

Endorse Movement For Making Lake Phelps State Park

Chairman of Southern Albemarle Committee Offers Services of Group

"Our committee is at the call of the State and the U. S. Farm Security Administration in their efforts to make a national or state park on the shores of Lake Phelps in Washington and Tyrrell Counties," said W. L. Whitley today.

Mr. Whitley is chairman of the Pettigrew Park committee, appointed by the Southern Albemarle Association. Other members of the committee are: Mrs. C. McGowan, W. R. Hampton, and H. H. McLean, Plymouth; Rev. J. W. Hardy, Creswell; and Mrs. W. S. Carawan, Columbia.

It is the purpose of this committee, according to Mr. Whitley, to cooperate in every way with the State and Federal agencies which are making an effort to turn this historic shrine into a national show place where tourists will gather.

Congressman Lindsay C. Warren and state officials, including W. R. Hampton, member of the State Department of Conservation and Development, have been working on this matter for some time and have about convinced the Federal government of the value of this land as a park.

Included in this arrangement will be enough of the land to embrace the old Pettigrew home site, for which the park will be named. Mr. Whitley believes that the park will be formally dedicated within a short time.

Santa Remembers Children at Home

Old Santa surely gets around at Christmas. He even found time to visit two unfortunate children at the Washington County home, L. L. Basnight, keeper, and friends saw to it. Fate sent the two children there through the medium of the welfare department, after their father was sent to the roads and the mother went to a hospital mentally ill.

Inmates and those who are renting quarters in the building because of crowded conditions contributed to a fund, and the children, one an infant and the other 5 years old, thoroughly enjoyed Santa's visit.

In the lobby a Christmas tree was placed. Light from it flooded the room. Beneath it Christmas morning was a doll, tricycle, doll carriage and confections.

DANCE FRIDAY NIGHT

Dance music and a supper will be the features at the Plymouth Country Club as the members join in celebrating New Year's Eve Friday night. A large number of members are expected to attend.

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Names of the judges were not disclosed.

150 Invited by Merchants And Lions To Feast Here

Upwards of 150 people from Washington, Tyrrell and Hyde Counties are expected to attend the dinner that will be given at the community hall here on Thursday, January 13, it was said here today.

This dinner is being sponsored by the Lions Club and the Plymouth Merchants Association, and the purpose is to invite a group of influential men from other sections in an effort to engender good will.

Rev. N. A. Taylor, secretary of the

Lions Club, has already issued about 40 invitations to the people from out of town; and Secretary T. C. Burgess, of the Merchants Association, will send about 100 to people in this county.

The program has not been completed as yet, but Mr. Burgess stated that the committee will have a good speaker and that every effort will be made to extend to the visitors the hospitality for which Plymouth is noted.

\$200 Prize Won by Miss Thelma Bryant

NEXT HOG SHIPMENT

The next cooperative hog sale will be held on Tuesday, January 4, according to County Agent W. V. Hays.

"Those intending to ship are requested to list these hogs at the county office on Saturday, at the latest. Hogs are cheap now, but at present prices they will pay for the fish meal they eat and then pay better than \$1 a bushel for corn, which increases the profit several hundred percent," says Mr. Hays, who then asks: "What is the average per bushel cost of growing corn on your farm?"

Farm Meetings for Outlining Program Are Set by Agent

Monday at Cherry; Tuesday, Creswell; Wednesday, Roper; Thursday, Here

Meetings are planned for various communities throughout the county, beginning Monday, for the purpose of explaining the 1938 farm program and how farmers may adjust their farm operations to receive the most benefit by participation in the program, it was announced this week by County Agent W. V. Hays.

These meetings are called at 7:30 p. m., as follows: Monday, Cherry school auditorium; Tuesday, Creswell schoolhouse; Wednesday, Roper schoolhouse; Thursday, agricultural building in Plymouth.

"We hope to have a good attendance at these meetings, where we will do our best to explain the various phases of the program," said Mr. Hays. "It is next to impossible to either write or read something which will give a clear conception of the workings of this program."

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Sunday Services at Christian Church

"Sunday, is a day of re-consecration; a day of new beginning; no matter what the past has been, we look toward the future with new hope," said Rev. N. A. Taylor, pastor of the Christian Church.

"Sunday is a day of new resolutions. A day to break old habits and set new goals. A day to wipe away the old that has been ugly and evil and to replace it with the new which is beautiful and hopeful.

"A church going people is a strong people. Therefore, it behooves the community to resolve and be a church minded people for 1938," concluded the minister.

Mr. Taylor has announced as his subject on Sunday morning "The Old and the New." The public is invited, he said.

Crowd of 3,000 Here For Final Drawing; Award Eight Prizes

Local Girl Claims Major Prize In Merchants Association Fall Trade Drive

What she will do with the \$200 presented her Monday by the Plymouth Merchants Association as the grand prize in their recent trade campaign has not been decided by Miss Thelma Bryant.

So far she has not used a single cent of the \$200 check that was handed to her by T. C. Burgess for the merchants, when, on the second call, she came forward through the crowd of 3,000 people that surrounded the truck platform on which the judges stood and presented the winning ticket, which she obtained at R. S. Browning's store.

Miss Bryant, a graduate of the local high school, has taken a commercial course but at the present is not working. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bryant. Her father is a section master on the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad.

Last year Bill Davenport used the \$500 first prize to go to a radio school and the year before Mrs. Bryant Jordan used her \$525 winnings to apply on a home.

The crowd was in an attitude of high good humor throughout the 45 minutes required for the drawing, but probably the happiest of the entire group—judging from outward expression—was James Ormand, colored mill worker, who claimed the second prize of \$50 with a wide grin and a ticket from E. H. Browning's store.

The winner of third award was Mrs. Blankenship, whose husband is an official of the force working on the Albemarle Sound bridge. She was given \$25. Her ticket came from the Plymouth Motor Co.

Other winners who received \$10 each: Leroy Mitchell, colored, ticket from Sanitary Market and Grocery; P. L. Carter, ticket from City Market and Grocery; Mrs. W. R. White, ticket from Burgess Shoe and Clothing Store; J. J. Brinkley, ticket from Southern Hardware Company; Tarleton Gardner, ticket from Alma's Beauty Shop.

The crowd was one of the largest ever to assemble for any event in Plymouth, but was one of the most orderly, an occasional firecracker being the only noise. While the numbers were being called, complete silence prevailed.

E. H. Liverman, L. S. Thompson, J. R. Manning, T. C. Burgess, W. F. Winslow, and A. E. Davenport participated in awarding the prizes.

Christmas Brings Larger Revenue To Liquor Stores

Whiskey revenue during the five days prior to Christmas totaled \$2,688.15 in the two Washington County stores, according to tabulation of the receipts.

For Plymouth the record was as follows: Monday, \$171.80; Tuesday, \$187.30; Wednesday, \$212.85; Thursday, \$480.05; Friday, Christmas Eve, \$1,193.75; week's total, \$2,193.75.

The Creswell figures: Monday, \$38.90; Tuesday, \$30.85; Wednesday, \$44; Thursday, \$121.55; Friday, Christmas Eve, \$259.10; total for the week, \$494.40.

Town Taxes To Be Advertised Friday

The delinquent 1936 tax list of the Town of Plymouth will be advertised in the Beacon next week. It will run through the month of January and will be sold on the first Monday in February.

There will be about 85 names with the most of these negroes. Tax collections for this year in the town have been about as good as usual but as Chief Brown says "there is always a goodly number who neglect to pay."

Applications Should Be in by February 1 Supervisor Explains

Loans Will Be Made Between Now and July 1 To Select Number of Tenants

Farm tenants will have about 30 more days to file applications with the Farm Security Administration for loans from this year's allotment of land purchase money, to buy and improve farms, according to a statement made by FSA supervisor R. E. Dunning at his office in the Leggett Building, Plymouth.

All applications for purchase loans should be in his hands by February, Mr. Dunning said.

It was pointed out that the closing of applications will apply to funds appropriated for the coming season. The time limit is set so that the county advisory committee may proceed with choosing the small number of tenants to whom loans can be made between now and July 1.

In order that all may apply and have equal consideration, it is necessary to set a closing date and place all applications before the committee Members of the Washington County committee are L. E. Hassell, Roper; Hoyt C. Davenport, Creswell; Charlie W. Brown, Plymouth.

Mr. Dunning said the farmers should not pick out a farm or get an option on the farm they hope to buy before asking for a loan. "If all those who hope to get a loan should try to get options or prices on farms, it might bring about a rise in land prices which would not be justified, as loans in any one county can be made with present funds to not more than 5 to 10 tenants," he said.

Mr. Dunning stated that applicants must be citizens of the United States who are farm tenants, share croppers, farm laborers, or others who obtain, recently obtained, most of their income from farming.

The applicant must live in the counties included in this set up to receive tenant purchase loans during 1937-'38. If otherwise acceptable, preference will be given to married persons and to families with children, to persons able to make a down payment, or to families who own live stock and equipment needed to farm. No loans will be made to a person who can get a large enough loan at reasonable terms to buy a farm.

The committee will certify which applicants have the character, ability and experience needed to succeed with one of the farms that can be purchased under this arrangement.

Colored Man Offered To Serve for Another In World War Draft

Return of Bernard Smith To Plymouth Recalls Unusual Incident in 1918

His offer to take another's draft call number manifested the zeal that Bernard Smith, colored, now of Greenville, had for his country during the World War.

When Smith came back to his native county as foreman of the brick layers now working on a garage here for Dan R. Satterthwaite, John W. Darden, member of the draft board back in the days of the war, remembered the incident.

When the call went out for Odell Lee to report, he did not respond and Smith volunteered then to take the number of Lee and be sent to the training camp.

This offer was made for two reasons, according to Smith. One that he was ready and eager to go and the other that it was a very serious crime to fail to answer the draft call and he was willing to "cover up" for Lee.

The draft board of which Mr. Darden was a member agreed to the exchange of numbers from Lee to Smith. So the train with the drafted men pulled out of Plymouth toward Norfolk with Smith in place of Lee.

When the train reached Edenton Lee reported, and Smith was allowed to continue with another number.

Smith, already in the service, continued to the training camp. After hasty preparation of only two months he boarded a ship and spent nine months overseas before the Armistice was signed.

On foreign soil Smith was in the battle at Argonne Forest and in the Vogese Hills.

If Smith had not been so eager to enter the service and had not taken the number of his friend and boarded the train in his stead, it is probable that it might have been months later before he was called, and possibly he might have avoided service altogether.

But the quiet-mannered, business-like man apparently never regretted his decision. On the job white and colored alike respect his ability as a brick mason.

42,000 Bags Peanuts Are Stored Here by Producers

Indications are today that there will be 42,000 bags of peanuts stored in warehouses in Plymouth approved by the Peanut Stabilization Corporation by the end of this week, according to W. H. Clark, who is weighing and grading them.

This means, as the Peanut Stabilization Corporation is lending an average of 3 cents a pound, that the farmers of the county have received for their peanut crop about \$115,000. This is figured on the basis of an average of 90 pounds to the bag.

Peanuts are stored in various warehouses as follows: Old tobacco warehouse, 21,000 bags; Clark Peanut

Company warehouse, 16,000 bags; warehouse at rear of municipal building, 5,000 bags. It is estimated that there is space for about 2,000 more bags in the latter warehouse if the space can be made available.

Mr. Clark believes that there are about 7,000 bags of peanuts still in the hands of producers that have not been sold or stored with the stabilization corporation. Dr. L. W. White has 1,200 bags in the Clark peanut mill not stored with the government agency, and it is understood that J. G. Staton's farm has about 1,000 bags on hand and Arthur Spruill about 500 bags.

Christmas Cheer Drive In County Big Success

Legion, Firemen and Scouts Help Provide Presents for Needy

Total of \$235 Raised by Legion, Providing 340 Stockings, 40 Baskets

A generous people rallied to the urgent call sent out by the American Legion last week, and unfortunate men, women and children enjoyed a merry Christmas with plenty of food and some toys as a result.

A total of \$235 was raised, and this made possible the sending of 340 stockings and 40 baskets to families in the county that otherwise would have had a cheerless Christmas.

All of the money was used with the exception of a few dollars which will be spent to defray transportation to a hospital for an ill veteran.

Post Commander Bruce Bateman and the district commander, Dr. Claudius McGowan, supervised the preparation of the baskets and looked after the distribution when volunteer car drivers carried the baskets and stockings over the county in a downpour of rain.

The fire department and the Boy Scouts pooled their toys and distributed them around town to gladden the hearts of many children who would not have otherwise received anything.

In the stockings were placed a pound of candy, pound of raisins, apple, orange, and toy. Into the baskets went flour, sugar, lard, meat, and other food necessities.

H. B. Spencer, secretary of the volunteer firemen here, issued the following statement this week:

"The Plymouth Fire Department and the Boy Scout troop of Plymouth take this opportunity to thank the people who donated toys to be repaired for Christmas and cash to help in doing so. Also to all persons who helped in preparing these toys for delivery to needy children of Plymouth and vicinity."

The Legionnaires also issued a statement: "We take this method of publicly stating our appreciation for the cooperation rendered to the American Legion by the people and the various organizations and agencies that helped us prepare and send out stockings and baskets for the needy."

Seek To Raise \$125 In This County for Democratic Fund

Hope To Secure Five Contributors of \$25 Each; J. C. Swain, Chairman

Washington County's efforts in the Democratic National Committee's Victory Drive for 1938 is under way with bright prospects for success by January 8, it was reported here today.

J. C. Swain, chairman of the Washington County Democratic Executive Committee has been charged with the duty of raising quota of five contributions of \$25 each making the total amount to be raised from this county of \$125.

These contributions can be made in either one of three plans: payment of \$25 at this time; payment of \$12.50 now and the remainder on March 15; or payment of \$10 now and \$5 to be paid on the 15th of February, March and April of next year.

A contribution of more than \$25, in multiples of 25, is accepted but such a contribution should be made in the names of persons at \$25 each. This State has been allotted 500 contributions of \$25 each as its quota, the quota in turn being divided among the 100 counties.

President Roosevelt himself will close the drive on the evening of January 8 with a radio address and with him will be National Chairman James A. Farley.

Patrolmen Ordered To Make Arrests for Using Old Licenses

New Plates Must Be Displayed On All Cars Saturday; Rush Expected

Those who do not have their 1938 license tags for their motor vehicles had better leave them at home starting Saturday, according to Patrolman T. B. Brown, who has instructions from state headquarters to arrest offenders.

Friday will be the last day the old numbers can be lawfully used. From that time on every motor vehicle must have new tags or else must not be used on the highways.

About the only consolation is that there has been a slight reduction in the cost of the plates. A rushing business is in prospect at the license bureau in Williamston, where motorists can secure their tags, and early buying is urged.

"Patrolman Tom" advises those who may have trouble getting their licenses due to loss of title or certificate or change in title, to see him at once so they can ride after the first of the year.

The officer will be out Saturday and Sunday checking licenses. He will be glad to aid those who have difficulty in getting their title straightened out or, he says, "if they have any other trouble—except lack of funds."

Rev. C. E. Gaddy To Preach Here

Rev. C. E. Gaddy, pastor of the Baptist Church in Columbia, will preach at the morning and evening service at the Plymouth Baptist Church Sunday, January 2.

The minister is reputed to be an interesting pupil speaker and the public in general is urged to hear the speaker, especially the church members, stated on official of the church.

School for Club Leaders Will Be Held Here 14th

By Mrs. MARY F. DARDEN, County Home Agent

All canning leaders and women interested in new methods of meat canning are invited to attend a meeting to be held in the agriculture building here Friday morning, January 14, at 10 o'clock. Mrs. Rosina K. Maxwell, home economist and culinary authority, will have charge of the demonstration.

All leaders are urged to attend.

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

New Year's Day will be just another Saturday for most folks in Washington County, but three groups of employees will have the day as a holiday.

The post offices, bank, and liquor stores will not open their doors. The post office will receive and dispatch mail but will not open the windows. The bank and liquor stores will not open at all.

Forms Provided for Making Claims for Lump-Sum Benefits

Available Upon Application To Manager of Rocky Mount Office

Simple claim forms have been provided by the Social Security Board for the rapidly increasing number of claims for old-age insurance lump-sum payments, Mr. George N. Adams, Manager of the Rocky Mount Field Office of the Board, said today.

Evidence of the growing realization that the Board is making lump-sum payments now under the old-age insurance system established by the Social Security Act is to be found in a comparison of the number of claims filed during the last three months in

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Town Tax Rate Set At \$2 for This Year

NIGHT SESSION

The Washington County Commissioners will hold their usual monthly meeting Monday night at 7 o'clock in the courthouse, instead of the daytime, as usual, it was announced today by Auditor E. Jack Spruill.

The night meeting is being held on account of the fact that the commissioners are employed during the day, and the night session will give them plenty of time for consideration of the matters that arise.

House Chevrolet Co. Is New Firm Here

Announcement was made this week that the House Chevrolet Company, Inc., had secured the franchise for Chevrolet cars and trucks in Washington County, the new firm securing temporary quarters in the office of C. M. Burton on Washington Street, two doors from the Roanoke Beacon office. Mr. W. C. House, formerly of Robersonville, manager of the concern, stated that he planned to put in a complete service department as soon as permanent quarters were secured.

In addition to a complete line of new Chevrolet cars and trucks, the firm also has a number of late model used cars on hand, all of which have been reconditioned and are offered at substantial savings.

Local Masonic Lodge Officers Are Elected

Dr. Claudius McGowan was elected master, succeeding L. T. Rose, at the annual election of officers of Perseverance Lodge, No. 57, last Tuesday night.

D. W. McKnight was named secretary and the following officers elected: Frank Spruill, senior warden; D. A. Hurley, junior warden; B. G. Campbell, treasurer.

Total Tax Levy Is \$43,758.46; General Fund Only \$12,587

Debt Service Calls for Largest Outlay in Budget; Refunding Possible

Budget estimates as approved by the City Council of Plymouth call for a tax rate of \$2 per \$100 valuation, it was learned from figures on file in the clerk's office this week. This rate will raise a total of \$43,758.46 to meet the 1937 budget requirements. The estimates are based on a property valuation of \$1,040,905 within the limits of the town. The rate is divided, with 40 cents levied to take care of current needs and \$1.60 for debt service.

The general fund, for current expenses, calls for \$12,587.27, with the following sources from which to raise the amount: Back taxes collectible, \$5,943.85; poll tax, \$979.80; privilege taxes, \$1,000; rents, \$500; tax levy of 40c on \$100 valuation, \$4,163.62.

The water department budget calls for \$6,651.19, to be raised by \$651 in accounts receivable and \$6,000 estimated revenue from water during the year.

The debt service fund is the largest single item, \$24,500, of which \$8,000 is for bond retirement and \$16,500 for interest. Sources of revenue and amounts follow: \$3,977.19 from the water department for bonds; paying assessments, \$3,868.33, for bonds; and a tax levy of \$1.60 on the \$100 valuation will produce \$16,654.48 to take care of interest requirements.

It was pointed out that if there were no bond and interest payments to meet, then the town rate would be only 40 cents on the \$100 valuation.

Town authorities are now making an effort to refinance its indebtedness so that the bond and interest payments may be reduced and spread over a longer period of time. If this is accomplished a rate reduction may be possible next year.