

J. O. Highsmith has sold to R. C. Peacock, for about \$1,200, the property at the corner of Main and Boush Streets in the Town of Roper where the late Dr. B. F. Halsey lived and died.

L. H. Ambrose has sold to W. T. Phelps at Creswell the old Hartwell Jethro place in Skinnerville Township, containing about 37 acres, to be added to the extensive holdings of Mr. Phelps in this county.

The Tarboro Rotary Club will hold its monthly orthopedic clinic on Monday at the Presbyterian Sunday school rooms in Tarboro, where cripples of all races who are unable to pay for treatment may be examined and treated.

Merchants enjoying the dinner at the Plymouth Country Club Wednesday night were well pleased with the service rendered, especially by Jimmy Hall, captain of the waiters, who is here with his father, Frank W. Hall, manager of the club. They came here from the Woodcut Country Club near Haddonfield, N. J.

Due to weather conditions, the play that was to be given at the local high school by the senior class tomorrow (Friday) night will be postponed until Thursday night, February 1, it was said today by Mrs. George Barden, teacher at the school.

Mrs. Roy Alexander, whose husband was killed about two weeks in the first fatal automobile accident of the new year in Washington County, said while here this week that the young man was 24 years of age instead of 33, as this paper was informed.

Mrs. Alma Mayo, Miss Elizabeth Tetterton, and Mrs. Blanche Asby were in Norfolk Monday to attend a demonstration of the newest hair styles given by Fred Lang, hair stylist, with emphasis being placed on the styles that will be popular among the ladies this spring.

W. R. Hampton, chairman of the fisheries division of the State Board of Conservation and Development; R. Bruce Etheridge, of Raleigh, chairman of the board; and Captain Nelson, of Morehead City, attended a fisheries commission meeting with Virginia authorities in Newport News Monday.

County Treasurer Linwood Hassell has received some political cards with the following inscription on them: "Work and Vote for Col. Arthur Simmons for Governor of North Carolina in 1942." "Money Cuts, Not War Veterans." The treasurer, also a Legionnaire, says he doesn't remember ever hearing of the man, much less anything about his candidacy.

Bowling Alleys Robbed Again

Robbers broke through a skylight, cut a hole in the metal ceiling and dropped by the aid of a grass rope to the floor of Jim Antonaiders bowling alleys here Tuesday night, leaving through the rear door of the establishment with loot valued at about \$50, according to the owner. Mr. Antonaiders said this marked the sixth time his place had been robbed in the past few months.

Five cartons of cigarettes, a few dollars in change and a slot machine were missed by Mr. Antonaiders when he opened his place Wednesday morning. The snow-covered slot machine, with its back removed and the money taken out, was found in a little brick room at the rear of the Band Box Beauty Shop by Chief of Police P. W. Brown, who investigated the robbery, Wednesday morning.

Tomato Growers To Hold Meetings

Washington County farmers who wish to grow tomatoes during the 1940 season under contract with the Neuse Packing Company are urged to be present at a meeting in the office of Chief of Police L. C. Snell at Roper Friday morning at 11 o'clock to discuss details, according to A. L. Alexander.

Four Churches To Cooperate in Taking Religious Census Here February 4th

Plans are being made this week for a religious census to be taken of Plymouth and its environs on the first Sunday afternoon in February, with about 50 workers from the Methodist, Baptist, Christian and Episcopal churches working together to make the count as accurate and as complete as possible.

Last-Minute Rush Developing in Tax-Listing in County; Only Five Days Left

Tax listing continues throughout the county today, and the four list takers are finding themselves engaged in the usual rush that develops when only five listing days are left. It is estimated that about 65 per cent of the listing has been done in the county, with the remaining 35 per cent of the work to be done in the five days remaining or a lot of delinquents made subject to the penalties provided for those who fail to list their holdings.

since other methods are easily available to check on these items and the penalties will be imposed for failure to appear in person and declare property. The tax supervisor has pointed out that thousands of dollars' worth of personal property have been escaping county list-takers each year heretofore, but that this year other records will be checked to get all property listed, and again he says it will be much less embarrassing for all those who own personal property to come forward now and give in their valuations.

Crop Allotments for 1940 in County Are Outlined This Week

Fire Siren Rouses Town Wednesday

Local residents were alarmed about 5 o'clock Wednesday morning when, during the heavy snow and wind storm, the fire siren sounded continuously for several minutes, due to a short circuit. Members of the local fire company rushed out into the stormy weather to answer the alarm which did not call them to a fire. The heavy wind blowing at the time ripped off about 20 square of the roof at the rear of the municipal building, dropping the timbers and roofing into the street at the front of the structure. Particles of the roof landed on the fire siren, causing a short circuit which kept the alarm sounding for 10 or 15 minutes until the firemen and others could locate the trouble and remedy it. Damage to the roof was estimated at \$150.

Total Acreages for Money Crops About Same as Last Year

Quotas Given for Tobacco, Cotton, Peanuts, Commercial Vegetables. Total acreage allotments on peanuts, cotton, tobacco and commercial vegetables for Washington County for the year 1940 have been made, it was announced today by County Agent W. V. Hays, who said that there was very little difference in the figures for this year, as compared with last year. The acreage allotted by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration for the county this year and last year follow: Cotton, 2,874.8 for 1940, as compared with 2,764.3 for 1939; peanuts, 6,228 for 1940 against 6,325 for 1939; tobacco, 1,052 for 1940, against 1,175 for 1939; commercial vegetables, 750 acres for 1940; no allotment for 1939.

Funeral Services of C. L. Simpson Held Here Last Saturday

Died at Home Here Thursday Night After Illness Of Ten Days. Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Plymouth Christian Church for Charlie Lamb Simpson, 61, who died at his home on Main street here Thursday night at 8:30 following a 10-day illness. Rev. N. A. Taylor, pastor of the Plymouth Christian Church, of which Mr. Simpson was a member, officiated assisted by Elder W. B. Harrington, of Martin County. Interment took place at the Getsinger cemetery in the Farm Life Section of Martin County.

Marketing quotas for cotton have been approved by the growers for the third consecutive year. The national allotment is 472,842 acres less than for 1939, but the total acreage allotted to farmers under the minimum allotment provisions of the AAA will be larger than last year, offsetting a substantial part of the reduction, according to the Department of Agriculture. The state cotton allotments, which will be apportioned to counties, include a 4 per cent reserve for necessary adjustments, and a 2 per cent reserve for new growers. They do not include the increases which will result from the minimum allotment provisions.

Radio Stolen From Store In Norfolk Is Recovered

Corporal T. B. Brown, of the State Highway Patrol, said today that he had recovered a portable Zenith radio, making the second he had recovered out of a lot of about 100 which were stolen from several Norfolk radio stores.

Housing Shortage Is Acute; Several New Homes Are Planned

Even After All of Them Are Completed, Need Will Still Be Great. Although several houses are to be built here during the next few months, they will hardly be a "drop in the bucket" toward relieving the acute housing shortage here, according to Chief of Police P. W. Brown, who is daily besought by newcomers and prospective residents for questioning as to where room, board, apartments, or houses can be secured. Miller Warren will build a duplex apartment house on Brinkley Avenue soon, the cost being estimated at \$5,000. Abe Adler is considering the plans for a four-apartment house at the corner of Fourth and Jefferson Streets, it is understood.

Radio Stolen From Store In Norfolk Is Recovered

The radio was secured from Julius Smith, commonly known in the Piney Woods section, of Martin County, where he lives, as "Uncle Duke." The radio, which usually sells for around \$20, was pawned to Smith for \$1.50 by William Henry (Buddy) Ward, colored, believed to be implicated in the thefts, who is now serving a term in a reformatory.

Buys Third Interest In Large Land Tract

A third interest in 3,641 acres of land in Washington County was purchased recently by Fred A. Elks, of Pitt County from J. W. Ferrell, of Beaufort County, president of the Eastern Carolina Land Corporation. The amount paid for the third interest in the 14 tracts, which range in size from a minimum of 3 acres to a maximum of 1,500 acres, was not given in the records at the court-house. The purchase was made subject to the rights and privileges of others who owned the other two-thirds.

Negro Is Jailed for Attempted Assault On White Woman

18-Year-Old Lad Captures His Mother's Assailant After Brief Chase. Officers here believe they have solved the mystery surrounding the identity of the colored man who has been molesting white women here as the result of the arrest of Joe Freeman, 17-year-old negro, who is charged with attempting to criminally assault Mrs. Pauline Bateman at her home Tuesday afternoon about 1 o'clock.

OFFICERS OF MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION



W. F. Winslow (left), owner of Winslow's 5c to \$1.00 Store, was elected president of the Plymouth Merchants Association at the annual meeting of the organization last night; and James W. Norman, of the Norman Furniture Company, was elected vice president. Both men are very active in all civic affairs and the merchants' association is expected to show steady progress under their leadership this year.

New Officers Named At Dinner Meeting Of Local Merchants

W. F. Winslow Is Elected President at Banquet Wednesday Night. An entirely new group of officers was elected by the Plymouth Merchants Association Wednesday night at a dinner meeting held at the country club, with W. F. Winslow being elevated from the position of secretary and treasurer to that of president, succeeding J. R. Manning.

A permanent advertising committee, composed of W. H. Booker, Dave Kulman, Hal A. Willford, and L. W. Gurkin, was appointed to work out some form of publicity which would prove beneficial to business in Plymouth. The merchant also voted to remain open until 7 o'clock on Friday evenings in order to cash the checks and be of any other service they could to patrons who work late at local industrial plants who are paid on Friday afternoons.

Sleet, Snow, Cold of Past Week Slow Up Activities in Section

Schools Forced To Close Wednesday by Condition of Roads

Infant Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sexton Dies

Funeral services were held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sexton Sunday for their infant son, who died Saturday afternoon after a short illness. The Rev. M. R. Gardner conducted the services. Burial took place in the family plot at Holly Neck cemetery. The child is survived by his parents and two brothers and sisters.

Returning To Normal With Advent of Better Weather Today

Infantile Paralysis Campaign Is Under Way Over County

President's Birthday Dance To Be Held at Creswell Saturday Night

Reports reaching Postmaster Geo. W. Hardison, county chairman, are to the effect that the campaign for funds for infantile paralysis control was progressing fairly well in the county.

Mrs. E. S. Wodley, Creswell chairman, is sponsoring a President's Birthday Dance at the Creswell High School auditorium on Saturday night as a climax to the campaign in that section. Mr. Hardison said that Mrs. Wodley had appointed the following committees to arrange for the dance: Tickets: Mrs. J. M. Phelps and Mrs. A. T. Brooks; decorations: Mrs. W. W. Bateman, Misses Julia Stillee, Mary Foy Peterson, Helen Kirkpatrick, and Jane McInnis; Mrs. Jo Holmes to sell ice cream and drinks; and Mrs. Clyde Smithson and Mrs. W. D. Peal to serve refreshments at the affair.

Others in the county who were appointed to the task of raising money for the fund are using the march of dimes method, the sale of buttons to school children.

Mr. Hardison said he had received no reports of the activities of Mrs. Perla Bray, Roper chairman; Miss Jamie Riddick, in Mackees; and Mrs. Walter P. Lloyd, of Plymouth. However, from information reaching him, Mr. Hardison said he believed the drive would be a success.

Every effort is being made by the workers to raise the \$130 quota of this county, and on Monday and Tuesday a special effort will be made to canvass the county for donations to the fund.

Mr. Hardison said those who wished to contribute as much as a dime or more should get an envelope from the postmasters in their communities. Each contributor will be given credit for his donation and it will be forwarded to the proper authorities.

15 Members Local Band Will Play in All-Star Concert

To Be Present at Washington on Friday Night, February 16th. Fifteen members of the Plymouth High School Band will participate in the second Albemarle All-Star Band concert, to be held in Washington, Friday night, February 16, with musicians from Edenton, Columbia, Creswell, Robersonville, Washington, Rocky Mount, Ahoskie, Hertford, Currituck County also playing.

The day's events starts at 10 a. m., with practice at the Washington High School of concert selections; 12:30, basket lunch on school grounds; 2, another practice session; 4:30, parade through downtown business section, color guard from Ahoskie leading band in memory of Harold Basnight, former solo clarinet player, with drum majors and mappersettes from all bands participating; 6, concert for the young musicians; 8, concert.

Local band members selected to take part: Douglas Gurkin, Phyllis Davidson, Osborne Dunbar, Mary Lillian Campbell, Gertrude Woolard, L'Engle Barnes, Frances Basnight, clarinets; Mary Charlotte Jones, Harry Garrett, saxophones; Harry McLean, cornet; Phil Liverman, trombone; Brinson Cox, bass; Carolyn Byrd, alto horn; Fanny Lou Winslow, bell lyra; Bill Owens, cymbals.

Respected Colored Man Of Roper Section Dies

Funeral services were held recently for Henry Fields, widely known and respected colored man, who died after a short illness at the age of 45 years. He was a native of this county. Married about 24 years ago, he was the father of 16 children, all but two of them still living. A member of the Union Chapel Church of Christ at Roper, the colored man was well liked by both the white and colored people of the section.

Three Automobiles Involved in Series Of Accidents Friday

Ice-Covered Road Responsible for Freak Occurrence; No One Hurt. Three motor vehicles were damaged to the total extent of about \$165 last Friday night, as the result of a series of accidents were started when W. T. Freeman lost control of his car on the ice-covered road and slid into a ditch near White City. Mr. Freeman was not hurt, as he was driving very slowly at the time.

Although he stationed colored men on each side of the wrecked car, which partially blocked the shoulder of the road, to flag down motorists, Warner Gurkin came along and his car slid into that of Freeman's. A little later Jack Williams' truck came up and slid into the others.

Then, when workmen arrived with Mr. Freeman's truck to extricate the cars from the tie-up, the truck also slid into the ditch. After a lot of hard work and maneuvering the machines were pulled out sent to garages for repairs.

Freeman's car was damaged to the extent of about \$75; the Gurkin car about \$40; and the Williams truck about \$50.

13 New Books At County Library

Thirteen new books will be placed on the shelves of the Washington County Public Library here within the next few days, with the works of some of the best authors in the country included and some of the latest titles on the list.

The titles and authors follow: "Tar Heel Editor," by Josephus Daniels; "White Magic," by F. H. Baldwin; "Moment in Peking," by Lin Yutang; "Who Killed Aunt Maggie," by Melora Fields; "Passport for a Girl," by Mary Borden; "Escape," by Ethel Vance; "Frost Flower," by Helen Hull; "The Bride," by Margaret Irvine; "Blue Heaven," by Elizabeth Carraige; "Sister of the Angels," by Elizabeth Gaudge; "Alone," by Richard E. Byrd; "Christmas Holiday," by W. Somerset Maugham; "Kitty Foyle," by C. D. Morley.

Permits for Brush Burning Must Be Secured From Deputy Forest Wardens

Brush-burning permits must be obtained before residents of Washington County may lawfully start fires within woodland areas protected by the State Forest Service between February 1 and June 15, S. F. Darden, county forest warden, said today.

These permits do not cost the applicants a penny, said Mr. Darden, but those who fail to get them and are convicted of this misdemeanor will be fined not more than \$50 or imprisoned for a period of not more than 30 days.

areas under the protection of the State Forest Service between the dates mentioned unless a permit is first obtained from the forest warden or his agent, said Mr. Darden.

Permits can be obtained from any of the following: James A. Chesson, B. M. Snell, J. W. Swain, J. J. Sawyer, L. W. Liverman, J. J. Ambrose, T. H. Waters, W. A. Mizell, J. L. Rea, W. C. Clifton, Creswell towerman, W. J. Vaughn, smoke chaser, all of whom are deputy forest fire wardens. While L. C. Snell, T. W. Tarkenton, and H. P. Barnes are not deputy forest wardens, they are authorized to issue permits.