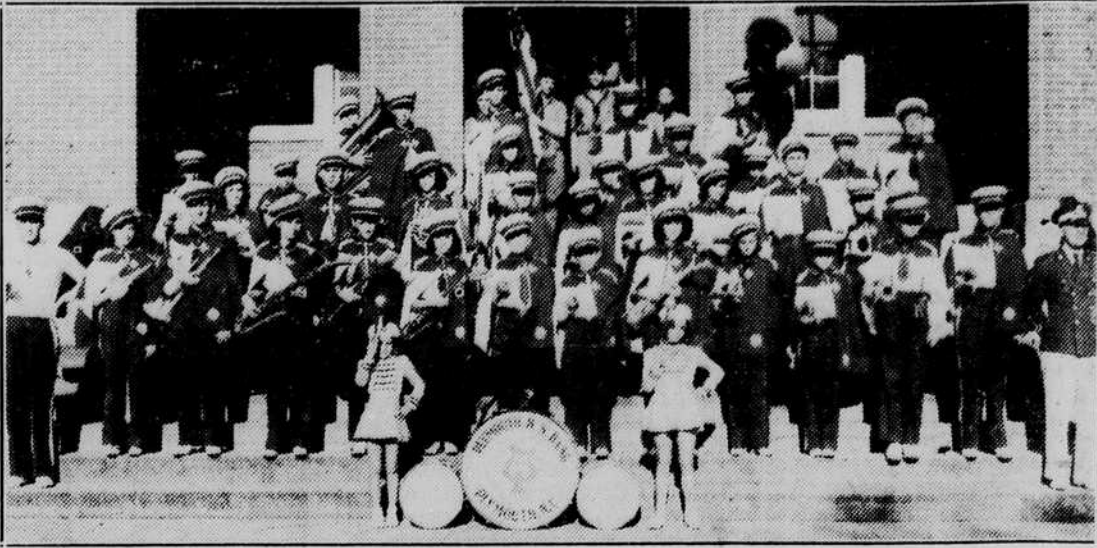


PLYMOUTH'S GROWING HIGH SCHOOL BAND



Shown in the picture are 41 of the 52 members of the Plymouth High School Band. In the background are the color bearers and guards: (left to right) Gilbert Asby, Ducky Lloyd, Roy Manning, Dewitt Darden; Fourth row (l. to r.) Carl Bailey, Bill Darden, Leon Dunbar, Brinson Cox; Third row: Phyllis Davidson, Robert Darden Swain, Felton Magee, Frances Bassinger, Mary Jackson, Lee Landing, L'Engle Barnes, Bill Owens; Second row: Carolyn Byrd, Harry Garrett, Ailine Nestor, Iris White, Mary Cahoon, Peggy Brown, Gertrude Woolard, Duncan Getsinger, Charles Robbins; Front row: Frank Winesett, Mary Lillian Campbell, Osborne Dunbar, Lorraine Jackson, Zeb Vance Norman, Jr., Mary C. Jones, Jack Horton, Shelton McNair, Helen Darden, Frances Spruill, Harry McLean, Skinner Ayers, Jack Stubbs, Director L. W. Ziegler; Front: Gracelyn Reid and Ann Cahoon, Majorettes; Not shown in the picture are Phil Liverman, Bill Satterthwaite, Douglas Gurkin, Freeman Allen, Billy Swain, Junie Leggett, Sonny Williford, Charles Brown, Bobby Dunning, Rex Paramore and Joe Reid.

Over 100,000 entries were submitted in the name contest conducted by the Atlantic Coast Line and Florida East Coast Railways...

Miss Katherine Brandon says that on rainy, damp days, when children are forced to spend most of their time in the schoolrooms...

The public is cordially invited to attend the chrysanthemum show sponsored by the Garden Club in the community building next Wednesday, November 8...

Dr. S. V. Lewis' car struck little Gladys Rose Carr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Carr, last Saturday, when the child suddenly darted across the street in front of him...

The name of the Coca-Cola Bottling Works was inadvertently omitted from the list of merchants who sponsored the page advertisement in the Beacon last week...

Director L. W. Ziegler has been invited to have his Plymouth High School band participate in the musical festival to be held soon for school bands of this section under the sponsorship of the Albemarle Music Festival.

Homecoming Day Program at Local Christian Church

Planned for Sunday; Large Number of Visitors Expected

Miss Theda Hopkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hopkins, of Creswell, is a saxophone player in the new Meredith College band...

Joseph T. Stone, member of the State Board of Conservation and Development; C. A. Farrell, hunting and fishing editor of the News; and E. A. Oettinger, all of Greensboro, spent several days here last week fishing at Lake Phelps.

Late Hours Kept by Superior Court Here

The October term of Washington County Superior Court concluded its session here really at 2 a. m. Saturday morning...

A mistrial was ordered in the last case tried, that of George Patrick vs. K. S. Mitchell, when the jury failed to agree...

The case of G. S. Respass vs. P. H. Darden was continued.

The case of Mary Holland vs. D. W. Chesson was settled for judgment.

900 Persons Attend Drawing This Week

\$30 in Cash Is Again Awarded to Holders of 4 Lucky Tickets

Mesdames J. T. Terry, R. E. Dunning, A. J. Byrd, Geo. Freeland Winners

A crowd estimated at 900 persons attended the mid-week drawing here Wednesday afternoon...

Mrs. J. T. Terry was winner of the first \$10 in the merchants' drawing with a ticket from Sam Adler's store...

Mrs. A. J. Byrd, with a ticket from Pender's, won the first \$5 award, and after two numbers had been called without the holder claiming the prize...

So far the merchants have issued around 50,000 tickets in the four weeks since the drawing started...

The band members had sold tickets on their turkey raffle, and after a few selections by the band, the name of G. K. Harris was drawn as the winner of the big bird.

Colored School Is Robbed Tuesday

County authorities were today searching for clues to the identity of thieves who backed a motor truck or car up to a door of the Sound Side Colored school Tuesday night...

Charles Bell, principal of the three-teacher school, which has an enrollment of 157 children, said the landlady at the house where he roomed across from the school said she heard noises about 2 a. m. but could not tell what was causing them...

School officials said it had been almost impossible to keep water pumps at the well there, as several had been stolen on other occasions...

Tuesday night a skeleton key was used to unlock the door, through which the stolen items were removed to either a truck or car...

The Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation has announced that because of a prospective large surplus, it will buy apples from growers for distribution among relief families.

Annual Red Cross Roll Call Campaign In County Gets Underway in Few Days

Men will be conscripted, as well as women, for canvassers in the annual Red Cross roll call, which will get underway in Washington County within the next few days...

Heretofore, it was explained by Mrs. Cox, the men have made contributions but have not been very active in canvassing...

Mrs. Cox said she would probably zone the county, with a chairman and soliciting committee appointed for each zone...

that no prospective contributor may be overlooked.

Sometime within the next few days Mrs. Cox said she would call a meeting of some of the workers who participated in last year's roll call in order that final plans may be made for the event.

It was pointed out by Mrs. Cox that \$7,000 was spent in Windsor near here last year when a hurricane struck that country causing several deaths and heavy property damage...

County Club Women Met Here Wednesday

125 Attend All-Day Session; Roper Club Is Winner of Trophy

Year's Work Reviewed and Various Awards Are Announced

With the announcement of the winners in the various competitive activities, the fall meeting of the Washington County Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs was closed here Wednesday afternoon after an all-day session...

The Roper Club was awarded the Roanoke Beacon trophy for the second year in succession for the best all-round report submitted by any federated organizations...

Announcement of winners in the following projects were made by Mrs. Frances M. Darden, home agent, with the first named club in each instance being declared first-place winner: Poultry, Wenona and Cross Roads clubs...

At the beginning of the club year the county council decided to present a prize to the club member who made the greatest improvement in her yard, and the judges decided that this award should be split between Mrs. Mollie Hardison, of the Alba Club, and Miss Ida Davis, of the Cherry Club...

In his address, Mr. Thrasher told the women many things about the planting and growth of flowers and shrubs, explaining the character of plants that grow better in particular types of soil...

The WAR Day by Day

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26.—Russian government announces release of American freighter, City of Flint, at end of day in which both United States and German governments laid claim to vessel...

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27.—Learned City of Flint ordered to leave Russian port in charge of German prize crew; English admit two German pocket battleships, Deutschland and Admiral Scheer, at large on high seas as raiders...

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28.—German authority say American freighter City of Flint en route to German port, in order to reach which it will be necessary to elude British blockade; German police and storm troopers clash with Czech patriots at Prague on holiday...

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29.—U. S. Continues efforts to penetrate secrecy surrounding case of City of Flint, said to be sinking down Norwegian coast toward German port with prize crew in charge...

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30.—Captured American freighter City of Flint, with German flag flying, steamed out of Norwegian port of Tromsø late today, headed toward a German port through British blockade...

Few Changes Made In Local Committees By County Farmers

Absence of Friction Indicates General Satisfaction With Officials

Harmony prevailed at all of the meetings held during the past week for the election of county committees and delegates who have elected a county committee to administer the 1940 soil conservation program in Washington County...

A definite schedule has not been arranged yet, but it is expected the committee will begin reviewing contracts for 1940 within a short time. Farmers who wish to know more about the program or who have some matters to discuss with them are advised to see their township committees as soon as possible.

Roy L. Stillman, of Roper, was named chairman of the county committee, with C. W. Bowen, Plymouth, as vice chairman; and W. D. Phelps, Creswell, president of the county Farm Bureau, serving as the third member.

Township committees were elected as follows: Plymouth: H. G. Simpson, chairman; J. P. Allen, vice chairman; W. H. Gurkin, member; and R. C. Jackson, alternate.

Lees Mills: J. E. Phelps, chairman; R. W. Lewis, vice chairman; J. L. McAllister, member; and T. W. Davis, Jr., alternate.

Scuppernon: W. P. Davenport, chairman; J. R. Davenport, vice chairman; S. D. Spruill, member; Phillip Ambrose and B. A. Williams, alternates.

Judge Recommends Additional Room Be Provided for Jurors

What will be done about the matter could not be learned today, but Judge Leo Carr, of Burlington, who presided over the Washington County Superior Court here last week, asked that more than one jury room be made available for the use of petit juries at the next term of court here in January.

Entered on the minutes of the session last week was a notation signed by Judge Carr asking the board of commissioners to make two rooms available at each term of court, as the court was embarrassed when a second room was needed last week.

The grand jury room on the second floor is now being used by the Washington County library; Recorder John W. Darden uses another room; Mrs. Kathleen S. Nobles, supervisor of the school lunch rooms, has her office in a third room; the welfare office is using one; leaving only the north room available for the jurors.

The second floor of the courthouse was originally divided so as to provide one room for the consultation of lawyers and witnesses, another for the grand jury and two for the petit juries; but due to increased activities since the structure was built, these rooms have been converted to the use of others, making necessary the request by the presiding judge. It is expected the question will be considered by the commissioners at their regular meeting next Monday.

Farm Students Put Exhibit on Display

How to distinguish between desirable and undesirable plants, good ears and poor ears of corn, is shown in an exhibit arranged by the vocational agriculture students of the Plymouth High School in the show window of the vacant building on Water Street next to O. R. Leggett's Son Store.

Under the direction of their teacher, W. S. Moore, the students prepared the display pointing out that desirable plants have two good ears, not too high on the stalk, medium size stalks that stand upright, with the mature ears that turn downward, while small ears, irregular size stalks that droop, with mature ears turning upward are characteristics of undesirable plants.

The display further shows that the good ears of corn have small cobs, end well filled, uniform in size, with well-matured straight rows of grain, while poor ears are recognized by big cobs, poorly filled ends, irregularity in size, crooked rows and immature grain.

Also there are several varieties of corn shown, including that produced by Carol Fagan and John Allen. In each instance the character of plant and ear of corn described is accompanied by an illustration.

Local Handle Plant Is To Resume Operating Around First of Year

PROMOTED



Thomas B. Brown, popular member of the State Highway Patrol, who has been stationed here for more than two years, recently was promoted to corporal. Plymouth will continue to be his headquarters.

Under Management Of Miss Ethel Arps, Recently Promoted

Expected To Employ Total Of 35 Men In Plant And Forest

Further increase in the industrial payroll for Plymouth seemed assured this week, when it was learned that the local plant of the American Fork & Hoe Company would begin operations on a modified scale about the first of the year under the direction of Miss Ethel Arps, who has been promoted to the position of manager.

Closed for the past four years due to general lagging business conditions and lack of a market for the handles manufactured here, it was learned the plant is expected to open with about 35 persons on the payroll and fairly steady operation assured.

According to plans formulated thus far, the plant is to start with about 20 men employed in the mill. The men will work a specified number of hours in the sawmill department and then the same crew shifted to the finishing department. Fifteen other men are to be employed in the forests to cut the timber needed from the extensive property holdings of the concern in this section.

Although no official announcement has been made as to the company's plans about the reopening, and it is understood they are subject to be changed, it is reliably believed the plant will begin operations with the reduced number of employees about the first of the year. Before operations were curtailed and later abandoned several years ago, the local unit employed from 40 to 60 workmen.

Promotion of Miss Arps to the position of manager was understood to be a reward for her efficiency in looking after the interests of the plant in several capacities, including that of stenographer and clerical assistant to C. L. Groves, J. F. Connor and other managers.

Freak Sweet Potato Is Found by H. J. Woolard

H. J. Woolard, of the Long Ridge section, 3 miles south of Plymouth, this week brought to the Beacon office a Porto Pica sweet potato through which another potato had grown, joining the two together.

Mr. Woolard said he had harvested 350 bushels of prime potatoes and 50 bushels of slips from a plot a little over an acre in size.

Observance Here of Education Week To Be Started Sunday

Continues Throughout Next Week; Public Urged To Participate

The week beginning November 5 will be nationally observed as Education Week. Plymouth schools will participate in this program, which will begin Sunday morning, November 5, at which time Rev. Paul Nickens will occupy his pulpit and preach on "The Place of Religion in Our Democracy." All friends of the school and all pupils are urged to attend the 11 o'clock service. The high school grade club will sing at this service.

The chapel exercises, which have been a vital part of the school day this year, will be featured each morning during the week by a talk by a well-known citizen of Plymouth; and these exercises will be held each morning at 8:40. The public is cordially invited to meet with the school.

Monday, "Education for Self-Realization," Dr. Alban Papineau.

Tuesday, "Education for Human Relationship," Robert B. Campbell.

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Work Going Forward On Additions at Plant

Schedule Changed For Bad Weather

Under a new schedule Plymouth school children will be permitted to leave earlier than has been the usual hour of dismissal on the rainy day schedule according to Principal Robert B. Trotman.

The smaller children in the Hampton Academy will be dismissed at 12:30 and those at the high school building will be dismissed at 12:45, the new schedules being about 15 minutes earlier than is usual.

Principal Trotman said that this schedule would be followed whenever it became necessary and that the children would be dismissed at the same time during any rainy day schedule during the year.

Expect To Be Ready For Steel Work To Begin in Two Weeks

50 Men Now at Work To Be Doubled When Concrete Pouring Starts Monday

Concrete will be poured during the week-end for the steel-reinforced foundation of the bleacher building, first to be built in the expansion program now underway at the North Carolina Pulp Company.

It was estimated by R. D. Lambert, construction superintendent, that when everything was in readiness for the pouring of the 600 yards of concrete the present crew of 50 will be increased to 100 or more men, working in 8-hour shifts, as the concrete pouring is to be a continuous operation.

Within two weeks Mr. Lambert and H. S. Crance, vice president of the William Muirhead Construction Co., of Durham, who was here Thursday, agreed the bleacher room foundation would be ready for the structural steel work, the material and workers for which are to be supplied by the Bethlehem Steel Corporation.

The bleacher building is to be 63 by 86 feet and will be about 70 feet high. Vice President Crance estimated that 30 carloads of material would go into the building.

Near the bleacher building preparations are going forward for laying a steel-reinforced concrete foundation for the liquor room. This structure is to be 22 by 38 feet and about 30 feet high. In this building the chemicals will be mixed to provide the "liquor" needed for the processing of bleached pulp.

As soon as the foundations for these buildings have been completed, the construction crew will start on foundations for the machine room, with an extension to the present wet room. A beater room is also to be constructed, with work on the foundations to get underway as soon as possible.

Farm Students in Meeting Saturday

Members of the Tri-County Federation of Young Tar Heel Farmers held their first meeting of the school year in the local high school building Saturday with representatives present from chapters in Columbia, Creswell, Roper, Plymouth, Jamesville, Oak City and Robersonville.

Following the adoption of a constitution and by-laws the following officers were elected: Leo White, Oak City, president; Lacy Ward, Robersonville, vice president; Joe Gray Browning, Jr., Plymouth, secretary; Clayton Marriner, Roper, treasurer; and Darwin Smith, Columbia, reporter.