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Large Steel Barge To Be Used by Mill For Shipping Pulp

275-Foot Craft Is One of Largest; To Be Towed by 650-Horse Tug

Shipments of paper pulp will be made from the mill here to the north by water within about two weeks, it is expected.

The North Carolina Pulp Company is awaiting delivery of a 275-foot steel barge, said to be one of the largest of its kind ever built.

It will be 40 feet wide, 20 feet deep, and will have a capacity of 2,500 tons. The barge is being built in Wilmington, Del., and may arrive here within 10 days, it is said.

A 650-horsepower Diesel tug, obtained in New York under a lease arrangement, will be used in towing this barge. It is expected that shipping the pulp by water will be considerably less expensive than it has been to ship it by rail.

This will be slower, however, and rail shipments will probably be continued, at least for the present.

The barge will take the Inland Waterway route, and so will not have to cross any open water on the way.

Consider Improving Municipal Building

Estimates are being prepared by officials of the town of Plymouth upon a request by the Lions Club to determine the cost of improving the municipal building which faces down Washington Street.

Commander P. B. Bateman advanced the idea that the American Legion might wish to aid the Lions in this matter, as he, as a member of the Lions Club, first made the suggestion, which was pressed by Carl L. Bailey.

Some wanted to paint the front a lighter color, while the majority seem to be in favor of stuccoing the building with a light shade for the top and a darker shade at the bottom.

Still Working on School Financing

County officials continued their efforts this week to raise the necessary money needed to finance the new school for Creswell, but without success.

It is thought that an extension of time may possibly be granted by the Federal Government.

Plymouth Man Dies Of Unusual Malady

Claire Wilson Was Victim of Blood Clot in Abdomen

Sudden Death Attributed To Ptomaine Poisoning Before Autopsy

Claire Wilson, whose sudden death this week was at first believed due to ptomaine poisoning, actually died as the result of "mesenteric thrombosis," according to Dr. T. L. Bray. This, the doctor explained, is an unusual type of sickness caused by blood clots in the mesenteric artery so that gangrene in the abdomen results.

Mr. Wilson had been working at the pulp mill, and, as his lunch was stolen Sunday, he purchased a sandwich. Shortly after, he began to feel sick and Dr. Bray was called. The doctor instructed his family to get in touch with him if the man did not soon become better, but was not called again until late Monday.

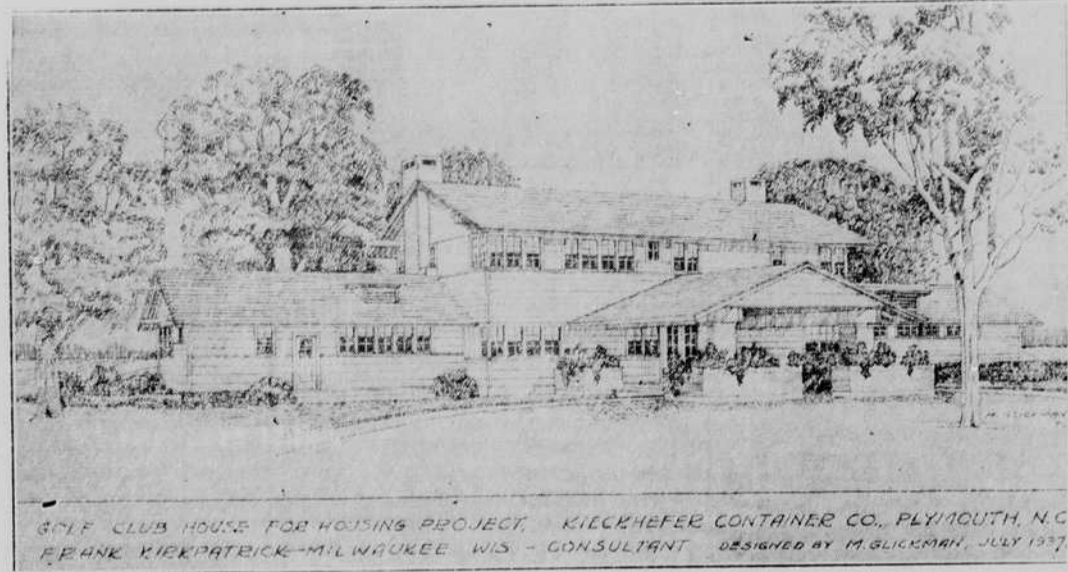
He ordered him to be taken to the hospital at Rocky Mount at once, and he left shortly after in Nurney's ambulance accompanied by his wife. The ambulance had hardly reached Jamesville when he died. An autopsy performed by Dr. Bray, with the assistance of Dr. Papineau, revealed the cause of his condition.

Mr. Wilson had been in Plymouth about 10 years and was married less than a year ago. Until recently he was working at the handle factory. Mr. Wilson was originally from Indiana. He was 29 years of age and leaves no children.

The funeral service was held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 in the Christian church and interment was at the Windley Cemetery.

Honorary and active pall bearers will consist of the members of the Plymouth Fire Department, to which he formerly belonged.

COUNTRY CLUB OFFICIAL OPENING THANKSGIVING DAY



The official opening of the new Plymouth Country Club and Golf Course has been set for Thanksgiving Day. There will be a reception at the club house in the afternoon, two golf tournaments, and a dance in the evening. The golf course has now been in use for about two weeks, but there is still some work to be completed on the club house. Everything will be in readiness by next Thursday, however, it is expected.

Club To Be Officially Opened Thanksgiving

"Open House," Two Golf Tournaments, Dance Are Features

Full Day's Program of Activities Outlined by Special Committees

Two golf tournaments, an "open house" reception in the afternoon, and a dance at night are features of the official opening of the Plymouth Country Club and Golf Course to be held Thanksgiving Day, Thursday of next week, it was announced by W. W. Henderson, president of the club, and members of the entertainment committee.

The golf course has been completed and in use for about two weeks, and while there is some work yet to be done on the club house itself, officials expect everything to be in readiness for the opening next Thursday.

Announcement of the official opening followed a meeting of the club trustees held Monday night, when various committees were appointed to handle the details. Another meeting of the trustees will be held next Monday to perfect the plans now being made.

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GRANDFATHER AGAIN

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Hardison became grandparents again this week, with the birth of a little girl to their daughter, Mrs. Samuel Ruark, of Raleigh.

The postmaster and his wife now have four grandchildren, the first three being triplets born eight years ago to their daughter, Mrs. Gershon Leiberson, of Los Angeles, Calif.

Mrs. Ruark, formerly Miss Hope Hardison, has lived in Raleigh now for about six years, and this is her first child.

Mr. and Mrs. White Celebrate Golden Wedding Tuesday

Skinner'sville Couple Have Lived 48 Years in Washington County

Mr. and Mrs. C. V. White, of Skinner'sville, observed their golden wedding anniversary this week.

The couple were married 50 years ago Tuesday by the Rev. W. Lowe at Rehoboth M. P. Church and went to Edenton for a wedding trip, crossing the sound on the old "Haven Belle."

They lived two years in Edenton, then returned to Skinner'sville, where they have spent the past 48 years.

Mr. White is now 82, 13 years older than his wife, but both have enjoyed excellent health all their lives. He has a vivid recollection of Civil War days, and especially of the battle between the Confederate ironclad "Albatross" and three Union gunboats, which occurred in the sound within view of his grandfather's home.

Town Hires Firm To Work Out Bond Refinancing Plan

North Carolina Municipal Council To Attempt Satisfactory Settlement

The Plymouth City Council this week approved a contract with the North Carolina Municipal Council, Inc., of Raleigh, under which the organization will attempt to work out a refinancing plan to assist the city in meeting its bond interest and sinking fund payments.

Approval of the contract followed a lengthy special meeting of the council on Wednesday evening.

It is expected that if the plan drawn up by the firm is satisfactory to the council, it will be ready for submission to the bondholders within a few months and may be put into effect within a year or two.

The plan probably will be based on a proposition for the scaling down of interest requirements for a few years in order to make it possible for the town to pay off some of the principal so that in future years the debt service requirements will be less, it is expected.

400 Delinquent Building & Loan Shares Problem

Treasurer M. W. Spruill Asks Subscribers To Pay or Give Them Up

City Clerk M. W. Spruill, who was recently made treasurer of the Plymouth Building & Loan Association, announced this week that entrance fees and weekly installments have been paid on about 600 shares of the Association stock.

There are another 400 shares, however, on which neither the entrance fees, nor any installments have been paid, he said.

"I wish those who subscribed to these 400 shares would either begin making their payments or notify me that they wish to drop out so that we can sell their shares to other investors," he said.

Payments on all shares are received by Mr. Spruill at the city clerk's office.

School Lunch Room Opens in December

The new lunch room for Plymouth High School will probably be opened the first of December, Principal R. B. Trotman announced this week.

Lunches will be served for as little as 10 cents. The food will be prepared in accordance with recommendations of the State Board of Health. There will be soups, sandwiches, milk, and vegetables.

The lunch room will be non-profit making and is to be made possible by cooperation with the WPA, which is to provide necessary operators.

Special Services at Creswell Churches

Dr. G. A. Martin will conduct the union Thanksgiving service in Christ Church, Creswell, next Thursday morning at 10 a. m. and the public is invited.

There will be a Thanksgiving Day service at Phillippi church at 7:30 in the evening, with the Rev. Warren Davis, of Washington, conducting, the regular pastor, Rev. M. Bennett, announced this week.

Bird and Rabbit Hunting Season Opens Saturday

Migratory Waterfowl May Be Shot With Restrictions Beginning November 27

The hunting season for birds and rabbits opens in Washington County on November 20, and Federal regulations permit shooting of migratory waterfowl, beginning on November 27, according to Game Warden Tom Terry.

With good hunting reported after the opening of the bear, deer and opossum season on October 1, the call for county and state licenses here has been far ahead of any in recent years.

Already close to \$1,350 worth of permits have been issued this fall, and it is expected that at least another \$500 worth will be sold before the close of the season.

State regulations permit the shooting of quail from November 20 to February 15 and wild turkey during the same period. The season for ruffed grouse opens also on November 20, but closes two months sooner, on December 15.

The federal laws permit shooting of duck, geese, jacksnipe, and coot from November 27 to December 26, but close the season for sora, rail, marsh hen, and gallinule on November 30.

There is no open season, however, on the wood duck, ruddy duck, buff-necked duck, redhead duck, canvas-back duck, brant, Ross's Geese, swan or snow geese.

Migratory waterfowl must not be hunted without purchase of \$1 duck stamps by those over 16 years and it is illegal to hunt over baited areas or to use live decoys. Waterfowl may not be shot before 7 a. m. or after 4 p. m.

It is also illegal to use any firearm except a shotgun not larger than 10-gauge or an automatic or hand-operated repeated shotgun capable of holding more than three shells.

Copies of the game laws, which explain in detail what is permitted and what is illegal may be obtained from Game Warden Terry in Plymouth or from any of his representatives who sell game licenses.

Lions Club Joins Business Men in Protest on Mail

Resolutions Adopted Urge Renewal of Coast Line Mail Contract

The Plymouth Lions Club and the Merchants Association joined this week in protest against any change in the mail service.

Both organizations have taken the position that if the contract for carrying the mail between here and Tarboro is taken away from the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad and given to star route carriers it will mean the elimination of passenger and express service as well on this line.

In a letter addressed to Postmaster George W. Hardison, T. C. Burgess asked him to speak for the merchants and general public of Plymouth.

"At a meeting of the Merchants Association on November 11, it was brought to the attention of the members that the Postal Department is considering the taking of mail off the Atlantic Coast Line train between Plymouth and Tarboro," he wrote.

"A resolution was unanimously adopted protesting this proposal on the grounds that the Merchants and public as a whole will be better served throughout the year if the mail is carried as at present on the morning and evening trains of this line.

"Therefore we request that the mail be continued with the two Atlantic Coast Line trains in and out of Plymouth, and that you bring this matter to the attention of the postal authorities, explaining to them that we need this service, especially since Plymouth began growing so rapidly as a result of the recent construction of a large pulp mill here."

11 Children Secure Glasses From Lions

Glasses for 11 children have been purchased and presented to those needing them by the Lions Club of Plymouth. And these school children wrote simple but effective words of appreciation, which were read at last meeting by the club secretary, Rev. N. A. Taylor.

The glasses went to children in Roper, Creswell, Cherry, and Plymouth, following a clinic sponsored by H. H. McLean, superintendent of public instruction with a Washington N. C. doctor in charge of the clinic.

Farmers Getting First Federal Peanut Money

HEADS FARM BUREAU

W. D. Phelps has been elected president of the Washington County Farm Bureau, County Agent W. V. Hays announced this week.

Lee Hassell is the first vice president, and Frances Beasley secretary and treasurer.

The next meeting will be held at 2 p. m., December 11, in the assembly hall in the Agriculture Building.

"This is a good organization and should be well supported by the farmers of Washington County," Mr. Hays said.

J. J. Brinkley Wins \$20 First Award at Weekly Drawing

Every Number Is Promptly Claimed This Week; Two Colored Winners

First prize of \$20 in the Wednesday drawing of cash awards put up by Plymouth merchants went to J. J. Brinkley, of Plymouth, this week. Mr. Brinkley is the father of Shep Brinkley, theater manager.

Mrs. C. C. Baker, of Plymouth, won the first \$5 prize; Richard Garrett, colored, of Plymouth, received the second \$5 prize; and Mary Brooks, of White City, won the third.

Fourth prize of \$5 went to Mrs. Clarence Blount, of Plymouth, on a ticket she was holding for a friend.

A good-sized crowd was on hand for the drawing and for the first time in several weeks every number called was promptly claimed. Last week three persons lost the \$20 first prize by failing to present their tickets.

Myrtle Hopkins Makes Greenville All-Star Team

Myrtle Hopkins, who last year played forward on the girls basketball team at Plymouth High School, has made the all star team at Greenville, Miss Louise Brinkley announced this week.

Urge Farmers To Cut Pine More Carefully

223 HOGS SOLD HERE

The price of hogs fell off just a few minutes before the auction held in Plymouth this week so that bids were reduced 25 cents.

Three carloads, including 223 hogs were sold at a price of \$8.90. It is not likely at present that the price will fall much lower, according to County Agent Hays, but the price at this sale was less than half of that in some sales held here earlier in the year, he said.

Rehearsals Start On Little Theater Drama This Week

C. O. Armstrong, R. B. Trotman, W. C. Anderson and Mrs. Starr in Cast

Rehearsals began here this week for the Federal Little Theater production of the stage and screen hit "Smiling Through."

Coach Cleaton O. Armstrong, of the Plymouth high school will take the part of Uncle John, played in the moving picture a few years ago by Leslie Howard.

Principal Robert B. Trotman will take the part of Dr. Harding, and Mrs. Mary Fagan Coley, of Dardens, will play Kathleen Dunsannon, the part taken in the movie by Norma Shearer.

William C. Anderson, a member of the State Highway Department force here at present, will also be in the cast, as will Gilmer Avers, who is to take the part played by Frederick March in the screen production. Mrs. Douglas Starr will have the role of Mary Clare.

Present plans call for the presentation of the play in the high school auditorium on Friday evening, December 3.

Scenery will cost about \$25, costumes about \$10, royalties about \$25, and incidentals close to \$15.

Official Opening of Local Warehouse Made Wednesday

Farmers May Receive \$6,500 On Peanuts Sold During Past Two Weeks

Washington County farmers began receiving money this week on peanuts placed in storage at the Plymouth warehouse of the Peanut Stabilization Corporation.

By Monday between 1,500 and 2,000 bags had been brought to the warehouse, but the first payments were not made until Wednesday.

Prior to the official opening of the warehouse peanuts had been accepted as a convenience to farmers who wanted to get them under cover.

With the government paying 3 1-4 cents a pound, the farmers who had deposited peanuts before the warehouse was officially open stood to receive from \$5,000 to \$6,500 on these alone this week.

Between 2,000 and 3,000 more bags are expected to be brought to the warehouse for grading within the next few days, and as most of this year's crop in Washington County has been of good quality, it is expected that these will nearly all come up to the required standard, U. S. No. 3, or better.

There is reason to believe that the price of peanuts will improve from now on, according to Mr. Hays, who expects that commercial buyers will have to pay better than present prices if they are to obtain enough peanuts to meet their needs after the government has taken off the market all that are offered at 3 1-4 cents.

The unfavorable business conditions reported spreading in industrial sections of the country will tend to restrict buying, however, he said.

Present indications are that from 20,000 to 25,000 bags of Washington County peanuts will be sold to the Stabilization Corporation at the Plymouth warehouse, across the pickle plant, he said.

This warehouse, which is now being operated by W. H. Clark, is the former Tidewater Tobacco Warehouse.

Small Profit in Present Methods Forester States

Land Owners Could Double Income by Practice of Conservation Methods

Only a few farmers and landowners in the state are cutting pulpwood according to approved forestry standards and many are sacrificing much future income for a little present cash.

This is the conclusion of F. H. Claridge, assistant state forester who has just been on an inspection trip through a number of counties where pulpwood is being cut in large quantities.

He visited Beaufort, Washington, Warren, Halifax, and Rutherford counties.

"Some of the large pulpwood companies have formulated definite cutting rules which they are sending out to all farmers and landowners in their buying area," he found.

"But these rules evidently had not reached the hands of the landowners in the areas visited or else had been ignored.

"And exception was found in Rutherford county where one landowner had left a large number of vigorous young trees for re-seeding. But this case was unusual.

"A number of landowners interviewed said they were clearing their land for cultivation. But this appears to be a step in the wrong direction as there is generally conceded that there is too much land under cultivation now."

And State Forester J. S. Holmes, in a statement this week advises farmers that they can obtain four times as much revenue from their wood lands by adopting a more careful policy.

"Landowners with a large acreages of pine timber who are now thinking only of selling this timber for pulpwood, would do well to save some of these trees for saw timber and lumber," he said.

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