

Mrs. R. A. Duvall has received two letters recently from her brother, Dr. Leo Horning, a college professor in Vienna, Austria, both of which came by the "Yankee Clipper," the big airplane which made the preliminary flights for the recently inaugurated trans-Atlantic service by air.

T. F. Snell, well-known merchant of the Cool Springs section, has been suffering from a heart ailment for several months. For the last three months his physical condition has prevented him from walking the 300 yards from his store to the residence of a brother. Mr. Snell is recognized as one of the best-versed men in Freemasonry in the entire state.

Though the town offices will be closed Wednesday afternoons during the summer months, beginning next week with the other business houses here, the various county offices at the courthouse will remain open, it was announced this week. However, the county employees will get their half holidays on Saturday afternoons, when the lawyers here also close their offices.

A bright spot in the continued enforced idleness of the North Carolina Pulp Company's plant here is the fact that there are about 15 men on monthly salaries drawing their pay and about 15 others doing odd jobs at the plant.

M. T. Garren, of Greensboro, is now mail clerk on the A. C. L. train between Plymouth and Tarboro. He has located suitable living quarters and will soon bring his wife here, where they will make their home.

A total of \$35 was realized from the Poppy Day sales, according to Mrs. W. C. Jones, chairman of the American Legion Auxiliary committee in charge. The funds raised will be used for welfare work among disabled veterans and their families.

Mayor and Mrs. B. G. Campbells' beautiful flower garden at the corner of Jefferson and Third Streets is the object of much favorable comment by tourists and visitors who pass along the highway. Monday the mayor saw a tourist with a camera taking pictures of the plot.

Joe Leggett, popular young man, has been named assistant cubmaster to help Patrolman Tom Brown in his work with the boys who are immediately below scouting age. Joe is a good swimmer and can do many other things the youngsters will like to learn to do better.

J. Corbett Swain Is Named Commander Of Legion Post Here

J. B. Willoughby, J. R. Carr, J. A. Bratten Elected Vice Commanders

J. Corbett Swain, personnel manager for the North Carolina Pulp Company and well-known former service man, was named commander of the James E. Jethro post of the American Legion at a meeting held by the World War veterans last Friday night in the Legion Hall.

Closely associated with Mr. Swain in the leadership of the legionnaires for the ensuing year will be J. B. Willoughby, J. R. Carr, and J. A. Bratten, who were elected vice commanders in the order named.

Other officers follows: J. Linwood Hassell, adjutant; P. W. Brown, finance officer; W. V. Hays, service officer; C. L. Robbins, guardianship officer; Eli Phelps, sergeant at arms; D. A. Hurley, chaplain; P. B. Bateman, historian; P. W. Brown, athletic officer; B. G. Campbell, child welfare officer; H. G. Simpson, Americanism officer; J. H. Swindell, graves registration officer; R. L. Tetterton, employment officer; P. W. Brown, membership chairman; Dr. C. McGowan, publicity officer; and C. E. Ayers, chairman of Sons of the Legion.

Delegates to the State Convention at Raleigh June 25, 26 and 27 were elected as follows: W. V. Hays, chairman; J. L. Horton, secretary; Dr. C. McGowan, delegate; alternates J. C. Swain, P. B. Bateman, L. M. Hassell and R. L. Tetterton.

Final Exercises in Creswell Tonight

Creswell.—Graduation exercises of the Creswell High School will be held at the Baptist church here Friday night, June 2, at 8 o'clock, with Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, of Raleigh, president of the N. C. Education Association and head of the division of instructional service of the state department of education, as the principal speaker.

The seniors and glee club will open the exercises with a processional. Following a song by the seniors, Evelyn White will make the salutatory address. Geraldine Smith will read the class will and Principal A. T. Brooks will make the merit awards. H. H. McLean county superintendent of schools, will present the diplomas.

The valedictory will be made by Thomas Davis. The glee club will sing several numbers.

Over \$50,000 in 1938 Soil Conservation Payments Made To County Farmers

So far, soil conservation payments amounting to \$51,241.62 have been received and distributed to Washington County farmers for their participation in the program during the 1938 crop season, it was learned today from Stuart Blow, chief clerk in County Agent W. V. Hay's office.

Even with this amount already paid, it was said there are still a number of checks to be received for other farmers who kept their

plantings within the allotments set out and carried out soil-improvement practices on their farms.

Just how many checks had not yet been received was not disclosed by Mr. Blow, but it is understood that about 95 per cent of the total number of farmers participating have been paid. It is considered likely that about \$10,000 more will be received by the cooperating farmers.

Town Tax Collectors For Past Year Good

YOUNG MUSICIAN



Phyllis Davidson, 10, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Davidson, is the youngest member of the Plymouth High School Band. She became a member after four months' instruction on the clarinet.

May Be Reflected in Lower Tax Rate for Coming Fiscal Year

Total of \$19,000 Collected; Gain Is Also Shown in Schedule B Taxes

Tax collections for the Town of Plymouth have been very good for the year, according to P. W. Brown, tax collector, who said that he had collected a total of more than \$19,000 for the municipality, although the total levy for 1938 was only \$21,000. However, the officer explains this does not mean that the entire amount collected was current or 1938 taxes, as some of the collections were for back taxes. The \$19,000 collected, however, is more than usual, and it may result in a more favorable tax rate for the 1939 fiscal year.

Since the fiscal year ends June 30, Chief Brown urges those who have failed to pay their taxes to do so at once in order to build up a large surplus as possible, which in turn will reduce the levy necessary for operation of the town's affairs during the coming year.

Another factor which may have some effect in reducing the tax rate is the increased valuation of local property, brought about by the construction of several new buildings and improvements being made to old ones.

It was also announced that \$1,800 had been collected in privilege taxes, against an average yield of \$1,000 in former years. This increase resulted because of additions to the number of business establishments here, as well as paying more attention to this phase of tax collections.

Budget Is Prepared For Welfare Work in County Next Year

Calls for Total Expenditure of \$18,000; County Share \$4,956

A budget calling for an estimated expenditure of close to \$18,000 for the fiscal year of 1939-40 has been tentatively prepared for the Washington County Department of Public Welfare, it was learned from Miss Ursula Bateman, superintendent.

If this budget is approved by the State Department and the county commissioners, a total of \$12,480 will be used in paying old age assistance and administration expense and \$5,508 has been set aside to take care of aid to dependent children and administration expenses.

But the State and Federal governments make available all of this fund except \$4,956 which the county puts up as its fourth.

Last fiscal year there were 110 receiving old age assistance checks but under the new budget enough is allowed for 130 persons if this is approved by the State and local commissioners. There has been an increased appropriations for aid to dependent children which so far there is room for 102 children.

There are nine widows in Washington County drawing pension checks because of the service of their husbands or others serving in the Confederate army during the civil war. But only about three of these can qualify under the old age assistance plan of the Social Security. The State and Federal governments will each pay half of this fund for the small number that can qualify.

Club Prexy Shows Rocks How, Win 6-4

President Roscoe Bowers donned a uniform and showed the boys how to do it Wednesday afternoon, when Plymouth defeated Windsor, 6 to 4. Bowers, along with McNair, Jack Brown and Clagon, smashed out two hits.

Thursday morning President Bowers returned to the administration end of baseball and announced that Scotland Neck would play a double-header here Sunday afternoon, starting at 2 p. m.

He said there would be no increase in admission and that efforts were being made to discontinue grandstand charges so that 25 cents would allow a person to sit anywhere.

CRESWELL PERSONALS
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Oliver spent Sunday and Monday in Manteo. Frank Burgess was a visitor in Norfolk Wednesday.

Slot Machines Will Likely Be Licensed By Commissioners

However, Will Order Confiscation of All Ruled Illegal Type

Relieved of all authority to restrict the use of slot or pin-game machines except from the standpoint of taxation, Washington County authorities are expected to authorize licensing the machines at the board meeting next Monday and be content with the action of the recent legislature. It is expected that licenses will be issued Monday for scores of machines in this county which are classified as legal, and it is also expected the commissioners will order illegal machines confiscated by local law enforcement officers.

According to a ruling made this week by Attorney General Harry McMullen, control of the machines has been shifted from the hands of the commissioners to the courts, where the legality of the machines will be finally determined.

It is considered likely the county will assess a tax of \$10 per unit on the machines, and then it is possible for the towns to come in for their share by assessing a similar amount. For instance, a 5c machine in Plymouth is subject to a \$20 state tax, \$10 county tax and \$10 town tax.

The slot machine owners were dealt what is considered a crushing blow by the attorney general last week, when he ruled that all slot machines which allow free games, tokens or coins for certain scores are illegal under the 1939 revenue act, which provided for the legalization of "amusement slot machines" after June 1.

Score of machines—including all the "one-armed bandits"—now operating in the county were outlawed after Wednesday of this week and many of them will be slightly "re-modeled" to conform to the law. Enforcement of the ruling, however, is strictly up to local sheriff and police authorities, and it is up to them as to what types of machines will be operated in the various localities.

McMullan ruled that the Flanagan Act of 1937 was still in effect and that it forbids operation of any machines on which varying scores or certain combinations of symbols cause the device to automatically vend coins, tokens, slugs, rewards or other things of value which might be used in the further operation of the machine. The word "vend" was interpreted to mean the same as "give" or "allow."

The 1939 act authorized licensing of machines giving varying scores and tallies or combinations of symbols when played if they "do not cause such machine or device to vend automatically any slug, premium, prize, coupon, reward, refund, or rebate or other things of value which might be used in the further operation of the device for which no cash value is received."

County Chamber of Commerce Now Has Membership of 70

Bi-Weekly Meeting Held in Roper Wednesday Night; Discuss Number Matters

Increased activity is expected by the Washington County Chamber of Commerce with the announcement of a membership of 70 made at the directors' meeting at Roper Wednesday night, with nine directors present.

A delightful meal was served under the direction of Charlie Mizell, and the directors planned a meeting with J. L. Rea at Wenona as soon as the Belhaven committee was named to hold a mass meeting to impress state highway officials with the necessity of surfacing the remainder of the Turnpike road, a distance of about 9 miles.

Secretary Darden was authorized to answer inquiries regarding this section that come through the bulletin issued by the State Department of Conservation and Development.

Asserting that much of the stock sold on the Williamston market was from Washington and Tyrrell Counties, the secretary was urged to take steps to organize an auction market for Plymouth. County Agent W. V. Hays will be consulted.

Club women will be asked to meet with the directors next time to plan for a rose or flower carnival to be held here next May.

The attention of the State Highway Commission will be called to the fact that the Roper-Cherry Newland road is not being maintained as it should.

County Scout Camporee Held at Albemarle Beach

Boy Scouts from Roper, Plymouth, and Creswell enjoyed a camporee at Albemarle Beach last Friday and Saturday. About 50 boys attended.

Blue ribbons were won by the Flaming Arrow Patrol of Plymouth, with Carl Bailey as leader, and the Cobra patrol, with Ducky Lloyd as leader; the Wolf patrol, under leader Duncan Getsinger, won a red ribbon. Plymouth defeated Roper in a baseball game.

No New Developments in Strike Situation at Delair; Plants Both Here and There Continue Closed

Local Union May Take Steps To Aid In Settling Strike

Ask That International Vice President Be Sent Here For Conference

Employees of the North Carolina Pulp Company here who are members of the pulp workers' union, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, are considering action to help in settling the strike at the Kieckhefer Container Corporation in Delair, N. J., it was learned this morning.

Thursday morning a group of union members dispatched a telegram to John P. Burke, president of the International Union of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers, at Port Edwards, N. Y., asking that H. W. Sullivan, vice president of the organization, be sent here to confer with them.

J. H. Malin, district official, was unable to come when asked and suggested that the local union ask for Mr. Sullivan.

It is the desire of the local union to get some action in Delair, as reports are to the effect that the unions there and the plant management are as far apart as they were the day the mill closed. The local union men believe that since only the most pleasant of relations have existed between the company and the organization here that they might be of some service in getting the contending factions together on a basis satisfactory to both.

They expect Mr. Sullivan to advise them whether or not they have any right, under the constitution of the union, to attempt mediation between the two factions; and it is considered possible that he may be persuaded to carry their case to Delair and seek some means of getting the strike settled.

Irish Potatoes Begin Moving in Quantity Middle of This Week

29 Carloads Go Through Mackeys Wednesday And Thursday

Twenty-nine carloads of Irish potatoes moved through Mackeys from the Columbia and Creswell sections Wednesday night as the marketing of spuds got underway in earnest this week, according to R. H. Chesson, station agent of the Norfolk Southern Railroad at Mackeys.

Eleven of the cars Wednesday night went to Berkeley, Va., for diversion to northern markets, while two went on to Philadelphia. On Thursday night 14 cars went to Berkeley for diverting, one direct to Philadelphia and one to Charleston, W. Va.

Irish potatoes were quoted on the markets as follows Thursday morning: Charleston, S. C. and nearby points: demand fair and market slightly stronger; carloads f. o. b. usual terms; 100-pound sacks of cobbles, \$1.50; U. S. No. 1, size B, 75 to 80 cents.

New York: Market slightly stronger on new stock, slightly weaker on old stock; North Carolina 100-pound sacks, cobbles, \$1.90 to \$2.35; mostly \$2 to \$2.25.

Local Ford Dealers Offer World's Fair Trip for \$27

Through the cooperation of the Ford Motor Company, which is celebrating its 30th anniversary at the New York World's Fair on June 15, the Plymouth Motor Company announced today that as dealers they are enabled to offer a special trip to the fair for a total of \$27, that amount including transportation, food, hotel expenses, and two days at the exhibition.

The trip is being arranged so that those who go leave here June 15, be at the fair for two days and return home within five days. J. R. Manning is arranging the party and those who wish to go are asked to see him

Delay in Checks For Unemployed

Men thrown out of employment at the North Carolina Pulp Company by the strike in New Jersey were told by the representatives of the North Carolina Unemployment Compensation Commission Thursday morning that checks for their unemployment benefits would not be ready for distribution before next Thursday.

Many of the workers are sorely in need of the compensation, which ranges up to \$15 weekly, and criticism is being heard on all sides for the delay, the men having been promised last week that the checks would be here this Thursday.

The commission has been severely scored in various sections for its slowness on other occasions; and, with business almost at a standstill here and want facing some of the unemployed, steps may be taken to bring the matter to the attention of the governor and other state officials.

County To Get \$3,186 In Lieu of Taxes on Federal Farm Land

Amount Is Reduced by \$600 After 221 Acres Turned Over To State

Washington County stands to get \$3,186.67 as a contribution from the Federal Government in lieu of taxes for 1938 on 7,600 acres of land that was taken from the tax books when the land was bought by the Federal Farm Security Administration for the Scuppernon Farms project.

It was at first figured that the county would receive \$3,877 in lieu of the taxes, but since that time 221 acres of the land was turned over to the State for the Pettigrew Park and Recreational Project, and \$690.33 was deducted from the payment.

In exchange for this contribution, the county has agreed to provide the same services rendered by the county and state for the people living in the Washington County part of the Scuppernon Farms project that are provided for all other citizens, including school facilities for the children of that region.

The land was purchased by the Federal agency from the A. E. Shore Estate, D. E. and E. S. Woodley, J. L. Phelps, H. G. Walker, A. G. Walker Estate, W. J. Comstock, J. R. Snell, W. T. Phelps, W. S. Ainsley, Mrs. M. E. Smithson, H. N. and W. D. Starr. The total valuation of the land the last time it was listed on the tax books was \$156,699.

Despite the additions of new buildings and general improvement made to the property by the FSA since it became the owner, there is still a sizeable loss in the valuation. It will probably be reflected in a lower total valuation of county property, unless there is an increase in listing from other sections.

Listings were made in April, and since the tabulations have not been completed, it is not known whether the county as a whole will show a gain or loss this year.

First of Wednesday Holidays Next Week

Merchants and business men will take their half holidays during the summer on Wednesday afternoons, beginning next week, while the courthouse employees will join the lawyers in taking their half day off on Saturday afternoons.

The merchants find it better from a trade standpoint to take their half holiday off during the middle of the week, while the lawyers and courthouse employees can get away better at the last of the week.

The Branch Banking and Trust Company will close on Wednesday afternoons. The ABC store will not be closed either Wednesday or Saturday.

Ninety Per Cent of County Farmers To Cooperate With 1939 Soil Program

Ninety per cent of the farmers in Washington County have signed work sheets indicating their willingness to cooperate with the soil conservation program of the Agriculture Adjustment Administration for the crop season of 1939, it was learned today from Chief Clerk Stuart Blow in the office of County Agent W. V. Hays.

Such a percentage was made possible by 737 out of the possi-

Shutdown Is Now in Its 4th Week With No Settlement in Sight

Company Is Awaiting Resumption of Negotiations By Striking Unions

Up to noon Thursday, there had been no material developments in the status of the strike at the Delair, N. J., plant of the Kieckhefer Container Company, and as a result both the mill there and the local unit of the North Carolina Pulp Company continue closed. Latest advices are to the effect that it does not appear that an early settlement is possible.

Following is a special dispatch to The Beacon from Delair, N. J., received Wednesday:

Delair, May 31.—With yesterday a holiday, picketing at the Kieckhefer Container Company's mill was handled by a skeleton crew, since the offices as well as the plant were closed. The strikers had interests elsewhere, but many congregated about the mill. This is the fourth week of the strike with no signs of either side conceding the main point on which the strike was called—that of determining a collective bargaining agency for certain classes of workers.

In the meantime, the mill has been placed in such condition that it cannot resume with a full force when the disagreement is settled. Ashes from the boilers are forming an obstacle, as fires have been kept going. There is not enough stock on hand to keep the boxmakers going for any length of time. Should the strike be settled this week, it is believed another two weeks will be lost by many who must await the production of materials.

No Basis for Negotiations
The company has expressed its willingness to negotiate with the three A. F. L.-affiliated unions which called the strike about a month ago; but there has been no basis for further negotiations since a conference was held in Delair on May 19, when J. O'Neill, representing the truck drivers' union, abruptly withdrew his approval of proposals being submitted to the company representatives by all three of the unions and walked out of the meeting.

The only disagreement between the company and the workers, it has been reliably learned, is over the status of a few men at the Delair plant. The truck drivers' union, through O'Neill, is demanding that it be recognized as the bargaining agency for these few workers, while the company, although willing to recognize the truck drivers' right to represent outside workers, questions if employees in the production department could be represented by this particular union under the terms of the Wagner labor act.

There is no contention between Kieckhefer officials and representatives of the other two unions, the company having announced its willingness to recognize them as bargaining agencies for the two classes of employees they represent. However, when the question of the status of the few workers was raised, and the strike called by the truck drivers' union, the other union employees were also called out.

Since the pulp output of the local plant is shipped to Delair for processing and finishing, closing of the plant there necessarily forced closing of the mill here, although relations between the company and employees here are on a very friendly and satisfactory basis.

Status of Insurance
It was learned from an official of the company here this week that arrangements had been made to cancel the health and accident insurance but to continue life insurance, under the terms of the group policies carried by practically all employees of the plant. The official explained that the company had no alternative, as in accordance with the provisions of the group health and accident insurance, coverage automatically ceases after 31 days of non-employment.

It was stated that for the benefit of the employees, the company expected to continue the group life insurance in force for the time being, making the necessary deductions for premiums later. However, if any of the employees wish to discontinue their life insurance coverage, they are asked to write the firm to that effect. It was stated that the health and accident insurance could be reinstated when work at the plant is resumed.

Creswell Fourth Grade Honor Roll Last Month

Viva Cahoon, Ina Phelps, L. A. Hufton, Jay Allen, Christine Ambrose, Mildred Ambrose, Betty Jean Bateman, Frances Harris, Toledo Overton, Sadie Lee Patrick, Louise Phelps, Betty Swain, Marjorie Tarkenton, Daphne Gray Williams.