

Approximately \$100 in damage was done, but no one was hurt when the car operated by Billy Fagan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Fagan, of Dardens, turned over on a road near here Sunday night. It was said the road came to a dead end.

W. Blount Rodman, president of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce said traffic was gradually increasing on the road from here to Washington, as more motorists learn that a saving in mileage can be effected by traveling the new route.

Mrs. Fred J. Knight, former school teacher and descendant of one of the oldest families in America, has been sick at her home here since October 1. Her condition, though not regarded as serious, keeps her confined to her home.

W. R. Hampton, member of the State Board of Conservation and Development, said this week that there were 26 persons, from eight states, here last week enjoying the bear hunting that is gradually taking the lead as a sport in this country.

Washington County school children are this week in the midst of their mid-term examinations as they finish the first semester's work before Christmas for the first time in a number of years.

The public is cordially invited to attend a Christmas candlelight service in Grace Episcopal church here Sunday, December 24, Christmas Eve, at 5 o'clock, according to an official of the church. Music will be provided by the combined choirs of local churches, and there will be a number of organ solos.

J. Roy Manning, in particular, and the rest of the building and loan association directors in general, are getting set to call on a lot of Plymouth folks in the next couple of weeks to boost sales of stock in the ninth series, which opens January 1st. It is hoped at least 300 to 500 shares will be sold in the new series, details of the campaign to be announced next week.

Miss Theda Hopkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hopkins, of Creswell, was a first soprano in the Meredith College choir of 82 voices, which gave a concert of Christmas music in the college auditorium last Sunday under the direction of Miss Helen Sharp, director.

W. R. Gaylord, chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee and of the Jackson Day Dinner activities here, said today he did not have the first person to purchase a \$25 ticket for the dinner that is to be held in Raleigh January 8.

Funeral Being Held This Afternoon for Wilbur C. Spruill, 46

Died Tuesday in Roanoke, Va., Hospital, Result of Auto Accident

Funeral services were held at the Methodist church here Thursday afternoon for Wilbur C. Spruill, 46, who died in a Roanoke, Va., hospital Tuesday morning as a result of injuries sustained when a car he was driving crashed into an underpass near Burkeville, Va., about three weeks ago.

Officiating was the Rev. O. L. Hardwick, pastor of the church. The final rites were in charge of the James E. Jethro Post, No. 164, of the American Legion, of which he was a member. Interment took place in the Methodist cemetery.

Mr. Spruill was manager of the Social Security Administration office in Salisbury at the time of his death. For years he was connected with the state department of revenue.

Surviving, besides his mother, Mrs. A. G. Spruill, is his former wife, Mrs. Kathleen Spruill Nobles; three children, Bill, Virginia and James, all of Plymouth; four sisters, Mrs. C. W. Dinkins, High Point; Mrs. C. M. Hill, Newport; Mrs. J. A. Griffin, Norfolk; Mrs. M. D. Gilliam, Windsor; three brothers, Frank Spruill, Plymouth; Earl Spruill, Portsmouth; Henry Spruill, Windsor; and two half brothers, Raymond Spruill, of Norfolk, and Clarence Spruill, of Plymouth.

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Firemen Urge Donations of Old Toys For Distribution To Needy Children

Some toys have been brought to the fire department headquarters at enough to keep the firemen busy repairing and repainting them, but it is feared not enough articles will be available for the actual need when time for delivery comes, so Fire Chief L. W. Gurkin this week urged citizens to send or bring their toys immediately, as the firemen have only a few days in which to accomplish their task of "renewing" them in time for the Christmas distribution.

The firemen will have very little time to call for the old toys this year, as they must spend every leisure moment preparing them for delivery, and donors are urged by the chief to send or bring their toys as a convenience to the firemen. The firemen have only their spare time to devote to this work, and as many of them have extra work during the holiday season, promptness is urgent if the needs of the community's indigent children are to be taken care of Christmas.

For the last two years scores of little tots' hearts were made glad by the thoughtfulness of the firemen, who hope no worthy child will be forgotten this year. Many have been added to the list, as parents who provided for them last year and years before, are unable to do so now. The chief urges you to do your part to make this a merry Christmas for all children in the community. To bring or send toys to the firemen requires but little sacrifice or effort on the citizen's part, and the need is great.

Turnpike Road Now Included in System of State Highways

Regarded as First Step in Securing Eventual Paving of Route

Successful in their efforts to get the Turnpike road designated as N. C. Highway No. 99 by the State Highway and Public Works Commission and placed on the primary road system, John W. Darden, secretary of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce, said today that the first step had been taken in getting a hardsurfaced road over this route. The commission announced Saturday that they had transferred N. C. No. 99 between Pantego and the intersection of N. C. 97 to the county system and had added the county road between Pantego and its junction with N. C. 97 (approximately seven miles south of Plymouth) to the State primary road system and assigned it route N. C. 99.

This is exactly what those desiring a dependable all-weather road over the Turnpike wished, as it will give then an arguing point for their stand that this road through Wenona, Pungo and Pantego should be hardsurfaced.

Proponents of the road say that with this road recognized as a primary route in the system that it should be given a surfacing treatment because it connects the capital of Washington County with the capital of Hyde county.

It was the policy of the road authorities when they started building the highways in North Carolina almost a score of years ago to construct dependable roads between county seats, and while E. F. Kuger, of Washington, was on the commission he had the route number changed, sending No. 99 through Terra Ceia to Pungo. As originally drawn by the commission the Turnpike road was designated as No. 99, but Mr. Kuger had this changed.

Only One Case Disposed of In County Court Tuesday

Two cases were scheduled for trial in recorder's court here Tuesday morning, but one of them failed to reach the trial stage when the prosecuting witness decided not to press the charges involved. William (Snooks) Phelps, 18, colored, charged with seducing Odessa Cooper, 16, was given 16 months on the roads.

Creswell Baptist Church Has Christmas Cantata

Creswell—A large crowd gathered in the Creswell Baptist church Sunday morning for the presentation of the Christmas cantata, "Star of the Christ Child."

Beautiful wreaths, holly, pine and cedar were used in decorating the church, with the arch back of the pulpit festooned with cedar and holly and a frame of blue lights.

In addition to several choruses, solo parts were rendered by Mrs. J. M. Phelps and Mrs. O. Q. Lassiter, sopranos; Mrs. A. C. Harris, alto; Ray Cox, tenor; Bob Merritt, baritone; and Lloyd Norman, bass.

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Tax Listers To Meet Wednesday

Tax listers of Washington County will meet with the commissioners next Wednesday night to receive final instructions as they prepare for the annual listing of personal property and real estate which is to be done in January instead of April in compliance with a law enacted by the recent legislature. Commissioners J. R. Campbell, E. F. Swain and J. C. Knowles will meet with the following listers: H. C. Spruill, Plymouth; P. B. Belanga, Scuppernon; E. M. Chesson, Lees Mills; Walter W. White, Skinnerville.

Glee Club To Sing Christmas Music At School Sunday

Will Be in Nature of Union Community Service; Program Outlined

Following a custom instituted by Principal R. B. Trotman two years ago a community Christmas service will be held in the high school auditorium Sunday evening, at 7:30. All the churches in Plymouth have been invited to participate in the service. At the service Sunday night, the Rev. O. L. Hardwick, pastor of the Plymouth Methodist church, will read the lesson and the vested glee club of the high school, under the direction of Miss Clara Louise Jones will sing the following program:

1. Chorus: "O Little Town of Bethlehem."
2. Chorus: "Christmas Bells."
3. Chorus: "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" (ancient plainsong, 13th century).
4. Chorus: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear."
5. Chorus and soprano solo: "Hark, What Mean Those Heavenly Voices."
6. Chorus: "Slumber Song."
7. Chorus: "The First Noel."
8. Solo, Matt White Norman: "Ave Maria."
9. Chorus: "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks."
10. Chorus: "O Bone Jesu."
11. Chorus: "O Come, All Ye Faithful."
12. Chorus: "Silent Night." Benediction.

New Motor Fuel Is Put on Sale Today

An improved motor fuel perfected after months of research by engineers of the Standard Oil Company went on sale in Washington County today, according to C. E. Ayers, distributor. The new Esso, at the regular price, has been "stepped up" for premium anti-knock performance and the new Esso Extra, at premium price, is a new all-time high in extra quality. Mr. Ayers said.

Newspapers and radios of 17 states carried the announcement of the new motor fuel Tuesday, and Mr. Ayers attended a district meeting of dealers in Rocky Mount that night. Others who attended the Rocky Mount meeting from here were Clayton House, V. E. Everett, Joe Arps, Ed Jackson, Floyd Asby, Bill Bailey and T. A. Stubbs.

Town License Plates On Sale by Chief of Police

A total of 250 automobile license plates for the town of Plymouth are on sale here for 1940 by Chief of Police P. W. Brown, who says he has already sold a number of them. Proceeds from the sale of the tags will go to the Plymouth High School Band. Like the state license tags for 1940, the town plates have maroon letters and figures on an aluminum background.

J. L. Rea, Jr., To Be Named Member of Local School Board

Name Will Be Presented To County Board at Meeting in January

The nomination of J. L. Rea, Jr., of Wenona, as a member of the Plymouth school board will be made at the January meeting of the Washington County Board of Education, it was said today by Walter H. Paramore, member of the county board. Mr. Rea will be named to succeed P. Bruce Bateman, who was placed on the board with Frank L. Brinkley and Dr. E. A. Harper when the school board was reorganized last April. Mr. Bateman resigned when he moved to Fayetteville in October.

According to the usual procedure, Mr. Rea's nomination is tantamount to election. An assistant manager of the Blackland Test Farms, and having served on the board several years ago, Mr. Paramore said he was sure Mr. Rea would make a valuable member, being qualified both by experience and interest in school work.

The nomination of Mr. Rea is in keeping with the custom of placing one person on the local board from the rural section. Mr. Brinkley represents the town area and Dr. Harper the pulp mill village.

\$30 in Cash Awarded To Four Winners at Drawing This Week

Final Mid-Week Drawing Next Wednesday; Grand Awards on 27th

Under heavy dark clouds which threatened rain every minute, several hundred persons attended the mid-week drawing sponsored by the Plymouth Merchants Association here Wednesday, when four more persons were given \$30 in cash prizes for trading with the local merchants. Four persons won prizes and four others were engaged in the drawing ceremonies, including G. Sam Regass, of the Long Acre section, and three boys, two of them sons of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hohl, and the third, Alvin Owens, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Owens.

The first prize of \$10 was won by C. A. Lumpkin, with a ticket from R. S. Browning's store, and the second \$10 was taken with a ticket from Pender's, held by John Furlough, of the Scuppernon section. Miss Violet Simpson, with a ticket from Rose's store, won the first \$5 prize, and C. C. Waters, of near here, won the second \$5 award with a ticket from the Plymouth Motor Company.

Only one more mid-week drawing will be held before the grand prize of \$100 and four \$25 prizes will be awarded on Wednesday, December 27.

E. H. Liverman, W. F. Winslow, and J. R. Manning, who conduct the weekly drawings, urge all who shop here between now and Christmas to ask for their tickets with each \$1 spent or paid on account at local stores.

Mail Carrier Runs Over Colored Child

Two-year-old John Norman, colored, was seriously injured in the Skinnerville section Wednesday afternoon when an automobile operated by Jack McAllister, of Roper, ran over the child's body.

The child was with his mother when Mr. McAllister, rural mail carrier, stopped to sell the parent some stamps. The child went to the front of the car, unseen by either of the adults, and was there when Mr. McAllister started his car to pull away, according to Corporal Tom Brown, of the highway patrol, who investigated the accident.

Medical attention was rendered, and it was feared the child might develop pneumonia or other complications which might cause his death. It was reported two of the car wheels ran over the child.

Playlet Presented Thursday At Creswell P.T.A. Meeting

Creswell—A playlet entitled "When the Toys Talk" was presented by the first and second grades under the direction of Misses Julia VanLandingham, Kate Ogilvie, and Mary Foy Peterson last Thursday at the meeting of the parent-teacher association. Mrs. E. S. Wodley, president, called the meeting to order and Mrs. Josephine Holmes read "The President's Message." Reports of work done in the various departments were made by the chairmen. Mrs. C. L. Barnes read a very interesting article on "Do Home Tasks Build Character?" Announcements of future events at the school were made by Principal A. T. Brooks.

Variety of Christmas Merchandise Attracts Many to Local Stores

No Fireworks in Business Section

Shooting of fireworks will not be allowed in the downtown section nor around churches during the Christmas season, Chief of Police P. W. Brown warned today. However, the chief explained that regulations prohibiting the shooting of fireworks throughout the town would be suspended during the holiday period except as to the business district on Water and Washington streets and around the churches. The officer warned further that he wasn't fooling, either, about this; and those who just must have their pyrotechnics would do well to keep them out of the prohibited areas unless they want to spend some Christmas money paying fines.

Local Merchants To Keep Places Open Evenings All Next Week

Business is reported to be picking up steadily in the downtown area, as shoppers began to unload the heavily laden shelves of Plymouth merchants, with only eight more shopping days left before Christmas. The large and complete stocks of holiday merchandise are beginning to move briskly, and customers viewing the large displays are beginning to shop in earnest to take advantage of the bargains offered and the wide variety of merchandise affording a wide choice of Christmas items. It is too late now for shopping to be done early, it is true; but the longer the shoppers wait the greater the last-minute rush will be. Customers are advised that if they do their buying during the morning hours the stores will not be so crowded as they will be in the afternoons and evenings.

Farmers of County For Cotton Control By Vote of 112 To 0

Washington One of Five Counties To Cast Unanimous Vote Saturday

By a vote of 112 to 0, farmers in Washington County followed the trend of cotton growers throughout the nation, who voted overwhelmingly for continuance of the cotton crop control program and marketing quotas for 1940 in the referendum held last Saturday.

Camden, Currituck, Tyrrell, Washington and Wilson counties were the only counties in North Carolina to vote solidly for the program, farmers over the entire state casting 49,542 votes for and 5,513 against.

In the nation, there were 640,815 voting "yes" and 58,515 "no" in the election, which occasioned but little interest in this county. There were 210 eligible to vote, but only 112 cast their ballots, and all of them favored the program.

Every county in the state except Sampson returned the needed two-thirds majority in favor of the plan. Last year Washington County voted 326 for and 53 against, while the vote in the state as a whole was 75,957 to 40,853 in favor of the program.

Reopening Handle Plant Is Delayed

Delay in the resumption of operations at the local plant of the American Fork & Hoe Company, which was scheduled for Friday, was attributed by Miss Ethel Arps, manager, to need of an extension of time for completing repairs.

If the repairs underway cannot be completed in time for the mill to begin work by next week, Miss Arps said she was reasonably sure that operations would be resumed on January 2.

Miss Arps said it was necessary to organize the forest department fully before the plant opened so that enough timber would be available for continuous operation when work is resumed after a lapse of several years.

Rhythm Band Program Being Presented Tonight

The program which was announced for the rhythm band for Friday evening has been changed and is being presented at the school building tonight. This is the first appearance of the rhythm band before the public, under the direction of Miss Clara Louise Jones and Miss Ethel Perry.

Merchants and Police Secure Vacant Lots for Parking Cars Until Christmas

Ample free parking space will be provided on Hampton Lot and in the space beside the firemen's headquarters on Water Street for shoppers who trade with local merchants from now until Christmas, it was announced today by Chief of Police P. W. Brown. Addition of this parking space will solve one of the problems which confronts out-of-town people who come here to shop on week days during the Christmas season. The merchants have agreed to pay for the expense of employ-

Number Employed On Plant Additions Is Being Increased

A crew of brick masons and helpers are to be added to the 100 construction workers already employed in erecting the group of new buildings at the North Carolina Pulp Company here, as the expansion program continues to go forward.

The concrete footing on the foundation for the beater room was completed this week, and the structural steel work is nearly finished on the bleacher building, with the riveting being done now. Steel work has been erected for the bleach-liquor building and the roof is to be put on very shortly.

Masons are expected to begin building a brick wall around the structural steel frame on the bleaching building and the bleach-liquor building Monday.

It was learned today that the William Muirhead Construction Company of Durham, has also been awarded the contract for the construction of a power building, and work will begin on this as soon as possible in connection with their other activities.

The Rohleder company has the concretes sides almost up around the filtering plant, for which they have the contract, and are rushing their work to completion.

Parent-Teacher Meeting Is Postponed This Week

Mrs. W. V. Hays, president of the local parent-teacher association, this week announced that the meeting set for this evening, December 14, has been postponed until after the Christmas holidays. The change was made because of the rush of school activities before the holidays and the fact that it is impossible for the speaker to be here tonight.

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