

Ray Bowen, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Bowen, Plymouth Route 1, recently enlisted in the U. S. Coast Guard Service...

Edward E. Craft, son of Cecil Craft here, Tuesday enlisted in the Navy, along with 31 others from Eastern Carolina...

A Halloween dance will be held at the Country Club Friday night, with music by Rudy Walters and his orchestra...

Indigent cripples are invited by the Tarboro Rotary Club to attend its regular orthopedic clinic in the Presbyterian Sunday school rooms on Monday, October 30...

J. R. Manning and W. M. Darden, directors, and M. W. Spruill, secretary and treasurer, of the Plymouth Building and Loan Association, attended a meeting of about 50 building and loan officials from several counties...

Hubert Cox, who has been in the U. S. Navy for about three years, was home this week to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cox for a few days...

Virginia Dare Hotel in Elizabeth City the Grace Episcopal Church will give a benefit bridge party at the community hall next Thursday night, November 2, at 8 p. m.

Mrs. H. A. Liverman was making an effort this morning to get a group from Plymouth to attend the meeting of Red Cross leaders of this region being held in Edenton today...

Welfare Department Has Puzzle in Case Of Colored Woman

New York Officials Demand This County Assume Responsibility

The case of Sarah Heckstall, colored, is a puzzling problem now facing the Washington County Welfare Department.

Sarah is now a patient in a New York institution for the treatment of tuberculosis; but, since she is not a citizen of that State, the local welfare organization has been bombarded with about 50 letters, telegrams, telephone messages and about every other known means of communication...

The New York welfare officials are demanding that arrangements be made to care for her here, but local authorities have no place for her to go.

The New York authorities say that about \$40 a month is necessary to care for the colored woman and her three children, but local officials cannot find this amount of money available.

Anxious to get the patient off their hands, the New Yorkers suggest that a home be rented and a nurse employed, with the county, town, state and Federal governments, or some other agency, cooperating to provide the funds necessary for her care until a cure is effected.

Halloween Carnival In Creswell Tuesday

Creswell.—A Halloween party, sponsored by the Creswell school, with the faculty in charge, will be given at the school next Tuesday evening. At this time the high school band will furnish music and, in addition to a play written by Bob Merritt and acted by H. R. Bateman and son, Bossie, there will be many other entertaining features for young and old.

Patrons and friends of the school are urged to attend. The proceeds will be used to defray incidental expenses of the school.

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50 More Shares of Stock Sold by Building & Loan

Fifty additional shares of stock in the Plymouth Building and Loan Association have been sold since last week's report, bringing to 250 the total number of shares sold in the eighth series during the campaign waged here this month to boost the outstanding stock in the organization.

wish to repair or enlarge their homes, and applications are under consideration for new construction which will greatly increase the usefulness of the association. So far, the organization has loaned about \$18,000 in the community, principally to small home owners who wished to enlarge their houses and provide apartments for newcomers who are seeking places to live here.

County Peanut Crop Begins Moving Soon

MEET POSTPONED

It was announced today that a change had been made in the date of the meeting of the Plymouth Parent-Teacher Association from Wednesday, November 1, to Wednesday, November 8, at 3:45 in the auditorium of the high school.

At the meeting a debate will be heard on the lifting of the embargo on arms in the present neutrality act of the United States. Four high school students will take part in the debate, which should prove interesting and helpful, and a large attendance is urged by the officers of the organization.

Commissioner Will Favor Designating Turnpike Route 99

Says Highway Will Likely Be Made Part of State Secondary System

After a conference a few days ago with District Highway Commissioner E. V. Webb, at Kinston, John W. Darden, secretary of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce, said that he was reasonably certain the Turnpike road would be designated as highway No. 99.

With Mr. Darden was Fred Latham, of Belhaven, who joined in urging the commissioner to designate this as a state highway, thus making it possible that an all-weather road would be constructed through the Turnpike.

The commissioner advised the men that if the road was accepted as a part of the state road system, it would be a secondary highway, that is, a numbered highway endorsed by the state but not approved by the Federal Government.

It was believed that even if it was ranked as a secondary highway that within three years the State Highway and Public Works Commission could be constrained to build the all-weather road to connect the county seats of Washington and Hyde.

Mr. Webb explained that he could only recommend that this route be included in the secondary system and that the entire commission would have to accept it before it would be placed on the state highway map and a number assigned.

Mrs. Joe Chesson Funeral Monday

Roper.—Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the home in the Mill Pond section for Mrs. Joe Chesson, 73, who died Saturday night at 9:20, following an illness from which she had suffered almost a year.

The Rev. T. F. Davenport, Free Will Baptist minister of Creswell, officiated. Interment took place in the family burial ground near the home.

Surviving are the following children: C. B. Chesson, J. M. Chesson, Miss Lucy Chesson and Mrs. Mattie White, all of Washington County, and Mrs. G. L. Marriner, of Belhaven.

Creswell Students Plan To Issue School Paper

Creswell.—At a recent meeting of the senior class of Creswell High School, the members decided to sponsor a school paper, the name of which has not yet been decided.

At the meeting, Miss Evelyn Swain was elected editor in chief; Virginia Davenport, associate editor; Dallas Spruill, circulation manager; Jack Jones, assistant circulation manager; Billy Wells Bateman, art editor; Irene Spruill, sports editor; Collia Davenport, society editor; Nancy Norman, secretary.

Picking Operations Will Get Started in Earnest Next Week

Quality Generally Reported Very Good, But Yield Is Below Expectations

An estimated six thousand acres of peanuts are drying on stacks in Washington County awaiting the visiting of the picking crews, who will begin their rounds in earnest next week. Several of the pickers were being operated this week, but the peak of the picking season is still a week or so away, as many farmers do not feel their crop is dry enough yet.

Exactly what prices will prevail is still problematical, but it is generally considered fairly well assured the farmers will get 3 to 3 1/2 cents and better, as the North Carolina Peanut Stabilization Cooperative is standing by to take peanuts at 3 1-4 cents for conversion into oil if the cleaners do not measure up to this price.

Cattle in County To Be Tested for Bang's Disease

However, It May Be Next Spring Before Examiners Can Reach Section

Three thousand head of cattle in Washington County, including both pure-bred and grade stock, are on the waiting list to be tested for Bangs Disease, according to County Agent W. V. Hays, who said this week that it might be next spring before representatives of the veterinary division of the State Department of Agriculture could reach this county to make the examinations.

There have been no urgent requests for the need of this testing work, according to the farm agent, but it has been found in other counties that the rate of affected cattle has sometimes been as high as 10 per cent. This has been reduced in such counties by tests and elimination of the diseased cattle to a fraction over 1 per cent.

It was explained that Bang's Disease is a cattle affects reproduction and lowers milk production. Since no cure is known for the disease, and it is highly contagious, the most economical procedure for controlling the malady is to destroy the animals. Indemnity funds used to pay owners for diseased cattle killed are matched dollar for dollar by the Federal and State Departments, with the usual scale of prices being \$50 for pure-bred and \$25 for grade animals.

Fishing Authorities of Two States in Meeting

R. Bruce Etheridge, director of the Department of Conservation and Development, and Captain John Nelson, commissioner of fishing, went to Norfolk Tuesday, when they with similar officials from Virginia and Maryland were guests of the Rotary Club at the Fairfax Hotel. W. R. Hampton, a member of the board, joined them when they came through here.

The fisheries committee from the three states further studied problems affecting the three states from the standpoint of fishing, including size limits of fish to be taken from the streams, closed seasons, and pollution of streams.

Pageant at Roper School Auditorium Sunday Night

The Willing Workers of Zion's Chapel Church of Christ will give a pageant entitled "The Crossroads of Life" at the Roper High School Auditorium Sunday night at 8 o'clock, and the sponsors urge everyone who can to attend.

Over 400 Attend Prize Drawing Here Wednesday; Concert Given by Band

Entertained by the strutting Plymouth High School Band, over 400 persons, most of them holding tickets given with purchases at the intersection of Washington and Water Streets here Wednesday afternoon to participate in the drawing for \$30 in cash prizes. The drawing and band concert combined to last for about 30 minutes.

Seven numbers were called during the exercises. Mrs. Lloyd Horton, with a ticket from C. E. Ayer's Esso Service Station, won the first \$10 award, and Heber

Expect 250 Women To Attend Fall Meet Of Clubs Wednesday

Norfolk Man To Be Main Speaker at Demonstration Clubs Meeting

Upwards of 250 women from all over the county will gather in the Plymouth High School auditorium Wednesday afternoon for the fall meeting of the Washington County Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, when Roscoe Thrasher, of the Greenbrier Farms at Norfolk, will be the principal speaker.

The invocation will be made by the Rev. P. B. Nickens, pastor of the local Baptist church. Mrs. Joe Snell, of the Cool Springs Club, is scheduled to welcome the visitors on behalf of the hostess club, with the response to be made by Mrs. F. D. Wilson, of Roper. County Superintendent H. H. McLean will make a short talk.

A feature of the business session will be a report of the year's activities, to be made in her individual style by Mrs. A. Edison Davenport. Music will be provided by the Plymouth High School Band and Miss Clara Louise Jones, public school music teacher, will sing.

Mrs. C. N. Davenport, sr., of Creswell, president of the county federation, will preside. Miss Pauline Smith, of Raleigh, district home demonstration agent, is also on the program for a short talk, with the main address to be made by Mr. Thrasher.

The Roanoke Beacon trophy will be presented to the club which is judged to have the best report, based on attendance at the meeting, most membership dues paid and most new members. The trophy was last awarded to the Roper club, and it becomes the permanent possession of the club winning it three times in succession.

Winners of the different projects conducted during the past year will be announced at the meeting, according to Mrs. Frances M. Darden, home agent, who urges all club members in the county to be present and invites all others who may wish to attend.

Halloween Carnival Here Friday Night

Plymouth's 1939 Halloween Carnival, sponsored by the local Parent-Teacher Association, will be held tomorrow, Friday, evening, beginning at 7:30 in the high school gym.

The good old stand-bys, bingo, fortune-telling, side-show, raffling off of cakes and turkeys, popularity contests, and a house of horrors, will all be found in more streamlined versions than ever before.

The High School Band will play during the evening and will furnish music for the coronation of the Queen of the Carnival.

A new and interesting feature of the carnival will be the home economics booth, directed by Miss Martin. Here the patrons may sit at tables and enjoy delicious sandwiches and chocolate as they watch the carnival.

Dancing will be in order for all the guests from 10:30 until 12 o'clock. A small admission charge will be made.

Musical Play Will Be Given in Roper Friday

A musical comedy, entitled "Miss Blue Bonnet" will be presented at the Roper High School Friday night, with a cast including such well-known personages as Mrs. A. Edison Davenport, Jim Chesson and Edward Poole, principals of the school.

Special Program Held at Creswell Church Sunday

Creswell.—A service marked by its simplicity was held at Christ Church Sunday evening at 7:30, with three youths of the church, J. C. Gatlin, jr., Ammon Smithson, and Bobby Woodley in charge.

Young Woodley conducted the opening service; Smithson read the lesson and psalter for the day; and Gatlin gave the sermonette for the evening.

Farmers of County In Series Meetings To Elect Committees

First Is Being Held Tonight At Cherry School; Here Tomorrow Night

Township committees to administer the 1940 Agricultural Adjustment Administration program in Washington County will be elected in the next few days in a series of farmers' meetings, with the first scheduled to be held in the Cherry school building for Scuppernon Township tonight.

The second meeting, for the growers of Plymouth Township, will be held at the agriculture building in Plymouth Friday night; and the third and last meeting will be held Monday night at the Roper High School Building for Lees Mill Township growers.

There will be no meeting for Skippersville Township, since, as was the case last year, the farmers of this township will vote with those in Lees Mill and Scuppernon, a line drawn at Pritchard's store marking the dividing line.

The meetings will all be held promptly at 7:30 p. m. on the dates designated, and Stuart Blow, assistant to County Agent W. V. Hays, urges all eligible voters to attend their respective township gatherings and avail themselves of the privilege of voting so that the committees desired by a majority of all the growers may be chosen.

Immediately after the township committees are elected, the delegates from the three townships will be elected in the same manner as the local committees, and the delegates will later meet to elect the members of the county committee.

Mr. Blow said that any farmer who signs a statement signifying his intention of complying with the 1940 program will be eligible to vote and serve as a committeeman.

The duties of the township committee are to (1) determine farm acreage allotments, normal yields and soil-building goals; (2) to determine farm marketing quotas when applicable, and to handle local administration of commodity loans; and (3) to assist in explaining to farmers the purpose and provisions of the program.

Gradual Increase in Number Workmen; 50 At Work Today

Excavating for Foundations And Other Preliminary Work Being Done

Tool sheds were being constructed today and excavation had been started for one building, as the expansion program at the North Carolina Pulp Company got underway. Today there were about 50 men employed on the construction work, according to R. D. Lambert, construction superintendent for the William Muirhead Construction Company, of Durham, which has the contract for the work. Others are being added almost daily, and several hundred will be employed at the peak of the work. Over 300 men reported at the plant Monday morning, when only a few were hired, but the force is being increased daily from applications on hand.

Mr. Lambert said there would be four new buildings erected, including bleaching, liquor, beater, and machine rooms, with an extension to be added to the present wet room, and although he did not have the exact dimensions of the additions, it was reported they would be "large" buildings.

The new structures will be constructed on the south side of the present huge brick building facing the Roanoke River, while the wet-room extension will be made to the west end of the same building, extending over and beyond the present road to the Hampton fisheries.

It was learned from Mr. Lambert that the Bethlehem Steel Corporation had the contract to provide the steel construction material needed in the buildings and that firm would construct the steelwork itself or possibly sub-let it, as his company did not have charge of this work.

The first building to claim attention is that of the bleacher, excavation for the foundation of which is now under-way, with the probability that the concrete would be poured next week.

It was explained by Mr. Lambert that when the work its peak, his organization would employ about 150 or more men; in addition there will be the steel-working crew and the brick masons, who will enclose the building, with helpers for both the steel and bricklaying crews, making work available for a large number of men when all of the crew are at work together.

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Work Gets Underway At Pulp Mill Monday; Bleaching Room First

Good Prospects in Drive for Members

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Hertford, Edenton And Local Lions in Joint Meeting Here

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Between the humorous features of the program, C. B. Mooney, of Edenton, sang two solos, with his wife accompanying him on the piano.

The height of the hilarity was reached when bottles of soft drinks, equipped with nipples, were presented to a Hertford contestant, W. L. Whitley, of Plymouth, and W. J. Taylor, of Edenton, for a race to see who could drink the entire contents first, with a really "valuable" prize to be awarded the winner. Mr. Taylor, who is superintendent of public instruction for Chowan County, won and was given an all-day sucker as a reward.

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