

W. Blount Rodman, an associate in the law offices of Z. V. Norman here, returned this week from the maneuvers of the 113th Field Artillery of the National Guard, which were in progress last week. He went with the Washington, N. C., unit.

Little Miss Betty Jean Jackson, daughter of Mrs. Blanche Jackson, sang very beautifully at the Tom Thumb wedding given for the second time at the high school building on Monday night. Others in the cast also gave splendid renditions of their parts.

Edmund G. Harding, executive secretary of the Washington, N. C., chamber of commerce, here yesterday to confer with John W. Darden, of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce, said he expected to bring a large crowd here Monday from Washington to take part in the celebration.

Milton Newberry, former resident now retired from the government Civil Service, with his wife, were here this week visiting relatives and friends. They left for Edenton and Washington, D. C., where they will visit before going to Florida for the winter.

Mrs. Mary F. Darden, home demonstration agent, left Tuesday for Richfield, where she attended the funeral of her grandfather, P. R. Misenheimer, who died at his home there Monday night at the age of 81 years.

A conference is to be held some time this week between Bishop W. W. Peale and the Rev. B. B. Slaughter, superintendent of the Elizabeth City District, to determine what constitutes the charge here of the Rev. O. L. Hardwick, who was assigned to the pastorate of the Plymouth Methodist church at the conference in Fayetteville week before last.

Edmund G. Harding, entertainer and speaker of Washington, N. C., who has been sick, is able to be about his duties again as executive secretary of the Washington Chamber of Commerce, and he said this week he expected to be here Monday to attend the road opening celebration with the delegation from Beaufort County.

A. J. Riddle, a member of the Town Council, is at his old home near the Virginia-Tennessee boundary, the name of the town being unknown here, for the Thanksgiving holidays. It is his first trip back home in several years.

Peanut Situation Is Discussed at Meet of Farm Bureau Here

Necessity of Halting Acreage Increases Expressed By Speakers

Thirty members of the Washington County Farm Bureau heard three speakers discuss the conditions facing farmers of this section last Friday night at the agriculture building here, but no definite action was taken to remedy the conditions existing, especially in regard to peanuts.

J. H. Broome, of Aurora, spoke at length on the conservation program, but paid little attention to the peanut situation except to mention the grave situation that exists because of the increased acreage during the past few years.

T. B. Brandon, farm agent of Martin County, spoke on general farm problems. It was left to Mr. Debnam, of Edenton, a representative of the North Carolina Peanut Stabilization Cooperative, to tell the farmers present that unless the acreage expansion was arrested there would be no Federal aid through the cooperative for the 1940 crop.

The discussion failed to bring any action by the small group of farmers present, but it is understood the American Farm Bureau Federation is making an effort to prevent acreage expansion and to persuade the government to continue the operation of the cooperative, which diverts all the peanuts delivered to it to oil mills, removing them from the regular channels of trade.

Collection of Toys for Distribution To Needy Will Be Considered by Firemen

Although no definite decision had been reached today by the members of the Plymouth Volunteer Fire Department, it is understood they are considering collection of old toys to be repaired and painted for distribution among Washington County needy children at Christmas. Members of the department have been doing this work for several years past.

As their contribution to the lightening of heavy hearts and preventing the sadness of disappointed children on Christmas day, the firemen last year "renewed scores of discarded toys

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SPEAKERS AT ROAD CELEBRATION MONDAY



Zeb Vance Norman, representing Mayor B. G. Campbell, of Plymouth, and Mayor Ralph H. Hodges, of Washington, are two of the speakers who will be heard at the road celebration here next Monday afternoon.

Resume Construction Work at Pulp Plant

TO SPEAK HERE



Representative Lindsay Warren, of Washington, will be the principal speaker at the exercises celebrating the opening of the new Washington road Monday.

Plan Now To Double Present Capacity of 225 Tons Pulp Daily

Contractor Resumes Work On Buildings Originally Planned This Week

Increased demands for sulphate pulp, with the accompanying price rise for the product, due largely to conditions brought about by the European war, have influenced officials of the North Carolina Pulp Company to contract this week for additions to the local plant which will double its present capacity of 225 tons of air-dried pulp daily.

O. H. Cox, general manager of the plant, said Wednesday morning that work would proceed immediately on the construction of the additional buildings needed to house the equipment to be installed and there was much activity at the plant, where several buildings are already under construction.

Equipment to be installed include lime kilns, steaming boiler, an additional recovery boiler and additional digesters, which will step production up from 225 tons of air-dried sulphate pulp daily to 450 tons daily. However, it was said, no paper-making or board machines are to be installed at this time, although they may come later.

Plans for the original expansion program, work on which began about the middle of October and was curtailed a few weeks later, have been altered to provide for doubling the pulp capacity immediately and installation of finishing equipment later. Originally, it was planned to put in a finishing plant without increasing the capacity. The buildings called for in the contract let early in October are to be constructed by the William Muirhead Construction Company, of Durham, which has already poured the concrete foundations for two of them and was surveying and staking off the property yesterday for the others.

The two buildings under construction are for the bleacher and liquor rooms. When word to resume work on the entire program was received this week, the Muirhead employees began surveys to break ground for the buildings originally planned to house the finishing department, including an addition to the present wet room, machine room and heater. A filtering plant is being built by the Rohleder construction company, and it is understood a boiler room building is also to be built, the contract for which has not yet been let.

No figures were available as to the number of regular employees to be added to handle the doubled output, but nearly 300 men are employed at the plant now. The added capacity will call for double the amount of pulpwood now being required.

Voting Places for Cotton Referendum Announced

Voting places for the cotton referendum, to be held on Saturday, December 9, have been designated for farmers of Washington County, it was announced today by County Agent W. V. Hays. The three voting places are: agriculture building in Plymouth; Raymond Tarkenton's place in Roper; and W. D. Phelps' store in Creswell. Ballots will be cast by the growers to make it known whether they are in favor of compulsory acreage control for cotton and to ask for marketing quotas on the staple.

Bus Service by New Washington Road to Be Effective Friday

Number Changes Are Made In Schedule; Seven Buses Daily

Passenger bus service will be inaugurated over the newly opened paved road from Plymouth to Washington Friday morning, when the bus of the Norfolk Southern Bus Corporation begins its regular run from Norfolk through Plymouth to Washington.

There will be two buses each day to reach here from Norfolk under the new schedule, at 10:50 a. m. and 5:20 p. m.; two buses from Washington to Norfolk will arrive here daily, at 6:50 a. m. and 6:25 p. m. On the Williamston-Columbia run, the 11:40 bus will be discontinued except on Saturdays and Sundays; the bus from Columbia to Williamston will arrive here at 10:05 a. m.; and the Williamston to Columbia bus will arrive here at 9:20 p. m. In addition, a bus will be operated between here and Williamston, arriving here from that point at 6:25 p. m., and returning 5 minutes later, leaving at 6:30. On Saturdays and Sundays another Williamston-Columbia bus will arrive here at 11:40 a. m., and on the return trip from Columbia to Williamston it is due here at 1:50 p. m.

The new schedule will bring seven buses here daily, including traffic from four directions, while on Saturdays and Sundays there will be nine buses each day, which should make the local station a busy place indeed.

P. M. Arps, local bus station agent, said he had not been advised as to how the new schedule would affect Joe Smith, bus driver, who has been making the run from here to Pea Ridge.

NEW MINISTER



The Rev. O. L. Hardwick, formerly of Raleigh, who arrived here last week to assume his duties as pastor of the local Methodist church.

Masonic Banquet Tuesday Night Is Largely Attended

State Grand Master Speaks At Observance of 128th Anniversary Here

More than 100 persons attended the banquet held in the community house here Tuesday night, when the 128th anniversary of the founding of Perseverance Lodge, No. 59, A. F. and A. M., was celebrated, with J. Edward Allen, of Warrenton, Grand Master of Masons in North Carolina, as the principal speaker.

W. L. Whitley presented the grand master, who spoke at length on Masonic activities. J. W. Darden presided and presented H. H. McLean, present master of the local lodge, who said that his three ambitions when he was elected to the office was to have all past masters' pictures framed and hung on the walls of the lodge, to perfect the organization of an Easter Star chapter, and to have the grand master present at the annual banquet—and that all three of them had been achieved.

Instrumental numbers were rendered by Harry McLean, L. W. Zeigler, Mary Lillian Campbell, Vance Norman, members of the high school band, and Mary Charlotte Jones sang. The Masons and their ladies assembled at the community hall, where a turkey dinner was served by the Woman's Club. The Masons officially opened the lodge meeting at their hall on the corner of Water and Jefferson Streets prior to the banquet. Mrs. W. C. Jones, as matron of the Eastern Star chapter here, explained the work being done by that organization. It was said that J. R. Campbell was the only master to serve in the office (Continue on page four)

Plans Complete for Celebration of Road Opening Monday; Parade to Open Program Here in Afternoon

Thanksgiving Day Being Observed as General Holiday Throughout County

Thanksgiving Day will be observed as a general holiday throughout Washington County Thursday, and while there are no special programs for the day, different organizations will observe the occasion in various ways.

Practically all the stores and business establishments will be closed, including the Branch Banking & Trust Company, the ABC store, the post office, and county and town offices. Mail will be received and put in boxes and rural deliveries will be made, but there will be no city delivery, it was stated Wednesday.

The churches in Plymouth are mostly having their Thanksgiving services Wednesday night, with the exception of the Grace Episcopal church, where the Rev. Mr. Matthews will conduct services at 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

In the realm of sports, it is possible a special golf tournament will be played if a sufficient number of participants show up, according to the professional. The high school here has closed its football season, and there will be no game. Many hunters will take to the fields and woods, the open season on quail beginning that day, and a number of football enthusiasts are planning to attend college games at various places.

Stores Here Prepare For Christmas Rush

Windows Taking on Yuletide Aspect; To Light Streets Friday

Early Shoppers Are Having Gifts Laid Away Until Christmas

Business took an upward spurt here this week, as colder weather and the nearness of Christmas hold of shoppers visiting the well-filled stores to begin choosing clothing and gifts from the large stocks, many of the gift items being put away by the merchants to be called for before Christmas.

The vari-colored Christmas street lights, which lend a Yuletide atmosphere to the shopping district, were being strung along the wires today, and will be turned on either Friday or Saturday night, according to Chief of Police P. W. Brown, who is in charge of the work.

There are over 700 of the colored lights, which form a canopy over two blocks of Water Street and one block of Washington Street, with a design topped by a large star over the community building brilliant with lights. This year Chief Brown may put colored lights on the town water tank.

A canvass of the stores made this week convince a reporter that the merchants were preparing their Christmas displays, and in many places bundles have already been laid away with the owners' names on them awaiting the gift season, as the early shoppers took advantage of the plentiful array of Christmas merchandise.

Toy stores here have prepared their displays, as well as those other stores which will feature more practical gifts. Green and red crepe paper, holly and mistletoe are being used profusely in providing interior decorations; and, all in all, the Christmas shopping season should be in full swing here by next week.

The pick-up in business is expected to show steady gains from now on, as more and more folks in the rural sections are disposing of their peanuts and other cash crops and are taking an inventory of their needs for Christmas and the winter months. And in every store where this Christmas merchandise is being offered, the shoppers are asking for their tickets, which entitle them to the opportunity of winning one of the four mid-week prizes, the \$100 grand prize or one of the four \$25 cash prizes to be given away on Monday, December 27 at 3 p. m.

Chapel Hill Sunday School Is Organized

A Sunday school was organized last Sunday afternoon at the Chapel Hill Schoolhouse near Plymouth by Rev. P. B. Nickens, pastor of the Plymouth Baptist Church, and J. E. Westray, of Roper, superintendent of the Baptist Sunday school there.

Mr. Westray was made superintendent of the school and Bible class teacher. Sam Styons was elected secretary and treasurer, with Mrs. W. W. Latham teaching the young people and Mrs. Sam Styons teaching the intermediate class. Mrs. Swain is teaching the primary group. Sunday school will be held each Sunday afternoon at 2:30. Last Sunday, the second meeting, there were 63 present.

Lindsay Warren To Be Main Speaker at Meeting in Theatre

Second Part of Program To Be Held in Washington Monday Night

Finals plans had been made today for the exercises to be held in Plymouth and Washington Monday celebrating the formal opening of the last stretch of hard-surfaced highway linking together the capitals of Washington and Beaufort Counties. About 1,500 persons are expected to attend the exercises, which get underway here at 2 o'clock, with a number of dignitaries from the two counties participating in the event.

Such notables as Congressman Lindsay Warren, E. V. Webb, district highway commissioner, Chester Hawkins, a representative of the Norfolk Southern Bus Corporation, Osbourne Puckett, a representative of William F. Bowe, jr., road contractor who finished the project, Fred P. Latham, Belhaven farmer, and many others will participate in the speechmaking.

Space will be reserved on Washington Street here for the group from Washington to park their cars, and Chief of Police P. W. Brown says that all local cars must be removed from this area between 1 and 4 o'clock. He further asks that flags be placed on display in the down-town area and requests residents to decorate their cars with signs, placards, flags and bunting. Every effort will be made to give the town a festive appearance.

John W. Darden, secretary of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce, and chairman of the committee for arrangement of the Plymouth exercises, today announced a program that is sure to draw hundreds of persons here, and at 8 o'clock that night the Washington organization will put on its program, featuring a parade, special addresses and other events.

Parade at 1:30 P. M. The program as announced by the committee on arrangements, including Mr. Darden, Z. V. Norman, W. H. Paramore and P. W. Brown, calls for the local Boy Scouts, Plymouth and Washington High School bands, possibly a unit of the National Guard, school children and others to participate in a parade, which is to be formed at the high school building at 1:30 o'clock. After marching down town, the bands and guardsmen are to stage drills of various kinds.

Assembling at the Plymouth Theatre at 2 o'clock, the crowd will hear Former Representative Z. V. Norman with her aunt, Mrs. E. F. Thomas. (Continue on page four)

CHAIRMAN



John W. Darden, secretary of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce, is chairman of the committee on arrangements for the road celebration to be held here Monday.

From Gadsden, Ala. Miss Mary Emma Edmondson, of Gadsden, Ala., is spending some here with her aunt, Mrs. E. F. Thomas.

Afternoon Program

Celebrating the Completion and Formal Opening of Highway No. 97 From Washington to Plymouth — Monday, December 4, 1939

- 1:30—Scouts, Bands, Children and possibly a unit of the National Guard will leave the School Building to parade down-town to front of Community Building.
- 2:00—Assemble at Plymouth Theatre for exercises:
 - Welcome: Z. V. Norman, representing Mayor B. G. Campbell, of Plymouth.
 - Response: Mayor Ralph Hodges, of Washington, N. C.
 - Address: Representative Lindsay C. Warren.
- Short Addresses:
 - W. B. Rodman, president of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce.
 - J. R. Campbell, Chairman of Washington County Board of Commissioners.
 - W. L. Whitley, past president, representing the Plymouth Lions Club.
 - J. R. Manning, president of the Plymouth Merchants Association.
 - Edmund Harding, secretary of the Washington, N. C., Chamber of Commerce.
 - E. V. Webb, Kingston, district commissioner, State Highway and Public Works Commission.
 - Chester Hawkins, an official of the Norfolk Southern Bus Corporation.
 - Osbourne Puckett, representative of William F. Bowe, jr., road contractor.
- Others to be recognized include Mayor Harvey, of Belhaven; Fred P. Latham, of Belhaven; mayors of Edenton, Hertford, Columbia, Williamston, Elizabeth City; Representative W. M. Darden and Former Senator Carl L. Bailey, of Plymouth.
- 4:00—Adjournment.
- 6:00—Formation of motorcade to leave here for Washington, where the final exercises of the celebration will be held, beginning at 8 p. m.

Ask for Tickets With Each \$1.00 Purchase When Buying in Plymouth and Attend Weekly Drawings