

Raymond Smith and Raymond Smith, or the Raymond Smiths (not related), of the Norman Furniture Company, spent Tuesday at a General Electric school in Greenville, where they studied matters concerning the refrigerators handled by the local firm, in order to render better service to those who purchase refrigerators from the local store.

W. Frith Winslow, member of the North Carolina Artists' Club, and well known artist of Plymouth, attended the formal opening of the North Carolina Art Gallery in the new Supreme Court Building on Tuesday evening in Raleigh. Recognized as a talented artist, Mr. Winslow was extended a special invitation.

Expected to visit here with the Williamsport (Pa.) Grays at the opening baseball game of the Season Saturday are the following men connected with the management of the Class A club: Manager Mart McManus; Roy Clunk, business manager; Elmer Schuyler, editor of the Williamsport Sun-Bulletin; Charles Solder, trainer; and Louis Jress, property manager.

Miss Sarah Stiley McLean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. McLean, recently was named secretary of the Young Woman's Christian Association at Chapel Hill by the student body of the University of North Carolina. She is a sophomore at the university.

It has been reported that the garage building formerly occupied by the House Chevrolet Company will be renovated and occupied shortly by a bowling alley and that the old Plymouth Mercantile store on Water Street will soon be filled with stock for a grocery and market. Names of the new renters have not been made known.

S. W. Fowler, of Greensboro, has been here for sometime relieving J. A. Ferree, sanitary inspector, who has been ill for several weeks. Mr. Ferree underwent an operation at Duke hospital, returning here last week, and he said today he hoped to be back on the job Saturday.

Walter H. Paramore was notified this week that his nomination as a member of the Washington County Board of Education for four years, was confirmed by the legislature, and he will go into office Monday. Other members who are serving terms are R. D. (Dick) Peacock, of Roper; and C. N. Davenport, jr., of Creswell.

Father-Son Banquet To Be Held Friday By Agriculture Class

Report To Be Made Shows Increase in Membership From 20 To 66

An increase from 20 to 66 pupils in the vocational agriculture class in the Plymouth High School has been made since the organization of classes in the course last September, according to a report prepared by W. S. Moore, instructor, to be read at the father and son banquet for 90 persons here Friday night in the community hall.

The report outlines the activities of the boys as follows: Remodeled class rooms; built new filing cases; painted rooms and desks; new books have been added, as well as one piece of power machinery; a tool room has been constructed; and the following have been made in the carpenter shop: 10 hog feeders, hand-made furniture, 10 hall trees, pig troughs, bird houses, tables, book and bulletin cases, milk stools, swings, and 12 ironing boards.

Studies have been made in lawns, hatching eggs, care of baby chicks, identification of swine and poultry, soil-improving crops, seed-corn selection, nitrogen-fixing bacteria, home-orchard culture.

A summary of the project scopes reveals the following: 1,600 chickens, 27 acres of corn, 15 acres peanuts, 10 gilts, 17 feeder pigs, 2 acres cucumbers, and 1 acre tobacco.

The boys have promoted improved farming methods by pruning 205 fruit trees, sprayed 128 trees, and helped to place 2,200 baby chicks on farms in the Plymouth school district.

Mr. Moore would not announce the program for the banquet, preferring to withhold it as a surprise.

Forest Fire Law Is Strengthened

An amendment has been made, to the brush burning permit law during the current session of the North Carolina General Assembly, according to S. F. Darden, county game warden, who pointed out that brush burning permits must be secured now before fire is set any time from February 1 to June 15 and October 15 to December 1.

The law has been further amended in that the penalty now is a fine of not more than \$50 or imprisonment not more than 30 days, which part of the amendment places the violation of this law within the jurisdiction of justices of the peace.

The amendment was ratified on March 16 and went into effect immediately. Warden Darden urges those in Washington County who have any burning to do to please secure these permits prior to setting fires or they will be subject to arrest as the State officials have advised Mr. Darden to see that every one who starts a fire near forests has one of these permits.

Plymouth Band Makes Hit at Kinston Festival

The Plymouth High School Band, taking part in the Kinston Music Festival Wednesday, literally "stole the show," according to a number of persons who attended the event. The local organization was commended on all sides both for its musical ability and attractive appearance, and as a result of its showing at the festival has been invited to participate in the Safety Day Parade at Greenville in the near future.

There was no competition between the 15 bands that gathered for the music festival, a central feature of which was the mammoth parade witnessed by an estimated 15,000 persons, but from all reports received

here the Plymouth Band was outstanding in every particular and was greeted by bursts of applause along the line of march, as well as at the concert in the ball park there Wednesday night. Miss Mary Elizabeth Bray, drum major, came in for special commendation.

A group of local persons provided cars for the band's trip, and the \$25 received for expenses will go into the band treasury. Wednesday's schedule in the local schools was reduced to a half day and a dozen or more cars carrying students, musicians and spectators attended.

Director L. W. Zeigler today expressed himself as being well pleased with the band's performance.

Candidates Announce For Municipal Offices

START FISHING

Seine fishing started Thursday at the Kitty Hawk and Slade fisheries, despite showers of rain, but because of various preparations to be made, the first haul had not been completed at noon, although they were almost ready to bring in the huge seine.

High water has delayed opening of the fisheries for about 10 days, and although conditions were not considered favorable Thursday morning Mr. Hampton decided to start, as he has only until May 10 to operate the two large commercial fisheries.

Merchants Decide To Erect Road Signs at Meeting Last Friday

Meeting Is Well Attended and New President Expresses Gratification

"It is very gratifying to me to have this large number of business men present at the first meeting over which I shall preside as the new president," said J. R. Manning at the meeting of the Plymouth Merchants Association Friday night, when the local organization discussed a number of problems affecting the individual members and made plans for advertising the town as a trading and shopping center throughout this section.

It was decided to erect large signs directing through traffic to Plymouth on several of the main-traveled routes in the section. One of them will be placed a short distance out of Hertford, advising tourists to travel by way of the new sound bridge through Plymouth on the way south; another of the large signs will be placed on the Bethel highway out of Williamston, urging motorists to follow route 64 for the shortest route to Manteo and Nags Head or to go by way of the new sound bridge. The third large sign will be placed on Highway 64 below the intersection leading to the bridge, advertising Plymouth as the county seat and a growing trading center for the Southern Albemarle area. Smaller signs will be placed at Chocowinity, near Williamston on the Washington highway; and at several other points.

Mr. Manning, who was recently elected president of the association, said the large attendance at the meeting was a good indication that "we are going to make Plymouth one of the best trading centers in the Albemarle section."

"In order to accomplish every improvement of our town needs," he continued, "it is essential for every business man here to pull together and help advertise our community and encourage our citizens to trade at home. This will help build our town and community in value and size and also serve to reduce the rate of tax on our property."

Mr. Manning also made a plea for the business men to cooperate with the Plymouth Building and Loan Association in its efforts to promote home ownership and a building program.

Home Talent Play Thursday, April 6

Arrival of Miss Ruth Anderson to coach the play, "Oh, Doctor!" which will be given by the Plymouth High School Athletic Association at the school auditorium on Thursday, April 6, at 8 p. m., was announced today by Principal R. B. Trotman.

There will be 13 character parts, supported by about 50 high school and elementary school girls in the choruses. Miss Ruth Kiker will provide the accompaniment at the piano. Included in the cast will be Irene Dixon, Jeanette Edwards, Thelma Getzinger, C. O. Armstrong, John Weaver, R. B. Trotman, Red Liverman, and Wilford Whitley.

This play, sponsored by the high school athletic association to raise funds to take care of a deficit in the last year or two, is not to be confused with a parent-teacher association play to be given later, according to the principal.

All Except 2 Present Council Members in Race for Reelection

T. C. Burgess Not To Run and H. C. Spruill Has Made No Formal Statement

Definite announcements had been made up to today by all the present membership of the Town Council of Plymouth that they would be candidates to succeed themselves in the municipal election on May 2, with the exception of T. C. Burgess, who said he was physically unable to attend to the duties of the office, and H. C. Spruill, who could not be reached for a formal statement as to his intentions.

W. F. Winslow, merchant, today announced his candidacy for the office of councilman from the third ward. E. H. Liverman and H. C. Spruill now represent this ward, but it was not sure that Mr. Spruill would be a candidate again.

First to break the ice surrounding municipal politics was A. J. Riddle, who last week announced his candidacy for the office held by Mr. Burgess, and today W. J. Mayo definitely decided to offer again for the position he now holds, thus making up the needed two candidates from the first ward.

Mayor B. G. Campbell, who has served the town in one capacity or another for the past 15 years, the last three as mayor following the resignation of Gilbert Davis, decided last week to offer for reelection to his present position.

J. W. Norman and Dr. W. H. Johnson, present members from the second ward, announced this week that they would be candidates again.

So far, no contests have developed for any of the various municipal offices to be filled at the election on May 2, but it is understood that several other local citizens have been giving consideration to the idea of entering for the various places.

Eight Cases on Civil Calendar for Court Beginning April 17

Judge C. Everett Thompson, Of Elizabeth City, Will Be Presiding Jurist

Eight cases are on the calendar for the one-week civil term of Washington County Superior Court, which convenes here on Monday, April 17, with Judge C. Everett Thompson, of Elizabeth City, scheduled to preside.

Motion and divorce cases will be called as the pleasure of the court, according to C. V. W. Ausbond, clerk, who released the calendar this week.

Monday, April 17: Nathaniel Coletrain, et al. vs. A. C. L. R. Co.; W. W. Griffin vs. J. H. Gaylor, III.

Tuesday, April 18: Louis Bateman vs. John Halsey; Joseph Rhodes vs. Eastern Fertilizer Company, et al.; J. J. Johnson vs. Tazewell Wheelock, et al.

Wednesday, April 19: Percy H. Roberts vs. Linnie E. Roberts; L. H. Lucas et al. vs. M. L. Bowen; Nannie H. Paul vs. Minnie H. Davenport.

But Little Interest in Roper Town Election

Roper.—No announcements have been made yet as to who will enter the election May 2 for positions as mayor and commissioners of the Town of Roper, it was learned today from Aubrey R. Phelps, clerk.

Present officials are W. M. Bate-man, mayor; L. L. Mizelle, H. M. Williams and J. E. Phelps, commissioners. They have made no announcements as to their intentions, but reports are that some of them may not run.

Mr. Phelps said today that all had expressed themselves as desiring to quit but that no formal statements have been made, and it is believed that when the time comes most of them will be pressed into service for the town again.

House Burns While Phone Owners Hunt Department Number

Fire Chief Urges Listing Call Number on Covers of Directories

A house was burned to the ground here one day last week because telephone subscribers did not know the number to call to turn in the alarm, due to the fact that the fire department is not listed in the directory, according to Fire Chief L. W. Gurkin.

The home of Eva Bentley, colored, on Hamilton Lane, caught afire last Friday morning, and she hurried to the near-by home of R. E. Dunning to have him turn in the alarm. The fire department not being listed in the directory, he did not know where to call. A next-door neighbor, Mrs. Cleveland Smith, was also unable to find the number, and finally Chief P. W. Brown was located to turn in the alarm.

The Bentley home is some distance from the homes of the white people to whom she applied for help in getting the fire department, and due to the time lost in sounding the alarm the house was totally destroyed at an estimated loss of \$600.

The fire chief urges local people who have telephone directories to list the city clerk's office, No. 2071, on the upper right hand corner of the front cover, where a space is provided for the fire call, so that when it is necessary the number will be easily found.

On another occasion not long ago, according to Mr. Gurkin, a person who was asked to phone in the call to the fire department did not know where to call, finally dialing the Williamston operator, who relayed the message after 15 minutes' delay.

Sheriff's Office Here Robbed of \$200 Cash Last Thursday Night

Intruder Also Stole Pistol and Saber Highly Regarded as Heirlooms

Officers today were without a clue to the identity of the person who entered Sheriff J. K. Reid's office in the courthouse sometime last Thursday night or Friday morning by raising a window, ransacking the room and stealing \$200 in money, a pistol and a saber that was kept there.

Friday morning Abram Styron, courthouse janitor, opened the door to clean the office and found the drawers to desks in the place ransacked, the contents emptied on the floor, and the office generally littered with papers.

Sheriff Reid, who was at home sick, reported that to the best of his knowledge about \$200 in money was missing, along with an old pistol and a saber that had been in his family for generations.

Today officers were still baffled as to the identity of the person who committed the robbery, and none of the easily identified items had been discovered.

Schoolmasters To Meet Here April 3

Principals and school superintendents from about nine counties are expected to gather here in the community hall Monday night, when the Albemarle Schoolmasters' Club will give a banquet for its 40 members with an interesting program being arranged.

Members of this organization in Washington County are H. H. McLean, superintendent of public instruction; Principal R. B. Trotman, Plymouth; Principal D. E. Poole, of Roper; and Principal A. T. Brooks, of Creswell.

Mr. McLean was unable to give any information on the program, as a committee has charge of this part of the meeting, and no announcements had been received from members regarding this phase.

May Secure Firm Counselors To Aid In Building Hotel

A representative of a firm of counselors and directors of community and institutional financing is expected here in a few days to confer with citizens regarding a modern hotel for Plymouth, it was announced today by J. R. Manning, president of the Plymouth Merchants Association.

According to information received by Mr. Manning, the firm has been instrumental in the erection of new hotels in 175 cities in the United States and Canada, and Mr. Manning believes they can be helpful in the local project.

Waynesboro, Va., has an example of their efforts in directing the financing of a small inn-type hotel, which they claim is a credit to the town the size of the Virginia city.

This organization, explains Mr. Manning, surveys a town and with the citizens determines the need of a proper hostelry and then proceeds to interest those with money in the venture.

Begin New Building and Loan Stock Series April 1

Eighty shares of stock had been either sold or pledged in the sixth series being offered to the public now by the Plymouth Building and Loan Association, it was learned today from the secretary, M. W. Spruill.

The new series officially opens on Saturday, April 1, but several of the directors were canvassing the town this week for those who are interested in taking shares in the new series. Roy Manning, one of the directors, had sold 75 shares himself, and the others had not reported their success.

The stock is sold on the installment plan, each \$100 share costing 25 cents a week for 6½ years, and it was hoped

that many local people would avail themselves of the opportunity to become home owners instead of home renters by subscribing to stock in the new series. Interest in the organization is reported to be steadily increasing as the people become better acquainted with the activities of the association.

President E. F. Still urges those who have money to invest to buy paid-up stock, which pays 4 to 5 per cent interest, and which will enable the association to make loans to several worthy applicants whose applications have been approved, although the loans are being held up because funds are not available at present.

Tax Listing To Start In County Saturday

Personal Property Schedule of Values Decided Last Week

List Takers To Visit Various Sections in County; E. F. Swain Is Supervisor

Listing of all property in Washington County for taxation will begin Saturday, with E. F. Swain, of Creswell, as supervisor. Property owners are notified that all real estate personal property and poll taxes must be listed during the month, and that penalties will be imposed for failure to list. Farmers are also required to be prepared to give in their farm census at the same time.

Tax listers for the four townships in the county this year are as follows: Stuart D. Davis, Plymouth; A. R. Phelps, Lees Mills; W. W. White, Skippersville; and P. B. Belanga, Scuppernon.

At a conference held last week a short schedule for values of personal property was agreed upon as follows: Poultry, 10 cents pound; milk cows, \$25 to \$50 each; other cattle, \$5 to \$25; hogs and pigs, 6 cents a pound; goats, \$1; sheep, \$2; mules, \$10 to \$25; horses, \$25 to \$150; hay, \$25 per ton; corn, 60 cents bushel; lard, 12 cents pound; sweet potatoes, 50 cents bushel. Automobiles will be listed according to a standard rate book of used-car values.

There will be no revaluation this year of real estate, and it will be listed at the values set up two years ago, except where improvements have been made or losses sustained. Improvements to real estate will be listed at about 50 per cent of the actual cost; and it was stated that refrigerators and other household equipment must be listed also.

"Every effort will be made to effect a uniform listing of personal property, and some of the listings may have to be checked at the place the property is located," according to Supervisor Swain.

The list takers urge the property owners to list their property early to avoid the rush later in the month. Failure to list may result in valuation inequalities in addition to rendering the delinquent property owner subject to penalties.

For the convenience of property owners, the list takers will visit various places in the county during the month, and on another page of this newspaper a complete schedule is published which will be followed. Tax payers are urged to clip this out and keep it so as to meet the list-taker when he is in their section.

Creswell Preparing For Town Election

Creswell.—Interest in the town election to be held on Tuesday, May 2, was reported increasing following announcement by H. W. Pritchette, clerk to the board, that those who wish to register or wish to be candidates should see W. H. Peal, registrar.

The present officers are C. N. Davenport, sr., mayor; H. W. Pritchette, A. S. Holmes, H. R. Stillman, and Claude Brinn, commissioners.

So far as could be learned today none had made any public statement of his candidacy, and although it was regarded as certain that some of the present officeholders would run again, their names could not be secured.

Initial Meeting of Eastern Star Held Here Thursday

A meeting of the 25 persons who have been pledged as members of the Eastern Star, an auxiliary of the Masonic order, was held Thursday afternoon for the purpose of organizing the local chapter, under the direction of Mrs. L. A. Larkin, Mrs. D. R. Satterthwaite and Mrs. E. E. Dunning.

The organization is required to function for two months under a special dispensation before a charter can be granted, and they have perfected their organization in the hope of getting their charter at the state meeting to be held in June.

Committee Approves County Chamber of Commerce By-Laws

Membership Dues Fixed at \$4 For Individuals and \$6 For Firms

An outline of the by-laws that will be submitted to the membership of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce, which is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, April 12, was given at the meeting of the organization committee held in the municipal building last Friday night.

Blount Rodman, president of the recently formed county-wide organization, presided over the committee meeting and Secretary John W. Darden read the by-laws drafted by him that were taken from those of a similar organization in Dare County.

The by-laws, as approved by the committee, fix the membership fees at \$4 per person per year, with a \$6 fee for business establishments. It is expected that a discussion will arise on the floor at the general meeting as to the membership fees for farmers, and they will probably be reduced some.

The plan of organization outlined includes maintenance of an office in Plymouth, with sufficient advertising matter to be distributed reciting the advantages and opportunities in Washington County.

It was further agreed by the committee to recommend that an executive committee, composed of the board of directors and officers, should meet weekly, and that the membership should be brought together quarterly in Plymouth, Roper, Creswell and Wenaona.

The by-laws provide for the election of nine directors, with three from Plymouth, two from Lees Mills, one from Scuppernon, one from Skippersville, and two to be elected at large.

The organization, it is stressed in the by-laws, is to be county-wide in scope and is for the benefit of the county as a whole, including business men, professional men, farmers, laborers, and any one interested. It will be strictly non-partisan and non-political in character.

Drainage Meeting To Be Held at Cherry School Friday Night

Necessary To Form Organization To Secure Sponsors For WPA Project

Cherry.—Further steps in the movement to reclaim thousands of acres of submarginal land along the Scuppernon River will be taken in a meeting that is to be held by interested citizens in the Cherry School Building Friday night at 8 p. m., according to Stuart J. Woodley, a popular and well-known citizen, who is helping to sponsor the reclaiming movement.

John W. Darden and C. L. Bailey, of Plymouth, will meet with the scores of citizens of the section who are expected to take steps to organize a sponsoring organization to take care of the share of cost which will have to be borne by the citizens.

The Federal Government is expected by those identified with the movement to provide about 70 per cent of the total cost through the WPA, in labor and in other ways. The State, through one of its agencies may arrange for 15 per cent, and it is believed that the citizens will have to put only about 10 per cent, the other 5 per cent coming from an undisclosed source.

No one here would hazard an estimate of the amount of money the project would require, but some said it would not be more than \$30,000 for the entire project. Whether or not this estimate has any official basis could not be determined.

Mr. Woodley said over 100 families, including about 1,000 persons, were interested in the effort to reclaim the timber and farm lands from Bull Pond to Cherry along the Scuppernon. An important feature is the fact that more healthful conditions would be provided in the section through the malaria-control plan to be followed.

S. B. Phelps Dies at Home Near Creswell

Creswell.—Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon for S. B. Phelps, 69, who died at his home near here Friday night. The Rev. Roy Respass, former pastor, officiated, assisted by the Rev. L. B. Bennett.

Interment took place in the family cemetery near his home, with the following serving as pall-bearers: W. D. Phelps, R. A. Gibbs, Tom White, T. J. Furlough, Cecil Furlough, and J. D. Davenport. The choir sang his favorite hymns.

Well known as a man of highest character and ideals, Mr. Phelps was a faithful member of the local Christian church.

Surviving is his widow and the following children: S. E. Phelps and Luther Phelps, Mrs. Sam Furlough, Mrs. Rixy White, Mrs. Clyde Tarkenton, Mrs. W. P. Davenport and Mrs. Landie Davenport, all of Creswell; and one brother, W. T. Phelps, also of Creswell.

CLOSE SPORT FISHING

Friday is the last day for hook and line fishing and casting inland waters of Washington County for 40 days, it was announced today by Game Protector J. T. Terry, who urges sportsmen to take notice of this fact as violators subject themselves to heavy penalties.

Mr. Terry said that beginning May 11, when the closed season ends, fishermen would be at liberty to fish as much as they like, but, beginning Saturday, April 1, it will be unlawful for 40 days to do any type of sport fishing in inland waters.

Bill Gives Authority For Division of ABC Profits With Towns

Introduced by County Representative, Measure Passes In House Tuesday

A bill has been introduced in the legislature by Representative Wilbur M. Darden authorizing the commissioners to allocate a part of the profits derived from the sale of legal whiskey in Washington County to the several town governments. The bill was passed by the house Tuesday and is expected to pass in the senate some time this week before adjournment.

Under the terms of the proposed law, the towns of Roper, Creswell and Plymouth would share in a part of the proceeds. The Town Council of Plymouth is seeking as much as 10 per cent of the profits from the ABC stores, based on the contention that the municipality provides police protection for the largest store.

No mention was made in the bill that passed the house as to the percentage of profits to be distributed among the towns, as this is left to the discretion of the ABC board and county commissioners.

None of the profits from legal whiskey sales have been turned over to the county yet, as it has been used to stock the store, discounts bills, and meet other expenses, but it is understood there is a sum on hand which may be turned over shortly, although Chairman E. G. Arps, of the ABC board would not divulge the amount.

Four Cases Tried In Court Tuesday

A three-month sentence on the roads was suspended upon payment of a \$10 doctor's bill and the costs with the provision of good behavior for two years, when Andy Arnold, 27, white, and Harry Lee Arnold, 18, white, were arraigned in recorder's court Tuesday on a charge of assaulting Fred Floyd with a bottle.

Evidence tended to show that while one the brothers held the victim the other hit him with a beer bottle on the head, doing Floyd serious bodily harm. Prayer for judgment was continued on a charge of being publicly drunk and making themselves a nuisance.

Wardell Spruill, 23, white, was released under a bond of \$200 after an appeal from a fine of \$50 and costs on a charge of disposing of mortgaged property, an automobile sold to him by D. R. Satterthwaite, on which Mr. Satterthwaite held a mortgage.

Phillip Huston, 21, white, charged with failure to support his wife and child, had prayer for judgment continued until July 11, and in the mean time he must pay his wife \$2.50 weekly for the support of the child. Huston was also charged with assaulting Mrs. Herbert Phelps with a brick and trespass. Judgment in this was to be passed later.

Oak Tree Near Here Is Over 10 Feet in Diameter

Believed by J. O. Everett to be one of the largest oaks in the state is the tree which stands in the yard of Paul Sawyer about 2 miles south of Plymouth. The tree is 10 feet and 6 inches in diameter, measured 3 feet from the ground. Never having been topped, the spread of the oak is said to be 120 feet.