

F. E. Miller, director of the State Test Farms, was here this week...

W. T. Phelps at Roper and C. E. Ayers at Plymouth say their filling station business doubled after the Albemarle Sound bridge opened...

Tom W. Snell, storekeeper at Cool Springs, said the other day that his section, on Highway 64...

J. T. Cooper, vocational agriculture teacher at Pembroke in Robeson County...

Sam Adler has been in New York this week making special fall and winter stock purchases.

Mayor B. G. Campbell makes this suggestion for the inscription upon large signs urged for erection along the highways...

One of the best remembered Christian workers in this section is the Rev. Joe Gray Gurganus...

A stalwart, well-liked, energetic young man left Creswell 15 years ago for Norfolk, where he joined the police force...

Assignment has been made to the Plymouth and Williamston Boy Scouts to build a "second class" bridge...

Herman Spencer, an insurance man, has returned from a trip to Lookout Mountain, Chattanooga, Tenn., where he with 51 other agents...

Prices of 3/4 to 3/2 cents approved for 1938 crop of peanuts

Warehouses will be operated along same lines as last year

The Agricultural Adjustment Administration has advised W. T. Freeman, who stored peanuts here last year and who will do the same this year...

Although details have not been completed, the program will authorize regional associations of producers to pay the following prices for farmers' stock peanuts grown in 1938...

Resume work on Creswell School Building Monday

Temporarily halted this week on account of the weather and certain financial difficulties, work on the Creswell school building is expected to be resumed by Monday...

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Roper Teacher Oldest In State in Point of Service

Miss Augusta C. Carstarphen, 79, Has Started on Sixtieth Season as Instructor of Washington County Children; Has Taught Over 3,000 During Her Career

The passage of time has not impaired the health, vigor, or mental faculties of Miss Augusta C. Carstarphen...

The fifth of next month she will celebrate her 79th anniversary, and by the time most people reach the eighties they are through with active public life...

Being of the "old school," her methods are those of the old-type "school marm."

For over half a century she has been teaching the sixth grade. Back in the old days she taught the fifth, sixth, and seventh.



MISS AUGUST A. C. CARSTARPHEN. Of Roper, who recently began her sixtieth term as a school teacher in Washington County.

soldiated school, housed in a handsome brick building and attended by about 500 boys and girls.

Asked why she hadn't retired from the profession of teaching, she replied that "there is no retirement fund for teachers, and I need the money for living expenses, and I guess I will teach as long as I can do the job satisfactorily."

Her education was secured at the ... (Continue on page four)

Hearing for 3 People Friday on Charge of Attempt To Murder

Mrs. Pauline Swain, Walter Skittleharpe, Mrs. Ainsworth Defendants

A special session of recorders court will be held Friday morning for a preliminary hearing in the case involving Mrs. Pauline Swain, Walter Skittleharpe, and Mrs. Ainsworth...

The warrant, issued by Solicitor W. M. Darden, set the hearing for last Tuesday, but Zeb Vance Norman, attorney for Mrs. Ainsworth, secured a postponement until Friday.

Mrs. Swain, now serving a seven-month sentence at the county home following her conviction of fornication and adultery with Skittleharpe, made a statement on Saturday, September 10, admitting her part in an alleged plot to murder her husband...

Mrs. Swain's statement was made under oath before Magistrate John W. Darden; C. L. Bailey attorney for Abijah Swain, her husband; A. R. Dupree, Jr., attorney for Mrs. Swain; Abijah Swain, her husband; and a stenographer, who transcribed the statement, later read and signed by Mrs. Swain.

Upon the information contained in the sworn statement, and with evidence he had secured, Solicitor Darden issued the warrant.

The indictment reads as follows: "Blanche Ainsworth and Walter Skittleharpe did feloniously and with malice aforethought did conspire with each other and with Mrs. Pauline Swain to kill and murder Abijah Swain; that Blanche Ainsworth, in execution and performance of the act that she conspired to do, did unlawfully and willfully and feloniously assault Abijah Swain with intent to kill him, doing him serious bodily injury by administering to him a poisonous substance, designed and intended to kill him."

Elizabeth City Tries To Secure Livestock Market From Here

Pressure Being Brought To Designate That Place Central Point

Pressure is being brought on the meat packers to designate Elizabeth City as the central livestock purchasing point for cooperative shippers for the whole Albemarle area...

However, County Agent W. V. Hays is exercising every effort possible to block this movement...

Civic workers in Elizabeth City for some time have tried to prevail on the packers to locate a purchasing station there and designate it as the central buying point for all the Albemarle region...

As a last resort, Mr. Hays urges that Plymouth continue to be the loading and selling point for the Southern Albemarle section and others nearest this point...

How far the opposition forces will go to take this very convenient and profitable enterprise from Plymouth is not known at the present, but Mr. Hays and his workers are doing everything possible to keep the business in Plymouth.

Lions and Merchants Hold Joint Meeting At Club Last Friday

Committee Appointed To Ask Town For Aid In Placing Highway Signs

A mixture of good fellowship, helpful discussions, and a delicious chicken dinner provided the 50 Lions, merchants and their guests a very pleasant evening at the Plymouth Country Club last Thursday.

Lion President W. L. Whitley presided over the event in the absence of E. H. Liverman, president of the merchants association...

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Scout Executive Here This Week

John J. Sigwald, Scout executive and his assistant, George Thomas, met with District Chairman A. Papineau and committee chairman at the Plymouth County Club Tuesday afternoon...

This was followed by a meeting in the courthouse Tuesday night, when a silver loving cup was presented to Ducky Lloyd...

Lay Readers Begin Services October 2

Beginning the first Sunday night in October, services will be held in Grace Episcopal church each Sunday, with a lay reader in charge of the services...

Spruill Property on Water Street Sold To Mrs. Phelps

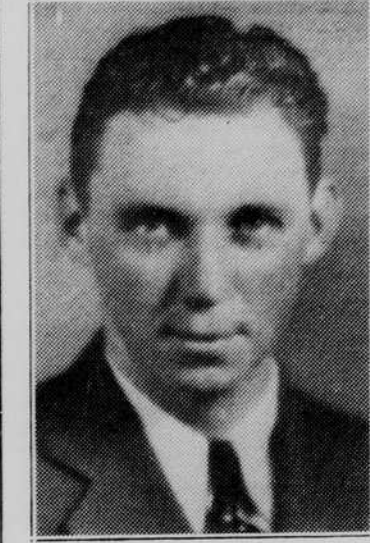
Mrs. Kathleen Spruill last week sold her part of the estate left to her by her father, J. C. Spruill, on North Water Street...

County Tax Notices Are Being Prepared

Employees of the county are working day and night in an effort to get the 1938 tax notices out and into the hands of taxpayers...

County To Have Part In Defense Maneuvers

Observers Named To Warn of Approach Of "Hostile" Aircraft



A. T. Brooks, of Greensboro, who is entering his second year as principal of the Creswell school. Scheduled to open next Thursday, recent developments may cause a postponement of the opening for a week.

Observers named to warn of approach of "hostile" aircraft. Six warning posts in Washington County designated by Legion Commander.

The zooming of military aircraft will be heard over Washington County during the second week in October...

W. V. Hays, as commander of the local American Legion post, has appointed a group of men to serve as observers and warn the anti-aircraft forces at Fort Bragg of the progress of the invading planes...

Observers appointed are as follows: P. W. Brown, Plymouth; A. R. Phelps, Roper; T. W. Tarkenton, Pleasant Grove; Mr. Harris, superintendent of the prison camp; Earl Davenport, of Creswell; and J. L. Rea, Wenoa.

Each of these men has an eight-mile territory to cover, and any citizen observing the passage of the airplanes, day or night during the week of the maneuvers, is urged to communicate with the observer nearest him...

All types of craft will be used in the maneuvers, bombers, pursuit planes, blimps, and observation ships. There will be two forces, invading and defending...

Two of the chief observation posts will be in quiet places, the fire tower here and the post at Lake Phelps, where the planes may be heard even before they can be seen.

"One of the most important things (the defensive forces of the country wish to determine," says Mr. Hays, "is whether or not private citizens may be depended upon to serve as observers in the case of actual war."

If the invading ships should be too high for detection, or scurrying thru watergirt sections unnoticed, their interception will, of course, be impossible...

Three hundred and fifty warning posts have been designated in the area of operations, which runs west as far as Raleigh, south to Wilmington, and north to the Virginia line.

Man Says He Was Beaten and Robbed

Bruised, bloody and bedraggled was William Harrison, aged wanderer of Kinston, who was found by officers Friday afternoon apparently in a stupor near the union station.

Harrison contended that he was robbed of \$200 after having been beaten; but Officers F. W. and Tom Brown carried several persons before him whom they knew to be innocent...

Mr. Harrison is a brother of the late Rev. N. H. Harrison, Primitive Baptist minister, and it was reported that he had not been to Plymouth in 38 years.

Barge Loaded With Gravel Sinks at Local Dock Tuesday Night

Heavy Rain and Leaking Deck Cited As Cause; 400 Tons Of Gravel Lost

A scow, or barge, loaded with gravel and owned by the Wood Towing Corporation, of Norfolk, rested on the bottom of the Roanoke River today about 50 feet from the dock...

The water is about 20 feet deep at the point where the scow sunk, but the huge pile of gravel with which it was loaded reaches to within 7 feet of the surface of the water...

This is the second time this scow has been sunk, as it went down several months ago in Chocketuck, and it was on its first trip it has made since then.

Captain W. F. Meekins, who was in charge of the tug which brought the scow here, was waiting Wednesday for storm warnings to be lifted before venturing back to the mouth of the river...

Rivermen on other barges here said that Wednesday night at 9:30 the scow was riding all right, but that the heavy rainfall on the leaking decks caused the boat to list and later sink to the bottom.

As a rule scows, when loaded, turn over when sinking, emptying their load and simplifying the salvage task, but the one here was so close to other scows that it could not turn over and went straight down.

A temporary marker has been put over the spot where the scow sunk to warn other vessels away from the place until the current washes the gravel away.

Courthouse Furniture Is Renovated This Week

Brightly shines the furniture in the courthouse here today, as the result of the work of Mrs. Bryan Jordan and six WPA women...

The chairs, tables, the judge's bench and the floors have been varnished and present a very pleasing appearance.

W. D. Starr Resigns As Agriculture Teacher Here

Officials are casting about today for a successor to W. D. Starr, vocational agriculture instructor in the Plymouth High School...

Mr. Starr taught three years in Gatesville and is now on his second year in the local school. He is a graduate of State College and is regarded as one of the best vocational agriculture teachers in this section of the State.

Weldon as a supervisor in similar work to that done here by C. H. Rabon and R. E. Dunbar. The new job is a promotion for Mr. Starr and carries a substantial increase in salary.

It is not known when Mr. Starr will leave, as he will remain until a successor is secured for his work here in the school. At the present time there are no vocational agriculture teachers available in this State...