

Miss Dare Davis, of Norfolk, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. William S. Davis, are employed by a Norfolk newspaper, wanted to observe the press run at the Beacon office this week to compare the small Beacon press with the mammoth machine in the Norfolk newspaper plant.

The second softball game, and the first between Sunday school team members, is scheduled between the Methodists and Episcopalians Friday afternoon at 6 o'clock. Lyman Mayo will hurl for the Methodists. Everyone is invited to attend.

Mrs. Ellen E. Norman, of Creswell, widow of Nemeiah Norman, Confederate soldier who served in Company H, 17th N. C. Regiment, is the only pensioner drawing a B widow's pension of \$150 twice a year. She has been ill in bed for some time.

Sam Adler, local merchant who has been receiving treatment at a Richmond hospital, is expected to be in Plymouth by the week-end. Mr. Adler was able to leave the hospital and go to his home in Morehead City the first of this week.

The Plymouth Box and Panel Company employed more men and paid out more money for the pay roll last week than has been the case in a long time, it was learned from E. A. Harrison, secretary.

Abe Adler has built more dwellings in Plymouth during the last 18 months than any other person. He has financed the construction of five new homes and remodeled two others, spending about \$19,000. However, the house he is now building on Jefferson Street will be the last, he declares. This home will be occupied, when completed, by W. T. Stillman, assistant cashier of the Branch Banking and Trust Company here.

The city council of Plymouth did not hold their regular meeting this week on account of the July Fourth holiday Monday, but will hold the postponed meeting next Monday night.

H. M. Emerson has assumed management of the Log Cabin Service Station on the suburbs of Plymouth after T. H. (Jack) Williams had decided to relinquish these duties. Mr. Emerson invites his friends to visit him for beer, soft drinks, barbecue, groceries, and other things in his line.

Approximately 30,000 bushels of cucumbers have been received by the C. C. Lang and Son plant here this season. About 10,000 bushels were brought in this week. It is expected that delivery will be complete in 10 days, as the cucumbers are beginning to dry and wither in the fields.

Farmers are reminded by W. V. Hays, county agent, that they are to have their tobacco statistics in his office by Saturday, July 9, so that the marketing quota for each person can be determined in time for marketing when the warehouses open on Thursday, August 25.

### Independence Day Passes Quietly in Washington County

No Automobile Accidents and Only Two Arrests Made Over Week-End

Reports today indicated that the Fourth of July passed very quietly in Washington County, with only two arrests made for minor infractions of the law and no major automobile accidents reported.

However, for the first time in a number of years, the noise of firecrackers was heard around the town. This was true on Sunday as well as on Monday.

Stores and business houses were closed for the day, and many went to the golf course, while others attended the baseball games both in the morning and afternoon, and large crowds were reported at the Albemarle and Bateman beaches for an evening of dancing, with fireworks an added attraction at Albemarle Beach.

Many farmers decided the day was too pretty to waste after so much rain and remained at work on their crops. The Lang plant was open and cucumbers received Monday.

The holiday death toll for the nation stood at 378, nearly 200 losing their lives in traffic mishaps. Pennsylvania, with a death toll of 29, led the states. Last year 563 people lost their lives on the Fourth.

Recorder's court had only two cases Tuesday as the probable aftermath of the Fourth celebration: Geo. M. Freeland, 38, was found guilty of drunken driving, and prayer for judgment was continued until July 19 upon payment of \$50 and costs.

Johnny Johnson was found not guilty of assaulting his wife, Lily Johnson.

### Foreclosing on Property for Taxes Topic of Guide Book

Zeb Vance Norman, county and town attorney, is in receipt of a guide book on the collection and foreclosure of county and city property taxes distributed by the Institute of Government and written by Henry Brandis, Jr.

The guide book undertakes to collect, correlate and interpret statutes, court decisions, attorney general's ruling and current local practices of the collection and foreclosure of taxes.

## Plymouth Now Second on List for Federal Building

Representative Lindsay Warren announced this week that Plymouth stood No. 2 on the First District eligible list for a Federal Building.

Three years ago, as soon as Plymouth became eligible, Mr. Warren caused a survey of the town to be made, and a \$75,000 estimate was made for a site and building. Under existing law, Mr. Warren stated that a building would be erected in an eligible town every three years, but that he was hopeful Congress would speed up the program.

At the present time, Farmville stands No. 1 on the list and, unless the law is changed, will not get a building before 1941. The present law would thus prevent Plymouth receiving any further consideration before 1944.

## Federal Agency Buys More Land in County

### Scouts of Creswell Win Most Events At Beach Monday

The track and field events scheduled as part of the Fourth of July celebration at Albemarle Beach last Monday were rather one-sided, with the members of the Creswell troop winning most of the awards.

The Cobra Patrol of Plymouth won the 100-yard dash, but the Flying Eagle Patrol of Creswell, made a clean sweep in the standing broad jump, the running broad jump, and the high jump. The small boys of the Creswell Flaming Arrow Patrol also showed up well in these events.

The most interesting events of the day put on by the Scouts were the fire-building and burning the string contests. These were also won by the Creswell troop.

## Contract Is Let To Raleigh Concern for Courthouse Repairs

### New Roof to Cost \$1,557.50; Work Recommended by Several Grand Juries

The Washington County Commissioners have entered into an agreement with the Baker and Rawls Roofing Company of Raleigh, for repair of the courthouse, the work having been recommended by several grand juries in the past. The work is to begin immediately.

The company will remove the present roof and apply asphalt felt and cement where needed to prevent the leaking that has caused considerable damage to the walls in the past. The price for the job was set at \$1,557.50, and does not include certain work that will probably have to be done to the walls where leaks have caused damage. The concern stated they could not estimate this amount, as they will not know the extent of the repairs needed until the roof is removed.

The roof they will put on the courthouse will be guaranteed to last for 20 years, with a bond posted by the manufacturers to back up the guarantee.

The present county building was built about 20 years ago at a cost of approximately \$70,000 after the original building here was burned, destroying many records and the fixtures.

## Budget Approved For Welfare Work

The budget estimate for public welfare administration in Washington County, for the fiscal year 1938-39, is given at \$3,860 by Miss Ursula Bateman, superintendent of public welfare, and the county welfare board has approved this amount.

J. M. Clagon, chairman of the board of commissioners, has been advised by Mrs. Annie K. Bost, commissioner of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, that this fund will be needed to employ an adequate staff to make proper investigations of pleas for aid.

"In order to take full advantage of resources, such as WPA, NYA, CCC, and Federal surplus commodities, an adequate staff for making investigations and referrals must be available," says Mrs. Bost.

### Creswell Man Bitten by Black Widow Spider

A. C. Harris, section foreman for the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company, located at Creswell, was bitten on the back of his neck by a black widow spider late Friday while he was pumping water at his home.

He was taken to the Columbia hospital, where he stayed for two days, returning to his home Monday. He was reported to be still very ill this week.

## Valuation on Certain Property Raised by Board Here Recently

The valuation on certain property of merchants in the town of Plymouth were ordered raised by the Washington County commissioners at a recent session, the changes being made in an effort to get the stocks in line with what the board members believe to be a fair estimate of their value.

The A. R. Dupree Soda Shoppe stock and fixtures were raised to \$500. The H. E. Harrison Wholesale Co. stock was raised from \$3,600 to \$4,000.

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Norman Furniture Co. stock and fixtures were raised from \$2,522 to \$3,700. Valuation of the Swain and Outten barber shop fixtures was increased from \$265 to \$400.

L. S. Thompson's stock and fixtures were raised from \$3,750 to \$4,000. Campbell's store fixtures were increased from \$200 to \$350. The stock was not mentioned.

The fixtures in Williford's Yellow Front Market were raised from \$800 to \$1,000, with the stock not mentioned.

Others were to be determined later, and the Burgess Shoe and Clothing Store stock and fixtures were increased by \$500 from the amount on the books, which was not learned.

## Eastern Carolina Markets To Open Season August 25

Dates Set at Meeting of Tobacco Association; Seek Earlier Date

Tobacco markets in the Eastern North Carolina belt will open for the 1938 season on Thursday, August 25, the date having been set last week by the United States Tobacco Association in annual session at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. This is one day earlier than the opening last year.

The Eastern Carolina Warehousemen's Association was meeting in Farmville Thursday in an effort to secure an opening date a week earlier, or on August 18, but it is not believed the U. S. association will grant the warehousemen's request. It was pointed out that the crop in this section is much further advanced this season than was the case last year and it was to the benefit of the warehousemen, buyers, and producers to open the markets earlier.

Efforts were also made by markets in competition with those in the border and South Carolina area to have the opening dates for the different belts fall nearer together, but the association's action calls for activities to get underway on the border three weeks ahead of markets in this section.

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## Mrs. Annie Norman, 85, Died Last Friday At Home in Creswell

Funeral Held Sunday Afternoon at Scuppernon Christian Church

Creswell.—Funeral services for Mrs. Annie E. Norman, 85, who died Friday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. Pritchett, were held at the Scuppernon Christian church Sunday afternoon with Rev. L. B. Bennett, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Forest Waggoner.

During the services a quartet composed of Mrs. L. B. Bennett, Mrs. J. B. Hathaway, Mrs. L. W. Liverman, and Roy Litchfield, sang three numbers.

A large floral offering was contributed, with the following serving as flower bearers: Mesdames Hershey Pritchett, Charles Pritchett, Roy Alexander, Herman Norman, Misses June Norman, Norma Nooney, Nita Bell Nooney, Alethia Mae Norman, Nancy Jane Norman, Emma Holton.

Paul-bearers were Herman Norman, H. W. Pritchett, Hershey Pritchett, Charles Pritchett, Abbie Spruill, and Alva Alexander.

Mrs. Norman is survived by the following children: J. H. Norman and J. E. Norman, of Norfolk; H. W. Norman, Creswell; Mrs. E. Pritchett, of Washington County; also 27 grandchildren and 42 great-grandchildren.

Attending the funeral from out-of-town were Mr. and Mrs. Herman Norman and daughter, June, J. H. Norman, Mrs. Mattie Swain, Mrs. Charles Crutchfield, Mrs. Ted Miller, of Norfolk; Mrs. Minnie Sorrell and Mrs. C. O. Woodley, of Portsmouth; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pritchett, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Pritchett, Mr. and Mrs. R. Frank Holton, of Raleigh; Mrs. Jane Belanga, Mrs. Fred White, Mrs. Elias Pritchett, Mr. and Mrs. Nance, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Freeman, Elizabeth City; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Little, Greenville; Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sexton, Roper; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Swain, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Swain, Mrs. J. A. Spencer, and Mrs. William Leary, of Columbia.

## Arrangements Complete for Field Day at Wenona Next Thursday; Several State Officials To Attend

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Increase Amounts on Books For Stock and Fixtures of Several Local Firms

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Sunny Ever Since Local Pastor Prays For Rain To Cease

Mrs. Walter P. Lloyd, of Plymouth, with 7,909 votes, won the first prize of \$400 in cash in the Roanoke Beacon subscription contest, which was brought to a close last Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Mrs. Estelle Allen, of Plymouth Route 1, with 5,637,000 votes, was second and received a cash award of \$150. The third and fourth prizes, \$75 and \$25, were won by Mrs. S. E. Nestor, of the pulp mill village, and Miss Emily Waters, of Plymouth, respectively.

A majority of the 11 active contestants were present at the Beacon office when the ballot box was closed at exactly 4 o'clock by the three judges, Town Clerk Aubrey R. Phelps, of Roper; Mayor B. G. Campbell, of Plymouth; and County Commissioner Frank L. Brinkley, of Plymouth. The seals were broken on the box, and the votes for the last period quickly counted and checked by the judges, the entire proceeding being completed in about 45 minutes. Mayor Campbell then called in the contestants, announced the winners and presented the prizes, after expressing the management's appreciation of the fine work done by the campaign workers.

In addition to the four major prizes commissions, representing 20 per cent of money turned in, were paid to the seven active contestants who were not among the first four.

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The contestants and The Beacon wish to extend their thanks to everyone who subscribed during the period, as well as to the judges and the campaign manager for their work, most completely covers the county, which was the aim of the publishers in staging the contest.

## M. E. Church in Creswell To Have Special Service

Creswell.—The Rev. Mr. Vick, of Texas and Duke University, will speak at the Methodist Episcopal Church Friday night, July 8, at 8 o'clock.

The public is cordially invited and the young people urged to be present.

## The Judges' Report

We, the undersigned, who have been selected to act as counting judges and auditors of the Roanoke Beacon's Subscription Campaign, concluded this date, certify and state that we have this day made a final count and check of the ballots cast in the election and find the results to be as follows:

Prize and Winner	Number Votes
First Capital Prize: Mrs. W. P. Lloyd	7,909,000
Second Capital Prize: Mrs. Estelle Allen	5,637,000
Third Capital Prize: Mrs. S. E. Nestor	4,433,000
Fourth Capital Prize: Miss Emily Waters	2,885,000

We further find that the contestants whose names are hereby given received the number of votes opposite their names and are declared winners in their respective positions.

Dated July 2nd, 1938.  
A. R. PHELPS,  
B. G. CAMPBELL,  
FRANK L. BRINKLEY, Judges.

Other than the prize winners listed above, the names of contestants, each of whom received a commission for the amount of money turned in during the contest, and number of votes received by them follow:

Mrs. Golden Williams	2,106,000
Mrs. Sadie Stillman	1,183,000
Miss Teadie Mae Gibbs	1,765,000
Mrs. Hilda Robertson	1,231,000
Duncan Getsinger	645,000
Mrs. Myrtle Peal	538,000
Mrs. Delma Peele	187,000

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## First Cotton Bloom Reported in County This Year on July 3

800 of 3,200 Acres Planted To Crop Have Been Plowed Under

Following the custom of years in this section, cotton farmers go into their fields during the early part of July to search for the first cotton blossoms, and reports have been received from several sections claiming the first this year. Raleigh Ridley was first to report a bloom to the Beacon. He found a blossom in his field on July 3. He lives on the J. W. Chesson farm in the Pleasant Grove section. He stated that except for the sandy places in his section he believes there will be almost an average crop this year.

W. J. Vaughan, of Wenona, found a blossom on his farm on July 4th. He is of the opinion that crops on the heavy peat-type of soil in the Wenona section have not been seriously damaged by the rains.

It is estimated that 3,200 acres of cotton were planted in the county this year. About 800 acres have been plowed under due to adverse weather conditions, and it has also been estimated that the crop has suffered an average damage of 30 per cent due to recent rains. However, with better conditions prevailing during the past few days, farmers are becoming more optimistic, and the estimates of crop damage are growing smaller.

## Lieutenant Governor Wilkins P. Horton To Make Principal Talk

Commissioner of Agriculture Scott and Specialists Also Have Part in Program

The thirteenth annual farmers' field day at Blackland Test Farm, Wenona, will be held next Thursday, July 14, arrangements for the annual event being announced complete today by the station director, Mr. J. L. Rea, Jr. It is expected that tillers of the soil by the hundreds will turn out their livestock for a day of rest and grazing, lay aside their implements, load their families into their cars and proceed to the test farm, where they will meet their friends, enjoy the various contests, look over the demonstrations in progress, and listen to the speeches and music on the program.

Among the features of the day's events, scheduled to last all day, will be speeches by Wilkins P. Horton, lieutenant governor of North Carolina, and W. Kerr Scott, commissioner of Agriculture, as well as a number of specialists from the State College Extension Department, who will inform the farmers of latest agricultural methods.

James Ambrose's string band will provide music for the occasion, and the program will get under way with the invocation by the Rev. N. A. Taylor, pastor of the Plymouth Christian church.

Dr. W. T. Ralph, of Belhaven, physician and farmer, will serve as chairman and will be introduced by Mr. Scott. A public address system will be provided by E. S. Jefferson, of Belhaven. J. L. Rea, Jr., assistant director, in charge of the test farm, will make the announcements, possibly assisted by F. E. Miller, state director of test farms, who will also be present.

In the morning Dr. John E. Foster, of the animal industry division of State College, will speak on "Livestock Research on the Blacklands," while Dr. E. R. Collins, of the agronomy division, will explain "Soil Fertility Problems in Relation to the Blackland Soils."

Following the specialists the lieutenant governor will speak, after which there will be a recess for lunch. Those carrying picnic baskets will find tables on which to spread their food. Cold drinks, sandwiches, and barbecue can be purchased on the grounds.

The afternoon program, beginning at 2 o'clock, will be under the supervision of Mrs. George W. Bowen, of Plymouth, president of the Washington County Superior Court.

## Superior Court Will Convene Monday for Single Week Session

Criminal and Civil Actions Scheduled; Judge Bone Will Preside

Washington County Superior Court convenes Monday and is expected to complete the criminal and civil cases set for trial by next Friday, then adjourning until October. The July term usually sees few cases tried other than criminal actions, as farmers are usually busy with their crops at this season and it is hard to secure jurors without working a hardship on someone. Judge Walter J. Bone, of Nashville, will preside over the term, which has about 15 criminal actions on the docket.

Among the cases set for trial is that of Earl Westerling, 29, pulp mill worker here, charged, with driving under the influence of whiskey and being responsible for the death of Minnie Spencer, negro, and with failure to stop and render assistance after an accident.

The accident occurred on the night of April 2. Patrolman Tom Brown and several negro boys testified for the state at the preliminary hearing in recorder's court, the boys identifying the car which struck the Spencer woman as the one belonging to Westerling. Alton Robinson was also arrested on a similar charge at the time, but after ownership of the car was traced to Westerling and Robinson had testified that Westerling was driving at the time, Robinson was only booked as a witness. Attorney W. L. Whitley is representing the defendant.

Nathan Curlin, 22, white, and Robert Tarkenton, 29, white, will be tried on appeals from recorder's court on charges of stealing soybeans from the warehouse of T. C. Holmes at Creswell.

Roy Lucas, Creswell merchant, will face the court on a charge of possession of non-tax-paid whiskey. He was given three months on the roads, suspended upon payment of \$100 and costs, in the lower court, but took an appeal.

There are several other minor cases to be heard, as well as some divorce cases, and several small civil actions which will likely be disposed of in a short time.

## Quarterly Conference at Siloam Church Sunday

The third quarterly conference for the Plymouth charge of the Methodist church will meet at Siloam church next Sunday afternoon. The presiding elder, Rev. B. B. Slaughter, will preach and hold the conference.