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## COUNTY HAS SIX BOYS IN COLLEGE AT WAKE FOREST

### Young Men Are Active In Various Organizations On Campus There

Six Washington County men are among the 1,000 students enrolled at Wake Forest College this session, according to a check-up made by the college authorities a few days ago.

Of this number, three are from Plymouth, and three from Roper. They are as follows:

Plymouth: L. W. Alexander, son of Mrs. A. L. Alexander; R. B. Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Campbell, and Lewis Weede, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Weede. Roper: F. W. Bateman, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Bateman; G. W. Holton, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Holton; and E. L. Spruill, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Spruill.

Campbell is a first-year law student; Alexander is a senior in the academic school; Bateman, Holton, and Spruill are juniors, and Weede is a freshman.

These men are active in the extracurricular activities of the Baptist institution. Campbell is president of the Euzelian Literary Society, vice-president of the Statesmen's club, and officer in Gamma Eta Gamma, legal fraternity, and a member of the Barristers' club, and the law school Sunday school class taught by Professor I. B. Lake. Bateman is junior class representative in the Student Legislature and an officer in Gamma Eta Gamma. Alexander is a member of the Euzelian Literary society, and Weede is a member of Dr. W. L. Poter's Sunday school class.

## REVIEWS WORK OF LIONS CLUBS IN THIS STATE

### District Governor Presents Charter To Local Club Last Thursday

What Lions Clubs are doing in North Carolina and some suggested functions for the local club were outlined in a speech delivered here last Thursday night by V. J. Ashbaugh, district governor, of Durham, who presented the charter to the local club.

"Lions have made a survey of the blind and found that there are 5,000 in the state and have paid for operations, glasses, established workshops, purchased radios, and bought books printed in the Braille system. Among the boys the Lions have helped the scouts, established boys' clubs, helped transport boys to camp and purchased equipment and helped in memberships.

"Clinics, juvenile courts, benevolences, books provided, milk furnished the underprivileged in child welfare activities. In civic improvements they have helped in beautifying public buildings and premises, aided libraries, parks, roads, rest rooms, and other such work.

"In community enterprise they have sponsored the award of trophies in educational and other advancements, held county fairs, contributed to Red Cross, while in educational work they have purchased athletic equipment, sponsored parent-teacher associations, awarded scholarship prizes, and set up a student fund.

"In connection with farmers they have aided in the 4-H clubs, held farmers' nights, sponsored or helped in young Tar Heel farmers chapters, and in connection with athletics they have supported athletic clubs, sponsored contests, had both boys and girls teams.

"In safety measures that have distributed thousands of bulletins, posters, organized junior safety patrols, posters, offered prizes for best essays among the school children. Funds have been donated to community chests, radios given, fire departments helped, and other work done in public welfare.

"Clothes, books and foods have been contributed to needy in relief activities and many other things done for a community and nation."

The invocation was made by Rev.

## Hit - and - Run Truck Driver Still at Large

### Caused Death of Roy Paul, 26, Near Here Last Saturday Night

Willford's Yellow Front Stores have added to their stock the line of Dr. Hess stock and poultry remedies, disinfectants and insecticides, it was announced today by H. A. Willford.

Bill Davenport, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Davenport, informs his parents here that he is enjoying his stay in Los Angeles, Calif., where he is in school studying television and radio. Upon Bill's return the radio department in the Plymouth Hardware Company will be enlarged.

M. W. Spruill, clerk of the town of Plymouth, has been reappointed reporter of vital statistics. Mr. Spruill has handled this job for the last two years, succeeding Miss Edna Earl Nurney.

Unpaid 1935 taxes for the town of Plymouth will be advertised the first week in March to be sold on the first Monday in April. This is specific information that Tax Collector P. W. Brown has received from the city council.

"A bass horn is sorely needed by the Plymouth school band, and it is too expensive for any one person to purchase," said Principal E. W. Joyner, of the Plymouth schools, "and I feel that our band needs encouragement, cooperation and financial aid, and surely the good people of Plymouth will not let the band suffer for the need of funds to buy this horn."

Mrs. B. G. Campbell, chairman of the State Junior Woman's Clubs, was the principal speaker at a tea in Old Rose Inn in Raleigh Wednesday afternoon. She, with Miss Isabel Hoey, of Shelby and Raleigh, daughter of the governor, and Mrs. E. L. McKee, state senator, were the honor guests. Accompanying Mrs. Campbell were Mesdames C. L. Bailey, H. S. Midgett, W. A. Davidson, and T. L. Bray.

Sam Adler, of Morehead City, was here this week with a friend. Mr. Adler reached an agreement with the owners for the rent of the Ayers store building on Water Street, and they hope to be in business here by March 1. They will close their store elsewhere and operate this one personally. He is a brother of Abe Adler.

A deed is recorded in the register of deeds' office here transferring the ownership of the real estate on the corner of Water and Adams Street from Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ange to Mrs. Ellen W. McCallum. This property is said to have been purchased for the erection of a filling station, as Mr. McCallum is an oil dealer.

H. E. Harrison has purchased the rear portion of the old Plymouth Wholesale Company building, formerly known as the winery, opposite the union railroad station. Mr. Harrison will take charge some time soon. Mr. McCallum will retain the front of the building.

## Funeral for Victim Of Hit-Run Driver

Last rites were held for Roy Paul, 26, son of Captain and Mrs. L. E. Paul, at their home near here Monday afternoon, with Rev. N. A. Taylor officiating. Interment took place in a cemetery near Bath. Mr. Paul was the victim of a hit-and-run driver near here Saturday night.

Surviving is a widow and one small child, his father, Captain L. E. Paul; a brother, Hubert Paul; and a sister, Mrs. Clyde Bullock, of Greenville.

C. T. Thrift, with Z. V. Norman introducing the toastmaster, Rev. W. D. McInnis, of Washington, who presided. Carl L. Bailey made the address of welcome. Selections were rendered by a quartet composed of C. J. Norman, Z. V. Norman, Dr. A. Papineau and L. W. Zeigler. Mrs. Robert Johnston played a piano specialty.

Governor V. J. Ashbaugh presented the charter, and E. F. Still, president of the local club, accepted it for the club. Rev. J. E. Everett presented a song to the club as the representative of the sponsoring Washington club.

## FINAL RITES FOR THOS. E. KNOWLES HELD TUESDAY

### Prominent Citizen of Roper Died at Home There Last Sunday

Funeral services for Thomas E. Knowles, whose death occurred Sunday afternoon, after an illness of only a few days, were held at the Roper Methodist Episcopal church Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, with Rev. J. W. Watson, pastor, officiating, assisted by Dr. C. E. Martin, pastor of Roper Baptist church. Interment was made in the church cemetery.

There was a large attendance, and the floral offerings were numerous and beautiful.

Mr. Knowles was born in Washington County January 31, 1869, and was a son of the late William F. and Frances Knowles. At an early age he was married to Miss Margaret Leary, who died in 1924.

Mr. Knowles was a devout member of the Roper Methodist church. Pall-bearers were: Leon McAllister, R. C. Peacock, R. C. Chesson, James Robinson, Wilbert Sexton, Owen Allen, Bartin Swain and C. L. Walker. The honorary pall-bearers were: F. D. Wilson, E. R. Lewis, J. S. Collins, L. L. Allen, H. L. Lewis, J. H. Gaylord, H. M. Williams, W. R. Swain, Walter Spruill, W. A. Blount, and J. E. Phelps.

Mr. Knowles is survived by the following children: Mrs. A. R. Hooker, Mrs. R. B. Forbes, Misses Alma, Virginia, Mabel Ellen, and Cleo, of Roper, Miss Esther, of Williamston; W. B. Knowles, of Baltimore, Md.; and L. E. Knowles, of Suffolk, Va. He also leaves one sister, Miss Jennie Knowles, of Roper; two brothers, E. D. Knowles, of Portsmouth, Va.; G. A. Knowles, of Columbia; and several grandchildren.

## FIRST CARS MOVE THIS WEEK OVER NEW MILL TRACK

### Material for 100-Car Railroad Yard First To Be Moved by Rail

Cars moved Wednesday afternoon over hastily laid tracks of the Atlantic Coast Line and Norfolk Southern Railroads into the site of the pulp plant that is to be erected here by the Kieckhefer Container Company.

Over the Norfolk Southern there moved six cars of crossties that are to be used in building the 100-car capacity yard in six tracks that will be laid parallel with the original Norfolk Southern track. This will include about two miles of side track.

A few minutes after 2:30, when the Norfolk Southern brought in cars, the Coast Line moved in one car of ties. Both shipments were from Norfolk. C. P. Nicholson, construction engineer for the Norfolk Southern, estimated their expense at about \$35,000 when they are through.

The Norfolk Southern worked 35 men laying 3,600 feet of track, while the Coast Line used about 110 men and laid 5,900 feet. M. S. Hall is superintendent of the E. R. Boney contracting concern, which will lay the yard track.

The Coast Line appropriated about \$21,000 for their track, but some think this will not be enough money to cover the expense. A 60-car capacity track has been arranged at the beginning of the spur from the main track by the Coast Line.

E. J. Haley, of Rocky Mount, road master, has returned to his headquarters. In charge are A. H. Thompson, carpenter foreman, and T. J. Dailey, bridge foreman. Both crews had to cross the narrow Welch Creek.

The State Highway and Public Works Commission, about 30 in all, were continuing their work on the roadway under the direction of Foreman "Beck" Grizzard, and despite the adverse weather have managed to build and maintain a passable road.

## County Raises Total \$514 for Red Cross

The Washington County unit of the American Red Cross, with Creswell reporting, have raised \$514 for flood relief, it was announced today by Mrs. H. A. Liverman. The Red Cross officials have written here expressing their sincere thanks for the contributions.

## Chamber of Commerce Appeals To People of Community To Aid In Providing Housing Facilities

### C. A. White, Manager of Pulp Plant, Discusses Situation In Letter to Chamber Commerce; Rent Increases Called Reasonable and Fair in Most Cases But Adverse Effects of High Rents Are Cited

## Farm Notes

By W. V. HAYS, County Agent

The horse and mule clinic held at Roper last Tuesday was a success. The purpose of this clinic was to help farm animals where needed, and in this way we could get the work done for a nominal fee, but we also wished to show that equipment and a skilled and trained man is necessary to do successful veterinary operations. Dr. Osteen, at Williamston, and Dr. Woods, from Washington, really did the work. Dr. Osteen made examinations and recommendations free of charge, but made a nominal charge for any surgical operation. He was glad to do that at reasonable prices as an advertising feature and at the same time our farmers and farm animals received the benefit. Worm and bot treatments were given to about 30 horses and mules. Dental work, tooth pulling and filing, was also done. A number of warts, tumors, and hair packs were removed. One mule colt was castrated. We plan to hold a similar clinic at Creswell in the next two or three weeks.

Impassable road conditions for heavy trucks held up our hog sale for the first of February, but this sale will probably be held the last week in the month, at which time we hope the roads will be improved. The County commissioners have agreed to assist us with financing the purchase of a good pair of livestock scales, where our hogs will be weighed here in Plymouth and paid for at the time of delivery. People are anxious to bid on our hogs f.o.b. here. This week a representative from another Baltimore firm called at the county office and requested that we give him an opportunity to bid on our hogs on the day of sale. This brings the bidders for our hogs up to 7 to date. This should make the Plymouth f.o.b. market really strong.

Rats congregate at this season in stables, barns, etc., which makes it easy to destroy these troublesome pests. Some of these may be destroyed by flooding rat holes and killing these rats when they escape, another good way is to use a hose from the exhaust of a car or truck, thus gassing the rat, and another good way is to use a prepared bait in dark corners, runways, etc., where rats usually travel. This bait should be put out before sundown and should be apparently dropped where it can be found by the rat. Bait carefully placed will not be taken. Bait made of fish cereals and meats placed separately seem to be more effective. Complete details on handling this may be had at the county office.

A recent letter from Mr. Mann, manager of the N. C. Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association, is very flattering to the farmers of this county on the way their cotton has improved during the past few years. He credits this mostly to the good seed of the farm relief variety which have been used. It is impossible to put a price as far as value is concerned to the farmer on a bushel of good cottonseed. Certified or really good cottonseed this year are one of the few seeds which are no higher and possibly some cheaper than last year. We should plan the best seed available. There are one or two people in the county who bought certified seed last year who took particular care of the seed from this cotton and these people a surplus of good seed. Those who cannot afford to buy certified seed would do well to secure some of these excellent local seed.

The season is now right for sowing permanent pasture seed and lespedeza.

Stewart J. Woodley, at Creswell, bought last week from State College at Raleigh one of the best-bred Guernsey bull calves offered for sale in this state.

Farmers who had a contract under the soil conservation program last year, and who are farming the same land will not be required to make a new application unless there has been additional land either bought or rented for cultivation or in case land has been divided or

Below are two letters which are of the utmost importance to the people of Plymouth and surrounding territory, concerning the important topic of housing facilities and rents in and around Plymouth. The first is from C. A. White, manager of the pulp division of the Kieckhefer Container Company here, to the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, while the second is an answer written by Zeb Vance Norman, president of the commerce body.

Mr. White's letter, addressed to the local Chamber of Commerce, is as follows:

"It has come to our attention that owners of rental property in Plymouth have recently put into effect an increase in rents which, so we understand, is more or less general. From a casual survey of the situation it would appear that such increases have been reasonable and fair, although in one or two instances the rentals set have been excessive.

"While admittedly the matter of rents is one for each individual owner to deal with, in so far as they pertain to his properties, yet we do have an interest in the amount of such rents, not only to the extent that they affect our employees, but from the standpoint of the welfare of the community as a whole.

"This company is now in the process of building a pulp mill near Plymouth and it is estimated that it will have not less than 300 men on its pay roll, most of whom, we assume, will wish to make their homes in Plymouth. Vacant homes are scarce, and the opportunity presents itself to owners of rental properties to increase rents, in the belief that such properties will be easily rentable at high rates to our employees and to men who will compose the construction forces.

"As long as rents are fair and reasonable, this company will raise no objection and will pursue its present policy of depending upon the community to provide homes for its employees as demands arise. However, should it transpire that the rents asked by property owners are excessive, other measures will, of course, have to be considered.

"From a community angle, we call your attention to the fact that high rents will affect Plymouth adversely, for they will serve as an inducement to our employees and others locating here to erect homes of their own outside of the city proper. Likewise, if prices asked for real property within the city limits are unreasonable, the result will be that a similar situation will develop.

"We are hoping that the people of Plymouth will move slowly in the direction of increasing rents and will bear in mind that with fairness as their governing policy the city will accrue the greatest benefits from the opportunities which our operations here provide. We suggest that they bear in mind the fact that the construction of our mill has not commenced and that no benefits have as yet accrued to the community. We hope that they will also deal considerately with the occupants of rental properties, the majority of whom will not receive benefits directly from our activities.

"In giving thought to the matter of new homes which the community may provide for the comfort of our employees, we realize that a reasonable return must be earned upon their investments, but it should be a matter of community concern that such returns are in no case unreasonable. Fair returns on investments will serve to encourage the construction of homes for rental purposes, but excessive rents will tend to discourage occupancy and create an unsatisfactory situation, both from the standpoint of the owner and the renters.

"This letter is written in a spirit of fair play, with the hope that the members of your organization will see their way clear to exert efforts toward preventing the development of a situation inimical to the best interests of the community."

some rented off, or sold, for instance. A change of tenants on the farm does not make any particular difference. This will be handled on the voucher form in the fall, when compliance has been made. Any farmer who did not sign last year may do so now. Notices will be sent to co-operators within the next few days, giving the various bases or crop acreages for their particular farm.

The text of the letter written by Mr. Norman, president of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, and addressed to the Roanoke Beacon, is as follows:

"I have just received the foregoing and attached letter from Kieckhefer Container Company in reference to the recent increased rents in Plymouth. This is a matter of public interest, and I presume you will give some publicity to the questions raised in this letter.

"The matter of increasing rents in Plymouth is one over which the Chamber of Commerce has no control, but, as a civic organization working for the common good of this community, it feels that the property owners will probably give some consideration to its request and suggestions.

"After persistent efforts on our part, Kieckhefer Container Company came to the realization that the plant site chosen near Plymouth was best suited to its purpose. This company is therefore here, is beginning construction, and it has been suggested that its program of expansion is elaborate.

"Our most perplexing problem at present is finding and providing homes for the employees of this company and other newcomers to this town. Kieckhefer Container Company has stated that it is not its present intention to build and maintain tenement houses, and whatever investment is left available to the profit may be left available to the Plymouth people.

"Therefore, the Chamber of Commerce respectfully requests that those who can afford to do so will arrange to build houses for the influx of population that Plymouth expects to have. Investors need not worry about the soundness of the investment, for the reason that the mills that are now in Plymouth are here to stay for many years. There are many vacant lots available and an abundance of vacant property near town for building purposes, any of which may be acquired now at very reasonable prices.

"As to the question of increased rents, the Chamber of Commerce requests the property owners of Plymouth not to be too hasty in the increase of rents. It is realized that the scale of rents for the past two or three years has been low and that some increase will be justifiable, but rents ought not to be increased until it is apparent that there is an appreciable upturn in local business. The property owners, the merchants and the laborer ought to be allowed to share in the return of prosperity in equal measure.

"Assuring you of the interest of the Chamber of Commerce in the common good of this community, we are," etc.

## Local Man Is Held On Liquor Charges

Jack Williams, filling station owner and operator at the edge of the Brinkley ball park, near the limits of Plymouth, is awaiting trial in recorder's court here Tuesday, charging him with violation of the prohibition law.

Patrolman George W. Coburn was down by the Norfolk Southern station Saturday night, when he saw a skiff attached to a gasoline boat owned by Williams. In the skiff he counted 15 5-gallon cans of whiskey. He took one can as evidence and came down the street for help.

When he returned someone had detached the skiff and had removed the whiskey, but Mr. Coburn said he had observed carefully the contents of the cans and also recognized Mr. Williams in connection with the boat and skiff.

The case was to have been tried last Tuesday, but was continued until Mr. Williams would have an opportunity to secure legal counsel and prepare his case.