

William Albert Nichols, 27, Plymouth, was given 15 years in the Federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., at his trial in Elizabeth City Federal court Tuesday for his part in the robbery of the Moyock Bank, which netted him and three other accomplices \$2,245.55.

J. R. Manning, a partner in the Plymouth Motor Company, attended a meeting of dealers in this territory held at the Monticello Hotel in Norfolk today, when a pre-view of the 1940 V-8 Ford was presented.

Sam Adler returned last week-end from New York and Baltimore, where he purchased his fall merchandise, and the goods are now arriving daily. Mr. Adler said there were a lot of new items on the market and that he bought heavily to supply the local trade.

Wilford Whitley, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Whitley, became the fourth former Plymouth high school band member to make bands in higher institutions of learning this week when he was accepted into the Fishburne Military Institute Band at Waynesboro, Va. Billy Fagan and Bill Hays made the R. O. T. C. Band at State College and Billy Sprull is a member of the U. N. C. band.

Eleanor Glynn Stoyons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stoyons, is leading the 40 entrants in the baby popularity contest being conducted by the Young Matrons' Circle of the Christian church. The contest will close at 8 p. m., Friday, October 6, in the school building, where the winner will be announced.

Because of a football game and other activities, Principal R. B. Trotman and Director L. W. Zeigler decided to decline the invitation extended the high school band to perform at an affair to be held in Kinston on Friday, October 6. The invitation was extended by Pat Alderman, well known in musical circles in the State.

Johnny Everett, of Mackeys, has been employed by the Plymouth Furniture Company as successor to B. O. Bishop, who has been connected with the firm for some time, but who is leaving to take up other work.

"I talk a farmer's language because I am a farmer and I make my living on the farm," said J. C. Broome, of Aurora, state committeeman of the AAA, who was here Wednesday night to talk on the tobacco control referendum.

Through an error on the part of the tax collector's office an advertisement in the 1938 delinquent tax list carried the wrong description of property opposite the name of S. A. Holton in Skinnerville Township, white; it should have been 550 acres A. D. Holton land instead of 80 acres Lewis, 127 acres Wiley land.

School Officials and Faculty Members in Meet Here Monday

Decide To Change Method Of Making Reports Used in Past

Meeting in the music room of the Plymouth High School Monday night, local school officials and faculty members decided that report cards would be issued monthly, as previously announced, but that the method used in filing out the blanks would be different from the custom in the past.

It was decided that the report cards for the first, third, fifth, and seventh months would contain information as to scholastic grades of students, while for the second, fourth, and sixth months, the cards would carry information as to the characteristics of the individual pupils.

Present at the meeting were the 18 faculty members, headed by Principal R. B. Trotman, and the school officials, including Superintendent H. H. McLean, Frank L. Brinkley, and Dr. E. A. Harper, the latter two being local committeemen.

The teachers and officials discussed other matters concerning the school before they adjourned. Similar meetings will be held on alternate months during the school year.

Reception for Teachers Here Wednesday Night

An informal reception will be held at the Plymouth High School on Wednesday night, October 4, in honor of the teachers, by the parent-teacher association.

Patrons of the school are urged by parent-teacher officials to attend and become acquainted with the faculty members here.

In Roanoke Rapids Mesdames R. H. Lucas, P. B. Nickens, S. R. Matthews, H. E. Kline and R. E. Dunning attended a meeting of the Roanoke Association of the Woman's Missionary Union held in Roanoke Rapids Wednesday.

Over Score of Applicants Seeking Job As Washington County Game Protector

A score of persons have made applications for the position as game protector for Washington County to succeed J. T. Terry, who recently resigned, it was reported by District Game Protector Rupert E. West, who was here last week.

It was also said that those who wish this job must take a written examination to be given in the courthouse here next Tuesday, October 3.

Meantime, Ernest Jones, game protector at Lake Phelps, has had his territory expanded to cover

the county until a new game protector is appointed. J. T. Terry is still looking after the sale of hunting and fishing licenses.

The game protector's job pays \$100 a month, out of which the officer must pay his traveling expenses.

Since Mr. Terry resigned to become manager of the Plymouth Market and Grocery Company here, he has received very complimentary letters about his work from officials in the division of the State Department of Conservation and Development to which he was attached.

Start Work on New Filtering Plant Here

First Drawing for Prizes Next Week

Plymouth merchants who are cooperating in giving away \$560 in cash to shoppers, report that their customers have started requesting tickets with every purchase or payment on account of \$1 or more, according to J. R. Manning, president of the merchants' association.

The merchants started giving out tickets Monday, and the first drawing will be held next week, when prizes totaling \$30 will be given to holders of lucky tickets.

The first ticket drawn will be for the cumulative prize; if the holder of the number is present at the drawing, the \$10 prize will be awarded; otherwise it will be held over until the following week, when the amount is increased to \$20 and a new ticket is drawn. However, there are three prizes totaling \$20 awarded every Wednesday in addition to the cumulative prize, and the capital prize drawing will be held on December 27.

Shoppers are urged to ask for their tickets with all purchases of \$1 or more.

Rumors of Housing Development Given Credence by Option

However, Milwaukee Man's Claim To Waters' Farm Expires Saturday

Rumors of a residential development on the farm just across the railroad from the country club golf course were given some credence here this week after it was learned from Mr. Fletcher Waters, owner of the land, that a Mr. Frank Kirkpatrick, of Milwaukee, Wis., had secured an option on the property. Mr. Waters, through the office of a local attorney, said an option was secured on August 27 and would expire Saturday. He also stated that no extension of time had been asked or negotiations begun to exercise the option.

The option secured by Mr. Kirkpatrick embraces the 75-acre farm of Mr. Waters which adjoins the golf course on the west. Since nothing further had been heard from Mr. Kirkpatrick or the attorney, Mr. Waters was not sure there would be any further developments.

The rumors in general circulation here were that the property would be used for a residential development to provide homes for newcomers expected here when the North Carolina Pulp Company enters upon its expansion program, plans for which are still in process of being worked out, with a definite announcement expected in a few weeks.

Mr. Waters said no hint was given to him by Mr. Kirkpatrick as to his plans for the property if he completed the purchase.

O. H. Cox, general manager of the pulp plant, said Tuesday that he was unable to supply any information about the matter. However, it was reported that if the land was purchased and homes built there, the development would be a private undertaking and have no connection with the plant management in any way.

Homecoming Day at Zion Chapel Church October 8

Homecoming gday will be observed at Zion Chapel Christian Church near Roper on Sunday, October 8, with an interesting program planned for morning and afternoon, featuring special music, according to Mrs. L. V. Chesson, chairman of the program committee.

There will also be services at night, at 7:30, with the Rev. M. L. Ambrose, the pastor, delivering the three sermons on that day.

Everyone is invited to attend, says Mrs. Chesson, and the members are especially urged to be present.

Excavating Begun At North Carolina Pulp Mill Today

14 Men Now on Job; Many More To Be Added in Few Weeks

Excavation was started this morning for the construction of a new filtering plant at the North Carolina Pulp Company here; fourteen men are employed on the job at the present time, and it is understood that about 100 will be engaged in the work when it reaches its peak within a few weeks. Charles F. Rohleder, of Philadelphia, is the contractor in charge of the work, with John Nelson as superintendent. It is expected to require about two and a half months for completion.

It was learned this morning that Mr. Rohleder has returned to Philadelphia, where it is understood he will prepare a bid for the bleaching plant which is expected to follow the filtering unit completion. It was said at the office of the pulp company here that plans and specifications for the bleaching unit are in the process of preparation, with something definite expected to be known about this within a couple of weeks. Mr. Rohleder returned to Philadelphia Wednesday.

The specifications for the new filtering plant could not be learned, but it is known that it will be considerably larger than the one in use at present. Large quantities of cement, sand and material for concrete forms have been ordered and are expected to begin arriving soon.

A freight train brought in some contractor's equipment this week, and it was believed the construction materials will begin arriving daily.

O. H. Cox, general manager of the North Carolina Pulp Company, said Tuesday that he had no information available as to when work would begin on the main part of the expansion program under consideration, as plans and specifications were not yet complete, and that it would be two or three weeks before any announcement would be made in this respect.

Number Fail To Pay Unemployment Tax

The North Carolina Unemployment Compensation Commission is experiencing trouble in making collections of tax from some employers in Washington County, it was learned from Sheriff J. K. Reid this week.

The sheriff estimated he had received executions against about a dozen small employers in the county who were alleged to have failed to make payment of a total amounting to around \$500, which should have been sent to the commission.

The judgments are sent here by the commission for docketing in the usual manner in the office of Clerk of Superior Court C. V. W. Ausbon, and the executions are sent to the sheriff by the state officials.

So far, none of those against whom the executions were issued have been able to make payment of the amounts due, and as most of them are small employers, they do not have property upon which the judgment can be executed, so no money has been realized by the commission yet.

Final \$5,000 Payment From PWA on Creswell School Assured in Few Days

The final \$5,000 payment on the new Creswell School Building from the county to the contractor is expected to be made shortly, as it is understood here that the resident engineer inspector, Mr. Stephens, "has filed the necessary demolition certificate covering the old brick school building and the old frame school building."

Such information was received this week by H. H. McLean, the county superintendent of public instruction, from Albert M. Lit-

Remainder of Route 97 To Washington Is Now Being Surfaced

Contractor Plans To Have Project Completed by Mid-November

Rain this week has retarded somewhat the progress being made on the paving of the remaining 13 miles of highway No. 97 between Bowen's Service Station and Douglass Cross Roads, but W. F. Bowe, Jr., Atlanta, Ga., contractor, says he hopes to have the project completed by the middle of November.

When work on this link is finished, it will complete the surfacing of Highway No. 97 from here to Washington. The first project was surfacing of the 14-mile stretch from Plymouth to Bowen's Service Station, completed early in the summer by the F. J. McGuire Company, who also did the grading and structures for the remaining 13 miles now being surfaced.

Completion of the work now underway will provide a hard-surfaced route directly between Plymouth and Washington and effect a saving of 11 miles in distance when compared with the hardsurfaced route by Williamston. By the new route it is 33 miles from Washington to Plymouth, while by Williamston it is 44 miles.

Douglass Cross Roads is 6 miles from Washington, at the intersection of Highways 264 and 97.

While here a few days ago Mr. Bowe said he had promised a bus company to have the road ready for them to begin scheduled trips within nine weeks after work started; and, so far, Mr. Bowe indicated that he would have no trouble carrying out his agreement to finish around the middle of November.

Home-Made Wine For Personal Use Must Be Reported

No Tax Levied, But Report Must Be Made To Federal Authorities

Wine made for personal or family use in Washington County must be reported to the district supervisor of the Alcohol Tax Unit, R. E. Tuttle, 103 South Gay Street, Baltimore, Md., under the terms of a Federal statute, it was learned this week from Representative W. M. Darden, who introduced a bill in the last session of the North Carolina General Assembly graduating downward the tax scale on wine.

Mr. Darden pointed out that when he piloted through the legislature his act to make it legal for makers of small amounts of wine to sell it upon the payment of a small tax, that he knew there was a stamp tax levied by the Federal Government, but was not advised as to the amount.

Since then he has learned the Federal Revenue code authorizes a person who is the head of a family to produce, tax free, up to 200 gallons of wine annually for the use of his own family, provided he files notice of his intention with the proper authorities five days before he begins to manufacture the beverage.

It is further pointed out by Mr. Darden that under the Federal law "those who make wine under the provisions of notifying authorities cannot sell or remove the product from their premises, nor can one person make wine for another. Single persons cannot manufacture wine unless they are heads of families, and married men living apart from their families are not exempt."

Penalties, warned Mr. Darden, for manufacturing wine without license or without registering are severe.

Mr. Darden's act in the legislature provided for the sale of wine made by farmers from their own grapes upon the payment of the following tax: Not more than 100 gallons, \$5; 100 to 200 gallons, \$10; 200 to 500 gallons, \$25; 500 to 1,000 gallons, \$50; 1,000 to 2,500 gallons, \$200; and 2,500 gallons and over, \$250.

Creswell Parents-Teachers Will Meet Next Thursday

Creswell.—The Parent-Teacher Association of the Creswell school will hold its first meeting Thursday evening of next week, October 5, when it is hoped a large group of patrons will be present.

Bishop Darst To Preach At St. David's Sunday

Creswell.—The Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, of Wilmington, Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, will preach at historic old St. David's Episcopal church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The public is urged by church officials to attend.

Referendum on Control for 1940 Flue-Cured Tobacco Crop Will Be Held on Thursday of Next Week

Farm Bureau Will Not Start Drive for Members Until Markets Are Reopened

Although it is time for the membership dues to be paid, the Washington County Farm Bureau has decided not to press farmers for payment of fees for next year until the tobacco markets open again, it was said today by W. Dewey Phelps, new president of the organization.

There are now about 111 members of the farm bureau, according to Mr. Phelps, who said he was not sure how many would rejoin, but that he believed practically all of them would do so when they conveniently could.

The next meeting of the county organization will be held in the agriculture building at Plymouth on Monday night, October 16, when a motion picture dealing with the World's Fair will be shown.

Incidentally, Mr. Phelps said he had visited 631 farmers of Washington County since June 8 and that most of them were in favor now of the tobacco control program, which will be voted on in the referendum Thursday of next week.

350 Farmers at Meet Held Here Last Night

J. C. Broome Speaks In Favor of Tobacco Control Plan for 1940

Says Program Only Hope of Getting Production Cost From 1939 Crop

"I don't like control; I like the soil conservation program; but in the existing crisis concerning the sale of the 1939 tobacco crop, I think we must vote for control in 1940 at the referendum that is to be held on Thursday, October 5, in order to market our crop for at least cost of production," J. C. Broome, of Aurora, state committeeman for the AAA, told 350 tobacco growers in a county-wide meeting held at the courthouse here last night.

Mr. Broome pointed out that the growers should not hope for a radical advance in price when the warehouses reopen if control is voted next Thursday, but said every effort would be made to hold the price up to the levels prevailing when the markets closed, or about 15 cents a pound. However, other observers think that since most of the low quality tobacco has been sold and only the best remains, the price may be some better than this, provided the government is successful in its price-bolstering program.

According to the speaker, if control is voted by two thirds of the 115,000 growers in this country next Thursday, then it is understood the Federal Commodity Credit Corporation will use some \$40,000,000 of its funds to purchase tobacco on two-years option for the Imperial Tobacco Company, of Great Britain, which firm withdrew from the market after the war started early this month, precipitating a slump in prices that was followed by closing of the markets.

Under this plan, Mr. Broome said, Imperial buyers would purchase for the government the same grades and amounts they would have for their company had it remained on the market, and the tobacco will be so purchased and processed that it will not constitute a threat to the market; and there will be no red tape for the grower to be submitted to.

"Because of this emergency," he continued, "we are asking you to cast your ballot for control before you have your allotment, renewing your faith in your fellowman and maintaining the hope of equality in allotments to be set up by the committee to be elected in Washington County by the growers.

The promise was made that no regular or old grower of tobacco would have his acreage reduced more than 20 per cent, on the basis of the 1939 allotment.

Also speaking was R. C. Holland, of Edenton, president of the North Carolina Peanut Stabilization Cooperative, who said that his organization handled two and a quarter million bags of the 1938 peanut crop and that if it hadn't been for this diversion program the price would not have been over 2 1/2 cents per pound last year.

Mr. Holland further said that his organization would be active again this year in pegging prices, and that planters of 6,000 acres of peanuts in Washington County this season would probably get the full benefit of the work of the cooperative in stabilizing the price above the 3-cent a pound mark.

The WAR Day by Day

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21—Germans believed preparing offensive on large scale for western front; British deny Nazi liner "Bremen" captured by English navy; French dispatches claim number enemy air planes destroyed; Germans counter with reports of shooting down 8 French planes and 3 captive balloons; Daladier in speech says Hitler checks all peace efforts and declares France to fight until "complete victory" achieved; Troops called out in Rumania and six members of pro-Nazi "Iron Guard" summarily shot for assassination of Premier Armand Calinescu, their bodies left where they fell in public square for 24 hours as warning to others; President Roosevelt asks repeal of arms embargo as Congress begins session.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22—Rumanian government announces 161 "Iron Guard" members executed as aftermath of Calinescu assassination on Thursday; Supreme war council of England and France met in London as preparations go forward to meet threat of German offensive on western front; Warsaw radio back on air indicates city still holding out against Nazi invaders; Germany and Russia proceed with partitioning of Poland, Russians getting most of land with Nazis taking major share of economic riches; French dispatches announce German losses in Poland amounted to 150,000 killed and wounded, 400 to 600 planes lost, and 600 to 700 pilots killed.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23—Preparations going forward on both sides for major battle on western front, with heavy guns being moved up in both France and Germany; Warsaw still holding out despite severe aerial and artillery bombardment; Mussolini appeals for peaceful settlement; two Finnish freighters carrying wood pulp to England torpedoed and sunk by German submarines.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24—Swedish steamer loaded with wood pulp torpedoed by submarine; neutral Scan dinavian nations indignant over sinkings, which constitute serious threat to one of principal items of export for their countries; Germans begin preparations for long war on western front; terrific attacks on Warsaw reported by radio from that city.

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Building & Loan Drive Under Way

The campaign for the sale of additional stock in the Plymouth Building and Loan Association is underway this week, with President E. F. Still and the directors reporting a number of prospects likely to substantially increase the 1,000 active shares now in force.

Mr. Still said the directors had been divided into two teams, each with a definite territory to cover, but that no tabulation of results would be made before next week.

The stock is sold on a basis of 25 cents per share per week, maturing at \$100 in approximately 6 1/2 years, and yielding a net return of 5 per cent to the investors.

The annual meeting of stockholders will be held on Wednesday, October 11, at 8 p. m., in the municipal building. Directors and officers will be named at this time.

Believed Growers in This County To Be 80 Per Cent for Plan

All Producers of Tobacco This Year Are Eligible To Participate

Competent observers predict today that more than 375 votes out of a total of 461 eligible in this county will be cast in the tobacco control referendum on Thursday of next week, October 5, with more than 80 per cent expected to be favorable to the control program for next year.

It is estimated that about 15 per cent of those generally considered in the anti-control group had changed and would approve the application of acreage quotas next year due to the closing of the tobacco markets and prospects for low prices when they reopen unless government aid is secured by a vote favorable to control.

In the referendum last year on control, there were only 60 votes cast in the county against, as compared with 252 for it, the percentage being 80 per cent favorable. Observers believed this year there will probably be less than 25 votes against the program.

The voting next week will be at the agriculture building for growers in Plymouth Township, and at Phelps & Freeman's filling station in Roper for Lees Mill producers. The polls will be open from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Poll holders will not be named before Saturday, it was stated today. The votes of the few growers scattered over other sections of the county are to be collected by another system to be worked out later.

All farmers engaged in the production of flue-cured tobacco, whether landlord or tenant, are entitled to vote in the referendum, but it is necessary that their names be registered before the day of the election. It is thought that all eligible voters in the county have been registered, but if there is any doubt, growers should check the list in the county agent's office and be sure their names are included. Wednesday, October 4, is the last day for registering, and it was announced that the votes of any unregistered growers would be challenged before the ballots are counted.

Plans go forward for reopening the tobacco markets on Monday, October 9, although it was stated this week that this date was tentative, and that some of the buying companies might request a continuation of the holiday in the event the control program failed to carry. A continued glut of the markets is expected for several weeks after they reopen, although the farmers are being urged on all sides to offer their tobacco for sale in an orderly manner and not rush it all on the warehouse floors as quickly as possible.

Though the control program failed to receive the 66 2-3 per cent majority required to put it in effect last December, there was a plurality in favor of it in all belts. Washington County growers voted as follows:

Table with 3 columns: Township, For, Against. Rows include Plymouth, Lees Mills, Skinnerville, Scuppernon, and Totals.

Revival in Progress At Corinth Church

The revival services at Corinth Free Will Baptist Church, near Dardens, began Sunday night, with the pastor, Rev. Clarence Bowen, of Durham, speaking on the subject, "God's Plan for a Revival."

Mr. Bowen spoke from 2 Chron. 7:14, and stressed the challenge of humility, prayer and repentance as God's great scheme for revival.

The Rev. Henry Melvin, pastor of Edgemont Free Will Baptist church in Durham, arrived Monday and began his preaching at the night service. He is a forceful speaker and a successful revivalist.

The services will continue through this week, closing Saturday night, instead of October 4, as previously announced. Visitors in and near Plymouth are cordially invited to attend every service. Song service will begin each evening at 7:45.

Athletic Association To Sponsor Dance Friday

The Plymouth High School Athletic Association will sponsor a dance Friday night from 9 until 12 in the gymnasium. Members will be admitted free upon presentation of membership cards, while a small charge will be made for others.

Chaperones will be Mrs. G. T. Barden, Mrs. Jack Read, and Principal R. B. Trotman. A nickelodion will provide the music. A large attendance is urged, as the proceeds will be used for the school athletic association.