

C. H. Burnette, of Raleigh, a representative of the World War Veterans Loan Fund, was in Plymouth this week checking up on property that is either owned by them or under their supervision.

W. Kerr Scott, commissioner of agriculture, who was here last week, has been termed "the man who has probably made the most notable record for service to agriculture in North Carolina during 1937," says a national farm magazine.

Imagine the amazement and consternation of Mrs. Sam Furlough, of the Roper section, several days ago, when, in response to a noise, she opened the living room door and found a big black bull staring her in the face.

E. H. Liverman, in his speech about the Turnpike Road last week mentioned the "Macedonian call" in the Scriptures and referred to the efforts for road improvement as a "Wenonian call."

Joe Arps returned last week from a salesman's school conducted by the Chevrolet Motor Company in Charlotte. He was in attendance for several days, with men from the factory serving as instructors.

He was just a small boy, but he elbowed his way to the fountain through a local drug store crowd and ordered a "Bromo," slapping his dime on the counter. He must have thought it was something good, as the men were drinking it freely.

Mrs. Laura S. Johnston has resigned as organist for the Methodist Episcopal Church and is now devoting much of her time to the promotion of a junior choir at the Grace Episcopal church.

James W. Norman, owner of the Norman Furniture Store, has returned to his work after an illness of about two weeks.

How many realize that a 10-cent loaf of bread contains less than 2 cents worth of wheat and a dollar shirt is made from less than 20 cents worth of raw cotton?

Stylists about town believe the new navy blue dresses will lead the Easter parade of new frocks.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Liverman are in New York this week purchasing their summer merchandise. They expect to be at home during the weekend.

County Tax Listers Appointed by Board

Supervisor Has Not Been Named; Listers To Meet March 21st

Preparations Being Made for Listing During April by Commissioners

Tax listers for Washington County were appointed by the commissioners in session here Monday night, but no supervisor was named.

The officials have not decided yet whether the supervisors' job will be handled by the auditor or by a special appointee. Last year H. C. Spruill handled the work, due to the revaluation program, but prior to that time the auditor had supervised listings.

List takers appointed this week are as follows: Plymouth Township, W. L. Hassell; Lees Mills, J. E. Phelps; Skippersville, W. W. White; Scuppernon, Paul Belanga.

It is expected the supervisor will be named by Monday, March 21, when the listing schedules will be discussed by the listers in a meeting here. The law requires that taxes be listed in April, and it is believed the commissioners will have everything in readiness by that time.

The commissioners also decided to sponsor a project to eradicate mosquitoes by draining ditches and creeks in cooperation with the PWA.

It was also agreed that some of the vegetables grown on the county farm under the supervision of L. L. Basnight, keeper of the county home, should be turned over to the school lunch rooms.

W. H. Gurkin asked for abandonment of highway No. 97 by his home from a point south of his gate to Blount's Swamp so that he could use the present road. He will be required to build a road from the old route of 97 to the new road if the commissioners and state highway commission grant his request.

Hampton Fisheries Will Begin Operating on 21st

The seines have been tarred and repaired in preparation for herring fishing in the Roanoke River by W. R. Hampton at the Kitty Hawk and Slade Fisheries near here.

Mr. Hampton hopes to begin work on Monday week, March 21, and the fishing season will continue for about eight weeks, ending in May.

For the last three years the fisheries made but little profit, as

the hauls have returned less and less each year. It is hoped that conditions will take a turn for the better this year.

This fishing enterprise has been in the hands of the Hampton family for about 100 years, and is one of the largest herring fishing ventures in the country.

A few herring were being caught in nets farther up the river this week. They were selling for 5 cents each in Williamston Thursday.

Newland Road Likely To Be Completed Soon

Hold Funeral for Mrs. Wm. D. Phelps

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon in the Holly Neck Christian Church for Mrs. Julia Frances Woodley Phelps, 78, wife of William D. Phelps, of Mackeys, who died Friday.

Rev. H. E. Harden officiated, assisted by the Rev. M. L. Ambrose. Burial took place in the Holly Neck cemetery. Mrs. Phelps was a member of the Holly Neck church for many years.

Surviving is her husband, two sons, Seaton M. Woodley, Norfolk; and William E. Phelps, Mackeys; two daughters, Mrs. Vera Phelps, Mackeys; and Mrs. Lula J. Davenport, of Westover.

50 Applications for Seed Loans Made

Blanks for emergency crop and feed loans soon gone out last week when about 50 farmers applied at the office of W. R. Hampton for applications for loans and Miss Martha Hornthal called by phone for more.

Last year about 100 farmers took advantage of this method of securing money for raising their crops, according to Miss Hornthal. So far there have been only about 15 blanks forwarded to headquarters.

Miss Hornthal expects to have additional blanks in the next day or two.

No farmer can borrow more than \$400. And no farmer is eligible for loans if he can possibly get the money for seed and feed from anywhere else.

Resumption of Work Virtually Promised By Highway Official

WPA Project Work Halted Originally By Shortage of Labor

Resumption of work on the short cut from Roper to the head of the Newland Road was virtually promised by District Highway Commissioner Earnest V. Webb, of Kinston, who was here last week to attend the road meeting, it was learned from Carl L. Bailey this week. Originally started and almost completed as a WPA project, work on the road was halted due to insufficiency of WPA labor in this county last year.

Completion of this road will lessen the distance from the Newland section to Plymouth by about 16 miles. The short cut leaves Highway 64 at Roper, follows the old drainage district canal for several miles, then goes straight to the head of the Newland road about 8 miles from Creswell. The drag-line has been completed, as has most of the grading. About all needed is to finish the grading for less than a mile and put in some drains. A few cars have already made the trip over the road.

The new road will serve several hundred families in a very rich farming section. It was explained the distance from Roper to Creswell will be about the same by either the new or old routes, but those who live in the Cherry and Newland sections will no longer have to make the round-about trip by Creswell to come to Plymouth.

Mr. Bailey, who drew up the resolutions passed by the county commissioners asking the highway commission to take over the road, was assured by Commissioner Webb that the matter would be considered at the next meeting of the road group, and it was his opinion favorable action would be secured.

Young Peoples Service At Methodist Church

The young people will meet at 6:30 o'clock Sunday. Fanny Lou Winslow and Marry McLean will read poems. All the young people ought to be present because final announcement will be made concerning the supper at the Legion Hall March 18th.

Sunday Schools of Scuppernon Will Meet at Mt. Tabor

Prepare Interesting Program For Event Sunday; John Darden To Speak

The Scuppernon Sunday School convention will meet with the Mount Tabor Free Will Baptist Church on Sunday at 2:30 p. m., with Recorder John W. Darden, of Plymouth, as the principal speaker.

The devotionals will be led by the Rev. W. L. Jernigan, with D. H. Furlough, superintendent of Mt. Tabor Sunday school, welcoming the organization. P. B. Belanga, superintendent of the M. E. Sunday school at Creswell, will respond.

E. R. Davenport will preside. Dr. G. A. Martin, Baptist minister at Creswell, will speak on "Teaching the Lesson." Miss Elizabeth Holmes will read a poem and Mr. Darden will speak on "The Relation of the Sunday School to the Church."

A Bible quiz will be conducted by Mrs. C. N. Davenport, sr., and class of the M. P. Sunday school of Creswell. S. R. Davenport will pronounce the benediction.

There will be special music by choirs from the different churches, as well as duets and solos.

Everyone is urged to attend by the Rev. T. F. Davenport, who aided in arranging the program.

Floyd C. Bowen, 29, Dies From Injuries Received in Blasting

Found Unconscious in Field Where He Had Been Dynamiting Stumps

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the Acre Chapel Christian church for Floyd C. Bowen, 29, who died in a Washington hospital Tuesday as the result of injuries sustained while blowing up stumps in a field on his farm.

Hubert E. Bowen, a relative, found Mr. Bowen unconscious in a field where he had been dynamiting the stumps about an hour after he had been injured in an explosion. At the hospital it was found that his left hand had been blown off, the left jawbone fractured in two places, burned about the body and his kneecap injured.

The Rev. Gilbert Davis, of Bell Arthur, formerly of Plymouth and one-time pastor of the victim, officiated. Interment took place in the family cemetery.

Surviving, in addition to his widow and a son, Floyd Bowen, jr., are his father, Bennie B. Bowen; stepmother, Mrs. Mary Bowen; four brothers, Herman, Dempsey, William and B. B., jr., all of near Plymouth; and five sisters, Mrs. David Cutler and Mrs. C. Warren Waters, of near Pine-town; Mrs. Fenner Ambrose, of Pine-town; Mrs. Lever Harris, of near Greenville; and Mrs. Kenneth Black, of Route 2, Washington.

Council To Levy Higher Taxes on Itinerant Dealers

Town Attorney Instructed To Present Schedule at Meet Next Monday Night

City Attorney Zeb Vance Norman is this week preparing an ordinance that will impose a heavy tax on peddlers and itinerant merchants who sell wares at temporary locations in Plymouth.

There will be an adjourned meeting of the council next Monday night, at which time it is regarded as certain that the attorney's recommendations as to the law will be passed.

Last Monday night the officials heard a committee composed of J. R. Manning, D. R. Satterthwaite, and John G. Taylor, of the House Chevrolet Company, request a tax of \$300 on outside dealers and salesmen working for out-of-town auto firms.

The city fathers also discussed the new refinancing system for the town to take care of bonds and interest. A Corey, of Jamesville, appearing before the board for advertising for a publication sponsored by the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, was refused an advertisement from the town.

Employment Service Representative Will Be Here Thursdays

Time Is Changed from Tuesdays, Effective Next Week; Obtain Better Quarters

The North Carolina Employment Service will have a representative in Plymouth for the service of Washington County, on Thursday of each week, it was announced today by C. W. Bazemore, manager of the Williamson office. Heretofore the representative has been in Plymouth every Tuesday for this purpose. Next week the meeting will be held on the second floor of the courthouse Thursday.

The change in days makes it possible to have better quarters at the courthouse, as Tuesdays interfere with recorder's court, forcing the meetings to be held in the basement. R. S. Proctor, field representative, was here last Tuesday and stated that he appreciated the cooperation of city and county officials.

He also said that while no checks had been received for claimants, he feels confident that in a few days all checks overdue will reach Plymouth, and from then on no delays were expected.

Wilford Whitley To Give Piano Recital March 16th

Wilford Whitley will give a piano recital in the high school auditorium on Wednesday, March 16, at 2:30 p. m. His program will include the following numbers:

"Overture to William Tell," by Rossini, accompanied on second piano by Mrs. R. W. Johnston; "Serenade," by Schubert; Excerpts from "Poet and Peasant," by von Suppe; "The Swan," by Massenet, accompanied by Meredith Johnston on second piano. The public is cordially invited to attend.

W. Joe Jackson Shot To Death Near Virginia Line in Attempt To Arrest Two Rum-Runners

Special Program of Sacred Music At Theatre Sunday

There will be a special program of sacred music, rendered in the nature of a vesper service, at the Plymouth Theatre Sunday afternoon at 5:15, with members of all the choirs of Plymouth churches taking part. The service will be under the general direction of Cicero Norman, and the public is cordially invited to attend. There will be no collection taken or any charge whatever.

Farmers Will Ballot on Crop Control Saturday

Meetings To Explain Program Have Been Held During Week

Rolls Open From 7 A. M. To 7 P. M. Saturday; About 1,200 Votes Expected

Information on the crop control referendum for flue-cured tobacco and cotton market quotas was imparted in various ways this week to the 1,200 growers in Washington County who are expected to vote on the measure Saturday.

In addition to meeting held in various communities earlier in the week, there was a meeting of the county committee Thursday morning at 9 o'clock, followed in the afternoon by a county-wide mass meeting. The control program was explained by Murphy L. Barnes, assistant state administrator, at the mass meeting, and an address was made by Haywood Dail, of Pitt County, urging support of the proposals. The County Farm Bureau was to hold its meeting on Thursday night.

For the voting Saturday, the polls will open at 7 a. m. and close at 7 p. m. Farmers who are eligible must vote in their own precinct as in a general election, with the exception of Wenona. Farmers in that section will vote with others in Plymouth Township at the agricultural building. Other polling places are: Bateman's store at Creswell for Scuppernon; Joe Pritchards store, for Skippersville; and city office in Roper for Lees Mills.

There is opposition in some sections of the county to the proposed crop control program, but observers generally believe the act will be ratified by more than two-thirds of the growers in the county. There are no age limits for voters, but everyone who casts a ballot must show that he grew cotton or tobacco in 1937.

Mr. Edmund Harrison Is Critically Ill In Hospital

Word was received here Thursday from a Rocky Mount hospital that Mr. Edmund Harrison, who was taken there from here several days, was in a critical condition. He is the father of H. E. Harrison and Alton Harrison.

Continue Efforts To Raise \$300 for Boy Scouting in County

Hope To Have Money Before March 23, When Officials Expected Here

Efforts to raise \$300 for including the troops of Washington County in a Boy Scout district organization have about come to a standstill with only a little more than half of the money secured, according to Dr. A. Papineau, assistant scoutmaster here.

Canvassers here will redouble their efforts to get the money between now and March 23, when Scout Executive J. J. Sigwald and Assistant George Thomason, of Wilson, will spend the day in the county.

Only four of the six district chairmen needed have been appointed, and their names will not be made known until final arrangements are made. There is a troop in Plymouth, and J. K. Biddle is making an effort to complete a troop organization in Roper.

Last week Dr. Papineau met with a group in Creswell, and it appears that Rev. L. B. Bennett will be scoutmaster and Rev. Forest Wagoner assistant scoutmaster of the troop there.

Jail Two for Slaying Of Federal Officer, Native of Plymouth

Funeral Held Here Thursday; Running Gun Battle Follows Slaying

Funeral services were held here Thursday for W. J. Jackson, Jr., an investigator for the Federal Alcohol Tax Unit, who was slain by rum runners near South Mills about 10:30 Tuesday night as he and a companion, Officer John F. Estes, started to search a suspected car.

Bernard Ervin Royals, 20, of the Deep Creek section of Norfolk County, and Joe Thomas West, of Elizabeth City, are in jail at Norfolk on charges of first-degree murder in connection with the slaying. A preliminary hearing is scheduled to be held next Monday.

The officers were expecting a large carload of illegal whiskey to leave the South Mills section and move into Norfolk on the night of the tragedy. They watched a car load up at a house near South Mills. Passing along by the car, which was stopped on the side of the road Officer Estes asked them if they had a breakdown. They replied they were waiting for someone.

Estes, driving the officers' car, noticed that one of the men was nervous and suggested to Mr. Jackson that they search the car then rather than wait for it to get over the line into Virginia. Jackson stepped out of the car and one of the men, identified by Estes as Royals and West, fired at Jackson, killing him instantly.

Estes immediately pulled Mr. Jackson back into the car and gave chase to the fleeing rum-runners. He used up the bullets in his pistol and all but three of Jackson's pistol, which he took from the holster of the dead officer before the fleeing slayers so peppered the radiator of his car with shot that his engine became overheated and forced him to stop. He chased them about 8 miles.

The windshield on the officers' car was riddled by shot from the bandits' car. Estes notified Norfolk officers of what had happened when he reached Deep Creek, and the alleged slayers were arrested at Royals' home. The rum car was found near the home with 100 gallons of illegal whiskey in it. Ownership of the car was being traced by Federal officers, which pointed to a Newport News man.

When arraigned before a United States commissioner for a hearing, Royals, a big overgrown young fellow, wept as he saw his mother in the courtroom, while West remained (Continued on page six)

Funeral Monday for Mrs. Jesse Bateman

Funeral services were held here Monday afternoon for Mrs. Jesse R. Bateman, 37, who died at her home here Sunday as the result of high blood pressure, after suffering intensely for more than a week.

The services were conducted by the Rev. N. A. Taylor, pastor of the Christian church, and interment took place in a cemetery on the suburbs of the town.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Bateman is survived by a 12-day-old infant and four other children, Frances, Doris, Edgar, Louise; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bateman; five sisters, Mrs. Paul Sawyer, Mrs. Alton Lilley, Miss Alexina Bateman, and Mrs. H. J. Glass, of Columbia; and Miss Lena Bateman, of Sanatorium; two brothers, Carl Bateman, Rocky Mount; and Herbert Bateman, of Plymouth.

Large Crowds at Christian Church

Record crowds attended the Christian church Sunday night, when Rev. John Goff, of Williamston, spoke in connection with the "World Day of Prayer," sponsored by the woman's missionary society; and when Dr. C. H. Plopper, a returned missionary from China, spoke Tuesday night.

A large crowd is also expected to attend the meeting on March 24. All Christian churches will participate in the observance of the unity of the denomination when telegrams will be sent from one congregation to another.

A pre-Easter revival will begin on April 3. This is held annually and usually draws large crowds.

Trying To Organize Workers at Pulp Mill

Preachers of Two Counties Organize At Meeting Here

Rev. C. T. Thrift Is Elected President and Rev. P. B. Nickens Secretary

The Rev. C. T. Thrift, pastor of the Plymouth Methodist church, was elected president of the Washington and Tyrrell Counties Ministerial Association, which was organized at a meeting in the Christian church here last Monday.

Both Locals Are Affiliated With A. F. L. Unions; About 75 Join

A local of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers and a local of the International Union of Operating Engineers were formed at a meeting in the courthouse here Tuesday.

About 75 members were enrolled in the two organizations. There were about 150 people present at the meeting. Officers of the local unions were not made known to the press, but were elected in a closed meeting.

Both of the organizations are affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, of which William Green is president, and have no connection with the John L. Lewis Committee on Industrial Organization.

Two AFL organizers, C. M. Fox, of Washington, D. C., for the paper mill workers, and Charles E. Haury, of Charlotte, for the engineers, were in charge of the meeting.

This marks the second effort that has been made here to organize workers since the coming of the pulp mill. It is understood that electricians attempted or did form some kind of organization here last fall.

One of the speakers urged that there be no hard feelings between industry and labor here, and cited the right of labor to organize under the terms of the Federal Wagner Act.

Orphans On Program at Mt. Tabor Church Sunday

Rev. M. E. (Jack) Tyson, superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Orphan Home at Middlesex, and some of the orphan children will be at the Mount Tabor Church Sunday.