

The battle of the century is on at the New Theatre November 14 and 15—Thursday and Friday—where Fox film's "Steamboat Round the Bend" presents Will Rogers and Irvin S. Cobb in a hilarious, high-comedy rivalry that is tops for the season's film offering.

"Steamboat Round the Bend" is warm in sentiment, rich in characterizations, replete with thrills and reveals Rogers in a new and more human light—in what is probably the greatest role of his career.

In the leading role, Rogers tops the best of his previous performances. Anne Shirley is unusually effective in the romantic lead and Irvin S. Cobb lives up to his reputation as one of the funniest men in America.

TOWN BUDGET AS APPROVED CALLS FOR SAME RATE

Drive Will Probably Be Made To Collect Unpaid Taxes, Assessments

A budget calling for \$17,518.43 has been tentatively adopted by the City Council of Plymouth for the next year. This would necessitate a tax rate of \$1.80, which is the same as last year.

A total of \$11,610 has been designated as needed for the general fund which includes operating expenses of the street, police and fire departments. This is expected to take 90 cents of the total tax rate.

A special tax of 90 cents will be levied for bond retirement and interest on bonds to raise \$5,908.43. This amount is to be included in the public improvement and debt service fund of \$27,144.46. But only the above mentioned amount of some over \$5,000 will be levied for.

The difference of \$21,236.03 between that needed for the public improvement and debt service fund and the \$5,908.43 levied for is to be secured through abatement assessments and uncollected taxes. Now on the books is \$41,000 in uncollected taxes. These will be foreclosed and cleaned up next year. It will have to be done.

The town today is \$20,000 in default in sinking funds and bond requirements. These will be closed up out of the uncollected taxes. So that bond defaults and sinking fund defaults of \$20,000 and the annual budget requirements of \$20,000, making a total of \$40,000, will make it necessary for uncollected taxes to be taken in by the town.

COMMITTEE FOR FOUR COUNTIES WILL MEET SOON

Needs of South Albemarle Section Will Be Under Consideration

Faced with the duty of correlating the needs of four counties into one concerted program for the improvement and development of this section, the executive committee of the Southern Albemarle Association will meet sometime next month.

This organization is composed of four counties—Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell and Washington—that has united to present a solid front for the needs of this section. In this group of small counties there is a total population of close to 30,000 with 10,000 good, desirable votes for those who are seeking office.

These counties are in the first Congressional district and the first State senatorial district. Only last election the votes from this section held the balance of power in electing a governor for North Carolina. And now there will be an effort to secure recognition that heretofore has not been accorded individually to the counties.

This association should go places. In one of the counties, Dare, is Roanoke Island, the birthplace of the nation and where Virginia Dare, first white child in America, was born. It has the historical background of the State. And much in resources, industry and a good natural background of influential men.

These counties will draft their program to include a harbor from Stumpy Point to Mann's Harbor and from Engelhard to Mann's Harbor, bridge Croatan Sound on a road from Mann's Harbor to Roanoke Island. Another highway from Columbia to Mann's Harbor over Alligator River bridge to Roanoke Island.

Completion of highway 94 from Rose Bay by the way of Fairfield to Columbia ferry over Albemarle bridge to Elizabeth City. Also hard-surface highway from Engelhard to Fairfield connecting highway 94 at Fairfield and connecting roads north and east of Mattamuskeet Lake.

Also the construction of a bridge over rivers or sound at or near Plymouth connecting the north and south sides of Albemarle Sound. Also they desire the surfacing of highway 97 from Plymouth to Belhaven.

ROPER

Mrs. A. S. Foster, Mrs. Ralph Messick, Miss Edna Johnson and Jack Foster, of Winston-Salem, were the week-end guests of Mr. J. E. C. Johnson.

Mrs. J. W. Speight, of Mocksville, was the week-end guest of Miss Augusta Carstarphen.

Relocating Railroads Is Favored by C. of C.

"BIG BROADCAST" IS ATTENDED BY 400 ROPER FOLKS

Twenty Numbers Listed on Home Talent Program There Tuesday

Upwards of 400 people crowded into the Roper High School auditorium Tuesday night, where they heard local talent in the second annual "Big Broadcast," with S. A. Ward, sr., as the announcer.

Twenty numbers were listed, with the following performers, including E. A. Hurley, Evelyn Arps, Mrs. L. S. Brey, Minnie Gay Marrow, Tom Norman, Wesley Marrow, J. E. Aiken, Chesson sisters, Russell Chesson, Alice Ambrose, Lewis sisters, Chas. Mizelle, Gordon Sexton, Virginia Ayers.

Singing, dancing, bed-time stories, instrumental numbers, and the Roper orchestra provided the numbers on the program. Added to this was the interest in the baby popularity contest, which has been in progress in Roper for the last few weeks. Prizes were awarded to the winners by Senator C. L. Bailey.

Prize winners were: First, Rand Phelps, child of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Phelps, a silver baby cup, donated by Don G. Davis, jeweler; second, Billy Gaylord, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gaylord, III, silver baby spoon donated by New Theatre; third, Patsy Marrow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Marrow, a baby blanket, donated by Miss Idas Peacock.

Shep Brinkley To Have 3 Theatres

Reports came back home to the effect that Shep Brinkley, manager of the New Theatre here, has been making good in his new playhouse, which he has leased and which started operation in Murfreesboro last week.

While he is away, his sister, Miss Marion Brinkley is managing the local movie. Mr. Brinkley hopes to be ready to start operation in another theatre in Bethel by December 1. This will make three theatres that the enterprising manager has in his "chain."

Shep is on the "inside" of the show business. He knows many of the actors and actresses personally. For years he was pipe organist in the Warner Brothers chain of shows in the New England states, one time playing for his own movie short.

Episcopal Services For Week Outlined

Rev. Sidney E. Matthews, rector of the Grace Episcopal Church, will preach at the morning service Sunday, November 10, at 11 o'clock.

Bishop Thomas C. Darst, of Wilmington, will be at the Grace Church here for the evening service Thursday, November 7 at 8 o'clock. He will be at Roper, November 8, Friday, for the evening service. This is the annual visitation of the bishop to these churches.

Hold Funeral for Mrs. Ida Blount

Roper.—Funeral services for Mrs. Ida Blount, wife of the late Thomas W. Blount, were conducted Monday afternoon at St. Luke's Church, in Roper. The Rev. Sidney Matthews, of Washington, officiated. Interment was made in Grace Church Cemetery, Plymouth.

She was Miss Ida Hardison before her marriage and was born on April 18, 1848, in Plymouth. After her marriage she moved to Roper. Mrs. Blount left no near relatives but many sorrowing friends.

WESTOVER

Mrs. Sophia Ricks, of Old Ford, Beaufort County, was the week-end guest of Mrs. T. R. Chesson Sunday. Mrs. Carrie Baldwin, of Enfield, spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Ayers. Mr. and Mrs. Willie Davenport and family, of Washington, visited Mrs. Davenport's mother, Mrs. Sarah Chesson, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Robbins and family motored to Rocky Mount on Thursday to see the circus.

Local Group Against Changing Course of Highway Route 90

Movement Is Undertaken For Elimination of Grade Crossings

The Plymouth Chamber of Commerce is unanimously in favor of the relocation of the railroads instead of re-routing the highway in the program of eliminating grade crossings in the highway system.

Mr. Winslow, a representative of the State Highway Commission, has advised Zeb Vance Norman, president of the commercial body, that the program requires the elimination of two grade crossings on the Norfolk Southern tracks near Plymouth, one near Atamanchuck's mill on the Roper road and the other at the Lucas farm toward Dardens.

Relocation of the highway would turn the through traffic around Plymouth rather than through the town as it would leave the present highway at Lucas's farm, come on through close to Al Latham's store, parallel to the railroad tracks to Atamanchuck's lumber mill, thus reducing the crossings to the one at the Lucas farm only.

If the railroads should be relocated, they would probably have the track leaving the main rails at McCallum's wholesale company's place to the Brinkley woods, connecting with the Norfolk Southern track at Lucas field. It would eliminate the turn in the bottoms near the National Handle plant, and it would not be necessary to run into the present highway route.

Of course, the spurs on the railroad to the National Handle plant and to the freight station in Plymouth would be continued. Many think that the through traffic running around the railroad would be better than eliminating more crossings. However, this would take the motorists around town thus eliminating the possibility of gasoline purchases and other Plymouth trading.

Adherents to the highway circling the town plan to argue that the town would build up to the highway and that sooner or later the city limits will be extended to at least include the new county home. Also they urge that the through traffic would be taken from the main part of town, thus eliminating accidents.

Some argued that the town might lose some taxes from the railroads if they abandoned their tracks into the town limits as they would take up their rails, and ventured to assert that the freight station and ticket offices would be moved out to the union station.

There does not seem to be much interest in the Atlantic Coast Line tracks as they do not have long freights pulling through town after dark.

Charge Philadelphia Men With Swindling

Released under a bond reported to have been signed by Jack Frank, of Williamston, Morris Kahntroff and Harry Lavan, of Philadelphia, were to have been tried in Columbia on Wednesday of this week on charges of operating a gambling stand, speeding and doing personal injury to Roy Owens, of Columbia.

The men were apprehended by Sheriff J. K. Reid, Chief P. W. Brown and Officer L. L. Bassight, in Plymouth after a chase that led through the town of Plymouth Saturday night. They were held for Sheriff Reynolds, of Columbia, who returned them there, where bond for their court appearance was fixed at \$1,000 each.

Thomas Tarkenton, who aided Dr. W. C. Chaplin in dressing the injured arm of Owens—who, it was reported, was pushed from the speeding automobile—told here last Tuesday that Owens acknowledged jumping from the vehicle. And that there was work in a watch that was allegedly sold by the men, who were reported to have "swindled" Owens out of about \$10.

PLAY AT ROPER

Roper.—A musical comedy entitled "Here Comes Arabella," will be given at the Roper High School auditorium Friday, November 16, under auspices of P. T. A.