

The C. C. Lang & Son pickle plant here has not received contracts from headquarters for next season's cucumber acreage...

"We have now about 42 boys enrolled in our course, and this is a few more than usual. The boys are manifesting much interest and are making good progress..."

An estimate has been made that not over 40 bales of cotton had been ginned in Washington County this year, according to R. W. Johnston, who keeps up with this information...

Joe Arps and Clayton House attended a Chevrolet dealers' and salesmen meeting in Greenville on a recent night. When they started home they found that some person had cut one of their tires with a knife...

Dr. A. Papineau attended the fall meeting of the Second District Medical Society at Kinston Wednesday night and the post-graduate course in medicine at Greenville Thursday night.

"A community does not know when it will be visited by disaster, and so everyone should contribute liberally to the Red Cross," said J. R. Manning...

Deputy Marshall White Wright, of Hertford, was in Plymouth Tuesday on business. It was his information that Judge I. M. Meekins would preside over the term of Federal Court beginning December 5 in Elizabeth City...

Clyde McCallum and C. E. Ayers, oil dealers, were being urged this week to attend a dinner being held in Raleigh Thursday by the petroleum dealers' organization to discuss matters of interest to their business.

"We are going to start putting up our Christmas decorations the first of December so that by the second week the work will be completed and the town will present an attractive appearance..."

Whether it is due to the new bridge or not, that there is a large number of travelers coming through here can be attested by the calls that are made for post cards showing views of Plymouth, according to H. A. Liverman.

State Senator Corey Speaks at Armistice Day Program Here

Praises Work of American Legion in Securing Aid For Disabled Men

"The American Legion has unswerving official red tape and secured compensation for thousands of deserving disabled men," said State Senator Arthur Corey, of Greenville, to the large crowd that gathered in the theatre here to hear his Armistice Day speech delivered to his comrades of the World War and others who attended the program last Friday.

"Through the American Legion's efforts, thousands of others have been placed in government hospital, a \$5,000,000 endowment fund was raised in 1925, the income from which takes care of war orphans and disabled veterans; procured legislation providing that children of men who died in the service should receive free tuition and other help at state-supported educational institutions..."

"Through the American Legion's efforts, junior baseball has been promoted that has reached 300,000 boys; it has sponsored scout troops, and, remembering the maelstrom of war, the Legion is making every effort to prevent a repetition of this horrible tragedy."

"Armistice Day is a peace day to be celebrated. But instead of a world at peace, we live in a world of greed, suspicion and hate. Military engines of destruction are infinitely more deadly than ever before in peace time. Competent observers see no prospect for continued peace unless the mind of humanity changes."

"No one who knows anything about war wants it, but hellish as it is, no true American prefers dishonor to it. And the Legion rightly insists that national defense should be kept up to the national defense act," concluded the speaker.

The annual parade was probably the largest and longest ever to be held here in the recent observances of Armistice Day, sponsored by the James E. Jethro Post of the American Legion. The Cubs, Boy Scouts, school children, Legionnaires, sons of the Legionnaires, Red Cross nurses, and others, totalling about 650, participated, as the Plymouth High School band led with music.

The Legionnaires enjoyed a barbecue dinner at the Legion Hall at the noon hour.

Town Tax Rate Fixed At \$2 for Current Year

A tax rate of \$2—the same as for last year—will be required to raise the total of \$37,244.88 necessary to meet expenses for operation of the various departments of the town government and meet bond interest and retirement requirements for the current fiscal year, according to the 1938-39 budget approved by the Town Council in session Monday night.

Based on the total tax valuation of \$1,234,589, a tax levy of \$1.20 on the \$100 valuation, together with the poll and privilege taxes and revenue from miscellaneous sources, will be required to raise the \$37,244.88 appropriated in the budget for administrative, street, police and fire department expenses.

On the same valuation a levy of

80 cents, together with an estimated profit of \$4,236 from the water department revenues, will be required to raise the total of \$13,312.78 required for bond interest and retirement payments, as well as to set aside \$3,780 for the sinking fund to take care of outstanding bonds as they come due. The water department is very profitable to the town. The total estimated revenue from this source is \$7,000 for the current year. Operating expense is estimated at \$2,574, leaving a profit of \$4,236, which is set up to the credit of the bond and interest fund.

The total tax valuation of \$1,234,589 represents an increase of approximately \$97,000 over the 1937 tax listings.

Peanut Crop Begins Moving To Market

EARLY PAPER

Correspondents of the Beacon are notified that all material for next week's issue must be in the office Monday, as the paper will be printed and mailed Tuesday so that merchants will have an opportunity to get their Thanksgiving message and values to the public.

Those who have notices or other copy are urged to have it in the office not later than Tuesday morning. The Beacon office will be closed Thursday for observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Several Delegations To Oppose Request For Bus Franchise

Plymouth, Elizabeth City and Columbia Favor Norfolk Southern Proposals

From Plymouth and several surrounding towns will go delegations to Raleigh Tuesday, asking the Utilities Commission to reject the application for a franchise made by the Edenton-Mackeys Ferry Bus Company to operate a bus line between Columbia and Edenton, on the grounds that it will be a duplication of the service proposed to be rendered by the Norfolk Southern Bus Corporation, which has also an application pending for a franchise to operate a bus line from near Bath by way of Highway No. 97, Plymouth, the new bridge, and on into Elizabeth City and Norfolk.

The delegation from Plymouth is expected to present resolutions from the Lions Club, Town Council and Merchants Association. It has been said that there would be representatives from Elizabeth City, Columbia and Plymouth opposing the application for the new franchise.

Civic leaders of the towns opposing the franchise argue that the Norfolk Southern has provided adequate service and equipment between Columbia and Williamston and has secured interstate rights between Edenton and Plymouth and Washington, via the Albemarle Sound bridge and is asking for intra-state rights over the same routing.

Proponents of the Norfolk Southern proposals contend the company will furnish, in connection with their present services, all that is required, with suitable through connections and that an additional carrier over these routes will likely result in a curtailment of the service now rendered by the present carrier.

The Edenton-Mackeys Ferry Bus Company asks for the franchise from Swan Quarter through Hyde to Columbia and then over the bridge into Edenton and on into Suffolk. The Norfolk Southern has agreed that they will add this service in the future, when the roads are improved, if there is a demand for such service.

Minstrel Show at Plymouth Theatre Saturday Midnight

An all-colored minstrel, playing as the Florida Blossoms, will give a "midnight ramble" show at the Plymouth Theatre Saturday night at 11 p. m.

This is the first colored minstrel show to play on the stage of the theatre here, and the management believes that as this is a change a large crowd will attend. No children will be admitted.

Advices Farmers To Listen To Agronomists' Program

Farmers of Washington County are urged by County Agent W. V. Hays to tune in their radio dials to WPTF at Raleigh on Saturday at 1:45 p. m., at which time the agronomy division at State College will present a program.

A feature of the program will be a speech by Henry A. Scott, of Haw River, who will tell what crop rotation has done for his farm during the last 12 years, according to Mr. Hays.

Many Being Bought By Representatives Of Private Concerns

First Load Delivered at Government Warehouse Here Last Monday

Washington County peanuts are beginning to move, but not many of them are destined for the Peanut Stabilization Cooperative's warehouse here so far, as most of them which have been prepared for sale have been sold on the open market to cleaners.

The first load to be stored with the government warehouse here was brought in Monday by E. J. Sprull from his home at the Sound Side, in Skippersville Township, and was composed of 800 bags. Others were expected to make deliveries during the week.

It has been reported that Jim Gaylord, at Roper, has purchased 3,300 bags for an Edenton concern and that many of the other buyers for private companies have been very active in buying the present crop for the cleaners.

The peanut purchasing organizations representing the cleaners cast about this season and found that a shortage of peanuts from the old crop existed and then learned there was a short crop, so they entered the market actively.

The close grading of the government warehousemen has resulted in what growers say is a smaller price than they can get for the crop by selling to the representatives of the cleaners, which is the reason most of the crop marketed so far has been through the regular peanut market channels.

One grower said his crop, if graded by government standards, would have brought him only 3 cents a pound when delivered at a stabilization warehouse, but that he sold to a buyer on the open market at 3 1-4 cents a pound.

Many of the buyers are making their purchases in the field, most of the time at the thresher, and having the peanuts hauled directly to their own warehouses.

Recorder's Court Session Tuesday

A criminal and a civil case may grow out of the issuance of a warrant last week by M. L. Bowen against L. H. Lucas, charging that Mr. Lucas turned his hogs into a soybean field cultivated by Mr. Bowen before the soybeans could be harvested and divided. The case was called in recorder's court Tuesday, but was continued until next Tuesday on account of the illness of Mr. Lucas. A jury will probably be demanded.

Robert Pettiford, 23, colored, had his case dismissed when he was arraigned on a charge of assaulting his wife with a knife.

Alexander James, 23, colored, was sentenced to 12 months on the roads, suspended upon payment of the costs and good behavior for two years, on a charge of transporting illicit liquor.

Scout Executive To Be Here Tuesday

A busy day is in prospect for J. J. Sigwald, of Wilson, scout executive, when he comes here Tuesday, according to Dr. A. Papineau, district chairman.

Mr. Sigwald will play archery golf in the morning on the country club course against Ellis Maples, pro, and will then visit and meet the chairman of the district committees.

At 2:30 in the afternoon he will conduct a chapel program in the Plymouth colored school, at which time efforts will be made to start a colored troop in Plymouth. Principal W. H. Berry may be the scoutmaster and has arranged for the chapel program.

Red Cross Roll Call Drive Is Now Under Way in This County

Total of 51 Members Reported by Part of Workers Canvassing Town

Partial reports from the workers yesterday showed that at least 51 have enrolled in the American Red Cross in Plymouth, with the canvassers continuing their drive for members and contributions, it was announced today by Mrs. Russell E. White, roll call chairman.

The membership fee is \$1, but smaller contributions will be accepted. Fifty per cent of the membership fees and contributions will be retained in the local treasury for work in the county.

In connection with the roll call campaign, a one-reel film entitled, "Why Not Live" will be shown in the Plymouth Theatre Monday and Tuesday under the sponsorship of the Red Cross. This will be in addition to the regular program.

Mrs. White urges those who have been visited and those who have not as yet been canvassed to arrange to get their membership fee or contribution into the hands of the workers as early as possible, so that the work may be concluded by Thanksgiving if possible.

Although all of the workers have not reported, the following is a list of members secured by the workers as designated:

Mrs. O. H. Cox, worker; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Watson, S. M. Rasmussen, Roscoe Bowers, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Moeller, N. T. Barron, Deyo Beale, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Earle, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Cox, George Curry, L. J. Meunier, jr., E. A. Harper, Merton Carey.

Mrs. W. P. Lloyd and Mrs. E. G. Arps, workers; Dr. A. Papineau, Mrs. Blanche Swain, E. G. Arps, Eureka Cafe, Hassell's Bakery, H. A. Willis, Dr. W. H. Johnston, Dr. T. L. Bray, A. L. Owens, Roanoke Beacon, Miss Emily Brinkley, J. R. Davenport, Mrs. Leroy Bateman, W. M. Darden, J. R. Campbell, L. S. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. McLean.

Miss Corinne Gurkin and Ben Owens, workers; Bill Cheshire, Shep Brinkley, Abe Adler, Mrs. Ruby Sykes, J. W. Norman, David Kulman, W. F. Winslow, J. J. Brinkley, Smith Brothers.

J. R. Manning, worker; J. R. Manning, Bill Roebuck, W. L. Whitley, E. F. Still, Rev. N. A. Taylor.

Mrs. L. T. Rose, worker; J. R. Carr, W. E. Weede, and Mrs. Louis Lucas.

Community Choral Group Is Organized At Roper Monday

Sings To Be Held Twice Each Month; Over 100 at First Meeting

Upwards of 100 people were present at the organization meeting of the community sing held in the Roper High School last Monday night, when the first of the organized sings to be held in the county got off to an excellent start.

The Rev. M. L. Ambrose, Christian minister, was named president of the group; with Principal D. E. Poole as vice president; and Mrs. Perla H. Brey secretary and treasurer.

The music of Stephen Foster was featured, with "Old Black Joe" and other popular compositions of his being sung by the large gathering. At each meeting, the music of a different composer will be sung.

Meetings will be held twice monthly, with the next sing scheduled for Monday night, November 28.

Mrs. John Harper Askef, wife of a Roper teacher, and piano instructor at the school, will direct the music. A graduate of Meredith College, she taught for three years at Campbell College after studying at a conservatory in New York for year, but relinquished her position there to accept the Roper vacancy and be with her husband.

WPA Project for County Approved

The office of Harry Hopkins has notified Representative Lindsay Warren that the President has approved a WPA project for Washington County to provide matron service in the school of the county, amounting to \$6,079.

The President has also approved a project for Pasquotank County to furnish work to repair and renovate toys, shoes and furniture for free distribution to charitable institutions or to the needy amounting to \$7,702.

Offer \$100 First Prize for Building and Loan Slogan

An opportunity is offered the people of Washington County to win a first prize of \$100 or one of 20 other prizes of 5 each by submitting a slogan suitable for use by building, savings and loan associations, to be submitted before November 30, 1938.

Entries must be mailed to the sponsors of the contest, the North Carolina Building and Loan League, P. O. Box 2348, at Raleigh, and the prize winners will be notified by letter, Mr. Spruill said, explaining that the local organization was cooperating in the effort to create more interest in building and loan associations.

The slogans are sought for advertising purposes, and the awards will be made by three impartial judges.

Agent Cites Benefits Under Farm Program

Urges Cooperation Of Business People In Presenting Facts

Loss of Government's Lending Facilities Would Be Serious Blow

In his "Farm Notes" column this week, County Agent W. V. Hays addresses a plea for the cooperation of all business people, bankers, and organizations of various kinds in presenting to the farmers of the county the meaning of the cotton and tobacco control referendum on December 10. Pointing out that coercion is not sought, and admitting that the program is not a perfect one, Mr. Hays nevertheless points out some of the more obvious advantages which have accrued to the farmers since the program was undertaken, and asks that these facts and figures be given consideration, not only by the farmers themselves, but by the business people of this section who are largely dependent upon the returns from farming enterprises. His complete statement follows:

"Many of our farmers do not realize what the farm program means. We wish to ask the cooperation of our business men, bankers, organizations and institutions, in getting to our farmers the meaning of the referendum on December 10.

"The cash income from all crops, livestock and products in North Carolina amounted to approximately \$98,000,000 in 1932. After five years under the program, all crops sold in 1937 for approximately \$270,500,000.

"The cotton adjustment payment on less than one-half the cotton produced in Washington County last year amounted to more than three times as much as our entire crop will sell for in 1938.

"I firmly believe that were it not for our farm program, peanuts would not sell for more than 2 cents per pound.

"We are told by the land bank commissioners that Federal Land Bank loans are now being liquidated faster than new ones are being made. Also that farm foreclosures have dropped from approximately 39 per cent in 1932 to 16 per cent. Delinquent payments dropped from 45 per cent to 13 per cent. Homes and living conditions have been improved. No one, it seems, should doubt or question this being the fruits of our present farm program. We do not think this program perfect, but it is the best we can offer at the present time, Washington, D. C., promises to make improvements as fast as possible when they are needed. A program that will fit the greater number of people in some instances will not suit some individuals—that fact is true.

"The administration does not threaten the farmer, but tells us that if the control program on cotton and tobacco is voted down on December 10 they will not be in a position to make cotton, peanuts, and other loans to the farmers. There is no question in our minds that should the referendum go against control, loans, including seed loans, bank loans and many other loans sponsored by the government, will be curtailed.

"Many of our agriculture leaders believe that we will go backward maybe twenty years, and that it will take a whole generation to overcome what we have lost if the referendum on December 10th does not carry.

"We believe it the duty of every person in Washington County to interest himself and herself in carrying the cotton and tobacco referendum on December 10th."

Slightly Injured In Auto Accident

An automobile operated by Garland Hardison, payroll clerk for the North Carolina Pulp Company, left the highway about three miles east of Plymouth Monday night and crashed into a tree, almost completely demolishing the car. Mr. Hardison, who was driving a company car, escaped with only minor injuries. It was not learned whether there were any other occupants or not.

Reports here were to the effect that Mr. Hardison had been to Rocky Mount on a trip for the company and had returned earlier. The accident occurred about 3 o'clock in the morning.

Form of Returns Costs Mr. Darden Total 194 Votes

A peculiar circumstance cost John W. Darden, judge of the recorder's court, a total of 194 votes in the official certification of the county returns last week, it was learned after the meeting of the board of canvassers Thursday.

Blanks furnished judges of election at the various polling places for certifying precinct returns contained no line for judge of recorder's court; however, the line for county auditor, which is not an elective office in this county, was marked out and used for the recorder's returns by all the precinct officials, except those in Scuppernon and Wenona. Mr. Darden had 178 votes in Scuppernon and 16 in Wenona which were not officially certified by the precinct authorities, and hence could not be counted for him in the total county returns.

However, the happening had no effect on the outcome, as Mr. Darden did not have any opposition, and he had 655 votes officially certified from the other three precincts.

Mrs. K. S. Nobles To Supervise All County School Lunch Rooms

Work Is Coordinated and Put Under Direction of Mrs. Nobles as WPA Project

Public school lunch rooms in Washington County have been coordinated under one supervisory officer, with Mrs. Kathleen S. Nobles reentering the work as county supervisor for the four white and one colored schools that will have this service.

The four white schools are Plymouth, Roper, Creswell and Cherry; and the large Plymouth colored school will also inaugurate this system of providing lunches at schools. The service will be continued as a WPA project and has been expanded to include all the larger schools.

R. B. Trotman, principal of the Plymouth school, pointed out that all of the lunch-room workers in his school had health certificates as required by the county and state, and also said that Mrs. Nobles would prepare the menus for this school, as well as the other lunch rooms in the county.

The principal further urges that children whose parents could afford to pay were asked to buy their food, and the profit from this source, as well as money from other sources, is being used in giving free lunches to about 60 children daily who cannot afford to purchase them.

Floating Theatre Raised This Week

Workmen succeeded this week in raising the Original Floating Theatre, which sank Sunday before last, from the waters of the Roanoke River near Jamesville, and it was towed through here, bound for Elizabeth City, where it was to be tied up for a while.

It was not definitely known whether repairs to the ill-fated vessel would be made there or whether, after temporary patching-up was done it would be towed to Norfolk, where it will remain until next season.

The boat struck a submerged log. Members of the troupe were dismissed and bookings for the remainder of the season were cancelled. It is understood the damage to the boat and equipment will amount to approximately \$5,000.

Worker in Log Woods Suffers Sudden Illness

G. C. Swanner, about 40, white, was given medical attention by Dr. A. Papineau Tuesday and then sent to a Washington hospital by ambulance when the man was suddenly stricken with an acute illness caused by a perforated gastric ulcer. Mr. Swanner is from Pinetown and was taken ill suddenly while at work in a log woods near here.

\$12,000 Worth of New Homes for Plymouth Nearing Completion

Building & Loan Association And FHA Representative Have Other Applicants

A residential building program that represents investments running into the thousands of dollars has about been completed here, but another is expected to begin within the next few months, according to organizations connected with the real estate business here.

W. M. Darden, local realtor and representative of the Federal Housing Administration, said today he had about 10 applications from persons who were seeking loans for new dwellings, and Secretary M. W. Spruill of the Plymouth Building and Loan Association, stated that his organization had a number of applications from worthy applicants for new homes.

The present spending program on new homes represents an estimated expenditure of \$12,000 or more. Included in the group are three dwellings on Washington Street and Brinkley Avenue being erected by C. J. Norman; a home by E. E. Harrell at the foot of Jefferson Street; a beautiful new residence on the highway at the eastern edge of town for R. E. Dunning; remodeling of the home of T. A. Stubbs on Washington Street; and erection of a new home for Paul Gurganus in the South Plymouth settlement.

In addition John L. Phelps has spent several thousands of dollars on new houses in the New Town section and has remodeled several dwellings on west Main Street. J. T. McNair and his son, Ludford, have about completed their homes on the highway at the western edge of the town.

New Houses Must Be Built at Least 5 Feet From Property Line

Town Council Passes Ordinance To This Effect at Meeting Monday

An ordinance was approved by the Town Council in session here Monday night that would prohibit future houses being built in Plymouth at a distance of less than 5 feet apart, as the result of efforts of W. M. Darden, who asked the council to adopt this ruling.

Mr. Darden had in mind the protection of the home from fire, as well as sanitary reasons and cited the fact that unless such a ruling was made by the town officials the Federal Housing Administration would not be inclined to make loans for building homes here.

J. R. Manning appeared before the officials again, asking them to purchase an automobile for the police officers to use in patrolling the streets but the officials took the matter under advisement.

The officials also "took under advisement" the purchase of a street grader.

The 1938 budget estimate and tax rate of \$2 per \$100 of valuation was approved, and the clerk was ordered to have the summary published in accordance with the law.

But \$25 More Needed For Band Uniforms

Uniforms for all members of the band ordered and are expected to arrive here sometime in December, as Director L. W. Zeigler was advised it would require about three weeks to fill the order and deliver them here.

All of the money required has been raised except about \$25, and the band director hopes to have this amount by the time the uniforms arrive. Recent contributions include the county and town, junior women's club, the firemen, and receipts from a benefit bridge party.

Mr. Zeigler believes the 22 uniforms will be here before the Christmas holidays, and members of the band are anxiously awaiting them.

Future Farmers Chapter Organized at Creswell

A chapter of the Future Farmers of America was organized by the vocational agriculture class of the Creswell High School last week, with Dallas Spruill elected president; Harrell Davenport, vice president; Carl Van Davenport, secretary; Harold Stewart Woodley, treasurer; and Gerald Spruill, reporter.

A. H. Tucker, the class instructor, presided at the group meeting of agriculture teachers held in Oak City last Saturday, when talks were made on vocational agriculture subjects by V. H. Durrance, of Columbia; C. H. Floyd, of Roper; and J. C. Eubanks, of Jamesville.

100 Per Cent Enrollment in Junior Red Cross at Schools

A 100 per cent enrollment in the Junior Red Cross for the Plymouth schools was reported this week by Mrs. R. E. Dunning, leader of the junior division.

Windows in the Burgess Shoe and Clothing Store and Norman Furniture Company were decorated to impress upon the public safety measures advocated by the Red Cross.