

W. S. Moore, instructor of vocational agriculture in the Plymouth High School, will spend next week in Raleigh attending a conference of vocational agriculture teachers at State College. He expects to return by the week-end. C. H. Floyd, of Roper, and A. H. Tucker, Creswell, also expected to attend.

L. J. Meunier, jr., superintendent of the North Carolina Pulp Company here, is in a Durham hospital for treatment of his eyes. While at work in the plant here he accidentally got some of the "black liquor" used in pulp manufacture in his eye, causing him much trouble. He is expected to return home the latter part of the week.

Learning of the circulation of rumors that the water at Albemarle Beach had been condemned by the health department, L. W. Gurkin, owner of the resort, went to Dr. S. V. Lewis, district health officer, this week and secured a statement from him that "the reports were absolutely without foundation." Mr. Gurkin expressed the hope that this would allay any fears of the bathing facilities at his popular resort.

George Chesson is reported to have devised some kind of tool or implement for use in picking cucumbers. It is reported to be a stick with prongs on it for use in separating the vines and taking hold of the cukes.

The Plymouth Lodge, No. 281, Loyal Order of Moose, has changed its regular meetings nights to the second and fourth Friday nights of each month. This was done so that the Eastern Star, Masonic auxiliary, could have the hall on the first and third Friday nights.

Twenty-five Hampshire lambs sold by Jim Stang's Westover farm near here at the recent lamb sale were graded as "choice." Paul Fletcher, livestock marketing specialist for the Department of Agriculture, said it was the first time he had ever graded this number of lambs for any one producer and found them all "choice." C. M. Robbins is superintendent of this farm.

Dr. Paul Warren Lucas, son of W. P. (Bill) Lucas, a native of this county now residing in Durham, was here last week visiting the Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Lucas and other relatives. Dr. Lucas is a graduate of the Duke Medical school and will leave in the next few days for a government hospital in Baltimore, where he will take a post-graduate course in surgery.

Rev. L. W. Fields, of Goldsboro, a room-mate of the Rev. Paul B. Nickens, pastor of the local Baptist church, when they were both attending the Southern Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., visited Mr. Nickens here this week.

Lucas Dairy Again On Grade-A Basis After Recent Fire

New Building and Equipment Are Used For First Time This Week

Grade-A milk is being delivered again from the Springwood Dairy, with the completion of the new plant announced this week by R. H. Lucas, the owner, who spent about \$4,000 to replace his first plant, which was destroyed by fire a few months ago.

Built according to specifications for a grade A milk plant outlined by the State Department of Health, Mr. Lucas said he had the assistance and cooperation of J. A. Ferree, local sanitary engineer, and others in the construction and equipment of the new barn.

Bottles were washed with the new equipment and some of the other machinery used last week, but it was Monday before the milking was done in the new barn. The equipment includes a boiler and steam room for sterilization of bottles and milking utensils, automatic bottling and capping machines, and an electrical cooling system for keeping the milk.

All employees have been examined and furnished health certificates, which are renewed at periodic intervals. Every milking operation is handled according to the strict sanitary regulations. About 40 Guernsey, Jersey and Holstein cows comprise the herd.

All Games Except One Washed Out Wednesday

Perrytown defeated Oak City, 8 to 6 Wednesday afternoon in the only game played in the Albemarle League.

Rain blocked games at Plymouth and Windsor. Only one inning was played here with Scotland Neck before the contest was washed out. Double-headers will be played when the teams scheduled yesterday meet again.

Baptist Singing Class at Mt. Tabor Church July 6

The singing class of the Free Will Baptist orphange will be at Mount Tabor Free Will Baptist church, near Creswell, on Thursday, July 6, at 8 p. m., it was announced today by the Rev. T. F. Davenport, of Creswell.

"Be sure to attend this singing, as an evening of entertainment awaits you," said the minister.

Several Farmers "Putting In" Tobacco This Week

Again this year, H. J. Woolard, farmer on the Long Ridge road, 3 miles south of Plymouth, is reported to be the first producer to "put in" a barn of tobacco for curing. Mr. Woolard harvested 400 sticks of sand lugs last Friday and began curing this week. Mr. Woolard was the first to report harvesting activities last season.

H. E. Beam, cashier of the Branch Banking & Trust Company, who has visited about 300 acres in the county to insure the tobacco, said that Mr. Woolard's crop was one of the best he had seen this season.

It was also reported that S. A. Allen, of near Plymouth, was to "put in" a barn of tobacco at his farm this week. Within another

week curing will probably be general throughout the section.

Rain last Friday was said by tobacco growers to have meant a lot of money to them, as it caused the stalks and leaves to fill out.

Favorable weather conditions and related factors have caused Lloyd T. Weeks, tobacco specialist of the State Extension Service, to raise his original estimate of a 15 per cent increase in North Carolina's flue-cured crop to 20 per cent or more.

It is believed in the county that the crop will be the largest in years, due to heavy plantings, favorable seasons and general conditions, and there is some fear that the price will be low because of the excess of supply over demand.

Preparing for Annual Field Day at Wenona

Deliveries Slow at Pickle Plant Here

So far only about 9,000 bushels of cucumbers have been delivered to the plant of C. C. Lang & Son, Inc., here, as against about 20,000 bushels received last year at this time, it was learned today from Manager P. H. Roberts.

The payroll for the coming Monday will be about \$5,000, making a total of about \$8,000 paid out for cucumbers since the plant opened for deliveries several weeks ago.

Mr. Roberts estimated about 35 per cent of the crop has been harvested and delivered. It appears now that about four weeks more will be required before the entire crop has been harvested and delivered.

Record Session Held By Recorder's Court Here Last Tuesday

13-Hour Is Day Put in by Court Attaches, Longest On Record

Five white persons were arraigned in recorder's court Tuesday on various charges, as the court held a 13-hour session, one of the longest single day sessions in its history.

Not guilty verdicts were brought in by juries in cases involving Mrs. Mary Hassell, 28, white, and W. E. Sitterson, 32, white, merchant. Mrs. Hassell charged Sitterson with assaulting her, and Mr. Sitterson countered with charges that Mrs. Hassell was drunk and disorderly and drove a car while drunk. The charges grew out of an affray on the old Chapel Hill schoolhouse on a Saturday night. Mrs. Sitterson, although no charges were brought against her, was said to have engaged in a fight with Mrs. Hassell and her sister, Miss Doris Smith.

A similar verdict was rendered by a jury in the case of Charles Gregg, 40, white, who was charged with assaulting Mrs. Mae Simmons Snell. Three witnesses for the state and two for the defendant were heard before the jury acquitted him.

Mrs. Louise Simon, 47, white, entered a plea of guilty to driving while drunk. She was given six months on the roads suspended upon payment of \$50 and the costs before November 14, 1939.

Thomas Jones, 34, white, charged with giving O. A. Chesson a worthless check in the sum of \$13, drawn on a Greenville bank, was given a road sentence of 60 days.

S. D. Jones Dies In New Jersey

Funeral services were held in Mountain Lakes, N. J., Sunday afternoon for Simon D. Jones, 76, a native of Martin County who was widely related in this section, and whose death occurred last Friday morning at a hospital in Orange, N. J.

Born in Martin County on January 20, 1863, Mr. Jones in 1893 married Miss Ethel Chesson, of Plymouth, who survives. He also leaves a son, Robert and a grand-daughter, Jean Chesson Jones, of Mountain Lakes; four sisters, Mrs. H. C. Spruill and Miss Cornelia Jones, of Plymouth, Mrs. J. L. Brown and Mrs. W. B. Lilley, of Jamesville; and two brothers, W. B. Jones, of Norfolk, and T. B. Jones, of Arizona.

Mr. Jones was also related to Mrs. B. G. Campbell, of Plymouth.

Forty-six years ago Mr. Jones entered the insurance business, continuing until his retirement a few years ago on account of ill health. He was of a very generous nature and financially aided a number of relatives in securing an education.

Number Prominent Personages to Have Part in Day's Events

R. L. Coburn To Preside; Principal Speaker Not Yet Secured

Although the full program for the occasion has not been completed, a number of prominent persons have signified their intention of appearing on the program of the fourteenth annual farmers' field day, to be held at the Blackland Experiment Station in Wenona, on Thursday, July 13, it was announced today by J. L. Rea, assistant director, in charge of the station.

It was announced that former state Senator Robert L. Coburn, of Williamston, will preside over the program; with Prof. R. H. Ruffner, of State College, discussing the production of work stock, D. S. Coltraine, assistant commissioner of agriculture, speaking on "Soil-Testing Service," and Dr. E. R. Collins explaining the factors involved in selecting a balanced fertilizer for continued crop production.

The name of the principal speaker was not made public.

The afternoon program for the ladies will be under the supervision of Mrs. Mary M. Darden, home demonstration agent, and will include an address by a prominent woman, singing and band music.

In the afternoon the men will be invited to visit the agronomy plots, the livestock, farm machinery and farm crop exhibits, and a horse and mule pulling contest will be staged, with the strength of the animals measured, as last year, by the dynamometer from State College.

Child Unharmed as Bolt Strikes Crib

The story of a miraculous escape from a freak bolt of lightning which did some damage to the home of Harley Gurkin, just this side of Pine-town, was brought back to Plymouth last Friday by G. K. Harris, rural mail carrier on route 1.

Mr. Harris said he passed the home of Mr. Gurkin shortly after it was struck by the bolt during a heavy thunder shower last Friday morning about 11 o'clock. The lightning struck a tree in the yard, ran down a limb which rested against the gable end of the house, tearing a hole in the wall several inches in diameter on the inside, although there was no mark on the outside of the building. The lightning then ran down the wall, jumped to a baby's crib possibly a foot away, splintered the wooden supports and tearing up the linoleum on the floor, but doing no damage at all to the floor itself. A small baby in the crib was not harmed.

Mrs. Gurkin was on the porch when the lightning struck and heard the baby scream. She ran into the room, which was filled with smoke, and found the child untouched although the crib had been almost demolished.

Two Men Hurt at Plant Here Thursday Afternoon

Raymond Alexander and Miller Harrell, millwrights at the North Carolina Pulp Company, were injured painfully Thursday afternoon at 2:20 when a saw-horse fell on their heads. Both were conscious but suffering much pain when brought to the office here of Dr. T. L. Bray. Each had apparently suffered a deep cut on the head.

Informal Dance at Club Here Saturday Night

There will be an informal dance at the Plymouth Country Club Saturday at 10 p. m. A small admission will be charged. This dance was arranged by the dance committee.

Plans Are Made for Big Road Meeting at Belhaven August 9

Arrangements Discussed at Meeting Held There Wednesday

Selecting Belhaven as the place and designating August 9 as the date, a committee of 50 men formulated plans at a meeting held in Belhaven Wednesday night for exercises designed to attract 5,000 people in an effort to impress the State Highway and Public Works Commission with the urgent need for hard surfacing of the remaining 12 miles of the Turnpike road, connecting Highway No. 97 with Pantego by way of Wenona.

Meeting in the spacious and commodious community house in the Beaufort County seaford center, with John W. Darden, of Plymouth, secretary of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce and general chairman of the committee, presiding, the men enjoyed a fish fry as well as attended to business.

Ernest V. Webb, of Kinston, district highway commissioner, expects to be present at the August meeting, according to a letter he wrote to Mr. Darden. Congressman Lindsay Warren has been urged to attend. Other state officials will be invited, including W. Kerr Scott, Commissioner of Agriculture, who is a strong advocate of an all-weather road through this route for farmer visits to the Blackland Experiment Station at Wenona.

It was promised at the meeting that 1,500 pounds of free barbecue would be available on the big day for those attending. Fred P. Latham, former member of the state board of agriculture, will head the important committee on entertainment and promised to donate 100 pounds of the "cue" himself.

There will be boat races, bathing, baseball games and a dance for the entertainment of the crowd, and a business session will be held from 11 to 1 o'clock. Residents of the lower end of Beaufort, with those from Washington and Hyde Counties, are expected to attend in large numbers.

New committees asked to help create interest in their various communities were named by Mr. Darden, with the help of Mr. Latham, as follows:

J. R. Manning and J. R. Campbell, Plymouth; Kirk Whorton, Ellis Smith, H. E. Tripp, Ransomville; Roy Jackson, Allen Swindell, P. H. Whitley, Jr., Pantego; William Bullock, Leechville; H. W. Harvey, P. W. Ross, Dr. E. G. Winstead, Belhaven; Bennie Harris, J. F. Manning, Ponzer; Irvin Robbins, Ralph Tankard, Yeatsville; Gratz Credle, Harvey Credle, Scranton; Birdie Paul, Sidney; Allen Ropston, Burdette Cross Roads; L. R. Pille, Terra Ceia; J. L. Rea, Wenona; D. R. Paul, Raymond; Paul, Pungo; Comer Davis, lower Pungo section.

Proponents declare that with five miles of the Turnpike road from No. 97 already improved with gravel, that the remaining 12 miles should be improved and made an all-weather road. This will reduce the distance from Belhaven to the new Albemarle Sound bridge to 40 miles, saving an hour's travel for fishermen and others who sell commodities in Norfolk or other markets to the north.

Clyde Potter supplied the fish to the 50 committees present and to members of the Belhaven band, who provided the music for the meeting Wednesday night.

Bill Clagon Passes Physical Examination for Patrolman

William S. (Bill) Clagon, outfielder for the Plymouth Rocks, is back home today after successfully passing the physical examination required of applicants for positions on the State Highway Patrol in Raleigh this week.

He said that out of the hundred applicants only about 40 per cent passed the examinations and that it would be necessary to secure additional applications before a school is held in Highland Park near Asheville, where those passing the work required will be appointed patrolmen.

Forest Fire Burns Over Wide Section

A forest and brush fire has been burning over a wide area in the Wenona section for about six weeks, damaging the undergrowth and vegetation on the land to the extent of thousands of dollars. Dense columns of smoke rising from the fire can be seen 25 and 30 miles away, and Wednesday morning a heavy pall hung over Plymouth for several hours until the wind changed.

Forest Fire Warden Stuart F. Darden has managed, with a little help, to confine the damage to a relatively small area on the south side of the Turnpike road, but it is reported several hundred acres have been burned anyway, the vegetable matter in the peat-like soil burning down to the subsoil in some places 16 to 18 inches deep.

No homes in the area have been threatened by the fire, which continues to burn stubbornly, efforts being centered on preventing its spread.

Deadlock Over Closed-Shop Issue Between Strikers and Kieckhefer Firm Stands in Way of Settlement

Begin New Star Route Mail Service Saturday

Motor vehicle mail service by a temporary star route from Plymouth to Parmele will begin Saturday of this week, when, for the first time in about 30 years, an Atlantic Coast Line Railroad passenger train will not leave Plymouth for Tarboro. The train will make its last run Friday, and the new carrier takes over the next day.

George C. James, jr., of Parmele, was given a temporary contract for carrying the mail over the 76-mile round trip daily for one year. The contract price was \$1,809.99. His schedule calls for 1-3-4 hours running time. The schedule is arranged for

mail to leave Plymouth at 9 a. m., stopping at all post offices on the route and arriving at Parmele by 10:45 to connect with the Kinston and Rocky Mount trains. Returning the carrier leaves Parmele on receipt of mails from trains due there at 5:10 p. m., arriving in Plymouth in 1-3-4 hours, or about 7 p. m.

First-class mail and daily news papers that come in over this route will be opened and put into the boxes. Postmaster George W. Hardison said. He said that mail must be in the office at least 10 minutes before 9 in the morning in order to catch the outgoing pouches at 9.

Meet of Union and Company Conferees Is Being Held Today

First Disorders This Week, When Strikers Scatter Tacks in Road

There were no new developments today (Thursday) in connection with the strike at the Delair plant of the Kieckhefer Container Company, now in its seventh week. Representatives of the company and the three striking unions were still deadlocked over the question of a "closed shop," demanded by the strikers last week. It is understood that agreement has been reached on all or practically all of the other points at issue.

A number of conferences have been held by representatives of the employees and officials of the company, but no progress has been reported this week. Another meeting was being held Thursday afternoon, but up to 3 o'clock nothing had been heard as to developments.

The strike has been entirely free of disorders of any kind up to this week, but a dispatch from Delair at 11 o'clock this morning said that the "first offensive acts of the strikers was strewing tacks and staples in the streets which flattened several tires near the mill entrance." It was stated that Township Committee Chairman Ludwick (head of the local governing body) had issued a warning that "police would stop this and any other form of disorder."

A reporter who visited union headquarters in Delair was refused an official statement concerning the strike status but was told by one of the strikers to "just say that everybody's plenty, no one's hungry, and there are plenty of baskets for all." He found boxes and baskets being packed with foodstuffs for distribution among the strikers. The food is being provided with union funds.

It was authoritatively learned here in the event the strike was settled, at least a week or 10 days would be required before the plant here could get back into production, as employees have scattered to former homes or are visiting relatives in other sections. Some time would also be required to get the machinery back into condition for operation.

From what could be learned this morning, the only obstacle now remaining in the way of settlement is the closed-shop subject. The union leaders are standing pat on their demands, while the company issued the

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To Observe Fourth As General Holiday

No Special Program Planned Locally but Stores To Be Closed

Branch Bank and County Offices Are To Be Closed Monday and Tuesday

Local business will be temporarily halted twice next week, as employees of business firms here enjoy a day and a half holiday, with the first, a full day off Tuesday, in celebration of the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence on July Fourth, and the second on the day following, when the usual Wednesday half holiday will be observed.

No special program has been planned here on Independence Day, but all stores, shops and offices—with the exception of the drug stores, cafes and filling stations—will be closed Tuesday. Patrons are being urged by the merchants to shop during the open hours so that none will be inconvenienced by the closing.

The Branch Banking & Trust Company here will be closed for two full days, Monday and Tuesday, but will be opened for the full day Wednesday, foregoing their usual half holiday at this time. The county offices will also be closed both Monday and Tuesday.

Only the one-day holiday will be observed by the A. B. C. stores, and that is on Tuesday, the national holiday.

Postal workers will put up mail for patrons who have lock boxes, but there will be no deliveries, either in town or on the rural routes, Tuesday. The windows will not be opened except for a few minutes after the afternoon mail is put up.

The Roanoke Beacon office will be closed all day to give the "force" one of the three holidays a year observed by this firm.

Chief of Police P. W. Brown urges the merchants to have their flags available Tuesday so that they can have them placed along the streets to give the town a patriotic aspect.

Many local people are planning to go to Albemarle and other beaches, some will play golf, while a large crowd is expected to see the two baseball games here. The morning game will be called at 10 o'clock and is between the Rocks and Edenton, an official Albemarle League game. In the afternoon the Rocks meet the Tri-County Club, of Washington, at 3:30.

McGuire Company Moves Equipment

Their task of surfacing and grading the road from Plymouth over No. 97 to Douglass Cross Roads in Beaufort County, about completed, the F. J. McGuire Construction Company today was moving equipment to the firm's home base in Washington.

Fifteen miles of the highway have been surfaced and the remaining 13 miles graded and made ready for surfacing, the contract for which it is expected will be let by the State Highway and Public Works Commission on July 11.

E. M. Turner, who has been head of the accounting department, and Jimmy Wilson, superintendent of the job, are expected to leave during this week end, as the first four days of the current week they had about 40 men engaged in sloping and rounding the shoulders of the road, clearing the drainage and performing other last-minute tasks.

Mr. Turner was of the opinion that whoever obtained the contract for surfacing the last 13 miles of the road would have to work from the Washington end in view of the greater distance from this end.

DOUBLE HOLIDAY

Governor Clyde R. Hoey this week declared Monday, July 3, a legal state holiday, in addition to Tuesday, July 4, and as a result, Branch Banking and Trust Company and county employees here will receive a double holiday.

Both the bank and the court-house will be closed Monday and Tuesday of next week. The Washington County boards of commissioners and education will hold their regular meetings on the second Monday, July 10.

As a result of the governor's proclamation, all state employees in this section will also get the double holiday.

Offer Premium for All Hogs Produced By Sanitation Plans

Next Shipment From Here To Be Made July 11; Market Stronger

A premium of 25 cents per 100 pounds is offered by a Richmond packer for hogs grown in accordance with effective swine sanitation plans, it was announced today by County Agent W. V. Hays, who explained that the next shipment by the local marketing association will be held July 11, followed by another on July 25 and every second Tuesday from then on as usual.

Carcasses of the premium hogs must show freedom from internal parasites when slaughtered, according to Mr. Hays, who explained that the agreement made covers a 12-month period and during that time the offer is restricted to growers who can sell as many as 20 pigs at a time. This requirement is made, according to Mr. Hays, because hogs under the swine sanitation premium plan must be slaughtered separately and entails extra work and expense to the packer.

Any grower who has three or four sows can take advantage of this offer, and it should particularly interest the smaller growers, since they naturally will receive a higher price in the form of more pounds of meat produced for the feed consumer, according to the county agent.

The elements of the swine sanitation plan can be explained by Mr. Hays, who said that growers who wished to come under the terms of this plan must notify the agent's office.

"I saw hogs this week three months old which weighed over 100 pounds each, and on another occasion I saw a little of pigs the same age, nine of which together weighed less than 100 pounds," Mr. Hays said, explaining that this was an extreme case.

The farm agent said that the hog market was strengthening daily.

Unemployment Pay Here Totals \$2,000 This Week

Representatives of the Unemployment Compensation Commission from the Williamston office distributed about \$2,000 to employees of the North Carolina Pulp Co., who have been idle since May 8, when a strike in the Kieckhefer Container Corporation plant at Delair forced the local mill to suspend operations.

The checks this week represented payments for the fourth week of unemployment. This makes a total of about \$8,000 paid out since the men have been out of work. They were not paid for the first two weeks, designated as the "waiting period."

Building and Loan Opens New Series Stock on Saturday

Hope To Sell at Least 100 Shares To Maintain Steady Growth

With approximately 1,000 shares of stock in force now, the Plymouth Building and Loan Association, will offer for sale to the public on Saturday, installment stock in its seventh series, it was announced this week by President E. F. Still.

So far about \$100,000 worth of stock has been sold in the six preceding series and the officers and directors hope the growth of the organization will continue with the new offering. There are still many worthy applicants for loans for the erection of homes.

The officials hope to sell at least 100 shares in the new series. They point to the fact that the organization has shown a steady increase in its business ever since it was founded and also to the fact that the association was praised by state officials for its efficient operation during the first year of its operations.

Prospective stock purchasers are asked to see any of the officers or directors, who will be glad to explain the system and its workings. Installment stock may be purchased for 25 cents per week per share, and each share matures at \$100 in about six and one-half years, returning a net yield of slightly over 5 per cent on the money invested.

Blount Hardware Store Is Official Weighing Station

The Blount Hardware Store here has been designated an official weighing station in the Raleigh News and Observer's weekly contests for the largest fish of various species caught in North Carolina waters. Cash prizes are awarded for the largest fish in each class every week throughout the remainder of the season.

There is no charge for entries in the contest. Full details can be secured by applying at the Blount Hardware Store, and every fisherman is urged to enter any unusual fish caught at the local weighing station.