

Passing through Plymouth last week en route to Roper to visit his parents, Mayor and Mrs. W. M. Bateman, was James A. Bateman, managing editor of the Jackson News, who has been employed by Parker Brothers for several years at Ahsokie, and who has recently taken over the management of one of their four newspapers.

Joe Bland, Long Ridge man charged with assault with a deadly weapon in recorder's court Tuesday, is reported to be one of the 34 children of Reuben Bland, of Martin County, who was press-agented as the nation's champion papa by Carl Goerch, when the latter carried Mr. Bland to Washington and wangled a meeting for them with President Coolidge back about 1927.

The father and son banquet planned by W. S. Moore, vocational instructor at the Plymouth High School, for next Wednesday night has been postponed on account of the conflict of dates with the Boy Scout banquet, to be held at that time.

Scout Executive J. J. Sigwald, of Wilson, who was here the other day, remarked that a "year of action was a year of satisfaction" and further said he believed "a good time was had by all" scouts who observed fun night Tuesday.

Although a poster appeared on the window of Liverman's Drug Store here advising the public that contributions would be accepted by Mrs. H. A. Liverman, treasurer of the local Red Cross, for sufferers in the Chilean earthquake disaster, not a cent was given.

Mrs. H. A. Blount has been very active in securing the donation of \$100 from the Plymouth Town Council to the Washington County Public Library, which is located in the basement of the courthouse, and on the shelves of which are found recent novels and books for children, as well as adults.

Two of the 110 Wake Forest College students who made the mid-year honor roll were B. W. Chesson and G. W. Holton, of Roper, according to the list released this week by Registrar Grady Patterson which included 30 seniors, 29 juniors, 23 sophomores, and 28 freshmen.

Oliver A. Quayle, Jr., treasurer of the Democratic National Committee at Washington, D. C., has written Chairman W. R. Gaylord, of Washington County, urging Democrats to contribute 25 or 50 cents each in an effort to "perpetuate the Democratic Administration."

Fishermen Doubt Pollution Is Cause Of Fish Shortage

Sound Side Fishermen Believe Fish Going Farther Up Atlantic Coast

Doubt that any pollution of streams in this section by wood plants is the cause of the diminishing fish supply, particularly of shad and herring, was expressed this week by Herbert Ambrose, deputy game protector and well-known fisherman of the Sound Side section. He believes the shortage in recent years has been due to the fact that prevailing winds have not been sufficient to blow Albemarle Sound water far enough out into the sea and migrating species of fish searching for fresh water in which to spawn pass up Oregon and New Inlets on their way up the coast.

Mr. Ambrose said a relative of his who has been fishing for years in Chesapeake Bay stated that last year the catches of shad in that section were better than in years, while in this section the catches were the smallest in years, giving rise to the belief that the shad had passed up the streams here and continued up the coast to find fresh water for spawning.

The fisherman also thinks curtailment of the work at the shad hatchery in Edenton has worked to the disadvantage of fishermen in this section, as this agency is not putting as many small fish in the streams now as they formerly did. As for the dead fish found along the shores last spring, Mr. Ambrose said that before the pulp plant was ever built many dead herring washed ashore in the Sound Side sections; they have even been scooped up in nets and used for fertilizer on farm land bordering the sound, he said.

Mr. Ambrose's ideas about the fish shortage were shared by O. C. Barrow, who fished for years at Newby's Ditch, two miles east of the new Albemarle Sound bridge.

Norfolk Man Rents Building Formerly Used by Burgess

S. Scherr, of Norfolk, has rented the store building here formerly occupied by T. C. Burgess and hopes to have his stock in and the store open for business by the first of March. He will handle ladies', men's, children's and infants' wearing apparel. After a trip to the markets for his stock, Mr. Scherr will take up residence here with his wife.

Band Concert Postponed To Monday, February 27

The Plymouth High School Band postponed their concert, originally scheduled for Wednesday night of this week, to Monday, February 27, in the high school auditorium at 8 o'clock p. m.

Use of Skim and Gill Nets Limited To 2 Days Week

Under an amendment to a ruling in the hunting and fishing regulations passed in January by the Board of Conservation and Development, it is unlawful to take fish from inland waters by any means or method, except with hook and line, rod and reel or by casting, according to Game Protector J. T. Terry. There is one exception to the ruling, however, according to the game protector, and that is a provision that shad and herring may be taken with skim and gill nets of not less than 1 1/2 inches on Fridays and Saturdays between January 1 and April 15 in streams in Washington and surrounding counties.

The Roanoke River is not included in the list of inland waters, and hence gill and skim nets may be used on the river at any time. However, the use of these nets on the creeks and smaller streams of the section is not permitted except on Fridays and Saturdays between January 1 and April 15, it is understood.

An additional provision permits the taking of catfish, carp, suckers and gar by seine, under supervision of the county fish and game protector, from certain muddy waters designated by the Department of Conservation and Development during July and August of each year.

Soft and Oily Hog Penalties Discussed

STILL HELD UP

No further word has been received from the PWA administrator in Washington, D. C., relative to the delayed funds for the new Creswell school building, but H. H. McLean, county superintendent, is still depending on the promise of Col. E. W. Clark, assistant administrator of the PWA, that something will be done very soon.

In the meantime, everything is in readiness at the new building in Creswell, and just as soon as the balance of \$9,800 is received, the contractor will be paid and the children permitted to begin use of the new structure.

Colored Lodge Hall Destroyed by Blaze Early Last Saturday

Man Living in Building Barely Escapes With Life; Cause Unknown

Sleeping soundly despite the crackling of flames, F. C. Hester, colored, was awakened and managed to escape just before the roof caved in when fire completely destroyed a colored lodge hall and home on Madison Street last Saturday morning about 2:30. Damage was estimated at \$2,500, and although it was reported the Odd Fellows had \$1,000 insurance on the building, officials of the lodge today were not sure that the premium on the policy had been paid. The building was owned by the colored lodge of Odd Fellows, with Dr. L. S. Mitchell, Henry Ellis, Tom Blount, Dawson Lee and William Johnson. It was used as a meeting place also by the colored Masons and Elks, and Hester made his home in the building.

Plan Demonstration Meat Canning Here

A demonstration in meat canning will be given at the agriculture building in Plymouth Tuesday morning, beginning at 10, with Mrs. Charles Cloaninger, of Muncie, Ind., in charge. It was announced this week by Mrs. Frances M. Darden, home demonstration agent.

Mrs. Cloaninger is a graduate of Winthrop College and has taught home economics for several years. She also supervised a school canning kitchen and has given canning demonstrations in cooperation with the Farm Security Administration.

Mrs. Darden urges that the women of the town, as well as all members of the home demonstration clubs should attend this canning school, as it should be beneficial to every cook and housewife.

Advantages of canning, methods of canning, processing equipment used, and an actual canning of meat will be the subject matter of the lecture and demonstration, regarded as certain to attract scores of women, according to Mrs. Darden.

Blind Piano-Tuner Working At Various County Schools

Pianos in the public schools of Washington County are being tuned this week by Hardee Boykin, of Bailey, Wilson County, who is doing the work under a state-wide WPA project sponsored by the N. C. Blind Commission.

While in this county Mr. Boykin will visit both the white and colored schools in Roper, Plymouth, Creswell and Cherry to tune the pianos. Five counties, including Washington, are included in the district served by Mr. Boykin.

There are about 30 of these blind piano tuners operating in the state

Farm Agent Outlines Findings in Check After Swine Killed

Says Actual Findings 20 To 30 Per Cent More Than Amount Charged

By W. V. HAYS

Since the beginning of our hog marketing in Plymouth there has been considerable speculation as to the returns from the sales with respect to soft and oily hogs killed at market. Many of our farmers seem to think that we are being deliberately robbed. Some seem to have the impression that when hogs were high packers made it a point to find more soft and oily hogs than when hogs were selling at lower price levels. After considerable discussion among the shippers it was decided that the County Agent go to market in February 1938 and check up on some of these soft and oily hogs. After carefully checking the hogs that had been killed and in the cooler for two days the County Agent found hogs in a soft and oily condition amounting to about 20 percent to 30 percent more than the amount our farmers had actually been charged for soft and oily.

Even after this some people thought that the County Agent's presence on the market influenced to some extent the packers return at this particular time. And some people asserted that their hogs which had been penalized for soft and oily conditions were hard. The County Agent does not believe that the packers deliberately charged farmers for soft and oily hogs unless they had actually killed that way.

Effective the first of February 1939 we have a government inspector on the Baltimore markets checking hogs in four principal killing plants. We have just received the first report on hogs shipped from Plymouth on January 31, 1939 and had reported from a lot of 233 hogs; 64 hard or 27.5%; 74 soft or 31.7%; and 95 oily or 40.8%. This report shows 72.5% of our hogs killed soft and oily to such an extent that they would ordinarily be penalized. We have not as yet received the report from the packer who bought the hogs but we believe the penalty would have been less by 25%. Now the question is what influence will the grading by government inspectors have on the packers? Would we as hog growers have been in a better position had we not obtained government inspection? At any rate this government inspection in the various packing plants in Baltimore, our principal hog market, will we believe tend to standardize the grading of soft and oily conditions.

As growers and shippers of hogs we need not be alarmed at the result of this soft and oily grading. Packers will pay us about what the market commands and according to the demand for their products.

Occasionally someone gets a little sore when a report of his hogs comes in. We try in every way to so conduct our hog sales to avoid errors and avoid offending anyone. The men who handle the yards are good. They are efficient in their work and we have a minimum of trouble resulting from grading, tattooing or the yarding of the hogs sold through the Plymouth Mutual Livestock Association.

A man remarked last week that he never expected to sell another hog through this association because he had been "gypped" and that he could have gotten more for his hogs elsewhere. A day or so later he called on the phone and wanted to know when the next sale would be and remarked that he would have made 1/2c more by selling through the association even if he had to take the penalty for oily hogs.

One of our larger growers and shippers carried a load of hogs 85 miles up the State this past week and sold them 15c per hundredweight lower than they would have brought in Plymouth.

This is mentioned to illustrate the advantages of a farmers cooperative. The Plymouth Livestock Association does not wish to handle all the hogs in the county. The object of this organization is to establish prices and to guarantee hog growers and shippers market prices for their hogs. All hog growers in this and adjoining counties have received, indirectly, as much or more benefit than the members of this association.

May Pea Crop Likely To Be Smallest for Years in This County

Prospects Are Not More Than 100 Acres To Be Planted; Low Prices Cause

A drastic reduction in the acreage planted to May peas in Washington County is forecast this year, as the result of heavy losses sustained by the producers last season, when the price dropped to as low as \$1.25 a basket. Last year's low prices followed several other years in which the growers have realized nothing out of the crop.

The belief is expressed by farmers that the acreage this year will not exceed 100 acres, while last year at least double this amount was planted, with the yield and price both very poor.

So far the only farmers reported planning to plant the crop are: W. T. Phelps, 10 acres; A. R. Phelps, 25; J. E. Davenport, 10; L. E. Hassell, 6; and J. L. Phelps, 10. However, it is possible a few acres will be planted in the Pleasant Grove section by farmers whose names had not been secured.

E. S. (Ted) Blount, owners of the Blount Hardware and Seed Store here, said that he sold 1,400 pounds of seed last year up to this time, while this year he has sold only 120 pounds so far.

At one time, this crop was one of the leading spring cash crops in the county, but, owing to its perishable qualities, which prevents the peas from being held over, the price usually drops below cost of production about the time the county crop gets on the market; other sections which have earlier seasons rushing their peas on the market before those produced in the county can be harvested. Reports gathered from several sources are to the effect that May peas must bring about \$2 a basket on the New York market in order to yield a profit to growers here; and the \$1.25 price of last year will not pay for the expense of the seed, cultivation, harvesting and shipping.

15 Applications for Seed-Feed Loans Recorded To Date

Shortage of Blanks Has Held Up Work; 75 Loans in County Last Year

So far only about 15 applications for emergency crop and feed loans for 1939 have been received here at W. R. Hampton's office by Miss Martha Hornthal, who is receiving these applications under the supervision of Roy Hearne, field supervisor of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Act of the Farm Credit Administration. Last year Miss Hornthal estimated that she received about 75 applications, ranging from \$75 to \$200. She has been delayed in the work this year on account of lack of application blanks. A large number of farmers who applied were asked to return after additional blanks had been received. A new batch of application blanks came in this week, and Miss Hornthal urges who wish to apply for loans to see her at once. The loans will be made, as in the past, only to farmers whose cash requirements are small and who cannot obtain credit from other sources. The loans will be limited to the farmer's immediate actual cash needs for growing his 1939 crops or for the purchase of feed for livestock.

Plan Big Doings for Scouts and Fathers

Predicted to be one of the most interesting and enjoyable events in the Boy Scout program for Washington County in recent months is the dad-and-son banquet, scheduled for next Wednesday evening at 6:30, at the Christian Church Annex, where 150 are expected to attend.

Included in the group will be cubs, scouts, and sea scouts with their dads, and all the scouts, scoutmasters, and their assistants, from Creswell, Roper and Plymouth.

Maynard Fletcher, of Washington, will be the principal speaker and will be supported on the program by Scout Executive J. J. Sigwald, of Wilson, and his assistant, George Thomason.

Similar banquets are being held over the eastern part of the state in connection with scouting, according to Scoutmaster N. A. Taylor, of Plymouth, and a feature of the local banquet will be Wilford Whitley and Douglass Gurkin receiving their eagle scout badges, and the sea scout charter will be presented.

Creswell Man Injured by Falling Tree Tuesday

Creswell.—Harris Tarkenton, of Hickory, a foreman of the Plymouth Box and Panel Company, was injured when a falling tree knocked him to the ground in the Newlands section Tuesday. An examination by Dr. J. M. Phelps revealed a possible skull fracture, brain concussion and lacerations over the left eye and scalp.

Warns Farmers To Get Permits Before Burning Woodland

"It is time for the farmer to do his cleaning and brush burning," said Forest Fire Warden S. F. Darden this week, "and I am asking everyone to be on the alert to prevent the spread of the fires to wood lands."

According to Mr. Darden, the timber crop is worth more than a field crop, as it requires several years to grow a stand of timber, while only one season is needed for the growth of a field crop.

"Burning permits can be secured from me," the fire warden said, "or can be obtained from James T. Bateman, townman, and there is a statute prohibiting burning between April 1 and June 15 unless the person setting the fire has a permit."

Mr. Darden urges the cooperation of everyone in getting the permits and cooperation with him in a general way to protect forest lands from fires.

Rate of Reduction Changed for Excess Acreage of Tobacco

Farmers Warned Too Much Acreage Will Mean Loss in Payments

The rate of reduction under the 1939 soil conservation program for excess planted acreage of flue-cured, burley, fire-cured and dark air-cured and cigar filler and binder tobacco up to 10 per cent of the allotment has been changed from 8 cents to 2 cents a pound of the normal yield per acre, according to information received by County Agent W. V. Hays from the Agricultural Adjustment Administration today.

The regular reduction of 8 cents per pound will apply to acreage that exceeds the allotment by more than 10 per cent, according to Mr. Hays, who says the flat rate of 8 cents per pound will be continued for all Georgia-Florida type 62 tobacco harvested in excess of the allotment.

In commenting on the change in the rate of reduction, J. B. Hutson wrote Mr. Hays that "this change is in keeping with recommendations of tobacco farmers. While the change will permit somewhat larger plantings of tobacco by farmers with a smaller loss of payments under the program, it affords more flexibility, which farmers have felt to be desirable."

"Farmers who desire to take part in the Agricultural Conservation program should be careful not to overplant their allotments. Plantings in excess of the allotment by more than 10 per cent would mean a loss of payment equal to \$64 for each acre of excess where the yield is 800 pounds per acre."

Final Rites Sunday At Pleasant Grove For Mrs. Ida Hodges

Widow of Late W. B. Hodges Died Last Saturday After Lengthy Illness

Funeral services were held at the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church Sunday afternoon for Mrs. Ida Hodges, 74, who died Saturday morning at 9:30 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dennis Chesson, near Roper. Mrs. Hodges had been a sufferer with arthritis for about three years. The Rev. J. T. Stanford, pastor of the Roper charge of Methodist churches, conducted the last rites, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Matthews, of Washington, and the Rev. Luther Ambrose. Interment was made in the family plot at St. Luke's Cemetery.

Edmund Harding Speaks at Meeting

Speaking to about 35 men and their ladies of the Grace Episcopal Church at an oyster roast at Asa's Place on Wednesday night, Edmund G. Harding, of Washington, kept the group in rollicking merriment throughout his address, which was crammed with gags and jokes.

W. P. Winslow presided over the meeting, when the men's club had their ladies as their guests, and presented Mr. Harding, who spoke on "It Ain't My Fault." He followed his remarks with accordion music.

Present from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walker, Mr. Harding, his daughter, Miss Catherine Harding, Rev. Sidney Matthews, of Washington, N. C.; and the Rev. and Mrs. John Hardy, of Williamston.

Extend Time of Contest for Naming New Establishment

For several reasons, Charles Dunn, owner of the new beer parlor and pool room in the Hampton Building on Water Street has decided to continue the contest for a name for his establishment for one more week, the contest closing next Wednesday, February 22, at noon.

There is still time for anyone to enter names. About 20 have entered so far. All of the names submitted will be considered again at the time the contest closes, and anyone has a chance to win, says Mr. Dunn, in urging entries for the \$5 prize.

Old Theatre Here Is Destroyed by Flames

DEMONSTRATOR



Mrs. Charles Cloaninger, who will give a meat canning demonstration in the agriculture building at Plymouth Tuesday morning under the sponsorship of the home demonstration clubs of Washington County.

Damage Estimated At Around \$4,000; Cause Not Known

Good Work by Firemen Prevents Serious Fire in Uptown Section

Fire of undetermined origin gutted the building occupied by the New (Old) Theatre here at 2:30 Wednesday morning, damaging the building and contents, estimated by the owners and theatre operators, at around \$4,000.

When the firemen arrived it appeared that the building had been burning for at least 30 minutes, and it was nearly an hour before the fire had been completely brought under control. The brick walls on each side helped prevent spread of the blaze despite the fact that the flames were fanned by a heavy wind. The volunteer fire department was commended on all sides for its work in averting a greater loss.

The building was owned by A. L. Owens, who is in Hot Springs, Ark., and he could not be reached for an estimate of the loss. However, his son, Lloyd Owens, stated that the damage was close to \$2,000, the roof, wall covering, and fixtures, including seats, screen, and such, being a total loss.

Number Cases Tried At Tuesday Session Of Recorder's Court

Joe Bland Is Found Guilty Of Simple Assault; Record Of Other Actions

The case against Simon Bland, 21, white, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, was dismissed in recorder's court Tuesday, but the young man's father, Joe Bland, 50, was found guilty of simple assault and prayer for judgment continued until next Tuesday. Charges brought by Alfred Alford, white, and Mrs. Eva Mae Ange, were that the elder Bland threatened them with a shotgun after an argument that arose over a hog which the Blands and Mrs. Ange owned jointly. The four live together with several children in the same four-room house on a farm near here.

Recorder John W. Darden continued judgment in the case when he learned that the Blands would make an effort to move from the farm and dwelling of Mrs. Ange where they were living as tenants. Herman Spruill, 17, colored, was found guilty of transporting non-tax-paid whiskey and given three months on the roads, suspended upon payment of half the costs, while Dolly Williams was found not guilty of possession for the purpose of sale.

Refugee Seeking Aid In Bringing Family From Nazi Germany

A Jewish rabbi who felt the iron hand of Germany's Hitler was a visitor in Plymouth last Friday, calling on others of his race and faith in seeking contributions to bring his wife and family to this country and away from the persecution they are undergoing at the hands of the Nazis.

Jewish Rabbi Who Escaped Here Last Week Visiting Members of Faith

While here he visited Abe Adler, Dave Kulman, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Shugar, telling them some of the horrors of the persecution in Germany sponsored by the Hitler government, which is making a determined effort to drive all Jews from that country.

The visitor, whose name was forgotten by those he called on, had a letter of introduction from Rabbi Reich, of Norfolk, well known among those of the Jewish faith in Tidewater Virginia and Eastern North Carolina, as most of them worship in Norfolk synagogues.

Funeral for Mrs. Tinnie Craddock

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the home for Mrs. Tinnie Craddock, 61, who died Sunday evening at 9:30, following a lingering illness of six months. The Rev. N. A. Taylor officiated and interment took place in the Weede cemetery in the community.

A daughter of the late Jim and Aletha Shepard, Mrs. Craddock is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Neva Christenberry and Mrs. Annie Ellis, of this county; Mrs. Noah Davenport, of Rocky Mount; and two brothers, Roy and Jim Shepard, of Beaufort County.

Agriculture Teachers of District Meet in Roper

Roper.—Teachers of vocational agriculture in this section met at Roper Wednesday in their quarterly session to discuss final reports with E. N. Meekins, state supervisor, in charge.

Attending were the following: J. E. Mullins, Oak City; J. C. Eubanks, Jamesville; W. S. Moore, Plymouth; C. H. Floyd, Roper; A. H. Tucker, Creswell; and V. H. Durrance, Columbia.