

Many Shed Tears as New Vault Installed In Bank This Week

Little Accident Causes Consternation at Branch Bank And Trust Company

There wasn't a dry eye in the Plymouth Branch Bank and Trust Company when Robert Penon, a Negro workman from Washington dropped a tear gas bomb while helping install a new burglar proof safe.

Clouds of pungent smelling, smoky grey gas began to pour out of the old bank vault as the container struck the floor.

"What's that?" someone asked—he knew in about half a minute.

From out of the murky darkness of the gas filled vault Negro workmen came dashing, gasping, choking, rubbing their eyes.

Customers ran helter-skelter out onto the street, but Mrs. R. L. Edwards and Mrs. Dell W. Bowen, both bank clerks, did not leave their work.

And Cashier H. E. Beam never left his window, and remained for full ten minutes, weeping profusely, but ready to take in or pay out money on demand.

One of the few customers who braved the gas to make a withdrawal was H. A. Blount of Plymouth. He left a few minutes later with eyes swimming in tears.

The new safe will not be protected with tear gas, according to bank officials. In fact, that will not be necessary, as it is to be built of reinforced steel and concrete so heavy that no burglar could cut through it with either a torch or drill.

The steel in the walls would break the cutting points of a drill and the cement would render ineffective the best torch ever invented.

The door is eight inches thick and of solid steel with 24 three inch lock bolts. It has a double combination lock and triple time lock which will only permit it to be opened during banking hours.

So fine is the mechanical precision with which the door was fitted, that it will not close if there is a hair in the way. This is so that it cannot be blown off with "soup" in the traditional yegg fashion.

The old safe weighed about 800 pounds and the new one weighs close to eight tons. The new one is ten feet by 14 on its inside dimensions, with walls 20 inches thick. It will require another week to complete its installation.

IT ISN'T NEWS BUT—

Electrocution Hurts

Winston-Salem — Here's how it feels to be electrocuted, as told by A. B. Rose, who should know as he was "dead" 15 minutes after receiving 2,300 volts, approximately what is used in the electric chair.

"Every bone in my body seemed to be breaking, every tendon snapping. A hundred million red hot needles stabbed me. Then I saw a sheet of blue flame and all pain ceased.

"I died.

"I knew when it happened. There was nothing I could do about it." Rose, an electrical engineer, was holding a ground wire when lightning struck it. A fellow workman carried him to the hospital, where he "came back to life."

It's A Great Life

Atlantic City, N. J. — Jimmy McGuigan, a freckle-faced messenger boy enjoys his work—at least, part of it.

Recently he delivered a telegram at a fashionable hotel. He knocked on the door of an eighth floor suite. A beautiful girl, just 20 years old, opened the door.

"Are you Miss B—?" Jimmy asked.

"Yes," the girl nodded.

So Jimmy kissed her tenderly on the left cheek, then read her the telegram:

"Happy birthday from Jimmy."

And another Jimmy in Chicago felt he had expressed his affection in a brand new way.

Forbidden House

Honolulu — Mrs. Doris Duke Cromwell, tobacco heiress, and perhaps the richest girl in the world, started something when she began building a half million dollar home here, and named it "Hale Kapu," Hawaiian for "forbidden house."

The house is designed in the Persian style. It is situated on a rocky beach with a background of palm trees and has elaborate terraces.

State Patrolman Assigned To Section; Headquarters Here

Tom Brown, member of the North Carolina State Highway Patrol, has been assigned to duty in this section with headquarters in Plymouth, it was unofficially learned here today. The information, gained from reliable sources, maintained that Brown would come here about the middle of this month.

Mr. Brown, regarded as one of the most efficient and one of the best men in the patrol service, is now stationed in Washington.

Other changes in the patrol line-up are being considered, it is understood, but no formal announcement of the proposed changes is expected just at this

time. The proposed changes will possibly be effected when the patrol radio system is placed in operation, reports indicating that the five stations will be ready for broadcasting within the next few days.

The assignment of a patrolman to this territory meets an urgent need that has existed for some time. Many leading local people have pointed out the need of the services of a patrolman and it is believed that their interest and the increased traffic over this territory made it necessary for patrol officials to establish district headquarters in Plymouth.

Government May Buy More Land in County

SHIP TUESDAY

To date the Plymouth Mutual Livestock Association has shipped 3080 hogs weighing 585,555 pounds, from which they received \$59,818.95. 290 farmers have participated in these sales. We now have several hundred head of hogs on feed in this County which will be shipped in the next 30 to 60 days. The next shipping date is Tuesday, September 7th. Those who plan to ship on this date will please notify the County office so arrangements may be made for accommodating hogs delivered that day.

Rev. R. H. Lucas Is Preacher at Final Union Service Here

Good Attendance as Summer Series Comes To End at Disciples Church

The last of this season's union church services was held here Sunday evening at the Disciples church with the Rev. Richard Lucas preaching.

Attendance at this final service was good. In the congregation were 13 Methodists; 26 Disciples; two Episcopalians; nine Baptists and 21 visitors.

The Rev. Mr. Taylor, assisting in the service, extended a special greeting to the visitors: "We are happy to see that there is such a large number of visitors to Plymouth who are interested in what we are doing here.

"We hope that those of our visitors who remain here will ally themselves with us in our work."

The Rev. Mr. Lucas took as the theme of his sermon the words: "In Heavenly Places." Those words, he said, refer to things spiritual as opposed to things physical and earthly.

A man who is not touched by the spirit of Christ is dead, he declared, and to illustrate this thought told of two men going to listen to fine music. One sits bored and restless, while the other is intensely moved by the melody.

The first man, his soul untouched by the harmony, is dead to the beauty of the music, and it is just so with spiritual things, he said.

Seeding of Greens At Club Finished

The work of grading and seeding the new Plymouth Country club is virtually completed, according to J. E. Maples, the Club professional.

Mr. Maples, who has been supervising the construction of the golf courses, will spend the next month assisting with the landscaping work to be done about the 32 new houses which the Keickhefer company has built for its employees.

These are nearly done now, except for painting and minor details, and will be ready for occupancy in a short while. The new road running from the main highway, through the housing development to the country club is to be hard surfaced, and the grading and preliminary rolling work is progressing rapidly.

Construction of the Country club building itself has not yet been started, however. It is hoped that this will be completed in time for the opening of the club in about a month.

6,000 Acre Tract Is Being Considered; Big Part in Tyrrell

Would Bring Total Acreage Of Resettlement Group To Around 10,000

The Federal government is about to purchase approximately 6,000 additional acres of land north and east of Lake Phelps, it was learned today by the Roanoke Beacon.

These purchases, added to the 3,196 acres acquired last week, and the 840 acres purchased several months ago will bring the total acreage of the Federal Resettlement Administration tract to well over 10,000 acres.

The government has already spent more than \$110,000 in acquiring land in the area, and will have spent very close to \$300,000 by the time it has completed its purchases.

The land to be acquired next is partly in Washington County, but partly in Tyrrell. Like that already purchased it is rated as among the best farm land in North Carolina and has been in cultivation for hundreds of years.

Close to 75 per cent is said to be wooded, and it is expected that much of this will make excellent farm land when cleared of trees. The present timber on it is not thought to be especially good, for the most part.

Titles to the additional parcels of land, on which the government has taken up options will be transferred as soon as the legal division of the Administration can complete the work of clearing the titles.

Dead Man Makes Much Trouble for Several Officials

Body Drifting on Roanoke Removed by Protests To State Officials

Officials of three counties are congratulating themselves today upon the fact that they have finally disposed of the remains of Roy Keel, colored man who was drowned in Martin County, and washed by the Roanoke River into Bertie County.

The man was drowned nearly a week and a half before officials of Bertie County finally buried him following a protest to the State Board of Public Health by Coroner Jack Peel of Washington County.

Coroner Peel notified state officials that the body was lodged in a bush on the Bertie county side of the Roanoke River near Gards Island and asked that something be done about it since the Bertie County officials had failed to remove it.

Within two hours, the State Board had probed Bertie authorities into action, and it was agreed that the body should be at least given a decent burial.

The man was said to have been swimming in the river at Jamesville during the noon hour, and to have disappeared. Fellow workers at a mill where he is said to have been employed there reported him missing, but it was some time before his body was discovered drifting about the river.

The captain of a river tug notified Coroner Peel of the case in the belief that it came within the jurisdiction of Washington County officials. Coroner Peel then notified Coroner Smith of Bertie.

Freight Service by Railroad Discarded On 23-Mile Stretch

Track To Bishop's Cross From Mackeys Officially Abandoned This Week

Railroad service has been discontinued on the line from Mackeys to Bishop's Cross, it was officially announced this week.

The Norfolk & Southern Railroad had been attempting for several years to obtain permission from the Interstate Commerce Commission for the abolition of the 23 mile line.

Freight to Belhaven from Mackeys will now be sent through Plymouth and Pinetown on a triangle shaped route rather than direct.

This means that there will be no more freight service to the points between Roper, Wenona and Wonderland.

Operation of the line has been unprofitable for many years, partly because of the increasing travel by automobile which has resulted from better roads, and losses on this short time have grown steadily, it is understood.

During the past six or eight months all freight for Belhaven from Norfolk has been sent by way of Pinetown, pending favorable action by the Commerce Commission, and as soon as this was taken, the line was discontinued officially last Saturday.

Until Saturday freight trains were run two or three times a week to Roper from Mackeys.

Judge Will Crack Down On Liquor Law Violation

Judge Darden Issues Warning to Bootleggers In Recorder's Court

Bootleggers brought before Judge John W. Darden in Washington County Recorder's Court from now on will find him much less lenient than he has been in the past.

"I intend to break up this flagrant violation of the law which has been going on in some sections of the County," he said today. "I shall cooperate fully with federal, state, and local officers in putting a stop to this law breaking."

Judge Darden was prompted to this decision in part by a case which came before him in Recorder's court Tuesday.

D. O. Patrick, 49, a Creswell storekeeper was brought into court on a charge of assault upon J. D. Smart, 35-year-old electric welder and farm hand, who has been living in Creswell about two weeks.

Shortly after Smart arrived there and went to work for T. C. Holmes, a story began to spread about the town that he was a revenue agent, come to check up on bootlegging.

Last Saturday he went into Patrick's store to purchase a cigar. Patrick closed the door after him and pulled out a knife. Another man in the store also produced a knife and the two allegedly threatened Smart.

He protested that he was not a federal agent and they refused to believe him at first, but finally allowed him to depart.

"What made them think you were a revenue agent?" the Recorder asked. "I guess because I sometimes carried a pair of handcuffs about with me," Smart answered, and explained that among other things he is a magician.

Judge Darden found Patrick guilty on the assault charge and gave him a six months suspended sentence on condition that he pay \$50 fine and costs and refrain from any further selling of liquor.

Full-Time Nurse for Pulp Mill Employed

A full time registered nurse will be employed from now on at the Keickhefer Container Company mill, W. W. Henderson, the supervisor, announced today.

Miss Linda Stephens, who has had four years experience in industrial first aid work with the Blue Bell Globe Mfg. Co., largest manufacturer of overalls in the world, has been engaged for the job.

The mill blue prints call for a first aid room to be well equipped with all the necessary beds, stretchers, and medical supplies needed.

Until the mill is completed and ready for operation, Miss Stephens will occupy the small wooden first aid building erected by the construction company, and will be available for assistance to employees of either the mill or the contractors.

School Days Begin Again for Washington County Children; 3,000 Students Back at Work

High School Band Practice Will Start Within Few Days

High school band practice will start within a few days, L. W. Ziegler, instructor at the Plymouth High announced today.

Mr. Ziegler expects this to be a hard year for the band as several of the most talented players were eliminated last June at graduation.

"I hope that we will have some girls in the band this season," Mr. Ziegler said.

He plans to add a section of

reed instruments if possible, and in preparation for this he spent much of his summer vacation studying the clarinet and saxophone at the University of Pennsylvania.

It is expected that the following members of last year's band will return this year to form a nucleus around which the new organization will be built: Wilford Whitley, Osborn Dunbar, William Satterthwaite, William Fagan and William Spruill.

Enrollment Increase Expected, Due To Influx in Population

At Least 500 Additional Students Expected Within Next Few Weeks

School days began again Thursday morning as more than 3,000 boys and girls in Washington County reported for instruction in the several plants.

Just what the enrollment will be this year is not yet known, but it is expected that there will be a considerable increase due to the moving in of more families in connection with the pulp mill.

Within a few weeks, when the crops have been harvested, there will be probably 500 more children in the schools than were able to attend today, according to County Superintendent McLean.

Washington county is fortunate, he said, in being able to open the schools with all of the teachers needed, for many counties have been unable to find enough to fill all of the positions.

Until a few days ago it was thought that the Plymouth High School would have to open without a home economics teacher, as school authorities had been informed by state officials not only of North Carolina, but Virginia, and South Carolina as well, that there was not a single qualified teacher available for this position.

Katherine Kannis, state supervisor of vocational home economics, told Principal R. B. Trotman of the high school that there were eight other schools in the state, all desperately trying to locate home economics teachers, and that three of them had been obliged to open without any.

She said she could not possibly supply one for Plymouth. Similar answers were received from school officials and teacher agencies of both Virginia and South Carolina.

Then, just at the last moment, an advertisement in the News and Observer brought a reply from Miss Emma Coley of St. Pauls. Miss Coley is a graduate of the Flora McDonald school and has had previous teaching experience.

New teachers this year include: R. B. Trotman, principal of the Plymouth High School; Cleaton O. Armstrong, who will coach and teach history; and the following teachers in Plymouth; Emma Coley, home economics; W. D. Starr, agriculture; Louise Curren, second grade, and Ruth Kiker, first grade.

Other new teachers are Ella Tucker Smith, who will teach the second grade in Roper; Albert T. Brooks, new principal of the Creswell.

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BAILEY IS SPEAKER

"What you get out of school this year will be determined by the way in which you work and follow instruction of your teachers," Chairman Carl Bailey of the Plymouth School committee told students at the opening assembly of the high school here Thursday.

"Your parents pay taxes, and those taxes make this great educational organization possible," he said. "It is up to you to do your part. This is not an organization devised to oppress you; it is rather a wonderful opportunity for you to obtain an education, probably much better than that which your parents had."

30-Mile Speed Limit Set for School Busses By Superintendent

All Machines To Have Governors as New Safety Campaign Begins

All school busses in Washington county will have governors on their motors so that none will be able to go faster than 35 miles an hour. The governors are set at 30 but there is a little latitude in the speed.

Each governor is sealed in such a way that if it is tampered with the seal will be broken and school officials will know that the driver has been going faster than the speed limit.

"I do not want any of you boys to touch those governors," Superintendent H. H. McLean said at a meeting of the bus drivers just before school opened.

"If any of these seals are broken, it will be necessary to find some other boy to drive the bus.

"Safety must be the watchword, and these busses must be driven slowly and carefully in order to protect the lives of the children riding in them."

Superintendent McLean asked state highway officers to make a careful examination of all drivers and also of all busses, thus establishing something of a precedent, and busses are not usually checked over in this way at the time the schools open.

"Safety for the children riding in these school busses must at all times be the first consideration," C. C. Brown, transportation engineer of the state school commission told the drivers.

"Each of the boys who has been selected as a bus driver was picked by the principal of his school and approved by his local school committee as an outstanding boy and one to whom can be trusted the most precious cargo in the world, young school children, and future citizens.

"This is a grave responsibility, and every driver must realize it. I hope you will be so careful that this will be an accident free year."

The drivers were especially cautioned to operate the busses in such a way as to avoid unnecessary wear and tear on them and to save the taxpayers the necessity of purchasing new equipment as often as has been done in the past.

Printing Plant for Beacon in Process Of Being Installed

Paper To Be 100 Per Cent Plymouth Enterprise; Invitation Extended

Readers of the Beacon will notice several changes in this week's issue. The Beacon is growing and expanding and there will be additional improvements each week.

For the past few years the paper has been printed in Williamston. From now on it is to be printed in Plymouth, making it in every sense a local paper.

Last week a linotype, one of the very latest models, arrived from Elizabeth City, and is being installed.

Yesterday, workmen began installing a press, which should be capable of doing the finest printing job of any press in this part of the state, as it was built for high grade work.

Within a few days new electric lights will be installed, and the machinery will be rolling merrily along. The publishers of the Beacon hope that their friends and readers will drop in and visit the new office in about a week when things are running smoothly.

The operation of a linotype is fascinating to watch, and there is something almost thrilling in the roll of a press.