

The Methodist Missionary Society will present a Tom Thumb wedding at the Plymouth Theatre Wednesday night immediately after the first show.

The Plymouth High School Band will soon have a United States flag and a school flag, made up in the school colors, to be borne by the Boy Scout color bearers when the band parades, as the result of efforts by Chief P. W. Brown, who raised \$46 in contributions here this week for this purpose.

The Plymouth High School Band is arranging for a concert to be given at the Woodland school in Northampton County Friday night, December 15, as the result of a conference between V. R. Brantley, principal of that school, and Director L. W. Zeigler and Principal R. B. Trotman, of the local school, here Tuesday night.

The local lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose will sponsor the showing of a 10-minute picture entitled "Young America" at the Plymouth Theatre Saturday and Sunday.

Tabulation of results in the recent membership drive conducted by the Plymouth Country Club show that a total of 79 new members were secured, according to J. R. Manning, chairman of the membership committee.

Rudolph Jordan, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Jordan, left this week for Sanatorium, N. C., to enter the hospital for tubercular patients.

The picture of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Marriner, route, one Roper appeared in a far magazine this month showing in the well-known county couple gathering honey from hives on their farm.

Two County Pastors At M. E. Conference

The Rev. Wade Johnson, pastor of the Plymouth church, and the Rev. J. T. Stanford, pastor of the Roper charge of Methodist churches in Washington and Martin Counties, left Wednesday for Fayetteville, where they will attend the annual session of the North Carolina Methodist conference.

When the Rev. Mr. Johnson departed he carried with him a report showing that all of the budgetary expenses of the local church had been taken care of and a record of the progress the church had made during the past conference year.

It is understood that the Rev. Mr. Stanford carried with him a report also showing improved financial and general conditions of church work in his charge.

Colored Woman, Former Slave, Living Near Mackeys, Says She Is 110 Years Old; Describes Early Days in County

Born on Plantation Near Creswell; Later Servant In Home Here

Able To Get Around

By Mrs. EDISON DAVENPORT According to "Aunt" Anne Norman, she is the oldest person in Washington county. Her tall angular figure is a familiar sight on the old Mackeys road, as she steps off briskly the three miles between her home and the village.

"Aunt Anne" says that she is 110 years old, and when one looks a little skeptical she proudly produces a slip of paper from her rusty old satchel. On the scrap of paper, torn from a memorandum book, is the date March 10, 1831, written by the white friend of Aunt Anne's. She herself can neither read nor write, although she declares that twice in her life the Book was opened up to her and she read whole chapters without even knowing one word.

When questioned about her childhood, she says she was born a slave on the plantation of Mr. Bob Davis near Creswell; that "Marse Bob" had so much mercy on the folks about their taxes that he was sold out. In the late Major Charles Latham bought her and carried her to the Latham home in Plymouth. There she helped look out for his children. So faithful was she in this duty that the first Mrs. Latham became greatly attached to her and asked her husband in her last illness never to let Anne be washed. She was resentful of her new mistress when Major Latham married again and did not get along

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1st Prize in Drawing Next Wednesday Will Be \$20; Big Crowd Here This Week

Close to 1,000 persons (W. F. Winslow insists over 1,100) gathered here Wednesday afternoon for the mid-week drawing for the \$30 in cash prizes given weekly by the Plymouth Merchants Association in their better-business campaign, but of this large number of people the first number drawn was not claimed, so the first prize next week will be \$20 instead of \$10.

Winners this week were: Mrs. R. S. Martin, whose ticket from Williford's Yellow Front Store was good for the second \$10 award

offered; Miss Emily Brinkley, with a ticket from Don G. Davis, and Mrs. A. D. Simpson, with a ticket from E. H. Liverman, each of whom received \$5 each. Immediately after the drawing, Director L. W. Zeigler accepted the \$46 raised by P. W. Brown, through contributions from business men, for purchasing colors for the high school band, including a national flag and a school flag. Mr. Zeigler also announced the addition of a bell lyre to the band, played by Miss Fanny Lou Winslow.

Plans Made for Red Cross Roll Call Drive

PICKER LICENSES

A warning was issued indirectly this week to all peanut-picker operators in Washington County, urging them to comply with the law by securing operators' licenses and by keeping accurate reports on picking operations.

Strict enforcement of the law requiring licenses and reports is anticipated, according to information reaching here this week from Raleigh.

The licenses are available at the office of the register of deeds, Mrs. Mary Smith Cahoon, along with report forms and instructions. Up to today, only 38 of the more than 50 operators in the county had secured proper licenses.

Total of 163 Men at Work on Three WPA Projects in County

New Set-Up for County Effected Recently; Offices At County Home

A new set-up effected here this week by the Works Progress Administration placed Winton R. Davenport, project supervisor of men's work, in an office at the Washington County home, the new quarters having been provided by the county commissioners at their meeting Monday.

Associated with Mr. Davenport in handling the records and supervision of the 163 men at work on WPA projects in this county are C. L. Blount, timekeeper, and Mrs. Florence Joyner, project clerk. Heretofore, these three have been working out of the Columbia office.

There are three projects now un-

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Peanut Warehouses Here May Not Be Opened This Season

Not To Be Needed as Long As Present Prices for Crop Hold Up

Although there are four warehouses here, with a capacity of 56,000 bags, ready to open if the price on peanuts declines, J. E. Davenport, manager, said today that he was still not sure whether or not they would be opened under the diversion plan sponsored by the Peanut Stabilization Cooperative.

Mr. Davenport said that as long as the buyers continued to pay an average price around 3 1/2 cents a pound for peanuts, the services of the cooperative would not be needed, as the growers would sell directly to the cleaners.

However, it was said, should prices decline then the warehouses will be opened, and they have sufficient capacity to take care of all the peanuts in the county which could be diverted from the regular channels of trade to the oil mills under the government agency's plan of stabilizing prices.

Recent rains have retarded harvesting of the crop, as peanut pickers are waiting until the nuts are dry enough to pick. So far, it is understood, comparatively few have been picked in this county.

Will Get Under Way Saturday, Continues Thru Thanksgiving

Mrs. O. H. Cox, Chairman For County, Hopes To Raise \$200

The annual roll call campaign of the Washington County chapter of the American Red Cross will get under way Saturday, November 11, and continue through Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 30.

JOIN Red Cross

Mrs. Cox, roll call chairman for the county, was busy this week organizing canvassing committees and assigning the workers to zones so that no prospective contributor would be overlooked when the county is thoroughly covered for members at \$1 each.

It was hoped by Mrs. Cox that the workers this year could raise at least \$200, doubling that secured last year; and, with the work that Mrs. Cox and her roll call committees are doing, it is believed that this will be done.

Mrs. Cox called to the attention of the public that President Roosevelt and Norman H. Davis, chairman of the American Red Cross, would officially open the organization's 23rd roll call drive Saturday night in a nation-wide broadcast over 350 stations at 10:30 Eastern Standard Time. Entertainers on the program will include Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy; John Charles Thomas, baritone; Ben Bernie and others, who will be switched onto the broadcast from Hollywood.

Because of increased calls upon the organization occasioned by the current war, Mrs. Cox said quotas were abandoned and that every effort will be made to get as many members as possible.

Urge Observance of Hours Agreed Upon

A resolution was passed at the Plymouth Merchants' Association meeting here last night urging the cooperation of merchants and customers in observance of the opening and closing hours for stores agreed upon some years ago.

The opening hours for stores is at 8 a. m., and the closing hour is 6 p. m. on week-days and 10 p. m. on Saturdays. A few of the early risers have been opening their places of business a little ahead of time and some of the others are said to keep open after the time agreed upon for closing, causing mild dissension. It is requested by officials of the organization that all merchants cooperate in strictly observing the hours agreed upon.

The tradesmen also decided to sponsor a good-will effort to attract new customers to Plymouth stores. The exact nature of the undertaking was left up to a committee composed of J. R. Campbell, E. H. Liverman, E. E. Harrell, Sam Scherr, W. F. Winslow and W. H. Booker, with the request that they develop a plan and report it to the association.

Tentative Plans for Road Celebration Considered

Tentative plans for the celebration at the conclusion of the surfacing of Highway No. 97 from Washington to Plymouth were discussed at a meeting of the chamber of commerce in Washington Tuesday night.

Edmund G. Harding, secretary of the Washington organization, agreed to send a copy of the plans here for approval by the Washington County Chamber of Commerce within the next few days. John W. Darden, secretary of the local organization, was unable to attend the meeting Tuesday.

Funeral Services for Jno. J. Brinkley, 61, Held Last Saturday

Well-Known Murfreesboro And Plymouth Business Man Died Thursday

Funeral services were held from the residence in Murfreesboro Saturday morning at 10:30 for John Jacob Brinkley, 61, who died Thursday night there at the home of his daughter, Mrs. R. P. Hammonds, as the result of a heart attack, from which he had suffered at intervals for the past several years.

The Rev. Charles E. Vail, pastor of the Methodist church at Murfreesboro, conducted the service, and interment was made in a Murfreesboro cemetery. A massive heap of flowers, which literally covered the grave, was contributed by friends of the family from all over this state and Virginia.

A son of the late John and Mary Brinkley, of Suffolk, Nansemond County, Va., Mr. Brinkley was a well known business man of Plymouth and Murfreesboro, dividing his time between the two towns in looking after his business interests and assisting his son, who operates theatres at both places.

He was a member of the Plymouth Methodist church and was also affiliated with business organizations in Plymouth.

Mr. Brinkley is survived by his widow, Mrs. Gertrude Shepard Brinkley; two daughters, Mrs. Bernice Hammonds and Miss Marian Brinkley, of Murfreesboro; one son, J. Shepard Brinkley, Plymouth; two grandchildren, Mary Shepard and Patricia Newcombe Hammonds, of Murfreesboro; and one sister, Miss Margaret Jane Brinkley, of Suffolk.

County Board Takes Steps to Secure Two Added Jury Rooms

Also Seek Improvement of Folley Road To R. T. Chesson's Store

The Washington County Commissioners, at their regular meeting here Monday, requested Recorder John W. Darden and Mrs. Kathleen S. Nobles to vacate the offices they are now using in the courthouse in order to provide extra jury rooms for the Washington County Superior Court, in accordance with instructions issued by Judge Leo Carr, of Burlington, who presided over the court here last week.

This action was taken by the commissioners to provide two rooms for petit juries and a consultation room for lawyers and witnesses. Because of the crowded conditions in the courthouse last week, the presiding judge included in the court minutes a request to the commissioners to make several more rooms available.

The commissioners also decided to write Andrew Taylor, of Columbia, supervisor of the WPA, asking that agency to improve the Folley road from Highway No. 64 to R. T. Chesson's store on the Mackeys road.

T. C. Burgess With Furniture Company

The employment of T. C. Burgess, former merchant and business man, as general representative for the Plymouth Furniture Company has been announced by E. E. Harrell, owner.

Well known here as a businessman and civic worker, Mr. Burgess is a former member of the Town Council, at the present secretary of the Merchants association and Lions Club.

Mr. Burgess succeeds Grady Chesson, well known young man, who has resigned to accept an insurance job to be located in Ahoskie.

Johnny Everett will continue his connection with the firm.

Sunday Services At Baptist Church

Rev. P. B. NICKENS, Pastor All members of the church are asked to be present Sunday morning for a special service. At the morning hour the pastor will preach on the subject, "God's Plan for Giving." The pastor will also fill the pulpit at the evening hour, preaching upon an appropriate theme.

The revival spirit continues to move in our church and among our people. Last Sunday night, 13 young people were baptized, and on the previous Sunday 3 others had been received into the church.

We are indeed happy to have all these new members with us, and we feel that the church and community will be blessed.

Sunday school at 10 o'clock; worship services at 11 and 7:30; B. T. U. at 6:30; and prayer service Wednesday night at 7:30.

Bank, Post Office, and ABC Store Only Places Here To Observe Armistice Day

Armistice Day will pass without a celebration here Saturday, but the Branch Banking & Trust Company and the ABC store will be closed and the post office will operate on a schedule of reduced hours. It was learned this afternoon that the county courthouse offices would also be closed all day.

Because the schools will not be in session, preventing the gathering of the children, and also in view of the fact that Saturday is the busiest day of the week for most local people, the James E. Jethro Post of the American Legion will not stage its usual parade and program of exercises. Postmaster George W. Hardison stated that the post office

would receive and dispatch mail as usual and the stamp and general delivery windows will be open during the following hours: 8 to 10 a. m.; 12 to 2 p. m.; and 4:30 to 5:30 p. m. The postal official said there would be no rural or city deliveries, but patrons who usually receive their mail by these methods will be served if they present themselves at the office during the time the windows are open.

H. E. Beam, cashier of the local bank, advises local merchants to get their change needs on Friday, as the time lock on the vault will be set for Monday morning when the bank closes Friday, and it will be impossible to serve them Saturday.

Construction Work Is Halted at Pulp Plant

No Reason Assigned For Cessation Order Received Yesterday

Understood Not To Affect Two Buildings Already Well Under Way

Preliminary work on the machine and beater buildings and the extension to the wet room was abruptly suspended Wednesday upon instructions from the Kieckhefer Container Corporation at Delair, N. J., to officials of the William Muirhead Construction Company, which had the contract to erect these structures included in the expansion program at the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company here. Work on the bleacher and liquor plant foundations were continuing today on a small scale, as workmen awaited the arrival of steel for the bleacher building and arrangements were going forward for the pouring of cement on the liquor building.

Although there was no official announcement from the Kieckhefer company as to the reason for suspending work on the three finishing plant buildings, it was unofficially learned on fairly good authority that a large order for unfinished pulp had been received by the company, lessening the necessity for rushing the finishing units to completion. However, persons close to the company express the belief that the construction work on the entire project will go forward after a short time.

O. H. Cox, general manager, said today that he had not been officially notified of any change in plans of the expansion program, and that he was unable to make any statement regarding future construction activities. The pulp plant closed down Monday for periodic repairs and inspection, but Mr. Cox said it would resume operations Saturday morning.

Work is continuing on the filtering plant as usual, and although employees of the Muirhead company are more or less marking time today, they believe work on the bleaching room and liquor room buildings will be resumed and go forward without delay. It is also understood that a contract for the construction of a power house is to be let shortly.

Officials of the Kieckhefer Container Corporation were expected to be here sometime today for a conference on the construction of the additions to the plant.

When word came to the Muirhead officials here to reduce their crew, there were 82 persons on the pay roll and that number would have been increased greatly in the next day or two, as steel workers and brick masons, with their helpers, were beginning to come in.

G. G. Brooks, superintendent of the construction projects for the Muirhead company, arrived here only this week to take charge of the local work.

Impressive Service At Methodist Church

Under the direction of Mrs. W. F. Winslow, an impressive candlelight service was held in the Plymouth Methodist Church Sunday afternoon at 5:30, when the young peoples division presented a dramatic pageant entitled, "Love Never Faleth."

Ben Owens and Dale Johnson had leading parts in the pageant. Others participating included Lillian Read McGowan, Camille Burgess, Margaret Cooke, Mary Lillian Campbell, Roy Manning, Duncan Getsinger, Edward Willoughby, Mary Charlotte Jones, Luther Armstrong.

Special readings were given by Mrs. L. W. Zeigler. The church was decorated with chrysantheums presented by Dr. Claudius McGowan.

Day of Prayer Services at Creswell Next Tuesday

Creswell.—Day of Prayer services will be observed Tuesday afternoon and evening by members of the woman's auxiliaries of the M. E. and M. P. churches here.

The afternoon session will be held at the Methodist Episcopal church, when the subject for discussion, conducted by Mrs. R. L. Spruill, will be "Home Mission Work." The evening session will be held at the Methodist Protestant church with Mrs. C. N. Davenport, Sr., in charge of the discussion, the subject for which will be "Foreign Mission Work." All members of the auxiliaries are urged to attend these services.

First Tobacco Theft Reported in County

While tobacco thefts have been reported widely in other counties near by, the first case of this kind to come up this season in the Washington County recorder's court will be heard next Tuesday.

Ernest Thomas and Henry Thomas are charged with the theft of tobacco from H. C. Spruill, well-known local farmer. James D. Blount is charged with transporting the tobacco to the Planters Warehouse in Williamston, where it was sold. It is alleged that he knew when he was taking the tobacco to Williamston that it had been stolen.

The warrant charges Henry Thomas with selling two lots of the stolen tobacco, one bringing \$19.30 and the other \$2.80, and Ernest Thomas is charged with getting approximately \$11 for his basket.

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Boy Suffers Broken Leg When Struck by Hit-and-Run Driver

Jack Pierce Painfully Hurt In Accident Here Saturday Night

Local police and highway patrolmen are without a clue to the identity of a hit-and-run driver whose car struck Jack Pierce, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Pierce, Saturday night on Highway No. 64 near the Gulf bulk plant. Young Pierce, who suffered a broken right leg and severe bruises, was reported today to be steadily improving at a Rocky Mount hospital, to which he was removed shortly after the accident.

Corporal Tom Brown, of the Highway Patrol, said efforts were still being made to identify the driver of the car, although the officers were without a single clue at this time. Walking on the extended portion of the paved highway near the Gulf plant, on his way home, young Pierce said he did not see the car, which pulled from behind another car back of him, until it was right on him. The driver yelled to him to get out of the way, and he jumped, but the car struck his right foot before he could clear the roadway.

Young Pierce hailed the car of Hubert Britton, who was passing, and the latter brought him to Dr. Bray, who rendered first aid and sent the boy to a Rocky Mount hospital for further treatment. The spunky youth chatted with visitors in the physicians office, explaining how the accident occurred, while Dr. Bray was giving him an examination and treatment. A slight rain and fog made it impossible for anyone to get the license number of the hit-and-run car.

When the boy was struck, the shoe on his right foot was knocked off and has not yet been recovered. Investigating officers said the shoe was either picked up by a later passer-by or became lodged on the car that struck him and was carried off by it. The accident occurred about 9 o'clock.

Two Cases Tried by Recorder Tuesday

Recorder's court attaches were busy until 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, although only two cases were tried, with about five being continued until next week.

Spear Pittman Lynch, 52, colored, of Edenton, appealed from a verdict of \$25 and costs assessed against him on a charge of reckless driving. This case was from the outgrowth of an accident on the Albemarle Sound bridge road about 10 days ago, in which the car of Charles Cahoon was involved.

Charles Thomas Gurkin, 24, white, charged with reckless driving had his case suspended upon payment of the costs.

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This drill period will be held especially for preparation of the combined bands from the several towns for an appearance in Ahoskie on Friday November 24, when the juvenile musicians will play for an affair in the Hertford County capital. It was expected that the Ahoskie appearance would find at least 82 high school band members from Edenton, Columbia, Ahoskie, Plymouth and other places nearby participating.

Those chosen to perform in the combined unit from the local band are as follows: Harry McLean, Jack Stubbs, cornet; Douglas Gurkin, Jackborne Dunbar, Mary Lillian Campbell, Gertrude Woolard, clarinets; Mary Charlotte Jones, Zeb Norman, Lorraine Jackson, Harry Garrett, saxophone; Brinson Cox, bass; Carolyn Byrd, alto; Phil Liverman, trombone.