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Postmaster Asks Everyone To Aid In Getting Count

Cards for Unemployment Report To Be Issued by Postal Department

Next Tuesday postal workers in Plymouth and every other community in the United States will begin taking the national unemployment census ordered by Congress.

Unemployment report cards will be left by mail carriers at the homes wherever they believe there may be someone out of work, able to work, and actively seeking to find work.

In announcing the beginning of the census here Postmaster Hardison repeated the words of President Roosevelt: "If you are unemployed or partly unemployed and are able to work and are seeking work, please fill out this report card right away and mail it before midnight, Saturday, November 20, 1937."

"No postage is needed. The Congress directed me to take this census. It is important to the unemployed and to everyone in this land that the census be completed, honest, and accurate."

"If you give me the facts, I shall try to use them for the benefit of all who need and want work and do not have it."

It is very important that the cards be placed in the mails just as though they were letters before the deadline on November 20, Mr. Hardison declared.

Anyone who does not receive a card and who feels that he should register may obtain one by asking for it of the mail carrier or at a post office, he said.

All information on the cards will be kept strictly confidential and no names will ever be published.

Those who should register are classified briefly as follows:

"All persons who are totally unemployed able to work, and want work; all persons who are partly employed, able to do more work, and want more work; and all persons working full time or part time on projects of WPA, NYA, CCC, or other emergency work projects, supported by public funds."

The information asked on the report cards includes: name, address, age, color, race, sex, occupation, number of dependents, income for previous week, number of weeks work in past 12 months, and similar questions.

Cotton Ginning Report For Washington County

Cotton ginned in Washington County so far this season amounts to 868 bales, according to W. T. Freeman, of Roper, census taker.

Bus Driver Breaks His Arm Cranking Motor

Grady Hopkins, a student Roper High school, broke his arm last Friday while cranking the school bus which he drives.

New Mayor at Roper; Tax Rate Is Increased

Phelps Will Hold Treasurer's Post For Another Term

J. J. Hasell, Former Mayor, Agrees To Accept Job Again

J. J. Hasell was appointed mayor of Roper this week to succeed Aubrey Phelps, who submitted his resignation two months ago.

Mr. Phelps agreed to reconsider his resignation as town clerk and treasurer and will continue to serve in that capacity.

The town commissioners, after hearing a statement of town finances, decided that it will be necessary to raise the tax rate from \$1.125 to \$1.20 per \$100.

This, it is estimated, will result in the collection of about \$2,650, or just about enough to meet the budget estimates.

The increase in tax rate is made necessary by the fact that revaluation of property has reduced the amount taxable by about \$10,000 this year.

The town budget includes the following items: \$1,000 payment on bond principal; \$360 payment on interest; \$600 salary for Police Officer Snell; \$100 salary for city clerk and treasurer; \$200 for electric street lights; \$200 for street upkeep; \$50 for miscellaneous; \$75 for insurance on police officer required by state; and \$50 for rent.

Lions Club Will Sponsor Booklet To Boost Town

Historic places in and around Plymouth will be featured in a plan being developed by a special committee of the Lions Club to gather and arrange in printed form with pictures interesting spots that would claim the attention of the traveler.

Atty. Carl L. Bailey and W. M. Darden started it all last week when Mr. Darden turned to Mr. Bailey a card that he had received from the travel director of the Brooklyn Daily Eagle

asking for pamphlets and literature for distribution.

Mr. Bailey read it to the Lions Club and asked them where he could get the required information. No one knew. So a movement was started then and there to ascertain the costs and arrange to assemble the data with pictures.

Dr. T. L. Bray, president of the club, appointed James W. Norman, C. L. Bailey and W. H. Paramore to do the work.

Graham Main Speaker On Armistice Program

GOOD CAST IN PLAY

The cast for the musical comedy, "Hello, Everybody," to be presented Friday evening in the Plymouth School Auditorium at 8:15 includes the following:

Coach C. O. Armstrong as Uncle Billy, a grouchy old man; Carl Bailey, Jr., as William, the young son; Sybil Williams, as Barbara, the daughter; Frank Winesett, as Ted Hussar, an aviator; and Mrs. Edison Davenport, as Black Mary, a Negro Mammy.

Louise Currin will play Aunt Malissa, the English maid; Mrs. Douglas Starr, Lili, her French friend; Douglas Starr, John, a negro house boy; L. W. Zeigler, Dr. Alpha, a mind reader; and Henry Gray Mizelle, as Mr. Rosenberg, a wealthy Jew.

Creswell Seniors Organize Bank to Save for Journey

Debate Question of National Bank Control at Meeting Held Last Week

The senior class club of Creswell High School has established an active thrift bank for the purpose of saving money for its trip to Washington, D. C. in the spring.

The recent Hallowe'en Carnival at the school resulted in a net profit of \$43, according to a report by Preston Carter, chairman of the standing committee.

At the monthly meeting of the class on Friday the question of banking regulation was debated. Ada Craddock, Robert Woodley, and Stafford Davenport took the affirmative arguing that the government should operate the banks.

Jack Spencer, Anna Blue, and Ralph Davenport took the negative. The judges A. T. Brooks, Miss Mary Louise Smith, and Mrs. A. S. Holmes decided in favor of the negative.

Rocky Mount Man Draws \$100 Fine On Liquor Charge

Mrs. Julius Dunn Is Hurt in Collision Near Creswell; Both Cars Damaged

Herbert Millwood, 30, of Rocky Mount, was sentenced to a year on the roads in recorder's court this week as the result of a week-end crash between his machine and one driven by Julius Dunn, 35, a worker on the Sound Bridge. The sentence was later changed to \$100 fine and costs.

The collision occurred about six miles from Creswell and resulted in serious damage to both automobiles and personal injuries to Mrs. Dunn, who was riding with her husband at the time.

In Millwood's car were 15 five-gallon cans of whiskey, which he was said to have obtained somewhere east of Creswell and was taking to Rocky Mount to sell at wholesale.

He entered a plea of guilty to the charge of having and transporting illicit liquor and was given the road sentence when it was understood that he could not pay a fine. This was later arranged, however, and he was released upon payment of costs and a \$100 fine and it was agreed that he would pay for the damage to the other machine.

560 Children Take Part in Exercises On Half Holiday

History Repeats; New Generation Does Not Know War Horror, Speaker Says

Armistice Day was observed in Plymouth Thursday, with 560 school children participating in the parade and exercises.

Former Lieutenant Governor Sandy Graham delivered the principal address.

"The magnitude and awfulness of the World War were so great that they should have taught the world that this must never again occur," he said.

"But the memory of man is fleeting, and history forever repeats. Already many nations are at war so that we must not, in the midst of the joy of the celebration of our peace, forget that there is always danger that war will come again."

The former lieutenant governor spoke of his own experiences with the American Army in France and told of the joy with which the troops laid down their arms at 11 o'clock 19 years ago.

He was introduced by Dr. Claudius McGowan, district commander of the Legion. Commander P. B. Bateman conducted the exercises in the Plymouth Theatre, and Mrs. Edison Davenport read two poems appropriate for the Armistice: "In Flanders' Fields," "I Have a Rendezvous With Death."

The Rev. C. T. Thrift gave a prayer as the parade paused for "Taps" in the square before the Legion Hall, and the Rev. N. A. Taylor delivered the invocation opening the exercises in the theater.

\$20,000 Needed at Once If Creswell Is To Get School

Committee Holds Meeting To Discuss Methods of Raising Money

County officials are faced with the problem of raising nearly \$20,000 and raising it quickly if the proposed Creswell school is to be built.

The Federal offer of \$22,185 to help finance the \$70,000 project was made with the understanding that it would remain open only for a short time, and that time is rapidly expiring.

At a special meeting of the joint committee of the county commissioners and county school board this week various possibilities for obtaining the balance needed were discussed. Approximately \$25,000 is available from the state literary fund, but so far nothing else appears at all certain.

Church Stewards Hold Meet at Pleasant Grove

The board of stewards of the Pleasant Grove church voted unanimously this week for the return of their pastor, the Rev. W. J. Watson.

The meeting, held at the home of Mrs. J. C. Tarkenton, reelected Mrs. W. B. Chesson as chairman. The church ledger was revised and all phases of church work discussed.

Bishop Darst Coming To Washington County

The Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, bishop of the Eastern Carolina Diocese, will make his regular visitation to Christ Church in Creswell Sunday night at 7:30 for the purpose of confirmation.

He will be in Columbia at 11 a. m. and at Galilee Mission at Lake Phelps in the afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Peanut Warehouse Ready To Receive Crop in Plymouth

Peanuts Must Grade To U. S. Number 3 or Better; 3 1-4 Cents Sure

The peanut warehouse in Plymouth will be ready to receive deliveries from farmers of Washington County this week-end, according to County Agent W. V. Hays.

Here peanuts will be weighed and graded. They must grade U. S. No. 3 or better, he said.

And most of the peanuts produced in Washington County are expected to come in this grade. Where there is a doubt in the owner's mind, it is suggested that a sample of the peanuts be brought to the grader before the crop is delivered to the warehouse.

As explained by Mr. Hays, the last Congress passed a law which set aside a certain percentage of import duties to be used in aiding the orderly marketing of the crop. And the Peanut Stabilization Corporation, with head offices in Edenton, was set up to carry on this work.

When peanuts are turned over to the warehouse, the growers will receive drafts payable at the local bank. The growers have nothing more to do with the peanuts, but will share in the proceeds should prices advance enough to pay storage and other costs necessary in handling.

"We have about 50 per cent of our peanuts grown by people who through necessity or the desire to sell as early as possible let the peanuts go to market before the market is really established," Mr. Hays said.

"If these peanuts could be held in warehouses the market would possibly level out. The plan offered is at least an insurance policy to the peanut grower that his peanuts should bring at least 3 1-4 cents."

Health Records of Servants May Be Kept in County

Need of Some Method for Checking Stressed by Dr. Lewis in Address

Health records may be kept on servants employed in this county by the Washington County Board of Health cooperating with the District Board of Health under the supervision of Dr. S. V. Lewis.

This move is being taken because of the prevalence of syphilis and other venereal diseases among certain classes in this section. And the need of this organized health method was emphasized by Dr. Lewis at a meeting of the Lions Club last Thursday night.

Acting Secretary W. L. Whitley was instructed by the club to write to the board of health urging that this system of protection for those who employ servants be inaugurated without delay in order that the ravages of these venereal diseases may be decreased.

Dr. Lewis pointed out that this was an easy way for a servant to get a job by presenting her health certificate showing that she was free from contagious disease and that it was protection for employers.

There is a law now that requires fruit handlers and those working in canneries and such places be examined and employers hope that they can get this passed on to the servants thus preventing those from working around the tables and children in homes with these dreaded diseases.

In this way when a servant applies for work they can present their health certificate or can be examined by local physicians and the records sent to us so that we can keep them. Dr. Lewis told of a person who had rather than an infected person work for him if they were under treatment, than for one to work for him and he didn't know whether they were diseased or not.

One employer told of having 96 examined with only two being infected; one party claimed they could name 30 persons here infected; another replied that they knew 34 who were being treated at the present, a family including a mother, father, and three children are suffering from it.

TO GIVE BANQUET

The Plymouth Junior Womans Club will give a banquet for husbands, friends, and new members in the Community Hall next Monday at 7 p. m.

An invitation has been extended to all young women from 18 to 35 to join the club at this time and bring either a husband or a friend to the banquet.

Tickets may be obtained from Miss Martha Mayo up until November 13th.

Highway Accidents Take Heavy Toll in Section Over Week-End; One Dead, Several Seriously Hurt

Charles Cameron Dies From Injuries Received in Wreck

Lost Control of Car on Curve Near Gardners Creek Early Monday

Charles Cameron was given just 1 chance in 100 of living when taken from the wreck of his new automobile near Gardners Creek early Monday.

He died Tuesday morning in the hospital at Washington, and his body was sent to Goldsboro for burial at his old home.

Cameron's car got out of control on a curve in the road and hurtled end over end, piling up in a mass of twisted steel and shattered glass. The speedometer showed it had been driven just 1,056 miles.

He was taken to Williamston by G. F. Joyner, baggage master of the Plymouth-Tarboro train, on which Cameron had been working as a mail clerk. Joyner was driving just a few hundred yards behind Cameron on the way to Plymouth when the accident happened.

Cameron had been living in Plymouth for about a year. He was single and had been in the state sanatorium for tuberculosis before coming here.

Ursula Bateman Will Represent County at Meet

Gathering of Welfare Officers Being Held in Hertford This Week

Miss Ursula Bateman will represent Washington county at the first of six annual district welfare conferences in the Baptist Church at Hertford Friday.

The conference is sponsored by the cooperative efforts of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare and the Association of County Superintendents of Public Welfare.

Attending the conference in Hertford will be representatives of the following 22 counties: Beaufort, Bertie, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Craven, Currituck, Dare, Edgecombe, Gates, Greene, Hertford, Hyde, Lenoir, Martin, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Pitt, Tyrrell, Washington, and Wilson.

Scuppernong Farm House Bids Asked For 23 Families

Federal Project Going Ahead Rapidly, With Drainage Work 'Satisfactory'

Bids will be opened on November 24 for construction of the first houses to be built at Scuppernong Farms, the Federal government's 10,800 acre tract north of Lake Phelps.

The first bids provide for houses for 23 family sized farms, including dwellings, poultry houses, smoke houses, barns, and sanitary privies.

There will also be driven pump wells for each farm, according to T. W. Armstrong, community manager.

The 23 families who will occupy the farm units to be built this fall have received loans from the Farm Security Administration and will pay for their farms on purchase contracts.

Each borrower, according to Mr. Armstrong, agrees in accepting the loan to follow approved crop rotation and farm management plans suited to his particular farm.

The first houses will be started on subdivision tracts of the Somerset farm and completed on adjoining lands to the east. The tracts average 40 acres of cleared land and 10 to 15 acres of woodland.

The work of widening and deepening drainage canals, which were dug years ago by slave labor is progressing satisfactorily, according to Mr. Armstrong.

About five and a half miles of canal right-of-ways have now been cleared and graded and two and a quarter miles of canals are now completed.

The 30 foot canal on which the dredges are now working will be completed in time to insure adequate drainage of the Somerset lands for farming during 1938, and this canal will also aid considerably in draining the Sheppard farm, it is said.

MERCHANTS MEET

A special meeting of the Plymouth Merchants Association was called this week to follow the regular Thursday evening supper meeting of the Lions Club.

It was expected that the question of the government shipping mail between Plymouth and Tarboro by truck instead of by rail, as at present, would be one of the principal topics discussed.

There is considerable reason to believe that if this change is made it will soon result in Plymouth losing its present passenger-express train to Tarboro, most of the merchants believe.

If this happens, it is feared that a number of railroad employees may be thrown out of work, the mail service will be less efficient, and the express service will suffer.

Silver Communion Set Is Presented Christian Church

Beautiful Gift Made by Mrs. Browning in Memory of Husband and Son

Members of the Christian Church of Plymouth are very proud of a beautiful silver communion service presented the church last Sunday by Mrs. Margaret Warren Browning in memory of her first husband and son.

The set includes 108 individual wine glasses, three silver glass trays, three bread plates of silver and an engraved silver cover with a handle in the form of a processional cross.

An inscription on the cover bears the words: "To the Glory of God and in loving memory of I. A. Warren, born June 5, 1877, died Dec. 8, 1918, and Merle Warren, born May 22, 1907, died May 22, 1911, presented by wife and mother, Margaret Warren Browning, November 1, 1937."

Mrs. Browning's gift came as a surprise to members of the church during their observance of "Home Coming Day" which was held last Sunday with the Rev. John Goff of Williamston preaching at the evening sermon.

New Fruit Stand Is Opened Here

A new fruit stand in the building across from the Plymouth Motor Company on Water street is being operated by Bill Sumerlin, who moved to Plymouth three weeks ago from Belhaven.

Mr. Sumerlin was at one time engaged in the tobacco business. He is now carrying a stock of apples, oranges, grapefruit, coconuts, and similar fruit, and plans to add all kinds of nuts and candy as soon as possible, in time for the Christmas trade.

\$20 Prize Is Won by Mill Village Resident

Store Manager Is Back From Trip With His Bride

Three Employees of Local Store Wed in Two Days; Two Brides Cousins

Manager Clarence E. Hall, of Roses Department Store, and his bride, the former Miss Eliza Robertson, who was the store cashier until about two months ago, returned this week from a short honeymoon.

They were married in Plymouth on Monday a week ago by Justice of the Peace Tom McNair, just a day after Mr. McNair had married Miss Nellie Bateman, the store's assistant cashier, and Howard Glass, 22, formerly of Greensboro and now with the Virginia Electric & Power Company here.

Mr. Hall is 28 and came to Plymouth from Beaufort, where he was assistant manager of a store owned by the same company. Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Glass are cousins and both took student nurse courses at a Washington hospital several years ago, and a double wedding was first planned.

Plymouth Man Is Killed; Youth in Critical Condition

Five Automobiles Damaged In Series of Accidents; Two Men Arrested

Highway accidents took a heavy toll in Washington County over the week-end.

Charles Cameron, 25, of Plymouth, is dead; Leon Ange, Jr., 13, is in a Washington hospital, seriously injured internally; Aubrey Dixon, also about 13, has a broken arm; Leon Ange, sr., is still suffering from an injured back which kept him in bed until he left to attend court; and five automobiles are badly wrecked.

Hardly able to walk, Steve Doty, generally known as "New York Slim," faced charges of operating under the influence of liquor, driving recklessly, damaging the automobile of another, and injuring Leon Ange and his son.

He was ordered to serve 60 days on the roads and probable cause was found to hold him for the January term of superior court, pending the outcome of the Ange boy's injuries.

Doty in First Crash The first in the series of accidents was that in which Doty and Ange were involved. It occurred about a mile east of Plymouth, shortly before dark Saturday afternoon.

According to testimony offered in Recorder's Court, Doty was driving an auto owned by Lawrence Matthews, of New Jersey, who came to Plymouth to solicit business for two barnstorming aviators.

J. T. Weede and Sheriff J. K. Reid testified that he had been drinking before the accident.

David Johnston, of Roper, age 12, told the court that he thumbed a ride with Doty in company with two other boys, Elmore Ambrose and Aubrey Dixon, both of Roper. The last time he looked at the speedometer it was registering 80 miles an hour, he said, and that was just before the crash occurred.

Similar testimony was given by the Ambrose boy, who said the machine would not hold to the road because of the great speed at which it was going.

Leon Ange testified that he had been driving toward Plymouth from Roper at about 15 miles an hour in an old car when he saw Doty "almost flying down the road." "I pulled off the road, entirely onto the shoulder, I believe," he testified.

When his machine was hit it was turned over into the ditch, he said, but could not tell how many times it rolled over.

Car on Boy's Back "When I came to, I was standing with my head sticking out of the side of the car, and my boy was lying at my feet, the car on his back," he said. "I hollered for help and three or four men helped me lift the car off him." Sheriff Reid testified that when he saw the Ange boy, his face was black.

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3 Lose \$20 Prize By Absence When Stubs Are Drawn

Winners Paid Off in Silver Dollars This Week; Large Crowd

Three persons lost \$20 cash prizes by failing to attend the weekly drawing of numbers in Plymouth Wednesday afternoon.

The fourth number drawn, however, was claimed by Mrs. H. J. Ferguson, who lives in one of the new homes in the pulp mill village. She won 20 silver dollars on a ticket from Liverman's Store.

The fifth ticket was lucky for Mrs. Blanche Robbins, who held a stub from Chesson's Furniture Store.

The next two numbers were pronounced dead after none came forward within 5 minutes to claim the \$5 in silver cartwheels which each would have meant.

William Houston, of Plymouth, won the third \$5 prize with a ticket from the Plymouth Motor Company; and Ben Sumner, of Plymouth, took the last with a ticket from Liverman's Drug Store.