

Included among the officials guests here from Washington Monday for the highway-opening celebration were T. B. Attmore, member of the State School Commission; the Rev. Stephen Gardner, Episcopal rector; C. H. Sterling, chairman of the Beaufort County Board of Commissioners; Captain E. P. Meredith, of the North Carolina National Guard; Herbert Bonner, secretary of Congressman Lindsay Warren; F. F. Steib, band director; and L. B. Wickersham, vice president of the Norfolk Southern Bus Corporation.

The Plymouth Woman's Club is offering a \$3 first prize and a \$2 second prize for the most attractively decorated home, as seen from the street, during the Yuletide season. These decorations must be up by December 17.

W. R. Hampton, C. L. Bailey and W. V. Hays attended the Good Neighbor Dinner in Elizabeth City Monday night, when Strickland Gillilan was the principal speaker. There were over 400 persons present at the banquet, which was sponsored by a civic organization.

"Happy" Edmund Woodson, well-known local colored man, brought to the office this week a published map of the world, which listed only two towns in North Carolina, Plymouth and Wilmington, along with Norfolk and Richmond in Virginia. It was published by an organization known as Geographia's. "Happy" is now looking for K. D. Worrell, of Williamston, to ask him to point out where he lives on this map.

Bear hunters here this week included Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Camp, of Spring Lake, N. J., and their son, Raymond Camp, fishing and hunting editor of the New York Times; Congressman E. B. Wolfenden, of Upper Darby, Pa., and other out-of-state persons.

W. R. Hampton, a member of the State Board of Conservation and Development, suffered a fall in the bathroom at his home Tuesday night, and he was painfully injured about the forehead and chin when his head struck the bathtub.

In the heart of the Christmas shopping season, Sam Adler is starting a sale Saturday morning to make available hundreds of bargains to shoppers who wish to give clothing for gifts and make their purchases at a saving right here at home.

Junior Class Play Is Set for Friday

The Junior Class of the Plymouth High School will present a comedy entitled "Two Days to Marry," in the school auditorium here Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

The plot of the story revolves about a happy-go-lucky man of the world who is to come into possession of a fortune on his 28th birthday, provided he is married by that time. By chance this clause in the will is overlooked until only two days before his birthday. His lawyer agrees to fix things up for him and many comical situations follow.

The cast includes Jane Read, Elaine Odenath, Thelma Sykes, Duncan Getsinger, Ducky Lloyd, Harry Garrett, and Freeman Allen. Miss Irene Dixon is directing the play.

Town Council Will Hold Postponed Meet Monday

The Town Council will meet next Monday night for their monthly session, which was postponed on account of the celebration held here and in Washington last Monday. Mayor B. G. Campbell urges a full attendance by the councilmen.

Life of Congressman "No Bed of Roses" During Past Ten Years, Lindsay Warren Says While on Visit Here Last Monday

Series of National Emergencies and Hounding by Job-Seekers Gives Representatives in Congress But Little Time for Relaxation

You can take it from Representative Lindsay C. Warren, of the First North Carolina Congressional District—and he really should know—that the life of a member of the national legislative body has not been a "bed of roses" during the past 10 years.

In Plymouth Monday to attend and take part in the celebration of the formal opening of the Plymouth-Washington highway, Mr. Warren said that during the past decade the Congress had been confronted with one emergency right after another almost continuously, and that the problems presented called for steady application and clear thinking on the part of the members.

Widely known as "the sweetheart of the first district," Mr. Warren has gained national recognition for his ability and willingness to put in long hours of work in handling national legislation. He is one of the few men in either house who commands the respect and confidence of not only the Republican and Democratic members but also the administration and anti-administration forces, the make-

Outlook for Needy Children in County Not So Bright and Christmas Nearing

Fire Department and American Legion Post Will Consider Sponsoring Distribution of Repaired Toys and Baskets of Food To Indigent Again This Year; Decision May Be Reached at Their Meetings Friday Night

Just what will be done by local organizations to provide a measure of Christmas cheer this year hangs in the balance today, as members of the Plymouth Volunteer Fire Department and the American Legion post have reached no definite decision about the matter.

Members of the fire department are handicapped in making distribution of the toys and baskets, as most of their membership is employed in local stores and business establishments and are unable to get away from their work on Christmas Eve, when deliveries should be made. The local American Legion post is now defendant in a suit brought against

it as the result of an auto accident which occurred to one of its workers when the baskets and gifts were being delivered last Christmas.

Neither organization has definitely decided not to take a hand in the community effort to provide a measure of cheer for the unfortunates of the county at Christmas, but the time is growing short, and unless a decision is reached within the next few days it will be too late to make an organized effort such as has been the case in former years.

It is understood the firemen will be glad to donate their time to repairing and painting the old toys donated by citizen of the community, but they are hesitant in undertaking

this phase of the work until some arrangements can be made for the deliveries. Last year the American Legion handled the distribution task in its entirety.

Both organizations will meet Friday night, and it is likely the entire matter will be threshed out by that time. Other clubs and organizations are expected to proffer their cooperation if the firemen and legionnaires will head up the work. Certainly, in a town this size, some organized movement should be undertaken to care for the unfortunates who will have nothing to look forward to at Christmas time otherwise.

Yuletide Lights and Decorations Add To Attractions of Town

Street Lights Turned On Friday; Many Displays In Store Windows

Retail business in the down-town area was reported to be steadily increasing daily, as Christmas street lights and window displays in the stores emphasize the approach of the Yuletide season. The many varicolored lights forming a canopy over Washington and Waters streets were turned on last Friday night, and visitors and townfolk are delighted with the appearance created. Chief of Police P. W. Brown and his assistants, who strung the 700 lights in the business section and decorated the market building facing Washington Street, have been highly praised for their efforts.

The community building is topped by a large triangle surrounding a cross and the whole surmounted by a star, all worked out in electric lights. A silver-sprayed Christmas tree on each side of the design adds much to its beauty.

The store windows are being filled with suggested gift items, Christmas trees, colors, and decorations being used to add attractiveness to the displays.

More and more people are beginning to do their shopping here, one of the merchants stating early this week that he had already laid away more merchandise up to this time than was usual. Early shopping is the order of the day, and those who make their purchases now are assured of a wider selection and more complete stocks than those who wait until the last minute.

Three-Year-Old Creswell Boy Died Last Saturday

Creswell.—Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon for Julian Ray Gibbs, three-year-old son of Mrs. Myrtle Craddock Gibbs, who died Saturday in a Columbia hospital. The last rites were held at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Craddock. Interment took place in the family cemetery near Cherry.

Surviving, besides his mother, are two brothers, Harold and Carl; and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Craddock and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gibbs.

County School Children To Get Nearly Two Weeks for Christmas This Year

The closing date for the public schools in Washington County to recess for the Christmas holidays was fixed at Thursday, December 21, by the board of education in session here Monday. The board then decided to give the school children a "break," by extending the holiday season three days, setting the date for reopening on Thursday, January 4, thus allowing one day short of two weeks for the holiday instead of the 10 days first considered. The half year's work will be fully concluded before the holidays due to the earlier opening date last fall. Unless it is decided to observe Easter Monday as a holiday next

spring, the closing date for the schools has been tentatively set for April 24.

J. R. Carr, a patron of the Plymouth school, appeared before the board, asking that the short schedule for rainy days be eliminated at that school; but the board decided, since all the members were not acquainted with local problems, to leave the matter to the Plymouth school board to be acted upon.

Within a short time, it is expected the Plymouth school committee, composed of Frank L. Willmetts, chairman, and Mr. Carr, will meet to study Mr. Carr's request and render a decision on it.

Construction Work Is Progressing Rapidly

New License Tags Make Appearance

A score or more new automobile license plates are to be seen on cars parked along the streets of Plymouth this week, as residents of Washington County begin the purchase of tags, which must be on all motor vehicles in the State by January 1, 1940. The sale began only last Friday.

The new plates were purchased in either Edenton or Williamston where branch bureaus have been established, with a few being ordered by mail from Raleigh.

Last year no extension of time was given for purchasing the new plates, and Corporal T. B. Brown of the Highway Patrol said today it was his opinion the same rulings would be enforced beginning January 1.

Four Winners Get Total of \$30 Prizes In Draw This Week

Mrs. David Brown, Mrs. O. R. Leggett Get \$10 Each; Two Others Win \$5

With stubs in the container representing about \$17,000 spent with participating local merchants in the past week, four persons found themselves \$30 wealthier here Wednesday afternoon, when the eighth drawing in the business-building campaign being conducted by local merchants was held.

Mrs. David Brown, with a ticket from Byrd's Clothing Store, won the first \$10, while Mrs. O. R. Leggett claimed the second \$10 with a ticket from Williford's Yellow Front Market. Mrs. L. R. Swain was holding Mrs. Leggett's ticket.

Mrs. John Carlisle was awarded the first \$5 prize with a ticket from the Water Street Service Station; and D. W. Chism with a ticket from Williford's Yellow Front Market, took the final \$5 award.

There were four little tots to draw the winning numbers from the box this week, including Carolyn Ayers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ayers; Francis Hohl, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hohl; Edgar William Ditsworth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Ditsworth; Phyllis Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Jackson.

There remains only two more mid-week drawings before December 27, when awarding of the \$200 in grand prizes to five persons will close the campaign.

Number Employees Added To Payrolls By Contractor Firms

Structural Steel Work Begun Tuesday; Review Of Activities

Construction work moved forward rapidly this week at the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company, where extensive additions are being made to double the capacity of the local mill. Many new workers have been added to the payrolls of the firms laying the foundations, erecting the structural steel, and building the large tanks that are underway.

The William Muirhead Construction Company now has about 60 men on its payroll, it is understood, and the Bethelheim Steel Corporation, which is erecting the structural steel and constructing tanks, has around 40 more, making a total of 100 men employed in this phase of the work. Charles Rohleder, of Philadelphia, also has a large crew of work on the filtration plant.

Steel work on the bleacher building began Tuesday, and five of the ten foundations have been poured for the large tanks, with crews now busy erecting tanks on three of the foundations. Concrete work on the bleacher building was completed today and foundations were being poured for a better building. Observers said today it was understood work was moving rapidly on the bleacher building, bleacher-liquor building, and excavations are being made for a better room and machine room.

It is understood that the company has not yet let the contract for construction of a large power building under consideration, and the addition to the wet-machine room is also being held in abeyance.

With announcements last week that buildings would be erected for doubling the pulp capacity, it is believed the local plant will be one of the largest sulphate-pulp plants in the South when the work now underway is completed, probably sometime next summer.

Annual Christmas Seal Sale Now in Progress

The annual sale of Red Cross Christmas seals, proceeds from which are to be used in continuing the fight against tuberculosis, began here this week, with school children and others offering the seals to the public. Hundreds have been sold, and the school children and other organizations will continue the campaign until Christmas.

1,300 Persons Attend Road Celebration in Plymouth Monday

Lindsay Warren Speaks at Theatre; Parade Center Of Attraction

A crowd estimated at 1,300 persons swarmed into Plymouth last Monday to attend the exercises attendant upon the formal opening of the hard-surfaced route No. 97 from Plymouth to Washington, with Congressman Lindsay C. Warren addressing the few who attended the program in the Plymouth Theatre.

The Representative in a short and impressive talk, reviewed the efforts which had been made over a period of 18 years to get this highway surfaced, explaining that he differed with the State Highway and Public Works Commission in their allocation of funds for road work on the basis of population, traffic and other methods for highway development, stating that he thought needed roads in many cases were in sparsely populated areas.

He also said this road linked together two counties that were already in unity politically, socially, industrially and from a trade standpoint.

Features of the outdoor activities included a parade of school children, led by the Plymouth and Washington High School bands, Boy Scouts, and Battery C of the 113th Field Artillery of the National Guard, which placed a field gun in position for firing.

Those who entered the theatre to hear Congressman Warren's address and the other speeches were given a treat in the short talks made by J. R. Campbell, county commissioner; W. Elout Rodman, chamber of commerce president; W. R. Hampton, member of the Board of Conservation and Development; Edmund G. Harding, secretary of the Washington Chamber of Commerce; Mayor Ralph Hodges, of Washington; and Z. V. Norman, who made the address of welcome as representative of Mayor B. G. Campbell, of Plymouth, also present on the speakers' platform. John W. Darden presided.

At the night program in Washington, about 100 persons from here attended to see the parade of the two bands and Santa Claus arrive in a fireman's truck. The program started early and by the time it was scheduled to begin the 1,500 person there had disbanded and returned to their homes.

School Authorities Seeking To Reduce Number of Failures

Figures for Last Term Show 283 Failures Out of 1,458 Enrolled in County

School officials in Washington County today are seeking to reduce the number of failures among the students which last year was given at 17 percent of the total daily enrollment in the three large white schools.

With a total daily enrollment last year of 1,458 white children there were 263 failures who this year became repeaters because they could not leave the grade in which they were taught last year.

Officials know that naturally some children are not as apt as others in grasping their information but they are determined to provide the essentials of class room equipment, to have comfortable rooms with the proper amount of school time for recitals and study.

The Roper school with 83 failures out of a total daily enrollment of 377 had the largest percentage of failures with 22 while the Creswell school with 486 children had 98 failures giving them a percentage of 20. With improved facilities this year it is predicted that both of the schools will reduce the repeaters this year.

Plymouth with the largest enrollment of 595 last year had 82 failures with a 11 percent of repeaters. This year it is expected that this number will be reduced as the teachers and school officials cooperate with the parents in decreasing the failures.

These figures are not alarming as they compare somewhat favorable with schools elsewhere but the officials are determined to see that every effort is made to make studying easy for the children and to attract their interest in school work.

Service Station Robbed Here Wednesday Night

Thieves forced an entrance through a side window at the Esso Service Station here Wednesday night and escaped with loot valued at \$100. No one heard any noise, and Ed Jackson, manager of the station, and C. E. Ayers, distributor, who has charge of the place, could not tell what time the robbery occurred.

Candy, four tires, 10 cartons of cigarettes, a quantity of anti-freeze, two slot machines and other articles were missing. There was no clue to the perpetrators.

Commissioners Name Officials for Handling 1940 Tax-Listing Job

Don't Forget Your Local Merchants

With the Christmas shopping season now in full blast, everyone is reminded and urged to take advantage of the opportunities offered right here in Plymouth by the local merchants before going elsewhere to make gift purchases.

This year local stores have a more elaborate display of toys for the children than ever before, numerous gifts for father, mother, brother, and sister, and the prices are in line with the same quality of products offered anywhere.

With only 14 shopping days to go, plan now to trade at home and make this a strictly community Christmas. Remember the local merchants now, just as they are always remembered whenever a contribution is needed for community betterment.

Will Get Under Way January 1; Name E. F. Swain Supervisor

Time for Listing Changed From April to January at Last Legislature

Under the terms of the law enacted by the last session of the North Carolina General Assembly tax listing for 1940 will take place during the month of January, and the Washington County commissioners in session here Monday appointed the personnel to handle this work next month. Heretofore, tax listing has always been done during the month of April with property holdings as of April 1 being recorded.

At the meeting Monday, Commissioner E. F. Swain, of Creswell, was again named supervisor, which position he filled last April, and the following township list takers were appointed: H. C. Spruill, Plymouth; P. B. Belanga, Seppermong; E. M. Chesson, Lees Mills; Walter W. White, Skippersville.

It is understood that the commissioners are not permitted, under the new law, to extend the time for listing after January 31, and the commissioners hope that as the entire month will be devoted to the listing task the work will be completed in the appointed time.

A committee, composed of P. W. Brinkley, E. B. Ferebee and J. E. Davenport, looked over several tracts of land owned by the county near Wenona, and they reported that the land was worth the tax money with the exception of two tracts, which the county sold to E. B. Ferebee. Z. V. Norman entered a bid of \$781.16 on two tracts. One bid was accepted.

Resolutions were passed requesting the State Highway and Public Works Commission to maintain the old Garrett's Island road and a portion of the Lake Shore Drive.

Daly and Pettigrew Historical Markers Erected in County

Daly Marker Is Placed on Main Street Here; Other Near Creswell

Employees of the State Highway and Public Works Commission erected two more historical markers in Washington County Wednesday.

The first, placed on Main Street in front of the S. A. Ward home, reads as follows: "Augustin Daly, playwright, dramatic critic, theatrical producer and actor, was born July 20, 1838, in a house which stood 300 feet north of here."

The second marker, placed on highway 64, near Creswell, reads as follows: "James Johnston Pettigrew, Confederate general, famed for charge at Gettysburg, his grave is 8 miles south."

Both of the signs carried the name of the State Historical Commission at the bottom. An interested observer when the marker was erected here was John W. Darden, who wrote an article one year ago almost to the very date concerning the 100th anniversary of Daly's birth here, and it was this article which was largely instrumental in having the marker set up.

Sylvester Gibbs Dies At Home in Hyde

Middletown.—Funeral services were held Thursday for Sylvester Gibbs, 64, who died suddenly Wednesday while being rushed to a physician. The Rev. A. B. Crocker, Christian minister, officiated, and interment took place in the Twiford cemetery.

Seized by pains in the chest while repairing a poultry house for a farmer near Engelhard, Mr. Gibbs died in a short time.

Surviving are two sons, Bernice Gibbs, of Engelhard, and Jennie Gibbs, of Norfolk.

Aged Hyde County Man Died Tuesday

Middletown.—Funeral services were conducted at the home of a son, T. C. Gibbs, at Middletown, in Hyde County, Wednesday afternoon for Thomas Gibbs, 85, who died Tuesday afternoon after a short illness. The services were conducted by the Rev. C. K. Wright, assisted by the Rev. A. B. Crocker. Interment took place in the Twiford cemetery at Engelhard.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Oscar Midgett, South Creek; Mrs. Arnold Swindell, Engelhard; Mrs. Joshua Swindell, Engelhard; Mrs. James Midgett, Middletown; four sons, T. C. Gibbs, Middletown; Herbert Gibbs, New Holland; Herman Gibbs, Bath; Corbin Gibbs, Middletown; 40 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

Golf Movie To Be Shown At Country Club Monday

No admission charge will be made for the presentation of the talking movie of high spots in the Master's Open Golf Tournament held in Augusta, Ga., last spring, which is to be shown at the Plymouth Country Club Monday by the Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, of Williamston.

Raymond R. Camp, Hunting and Fishing Editor of New York Times, Fails To Get Shot at Bear on Hunt Near Here Tuesday

However, Noted Writer and Radio Speaker Says He Enjoyed Hunt Despite Lack of Success; Commends Work of State Publicity Division

Methods of bear hunting vary in the various sections of the country, according to Raymond R. Camp, hunting and fishing editor of the New York Times and author of a number of outdoor books, who was in Plymouth Tuesday to take part in a hunt near here. He was with a party led by Officer Paul Basnight, and although they had a pack of 20 hounds and found plenty of fresh bear tracks, not a one was jumped and no one had an opportunity to shoot.

The failure to kill a bear did not detract from the pleasure of the trip, Mr. Camp said, explaining that he enjoyed hunting for the sport itself, even if he was not always successful in bagging game. He said most of his bear hunting had been done in the Catskill Mountains of New York, where the animals are stalked or "still-hunted," and trailing the beasts with dogs, as they do in this part of the country was a new experience for him.

Although he has visited the South many times, the hospitality of the section continues to impress the visitor from the North, and he stated that the novelty of the courtesies extended by the people of Dixie always makes him want to come again.

The noted writer has recently completed a book entitled "All Seasons Afield," which has been read by many North Carolinians, and his radio talks over nation-wide networks have added to his renown.

The Times has used considerable publicity from the State about hunting and fishing, prepared by Bill Sharpe, director of the advertising division of the Department of Conservation and Development. Mr. Camp was warm in his praise of the work of this organization and came here to see W. R. Hampton, a board member.