

"It is rather unusual to be delayed in the matter that I am down here to attend to," said J. C. Memory, of Rocky Mount, representative of the N. C. Unemployment Commission, who was here Tuesday to meet two negroes, who were several hours later for their appointment.

"The gamblers can be wrong," said Ben A. Sumner, who has seen leading teams of the nation play this fall, "regarding the Duke-U. S. C. Rose Bowl Game on January 2. The gamblers now are backing Southern California, and most of them are broke."

Special ABC Officer L. L. Basnight Wednesday brought in another still and about three gallons of whiskey that he captured in the Skinnerville section in a forest bordering on Deane Bateman's place. No operators were found.

W. R. Hampton, member of the Board of Conservation and Development, was sick at his home Thursday and could not be at his office. He was complaining of a pain in his stomach.

The Hereford heifer which escaped from L. E. Hassell's herd, brought here from Florida last week, was captured Monday on Highway No. 64 by A. V. Satterthwaite, who was riding a horse by when others were attempting to catch the elusive animal.

Charles R. Kirby, regional director, and E. L. Pagington, membership director, passed through Plymouth on Tuesday, en route to Elizabeth City, where they plan to organize a lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose.

"President Roosevelt has the most magnetic personality of any person that I have ever seen," said Patrolman Tom Brown upon his return from Chapel Hill, where he was on duty during the visit of the Chief Executive to the University of North Carolina.

The Town of Plymouth Councilmen did not have their regular meeting Monday, as the group gathered but when those present were counted it was discovered there was not a quorum, so they chatted a few minutes and left.

J. Richard Carr made a successful motion at the meeting of the parent-teacher association Wednesday night in the Plymouth School that future monthly meetings be held at night so that fathers may attend.

Control Election Is Topic at Number Farmer Meetings

100 Attend Meet Here Last Saturday; M. A. Morgan Speaker

Rain prevented better attendance, but then about 100 farmers gathered in the courthouse here Saturday afternoon and heard M. A. Morgan, assistant to the administrator of the soil conservation program in the eastern part of the state, predict conditions that will exist with and without crop control in 1939.

The speaker pointed out that if control failed there would be no cotton and peanut loans made to farmers, as is now the case, and that if the control program was not carried Washington County and the state at large might lose some of its present acreage, as Florida and other southern states will take up the growing of the crop, which is now controlled in that area by the allotments and quotas.

Mr. Hays also told of his visit to Florida last week where he found many new tobacco barns being built as farmers there were apparently planning to turn to tobacco as one of their main cash crops. If this section ever loses control of production, it will never be regained, according to his view, even if control is voted in later years.

Mr. Hays held a similar meeting in Creswell Monday night with about 36 present and another in Roper on Wednesday night, with about 50 present. He explained the farm program for the coming year and the conditions likely to result if the crop control program failed to carry at the polls Saturday.

Banquet Planned By Local Moose Wednesday Night

Visitors From Washington And Norfolk Expected To Attend

Moose from Washington and Norfolk are expected to join the local fraternity members in a banquet at the Juniper Lodge Wednesday from 7 to 8:30 p. m., when the order will celebrate its foundation with food, speeches, music and entertainment.

Harold Jones, of Rocky Mount, who once attended the Moosehead school of the fraternity with his wife and probably others from that city are expected to be present also.

Zeb Vance Norman, local attorney, will be the principal speaker of the occasion, but there will be fraternity members from Norfolk and Washington, who are expected to take part in the program also.

A. P. Wheaton, dictator of the local lodge, will preside over the affair, and it is expected that about 50 Moose and their wives will enjoy the occasion.

Domestic Servants Must Have Health Certificates

By S. V. LEWIS, M. D.
District Health Officer

Veneral disease patients holding health certificates who have been under treatment either by the health department clinic or by private physicians, and who have discontinued treatment without permission, will have their health certificates revoked if they fail to return for treatment on December 13, 1938.

All such patients as mentioned above who are found to be working as domestic servants after December 13th, without a bona fide health certificate, will be liable to indictment for failure to comply with the public health ordinance requiring that all domestic servants obtain and have bona fide health certificates.

There are a great number of domestic servants working in Washington County who have been taking anti-syphilitic treatment that have discontinued treatment without permission, and they may be a great source of danger to the people in the

homes in which they are employed. All persons having such servants employed are requested to assist in having such patients return to the clinic or to a private physician for treatment.

In the event they take treatment from a private physician it will be necessary for them to bring a statement from the physician showing they have been treated each week, otherwise a health certificate will not be issued.

The examination of all domestic servants is done without cost, and no charge is made for issuing the health certificate. The State and Federal governments have provided means for the treatment of indigent venereal disease patients without cost to them, and it is the purpose of the health department to see that such patients take treatment, and those refusing treatment will be committed to jail in accordance with the North Carolina state law for the control of venereal diseases.

Few Changes Made in County Official Group

DECORATION PRIZES

The Plymouth Woman's Club is offering a first prize of \$3 and a second prize of \$2 for the most attractively decorated home for Christmas. It was announced this week by Mrs. W. A. Davidson, president of the club.

These decorations must be in place by Sunday, December 18, and Mrs. Davidson urges as many as possible to enter into the spirit of the occasion and compete for these prizes.

A similar contest conducted last year at the same season was very satisfactory, and a large number of homes were entered.

Number Prominent Men Expected for Big Bear Hunt Soon

Movies To Be Taken of Chase By News Cameramen; Date Uncertain

Plans for a big bear hunt, with a number of important persons participating, are being arranged here by W. R. Hampton, member of the State Board of Conservation and Development, who hopes that a movie will be made of the hunt for the news reels. A famous pack of about 50 hounds from the western part of the state will be used in the hunt.

The date has not been set as yet, but it was tentatively agreed that it was to be held Monday. Mr. Hampton had not heard from the interested officials at noon Thursday and did not know exactly who would participate.

It was first thought that Vice President "Jack" Garner would lead the distinguished group of hunters, but word was received this week that he would be unable to attend prior to the Christmas holidays; and it may be that the hunt will be staged without him.

News-reel officials believe the event may be a thriller for the public, and Mr. Hampton has a letter from them stating they would have cameramen here when the hunt takes place, but there has been difficulty in arranging a suitable date for all concerned.

Mr. Hampton was ill this week, and it is possible the hunt will be postponed for a few days. As it stands now, nothing can be done until Mr. Hampton recovers from his illness unless the others who are to engage in the hunt go ahead with the plans themselves, which is unlikely.

New Teacher Is Employed Here

Plymouth High School officials decided to employ a man for the faculty to replace Miss Ida Fuller, whose resignation becomes effective at the Christmas vacation, according to Principal R. B. Trotman. The authorities have employed John Weaver, of Santa Rosa, Texas, a graduate of Wake Forest College, who was highly recommended as a history teacher as well as athletic coach.

The newcomer is a nephew of the former Wake Forest coach, Jim Weaver, and he played end on the varsity football team there for two years, as well as participating in baseball, basketball and track.

Miss Fuller will be married to W. E. Dunstan, of Elizabeth City, on December 28.

Christmas Sing Planned At Episcopal Church Here

A Christmas sing will be held at the Grace Episcopal Church Sunday evening, December 18, from 5 to 6 p. m., it was learned from Mrs. Laura S. Johnston, who is training children and adults to participate.

The public is invited to attend. A silver offering will be taken.

Colored Man Missing Since Early Monday Is Believed Drowned

Mengle Combs, 69, Last Seen Starting for Fish Nets Up River

Searchers today were looking for the body of Mengle Combs, 69, believed drowned in Roanoke River. He was last seen by his wife Monday morning at 6 o'clock when he left in a boat for his fish nets up the river.

Aaron Pettiford, colored, was coming down the river toward Plymouth late in the afternoon when he recognized the flat-type rowboat owned by Combs drifting in the water. Inclined to believe that something was wrong, Pettiford rowed his boat alongside the Combs craft and found only a gun in it. Combs' wife was notified after Pettiford returned here and reported the matter, but up to Thursday morning searchers were unable to locate the body of Combs.

It was said that one of the boats which Combs were found near the boat, and it was thought he might have been trying to remove them when he was drowned.

Combs, at one time, was employed in the freight department of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad station here.

To Discontinue Free Lunches at School Until Need Decided

Investigation To Be Made by Committee; P. T. A. Meet Held Wednesday

Free lunches now being served in the Plymouth High School will be discontinued with the closing of the school for the Christmas holidays, pending an investigation as to the needs of the 50 children who are receiving them, it was decided by the parent-teacher association in session Wednesday night.

It was revealed at the meeting, attended by 100 parents, that there was a deficit incurred by the lunch room amounting to \$18.78, brought about by a reduction in sales and the increase to 50 of the number of free lunches served daily.

Mrs. J. W. Read, president, is to appoint a committee to investigate the need of the applicants for the lunches and to go into the matter at once so that the worthy children may have free lunches again when school opens after the holidays.

John W. Darden made a talk on "The Attitude of People in Regard to the Schools," explaining the difference between the schools of today in comparison with those 28 years ago, when he started in school work in the county. The Rev. P. B. Nickens spoke on "The Social Activities of the School."

Refreshments were served and the visitors viewed the exhibitions of the work of students in W. S. Moore's vocational agriculture class and Miss Emma Coley's home economics department.

Christmas Service At School on 14th

A community Christmas service will be held at the Plymouth High School in the auditorium at 8 o'clock on the evening of Wednesday, December 14, it was announced today by Principal R. B. Trotman.

Ministers have been asked to cancel their midweek prayer service and request that their congregations attend this service, the principal said. Forty voices in the high school glee club will sing a cantata, consisting of new and old Christmas carols.

Mr. Trotman has been assisted in training these girls by Miss Ida Fuller.

Scout Officials Will Meet Monday Night

The annual meeting of Scout officials of the Washington County district will take place at the Plymouth Country Club Monday at 7:30 in the evening, it was announced today by Dr. A. Papineau, district chairman.

In addition to all Scoutmasters, cubmasters, troop committeemen, and chairmen of the district committees, according to Dr. Papineau, all of those interested in scouting are also urged to attend.

J. J. Sigwald, scout executive, of Wilson, and his assistant, George Thomason, will be present and an outside speaker will be present also.

Firemen Again Call on Local People For Old Toys and Stressed Promptness

A few toys have been turned in to the Fire Department for repairing and distribution to the needy children of the section at Christmas, but Fire Chief L. W. Gurkin this week urged the people to remember this work and to rush their discarded toys to the firemen as early as possible. If it is inconvenient to deliver them, simply call the firemen and they will call for the toys.

Chief Gurkin explained that the repainted and repaired toys would do much to brighten the hearts of needy children at Christmas time and urged that the citizens of the town and adjoining country bring in their old broken or discarded toys at once.

The firemen must work on the toys during their spare time, and there are only about 14 days left to do this work. The toys must be repaired, repainted and made

Cotton and Tobacco Farmers To Vote Saturday on Application of Quotas To Those Crops in 1939

Building and Loan Stockholders Meet; Officers Re-elected

Annual Meeting Held Wednesday Night; One Change in Directorate

Reelection of Eugene F. Still as president and J. C. Tarkenton as vice president took place following the election of directors at the annual meeting of stockholders in the Plymouth Building and Loan Association in the council chambers of the town Wednesday night.

The directors who were elected by the stockholders went into session immediately to name the officers. All members of the old board of directors were re-elected except T. C. Burgess, who is very ill, and who was succeeded by Wilbur M. Darden.

It took the nominating committee only a few minutes to recommend election of the following as directors: Robert L. Tetterton, W. M. Darden, J. L. Horton, L. S. Thompson, B. G. Campbell, J. R. Manning, and H. E. Beam. The election was unanimous.

It was reported that the organization during its first year realized a small profit and that the association had helped 15 applicants build new homes, repair their old homes, or to refinance their homes to save them.

Following this, the directors passed a couple of loans and adjourned.

County and Towns Get New Flat Rate From V. E. & P. Co.

Saving of \$50 Monthly Will Be Effectuated by County; Get Flat 2-Cent Rate

A saving of \$50 monthly was effected by the Washington County Commissioners Monday when they entered into a contract with the Virginia Electric & Power Company for current at a flat rate of 2 cents per kilowatt hour. The new rate applies to current used in all of the county buildings, courthouse, county home, agriculture building, and was secured as the result of the recent rate reduction schedule filed by the V. E. & P. Co. It is required that each county or municipal governing body sign an agreement to purchase power from the same company for a period of 10 years in order to secure the reduced rates.

Clerk M. W. Spruill, of the Town of Plymouth, said that the city council did not meet Monday night and that nothing had been said to him about the matter by V. E. & P. Co. representatives, but he believes the town will also secure the advantage of the lower rates.

At the present time the power company furnishes current for the street lights of the town free, under a condition of the sale of the franchise, and this continues for several years.

It is understood that Roper and Creswell will get the advantage of the new rate, and it is expected to include the street lighting in those towns. Each of them appropriate a fairly large percentage of their total budget for street lighting purposes.

16 Pupils Here Get A On All Subjects

Sixteen boys and girls in the elementary department of the Plymouth schools made grade A on every subject and thus were entitled to be named on the honor roll released today by Principal R. B. Trotman for the month of November.

The first grade, with 7, led the six grades mentioned in the list, with the sixth grade in second place. There was no high school list made by the principal.

The list follows:
First grade: Buck Gibson, Irene Basinger, Betty Lou Bateman, Jacquelyn Mizelle, Gilbert Davenport, Betty Jean Jackson, Rosalie Sallinger.
Second grade: Gracelyn Reid, Delinda Ann Tetterton.

Fourth grade: Joyce Bailey, Gertrude Harrison.

Fifth grade: Helen Carr.
Sixth grade: Harry McLean, Aubrey Gradeless, Dick Harrison, Miriam Barron, Charles Brown.

County Schools To Close 16th for Two Weeks of Holidays

With "Christmas in their bones," the children attending the public schools in Washington County will bid farewell to their school work on December 16 for a full two-weeks holiday, according to H. H. McLean, county superintendent of public instruction.

The boys and girls have the "Christmas spirit," as they see the vari-colored lights in the downtown area at night, peek into the display windows of the stores and listen for the next few days to the Christmas programs at school.

Superintendent McLean said the children would return to their school duties on January 2 for four more months of hard work before the term ends.

Elizabeth City Hog Market Will Affect Sales Here But Little

County Agent Believes Competitive Sales Here Will Hold Producers

Establishment of a hog market in Elizabeth City by one of the four large packing houses is not expected to prove a very serious detriment to the success of the operation of the Plymouth Livestock Marketing Association, County Agent W. V. Hays said today.

The longer distance from the southern Albemarle section to Elizabeth City will be one thing in favor of the local market. Another factor favorable to the local sales plant is that the swine are sold here under a system of competitive bidding, whereas the one in Elizabeth City will be owned by one concern, and their price must be accepted, and the hogs sold elsewhere.

Many of the hogs sold on the local market come from Tyrrell, Washington, Martin, Bertie and counties farther up-state, and only a small portion have come from across the sound.

Mr. Hays was of the opinion that the Shawboro market would be greatly handicapped, as it is near enough to the Elizabeth City market to lose some business, but Mr. Hays believes that his sales once each week will continue to be supported by the growers.

Most of those who sell hogs in Plymouth are members of the association, and their loyalty as well as the higher prices that are usually received here should prove sufficient to hold up the sales.

Special Services at Episcopal Church Here Next Monday

District Meeting With Commission on Evangelism Is Scheduled

A district meeting with the Commission on Evangelism will be held at Grace Episcopal Church here, beginning with Holy Communion at 10 o'clock and closing some time in the afternoon next Monday, December 12, it was announced this week by the Rev. Sidney Matthews, of Washington, rector of the local church.

Conducting this meeting will be the Rev. Jack R. Rountree and the Rev. William Latta, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Matthews.

Roper, Creswell, and Columbia parishes are in this district, and a large delegation is expected from each of these churches.

Miss Catherine Sherman, daughter of Dr. Sherman, who is head of the "Forward Movement" in the Episcopal Church, will give a talk on religious education at the Sunday school hour, which begins at 10 o'clock Sunday. Miss Sherman is connected with the Department of Religious Education in the Diocese of North Carolina.

The teachers and pupils are urged by Superintendent W. F. Winslow to attend the special Sunday school event.

Chicken Salad Supper At School Saturday

The home economics and vocational agriculture departments of the Plymouth High School are serving a chicken salad supper Saturday afternoon at the Christian church annex.

Tickets are being sold for the supper this week at 25 cents a plate, with dessert extra. The annex will be open at 2 for the sale of gifts and from 5 to 8 for supper.

436 Tobacco and 703 Cotton Producers in County Are Eligible

Polling Place and Committees In Charge Named; Vote on Each Crop Separately

Cotton and flue-cured tobacco farmers of Washington County, as well as in all other cotton and tobacco producing areas, will go to the polls Saturday of this week, December 10, to decide whether they want marketing quotas for those crops again in 1939. The voting will be by secret ballot, in community polling places set up by the county AAA committee, and separate ballots will be cast for each crop.

It will be a nation-wide referendum, and the total vote of farmers in all states will determine whether the marketing quotas will be in effect next year. A two-thirds majority of approval is required for the quotas to become effective.

According to records in the office of County Agent W. V. Hays, there are 703 cotton farmers and 436 tobacco farmers in Washington County eligible to vote Saturday. It was explained that all growers of flue-cured tobacco in 1938 and all producers of cotton with a staple length of less than 1 1/2 inches this year are eligible. Each grower will have only one vote, even though he operates two or more farms.

The polling places and committees in charge of the voting were announced this week by the county committee as follows:

For farmers of Plymouth Township, including Wenona: Agriculture Building in Plymouth; C. W. Bowen, J. W. Snell, A. J. Riddle, and H. G. Simpson, committee.

Lees Mill Township farmers will vote in Phelps and Freeman's store in Roper; the committee there is composed of R. L. Stillman, R. W. Lewis, J. E. Phelps, and H. D. Davenport.

Scuppernon Township farmers will ballot in C. N. Davenport's store at Creswell; with W. D. Phelps, B. A. Williams, and J. R. Snell in charge.

Growers of Skinnerville will find their polling place at Joe Pritchard's store; the committee is composed of H. L. Davenport and C. L. Everett.

When similar referenda were held last March to vote on application of quotas to the 1938 crop, the vote in Washington County was 95.5 per cent in favor of the control program. Cotton quotas were approved by a vote of 543 to 15; and tobacco went over by a margin of 332 to 17. The state as a whole voted nearly 90 per cent in favor of control. The election Saturday is expected to be much closer, as there is some organized opposition to the control programs, particularly in states farther south, where the growers hope to greatly increase their tobacco acreage.

Under the program in effect this year, Washington County's total cotton allotment was 2,707.7 acres, and for tobacco 1,543 acres. Practically all of the tobacco acreage was planted, but heavy rains reduced the yield to an estimated 300 pounds per acre.

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Jury List Drawn by County Board for Next Term of Court

Two Weeks Mixed Term To Begin January 9; Judge Thompson to Preside

Jurors for service at the January two-week mixed term of Washington County Superior Court were chosen by the Washington County Commissioners in session here Monday. This term of court will convene Monday, January 9th, with Judge C. Everett Thompson scheduled to preside.

First Week
Plymouth: E. H. Browning, H. S. Gurganus, M. J. Carey, S. A. Boutwell, B. O. Bishop, Hardy D. Williams, Joe H. Styrton, J. E. Swain, E. L. Davenport, J. G. Taylor, Roscoe Bowers.

Lees Mills: L. C. Lamb, Alfred Hassell, B. M. Holton, J. A. Jackson, W. T. Spruill, A. R. Phelps, J. D. Kinard, E. R. Lewis, Luke Daniels, Phillip Bowen, E. S. Blount, M. L. Peal and Forest Williams.

Skinnerville: M. B. Davenport, E. Pritchett, and E. J. Patrick.
Scuppernon: N. H. Ambrose, Alton M. Spear, J. E. Davenport, A. L. Davenport, James Alexander, Bruce H. Phelps, J. E. Spear, Thomas F. Davenport, and Chester A. Davenport.

Second Week
Plymouth: J. H. Jackson, A. L. Owens, Joe Jethro, D. B. Harris, H. B. Spencer, H. C. Spruill, W. E. Walters, A. L. Styrton, W. W. Ayers, L. Respass, P. O. Price, J. W. Rath.

Lees Mills: J. M. Cox, George F. Phelps, A. J. Barnes, R. W. Ayers, Mack J. Davenport.

Skinnerville: J. W. Tarkenton and L. C. Spruill.
Scuppernon: J. J. Ambrose, Phillip M. Spruill, W. D. Jordan, Arthur J. Spruill, and S. A. Davenport.