

Visiting here this week was E. D. Carstarphen, district commissioner of revenue stationed at Durham, who has been in this work about four years and is well known in practically all sections of the state. He and Mrs. Carstarphen are making their home in the Washington Duke Hotel.

Principal R. B. Trotman, of the Plymouth schools, was in Plymouth this week from Jackson. He has arranged for residence in the Carter Apartments on Main Street, where he and Mrs. Trotman plan to move by August 14.

John Atamanchuk writes home from Kalush, in what was formerly Czechoslovakia, that he will be back in the United States about October 1. His letter stated that while over there on a "vacation," he was disposing of some real estate which he inherited, and that as soon as got this business properly arranged, he would be back home.

Miss Mabel Ellen Knowles, of Roper, is now serving as librarian at the courthouse in the place of Mrs. Lula Jackson, whose position was discontinued when the WPA recently reduced their rolls in Washington County. Miss Knowles is doing the work under the sponsorship of the National Youth Administration.

Tex Edens, who played ball here several years ago with the local club, was here over the week-end, visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Still. A native of Texas, he came to this section while attending Wake Forest College. At the present time he is in the produce business.

Joseph Rankin, a retired St. Louis, Mo., baker, visited Washington County this week for the second time in 20 years. He left here with a friend years ago, and they built up a large bakery business in Missouri. His wife and 10 of his 11 children are dead. He is living with his only remaining daughter.

Patrolman Tom Brown laid aside his uniform and badge Tuesday, when he and his bride left for an extended tour over highways under the supervision of other patrolmen in this and near-by states. He plans to drive to the World's Fair in New York and return by way of the Shenandoah Valley, the Skyline Drive, and the Smoky Mountains National Park.

Twenty years old and what the ladies would call "handsome" is Capt. R. B. Massey, jr., of Lake Wales, Fla., who is now employed to handle the 219 head of cattle on the Elmhurst Farm between here and Roper, owned by W. H. Thompson. His youth does not discount the fact that he knows the cattle business for which he was hired.

William S. Clagon Gets Appointment In Highway Patrol

Local Man One of 51 Selected at Training Camp Recently Held

William S. (Bill) Clagon, of Plymouth, was chosen as one of the 51 new state highway patrolmen at the conclusion of the 30-day training period last week at a camp near Hendersonville established and conducted by the highway patrol.

Bill said there were 76 men in the camp at its close and that he was indeed "happy" to be among the 51 selected to report for duty on the highways of the state on August 26. Uniforms and equipment are expected to be issued at that time.

He told of the camp activities, which included box and drilling in addition to classes in law and the conduct of members of the state highway patrol.

A native of Washington County, Mr. Clagon is well known and very popular here. Earlier this summer he played outfield for the Rocks and was recognized as one of the most improved players on the team before he left to attend the patrol camp.

Joseph T. Weede succeeds Clagon as full-time custodian of the fire house and equipment here.

Others chosen as patrolmen from this section included Alvin Roscoe Craig, of Bertie County; Tatnal Wagner Fearing, of Pasquotank; Vernon Lee Spruill, of Chowan; and John Grady Spivey, of Perquimans County.

Club Women Will Have Picnic 29th

Hundreds of farm folk in Washington County are expected to attend the home demonstration clubs picnic at Albemarle Beach Tuesday, August 29, it was announced today by Mrs. Frances M. Darden, home agent, who explained that men, women and children are invited.

Jack Criswell, specialist from the Extension Service at State College, Raleigh, will have charge of the singing and recreation.

The planned program will begin at 4 o'clock and last one hour, after which swimming and contests will be enjoyed.

Mrs. Darden announced that those who are planning to attend should take notice of the new date, August 29, as it was necessary to postpone the event from an earlier date.

Road Meeting Will Be Held Next Wednesday

WILL PRESIDE



Secretary John W. Darden, of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce, will preside at the Belhaven mass meeting Wednesday in the interest of an all-weather road through Turnpike.

ABC Enforcement Officer Reports on First Year's Work

L. L. Basnight Captures Total of 44 Still and 5 Automobiles

Success in his work as a special enforcement officer for the Washington County ABC Board during the first year of his activity, was reflected in the report made by L. L. Basnight this week to Cutlar Moore, chairman of the State Alcoholic Beverages Control Board at Raleigh.

The special officer pointed out that he had captured 44 stills, an average of almost two a month for the year; with 25 arrests and 22 convictions of defendants charged with violating the state whiskey law. Those convicted drew a total of 104 months on the roads and were fined a total of \$460.

In addition to the 44 stills captured, 17,900 gallons of mash were destroyed. Five automobiles were confiscated when seized with whiskey in them.

A total of 153 gallons of non-tax-paid whiskey were captured in the hundreds of raids conducted by Mr. Basnight and his assistants.

Five defendants, reported to be old offenders, were turned over to Federal authorities to answer for their crimes in Federal court.

The report tells only part of the story of the activities of Mr. Basnight, who searched through swamps and conducted raids in many dangerous places in attempts to capture the men engaged in making whiskey on which no tax is paid. Hundreds of raids failed to produce any tangible results, as disposition of the evidence had been accomplished before the officers could catch their quarry with illicit whiskey.

Norman Opens Used Furniture Quarters

Announcement was made this week by James W. Norman, owner of the Norman Furniture Company here, that he had leased quarters in the Owens Building on Washington Street next to Dr. T. L. Bray's office for a used furniture annex.

For some time Mr. Norman has felt that with his staff he could equip and operate such a store, and last week he purchased a stock of used furniture, which is now on display in the new establishment.

The stock was placed and ready for inspection by the public last week-end, but Mr. Norman hopes to be in better position to serve his patrons with a larger and more complete line by the end of this week.

It was announced that the new establishment would be operated as a separate unit in addition to his present store, and all the used stock will be put on sale in the used furniture annex on Washington Street.

WPA Worker Indicted For Assaulting Another

A warrant was issued Wednesday for Simon Bland on a charge of assaulting P. D. Allen with a deadly weapon.

In applying for the warrant, Mr. Allen told Recorder J. W. Darden that Bland became excited when complaints were made that he was late in coming for three WPA workers at the Owens farm on Long Ridge road. Allen said Bland threw him to the ground and was assaulting him when P. E. Whedbee struck Bland. A third WPA worker watched the scuffle but did not get into it.

School Costs Kept Within Estimates by Board of Education

Unexpended Surplus Carried Over From Last Fiscal Year Totals \$1,750

Added expense, caused by the construction of a new \$85,000 school building at Creswell, and other unanticipated improvements and expenses at schools in the county, did not cause the Washington County Board of Education to overspend its budget for the 1938-39 fiscal year. It was announced this week by Auditor E. J. Spruill that \$1,750.85 of last year's budget had not been spent, and this amount will be carried over for current expenses and capital outlay of schools in the new budget.

The total school budget last year was set up at \$23,364.35, of which \$21,613.50 had been spent up to August 1.

It appears now that the 1939-40 school budget for current expenses will be reduced, but that a capital outlay account will have to be set up because of the new Creswell school. The rate called for by school current expense in the new budget is the same as it was last year, 12 cents.

H. H. McLean, county superintendent of public instruction, has submitted and the board of education has recommended a budget to the county commissioners calling for the same sum as last year. However, it is possible that not more than \$20,000 will be allowed in the new budget for this fund.

Repairs to the Roper colored school and white school roofs and some plumbing repairs at the Plymouth elementary school, even though sorely needed, may not be done during the 1939-40 term, in view of the fact that the building repairs item will be eliminated if the whole school expense fund is materially reduced.

Express Service by Motor Carriers Will Be Provided Section

Order Was Signed by Utilities Commissioner Last Thursday

Although no information has been received here by W. C. Jones, agent for the American Railway Express Agency, newspaper reports last week were to the effect that Commissioner of Utilities Stanley Winborne last Thursday signed an order providing express service by motor vehicle for towns along the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad from Parmele to Plymouth and Weldon to Parmele, instead of an express car being attached to freight trains, as is now being done.

Express service by passenger train was discontinued July 1, when passenger service was discontinued on these lines. Since then the freight-train method of handling express was found to be unsatisfactory, according to Commissioner Winborne.

Operations of the line have been closely checked and apparently, in the opinion of the commissioner, the service has not equalled that heretofore given. Consequently, he conferred with E. H. May, superintendent, and other officials of the Railway Express Agency at Norfolk, Va., who expressed a desire to substitute company-owned trucks for the freight train service of express.

Mr. Winborne said he believed the new service would be entirely satisfactory and even superior to that rendered by the passenger trains prior to July 1. The new service will become effective within a few days and the schedule announced at that time.

All Bids Rejected At Auction Friday

Disappointed with the bids made for the Carstarphen property at an auction sale last Friday, the owner, T. C. Burgess, rejected all offers when it was determined the choice five front lots brought a total of only \$1,255.

E. G. Arps bid \$350 and \$300 for two of the lots, adjoining the property of Dr. W. H. Johnson on Main Street. W. R. Gaylord bid in one at \$200 and Barton Swain was high bidder for the other two front lots at \$225 and \$180.

The lots facing on Latham Lane and Third Street brought \$125 and \$180 each.

After considering the bids, Mr. Burgess decided to reject all bids and hold the property. Assisting Mr. Burgess in the sale were S. D. Davis and Zeb Vance Norman, the latter serving as auctioneer. A part of the local high school band provided the music.

Double Header Carded For Local Park Sunday

The Plymouth colored team will meet Windsor here Sunday afternoon at 1:30, with the Plymouth Rocks meeting Perrytown at 4 p. m. Only one admission will be charged for both games. The colored teams are "sure" they will play this time, said Secretary E. H. Blatz, of the local club.

Tentative Budget Estimate for County Indicates Tax Rate Not To Be Raised for Coming Year

Lindsay Warren Asks Appropriation to Probe Possibilities for Cattle in Section

A copy of a letter received by Congressman Lindsay Warren from Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace regarding efforts being made to get an appropriation for cattle production in the southeastern states has been received here by Representative W. M. Darden.

Mr. Wallace wrote the Congressman as follows: "Your letter urging approval of budget estimates for investigations of grazing on forest lands and development of livestock in southeastern states has been referred to Dr. Jardine, director of research; Mr. Silcox, chief of the forest division; and Dr. Mohler, chief of the

bureau of animal industry, who will give it careful consideration." Representative Darden and others visited Congressman Warren while in Washington, D. C., recently and asked him to get this matter started through Congress for the special work to be done at Blackland Experiment Station near Wenona and other places in the state.

Since Congress does not enact strictly local laws, it was necessary to take the matter up with the Secretary of Agriculture. It was submitted as a plea from several states in the southeast, and it is hoped the funds will be made available for the work.

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By REV. P. B. NICKENS

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For many years this great old Christian labored here for the One he loved so well. Everyone who met him went on his way feeling that here was indeed a man who had been with Jesus. His life and works were a living witness to the power of Him he served.