

Although Carl L. Groves, formerly manager of the local unit of the American Fork & Hoe Company here, has been gone for close to three years, he retains his membership in the local American Legion post and continues to return during the holidays to visit friends here. He is connected with a handle and tool plant in Elkin, W. Va.

Harry Chopie, Jr., who has been employed in Williford's Yellow Front Market here, has accepted an insurance job with a company which has a number of local policyholders and started to work this week, succeeding Cleveland Cratch.

A canvass for \$300 to continue the affiliation of the Washington County district of Boy Scouts in the Eastern Carolina Council will be started very shortly, according to Carl L. Bailey, who will be chairman of the committee to raise this money.

Fred Knight, local baggage clerk on the Plymouth-Tarboro Atlantic Coast Line Railroad train, has returned from a Tarboro hospital, where he has been for some time undergoing treatment. Mr. Knight is well known here, where he has made his headquarters for many years.

The Plymouth Parent-Teacher Association will meet Thursday night at 8 o'clock and the fathers and mothers of the school children are urged to attend, according to Mrs. J. W. Read, president, who explained that the night meetings were being held to afford the fathers an opportunity to attend.

Observers at the courthouse reported that Attorney S. A. Ward, Jr., who served as prosecuting attorney in recorder's court for the first time Tuesday, attended to the business in the manner of a veteran, handling the affairs very smoothly and cooperating with the court in every way to take care of the docket promptly.

Red Liverman and Luther Armstrong have been elected captains of the Plymouth High School basketball team, as reported by Carl Bailey, Jr., and Ducky Lloyd, who also said that Coach John Weaver had 16 boys out for the first practice of the season Tuesday night.

R. W. Johnston, who gets around the county a lot, said today that it appeared now that many of the large farmers who were financially able would increase their tobacco acreage but that he did not believe there would be so much of an increase in the county over the 1,500 acres usually planted.

Members of the Plymouth Merchants Association are holding a meeting Thursday night following the meeting of the Lions Club, which is adjourning at 8 o'clock for the tradesmen to attend to their business. E. H. Liverman, president, was hoping for a large attendance.

**Darden Gets House Seat No. 2 as Ward Is Elected Speaker**

**Drew Mythical Seat No. 120, Holder of Which Gets Speaker's Place**

By a narrow margin of two votes, D. L. Ward, of New Bern, emerged as Democratic choice for the office of Speaker of the State House of Representatives; and as a result Representative W. M. Darden, of this county was assigned to Mr. Ward's official seat, No. 2. The session began Wednesday in Raleigh.

Before the session began Representative Darden was assigned to the mythical seat No. 120 in the House, which actually has only 119 seats. The holder of No. 120 usually gets the seat vacated by the representative who is elected speaker of the house.

**Mrs. C. W. Tatem Dies in Columbia**

Funeral services were held Saturday in the Columbia Episcopal church for Mrs. C. W. Tatem, with Rev. Sidney Matthews, of Washington, and Rev. John Hardy, of Williamson, officiating. Interment took place in a Columbia cemetery.

**Pulp Plant Workers Here To Get Group Insurance**

Officials of the North Carolina Pulp Company have recently made group insurance available to employees of the local plant, it was announced this week by O. H. Cox, general manager. The form of group insurance made available here has been enjoyed by a large majority of employees at the company's other plants for a number of years, according to Mr. Cox, who said the insurance is underwritten by the Travelers Insurance Company at a very low premium cost.

**Technicality Holds Up Using Creswell School**

NEW BOARD MEMBER

The Board of Education of Washington County Monday named Roy C. Chesson as member of the local school board at Roper to succeed J. C. Knowles, who became a member of the board of county commissioners in December.

**Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bachman Injured In Wreck Saturday**

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bachman, of Columbia, prominent in school work of the State, were injured, Mr. Bachman probably critically, in an accident near Bethel last Sunday, when the car Mrs. Bachman was driving turned over. Reports Thursday morning were that Mr. Bachman was in a coma and his recovery was considered doubtful. Mrs. Bachman suffered severe face abrasions and cuts, but is expected to recover. Both are in a Tarboro hospital.

**State Building and Loan Officials To Be Here Next Week**

A revival of interest in the lagging sales of stock in the fifth series of the Plymouth Building and Loan Association is hoped with the visit here next week of Martin Guardian, of Raleigh, executive secretary of the North Carolina Building and Loan League, and Wheeler Martin, of Williamston, president of the league.

**Tuberculosis Control Work Will Be Topic**

Lantern slides, illustrating the causes and effects of tuberculosis, accompanied by explanations by Dr. A. Papneau, will be a feature of the meeting of the Lions Club Thursday night, when a large gathering is expected by President W. L. Whitley.

**Several Cases Tried In Court Tuesday**

A sentence of two months on the roads was meted out to Raymond Clifton, 43, white, in recorder's court Tuesday, when he was found guilty of assaulting Mary Clifton, his daughter, with a stick while under the influence of whiskey. A second charge of assaulting his son, Delbert, while drunk, and with a pistol in his possession, was dropped.

**County Board Holds Monthly Meet Here Tuesday Afternoon**

The Washington County Commissioners, in session here Tuesday, approved a petition for an addition to the State Highway road maintenance system and immediately passed a resolution asking the Highway Commission to take over the newly recommended two-mile strip in the section near Plymouth. This road, beginning at Saints Delight Church on the Mackeys Road and running south through the farms of O. M. Chesson, James A. Chesson, and E. H. Chesson, to the cross roads near Roper, has been used as a public road for about 20 years and serves eight families.

**Hope To Make New Building Available Within Few Weeks**

A technicality has arisen, causing delay in occupation of the new \$82,000 public school building in Creswell, but officials hope they can soon remove the obstacle and have the children in the new structure within a few more days.

**Joe Credle, Aged Negro, in Trouble**

The ever-changing liquor laws of North Carolina continue to make an offender of Joe Credle, aged negro, as he was arrested again last Saturday night on a charge of possessing non-tax-paid whiskey.

**Officers Installed At Masonic Lodge**

Pastmaster Tom W. Snell installed the new officers of Perseverance Lodge, No. 59, A. F. & A. M., at the meeting Tuesday night with appropriate ceremonies. For 30 years Mr. Snell has applied himself to Masonry and he is said to be well up with the work.

**Miss Olga Gardner To Leave Employ of Railroad Here**

After 18 years of employment at the local Norfolk Southern Railroad Company station, Miss Olga Gardner, daughter of Mrs. Sally Gardner, will conclude her work during the week-end. Succeeding her will be "Tip" Warren, of Washington, who exercised his seniority privilege with the company in replacing Miss Gardner.

**Baby Chick Buyers Can Get Free Help**

The services of the vocational agriculture department of the Plymouth High School are being offered free to those who wish help in securing baby chicks, according to W. S. Moore the instructor.

**County's Tobacco Acreage Is Likely To Be Increased**

Present indications are that there will be an increase in the acreage of tobacco planted in Washington County this year, the office of the county agent having already cleaned enough tobacco seed for an average of 5,000 acres.

**Superior Court Opens Session Here Monday**

**Judge Thompson To Preside; Fifteen Cases on Docket**

Fifteen criminal cases have been set for trial next week in the Washington County Superior Court, which convenes here Monday with Judge C. Everett Thompson, of Elizabeth City, scheduled to preside over the two weeks' mixed term.

**Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Spruill Win 1st Prize For Decorated Home**

First prize of \$3, offered in the Christmas decorations contest sponsored by the Senior Woman's Club, was awarded to Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Spruill for the attractive appearance of their brick home opposite the courthouse, it was announced today by Mrs. W. A. Davidson, president of the club.

**Survey Being Made Of River Channel**

A hydrographic survey of the Roanoke River from the mouth to the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company will be concluded by next week in preparation for dredging to deepen the channel, it was learned today from W. B. Cuthrell, survey man of the party of six.

**Creswell Club Nets \$23 Profit on Dance**

Improvement of the school library is being sought by the Creswell Woman's Club, which is making every effort possible to raise money to be used for that purpose.

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**Drainage Project for Newlands Section of This County Sought**

Drainage of thousands of acres of farm and timber lands along the Spuppernon River in the Newlands section of Washington County is being sought by John W. Darden and a score of citizens of that section, who met Wednesday in Cherry to get the movement for this project started.

**Approval of the need for this drainage has been secured from J. A. Ferrer, sanitary engineer for the district health office here, and T. W. Armstrong, manager of the Spuppernon Farms Project of the Farm Security Administration, who with Mr. Darden rode over the territory Wednesday.**

Mr. Darden stated that a survey would be made by the mosquito control division of the WPA, and that he believed, as the result of correspondence with government officials, that the project is almost as good as approved, as the need is so great and would benefit so many people of the county.

The starting point of the project would be at Bull Pond and continue into the Spuppernon River near Cherry, a distance of a few miles, which will drain thousands of acres of farm and timber land which are now covered with water at certain seasons of the year.

Among some of the farm lands it would affect would be the old Idlewild Farm and Stewart Woodley's place. There are several hundred families that would be benefited by such a drainage program, and Mr. Darden was of the opinion that more than 1,000 persons would be directly or indirectly benefited.

**Study Plans for Big Homecoming Event In Section This Year**

Preliminary plans for the Southern Albemarle Association's homecoming celebration, to be held during the summer of this year, in Washington, Dare, Hyde and Tyrrell Counties, were discussed here last Sunday afternoon by John W. Darden and D. V. Meekins, of Manteo, chairman of the committee.

Their ideas and suggestions for the event will be presented to the executive committee of the organization within the next few days, and then work will begin on plans to put over what is hoped will be a mammoth celebration.

C. W. Tatem, Columbia, president of the organization, has been urged to call the executive committee, including the vice presidents of the organization, together to consider the plans. W. L. Whitley, as vice president, will represent Washington County.

An index card system will be started to secure the names of persons who formerly resided in the region and who have moved away, and invitation will be sent to each of them to return during the celebration. Members of churches, civic, women's clubs, fraternal orders, and other organizations will be asked to furnish the names of those who have lived in the section within the last 50 years so that they can be sent invitations to return.

**J. R. Manning Starts One-Man Campaign For New Hotel Here**

Asserting that he is fully convinced of the necessity of a modern hotel in Plymouth, J. R. Manning, local automobile dealer, has accepted the aid of interesting men with the necessary capital to finance such a project during 1939.

**Says Opening of New Highway Will Make Hostelery Paying Business**

Alert to the needs of the community to make it progressive and prosperous, Mr. Manning has sought the money among local people with the funds to invest, and says it may now be necessary to look elsewhere.