

Plans for Road Meet Next Week Complete

Hope To Have Large Representation from This County Present

Wednesday Morning Session At Belhaven; In Plymouth That Afternoon

"This project is of great importance to the people in this section and should be supported by everyone," according to John W. Darden, chairman, who is arranging for a large crowd Wednesday, when State officials will be here to participate in a program in the interest of a better road for the Turnpike and Wenona sections.

"Further," said Mr. Darden, "there is no desire to interfere with any road construction that is now in process of development, and the high way commission is being asked to improve the Turnpike road in addition to its present program."

State officials who have advised Mr. Darden they will attend are Frank Dunlap, chairman, State Highway Commission; E. V. Webb, Kinston; and D. C. Barnes, Murfreesboro highway commissioners; W. Kerr Scott, commissioner of agriculture, and Washington, Hyde, and Beaufort County officials.

The day's proceedings will begin in Belhaven at 10:30. From there the party will come through by Wenona, where they will be served lunch at the test farm, and then come to the courthouse here at 3 o'clock for a short program.

There is no obligation on anyone to do more than attend the meeting to demonstrate to the highway commissioners that everyone is interested in the project, Mr. Darden said.

Plan Credit System To Protect Customer And Merchant Here

Local Merchants Take Steps Leading To Formation of Rating Agency

An improved credit system to protect the customer and the merchant is being planned by the Plymouth Merchants Association, and it is thought that within a few days it will be inaugurated.

The proposal is that there will be a central office that will carry the credit rating of everyone in town so that when a person presents himself for credit it will be only a matter of minutes until his rating can be checked.

This will afford the merchants a check on people here and will also make it possible for the local central office to communicate with other towns to determine whether an outsider is worthy of credit.

It is expected also that in the down town section business men will reach an agreement whereby they will urge their employees to pay their bills promptly.

Several To Attend Beta Club Meeting

Several members of the Beta Club of the Plymouth school are planning to attend the state meeting in Raleigh next April, it was learned in a meeting held Thursday.

A constitution drawn up by a special committee for the students' council was adopted. A plan for invitations to new members was discussed.

After a discussion of vocations, it was decided to interview several business men and women of the community to determine the qualifications needed for their positions.

Members attending the meeting were Evelyn Basnight, Doris Bateman, Helen Bratten, Catherine Terry, Bill Spruill, Lillian Robbins, Mary Thomas Robbins, Anne Liverman, Myra Moore and sponsor, Principal R. B. Trotman.

Farm Program To Be Topic At Meeting Here March 10

There will be a mass meeting in the courthouse here at 2 p. m. March 10, at which time Murphy L. Barnes, assistant administrator for North Carolina, will talk on the 1938 farm program.

His talk will especially refer to the referendum on March 12 on cotton and tobacco marketing quotas.

Services Sunday at Chapel Hill Schoolhouse, 3 P. M.

The Rev. C. T. Thrift will preach at the Chapel Hill Schoolhouse next Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m., it was announced today.

Examination of 205 Servants Shows 46 Cases of Syphilis

Figures on Health Survey by Health Department Cited By Dr. Lewis

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

At a meeting of the Board of Health of Washington County early in January this year, a public health ordinance was passed, requiring that all domestic servants be examined and secure a health certificate from the district health department in Plymouth. On February 18 the records of the health department show that 205 domestic servants have been examined in the county; 46 of that number were found to have syphilis, 125 were given health certificates, and there are 19 for which a report of the blood examination has not been received.

Two gave a history of having had smallpox, 48 were found to have been successfully vaccinated for smallpox previously, showing that less than 25 per cent of those examined have some degree of protection against the disease. There is no natural immunity against smallpox; vaccination is the only protection against the disease; and the items of sanitation and personal hygiene have no influence on the spread of smallpox.

Thirteen of those examined gave a history of a previous attack of typhoid fever. About 2 per cent of all cases of typhoid fever that recover remain carriers; that is, the gall bladder acts as a reservoir for the germs throughout the remainder of life, but the germs may be found in the feces only at intervals of several days or possibly several weeks; therefore, a domestic servant who has had typhoid fever is not given a health certificate until two negative stool cultures have been reported. The specimens are collected several days apart and a purgative is given the night before the specimen is to be collected, the purpose of which is to stimulate the gall bladder in order that the germs may be expelled if present.

None of those examined gave a history of having diphtheria nor of having been vaccinated against the disease.

None of the cases found to have syphilis are infectious, and if treatment is started and continued, health certificates will be issued, and such servants will be safe if proper treatment is followed.

Clinics for the examination of domestic servants will continue in Washington County for the next week. Monday afternoon in Plymouth, Wednesday afternoon in Creswell and Friday afternoon in Roper. After that time servants may obtain such examinations and health certificates at the office of the health department in Plymouth each Monday afternoon from 1 to 4 o'clock.

Sunday Services At Baptist Church

"All the young people interested in Baptist Young People's Union work are urged to meet Sunday evening at 6:15 p. m. in the auditorium at the Plymouth Baptist Church," it was stated by the pastor, Rev. P. B. Nickens.

At this meeting plans will be formulated for the young people to take an active part in religious work. Mr. Nickens will preach a special sermon for young folk at night, using as his subject, "The Spirit of Youth."

Sunday morning the minister's subject will be "Caleb's Challenge."

There will be Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Regular prayer services will be held each Wednesday night at 7:30 and will be followed by choir practice.

Hold Two for Superior Court on Robbery Sout

Arraigned before Recorder John W. Darden in a special session of court last Thursday, Charlie Frank Swain and Hillary Daniels, young white men, were released under \$300 bond each for their appearance at the next term of superior court. They were charged with breaking and entering Browning's store a few weeks ago.

Number Improvements for Albemarle Beach Planned

Improvements on the Albemarle Beach are being made preparatory to opening about the last of May, according to L. W. Gurkin, owner.

The buildings are being painted inside and out. Three new cottages are expected to be built, and it is understood that electric current will be made available by the V. E. & P. Co. this summer, doing away with the necessity for the private power plants.

New piers will be built in the water, and a new boardwalk is being considered. Swings and slides will be built and lights will be strung along the beach.

With the improvements under way and the completion of the beach and improvements at the beach and improvement of the road leading to the beach, Mr. Gurkin expects the resort will be even more popular than ever this season.

TO BE HERE MARCH 4

E. R. Froneberger, deputy collector for the State Department of Revenue, will be at the post office in Plymouth on Friday, March 4, between 9 a. m. and 5 p. m., for the purpose of assisting local people in filing state income and intangible tax returns. A representative of the Federal Internal Revenue will also be at the post office the same day to assist in filing Federal returns.

It was also announced that a deputy collector would be in the clerk of court's office in Columbia on Thursday, March 3, for the convenience of people in that section.

House Completely Destroyed by Fire Near Here Monday

Residence of W. D. Walker, Pulp Mill Employee, Burns At Loss of \$1,000

Firemen Monday answered the alarm three times with only two of the blazes being in town, and they did but little damage, but the one house out of town burned to the ground.

Located about half a mile out of town on the highway toward Jamesville, the residence of W. D. Walker, an employee of the North Carolina Pulp Co., was completely destroyed. The blaze started from a defective flue and rapidly spread to other parts of the home. Local firemen answered a call to the place but were helpless due to the distance to the nearest hydrant.

The loss of the house and furniture was estimated at over \$1,000, none of which was covered by insurance. A. L. Owens was owner of the house.

A high wind fanned the blaze, causing the fire to spread so rapidly that only a bedroom suite of furniture was saved from the flames.

On the same day one alarm was sounded for a grass fire near the home of Mrs. J. E. Doughtie on Monroe Street; and a blazing flue at a colored home on East Water Street extended called the firemen out again.

Local Firemen Have Enjoyable Banquet Last Friday Night

Mrs. Sarah Frances Nurney Given Medal and Made Honorary Member

Local firemen discarded their roles as volunteer fire-fighters Friday night for that of hospitable hosts as they banqueted and entertained their wives and a number of special guests.

There was little formality to the occasion, but there was a lot of fun and pleasure, as about 60 people gathered in the community hall to enjoy a delicious turkey dinner that was served by an organization of the Christian church.

Short talks were made by several, among whom were E. H. Liverman, Dr. W. H. Johnson, Mayor B. G. Campbell, Roscoe Gaylord, Patrolman Tom Brown, W. H. Paramore, and P. W. Brown.

Fire chief L. W. Gurkin presided over the festivities and called on one of the oldest firemen here, J. B. Willoughby, and the secretary, H. B. Spencer for a few words.

For her aid to the firemen in various ways, including coaching of plays, Chief L. W. Gurkin presented Mrs. Sarah Frances Nurney with a medal recognizing her as the only woman member of the local fire department. On the front of the medal was "No. 1, Plymouth Fire Department." Mrs. Sarah Frances Nurney for Faithful Service, February 18, 1938.

After the three-course meal, some of the firemen and friends danced, while others went to a free show at the Plymouth Theatre.

Tuesday Session Recorder's Court

Not guilty was the verdict in the case of L. K. Spruill, 38, white, of the Cherry section, who was arraigned in recorder's court Tuesday on a charge of assaulting a female. This is the second time that Mr. Spruill has been charged in a warrant issued by his wife, Mrs. Dora E. Spruill, with assaulting her. He was under a suspended sentence. This time he was acquitted of the charge.

Alfred Holloway, 22, colored, was given three months on the roads on a charge of stealing a wrist watch valued at \$3.95 from O. D. Hatfield, Creswell.

The case of Wallace Smith, 38, colored, charging him with aiding and abetting the Holloway theft, was not pressed.

Cotton and Tobacco Growers To Ballot on Marketing Quotas for Those Crops Saturday, March 12

Creswell Minister Accepts Williamston Church Call

After more than three years service as rector of Christ Episcopal church in Creswell, as well as serving the Gallie Mission on Lake Phelps and the Episcopal church in Columbia, the Rev. John W. Hardy has resigned to accept the rectorship of the Episcopal church in Williamston.

The Rev. Mr. Hardy is well known in the lower part of the county,

where he has done a splendid work. He will begin his duties in Williamston on March 20, when he succeeds the Rev. E. F. Moseley, who has gone to the church in Kinston.

Mr. Hardy is a native Eastern Carolinian, and his resignation was accepted by the Creswell congregation with reluctance. His new church is larger and is considered a step upward in the career of the young and popular minister.

Majority of Two-Thirds Required To Apply Quotas

Polling Places Will Be Set Up In Each Township; 1 Vote For Each Producer

Producers of cotton and flue-cured tobacco in Washington County will go to the polls on Saturday, March 12, in connection with the referendum to determine whether marketing quotas will be applied to these commodities under the 1938 agricultural adjustment act.

County Agent W. V. Hays said today the places of voting and polling officials would be designated and ready for announcement in next week's Beacon.

Marketing quotas cannot be applied except by the approval of a two-thirds majority of the farmers, since the act provides if more than one-third of the producers voting in the referendum vote against application of the quotas, they will not be put into effect.

There will be at least one voting place in each township in the County, Mr. Hays said. The polls will probably be open between 9 a. m. and 7 p. m. Each producer who grew cotton or flue-cured tobacco in 1937 will be entitled to cast one vote in the referendum.

"Every opportunity will be given to the producers of cotton and flue-cured tobacco in all localities to vote," it was explained. The machinery will be set up so as to safeguard every producer's right to vote as he determines.

The national marketing quota proclaimed for the 1938 crop of flue-cured tobacco is 705,000,000 pounds. The 1937 crop was 850,000,000 pounds.

The quotas will be divided among the states on the basis of production, plus diversion under the agricultural adjustment administration programs during the past five years, with adjustments for abnormal weather conditions and plant-bed diseases for small farms and for trends in production.

The marketing quotas established under the new act for tobacco will be independent of the acreage allotment program, and the penalties applicable for sales in excess of the poundage marketing quotas for farms will bear no relation to acreage allotments for farmers. However, the acreage allotments will be such that, under ordinary conditions, the production allotments will be in line with marketing quotas.

The national cotton allotment specified for 1938 in the proclamation was 10,000,000 standard bales. A minimum allotment for each county of not less than 60 per cent of the acreage planted to cotton in 1937, plus the acreage diverted from cotton under the conservation program.

This results in a total acreage allotment of approximately 26,300,000 acres. This acreage, on the 10-year average, will produce 10,129,000 bales. Acreage allotments will be established for each individual farm, and if the allotment is not exceeded, all the cotton produced on the farm may be sold without payment of penalty.

Wholesale Firm Is Robbed Last Week

Local officers are seeking the identity of the robber who entered the H. E. Harrison Wholesale Company office here one night last week. The theft was not discovered immediately, and it is not known what night the burglary was committed. It was reported Saturday by Mr. Harrison.

Several cartons of cigarettes were missing and a package found on the floor beneath one of the skylights, which had been broken. It is believed that the thief entered through the top of the building.

Colored Dentist To Begin Work in Colored Schools

Dr. Miller, a colored dentist from the Oral Hygiene Department, State Board of Health, will be in Plymouth Monday morning, February 28, to begin dental work in the colored schools of Washington County.

Dr. S. V. Lewis, district health officer, says Dr. Miller is an exceptionally good dentist and said that he had Dr. Miller to work for him before coming to this district health department. Dr. Miller is not only a very good dentist, but is considered very good from the standpoint of teaching public health education, especially pertaining to oral hygiene.

Brief Resume of New Intangible Tax Law

Report Must Be Filed By March 15 of All Holdings on Dec. 31

Bank Deposits, Money on Hand, Accounts Receivable Must Be Shown

Under the terms of the new intangible tax law, property owners who fail to report on and pay the levy on intangible property by March 15 will be subject to a penalty of 100 per cent of the amount of the levy due by them.

The report is to be filed as of December 31; that is, all holdings of the property specified on that date must be reported, and the revenue received from this source is to be equally divided between the state, counties, and municipalities. It will not be necessary to list these classes of property any longer with the county and town list takers.

The new tax law provides for the following levies: Bank deposits, at a rate of 10 cents per \$100, based on an average of deposits at four quarterly periods ending December 15. Deposits of less than \$100 are exempt, as the bank will collect this tax.

Money on hand, as distinguished from bank deposits, taxable at 20 cents per \$100 in excess of \$300.

Accounts receivable, taxable at 25 cents per \$100 on their face value in excess of \$300.

Bonds, note and "other evidences of debt," taxable at 40 cents per \$100 of their fair market value in excess of \$300.

Shares of stock held by residents of this state in foreign corporations which do not pay taxes in North Carolina, taxable at 30 cents per \$100 of their fair market value over \$300.

Those who own property of the nature outlined above should write to the State Department of Revenue for blanks at once if they have not already received them.

Missionary To Speak Here Next Tuesday

C. H. Plopper, a returned missionary of the Disciples of Christ in Nanking, China, will speak at the Christian church at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, March 8, at 7:30 p. m.

Rev. N. A. Taylor, pastor, believes there will be a large crowd to hear the missionary, as he is right from a war-torn town in the heart of China.

The public is invited, and those of the Christian faith are urged to attend, says Mr. Taylor.

Plymouth Motor Company Begins Work on New Home

Work was started this week on a \$15,000 garage building for J. R. Manning and J. B. Willoughby, who operate the Ford sales and service here under the firm name of Plymouth Motor Company.

The new building will be of brick, measuring 70 by 100 feet, facing Jefferson Street, and it will also have an outlet on Water Street. The side-wall will extend 10 feet behind the Water Street Service Station.

The new structure will contain 7,000 square feet of floor space, providing for a showroom and parts department, service department, general and private offices and two rest rooms.

TAX PENALTY UP

County and town tax collectors are warning taxpayers this week that the penalty on unpaid 1937 taxes will advance from 1 to 2 per cent on March 2nd. Starting with February a penalty of 1 per cent is added each month to all unpaid taxes. This continues until June, when the property of delinquents is sold and a certificate of sale issued.

It is pointed out by the collectors that the levying of these penalties is definitely provided by state law, and local officials have no authority to make any changes from the schedule set out in the statutes.

Decline To Pay ABC Board Members \$10 To Attend Meetings

Amount Was Asked by J. O. Highsmith; Resignation Is Rejected

Members of three county boards in joint session here Wednesday refused to grant the request of J. O. Highsmith, of Roper, for double compensation for attending meetings of the ABC board, of which he is a member. The county board of commissioners, board of education, and board of health were the three groups participating in the session.

Besides Mr. Highsmith, members of the ABC board are E. G. Arps, chairman; and Dr. J. M. Phelps, of Creswell. Mr. Highsmith asked for \$10 per meeting. Members of other county boards get only \$5 per session.

It was decided to reject the resignation of Mr. Highsmith in view of the fact that if a successor was appointed now there would be the added expense of bond for another. The board's fiscal year ends in July.

Present at the meeting were C. N. Davenport, R. C. Peacock and W. L. Whitley, of the board of education; J. M. Clagon, F. L. Brinkley, and E. F. Swain, county commissioners; H. H. McLean, Dr. C. McGowan, B. G. Campbell and Dr. W. H. Johnson, of the board of health.

Venerable Disease Clinic Here Tuesday Afternoon

A venerable disease clinic will be held in the district health office on Tuesday afternoon, March 1, from 1 to 4 p. m., it was announced this week by Dr. S. V. Lewis.

"It is necessary," says Dr. Lewis, "that indigents be certified as such by a physician in Washington County before they present themselves for free treatment. Blanks for this purpose are in the hands of the doctors."