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## Plymouth Livestock Association To Hold Meet Here Friday

### Most of 156 Members Are Expected To Be Here for Election of Officers

Most of the 156 members of the Plymouth Livestock Association residing in Washington, Martin, Tyrrell and Bertie Counties are expected to attend a meeting that is to be held in the courthouse here at 10 o'clock Friday morning for the purpose of electing officers.

Heretofore this organization has been functioning under the management of W. V. Hays as county farm agent and will continue to be so operated with the exception that it will have the usual executive officers with a board of directors and a definite plan of organization.

Since the first carload of hogs was shipped by the farmers cooperatively under this organization's name on March 4, there have been 35 carloads of hogs to leave the Atlantic Coast Line station here that netted the shippers \$59,500.

Farm agents in the counties, including T. B. Brandon, Martin; E. Grant, Bertie; H. H. Harris, Tyrrell; and W. V. Hays, Washington, have manifested the closest of cooperation with their farmers in an effort to make these regular shipments profitable.

The next shipment has been set for Tuesday, July 6. Now the shipping dates are given as every first and third Tuesday in the month. Swift, Armour, Kingan, Cudahy and others have purchased hogs from this organization.

The cooperative shipments have helped the producers in several ways. It has produced a steady and regular cooperative market, eliminating the middleman's profit, and has increased the price to about a cent and a half a pound higher than usual prices and has even resulted in hucksters paying higher prices.

Mr. Hays here has been receiving sealed bids on the lot on the day of shipment. These are opened and read. After canvassing, it has been the custom to sell to the highest and most reliable bidder, thus guaranteeing safety on the deal to the farmers.

Not only have hogs been shipped, but 398 lambs in three cars have been sold. This opens up a good market to the farmers here in the disposition of their sheep and lambs.

Membership in this organization is located about as follows: 90 Washington, 25 Bertie, 25 Tyrrell, and 16 Martin. Through shipments are made from Plymouth and the headquarters are here. Each member has the same privileges and expenses to pay out of their pro rata portion of the animals shipped.

## Tracy, Tone, George Star in New Picture

With Spencer Tracy, Gladys George and Franchot Tone in the leading roles, "They Gave Him a Gun," plays at the New Theatre on Monday, July 5, as one of the more important releases from the Metro-Goldwyn studios.

Franchot Tone deserts genteel characters to play a "tough guy"; Spencer Tracy deserts the "tough guy" character for a kindly adviser of a wayward youth; and Gladys George follows her success in "Valiant is the Word for Carrie." She plays another valiant role as a war nurse who married a racketeer she fails to save in "They Gave Him a Gun."

The picture, based on the novel by Major William Joyce Cowen, and directed by W. S. Dyke, II, deals with the effect of war on the psychology of youth, tracing the transition of a kindly young clerk, who goes through war into a dangerous post-war racketeer.

## Albemarle Beach Expects Big Crowd

Albemarle Beach, on Albemarle Sound, with a new pavilion and new improvements, is expecting a big crowd on Monday for the Fourth of July celebration, according to L. W. Gurkin, manager of the resort.

There will be a dance on Friday night and Monday night by the orchestra of Paul Jones. Boat races, fireworks, boating, bathing, and all kinds of water sports will be found at the beach on Monday.

More and more inquiries are arriving daily as to the availability of cottages for week-ends. Now comes a request from one of the most important families in Kinston. This beach continues to grow in importance as a resort.

## Washington County Invited to Take Part in Dare Celebration

Washington County, as a member of the Southern Albemarle Association, will be given an important part on July 15 on Dare County Day at the celebration of the 350th anniversary of the English settlement of America at Roanoke Island.

This date has been set aside by the committee on various days as the time for Dare to be recognized, and Dare in turn has asked that the Southern Albemarle Association, composed with them of Hyde, Washington and Tyrrell Counties, to join in the event.

Melvin R. Daniels, register of deeds of Dare and vice president of the Southern Albemarle Association, has written John W. Darden, vice president of the association for Washington County, inviting this county over to participate in the event.

"It is the purpose to make the day an old-timey picnic with everyone bringing lunch, and we are looking forward to seeing a lot of you folks on that day," writes Mr. Daniels.

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E. W. Lawrence and E. E. Harrell, owners and operators of the Plymouth Furniture Store, which opened here Friday, are expecting to move their families to Plymouth shortly. They have leased the new home on Jefferson Street next to C. V. W. Ausbon from W. F. Winslow. Mr. Harrell is the former's son-in-law.

The Bureau of Animal Industry has informed officials of the Blackland Test Farm near here that the carload of fat steers shipped in April were the best yet. There were one and two year old Herefords first crossed with native cows. For 150 days they had been fed on corn, soy bean hay and cottonseed meal.

Boys and girls in Washington County who are allowed to work are fast finding private employment as is indicated in the drop from 23 to 10 in the employment provided thru the National Youth Administration, according to Miss Helene Duvall, supervisor of Washington County.

Among those enlisting in the U. S. Navy recently was Hubert Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cox, Plymouth. In this connection the navy recruiting agent at New Bern is calling for more men to fill the quotas that are asked for by the service.

The National Handle Company has on record in the register of deeds office in the courthouse a document transferring eight parcels of land from the National Handle Company to the American Fork & Hoe Company, which is the proper name for the plant now.

In a few days there will be a mending kit in the library in basement of the courthouse, donated at a cost of \$20 by the Lions Club. The men's organization had manifested an interest in this work, and the Thursday Afternoon Literary Club asked for a kit for the library so the books could be repaired.

Fears that a teacher would be dropped by the State School Commission from the personnel of the staff in Washington County were dispelled this week when it became known that 20 high school and 65 elementary teachers were allotted the county. This was the same as last year.

New officers for the Lions Club to be installed in July: Dr. T. I. Bray, president; T. C. Burgess, P. W. Brown, W. V. Hays, vice presidents; C. L. Bailey, tail twister; C. J. Norman, lion tamer; Rev. N. A. Taylor, secretary and treasurer; A. L. Owens and E. H. Liverman, directors.

## Sunday Services at Christian Church

"How can we show our appreciation to the state better than by finding ourselves in the House of the Lord on July 4?" asks Rev. N. A. Taylor, pastor of the Christian church, continuing with, "God has brought us where we are as a nation to enjoy liberty, freedom and justice; therefore, it behooves us as 'we the people' to give thanks on this day."

The subject for the morning sermon at 11 is "The Fight for Justice." Services for the day follow: 9:45 a. m., Bible school; 11 a. m., sermon; 8 p. m., sermon. "A most cordial welcome awaits you," said the minister.

## Rev. and Mrs. Thrift Return From Texas

Rev. and Mrs. C. T. Thrift and daughter, Susie Webb, returned last Wednesday from a three-week visit to Dr. and Mrs. C. T. Thrift, jr., at Georgetown, Texas, where Dr. Thrift is a professor in Southwestern University.

They reported an enjoyable trip. Rev. Mr. Thrift will occupy his pulpit at the Methodist church both morning and night next Sunday. The Lord's Supper will be celebrated at the morning service.

## About Town

Mrs. S. A. Ward, sr., and Miss Rebecca Ward will spend two weeks at Camp Leach near Washington, where she will take a course on "Famous Women of the Bible." Mrs. R. A. Duvall returned this week from Camp Leach, where she has been on the staff of the camp.

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## Has Narrow Escape In Fall From Girder

Football skill probably saved the life of A. C. Sumlin, who fell 30 feet from one of the buildings of the Kieckhefer Container Co. plant near here last Friday. The young man "tackled" a cross arm, or in some way maneuvered his body in line with some cross pieces of the building and broken the momentum of his fall, striking the ground softly.

He escaped with only a "pulled" or sprained muscle in the shoulder.

M. F. McKinley sustained an injured finger Thursday morning when a mass of steel resting on a frame mangled his finger badly.

The muscles of the left hip and thigh were sprained and Robert Stewart, jr., was better today after falling about 18 feet Wednesday. When he lost his balance he grabbed C. F. Ragner, pulling him to the ground also. He was cut on the leg, foot and hands and bruised about the body.

## Lightning Upsets Plans Of Two State Farmers

Farming plans of A. O. Bowers, of Chatham County, and L. B. Harrison of Martin County, were seriously upset for this season when bolts of lightning killed mules on their farms recently. Due to the scarcity of workstock, the farmers are finding it difficult to get others.

## Largest Docket in Years This Week at Recorder's Court

### Twenty Cases Disposed of By Judge Darden at Tuesday Session

Unusual in two counts was the docket and activities in recorder's court Tuesday. First there were about 20 cases, the largest docket in years, and, second, a man and his wife were both convicted on separate counts involving whiskey and sentenced to serve the state and county.

Della Hardison, 27, white, was sent to the county home to work for one month on a charge of being drunk on the highway, while her husband, Joe Hardison, 40, white, was given his choice of paying a \$50 fine and costs or going to the roads for 18 months on a charge of operating an auto while drunk.

W. M. Sitterson, 30, white farmer, had prayer for judgment continued until July 20, on a charge of assaulting a female, Eula Sitterson, he being a male over 18 years of age.

Henry Harrison, of Williamston, who was charged with operating an automobile recklessly and under the influence of whiskey and doing damage to personal property, had his case continued until July 6.

Jim Warren 37, white, was sentenced to 30 days in jail or a fine of \$50 and costs for driving drunk.

Roy T. Hopkins, Creswell, had the case continued in which he gave a check to Earl Davenport for \$21.48 on the Branch Banking & Trust Co., dated April 23, 1937. The check was alleged to have been worthless.

Raymond Wynn, 15, colored, was held for superior court on a charge of breaking and entering. Bond was fixed at \$500.

Henry Green, 34, colored, was declared not guilty of assaulting Lily Bishop.

John Phelps, 27, white, was to be tried later on a charge of taking the car of Rudolph Davenport from the West End Service Station at Roper without the owner's consent.

H. E. Savage, 38, white, foreman at the pulp plant, was found by a jury to be not guilty of operating an auto while drunk in connection with the injury to Wood Harper, young son of Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Harper, last Friday night. Mrs. Harper had the child in the car with her when it was struck as she was backing from the driveway of the Bowen home on Jefferson Street by an auto driven by Savage. Mr. Harper is chief chemist at the pulp plant here. The child is recovering from cuts about the neck.

A case against Cyril McCormack, negro, charged with assault, was remanded to a justice of the peace court.

Ronald Davenport will be tried on July 6 on a charge of reckless driving and damaging personal property as the result of damage to the car of Jack Peele Sunday night.

Gus Speller, 19, colored, was assessed with the costs for being drunk.

Willie Norman, 17, colored, was sentenced to one year on the roads for stealing 13 chickens from Willie Phelps.

## 615 Children's Books at Library

Now on the shelves of the Washington County Public Library in the basement of the courthouse are 615 children's books which the library commission in Raleigh has loaned for the summer. All of them look quite interesting. Some for all ages.

The library is very grateful to the Lions Club for the gift of a mending kit. This means that more books can be mended and go back on the shelves.

Library hours, excepting Sunday: 3 to 5 p. m., and Saturday 8 to 9 a. m.

## CLOSED MONDAY

Business houses of all kinds will be closed here Monday in celebration of July 4th, which falls on Sunday. Drug stores may remain open. The bank, post office and stores will be closed for the entire day. Employers and employees will enjoy the holiday.

Some will go to the beaches. Others will stay home. But the entire day is to be a holiday, and everyone will seek their own particular amusement. Decision to close was reached in a meeting held Tuesday afternoon by the merchants.

L. S. Thompson was elected president and T. C. Burgess secretary and treasurer of the new merchants' association.

## Musical Comedy To Be Staged Thursday And Friday Nights

### "Rosa," Sponsored by Local Legion Post, Promises Good Entertainment

A dress rehearsal was held Wednesday night as the last practice for the presentation of the three-act musical comedy, "Rosa," at the Plymouth High School auditorium Thursday and Friday night at 8:15 under the auspices of the American Legion post, No. 164.

The cast includes Polly Williams, Nellie Frances Beasley, Annie Myrtle Peal, Miriam Ausbon, Elsie Ruth Hardison, D. A. Hurley, W. H. Paramore, Henry Hardison, Henry Gray Mizelle, Delbert Allen, Hubert Allen, J. B. McNair.

This show will have peppy musical number and gay and colorful costumes. Routine gypsy dances with many of the younger set will be featured. Spice will be added to the performance by laughs and the wisecracking of "two college boys."

Miss Dorothy Downing is director of the show. Members of the American Legion will assist in the play. Little Miss Gwen Hurley will dance.

## Cucumbers Coming In Rapidly at Local Plant During Week

### 5,000 Bushels Received So Far; 1,400 Bushels Monday

Cucumbers are really beginning to come into the plant here of C. C. Lang & Son, Inc., as the season begins to arrive at its climax with 5,000 bushels already received and thousands of bushels being picked for delivery, according to P. H. Roberts, jr., manager.

A total of 1,400 bushels was received Monday and 600 bushels on Tuesday and about 800 bushels Wednesday. The last rain helped very much and the cucumbers are appearing on the vines almost like magic as the farmers bring them to town and receive their money.

Employers are starting early morning and working until late at night receiving the vegetables. Mr. Roberts predicts a fair crop this season, explaining that though they are late the recent rains have helped immensely.

## Legal Whiskey Now On Sale in County

Legal whiskey under government control was sold across the counter here Thursday morning for the first time in years, when the county control stores opened for business in Plymouth and Creswell.

Ted Blount, owner of Blount's Hardware store here, purchased the first pint on the stroke of 9 in Plymouth. Five pints were sold almost by the time the clock had stopped striking. There were only a few in the store at the time.

Roscoe Gaylord is manager here and H. P. Barnes at Creswell.

## Begins Services at Mt. Hermon Church

Creswell.—Dr. A. W. Andrews, the president of the Methodist Protestant Conference, will begin a series of services at Mount Hermon church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock which are expected to last for a week.

## Itinerary Suggested For Mr. Roosevelt's Trip To This Section

### May Pass Through Here En Route To Manteo on August 18

More than half a dozen plans have been submitted to President Franklin Roosevelt for his trip to Roanoke Island in Dare County on August 18 to attend the 350th celebration of the founding of the first English colony in America and the birth of Virginia Dare, first white child of English speaking parents in this country.

Some of these include a trip through Martin, Washington and Tyrrell Counties with the idea that he could either come or return this route, visiting the Scuppernon Farms project on Lake Phelps while passing through. It is understood that the President is very much interested in the Resettlement Administration work in the lower end of this county.

Information received here is to the effect that there was little chance that this section would be included in this trip if Congress were still in session when he left the National Capital as he would be very busy at the time and would have only one day off as certain legislation would be pending that needed his presence.

Engagements with the President are very hard to secure but it may be that a committee including John W. Darden, vice president of Washington County of the Southern Albemarle Association, might be able to get an engagement with the President to lay his plans for the visit to this section before the Chief Executive, urging him to visit this county.

It may be the middle of August before the President designates the method of conveyance and whether he will take a road or water trip to the celebration. In the meantime, no efforts will be spared to reach the President in an effort to get this section of the Albemarle territory in his itinerary.

It is possible that the president will either take an automobile from Norfolk or go down on the Potomac and come into Oregon Inlet on a small Coast Guard boat. However, nothing is definite.

## Housing Facilities Here Being Taxed To Capacity Now

### 19 New Houses Being Built At Kieckhefer Village; Will Ease Situation

Crowded housing facilities continue here in Plymouth as construction of 19 new houses continues out at Kieckheferville village, near town.

Every home in town is crowded to capacity as daily new arrivals continue to walk the streets with suitcases in their hands asking for a place to sleep. Many families heretofore using an entire house are crowding into one room so that others may share their shelter with them.

Spare rooms at the county home have been rented. New houses are being erected in town. Old filling stations are being used. Three young men are sleeping in a former fishing shack. Boarding houses are filled. Yet more pipefitters are expected this week.

The Kieckheferville houses will be ready shortly and this will relieve the situation very much.

## Five Robberies in Past Two Weeks

Officers here on the alert for robbers who have been breaking and entering business houses here for the last two weeks. Five places have been entered, including the following: Dupree's Soda Shop, H. E. Harrison Wholesale Company, W. R. Hampton's office, Hole in the Wall, and Hassell Brothers Bakery.

Cigarettes were taken on each trip and what money that was available, usually in small sums. The Hole in the Wall missed about 4,000 show tickets. Evidently the robber or robbers thought they were entering a store when they pried an entrance into Hampton's office.

Some think that it is the work of outsiders, while others are of the opinion that local youths are to blame. The police force is to use a plainclothesman to capture the culprit unless some evidence turns up otherwise. Articles are always taken that cannot be easily identified.