

B. Gray Willis, manager of Pender's store here, is being relieved this week by Charlie Myers, of Wilson, while Mr. Willis takes a 10-day vacation. He will be back on the job here on August 1 and urges his customers to trade with Mr. Myers while he is away.

W. W. Browning, section master here for the Norfolk Southern Railroad, was in Chicago last week attending a meeting of the International Brotherhood of Railroad Workers. Mr. Browning is an officer high up in the councils of the organization.

E. E. Harrell, owner of the Plymouth Furniture Company, will leave Monday for a week at High Point at the furniture market, and while away will visit his brothers in Morganton and New Bern, who are also in the furniture business.

W. L. House, owner of the House Chevrolet Company, and two salesmen, Joe Arps and Elmer Truner, attended a state meeting of Chevrolet dealers held in Greensboro last Wednesday. They heard new sales promotion ideas and discussed matters of importance.

Fred Ausbon, timekeeper for Grennell & Company, pipe-fitting firm which worked on the North Carolina Pulp Company plant here, and at Spring Hill, La., is at home for a time. He is expecting a call any day to report at Brevard or somewhere else where they have jobs.

Another way that the recent rains have proven a handicap is that housewives cannot get the vegetables from their gardens as they desire, according to Mrs. R. G. Hardison, who always has a good garden.

Joe and Maurice Smith have the same ailments at the same time. Joe ate some seafood in Norfolk and Maurice did the same thing at Swan Quarter last week-end. Fever blisters broke out on their mouths at the same time. "It's always that way," said Joe.

Mr. and Mrs. James Wood Norman and child are here spending some time with Mr. Norman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Norman. Mr. Norman works as a chemist with the DuPont firm near Richmond. They will leave this week-end after spending his vacation here.

Mrs. R. P. Hamonds and Miss Marion Brinkley, sisters of Shep, have moved into their \$10,000 brick home in Murfreesboro. They have been in the new home about a month and are now comfortably settled and enjoying it.

R. L. Swain, sheriff, and G. W. Brickhouse, clerk of superior court in Columbia, were in Plymouth last Friday night to attend a meeting of the Loyal Order of Moose. Joseph W. Hamilton, superintendent of county welfare in Tyrrell, is also a member.

Felton Magee is visiting friends and relatives in Bogalusa, La., and Tyler Town, Miss.

Warn Public Not To Use Bridge at Present

To Be Thrown Open To Traffic Between August 5th and 10th

Construction Superintendent Points Out Dangers in Using Structure Now

Indications now are that the Albemarle Sound bridge will be open to traffic between August 5 and 10, according to P. H. Carroll, superintendent of the Tidewater Construction Company, who asks that the public be informed that the bridge is not yet ready for use.

"It is true," said Mr. Carroll, "that a few times we have set various machinery for the passage of the celebration officials and also state highway officials; and, since this has been done, many people seem to feel free to come down and drive out through the various machinery, high voltage wires, wet paint and green concrete which is extremely hazardous to them and costly to us.

"Barricades are set at both ends of the structure, but some people think nothing of removing them and driving as far out as they can go, or across if they can make it.

"For instance," he says, "a lady (whose license number is being withheld for the time) got through the barricade on the Plymouth side; drove straight through to the north shore; nonchalantly turned the car around and drove back across.

Hearing Next Tuesday on Plea for Removal Trains

Hearing on the petition of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company for removal of the passenger train operating between here and Tarboro will be held before Stanley Winborne, utilities commissioner, in Raleigh next Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, with the present outlook indicating that strong opposition will be presented to the railroad's request.

Opposition to the removal of this particular train, along with several others on branch lines similar, has developed rapidly during the past few weeks, with civic organizations along all the routes affected pooling their resources to present as strong a case as possible. The railroad company is seeking to remove all of the passenger service on the Weldon-Kinston, the Tarboro-Plymouth, and the Pamlico-Washington branches.

Federal Agency Will Pay Tax on Holdings

Receive 129 More Soil Conservation Checks This Week

An additional 129 checks, totaling \$2,984.47, was received by County Agent W. V. Hays this week for farmers who participated in the 1937 soil conservation program in the county.

This makes a total of about \$8,000 which has been received here for disbursement to the 450 participating farmers, including landlords and tenants, in the program last year.

Three hundred and fifty farms in the county came under the program last season. The county agent is of the opinion that total payments under the terms of the 1937 program will be upwards of \$15,000.

Checks for some of the two or three largest farms have not yet been received. Farmers will be notified directly by the agent's office when their checks are received.

Pulp Company Mechanics Hold Banquet Monday

The mechanics at the North Carolina Pulp Company enjoyed a banquet Monday night at the Plymouth Country Club. No formal program was arranged, but everyone had a good time. L. C. Odenath, maintenance engineer, served as toastmaster.

Books for Children

A total of 73 books for children have been borrowed from the State Library Commission in Raleigh and are now on the shelves of the Washington County Library, it was announced this week by Mrs. Lula Jackson, librarian.

"There are also 19 new books on travel in the library," said Mrs. Jackson, who urges that "you read a book on travel and learn about distant lands."

Three Out of Four Found Not Guilty

Three of the four persons arraigned in recorder's court Tuesday were found not guilty of the charges against them.

Albert Webb, 31, colored, was found not guilty of shooting Herbert Simpson.

Charlie Bell, was found not guilty of non-support of a child.

Annie Nickels, 30, colored, was found not guilty of assaulting Christine Smith.

Herbert Simpson, 31, colored, was required to show good behavior for two years pending judgment on a charge of assaulting Robert Webb with a pair of steel knuckles.

Local Scouting Officials Attend Training Course

Officials of local Scouting attended a training course at Camp Charles Wednesday and Thursday of this week, held under the direction of Scout Executive J. J. Sigwald.

Visiting Her Brother Mrs. Vonnie E. Blount, of College Park, Md., is visiting her brother, Mr. J. H. Leggett, on Washington Street for a few days.

Score Young Ladies Of County Entered In Queen's Contest

Votes Being Sold in Three Towns; Contest Closes August 10

An even score of young ladies from Plymouth, Roper, and Creswell have been nominated as candidates for the honor of being queen of Washington County to participate in the program at the formal opening of the Albemarle Sound bridge August 25.

There will be seven queens, one from each of the Albemarle Counties, and one of the seven will be named queen of the Albemarle section. They will all be in the parade of floats that will pass in review before the thousands of people expected to attend the gala event.

Following nomination of the candidates from this county, there will be a battle of ballots to name the young lady to represent the county in the district contest. Receipts have been placed in public places in Plymouth, Roper, and Creswell where ballots may be deposited for the various candidates. Votes are on sale at 1 cent each by women's civic organizations in the three towns, which are sponsoring the contest.

The contest will close on August 10, and the young lady having most votes will be declared representative of the county in the beauty contest.

Named so far are the following: Ana Jane Blue and Margaret Ann Swain, of Creswell, who are being helped by the Creswell Woman's Club; Miss Virginia Tankerton, of near Roper, is being aided by the parent-teacher association there.

The Senior Woman's Club in Plymouth is sponsoring the following candidates: Misses Mary Elizabeth Bray, Emily Brinkley, Mary Charlotte Jones, Becky Ward, Evelyn Arps, Lilian Reid McGowan, Martha Mayo, Elsie Liverman, Meredith Johnson, Jean Cox, Martha Booth, Lorraine Jackson, Anna Margaret Stillman; Hazel Roughton, Minnie Brinkley, Sarah McLean, Barbara Norman.

97 Per Cent Tobacco Growers Have Given Information Needed

Marketing Cards Will Be Furnished Farmers by Time Markets Open

Approximately 97 per cent of the planters in Washington County have reported the information required by AAA committeemen in order to establish the tobacco growers' marketing quotas for 1938. It was learned this week from the office of County Agent W. V. Hays.

This leaves 3 per cent, or about 10 persons, who have not turned in the required information. There are about 275 growers in the county; and it is believed that about 10 out of the total number who had tobacco allotments did not plant any tobacco this year.

County Agent Hays is of the opinion that, as his office is turning in the information required on this crop immediately, the growers should receive their poundage allotments before the markets open in the Eastern Carolina belt on August 25. About 1,500 acres are planted to tobacco in the county this year.

The committeemen have been asked to determine what is considered the normal marketings of individual farms producing tobacco in the past. The normal marketings will be subject to adjustment, if necessary, to keep the total for the individual growers from exceeding the state and national quotas.

The national quota for flue-cured tobacco is 705,000,000 pounds, of which 3 per cent has been set aside for new growers. The state's quotas will be determined on a basis of normal marketings of the growers in each state producing flue-cured leaf.

A 4 per cent addition to state quotas will be allowed for increasing the poundage of farms whose allotments are considered inadequate in view of past marketings.

In determining normal marketings, allowance will be made for abnormal weather, plant diseases, and other factors affecting crop production. The committeemen will consider the total crop land on the farm, the land in cash crops other than tobacco, the available curing barn space, and the number of families on the farm.

Mr. O'Sullivan, representative of the National Labor Relations Board, is also expected to be here for the Friday meeting.

Plant Officials Meet With Labor Leaders

At a conference held at the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company Tuesday afternoon the management was asked again for recognition of the unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor as bargaining agencies for the workers.

The management asked for a postponement of the meeting and this was agreed to, with another conference scheduled for Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

Representing the unions will be local committees and J. H. Malin, general representative of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite, and Paper Mill Workers; Charles E. Haury, representative of the International Union of Operating Engineers.

A Mr. O'Sullivan, representative of the National Labor Relations Board, is also expected to be here for the Friday meeting.

Five Miles of Turnpike Road To Be Improved; Preparations Made To Begin Work Within 10 Days

Town Seeks WPA Aid in Improving Local Property

The town of Plymouth is preparing to file an application with the Works Progress Administration for a grant to be used in remodeling and enlarging the fire department quarters, repairing and putting down new curb and gutter on several streets, and the erection of two public rest rooms.

It is estimated that the total cost of the improvement will be about \$6,500, of which the WPA is being asked to put up \$4,500, with the town providing the \$2,000 difference.

Chief of Police P. W. Brown, Councilman T. C. Burgess and Mayor B.

G. Campbell were in Williamston Monday in an effort to get the district WPA officials interested in the project.

Present plans are to add another story to the firemen's headquarters, increasing the width of the building by 10 feet to permit the housing of three trucks side by side. The rest rooms will be built at the rear of the old market building, facing the river, with two commodore and a lavatory in each, making provision for both white and colored people. Street curbs and gutters will be repaired where needed.

Road Commissioner Here Wednesday To Make Arrangements

All-Weather Sand and Gravel Highway Planned; To Be Surfaced Later

Work will be started within the next two weeks on the improvement of five miles of the Turnpike Road, from No. 97 toward Pungo, it was learned Wednesday from Ernest V. Webb, of Kinston, district highway commissioner, who was here in the interest of the project.

While here Mr. Webb conferred with officials of the F. J. McGuire Construction Company, completing arrangements for use of their unloading plant for handling equipment and supplies for the Turnpike project. The McGuire concern at present is engaged in surfacing work on Route 97 toward the Beaufort County line.

The Turnpike road work will be done by highway commission crews, the appropriation for the work coming from the maintenance fund.

Mr. Webb told John W. Darden while he was here that it had been decided to provide an all-weather road over a distance of five miles this summer instead of two miles as had been originally contemplated. Starting at Route 97 the five-mile strip will carry the improved road to within a mile of the Wenona railroad track. Next summer the commissioner stated another five miles will be improved.

Plans call for a firm roadbed surfaced with sand and gravel, and it is believed that eventually the road will be further improved by surfacing with asphalt.

No mention was made of the time that would be required to complete the work.

Ehringhaus Speaker At Bridge Celebration

Secretary of Interior Unable To Attend Due To Alaskan Trip

Former Governor Chosen at Meeting of Program Committee Wednesday

Advised by a letter from Harold Ickes, Secretary of the Interior, a few days ago that he would be unable to attend, the program committee of the Albemarle Sound Bridge Celebration met in Edenton Wednesday and followed the suggestion of Congressman Lindsay C. Warren that former Governor J. C. Ehringhaus, of Elizabeth City and Raleigh, be secured as the principal speaker at the formal opening on August 25.

In the letter to Mr. Darden, announcing his inability to attend, Secretary Ickes stated that he would leave Washington about August 5 for Alaska and that he was of the opinion he would not return in time to attend the celebration here. When Mr. Ickes was first invited, he indicated that he would come.

Choice of former Governor Ehringhaus as principal speaker will bring one of the most pleasing speakers ever to be heard in this section back home to celebrate the opening of the bridge for which he was a leading exponent. It was during his administration as governor that the idea of the sound bridge was finally authorized by the State Highway and Public Works Commission and the money appropriated for its construction.

Mr. Darden, as chairman of the program committee, is expecting a number of other notables from this and neighboring states, a complete list not being available at present. Governor Hoey, Representative Lindsay Warren, members of the State Highway and Public Works Commission and a number of other state officials have accepted invitations to be present.

In the meantime, the state has notified W. A. Everett, operator of the Edenton-Mackees ferry since 1922, that the subsidy being paid him would be discontinued after August 10. It is understood, however, that Mr. Everett will continue operation of the ferry at least through the date of the celebration.

Winslow Speaker At Church Meeting

W. F. Winslow, local merchant and church worker, Thursday went to Hyde County, where he will speak to the laymen's league at the Episcopal church at Fort Landrum. Accompanying him was Mr. Marsh, of Washington, also a leading churchman.

Mr. Winslow is a division executive officer of this league and is widely known in Episcopal church circles, as he has served in the capacity of superintendent of Sunday schools in Washington and Plymouth, as well as taken an active part in other laymen activities.

HOG PRICES UP

Hog prices may go up further this summer as supplies are seasonally reduced, but they are not likely to reach the high level of last summer, according to a report of the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics. For the 1938-39 marketing year, the 13 percent increase in the 1938 spring pig crops and the prospective increase of 9 percent in the number of sows to farrow this fall indicate a much larger market supply of swine than in 1937-38.

County Loses Nearly \$1,000 on Intangibles

DELIVER PEPPERS

Delivery will start the last of next week of peppers to the C. C. Lang & Son plant here, which in the season just closed received a total of 39,337 bushels of cucumbers.

There were 22 acres of peppers planted in the county this season, with the expected yield figured to average about \$135 an acre, or a total of approximately \$3,000, which will be paid out during the delivery season starting next week.

Eleven Children In Bridge Contest

Eleven children have entered the contest which started this week to name the boy and girl from this county who will assist in cutting the ribbons, officially opening the Albemarle Sound bridge on August 25.

Four children were entered from Creswell: Betty Jo Davenport, Robert Bennett, Reginald Powell and Marie Jack Craddock, while from Plymouth the following are candidates for the honor: Constance Williford, June Polk, Gracelyn Reid, Ann Cahoon, Shirley Williams, Jimmie Allen and Joe Reid.

No entries from Roper were reported. Friends may vote at all public places for the children. The cost is 1 cent a vote and the entrance fee 10 cents.

Insects Damaging Corn at Wenona

Corn growers in the Wenona section are suffering a corn loss this year because of an insect resembling a "cotton louse" which is over-running the fields and sapping the strength of the stalk by attacking it in the tassel.

A. Holland Allen, from down that way, said this week that many of the farmers had to contend with this pest last year and this year the infestation is worse, many farmers reporting the damage at 20 per cent.

A poison recommended by State College agronomists was said by some to be too expensive to use. Farmers in the adjoining Hyde County territory were troubled last year by the "lice."

Local Druggist Has Coin Dated in 1812

A paragraph in The Beacon last week that O. F. Magee had a dime dated 1865 brought forth the prompt showing of old coins by L. N. Womble, junior druggist at Liverman's Drug Store.

He has a 50-cent piece made in 1812, making it 126 years old, and a dime dated in 1827.

Yield of \$648 To Be Divided Between 3 Towns and County

County Alone Formerly Received \$1,500 From This Source of Revenue

The change in method of listing and collecting taxes on intangible property, which became effective this year, stands to cost Washington County and the three incorporated towns of the county around \$1,000, it was indicated this week, when advice from state agencies were received. The State Board of Assessments announced that intangibles in the county yielded a total of \$1,296.76, of which amount half, or \$648.36, will be sent to the county for division among the three towns and itself. Formerly the county received about \$1,500 annually on the \$52,000 listed which comes under the intangible heading, and the towns also received a substantial amount on the same property listed within their jurisdictions.

So far Auditor E. J. Spruill has not received the check from the State board, which started collecting this tax itself under the terms of the law passed by the last legislature which set up various classifications on intangibles. This law was made possible by passage of a constitutional amendment at the last general election. Before that time intangible property was listed in the counties and towns and taxed at the same rate as other personal and real property, which in this county at the present time is \$1.80 on the \$100.

The statute provides that the money received from the state board shall be used by the towns and counties for the payment of principal or interest on indebtedness or expense incurred in connection with providing facilities and equipment necessary for the maintenance of the constitutional six-month public school term.

The money is to be distributed between the county and towns on the following basis: (1) amounts collected for money on deposit and sums left on deposit with insurance companies were to be allocated to counties on the basis of population by the 1930 census; (2) allocations on notes, mortgages, bonds, and other such property is to be made on the basis of collections from the county and towns; (3) the amount allocated to the county will be based on the total ad valorem levy on real and tangible personal property.

Other than information that the county will receive \$648.36, Auditor Spruill has not been further advised, and he believes the amount due the towns and the county will be figured by the state and the total sum sent to the county for distribution among the towns.

Based on the amount the county is to receive, it would appear that the total valuation of intangible property held in the county is about \$80,000.