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## Over \$100,000 Worth Cotton and Peanuts Put in Storage Here

### First Warehouse Filled and Another Secured; 21,000 Bags Peanuts

More than \$100,000 worth of crops have been stored in Washington County under the plan of the Federal government to store commodities in order to stabilize farm prices.

This means that \$65,000 worth of peanuts, figured on a basis of 3 1-4 cents pound, have been put in the old Tidewater Warehouse, in charge of W. T. Freeman. Then there is close to \$40,000 worth of cotton stored in the Plymouth Cotton Bonded Warehouse, which W. T. Freeman also operates in connection with the North Carolina Cotton Growers Cooperative Association and the Federal government.

There are 21,000 bags of peanuts in storage and about 1,000 bales of cotton, advances on the latter averaging from 6 to 9 cents a pound.

Mr. Freeman does not agree with the statement that farmers are difficult to deal with, as it has been his experience with 200 that they are anxious to cooperate with the government.

J. E. Davenport was asked to be in charge of storing the other peanuts and cotton that were to be placed here, but he decided that he could not attend to the matter, and Mr. Freeman will continue to be in charge of the storage arrangements.

As the other buildings have been filled here, Mr. Freeman is now storing peanuts in the old Clark Peanut Company warehouse in front of Hor-ton's lumber mill office.

## Joe B. Davenport Joins Undertaking Firm at Creswell

### Recently Passed Examination Of State Board of Embalmers

Joseph Baker Davenport, son of C. N. Davenport, sr., Creswell mayor, and brother to C. N. Davenport, jr., chairman of the Washington County Board of Education, recently passed the examination given by the State Board of Embalmers and received his certificate as a licensed embalmer.

After receiving his license, Mr. Davenport was admitted to the partnership of his father and brother in the firm of C. N. Davenport and Sons, undertakers, at Creswell, and will be actively engaged in the business in the future.

Joseph Baker, popularly known throughout the county as "Joe Bake," graduated from an embalming school in Nashville, Tenn., and served his apprenticeship with funeral homes in Raleigh and Washington, N. C. He has a host of friends throughout the county who wish him well in his new business venture.

Mr. Davenport and his father, C. N. Davenport, sr., are in Raleigh this week purchasing supplies and equipment for the firm.

## One of \$5 Prizes Won By Creswell Woman

### Mrs. Eli Phelps Gets First Award of \$20; Sisters Are Winners

#### Interest Continues High in Drawings; Last Weekly Drawing on 15th

Two sisters and a shopper as far away as Creswell came in for their share of luck at the weekly drawing of the Plymouth Merchants Association here Wednesday.

Mrs. Eli Phelps, who lives on the Roper Highway, came through with a ticket from Blount's Hardware Store to claim the first prize of \$20 in silver on the first call.

Mrs. Louis Lucas and Mrs. Bill Dixon, sisters, won two of the \$5 prizes. Mrs. Lucas with a ticket from Campbell's Grocery and Mrs. Dixon with a ticket from Browning's store.

Mrs. Florence Furlough, of Creswell, with a ticket from Winslow's store, was given \$5 in silver cart-wheels, as was Chief of Police P. W. Brown, whose unsigned ticket brought him the five silver dollars.

Attention is called to the fact that on next Wednesday, December 15th, the last of the weekly drawings will be held. There will be no drawing during Christmas week, but on Monday, December 27, the final drawing for the major prizes will be held.

## Lloyd Griffin To Speak at Father-Son Banquet Here

A speech by Lloyd Griffin, of Raleigh, executive secretary of the State School Commission, will feature the first father and son banquet that is to be held Friday night in the Plymouth school.

Mr. Griffin writes that "it will be a pleasure to have the opportunity of speaking to the fathers of students taking vocational agriculture," and Mr. Starr believes that it will be more of a pleasure to hear Mr. Griffin.

According to W. D. Starr, instructor, these banquets are held annually to give the students an opportunity to have their fathers and a few invited guests with them.

In these meetings the boys show their accomplishments, talk over their objectives for the coming term and show what the course offers in training leadership and future successful farmers.

Recorder John W. Darden will introduce Mr. Griffin to the fathers, sons and guests present.

## Christmas Cheer for Poor Being Assured

### STUDENT LEADER



Robert B. Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Campbell, of Plymouth, has been included in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges" for his leadership at Wake Forest College, where he received his A.B. degree last June and is now in the law school. "Bob" is vice president of the student body and president of the N. Y. Gulley Law Society.

## Disagree On Price Of Highway Strip

Land for highways in Washington County is selling high, if the report of commissioners appointed to appraise the value of a strip 4 feet wide tapering down to zero as it crosses the lot of F. O. Watkins, on Highway No. 64 in front of Browning's Filling Station, is taken into consideration.

Commissioners J. R. Manning, John Swinson and R. S. Browning claimed that it was worth \$250 for the strip. The town has refused to pay the appraised value and may institute condemnation proceedings in an effort to secure the land at a smaller figure. The land is wanted in order that the highway may be widened at the curve there.

## Beta Clubs Formed At School Here and In Roper This Week

### Members Must Have Scholastic Average of 85 and Desirable Characteristics

#### Start Winding Up Affairs of Firm Saturday; Likely To Require Some Time

After operating a successful business for 65 years, the A. G. Walker firm in Creswell has decided to discontinue business as soon as they dispose of the merchandise that they now have in their store.

Mr. A. G. Walker came to Creswell from Tyrrell County some 65 years ago and went into business. His son, H. G. Walker, took charge of the business in 1907, when the elder Mr. Walker retired, and John L. Phelps became superintendent of the farming operations at the same time. This work embracing the cultivation of 2,000 acres of land. The senior Mr. Walker died in 1931.

About three months ago, the firm, which had been operating as an estate, sold hundreds of acres of land to the government for the rural resettlement project.

Efforts to close out the affairs of the firm will start Saturday with a going-out-of-business sale, but it may take several months before the store will be finally closed, as all of the large mercantile stock must be sold.

## Plans Complete for Celebrating Grace Church Centennial

### Acceptances Received From 75 Out-of-Town Invited Guests To Date

Acceptances have been received in each mail by Mrs. J. B. Edmundson, chairman of the Grace Church invitation committee, leading to the belief that upwards of 75 people will be here from out of town to attend the centennial observance of the founding of Grace Episcopal parish here.

Several days ago about 150 invitations were issued to out-of-town members and people who had formerly been connected with the church but who have moved away.

Among those expected are members of the clergy from all over this section who have at one time or another been connected with Grace Church. Heading the list is Bishop Thomas C. Darst, of Wilmington, who will be the principal speaker; with the Rev. W. R. Noe, executive secretary of the diocese, also expected to be present.

Following the program at the church, which will begin at 11 o'clock (Sunday school being omitted), the members of the church and invited guests will enjoy a luncheon at the Legion Hall.

The church leaders urge all who will, to attend the morning service which will celebrate the hundredth anniversary of this historical church and hear the sermon by the bishop, Sidney A. Ward, jr., will read the church history, the paper being prepared by his mother.

The church has been painted in the interior and the heating system repaired so that comfort will be guaranteed to those who attend. The church yards have also been cleaned and raked to present a good appearance.

## Christmas Pageant To Be Presented in School Auditorium

### All Churches Asked To Join In Special Service Sunday, December 19

The Plymouth High School will present a Christmas Pageant in the school auditorium Sunday evening, December 19, at 7:30. In an effort to bring the people of Plymouth together in a community service at this reason an invitation has been extended to the various churches through their respective ministers to unite at this time.

The musical pageant, "The Magi's Gift," is the story of Christmas in Medieval England; how a small child because of her great faith received a Heavenly blessing and a gift of gold. The musical score is made up of old carols from the Old World and also those familiar. These carols are sung by the high school glee club of 50 voices.

The whole pageant is in keeping with the sacredness of the season and is presented in a setting of Old England. The most impressive part of the program is the scene of the Nativity, when the Magi and shepherds come to worship at the feet of the Christ Child. The program is being directed and staged by R. B. Trotman. Miss Modlin is assisting with the glee club and Mrs. Laura Johnston is accompanist.

An offering will be taken at this service, the entire amount to be turned over to the benevolent committee of the American Legion to be used by them in bringing happiness into the homes of the less fortunate.

The devotional service which will precede the pageant will be conducted by local ministers and includes a prayer by Rev. Richard Lucas, the Scripture reading by Rev. C. T. Thrift and benediction by Rev. N. A. Taylor.

## Funeral Saturday For Mr. Jim Nooney

Funeral services for Mr. Jim Nooney, who died Saturday at his home near Creswell as the result of paralysis, were conducted at the home by Rev. J. H. Bennett. Burial followed in the family cemetery.

Surviving are three sons, Jesse and Joe Nooney, of this county; Ernest Nooney, of Norfolk; two daughters, Mrs. Travis Swain, of Creswell; and Mrs. Jake Davenport, of Norfolk.

## To Hold Sunday School Convention at Creswell

The Scuppernon Town Sunday School Convention will be held at the Creswell Methodist Episcopal Church next Sunday afternoon at 2:30, it was announced this week. The public is invited to attend.

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At this season, let us remember them first when we start out to do our Christmas shopping, realizing full well that the individual success of each of us is dependent to a large extent upon the success of the home merchants.

## Farm Tenant Loans Available in County

### Washington One of 17 Counties in State Where Loans Made

#### To Aid Tenant Families in Buying and Improving Small Farms

Washington County has been designated by the Secretary of Agriculture as one of the 17 counties in this state in which the Farm Security Administration will make tenant land-purchase loans before June 30, 1938, to help farm tenants become owners, as authorized by the Bankhead-Jones Farm Tenant Act.

The announcement was made today by C. G. Hutcheson, County Rehabilitation Supervisor, in charge of Farm Security Administration activities in Washington County. Mr. Hutcheson issued the announcement from his office in Plymouth upon receipt of official notice from State Director Vance E. Swift, of Raleigh.

A county advisory committee will examine applications for loans, appraise farms applicants propose to purchase, and recommend applications who have the character, ability and experience deemed necessary for successful farm ownership. Money will be lent to aid tenant families to buy and improve family sized farms and to make a better living by the use of good farming methods.

Borrowers will have the help of Rehabilitation supervisors in building or repairing their houses, barns, and other outbuildings, and in making their plans to do better farming. Land purchase loans may be equal to the full value of the farms and borrowers may have up to 40 years in which to repay. Interest charged is 3 per cent.

Other things being equal, preference will be given to tenants owning their own livestock and equipment or to those able to make a small down payment. However, no loan will be made to a tenant who is able to secure adequate credit from the Federal Land Bank or other sources. All applications for land purchase loans will be filed with the County Supervisor at his office in Plymouth, where further information will be given.

Mr. Hutcheson emphasizes the fact that only a limited number of loans for the purchase and improvement of farms can be made during the present fiscal year, ending June 30, 1938.

The tenant land purchase program is being administered in connection with the rehabilitation program, and, although these land purchase loans are limited, regular rehabilitation loans for crop production, and the purchase of livestock and equipment needs, are available in every county to eligible farmers and tenants who cannot obtain suitable credit elsewhere, the supervisor said.

Counties designated in North Carolina in which tenant land purchase loans will be made prior to June 30, 1938, are as follows: Caswell, Chatham, Cleveland, Edgecombe, Franklin, Guilford, Henderson, Hertford, Iredell, Madison, Onslow, Orange, Richmond, Robeson, Union, Washington, and Wilkes.

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## Unofficial Reports Say Survey Made in Mackeys Section

### Lease of Over 400,000 Acres Is Approved by Federal Court Last Week

Another pulp plant for this section looms as a possibility, with the announcement last week that the Union Bag & Timber Company had leased from the receivers of the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company over 400,000 acres of land, representing the entire holdings of the John L. Roper Lumber Company in eastern North Carolina and Tidewater Virginia, and including about 35,000 acres in this county.

A condition of the lease, approved by a Federal court in Norfolk last week, is that the lessee must, on or before February 1, 1939, begin construction of a pulp and paper or board mill with a daily capacity of at least 150 tons on John L. Roper Lumber Company property adjacent to Norfolk Southern tracks.

A check on the tax books here reveals that the Norfolk Southern Land Company, a subsidiary of the Norfolk Southern Railroad Co., owns about 35,000 acres of land in Washington County, much of which is in the name of the John L. Roper Lumber Company. Of this total, 23,948 acres are located in Lees Mills and 10,445 acres in Plymouth Township.

J. E. Davenport, tax collector, was of the opinion that the Norfolk Southern once owned considerably more woodland in this county than that shown, but it was considered likely some of it had been sold.

It is unofficially understood that sites near Mackeys and Belhaven have been surveyed, but this could not be confirmed.

It is known, however, that some time ago the railroad received permission from the Interstate Commerce Commission to abandon their track between Mackeys and Belhaven, and workmen are busy taking up the tracks south of the 8-mile post from Mackeys, while instructions have been issued to leave the track north of the 8-mile post and put it in first-class condition. This 8-mile stretch leads through the Roper Lumber Company holdings in the Wenona section.

There are a number of sites in Washington County, particularly in the Mackeys region, where a mill could be built adjacent to tracks of the Norfolk Southern and convenient to the timber supply and the Inland Waterway route.

The lease was issued to the Union Bag & Timber Company.

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## Local Stores To Open Nights, Starting 20th

### DECORATION PRIZES

Cash prizes totaling \$5 will be given by the Woman's Club to those having the most attractively decorated homes in Plymouth during the Christmas season. The first prize is \$3 and the second is \$2.

The decorations must be clearly seen from the street, and must stay up from December 19 to December 26.

## Interest in Scouting Continues To Show Gains Among Boys

### Three New Members Initiated At Recent Meeting; Varied Program Under Way

Interest in Scouting continues to show a healthy growth in Plymouth, the Rev. N. A. Taylor, Scoutmaster in charge of the troop here, stating this week that three more boys had recently become members of the organization.

In addition to their work in gathering and repairing old toys for distribution to the poor at Christmas, the local troop is assisting school and police authorities in making the streets safer for small children through their Safety Patrol, which directs traffic at intersections, and at a recent meeting the boys voted to refill the first-aid kit at the high school.

## Early Shopping Is Urged Now While Stocks Complete

### All Firms To Remain Open Until 9 P. M. Christmas Week for Shoppers

As an added convenience to those who wish to do their Christmas shopping in Plymouth, local merchants will keep their stores open until 9 o'clock each evening Christmas week, beginning Monday, December 29.

The merchants are urging those who are wise to select their gifts and Santa Claus items early to avoid the rush and also have a larger selection from which to choose.

There is little need of anyone going out of town to trade this year, as right here in Plymouth is one of the largest selections of merchandise that has ever been assembled for this shopping season.

The decision to stay open evenings is a result of an effort to give people here this added convenience and service, to which purchasers who work all day are entitled.

The down-town section of the town is aglow with the vari-colored lights. Above the market is standing a large tree that emphasizes perfectly the Yuletide spirit. In the show windows of the stores are displays of toys and confections and gifts for Christmas.

And, to top it all, the merchants are offering everyone an opportunity to win cash prizes by trading here.