

P. L. Mossburg, of Baltimore, cashier and credit manager of the Western Newspaper Union, is here on his vacation visiting his relatives. Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Owens, Mr. Mossburg once traveled through this section for his company, but has not been on the road in the last 20 years.

T. C. Burgess, well-known and well liked business man who has been confined to his bed for about two weeks, is reported much improved today. He is allowed to have company now at intervals. But no groups are admitted. The nature of his ailment requires that he be kept absolutely quiet.

A. W. Alexander and T. W. Swain, from the Pea Ridge section of Washington County, were here Thursday and applied for a copy of the paper that carried the merchants' specials in the new drive that they are making for business. "We want to see what the Plymouth merchants are offering to the people," said Mr. Swain.

"I haven't had a summer cold in five years," said H. A. Willford on the street Monday night, when he was feeling as good as ever. Tuesday morning he awoke with a cold and says that it is one of the worst colds—summer or winter—that he has ever had.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Liverman are in New York this week purchasing their fall and winter merchandise. They are expected to return home by the week-end. Reports back to the store here are to the effect that they will have shipments of new merchandise arriving daily by next week.

"A man from Farmville was here this week and purchased about \$1,500 worth of tobacco marketing poundage cards," says Zeno Lyon. He would have purchased more if he could have found them immediately, according to Mr. Lyon, who also added that he paid the regular price of 5 cents a pound for the surplus allotments.

Dave Kellum, formerly of Edenton, is opening a new apparel shop on Water Street in the building adjoining the Southern Hardware Company. He has been out of business for about five years, but expects to open here sometime next week.

"Church attendance has been good since the conclusion of the union services the last Sunday in August," according to the Rev. N. A. Taylor, pastor of the Christian church, who has noticed an increased attendance at his church.

"It appears to me that the efforts Plymouth merchants are making to increase business by marking their merchandise down to attract shoppers is a good one," said J. H. Leggett, U. S. Commissioner and well-known farmer. Mr. Leggett was told about the drive for business that is being made by the merchants and remarked that the prices offered were very attractive.

Unsold Poundage on Cards Worth 5 Cents

Reported Number of Farmers Have Lost By Selling for Less

Speculators Said To Have Bought Unsold Portions For 3 and 4 Cents

According to current reports, speculators have reaped a rich harvest in Washington County by the purchase of unsold tobacco poundage allotments at figures much lower than the 5 cents a pound, which can be secured through the regular channels of transferring the allotments.

It was said that some of the speculators have been purchasing the surplus poundage for as little as 3 and 4 cents a pound, when the owners could get the full 5 cents a pound allowed if the cards were turned over to the county agent or to the warehousemen for transfer.

So far, transfers have been recorded through the county agent's office for 54,181 pounds, involving about 50 persons, all of whom have received the full 5 cents a pound allowed; but it was stated that many private sales have been negotiated directly with the speculators in which hundreds of surplus pounds have been sold to the farmers for less than 5 cents a pound.

Authorities here point out that the best way to sell the surplus poundage on a card is to carry it to the county agent's office or to some tobacco warehouse for all transfers to be made.

If the surplus poundage is not used on the eastern Carolina markets, it can be sold to growers who are selling on newly opened markets in other sections, and there is always a demand for it.

The fact that speculators are paying persons to buy up the cards for them is sufficient proof that there is a market for the cards, and farmers in Washington County are advised to hold their cards for the full 5 cents a pound allowed by the government, as there has been much more tobacco harvested in the whole growing area than there were pounds allotted on the cards.

Peanut Picker Operators Required To Get Permits

Persons operating peanut pickers in Washington County, or elsewhere in this state, must have their threshing license and the daily record books, according to Mrs. Mary S. Cahoon, register of deeds, who urges all peanut-picker operators to apply for the permits at once.

The license is a permit to thresh and the record books are necessary to comply with the law requiring that an accurate record be kept of the acres and farms for which threshing is done, according to Mrs. Cahoon.

"This year," the register of deeds said, "threshers or pickers are required to have their licenses attached to the threshing or picker." The machines will be inspected by state officials at certain periods, and offenders will be prosecuted.

Merchants Cooperate In Offering Bargains

Meet of Southern Albemarle Group Planned Oct. 12th

It is believed now that there will be a meeting of the Southern Albemarle Association held at Columbia around October 12 for the purpose of passing resolutions urging roads and bridges for Tyrrell, Washington, Dare, and Hyde Counties.

C. W. Tatem, president of the association, was in Plymouth several days ago and said that he hoped there would be a large delegation present when the organization met, as he desired that each member county cooperate with the others in getting their desired roads and bridges.

Efforts are being made to secure Thomas H. McDonald, chief of the Federal Bureau of Roads at Washington, D. C., as the principal speaker for the occasion.

Scouts Continue Work on Census

Boy Scouts are continuing their work in taking the census of Plymouth and its environs in an effort to secure correct figures as to the total population of the town, according to the Rev. N. A. Taylor, Scoutmaster, who is in charge of the work.

The boys have covered the white population in the town proper and have been to the Country Club Estates, but have not started on the colored sections as yet. Because many have chores to do after school they will probably only work on Saturdays. Mr. Taylor believes that it will take about a month to finish the count.

No tabulations have been made yet as to the number of families or individuals counted.

ATTEND MEETING

County Agent W. V. Hays and Mrs. Mary M. Darden, home agent, attended a district meeting of the extension workers held in Edenton the first part of this week, when plans were made for next year's work.

Extension specialists from State College and other farm workers were present and made talks.

The farm workers' year runs from December 1 to November 30th.

Enrollment Tripled In Agriculture Class

The enrollment of vocational agriculture students at the Plymouth High School has almost tripled this year, according to W. D. Starr, instructor, who starts his second year with interest in the course constantly increasing.

The number jumped from 21 last year to 61 this year, and the increased enrollment will serve to make the course more important, as it is reaching a much larger number of students.

The boys are now painting their classroom, doing some work on their shop and arranging a schedule of new objectives for the year.

Lang Sells Elizabeth City Plant; May Help One Here

Sale of the C. C. Lang & Company pickle plant in Elizabeth City to W. E. Dunstan for a building supplies business is expected to increase the importance of the plant in Plymouth to the farmers of the Albemarle section.

It is believed that much of the business which has been done by the plant in Elizabeth City will be transferred to Plymouth and that the local plant will be enlarged and the personnel increased as needed.

Try Giving Values Instead of Prizes In Fall Campaign

Circulars and Advertisements Appear This Week for Trial of Plan

Plymouth merchants are launching their fall trade campaign this week with an entirely different method being tried out this year. Instead of giving away cash prizes to a few persons, as has been done in the past, the merchants are cooperating to bring special values to all their customers. Real price reductions on a wide variety of items have been made, and circulars and advertisements are being mailed to practically every patron in this entire trading area.

A score of merchants are cooperating, and it is planned to send out these circulars every other week from now until Christmas. Customers are urged to watch for them and check all the items.

"This is a bid for your business, coming from your neighbors who want the people who trade in Plymouth to have the best bargains possible," a spokesman for the merchants association said, "and many are today purchasing special items and stocking up on the things you need—and at prices you can afford to pay—proving conclusively to the shoppers that the merchants here are willing and able to serve them in every way possible."

This is considered a progressive effort by the merchants to give every patron a prize instead of a few winners. Everyone who buys wins a prize in the value of the merchandise he is getting for so little.

If the buying public shows a spirit of cooperation with these merchants in their agreement to mark down the price of their wares in many instances to cost and below, there will be more and better bargains offered every two weeks. The Plymouth Merchants Association will make a study of the results this week-end, so if you appreciate the values offered, do not fail to mention it when you are taking advantage of the special prices offered. Ask for the advertised article at the advertised price.

Employment Office Places Over 1,100 Jobs in Past Year

Placements Embrace Wide Variety of Occupations; 400 in This County

Since opening last Fall the local office of the N. C. State Employment Service at Williamston has placed 1,187 people in jobs, both public and private. These figures represent job placements in a wide variety of occupations, including men and women and younger people, of both races. Approximately 400 of these were in Washington county, according to C. W. Bazemore, Manager of the office.

During the past three weeks the office has placed approximately 140 people in jobs, mostly in regular employment. These placements are distributed over the five-county area served by this office—including Martin, Beaufort, Washington, Tyrrell and Hyde counties. Total registrations, or applications, taken in the Williamston office have been about 2,900 in its period of operation since opening the office in the Town Hall Building last October.

With a considerable number of public works projects now in operation, together with same school buildings, improvements and municipal improvement programs, particularly in Beaufort County, soon to get under way the local employment office is expecting a large increase in applicants for jobs being placed in employment in the near future.

Registration service is given at regular intervals at the designated public places in each of the main community centers over the five-county area and on these days applicants for work, and claimants for unemployment compensation appear to register and to file their claims. Increasing demands from private business, resulting in many applicants being placed in private employment, have feature d the work of the Williamston office in recent weeks.

Systems of Internal Communications for Schools Are Installed

Officials Believe Added Facilities Should Increase Efficiency

Internal communications systems have been installed in the public schools at Plymouth, Roper and Creswell, as well as telephone service for outside connections, as the schools move toward more efficient operation.

The individual systems are so arranged that the principal may speak to the teacher in any room and a two-way conversation carried on directly. An added feature is the fact that the system provides for a radio receiving set in a central part of the building. This can be brought into use to bring to the classrooms lectures, speeches, or any other information which can be used in connection with the school work, particularly in the study of historical happenings now taking place.

The cost of the additional service is comparatively reasonable. The exact amount was not available at this time, but it is understood to cost much less than generally expected.

It has been about six or more years since the three schools have been provided with telephones, and this is regarded as a great convenience for the patrons of the school, as well as for the faculty members and administrative staff of the entire school system.

Negro Boy Wanted On "Peeping Tom" Charge Disappears

Warrant Issued for James Ellis; Has Been Accused Number Times

Complaints from various people led to the issuance of a warrant for and efforts by local officers to trap James Ellis, colored, at his alleged favorite pastime of "peeping" into the windows of homes here, but the elusive colored boy suddenly left town. It was thought that news of the issuance of the warrant reached the ears of Ellis, and that he promptly set out for parts unknown.

About a year ago the youth was haled into recorder's court, found guilty on a "peeping Tom" charge and sentenced to the roads. He appealed to the superior court, but was let off with a fine, thus escaping service on the roads.

Ellis was said to be a good worker by Colon Gurkin, of the Southern Hardware Company, where the negro had been employed for about three years. It is not known whether the youth would have caused either white or colored, any harm, but he has been seen several times prowling about the yards of residences, although no one could ever catch him in the act of "peeping."

Numerous complaints had been made about him, mostly by persons who could only catch a fleeting glimpse of a negro described as of about the same stature and general appearance as Ellis.

Winding Up Affairs Of Big Celebration

Liquidation of the affairs of the Albemarle Sound Bridge celebration committee was the purpose of a meeting held at the Virginia Dare Hotel Thursday with representatives from the seven counties attending.

John W. Darden, vice chairman of the central committee and chairman of the program committee, and Zeb Vance Norman, chairman of the publicity committee, were to represent this county at the meeting, although Mr. Norman was doubtful that he would be able to attend.

There are a number of bills to come before the organization for payment, and it is not known whether the amount of money is available now to liquidate entirely or not, but if there is a deficit the money will be raised from other sources.

Mr. Darden said before he left that he was going to recommend that a permanent Albemarle Association be formed to operate much like the Southern Albemarle Association, and it is believed that his idea will be given serious consideration by the group at the meeting.

Lions and Merchants In Meeting Thursday

Fifty Lions and members of the Merchants Association will gather at the Plymouth Country Club Thursday night for a general meeting that will be presided over by Lion President W. L. Whitley and vice president of the merchants' body.

E. H. Liverman, president of the merchants' organization, is out of town, but a vice president or other member of the trade group will jointly preside with Mr. Whitley.

Tax Rate Tentatively Set At \$1.80 by County Board

A tentative tax rate of \$1.80 on the \$100 property valuation has been set by the Washington County Commissioners, but the schedule as outlined is subject to approval by the Local Government Commission at Raleigh before it is final. This is the same figure as was in effect last year.

It is believed by the county officials that this rate will be approved by the State officials, but, in accordance with law, Auditor E. J. Spruill has sent to the commission the information and their action is awaited before the rate is declared officially adopted and the tax books prepared for the collector.

The rate is divided as follows: General fund, 15 cents; poor fund, 16 1/2 cents; health fund, 6 cents; old-age assistance, 3 cents; aid to dependent children, 1 1/2 cents; debt service, \$1.19; current expense of schools, 12 cents; capital outlay for schools, 7 cents.

The total rate is the same as the total rate for 1937, but the figures in the various departments have undergone some changes, principally to take care of new expenses that have been incurred by the social security program and others.

As soon as a rate is finally approved a "break down," or itemized account of the rate and the budget requirements will be published, as is required by law.

City Delivery Service Here After October 1

Mail Deliveries Will Be Made To Country Club Estates Homes

Houses Must Be Numbered And Receipts Provided To Secure Service

Establishment of city delivery service in lieu of the village carrier service now being rendered here, effective October 1, was announced today by Postmaster George W. Hardison, who has been so advised by the postal officials in Washington, D. C.

Permits was also granted to extend the service to the Plymouth Country Club Estates and south on Washington Street from the Norfolk Southern Railroad to the county home.

Postmaster Hardison advises that all residences where service is desired are required to be numbered and have mail receptacles. He is urging that this be done before October 1; otherwise the householders will not receive the benefit of this service.

Deliveries will be made to the Country Club Estates twice daily, once in the morning and once in the afternoon. No schedule has been arranged as yet.

Delivery service for parcel post packages up to the size of a shoe box and not exceeding 4 pounds in weight will be inaugurated if it is found that as many as 25 packages of this size and weight are to be delivered daily.

The new regulations elevate the class of service rendered from that of village to city, and places the carriers on a parity with postal clerks. Wilbur Chesson and Alton Lilley will continue their work in this connection, with Henry Hardison added as an auxiliary carrier.

Suitable mail receptacles of the type required and house numbers may be purchased from local merchants.

Successful Year Is Expected for High School Band Here

Plan Campaign Soon To Get Money for Uniforms; Course Extended

"A very successful year is being anticipated for the Plymouth School Band," according to Director L. W. Zeigler, who adds that only one player was lost through graduation, and he has returned for more academic work.

The band members are planning to launch a drive soon for money with which to purchase uniforms. It is now possible, according to Mr. Zeigler, for the seventh-grade students to enroll for band instruction under the new high-school schedule, and it is believed many seventh and eighth graders will avail themselves of the opportunity.

There are two openings for alto horns at the present time.

Band members follow: Cornets: Bill Spruill, Jack Stubbs, Billy Fagan, Bill Satterthwaite, Harry McLean, Skinner Ayers. Clarinets: Osborn Dunbar, Douglas Gurkin, Joe Vail, Mary Lillian Campbell.

Saxophones: Mary Charlotte Jones, Lorraine Jackson, Zeb Vance Norman, Ernest Liverman. Drums: Jack Harrison, Virginia Winesette, James Francis. Trombones: Bill Darden, Phil Liverman. Baritone Horn: Wilford Whitley. Sousaphone: Brinson Cox.

Three Classes in Physical Education Formed Here

Three classes of physical education have been organized in the Plymouth High School to reach the boys and girls who are not competing in organized sports.

Calisthenics and drilling are two of the fundamentals of this department, and the boys and girls who participate will find they enjoy this treatment, according to Principal R. B. Trotman.

Admits Attempt To Slay Husband and Involves Two Others

Mrs. Pauline Swain Makes Confession To Magistrate And Attorneys

In a signed confession, made at the county home last Saturday, in the presence of Attorneys Carl L. Bailey and A. R. Dupree, sr., Magistrate John W. Darden, and Abijah Swain, her husband, Mrs. Pauline Swain admitted her part in a conspiracy and attempt to murder her husband, but claims that two others are equally involved. Mrs. Swain, at the present time, is serving a seven-months sentence at the county home following her conviction in recorder's court here last July on charges of fornication and adultery with Walter Skittetharpe.

The evidence contained in the confession has been turned over to Prosecuting Attorney W. M. Darden and Sheriff J. K. Reid, but so far as could be learned today, no action has been taken to bring any of those named to trial. It is understood, however, that Mrs. Swain will be tried for the attempted murder of her husband, probably at the January term of superior court.

A local attorney, who represents one of the persons named in the purported confession, today stated that the charges against his client are absolutely false and that he will demand the name of his client be cleared and eliminated from the statement made by Mrs. Swain.

According to the statement, lye was mixed with Mr. Swain's whiskey in the attempt to murder him, but after he drank a small portion he became ill and did not consume sufficient quantity to have fatal results.

Report Shows Leaf Prices Fluctuating

Average prices for tobacco sold this week on Eastern North Carolina markets denoted an irregular trend, according to the United States and North Carolina Departments of Agriculture. Combined averages on both the leaf and lug groups were approximately the same as compared with the previous week. In the smoking leaf and cutter groups the majority of the grades quoted were slightly higher. Low to good priming grades were somewhat lower.

Sales were heavier in volume than the previous week. The majority of the offerings consisted of common to fair leaf, fair to fine lugs and fair and good primings. Leaf predominated. Cutters were offered in relatively small volume. Choice and fine quality leaf was scarce.

Nine Type 12 markets, representing the bulk of sales of this type area, reported total sales for this week of 24,836,814 pounds, at an average of \$19.23. Total sales for the season to date amounted to 57,332,570 pounds, at an average of \$20.74.

3/4 To 3/2 Cents Prices Likely for Peanuts This Year

Farmers of this section are practically assured of a fair price for peanuts this fall as the result of meetings held by AAA officials and representatives of cleaners, confectioners, growers, and others in Washington, D. C., Monday night and Tuesday.

The prices agreed on at the meetings were as follows for the Virginia type peanuts: No. 1 grade, 3 1/2 cents; No. 2, 3 1-3 cents, and No. 3s, 3 1-4 cents per pound.

If the price is finally approved, and it is expected to be, by Department of Agriculture officials, the Peanut Stabilization Cooperative will again operate the diversion program substantially as last year, guaranteeing the above prices to producers.

Among those at the meeting Monday night was Mr. Obiel, of Suffolk, president of the Planters Nut & Chocolate Co., one of the largest buying companies. He pledged the cooperation of the cleaners in maintaining a fair price for the crop.

Glee Club Reorganized at Local School This Year

A glee club has been formed at the Plymouth High School, with Miss Ida Fuller and Principal R. B. Trotman in charge. There are 40 members of the organization.

Practice is already underway for the Christmas cantata similar to the one presented last year, which was proclaimed a success by those who attended.

Urge Farmers To Join In Farm Bureau Fight

LOCAL ENROLLMENT

The total enrollment in the Plymouth schools this season is 1,095; with 576 in the white and 519 in the colored school. In the white schools there are 154 in the high school and 422 in the elementary grades. There are 103 in high school and 416 in the elementary grades at the colored school. One new teacher has been added, and two classes are being held in the auditorium on account of crowded conditions. There are 120 pupils in the first grade.

Death Claims Father Of Dr. A. Papineau

Dr. A. Papineau is expected to return this week-end from Boston, Mass., where he went Tuesday to attend the funeral of his father, the Rev. Arthur Bradford Papineau, who died there suddenly. The funeral was held Wednesday.

Cause of his death could not be learned here, but it is known that the aged minister had retired from the ministry of the Episcopal church about three months ago and was resting in a retreat there.

The Rev. Mr. Papineau was well known here, as he visited his son about a year or more ago and preached in Grace Episcopal church while here.

His age is not known here, but he had been in the ministry for a long time, and it is understood that he was in his seventies.

Creswell Married Men Beat Single Fellows at Baseball

Creswell—The married men defeated the single boys, 4 to 3, in a short but interesting baseball game here Sunday afternoon. The game went only six innings.

B. A. Williams, Head Of County Bureau, Outlines Objectives

Making Determined Effort To Adjust Inequalities and Secure Payments

"Farmers in Washington County should join the Farm Bureau to help us fight for parity payments and adjust inequalities," said B. A. Williams, of Creswell, president of the Washington County Farm Bureau, as the local organization opened its campaign for members this week.

"Through this organization the farmers will have a concerted group to defend the farm program from its enemies, and every farmer is needed, as this is a trying time," said the farm leader.

Secretary of Agriculture Wallace and J. B. Hutson, farm leader, join in saying that "Farmers must organize and fight if they expect to keep the farm program."

The county Farm Bureau last year had 61 members. Included in the group were some of the most progressive and best farmers in the entire section, and it was through the efforts of these men, and other similar groups, that so much has been done for the farmers as a whole.

Later a campaign will be made, with committees in each township canvassing their own friends; and it is likely that the drive for new members will be strengthened by outside help, probably bringing speakers of sectional reputation who will present the need of organization and cooperation at this time of crisis in the farm program.

It was pointed out that enemies of the farm program have attacked it from many angles, and now have resorted to reduced prices on tobacco and other commodities, but so far the program, backed by Farm Bureau leaders, many individual farmers, and the government, has been able to withstand the assaults.