

Boy Scout Troop's Court of Honor Is Held Friday Night

Five Local Boys Advance To Rank of Star Scout at Ceremony

The occasional blink of a flashlight and the soft glow of a dozen candles provided the only illumination in the large auditorium of the courthouse Friday night, when Boy Scouts of the Plymouth troop advanced to their new ranking before the court of honor.

In the audience was a small group of parents and friends, while around tables in the bar were members of the court of honor, with James W. Norman presiding.

James Frances, Zeb Norman, Jr., Phil Ayers, and Marvin Browning were inducted into the troop as tenderfeet, while Maurice Bateman, Alvin Lucas and Lloyd McNair advanced to the rank of second-class Scouts.

Walter Lloyd, J. C. Jones, Charles Robbins, Wilford Whitley and Warren Robbins received their badges as first-class Scouts, and Duncan Getzinger, Carl Bailey, Jr., Phillip Liverman, Roy Manning, and Douglass Gurkin were made Star Scouts.

George Thomson, assistant scout executive of Wilson, presented the scouts their badges, with an appropriate and interesting speech that included the revelation that out of the hundreds of Eagle Scouts, not one had ever been indicted for a capital felony.

Short talks were made by the following committeemen: W. L. Whitley, J. R. Carr, R. A. Duvall, Scoutmaster N. A. Taylor, and Assistant Scoutmaster Alban Papineau and the following who are included in the court of honor: H. H. McLean, Rev. C. T. Thrift, and W. H. Paramore. Unable to be present were Rev. R. H. Lucas and W. F. Winslow.

T. A. Loving Tug Burned Tuesday

The engine from the T. A. Loving tug, "Sterling," was taken from the burned vessel Wednesday and sent to Norfolk, where it will be repaired and probably placed in another hull to be used again at the Albemarle Sound bridge.

The tug was burned to the water's edge at Edenton Tuesday while taking on gasoline. Someone was said to have dropped a lighted match on the tug, catching the gasoline.

Work continues with another tug that has been used from time to time on the project.

Tyrell Politics Get Under Way; Two Out for Sheriff

Politics broke out into the open in Tyrell County recently, with Robert L. Swain, incumbent, being opposed by E. L. Mosely for the office of sheriff.

Mr. Mosely was first appointed to succeed his father-in-law, the late Sheriff J. E. Reynolds, but resigned to become game warden. Mr. Swain was then appointed sheriff.

Now it seems that Mr. Mosely wishes to become sheriff again.

Creswell Merchants to Test Sunday Sale Law

Carlie M. Stillman Appeals From Fine Imposed by Justice

Will Be Given Hearing in Recorder's Court on Tuesday, February 22

Trial of the case of Carlie M. Stillman, 47, white, who was found guilty of "selling and delivering groceries on Sunday," in Creswell will be held on Tuesday, February 22, in the county recorder's court here on an appeal from a magistrate's court.

The warrant, issued for Mr. Stillman on January 28, accused Mr. Stillman of violating the law on January 9, with C. N. Davenport, sr., mayor of Creswell, as the complaining witness.

Magistrate T. F. Davenport issued the warrant and the case was tried before him and the defendant fined \$5 and costs of \$5.55. This, Mr. Stillman evidently refused to pay and appealed the case.

Bond of \$50 was required to guarantee the appearance of Mr. Stillman before the county court. The costs in recorder's court usually runs in the neighborhood of \$17.

There has been some trouble about the sale of groceries in Creswell on Sunday for some time, and this is generally regarded as a test case of the ordinance prohibiting such sales.

Servants in Creswell To Be Examined by Officer

By S. V. LEWIS, M. D. District Health Officer

Beginning with February 16 and ending with March 2, the district health officer will be in Creswell each Wednesday afternoon from 1 to 4 o'clock for the purpose of examining domestic servants. All domestic servants are requested to present themselves for examination on one of the three dates. The examinations will be held in the office of Mr. John Combs in Creswell.

The County Board of Health of Washington County requires that all domestic servants in the county secure health certificates on or before

the 7th day of March, 1938. The clinics in Creswell will be held for the convenience of domestic servants in that part of the county in order that they may not be required to visit Plymouth for that purpose, due to possible inconvenience of travel.

All domestic servants are requested to visit Creswell on the dates mentioned or to visit the office of the health department in Plymouth on Monday afternoons from 1 to 4 o'clock. These clinics will not be held after Monday, March 7, but health certificates may be obtained any time after March 7 at the office of the health department in Plymouth.

County Liquor Stores Earn Profit of \$6,246

BEAUTIFY HIGHWAY

Crepe myrtle and dogwood trees are being planted along the side of highway 64 near Creswell by the Creswell Woman's Club as a project of beautification of the highways in that section of the county.

During the spring these plants should add much to the beauty of the "open road," and make the highway even more attractive for motorists.

Reports of Peanut Pickers Must Be Made Immediately

Reports in County Are Said To Be Only 70 Per Cent Complete Now

With an estimated completeness of 70 per cent, the government has demanded of Mrs. Mary S. Cahoon, register of deeds, that reports from operators of peanut pickers be sent in immediately to avoid penalties for the operators and costly calls by officials.

There were 54 reports made on the 1935 crop, 46 on the 1936 crop, and only 36 so far on the 1937 crop, which is only 70 per cent complete. Those who have failed to file their reports are urged to do so at once by Mrs. Cahoon, who says prompt action will forestall legal action.

W. H. Rhodes, chief of the division of statistics of the State Department of Agriculture, and Frank Parker, U. S. agricultural statistician, have written Mrs. Cahoon that this information must be completed at once, and she is passing the request along.

1168 Pounds of Good Tobacco on .7 Acre Feild

Yields of 1,000 to 2,000 pounds of Burley tobacco have been reported by Yancy County growers this season. W. O. Briggs of Jacks Creek sold 1168 pounds of good tobacco produced on seven-tenths of one acre for the sum of \$292.

State NYA Official Confers on Status Of Work in County

Number Working in Lunch Room and Libraries May Be Reduced

Mrs. Jean Lamont Dixon, state director, and Miss Isabel Ross, assistant state director of the National Youth Administration, were here this week conferring with Mrs. Eliza Hampton, supervisor of this work in Washington and Tyrell Counties.

Tuesday Miss Ross met with about 15 white and colored youths who are employed in this part of the government emergency program in this county. The new set-up of arcraft work was explained to those who had been working in school libraries and doing other such work.

Wednesday the officials discussed the advisability of changing from "unproductive" work to "productive" work, the latter being the weaving of hooked rugs and kindred activities that produce something of salable nature.

It is believed now that the number of person engaged in what is classed as "unproductive" work, such as lunch rooms and school libraries, may be reduced, and that the "productive" work is looked on with more favor by those in charge

Building and Loan Association Lends \$2,600 Wednesday

Largest Loan Is \$1,000; All Made for Improvements To Real Estate

Directors of the Plymouth Building and Loan Association, meeting after the stockholders had adjourned Wednesday night, approved loans totaling \$2,600, about half of the amount on hand in the treasury.

The largest loan was for \$1,000, and the smallest for \$200. Most of the money will be used for improvements on the property. Other applications will be reviewed later.

R. L. Tetterton was named to the board of directors to succeed W. W. Henderson, resigned. Members of the board now are E. F. Still, president and chairman; B. G. Campbell, J. R. Manning, T. C. Burgess, J. C. Tarkenton, L. S. Thompson, J. L. Horton and H. E. Beam.

Prior to the directors' meeting, the stockholders adopted a constitution and by-laws that outline the duties of the officers and also made effective, February 28, a ruling that those failing to pay for their stock on each Monday were subject to a fine of 5 cents a day per share of stock for each day delinquent.

Nurney's Funeral Home Sold To B. S. Courtney Today

One of Two Oldest Business Establishments in County Changes Hands

The ownership of Nurney's Funeral Home was transferred from Mr. and Mrs. D. M. McKnight, Mrs. Sarah P. Nurney and W. S. Nurney to B. S. Courtney, of Williamston, Thursday morning, when negotiations for the purchase were completed.

Mr. Courtney plans to operate a modern funeral home here in the residence on Washington Street formerly occupied by Sheriff J. K. Reid. The home is now being remodeled and the new business, to be known as the Courtney Funeral Home, will be located there as soon as alterations are completed. Extensive additions to the equipment are planned by Mr. Courtney, who stated that the new home will be as complete and modern as any in this section. Until the new home is occupied, headquarters will be maintained at the present Nurney Funeral Home on Jefferson Street. Mrs. D. M. McKnight will assist the new owner temporarily.

The Alba-Noke Funeral Finance Association will also be taken over and continued by the new ownership, it was announced.

Nurney's Funeral Home was one of the two oldest businesses in Washington County, having been established in 1889 about the same time that the Roanoke Beacon was started. And this is the first time in nearly half a century that the establishment has been handled by any others except Nurneys. Three generations have been interested in the operation of the concern since it was first established.

The first home was located in a wooden building located where Gilbert's Cleaning Works now stands. Ben Nurney founded the business, and was followed in its operation by his son, the late W. T. Nurney, who handed it down to W. S. Nurney and Mrs. McKnight, who with their mother, sold the business and good will Thursday morning.

Walker Estate To Sell Implements

Attend Church in Body Sunday Night; Signal To Address Lions

As a climax to the local celebration of Boy Scout Week, J. J. Sigwald, of Wilson, scout executive, will address the Lions Club Thursday night, with the members of the troop committee and court of honor of the Scouts attending.

The local Scouts, in uniform and with Assistant Scoutmaster Papineau in charge, attended a special service at the Christian church Sunday. Rev. N. A. Taylor spoke on the significance of the Scout Law, "A Scout Is Reverent." Later the Scouts will visit other local churches.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt, honorary president of the organization, spoke over a nation-wide radio hook-up to the Scouts Monday, and Wednesday at 8:15 p. m., Scouts over the nation stood at attention and repeated the oath and Scout law, in honor of the founding of the movement in America 28 years ago.

Funeral for Mrs. Sarah Spruill Held Monday

Funeral services were conducted at the home Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock for Mrs. Sarah Spruill, 74, who died at her home in the Skinnerville section Monday after a week's illness with pneumonia. Rev. Forest Wagoner officiated.

Surviving are her husband, George Spruill, and one daughter, Mrs. Dave Morris.

A flock of white leghorn hens averaging 84 in the flock for the year paid Frank Freeze of Sylva, Jackson County, a net profit of \$262.62

Town Council Considering Plan for Refinancing Debt

The city council in session Monday night turned down a request from A. L. Owens and W. H. Clark, the latter appearing for Slade-Rhodes & Co., Hamilton, that the town of Plymouth accept interest coupons on bonds for taxes due the town.

This was done by the city officials, as they now are considering a plan submitted for refinancing the town's indebtedness, and they did not know what effect the acceptance of these coupons would have upon the proposed plan.

Experts have worked out a system to restore the credit of the town and

arrange for it once more to resume its payment of outstanding bonds and interest, but the plan has not been accepted.

For the next few days, Mayor B. G. Campbell and Attorney Zeb Vance Norman will study the proposal and determine whether or not the town should adopt the plan and whether or not it will be to the best advantage of all concerned.

There are considerable preliminary advertising and arrangements to be made if the plan is adopted by the council before it would become effective.

Creswell Youth Dies In Accident Monday

Claude Brinn, Jr., Killed When Gun Fired Accidentally

Death of Popular Boy, 15, Is Shock To Community; Funeral Tuesday

Funeral services were held in the Christ Episcopal Church at Creswell Tuesday afternoon for Claude Brinn, jr., 15, who died Monday afternoon from wounds inflicted by the accidental discharge of a shotgun.

Rev. John W. Hardy, rector of the church, conducted the services, assisted by Rev. Forest Wagoner and Dr. G. A. Martin. Interment took place in old St. David's Cemetery near Creswell.

Young Brinn, whose death came as a shock to the people of the community, was shot through the thigh Monday afternoon on the Smithson farm and died several hours later in a Creswell hospital. The youth had sat down on the steps of a vacant house to rest. A jar on the step caused the loaded gun to slip to the next step, against which the hammer struck, discharging the full load into the boy's thigh.

He was carried by two companions, Billy Hatfield and Billy Hopkins, from the house to the roadway, where a passing car was hailed and carried him to Creswell.

A sophomore in the Creswell High School, the young boy was very popular among his classmates and was a member of the basketball team.

The following school friends were pall-bearers at the funeral Tuesday: Bobby Woodley, Billy Hatfield, Billy Hopkins, Bossie Bateman, Preston Carter and Billy Bateman.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Brinn, of Creswell; a sister, Miss Elizabeth Brinn, of Washington, D. C.; two grandmothers, Mrs. Laura Spruill, Creswell; Mrs. Elizabeth Brinn, Swan Quarter; and an uncle, Jack Spruill, auditor of Washington County.

Boy Scout Week Is Being Observed by Local Organization

Church Banquet

Dr. Adams, of Greenville, will be the principal speaker at a banquet to be given by the board of deacons and elders to men of the Christian church next Monday evening at 7:30 p. m.

Invitations have been mailed, and the replies must be in by Saturday, says Rev. N. A. Taylor, the pastor. This is the first such gathering since the Rev. Mr. Taylor has been here, and he is expecting a large attendance.

F. S. A. Transfers Require Releases

Persons selling, trading or receiving chattels mortgaged to the Farm Security Administration as security for rehabilitation loans are liable to court action by the government if legal releases have not been secured, according to a notice received from the regional attorney, reports R. E. Dunning, County Rehabilitation Supervisor of the FSA, Plymouth.

Restrictions are placed on sale or transfer of chattels mortgaged to the FSA not only to provide partial security for rehabilitation loans but to insure maintenance of sufficient operating goods to keep the farm on a productive basis and carry out farm plans, says the notice.

Where sale or trade of mortgaged chattels is necessary because of changes in farm operation, authorization for transfer of such property should be secured through the county supervisor's office, Mr. Dunning pointed out.

Two Arrested for Burglary Tuesday Of Browning Store

Hilliary Daniels and Charlie Frank Swain Jailed After Capture in Martin

Charged with burglary and theft as the result of an alleged forced entry into the store of R. S. Browning sometime Tuesday night, Hilliary Daniels and Charlie Frank Swain were lodged in jail here Wednesday.

The two white youths were apprehended in Martin County by Patrolman Tom Brown, Chief of Police P. W. Brown and Sheriff J. K. Reid after a chase that led through a forest section in Martin County with Patrolman Brown overtaking the youngsters in a foot race.

A second charge of resisting and threatening an officer may be entered against the young men as the result of a scuffle with Chief of Police P. W. Brown on a recent night when the officer made an effort to take a gun from Daniels.

The officer approached Daniels and found the weapon hidden on his person. During the scuffle, Daniels is alleged to have demanded that Swain hit Brown with a club. But Swain would not comply with the request.

They were making an effort to escape when officers found them. Williamston officers were watching the highways for them.

Five Cases Tried by Recorder Tuesday

William Fensterker, 66, white, and W. W. Kerney, 62, white, both farmers, were fined \$12.50 each and half of the costs in recorder's court Tuesday on a charge of removing from premises of S. F. Darden certain crops.

Johnnie Patrick, 19, and Mitchell Patrick, 18, white, were both found guilty of having in their possession for the purpose of sale non-tax paid whiskey. Johnnie was given one month and Mitchell three months on the roads.

Galvin Hayman, colored, 50, was found guilty of making himself a nuisance on the property of J. T. Jordan.

Young Lawyer Employed In Z. Vance Norman Office

W. Blount Rodman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley C. Rodman, of Washington, N. C., a young lawyer, has been employed by Zeb Vance Norman to assist him in his legal business.

Mr. Rodman received his license to practice law in August of 1937. He has two degrees from the University of North Carolina, bachelor of arts and bachelor of law.

The new attorney is unmarried and is rooming with C. J. Norman and taking meals with Atty. Z. V. Norman.

Census Reveals 301 In County Unemployed

CHURCH BANQUET

100 Others Working On Emergency Jobs; 479 Partly Employed

205,110 Unemployed in This State, 11,000,000 in Nation as Whole

Washington County has 301 persons totally unemployed who want to work, 100 employed on Federal emergency projects, and 479 who are partially employed and desire more work, according to the census on total and partial employment recently made, the figures on which were released in Washington, D. C., this week.

In the entire state there are 205,110 men and women who are entirely or partially unemployed or are working on WPA, NYA, CCC, or other emergency projects. There are 11,000,000 unemployed on the list in the nation as a whole.

Legislative proposals to control hours and wages by the Federal government now pending in Congress are advocated by their sponsors as a remedy for the unemployment situation.

However, some of the labor leaders fear application of Federal administrative law to wage rates, hours of work, and working conditions would have the opposite effect and prevent normal, peaceful negotiations between labor and employer.

Employers' groups oppose the bill on the grounds that it would result in serious economic disturbances, create more unemployment and place both labor and industry under bureaucratic control.