

Celebration Carried Out Without Hitch

Parade and Public Speaking on Labor Day Program Here

The most significant observance of Labor Day ever staged in Plymouth is being planned for next Monday...

Members of the pulp and sulphite workers, operating engineers, and electricians' locals will assemble at their headquarters at 9:30...

The families of the union members will gather at the courthouse, and the public is also invited and urged to hear the address at the courthouse.

The post office, ABC store, and Branch Banking and Trust Company will observe the day as a holiday...

Scouts Praised for Work Last Week at Bridge Celebration

Helped to Direct Traffic and Maintained First-Aid Station on Grounds

Boy Scouts of Washington County, including 13 members of the Plymouth troop, 7 members of the Roper troop, and 8 members of the Creswell troop, helped to direct traffic and maintained a first-aid tent at the bridge celebration last Thursday...

Several persons were treated at the first-aid station for minor cuts and bruises, and assistance was given one lady who fainted on the grounds during the celebration.

The Edenton Scouts, under the direction of Scoutmaster George W. Capehart, had a float in the parade and also assisted the Washington County boys in traffic-control and first-aid work.

Scouts in uniform from this county at the bridge celebration were: Plymouth Troop No. 84; Scoutmaster N. A. Taylor, Assistant Scoutmaster Blount Rodman, Douglas Gurkin, Joseph Swindell, Roy Manning, Sonny Williford, Phil Liverman, Zeb Norman, Ducky Lloyd, Duncan Getsinger, Lloyd Cratch, Willford Whaley, Charles Robbins, Skinner Whites, Warren Robbins.

Roper Troop No. 100: David Johnston, Sidney Hassell, Aubrey Dixon, Leroy Davenport, Joe White, Bryant Chesson, Billie Pickett.

Creswell Troop, No. 101: Scoutmaster Sidney Smithson, Assistant Scoutmaster Forrest Wagoner, J. C. Gatlin, Amon Smithson, Sam Woodley, Harry Walker, Walter Peal, Clyde Barnes, Chester Hopkins, Carol V. Davenport.

In addition to the uniformed Scouts, there were a number of boys not in uniform who helped with the work, according to Dr. A. Papineau, chairman of the Washington County Council, who was in direct charge of the activities.

Change Roper Mail Service on Holidays

Effective after September 1, the mail schedule on holidays in the Roper post office will be the same as the Sunday schedule now, it was announced this week by Mrs. Perla H. Bray, postmistress.

"Mail will arrive from Plymouth and all points beyond at 7:15 a. m., to return from Columbia and Creswell at 9 a. m. The principal dispatch will be made at 9 a. m., after which the post office will be closed until 7 a. m. the following day," says Mrs. Bray.

The new schedule will be first observed Labor Day, Monday, September 5.

IMPROVE TURNPIKE

Dr. Claudius McGowan has reliable information that the surfacing of the Turnpike road will not all be done on the end nearest Highway No. 97.

His information is that 1 1/2 miles of surfacing will be done on the other end of the road, beginning at Goldie Williams' filling station and coming this way. The other 3 1/2 miles of surfacing will start at Highway No. 97 and go the other way.

It was explained that this was being done to afford a passable road over the roughest part of the turnpike.

County Board To Hold Regular Meet Monday

The Washington County Commissioners will meet in the courthouse Monday night at 7:30 for the purpose of attending to the business of the county, and those who wish to see the commissioners are urged to be present at that time.

Downward Trend of Tobacco Price Gives Concern To Growers

Series of Meetings Called by Farm Bureau To Seek Reason and Remedy

Tobacco farmers in eastern Carolina are becoming aroused over the downward trend in tobacco prices, which opened around 24 cents last Thursday and have slumped to 21 in the few days since. Notices have been issued of mass meetings of growers in various sections to consider the situation and learn, if possible, the reason for the declining prices.

Tobacco growers in Washington are being urged to attend the meeting of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation in Greenville at 2:30 Saturday afternoon in the Pitt County courthouse. This is the nearest meeting for the growers of the county, and it is probable a number will attend. Haywood Dail, jr., will be in charge.

Secretary E. F. Arnold, of the State Bureau, said an effort would be made to discredit current propaganda that the crop control program is responsible and to gain farmers' assurance that the control program will be continued beyond this year to insure a "parity" price.

Prices paid on the various markets have dropped in some cases from 2 to 5 cents on the pound, and at the farmers' meetings an explanation of the cause for the drop will be sought and the remedy discussed.

Corey Speaker Here Friday When Legion Installs New Officers

State Senator Says Being Prepared for War Is Way To Preserve Peace

Being prepared for war is one way to preserve peace, State Senator Arthur Corey, of Greenville, told the members of James E. Jethro Post of the American Legion when he installed the new officers here Friday night.

"Those of us who fought over yonder would like to avoid the horror and suffering that was occasioned by the World War and I urge each of you to lend your influence to the perpetuation of peace," the veteran told his comrades.

In the solemn ceremony that preceded the speech, the new officers stood at attention in front of the speaker's stand, between two rows of comrades, with the flags of their country massed about them, and the installing officer explained their duties to the officers.

Tom Swain, former member of the Washington County School Board, himself a legionnaire who now lives in Greenville, told of the work of the former soldiers in Pitt County and urged loyalty to the cause of peace.

Prior to the installation exercises, the men went to the Plymouth Country Club, where Charles Watson, the new manager, served a delicious fried chicken dinner, rolls, and all the accessories that went with them.

The new officers are: W. V. Hays, commander; B. G. Campbell, first vice commander; J. B. Willoughby, second vice commander; S. B. Lucas, third vice commander; P. B. Bate-man, adjutant; P. W. Brown, finance officer; J. R. Carr, service officer; Bob Swain, guardianship officer; Albert Bratten, sergeant at arms; D. A. Hurley, chaplain; and J. H. Swindell, historian.

P. W. Brown, athletics officer; Zeno Lyon, welfare officer; Lloyd Horton, Americanization officer; H. G. Simpson, graves registration officer; R. L. Tetterton, employment officer.

Chairmen of important committees include: D. C. McGowan, membership; W. L. Hassell, publicity; Dr. C. McGowan, Sons of the Legion.

Begin Series of Services Sunday at Union Chapel

The Rev. Marshall Joyner, of Greenville, will be the speaker in a series of revival services which will begin Sunday night at 8 p. m. in the Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Church on Long Acre Road.

Services will be held each night for about 10 days. The public is invited to attend.

No Change Made in Hours of Work at Plant Here

No changes have been made in the number of hours that a workman may make at the North Carolina Pulp Company plant, according to Manager O. H. Cox. However, their hours of labor per week are restricted to 55 by the state law, it was said.

It is probable the number of hours allowed will be reduced in October, when the new Federal wage and hour law becomes effective, to 44 hours per week.

Revival To Begin Sunday At Pleasant Grove Church

The Pleasant Grove M. E. Church revival will start Sunday morning, with the Rev. J. T. Stanford, of Roper, the pastor in charge. A visiting minister whose name has not been learned will assist. The public is invited to attend these services.

Elective Courses Added at Three County High Schools; New Term To Begin Thursday of Next Week

Country Club Estates No Longer 'Pulp Mill Village'

No longer should people refer to the "pulp mill village," because the settlement has been properly designated on maps and plats as "The Plymouth Country Club Estates" by the North Carolina Pulp Company.

A review of the new street signs reveals that Alden Road runs from north to south through the center of the group of homes. It leads from an intersection with the pulp plant highway to the entrance to the country club driveway.

Golf Road starts at the country club, runs west to the home of O. H. Cox, north to the edge of the baseball park, and east back to Alden Road.

Headed south on Alden Road one finds Cedar Court, Maple Court, and Pine Street are on the left, while on the right is Linden Street.

So "The Estates" is the proper name, much more polite and dignified than "The Village," although it may take some time for local people to become accustomed to calling it by its right name.

Annual Fashion Show Here Next Wednesday

Score of County's Prettiest Girls To Model New Styles

A score of the prettiest girls in Washington County will serve as models at the fashion show which Mrs. Blar-the Swain, of the Woman's Shop, is putting on at the Plymouth Theatre Wednesday evening of next week in cooperation with Shep Brinkley, owner of the theatre. There will be but one show, starting promptly at 7:30 o'clock.

The names of the models will not be made known until they appear on the stage in the latest fashion creations from Hollywood, Paris, and New York.

Mrs. Swain has purchased a number of the new evening gowns, early fall dresses, and smart fall sports clothes especially for this show.

Each year Mrs. Swain and Mr. Brinkley put on a fashion show about this time, but the one planned for next week they consider the most ambitious one yet attempted.

"I have never seen more leveler clothes than the style markets have afforded this fall, and I am sure all those interested in pretty fall styles should see this show," Mrs. Swain said on her return from the markets.

Music for the fashion show will be provided by Hal Thurston and his orchestra. There will be no advance in price, though the program includes the special feature, "Racket Busters," starring Humphrey Bogart, George Brent, Gloriz Dickson, and Allen Jenkins.

Following the style show there will be a dance in the gymnasium sponsored jointly by Mrs. Swain and Mr. Brinkley.

Rumor of Death at Celebration Untrue

Despite rumors to the contrary, there were no deaths or serious accidents at the bridge celebration last Thursday. It was widely reported that a child was drowned and that a woman died of heart failure.

According to Patrolman Tom Brown, who was near the scene, Mrs. Ed Pilley, of Terra Ceia, fainted upon receiving a telegram informing her that her daughter had died in a Washington hospital. The message was delivered by Ducky Lloyd, a Boy Scout. Rumors had it that the woman had fainted and later died. The death allusion was to her daughter, which doubtless caused the misunderstanding.

Boy Scouts secured a stretcher and placed Mrs. Pilley in an ambulance, and she was later removed to her home.

Prepare To Publish Delinquent Tax List

Thousands of dollars' worth of property, including the homes and farms of hundreds of Washington County residents, will be advertised for sale next week unless delinquent 1937 taxes are paid before Wednesday of next week, it was learned at the courthouse this week.

More than 800 names are on the list at present, but it is expected the number will be reduced considerably before publication begins. The property will be advertised for four weeks and sold at the courthouse door in Plymouth on the first Monday in October.

Two Tracts of Land Sold In Skippersville Recently

C. L. Hopkins and wife, Mrs. Vera Hopkins, and M. F. Davenport, unmarried, have sold two tracts of land in Skippersville Township to Herbert I. Davenport for \$3,650.

Creswell Only Unit To Be Delayed; Will Probably Open 29th

Vacation over, a large majority of the 3,500 school children in Washington County will resume their studies Thursday of next week, when all of the county schools, white and colored, except the one at Creswell open their doors for the 1938-39 term.

The Creswell unit will probably begin its term on September 29, when it is hoped at least part of the new school building will be available.

An important change in the school system is the addition of elective courses in the high schools, and the requirement of 20 units for graduation instead of 16 as formerly. The additional courses are designed to make the work more attractive for the students and will mean better-equipped graduates, regardless of whether they intend going to work or pursuing their education further in institutions of higher learning.

The added courses will help to eliminate an acute problem presented by the laws which say that a child must be 18 years of age to work. Under the 11-grade system 80 per cent of the children graduate at 16 and 17 years of age.

Records show that during the last three years, slightly over 10 per cent of the Plymouth graduates continue their education beyond high school. In many instances the graduates are too young to work, even if there were suitable and adequate employment available.

Pupils who have dropped out of high school before graduation are urged to return, as interesting and practical courses will be arranged for them. Some who have graduated will probably return to take additional courses, either in college preparatory, commercial, or vocational subjects, as a complete course in business training is being offered.

"Enroll early and attend regularly, as no pupil can do creditable work who stays out of school. A unit of credit is granted on the basis of attendance. Don't lessen the credit earned by irregular attendance," the school officials urge.

Permission to take five unit subjects will be granted only to those pupils in the tenth and eleventh grades who averaged 83 or above on their last year's work, it was announced.

The State department requires a child to have a minimum of 16 units for graduation, permitting the local systems to increase this according to local needs and desires, in line with the state regulations. Under the new set-up in this county, if a student has met the state requirement of 16 units and desires to stop, he will be given a certificate; however, a diploma will only be issued to those whose have the prescribed 20 units required for graduation in this county in the future. Students receiving certificates are not excluded from entering college, although it may be more difficult for them to do so than students finishing the twelfth grade work.

90 Men Now Engaged In Work on Newland Highway To Cherry

Additional men have been added to the force from time to time until at present there are about 90 men at work on the Newlands road from Roper to Cherry, and it is expected the project will be completed sometime in the early spring.

The workmen are divided into two crews, with Winton Davenport, of Creswell, working 60 men on the Cherry end, W. C. Meyers, of Plymouth, has a crew of about 25 or 30 on the Roper end working toward the other group.

The Davenport crew has completed about 8 miles of the work from the Cherry end while Mr. Meyers' crew has encountered difficulties and has progressed about one mile. The entire distance from Roper to Cherry, through this short cut, is about 15 miles.

The project called for the work to be completed within 10 months. The workmen are blasting stumps, raising the roadbed, clearing the shoulders and arranging for good drainage.

Progress on the route is not visible from highway No. 64 at Roper, as the work was started about a half mile from where it will eventually intersect with the highway. When completed the route should be one of the prettiest in the county, as trees and foliage line the roadway on both sides practically the entire distance.

Work Not Expected To Be Completed Before Spring Of Next Year

Game Warden J. T. Terry says he has heard few protests here about the shortened season, as the Roanoke does not flood here as it does farther upstream, but he did hear a great many protests last year about the change in deer-hunting season, but this opposition has about ceased.

When the 14 boys and girls from the seven counties in the Albemarle threw open the gates at the draw of the sound bridge last Thursday, they recited the following dedication, in union with its author, John W. Darden: "We, the representatives of this and future generations of an united and greater Albemarle, a great state and nation, clip these ribbons and throw ajar these gates, thereby formally opening and dedicating this bridge to the service of humanity forever."

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