

Ben T. Davenport, of Norfolk, an engineer for the Norfolk Southern Railroad, and a brother to J. E. and W. B. Davenport, of Mackeys, underwent a head operation recently, as the result of an injury caused by a brick thrown into the cab by a hobo

Misses Leslie Darden and Minnie Brinkley, stenographers at the North Carolina Pulp Company, took advantage of the closing of the plant to make a trip to the New York World's Fair this week. They left Sunday

Reports today were that someone entered the office of Principal R. B. Trotman Wednesday night at the Plymouth High School and ransacked the office, apparently in the search for something valuable. Nothing was missed, but the office was left in a torn-up condition.

Coach John Weaver, of the Plymouth High School, has returned from a Rocky Mount hospital, where he underwent an operation for the removal of a kidney. He is now at his room in the residence of J. R. Campbell and reports that he is not suffering any pain, but is only waiting to regain his strength.

Archie Nobles, of Hertford, field manager for the Woodmen of the World, was in Plymouth Wednesday seeking a successor to Secretary A. L. Owens. L. W. Gurkin was mentioned as a possible successor. C. G. Gurkin, of Jamesville, is serving temporarily.

The Rev. and Mrs. W. G. Hall, of Durham, were here last week visiting Mrs. Hall's brothers, Whit and T. A. Stubbs. The minister is now pastor of the Angier Avenue Baptist church in Durham. While a pastor here about 35 years ago the Rev. Mr. Hall baptized W. R. White and Harry Stell among many others.

J. W. Marow, in town from the Roper section Saturday, said that he had traveled 450 miles in the past few days searching for spare tobacco plants to use in transplanting his crop. His tobacco beds were almost completely destroyed by adverse weather conditions.

W. B. (Bill) Clifton, clerk in Liverman's Drug Store, has returned from a Rocky Mount hospital, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis about two weeks ago.

Representative W. M. Darden said this week that two men who held important committee assignments in the 1939 legislature were being boosted for speaker of the house at the 1941 session; they are George R. Uzzel, of Rowan; and John W. Saffery, of Guilford.

Judge I. M. Meekins Speaker at School Finals Last Friday

Truth, Tolerance, Courtesy, Frankness and Preparation Extolled

Truth, tolerance, courtesy, frankness and preparation were extolled as guide posts to good citizenship by Judge I. M. Meekins, of Elizabeth City, in a commencement address to the graduating class of the Plymouth High School last Friday evening.

W. L. Whitley introduced the Federal jurist as "one of the ablest judges in the country."

The invocation was made by the Rev. N. A. Taylor. Miss Lillian Robbins made the salutatory address and Miss Helen Harrison made the valedictory speech.

H. H. McLean, superintendent of county schools, presented diplomas to the following graduates: Mary Lee Armstrong, Rebecca Armstrong, Mary Elizabeth Bray, Bill Darden, Mildred Dudley, Billie Fagan, James Francis, Helen Harrison, Bill Eaves, Dale Johnson, Louise Lefever, Anne Liverman, Ernest Liverman, Gilbert Noble, Lillie Riddick, Lillian Robbins, Mary Thomas Robbins, Estelle Sawyer, Anna Margaret Stillman, Joe Vail, Clyde Waters and Wilford Whitley.

P. Bruce Bateman, chairman of the local school board, presented the following awards: Meredith Johnston, citizenship; Helen Harrison, valedictory; Helen Harrison, best all-round senior; Catherine Midgette, leadership and participation in school activities; Ernest (Red) Liverman, athletics; Lillie Riddick, for highest average in commercial course; Frances Swindell, for most improvement in commercial course; Charlie Ange, agriculture.

All Automatic Guns To Be Plugged In Order To Conserve Supply of Quail

Designed to prevent the extinction of quail in North Carolina, a new ruling on guns was handed down last week by the State Department of Conservation and Development, according to County Game Warden J. T. Terry, who said that effective next season hunters would not be allowed to shoot an automatic gun more than three times without reloading.

The ruling says: "All automatic shotguns will be plugged, and no person will be allowed to have more than three shells within the barrel or magazine.

Finals Program at Creswell Outlined

Creswell.—The Rev. Maynard O. Fletcher, superintendent of the Taylor hospital in Washington, N. C., civic worker and churchman, will preach the commencement sermon to the three graduates of the Creswell High School on May 28, at 11 a. m., in the Baptist church, according to Principal A. T. Brooks.

The commencement address will be made by Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, president of the North Carolina Education Association and head of the instructional service of the state department of education. This will also take place in the Baptist church, on Friday, June 2, at 8

H. H. McLean, superintendent of public instruction of Washington County, will present the diplomas to the graduates, while the medals and awards will be made by Principal Brooks.

Examinations will be held May 31 and June 1.

"Hands-Off" Stand Adopted by Union Here Toward Strike

Say Matter One for Settlement Between Company and Unions at Delair

The local pulp workers' union, No. 356, an affiliate of the American Federation of Labor, will adopt a "hands-off" policy in regard to the strike at the Delair plant of the Kieckhefer Container Company, parent corporation of the North Carolina Pulp Co., which operates the local plant, it was learned following a meeting Wednesday night.

The local union rejected a proposal that it direct an appeal to the Governor and Commissioner of Labor of North Carolina asking them to use the influence of their offices in seeking a settlement of the dispute between the Kieckhefer Company and American Federation of Labor unions, which is the cause of the strike at Delair and the shutting down of the local plant. The union members also declined to apply to the American Federation of Labor for relief payments from that organization as a result of the shut-down here.

Local spokesmen here, answering sponsors of the proposal, said that it would be a futile and useless effort; and, since the dispute was between the union and the management of the company, that their representatives, possibly with the aid of Federal conciliators, would be the only ones who could do anything to settle the matter.

The local union men said that they were not directly involved in the strike, even though they were innocent victims, and they felt the only thing they could do was to wait for the involved parties to settle their differences between themselves.

Creswell P. T. A. Installs Officers

Creswell.—Installation of officers featured the final meeting of the Creswell Parent-Teacher Association held in the school building last Thursday evening with a large number of members and visitors present.

Mrs. C. N. Davenport, sr., the retiring president, installed the new officers as follows: Mrs. E. S. Woodley, president; Mrs. A. E. Holmes, vice president; Miss Julia Stille, secretary; Miss Grace Stillman, treasurer.

The following committee chairmen were appointed: Mrs. R. T. Hopkins, program; Miss Helen Kirkpatrick, art; Mrs. Clyde Smithson, membership; Mrs. C. A. Swain, hospitality; Mrs. Mary Armstrong, ways and means; Mrs. C. N. Davenport, jr., welfare; Mrs. C. N. Davenport, jr., ward improvement; Mrs. W. W. Bateman, publicity.

Reports of various activities were made by Mrs. A. S. Holmes, Mrs. E. S. Woodley and Mrs. Vida Davenport, and Principal A. T. Brooks expressed his appreciation of the lunch room, pointing out that "decided improvement had been shown by the underprivileged children since operation of the lunch room started."

Efforts Renewed To Secure Surfacing of Highway To Pungo

County Chamber Commerce Plans Mass Meeting To Impress State Officials

Plans to renew efforts to get the road paved from highway No. 97 to Pungo through the Turnpike by Weona and Pantego, to shorten the distance between Hyde County and Norfolk by 37 miles, were discussed by the executive committee of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce at a dinner meeting at the Plymouth Country Club Wednesday.

Five miles of this road at the Plymouth end connecting with Highway 97 has been surfaced, but there remains about 2 miles of dirt road which is almost impassable at certain seasons of the year. A group of citizens from Belhaven, Plymouth and Pantego wish to get Hyde County folks to help them sponsor a mass meeting to impress state highway officials with the need of this road as a feeder for the Albemarle bridge.

Secretary John W. Darden, of the chamber of commerce, J. R. Campbell, chairman of the board of Washington County commissioners, and J. L. Rea, jr., manager of the Blackland Experiment Station at Weona, were appointed a committee to confer with those from the other towns relative to a mass meeting soon and to have the highways commissioners present, including E. V. Webb, of Kinston, and Collin Barnes, of Murfreesboro.

Fred P. Latham, of Belhaven, with Mayor Henry Harvey and O. F. Walker, manager of the State Coopers Company plant in Belhaven, and Earl Windley, of Pantego, were at the meeting Wednesday night. There were 17 present, 11 of these being officers and directors of the chamber of commerce.

The local organization also took an advertisement in a program for the Hyde County celebration which is being printed for distribution at the New York World's Fair, outlining the attractions of this section.

Brief talks were made by several farmers, including R. H. Lucas, Walter Bowen, and W. E. Allen. Others present included President Blount Rodman, W. F. Winslow, J. R. Manning, W. H. Paramore, Plymouth; C. N. Davenport, E. S. Woodley and O. D. Hatfield, Creswell; and Barton Swain, of Roper.

Only One Marriage License Issued Here During Past 45 Days

Blame Laid To New Law And General Economic Conditions

Blame for the drastic reduction in the number of marriage licenses issued in the register of deeds' office in Washington County in the last 45 days is divided between the new marriage license laws and the general scarcity of the wherewithal.

During the last 45 days only one license has been issued, as against from 5 to 20 in the average month before the 1939 law went into effect, making it mandatory for the couple seeking license to undergo physical examinations by physicians, in order to prevent the marriage of persons suffering from venereal or contagious diseases.

There is no provision for official reports on number of persons going to other states from Washington County to be married. However, if this course is followed the law requires the couple to present health certificates within 30 days of their return to prove their freedom from disease.

The first and only license issued in this county by Register of Deeds Mrs. Mary S. Cahoon, under the terms of the new law, went to James Thomas and Mildred Baker, colored, both of Washington County.

Once the law is fully understood, and those wishing to marry understand there is not much trouble to be found in meeting the rules and regulations, it is believed the license bureau sales will return to normal, especially since the law must be complied with, regardless of whether a couple is married in or out of this state.

Garden Club Flower Show Here May 26

Preparations are being made for a flower show on Friday, May 26, at the home of Mrs. J. B. Edmondson, under the auspices of the Plymouth Garden Club.

The show will open at 3 o'clock and entrants must bring their own containers and make their own arrangements. Flowers must be ready for judging by 12 o'clock. Each garden club member may invite two guests.

One entry may be made in each of the following classes: One arrangement of one kind of mixed flowers, one arrangement of one kind or mixed flowers; one small mixed flower and one miniature; one specimen flower of any kind in glass bottle or tube.

Pulp Plant Continues Closed; Statement Issued by Official

Petition Urges State Officials to Press for Settlement of Strike

Residents and Citizens Ask Governor and Labor Commissioner to Intervene

Petitions bearing the signatures of hundreds of persons in Plymouth will be taken to Raleigh Friday for presentation to Governor Clyde R. Hoey and Commissioner of Labor Henry L. Shuford, asking them to use their influence to secure a settlement of the labor dispute between three unions of the American Federation of Labor and the Kieckhefer Container Company in Delair, N. J., a strike at the plant there about two weeks ago causing a shut-down of the local pulp plant.

The Plymouth plant closing affects about 350 employees of the mill and 350 workmen and wood producers who supply the materials for the unit here. This has seriously crippled trade and revenue in the section, and the situation is expected to steadily grow worse until operations are resumed at the plant here.

The residents and citizens of Plymouth, through the petitions which are being circulated and signed Thursday, urge the state officials to appeal to the presidents of the American Federation of Labor and the Kieckhefer Container Company as follows:

(1) That the strike at the Delair plant be called off immediately under an agreement that the unions and the company will conduct negotiations looking toward settlement of the dispute causing the strike;

(2) That the affiliates of the A. F. L. and the plant management enter into negotiations looking toward a peaceful and permanent settlement of the existing dispute fair and amicable to both sides; and

(3) That the said negotiations be broad enough in their scope to prevent recurrence of further strikes. The petitions will be carried to Raleigh Friday morning by a large delegation of prominent local people, who are hoping to secure prompt action on the part of Governor Hoey and Commissioner Shuford.

Two County Scouts To See World's Fair

Selected from the Boy Scout membership in east Carolina, Wilford Whitley, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Whitley, of Plymouth; and Ammon Smithson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Smithson, of Creswell, will attend the New York World's Fair from June 2 to 9, along with a group of 33 other scouts from the section.

J. R. Manning, district chairman of camping, and a member of the executive board of the East Carolina council, was one of the several men who helped select the local Scouts for the trip.

The group of 35 scouts will board the train in Rocky Mount on the evening of June 1 for the New York trip. During their stay at the fair they will be assigned definite activities each day.

Nearly 4,000 boys are being chosen on the basis of their scouting records and the selection of the two Washington County scouts is a distinct honor to them.

Prizes Awarded at Flower Show Here

Enthusiasm, loyalty, optimism and vision were urged for women today by Mrs. Eugenia Van Landingham, home agent of Edgecombe County and formerly of Plymouth, in a speech to the women attending the spring flower show of the home demonstration clubs in the agriculture building Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Betty Davenport, of Creswell, presided. Mrs. George Bowen made the invocation. A poem was read by Mrs. W. C. Moore and Mrs. Russell E. White sang a solo. Mrs. A. E. Davenport read a poem also. The speaker was introduced by Mrs. Frances M. Darden, home agent.

Mrs. Medames Walter Lloyd, S. A. Ward, sr., and C. L. Smith, the judges, awarded the first prize to Miss Ida Davis and the second to Mrs. George W. Bowen. Mrs. Lloyd made the presentations.

Punch and cakes were served by Mrs. W. V. Hays and Mrs. C. F. Cline.

Mackeys Post Office Leads State in Sale Savings Bonds

The Mackeys post office rated first in the sales of savings bonds among fourth-class post offices in the State for the year of 1938, according to information compiled by the Treasury Department in Washington, D. C.

School Lunch Rooms Fed Average 8,000 Monthly

An average of 8,000 children were fed monthly by the lunch rooms in the Washington County schools during the 1938-39 term, it was learned this week from Mrs. W. S. Nobles, supervisor of the WPA project which made the lunch rooms possible.

Four thousand of the lunches monthly, on an average, were furnished without cost to undernourished children who were unable to pay for the food.

Mrs. Nobles said the Plymouth lunch room rates as one of the best in the district, meeting all the state requirements.

The Creswell lunch room has

done an excellent work, according to the supervisor, who pointed out that all the civic organizations there were interested in this one of the best to be found anywhere. Mrs. Betty Davenport permitted her kitchen to be used in preparing the food, which has been served in the home economics room, due to lack of space in the old building. In the new school building, recently completed and not yet in use, ample provision has been made for the lunch room.

Mrs. Nobles said that lunches were served to the youngest in the various communities, as well as to the older students.

Forecast Big Increase In 1939 Tobacco Crop

Branch Bank Will Observe Mecklenburg Day Saturday

The Branch Banking and Trust Company is the only business in town that will be closed Saturday, May 20, in observance of Mecklenburg Day. The date is observed as a state holiday in commemoration of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

Oxford Orphanage Singing Class To Be Here Thursday

Will Give Concert in School Auditorium May 25; Public Invited

The Oxford Masonic Orphanage Singing Class will present its annual concert at the high school auditorium in Plymouth next Thursday night, May 25, at 8 o'clock. The local Macon concert at the high school auditorium sponsoring the concert, with the Oxford Orphanage committee, headed by L. A. Larkin, in charge of arrangements. There will be no charge for admission, and the public is cordially invited and urged to attend. A free-will offering will be taken up and presented to the orphanage to aid in carrying on the work of caring for the 300 children there, about half of whom are of non-Masonic parentage.

The members of the singing class will be guests of various members of the local lodge while in the city. The class will arrive in their own bus about 11 o'clock Thursday morning, the children being sent to the local home in time for the noon meal. They will remain here until the following morning, Friday, about 8 o'clock, when they will leave for the next town on their itinerary.

The program this year is said to be exceptionally well planned and presented. Though the children are smaller than those taken on tours in the past, the program is declared by those who have witnessed it, to be even better than any heretofore. There are a number of choruses and vocal selections by individuals, as well as several specialties, including some tap-dancing routines.

The singing class has been coming here every spring for a number of years, and it is usually well received by local people. Those in charge of arrangements for the visit this year hope to have a large audience next Thursday night to greet the children.

Five Cases Before Recorder Tuesday

Five cases came up before Recorder John W. Darden Tuesday morning, with four convictions and one continuance resulting.

Wilbur S. Blount, 32, white, charged with driving an auto while under the influence of intoxicants, had his case continued until May 23. Chief of Police L. C. Snell, of Roper, swore out the warrant.

J. H. Odum, 40, white, had judgment suspended upon payment of the costs and good behavior on a charge of being drunk.

Hilmand Norman, 22, colored, and Rosa Lee Norman, 16, colored, were charged with striking Winifred Reeves, a colored child, and given 30 days on the roads, suspended upon payment to the mother of the child \$1.50.

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Position of Company Explained Tuesday By H. M. Kieckhefer

Says He Is Unable To Predict When Operations Will Be Resumed

Herbert M. Kieckhefer, secretary and treasurer of the Kieckhefer Container Company, of Delair, N. J., parent corporation of the North Carolina Pulp Company here, while in town Tuesday, expressed his regret and concern over the closing of both the Delair and Plymouth plants as the result of a strike at the New Jersey mill and issued a statement, including correspondence between his company and the unions, outlining the situation at Delair at the present time.

Mr. Kieckhefer was unable to make any predictions as to the prospect for immediate settlement of the strike, although it is understood from other sources that negotiations are underway between representatives of the company and the three local unions involved.

The complete text of Mr. Kieckhefer's statement follows:

Text of Statement

The North Carolina Pulp Company plant at Plymouth, N. C., will be closed for an indefinite period of time due to a strike which has been called by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stableners & Helpers, Local No. 676; the International Brotherhood of Firemen and Oilers, Local No. 126; and the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite & Paper Mill Workers, Local No. 380, at the Delair, N. J., plant of the Kieckhefer Container Co., who consume the major share of the pulp production of the Plymouth mill. Due to the large inventories of pulp on hand at both Plymouth and Delair and limited space available for additional inventories, it was necessary to close the Plymouth mill until the Delair, N. J., plant again starts operations.

The closing of the Plymouth mill will affect about 750 families, approximately one-half of which are employees of the company and the remainder workers supplying wood for the mill, with a total payroll of over \$15,000 per week.

An official of the Kieckhefer Container Co. stated that the wage or hour dispute existed at the time of the strike, and the company had expressed its willingness to negotiate a contract with the three unions for their respective departments, as is confirmed by the following proposals to the three unions, in writing, at the last meeting held on May 5th:

Proposals of Company
"May 5, 1939.
"The International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite & Paper Mill Workers, Local No. 380; The International Brotherhood of Firemen and Oilers, Local No. 126; The International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Stableners and Helpers, Local No. 676:

"Gentlemen:
"Under date of May 3, 1939, our company was asked by your respective unions, all affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, for recognition and sole collective bargaining rights for its Delair employees, comprising certain bargaining units. Our answer to these requests are as follows:

"To the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite & Paper Mill Workers, Local No. 380, we are willing to grant recognition and sole bargaining rights for all employees paid on an hourly or piece-work basis, except members of supervisory force, clerical workers, truck drivers and helpers working outside the plant yard truck drivers, watchmen, maintenance, electrical and power-house workers. This union has proved to our satisfaction that they represent a large majority of all production employees.

"To the Firemen and Oilers' Union, Local No. 126, we are willing to grant, upon submission of proof of membership, recognition and sole bargaining rights for maintenance, electrical and power-house employees.

"To the Teamsters Union, Local No. 676, we are willing to grant recognition and sole bargaining rights for all truck drivers, helpers and platform men working outside the plant limits and yard truck drivers. As regards the following seven classifications, within the plant, whom this union claims to represent, namely: warehousemen, platform men, load-

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Local Landlord Exhibits Cooperative Spirit To Tenants During Shutdown

Without calling any names whatever, a letter was handed to The Beacon this week which is being published to cite an example of the true spirit of cooperation appreciated by workers at the pulp plant during their period of enforced idleness. The letter follows:

"A certain citizen of this town surely must believe in the policy of 'live and let live.' When the local pulp plant closed down, he voluntarily went to see all those who were renting rooms from him and told them not to worry over one penny's rent during the closed period at the mill; that he was not going to charge them one cent during the shut-down for house rent.

"This man realizes that people must have food, and he knows what it means for one's entire income to be suddenly cut off, for he himself was one of the employees. He knows that there are many expenses to pile up, while not even half wages are coming in; and he also realizes that the cost of living is very high and that good wages are required before a man can break even. So this man takes it on himself to share the losses of others.
"Such a deed encourages folks not to pull up and move out of town, and he certainly deserves commendation. This would be a better world to live in if there were more such people. Such an act was surely prompted by the true Christian spirit. Congratulations to him!"