

Ducky Lloyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. Lloyd, received his Eagle rank badge in the Boy Scout camp fire ceremony held at Roper last Thursday evening, when Scout Executive J. J. Sigwald, of Wilson, met with the boys from Plymouth, Roper, and Creswell.

Mrs. Hilda Gurganus is now employed at Byrd's Clothing Store here. She is well known, having worked in a number of stores in Plymouth and with E. H. Liverman for a long time.

The Rocks lost to Perrytown, 2 to 0, in a six-inning contest there Wednesday afternoon. The locals must win three out of five games to get a chance to meet the winner of the Edenton-Scotland Neck series. George Peele gave up four hits yesterday while Miller held the locals hitless until rain ended the contest after six innings.

Clarence Ainsley, Roper barber, will enter the employ of Norman Furniture Company here next week, succeeding Raymond Smith, who has resigned to take a position with his father-in-law at Portland, Oregon. Mr. Ainsley is well known in the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Adler and L. S. Thompson are in New York this week buying their fall merchandise. While away they will attend the World's Fair. They are expected to return by the week-end.

The number of hogs brought for sale through the Plymouth Mutual Livestock Association is increasing, according to Miss Helene Duvall, secretary to County Agent W. V. Hays, who pointed out that a double-deck carload of 109 hogs was sold to Kingan & Company, packers at Richmond. Top hogs, she said, weighed from 160 to 250 pounds.

Harry Stephens, a partner in the Eureka Cafe here, was taken to a Norfolk hospital Tuesday afternoon where he will undergo treatment. It was reported that he was suffering from appendicitis, but it was necessary for the physicians there to make a diagnosis before the ailment could be determined with certainty.

Here last Saturday was Theodore F. Mack of Jersey City, N. J., in charge of sales for the Woolsey Paint Company, conferring with L. W. Gurkin, who has become a salesman for that firm. For years Mr. Gurkin has been selling paint in North Carolina, and his new position with this large company is regarded as a promotion for him.

Final Rites Sunday Afternoon for Mrs. Mamie A. Phelps

Well Known Resident of Skinnerville Section Dies After Long Illness

Funeral services were held at the old home place in the Skinnerville section Sunday afternoon for Mrs. Mamie A. Phelps, 63, who died Saturday morning at 8:40, following an extended illness. Burial took place in the family cemetery near the residence. The final rites were conducted by the Rev. Dave Arnold, of Washington; and Dr. G. A. Martin, of Creswell.

A daughter of the late Josephus H. and Mary E. Snell, Mrs. Phelps was a native of this county, where she operated a store for 43 years. She was an active member of the Scuppernon Christian Church and highly respected and regarded by citizens of her section.

Active pall-bearers were Leon Spruill, Paul Woodley, C. N. Davenport, Jr., Ira Alligood, H. W. Pritchett, and Charles Pritchett. Honorary pall-bearers were W. B. Chesson, W. B. Patrick, Dr. J. M. Phelps, Willie Weatherly, Sheriff J. K. Reid, C. N. Davenport, Sr., B. G. Campbell, H. E. Harrison, W. H. Weatherly, Dr. W. H. Harrell, W. D. Peal, J. W. Darden, W. L. Whitley and E. S. Ward.

Surviving are the following children: Mrs. J. E. Pierce, of Norfolk; J. H. Eritchard, Roper; Mrs. N. S. Harrington, Mrs. D. P. Pharr, of Roper; Mrs. P. E. Ovelman, of Creswell; and William W. Phelps, of Roper. She also leaves two sisters, Mrs. J. W. Halsey and Mrs. Linton Swain, of Roper; and one brother, Joe Snell, of Creswell.

Buyers of Livestock, Poultry, Meats In County Must Have Special License

Unless persons buying for resale livestock, poultry and processed meats in Washington County first obtain a license, they will be subject to prosecution in the courts, according to a warning issued today by County Auditor E. J. Spruill.

The county official pointed out that chapter 160, Public Laws of North Carolina for 1939, prohibits the purchase of meat and livestock for resale by any person in the county unless they first pay a fee of \$10 to the county and secure license.

Failure to comply with this law makes the purchaser subject to fine and imprisonment, violation of the statute being classed as a misdemeanor.

Advertisers will find Beacon and News Columns a latchkey to 1,500 Washington County homes.

Local Unions Go Forward With Plans For Observance of Labor Day Locally

Announcement was made today that James F. Barrett, of Atlanta, Ga., publicity director of the southern division of the American Federation of Labor, had been secured as the principal speaker for the Labor Day celebration being planned here by members of local unions on September 4.

The local affiliates of the national labor organization plan to sponsor a series of events, which will get underway about 10 in the morning with a parade, in which it is hoped to have some floats, followed by the speaking. In the

afternoon a baseball game between the Plymouth Rocks and the Pinetown All-Stars has been scheduled.

J. H. Newkirk is chairman of the Labor Day celebration committee and W. H. Townsend has been selected as spokesman for the local unions.

Several other outstanding labor leaders are expected to be on the program, which is in process of being arranged this week. Local merchants and business men have agreed to close their places of business here from 10 to 1 for the parade and speaking exercises.

17-Cent Average for Leaf Is Disappointing

REOPENS STORE



E. H. Liverman will reopen his department store in the Hampton Building here Friday morning. After 15 years in business, he sold out his stock last spring, but recently decided to return to the retail field here and has a complete new line of merchandise to go on sale Friday.

Official Figures for Opening Day's Sales Show 16-17c Range

Few Tags Turned Despite Dissatisfaction; Lower Grades Sell Well

Though a good quality of tobacco was placed on the markets of Eastern Carolina Wednesday and Thursday, the average price continued to hover around the 16 and 17-cent established opening, which is somewhat disappointing to growers in general, although no outspoken dissatisfaction was expressed and few tags were turned.

Washington, Robersonville and Williamston markets, on which most of the Washington County tobacco has been sold so far, had fairly good opening day prices Tuesday, in comparison with other towns in the belt, but even the 17 to 18 cent averages reported there was somewhat disappointing to farmers. This county has the best tobacco crop it has ever raised, the quality as a whole being regarded as about the best in the belt, and some of the Washington county growers had averages above the general run, ranging up to 20 cents.

The 12 to 20 cent tobacco is selling well, according to growers, but the better grades are not bringing as much as they hoped to receive. Few piles are being sold above 26 and 28 cents.

Official figures for opening day show that Greenville sold 1,000,000 pounds for \$276,578.91, an average of 16¢ per hundred; Williamston sold on the same date 293,000 pounds at an average of a little over 17¢ per 100; Washington reported 279,874 pounds and an average of \$172.22; and Robersonville sold 325,000 pounds for \$17.40.

The smaller markets apparently have an edge on the larger markets in price average, and those nearest to Washington County have maintained an average closer to 17 cents than some of the larger markets farther away.

Although many farmers from this section selling Tuesday were disappointed at the prices, J. A. Chesson said he never saw a single tag turned. Many farmers are now rushing their tobacco to the warehouses and most of the markets have been blocked since opening day.

Field Day Is Held at Scuppernon Farms

A large crowd attended the annual farm and field day at the Scuppernon Farms project near Lake Phelps Wednesday which was featured by a parade and pageant, short talks by extension service workers, farm tour, games and stunts.

E. P. Welch conducted the farm which showed the crops produced on 6,000 acres of land. Langston Smith and Milton Phelps headed the committee that prepared for the athletics and games. Joe Brickhouse was in charge of parking the cars.

Dr. S. V. Lewis, district health officer, also made a health talk. In the afternoon ladies enjoyed an indoor program. Lunch was served on the grounds at noon.

T. W. Armstrong, manager of the project, said that the event was a pronounced success and hoped that next year the event would be bigger in its scope and more widely attended.

Lees Mill Sunday School Convention Sunday, 27th

The Lees Mills Township Sunday school convention will be held in the Methodist Church at Mackeys Sunday afternoon, August 27, at 3:30, with the Rev. P. B. Nickens, pastor of the Plymouth Baptist church, as the principal speaker, it was announced this week.

Everyone is invited to attend, according to R. W. Lewis, chairman; and T. W. Davis, Jr., secretary, who urged that new interest be manifested in the convention.

Local Youth Dies in Hospital as Result Of Accidental Shot

Funeral Held for Wilbur Stubbs, 14, Here Today; Accident Tuesday

The Plymouth community was saddened and shocked Wednesday by the death of Wilbur Stubbs, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Stubbs, in a Washington hospital as the result of an accidental rifle shot in the foot late Tuesday afternoon.

Wilbur and a friend, Edgar Bateman, had been swimming at Ward's Bridge, and before returning home stopped at the home of County Agent and Mrs. W. V. Hays to visit their sons. They were looking at a high-powered rifle belonging to Mr. Hays when the weapon was accidentally discharged, the bullet striking young Stubbs in the foot. Three times before the weapon was fired young Jimmy Hays had worked the lever to eject shells from the rifle without results. Thinking it was not loaded, he then pointed it toward the ground to make sure and pulled the trigger. The rifle fired and the bullet struck the other youth in the left foot.

After medical attention here, the youngster was rushed to a Washington hospital, where physicians removed the fore part of the left foot in an effort to save the boy's life, but he died about 11 o'clock Wednesday morning.

The funeral was held at the home on Washington Street Thursday afternoon. Rev. P. B. Nickens, pastor of the Baptist church, officiating. Interment took place in the Windley cemetery near here.

Popular alike with adults and his schoolmates, news of his death cast a pall of sadness over all who knew him, and the final rites Thursday afternoon were largely attended.

Surviving are his parents and two brothers, Jack, of Plymouth; and Thomas Stubbs, a student at Louisville College.

Charles L. Weeks Dies Suddenly at Work Near Here

Well Known Logger Suffers Heart Attack on Job Monday Morning

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Third Street residence here for Charles L. Weeks, 51, who died suddenly Monday morning at 8:30 as the result of a heart attack while he was working in a log woods on L. E. Hassell's farm near Roper. Interment took place in the Windley cemetery near here, with Dr. Wade Johnson, of the local Methodist church, officiating. The American Legion ritual was used in the burial of this popular and well-known citizen.

Born in Pasquotank County, the son of the late J. Frank Weeks and Gabarella Raper Weeks, "Captain Charlie," as he was familiarly known, came to Washington County 25 years ago, and since that time has made his home in Plymouth.

Since coming here he has been identified with logging operations for various lumber plants in this area. Men working under his direction, and there have been thousands of them since he began his logging work in this section—all liked him and spoke highly of him, as did his business associates.

He was a member of the James E. Jethro Post of the American Legion, having seen service overseas during the World War. For years he had been a member of the Methodist Church here.

Surviving is his widow, the former Mrs. Tabitha Davenport, and the following sisters: Mrs. E. L. Smithson, of Norfolk; Mrs. E. L. Riddick, of Gatesville; and Mrs. L. E. Greenleaf, of Elizabeth City. He also leaves three brothers, James B., J. Frank and James M. Weeks, all of Elizabeth City.

Will Again Offer Free Cash Prizes

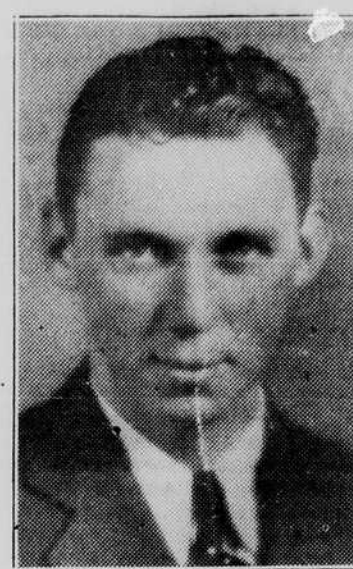
Plymouth merchants, meeting here Tuesday afternoon, decided to stage another of the popular trade campaigns this fall, with a prize list well in excess of \$500 to be awarded to holders of lucky tickets at drawings to be held on designated days during the campaign. Tickets will be given for every \$1 paid on account or spent with local business houses participating in the campaign.

It was decided to give prizes on every Wednesday afternoon from October 1 until Christmas week to holders of lucky tickets, with prizes at the final drawing the week before Christmas to be topped by a grand prize of \$100, in addition to one \$50 and two \$25 awards.

Further announcements of the campaign, which will begin the first of October, will be made after the details have been worked out.

Nearly 4,000 County Children Expected To Be Enrolled Next Wednesday When Schools Open

WASHINGTON COUNTY PRINCIPALS



A. T. Brooks, starting his third term as principal at Creswell; D. E. Poole, who is entering his fifth year's work at Roper; and below, Robert B. Trotman, of Plymouth, who is beginning his third year here.



With the faculties of each school completed, these three men are ready to begin their work next Wednesday as principals of the three largest schools in the county. Their chief problem will be assignment of desks in overcrowded classrooms except in the new school building at Creswell.

Pictured above, left to right, are A. T. Brooks, starting his third term as principal at Creswell; D. E. Poole, who is entering his fifth year's work at Roper; and below, Robert B. Trotman, of Plymouth, who is beginning his third year here.

Close to 4,000 children, white and colored, will be entered in the schools of the county this year, and school authorities are particularly anxious that as many of them as possible be entered on the opening day.

Albemarle Group To Meet Here Next Year

Name Z. V. Norman Vice President from Washington County

Extension of Route 64 Was One of Projects Urged In Resolutions

Selection of Plymouth as the host town for the sixth annual meeting and the naming of Zeb Vance Norman as vice president for Washington County for the fiscal year 1939-40 were outstanding events relating to this county that took place at the Southern Albemarle Association's fifth annual meeting held last Thursday in Manteo. Lieutenant Governor Wilkins P. Horton and State Senator W. B. Rodman, of Washington, were the principal speakers.

A resolution was passed urging the immediate construction of the following projects, estimated to cost a total of \$3,000,000, as follows: Construction of a bridge over Croatan Sound, \$1,000,000; bridge over Alligator River, \$900,000; surfacing of a highway from Engelhard to Manns Harbor, \$550,000; construction of a road between Alligator River and Croatan Sound, \$200,000; and construction of a road from Croatan Sound into Manteo, \$500,000.

The lieutenant governor, who is reported to be an unannounced candidate for governor but who made no mention of his candidacy, was loudly applauded when he said, "I live on Highway No. 64, which begins in Murphy and should end in Manteo"; this road project being included in the road program of the association.

Zeb Vance Norman reported in the afternoon session, as chairman of the road and bridges committee, that this section had been discriminated against in the matter of road funds even though the association's committee had petitioned the highway commission for improvements so much that it was embarrassing to ask further, and he suggested a more stern and emphatic attitude before the governor and the highway commission.

Reporting for the committee promoting the development of Pettigrew Park, Chairman W. L. Whitley said that \$70,000 had been appropriated for state parks for the coming biennium by the last legislature, but that he had been unable to learn from the State Department of Conservation and Development what amount would be allocated to the park in this county.

Mr. Whitley and W. R. Hampton, a member of the State Board of Conservation and Development, appeared before the Washington County...

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Week Earlier Than Usual; Everything Is Set for First Day

105 Teachers Employed, 53 White, 52 Colored; List Now Complete

With the signing of a few contracts with teachers this week and the cleaning of the buildings and premises, everything was all set today for the opening of the public schools of Washington County next Wednesday, when 105 teachers report to begin the instruction of nearly 4,000 children.

It was still hoped today that the old Creswell school building would be completely demolished and the balance of \$9,000 due from the Public Works Administration would be in the hands of the contractor in time for the Creswell white school to open in its new building along with the others in the county.

H. H. McLean, county superintendent of public instruction, said the opening date was set a week ahead of last year in order that a full half year's term could be completed before the Christmas holidays, and it was hoped by the opening next week that the weather would be cooler for the sake of the children's comfort in the classrooms.

Last year students in the white high schools were afforded elective courses for the first time that led to establishment of the twelfth grade and the requirement of 20 units for graduation, instead of 16 as formerly. This year there will be many additional students to graduate with the full 20 units.

The coming term will also be inaugurated with an increased teaching staff, due to larger daily attendance in the Plymouth white and colored schools and at Creswell. With the exception of the new Creswell school, many of the other buildings will be crowded, but there appears to be little hope for improvement in this condition during the coming term, although it is hoped something can be done before the schools open again next year.

The complete roster of teachers in the county, with their home addresses is as follows:

White School Teachers
Plymouth: Robert B. Trotman, principal; Plymouth: John E. Weaver, Newport, Tenn.; L. W. Zeigler, Altona, Pa.; Theima Getsinger, Plymouth; Elsie Irene Dixon, Kings Mountain; W. S. Moore, Plymouth; Margaret Louise Martin, Jackson; Clara (Continue on page four)

Local Physicians To Establish Clinic in A. W. Swain House

Drs. Papineau and Furgurson Announce Plans For Future

Purchase of the A. W. Swain residence on Washington Street here was announced this week by Drs. Alban Papineau and E. W. Furgurson, who plan to equip the building and use it as a clinic.

Contractors are drawing plans this week for remodeling and repairing the building to serve as offices for the physicians, as well as to provide rooms where patients may be kept overnight or for brief periods when found necessary.

The physicians purchased the building from Mr. Swain last week while he was here from Raleigh, but to date they had not fully determined when they could begin work on it, as the families living there must find other homes.

Every effort will be made to have the building remodeled and equipped for use this fall, as the doctors are anxious to move their offices from their present second-story location to first-floor quarters.

New Band Members To Get Test Monday

Candidates for the Plymouth High School Band will take an examination in the high school auditorium here next Monday, it was announced today by Instructor L. W. Zeigler, who said all persons wishing to enter the band must take the test.

Most of those who will take the examination are boys and girls who took the six-week course given by Mr. Zeigler early in the summer. They have been practicing since that time in an effort to enter the band at the beginning of the new school year.

The hours for the examinations were scheduled by Mr. Zeigler as follows: Clarinets, 8:30 to 9:30; cornets, 9:30 to 10; saxophones, 10 to 10:30; drums, 10:30 to 11; trombones, 11 to 11:30; and others, 11:30 to 12.

Applications for Cotton Adjustment Payments Being Signed Up This Week

Applications for 1939 adjustment payments are being prepared for cotton growers in Washington County who did not overplant their allotments, regardless of their compliance on other crops, it was announced today by County Agent W. V. Hays.

The applications for farmers of Lees Mill Township have been signed at Roper, with most of the signatures affixed on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Those for Scuppernon Township can be signed at Harry Barnes' store in Cherry Friday morning until 12 o'clock; at Mrs. J. A. Stillman's store in Skinnerville Township Friday after-

noon until 5 o'clock; and at W. T. Phelps' store in Creswell all day Saturday.

It was hoped by the force in the county agent's office that the applications for Plymouth would be ready by the middle of next week and could be signed in the agriculture building. Growers will get personal letters about this in plenty of time.

Cotton producers who planted cotton this year may also receive their marketing cards when they appear to sign their applications. If the grower has not exceeded his cotton allotment, he will receive a white marketing card enabling him to sell tax-free all the cotton he has raised.