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Plymouth Woman Wins First Prize at Drawing

Mrs. Bateman Held Third Number; One And Two Unclaimed

\$5 Prizes Won by Three Local Residents and Man From Albemarle Beach

First prize of \$20 in silver "cart-wheels" was awarded to Mrs. Frank Bateman at the first drawing of lucky numbers in the Plymouth Merchants fall trade campaign this week.

The drawing attracted a crowd estimated at from 500 to 1,000. Eight-year-old Thomas West, jr., drew the winning tickets from the revolving basket, with Leland Thompson, T. C. Burgess, and E. H. Liverman supervising.

The first two numbers drawn were not claimed, although the holders were given 5 minutes each to claim them. When the third number was announced, Mrs. Frank Bateman, confused, excited, and blushing, came forward to receive her money.

Counting out the 20 silver dollars, Tom Burgess appeared nearly as excited as the lucky winner. But later Mrs. Bateman admitted that the ticket was not hers but that of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Pauline Bateman, who runs a boarding house here. "I never saw \$20 so hard to give away before," remarked Mr. Burgess as the crowd waited in vain for some one to claim the first and second tickets.

Winners of the four \$5 prizes, also in the form of silver dollars, were: Miss Annie Elizabeth Alexander, of Plymouth, with a ticket from Tom Terry's market; H. L. Horton, of Plymouth, with one from the Standard Service Station; and James Styons, of Albemarle Beach, with one from the City Market and Grocery.

IT ISN'T NEWS BUT—

\$2,000,000 Heart Ache

Hollywood - Judith Allen, film star, and wife of the crooning Irish boxer, Jack Doyle, is suing Mrs. Delphine Dodge Cromwell Baker Godde to the tune of \$2,000,000 for alienation of her husband's love.

Miss Allen obtained an interlocutory divorce decree from her husband last April to become effective in 12 months, and Mrs. Godde, hitherto the Dodge automobile fortune is planning a divorce from her present husband, in order to marry Miss Allen's husband, the gossips say.

Miss Allen says her rival "persuaded, enticed, and abducted" Doyle by offering him "several hundred thousand dollars for the purpose of creating a life of luxury for him."

An American Toreador

Henderson - Proving that it isn't only a Spaniard who can throw the bull, Mayor Dorch, 41 year-old Negro of Warren County, vanquished one single handed after it attacked him here.

The animal attacked without warning, throwing him to the ground. Thereupon the negro seized the ring fastened to the animal's neck, and twisted it, forcing the bull to the ground.

He then drove his knife through the bull's eye. Infuriated with pain, the bull roared and plunged, but another swift blow blinded him in the other eye. Dorch ran for an axe and crushed the skull of the bull as it raced about, blind and bellowing with rage and agony.

Tampa Temperance

Tampa, Fla. - The defendant addressed Judge Tom O. Watkins: "It was my mother's birthday, and I take a drink only on her birthday—one drink for every year."

"How old is your mother?" the Judge asked.

"Seventy-nine, Your Honor."

And the Judge gave him 30 days as he rapped his gavel for order in the court.

Teeth Or No Teeth

Fishersville, Va. - Even without his teeth, Jasper Davis is still "champion spitter" of the South River County.

Fearful that the loss of his teeth would be too great a handicap for him, most of his friends placed their bets on Charlie Irvin at the Fishersville fair here.

ANOTHER BARGE SINKS

Over 200 creosote poles were lost in Albemarle Sound Sunday night, when a barge belonging to the Tidewater Construction Corporation, of Norfolk, shipped too much water and rolled from under the load of piling.

The poles, which had just been towed from Norfolk and tied up in Edenton, were to be used on the new wharf of the North Carolina Pulp Company plant just west of Plymouth.

Officials of the Tidewater Corporation say that some of the poles may be recovered.

City Firemen Win Carnival Permit In Heated Debate

Dr. McGowan, Speaking for Legion, Calls Them "Underhanded"

The City Council voted this week to permit the Plymouth firemen to put on a carnival in the old Hampton lot on Water Street next week.

The council took this action after Dr. Claudius McGowan, district commander of the American Legion, accused the firemen of being "underhanded, ungentlemanly, and unfair."

"I ask that you do not grant them permission to have this show next week," he said, explaining that he feared it might cut into the profits which the Legion hopes to make with its fair at the ball park recently announced for the week of November 1.

The firemen were represented by L. W. Gurkin, who for 15 years has been chief of the volunteer fire department.

Mr. Gurkin assured the council that the firemen had not intended to cut in on the Legion, but that they would have to put on a carnival at a time when one is available, and that this is the only time of the year when they can arrange for one.

They will have three rides and a few shows, Mr. Gurkin stated, adding that the carnival is now at Scotland Neck and has a fine reputation. The firemen will make a minimum of \$300 on the show, he said, and this money is badly needed.

"We are working for the town every day and night of the year," Mr. Gurkin declared. "No other organization has this kind of knowledge of our state, tourists will be urged to visit North Carolina."

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Beacon and The Sun Consolidate

Will Appear Under Name of Beacon; First Issue Today

Move Is Made for Purpose of Giving Town and County Better Newspaper

Actuated by a single desire to better serve the people of Plymouth and the vicinity it has been decided to combine the efforts of the two local publications, so the Roanoke Beacon has purchased all of the assets, including the subscription list and good will of The Sun.

This transaction was profitable to Walter H. Paramore, who published The Sun, and it is hoped that it will be a good investment for The Beacon. This clears the way for one of the best weekly papers in the State to be issued in Plymouth and this is the objective of those who work for The Beacon.

There will be no more issues of The Sun. Beginning with this issue, The Roanoke Beacon is being printed in Plymouth. Included in the organization of The Beacon is Mr. Paramore as an employee. Those who have done business in the past with Mr. Paramore will find him anxious to serve you now.

Here in Plymouth is one of the best equipped newspaper and job printing plants in this section. This machinery was purchased at a large outlay and the sole reason for its installation here was to produce a Plymouth paper for Washington County and the Southern Albemarle section.

Mr. Paramore's statement: "It was with reluctance that I decided to sell The Sun. It was my one delight... a paper of my own. But it was decided that by combining the efforts of the two papers that this section

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Publicity Party Is Due Here Oct. 21st, 13th Day of Tour

Will Come From Elizabeth City, Visit for 1 Hour, Eat Luncheon, Then Leave

The party of 94 travel editors and feature writers which starts on a grand tour of North Carolina from Asheville Saturday will arrive in Plymouth on October 21, the 13th day of the tour.

According to a communication received by Carl Bailey of the local entertainment committee from the Governor's hospitality committee in Raleigh the party will reach here at 11 a. m. and leave at 1 o'clock for Greenville.

During the two-hour stop here the visitors will be guests of the city and the Lions Club at a game dinner of squirrel and deer.

The party will spend the 12th day of their trip visiting Kitty Hawk, Nags Head, Fort Raleigh, and Elizabeth City.

The itinerary for the 13th day includes: Breakfast in Elizabeth City and departure at 9 a. m. for Plymouth, arrival here at 11 a. m. and an hour for seeing "the city and vicinity" then luncheon and departure at 1 p. m.

It is expected that Plymouth will send an automobile to Elizabeth City to meet the party. In the car will be at least four men, who will act as guides for the visitors, one man riding to Plymouth in each of the party buses and calling attention to points of interest along the way.

The party will probably be met by a motorcycle escort at the city limits. According to C. W. Roberts, chairman of the state tour committee, the tour will cost close to \$50,000, when transportation, meals, and salaries of the guests paid by the papers and magazines they represent are taken into consideration.

But, he says, "We believe this to be the greatest travel promotional event ever undertaken by any state. Never before have so many distinguished writers, editors, and travel counselors visited any state at one time."

As to the probable benefit which will be derived by the state from the tour, he says:

"Anyone's guess is as good as another, but, judging by the experience of the tour conducted in 1935 by the Carolina Motor Club, we can anticipate that more than 75 travel publications will carry stories about North Carolina as a result of this tour."

"All of this builds up a public acceptance and a public demand to know more about our state. Because of this first-hand knowledge of our state, tourists will be urged to visit North Carolina."

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Board Turns Down First Drawings for School at Creswell

New Building To Be Built Around Old One; Then Tear Old One Down

Preliminary plans for the new Creswell school were presented to the county school board and superintendent this week by W. H. Detrick, the architect.

They called for a 16-room, one-story, brick building with a large auditorium, in which high school classes would be separate from elementary grades.

The plans were studied carefully by C. N. Davenport, jr., and R. C. Peacock of the school board in a three-hour conference. It was decided that they did not allow enough classrooms and were not satisfactory in several other details.

The architect was instructed to re-draft them as fast as possible to include the proposed changes, then come before the board again.

Following the meeting, he went directly to Creswell to take measurements of the lot on which the present building is located, as it had been suggested that the new building would be built around the old one. In this way it will be possible to continue to use the present school until the new one is ready for use, then the old building will be torn down, and the auditorium of the new building will be built in part from material in the old.

This plan, it is believed, will eliminate expense which would have been involved in sending children to school in private homes in Creswell while the present building was being torn down as a preliminary to erection of the new one on the same site.

The architect has been instructed to draw his plans in such a way, therefore, that both buildings can stand on the lot at the same time, and also so that the building can be finished in sections, a little at a time, when funds are available.

Plymouth To Get More Publicity by Air Mail Week

Postmaster Hits Upon Novel Scheme; Mayor Issues an Official Proclamation

Plymouth will be publicized next week over a nation-wide hook-up, not of radio stations, but of air-mail planes.

For Postmaster George W. Hardison has hit upon a novel way in which to advertise the community in connection with the observance in North Carolina of "air mail week," from October 11 to 16.

He has had the following words printed on 1,000 of the standard red, white, and blue air mail envelopes: "After 5 days return to —, a resident of the 'Town of Opportunity,' which is growing as fast as the air mail service, Plymouth, N. C."

Everyone who sends an air mail letter from here next week will be given one of these envelopes.

The first one mailed will probably go to Los Angeles, Calif., where Mr. Hardison's daughter lives.

"It will take only a little more than a day for my letter to reach her," he said.

"Air mail service brings New York, Boston, Chicago, and San Francisco within a few hours of Plymouth, for the additional 3 cents that an air-mail stamp costs adds wings to one's words," he added.

Mayor's Proclamation

Mayor B. G. Campbell issued a proclamation calling the attention of the people of Plymouth to the air-mail week observance and pointing out its special significance to people of this city.

His proclamation was as follows: "Whereas, the week of October 11 to 16 has been designated 'Air Mail Week' and the value of air mail service is now generally recognized throughout the United States, and for that matter the entire civilized world;

"And whereas, it was hardly more than 50 miles from the city of Plymouth that man first conquered the air at Kitty Hawk 34 years ago;

"Now, therefore, I wish to call to the attention of the people of Plymouth the observance of this 'Air Mail Week' to the end that everyone may be familiar with the remarkable economy and speed possible when communications are carried on by means of air mail."

New Teacher for Graded School Named This Week

The new teacher who was engaged by the school board this week following allotment of additional funds for Plymouth by the state is Miss Beulah Ketchie, of Mount Ulla, according to Carl Bailey. Miss Ketchie will teach in the fourth grade, he said.

New Pulp Mill To Begin Operating in Two Weeks Official of Concern Says

Wounded Boy Suffers 5 Hours Agony While Friends Hunt for Auto

North Carolina Pulp Co. Is New Name Given Mill

Operating Force at Mill Will Total 300 To 350 Persons; Nearly All Local

The new pulp mill will begin operations in two weeks, according to L. J. Meunier, sr., vice president and general superintendent of the Kieckhefer Container Co.

Construction of both the mill itself and the other company projects is rapidly nearing completion, so that it is expected that the work will be virtually finished by that time.

The workmen will not be finished entirely, however, for several months, it is believed.

Between 300 and 350 persons will be employed at the mill on the operating force, Mr. Meunier said. This will include about 50 experienced pulp mill workers from other parts of the country and from 250 to 300 local men and women, he said.

A change in the name of the mill was announced this week, so that it is no longer to be known as one of the Kieckhefer Container Company's plants, but as the North Carolina Pulp Company.

The fact that the mill is to go under another name, however, does not mean that it has changed hands or that it will be under different management.

According to Vice President Meunier, the change was decided upon in the belief that the people of North Carolina would be pleased to have the mill named for their state.

The necessary steps looking toward incorporation of the new concern in this state, if possible, are now being taken, he said, and the company will be one of three subsidiaries owned by the Kieckhefer Company. The other two are in the North.

The dredge, which is deepening the river beside the plant, is expected to

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Board Moves To Refund City Debt

TAX BILLS COMING

Work on the county tax books will probably be completed by Saturday, it was indicated at a meeting of the county commissioners this week.

The tax notices will then be put into the mail at once, notifying property owners that it is time to pay taxes again.

City Officials Will Confer With State Financial Experts

Auditor Outlines One Plan To City Council for \$315,000 Refunding Issue

The Plymouth City Council took the first step this week looking toward refinancing of the town's \$317,000 bonded indebtedness, about \$41,000 of which is now in default.

James M. Williams, who made an audit of the town books in July, appeared before the council at the request of Mayor B. G. Campbell and outlined a plan for the sale of \$315,000 in refunding bonds, on which the interest would range from 2 1/2 to 4 per cent.

As the present bonds are all 6 per cent, he said he thought the saving in interest might be enough to permit the town to meet principal payments in full as they fall due in the future.

This plan, he said, had been suggested to him by George Adams, of the State Local Government Commission. Whether or not it could be put into operation would depend upon many factors such as the present tax rate, the property valuation, and the ratio of taxes levied to taxes collected.

Mr. Williams suggested that the council arrange to have Mayor Campbell, City Attorney Z. Vance Norman, and City Clerk M. W. Sprull confer at Raleigh with Mr. Adams. At the request of the council, he agreed to arrange an appointment and to attend in order to assist the town in presenting its case to Mr. Adams, who will be the one in charge of working out the final plan for the refunding.

WPA TO FINISH ROAD

The road built to connect the old Newland road with Roper and shorten the distance from Cherry to Plymouth will be finished soon, WPA officials have assured the county commissioners, but just when that means is not known.

The road is almost impassable now because of ruts, yet very little work is needed to finish it and make it useful to citizens traveling to and from the eastern end of the county, it is said.

'Earthquake' Here Occurs At Night Along Waterfront

Deep Cracks, Foot Wide, Appear as Ground Gives Way; Heavy Loss Avoided

Plymouth had a little "earthquake" this week, though probably few people realized it.

The damage done was estimated in the hundreds of dollars, and it was only pure luck that it did not run well into the thousands.

The quake is believed to have occurred Tuesday night following several days of rain, and affected the land along the river edge behind Leggett's Jewelry Store.

There is—or rather was—an old wooden bulkhead there, against which rubbish had been dumped to fill out the bank and form a sort of dock.

This had been used by the construction company working on highway 97 as a terminal for the transfer of surface sand from barges to trucks.

Thousands of tons of the sand had been piled on the filled-in ground, and the steam shovel used in loading and unloading it was left standing between the sand and the river, close to the bulkhead. So high was the sand piled that T. C. Burgess, looking out of his store window, could see it

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Influx of Beggars Is Reported Here In Recent Weeks

Cause Untold Trouble and Present Problem for Officials

Reports over the countryside of the large amount of money being earned in Plymouth has brought into town a new kind of annoyance to the police and citizens—the professional beggar.

And, according to Officer George R. Coburn, they can cause untold trouble, as well as present a problem for proper and humane handling.

Case No. 1 came into Plymouth the other day. An earnest plea and sympathy rewarded the beggar with a place to sleep that was warm and fairly comfortable. A little more talking next day netted him breakfast.

That night the cripple was found sprawled across the street in Plymouth drunk. His twisted body and the crutches he carried caused officers to move him to the courthouse auditorium. During the trip he cursed and abused and threatened the men who had tried to help him. However, no warrant was issued.

Case No. 2 was found by the river-side drunk. Passers-by feared that he would fall into the water and notified police. He went to the courthouse in the car of a policeman. No charge was preferred against him. Over \$30 was found on the person of each of the beggars.

Case No. 3 wobbled down the street with his crutches held in unsteady hands, threatening to trip him into a nasty fall. His earnest face and twisted legs wheeled many into contributing. He appeared to be drinking, although there was no direct evidence to this effect.

Case No. 4 was that of a blind person who with his guitar sang in a cracking voice of tragedy as he moved slowly down the street. His story was that a mean step-father poured acid into his eyes while young and left him helpless in a harsh harsh world.

Case No. 5 was a colored bootblack, reportedly from Creswell, whose withered legs excited pity as he moved about on his knees shining shoes.

These people present a problem, according to Officer Coburn, because they add to the list of local people here who are recipients of favors and contributions from the people who meet them daily. Some cities are very strict in their surveillance of these "professional beggars."