

Every Saturday night will be "Club Night" at the Plymouth Country Club...

Russell Harrison, seaman on the U. S. S. Wyoming, who recently arrived in this country from range duty near Puerto Rico...

Paul Waters, of Washington, N. C., attorney and manager of a fertilizer company, was in Plymouth this week...

Carl L. Bailey said today he was trying to arrange the father and scout banquet here for March 1...

The Beta Club of the Plymouth school is sponsoring a magazine-selling campaign to raise money for the club and for the Hampton Academy library...

Parents of members of the Plymouth High School Band are being urged by Director L. W. Ziegler to attend the all-star band concert...

The hunting season on quail, turkey and rabbits ended today in this section, and County Game Protector J. T. Terry was planning to be out this week-end...

A musical comedy, "The Belle of Barcelona," will be presented at the Plymouth High School on March 1...

Home for a 10-day vacation is Lorenzo McNair from the Naval Training Station at Norfolk, Va.

H. E. Beam, cashier of the Branch Banking and Trust Company here, said Wednesday afternoon when he returned from Florida that the weather had been very warm there during the past few days...

Several Cases Tried In Recorder's Court

Wilbur Blount was found guilty of operating an automobile while under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving in recorder's court Tuesday...

Willie Lee, negro, was found guilty of an assault with a deadly weapon, for which he was required to pay a fine of \$5 and costs.

Two other cases were not prosessed, one against Lillian Blackwell, negro, because Will Griffin changed his mind about charging her with being drunk and disorderly...

Sam Adler's Store Being Renovated and Remodeled

Having disposed of his large stock of men's merchandise, Sam Adler is having his store remodeled in preparation for stocking it with women's and children's wearing apparel...

It is the intention of Mr. Adler to carry a complete line of popular-priced merchandise for women and children. He will leave this week-end for New York, where he will buy new spring goods...

His store is open for business while the alterations are underway.

Young Man in Mill Pond Section Under Bond for Sending Threatening Letter

A bond of \$750 was required from William J. (Willie) Taylor, 23, young white man of Roper, who was given a hearing before U. S. Commissioner John H. Leggett here last week on a charge of writing and sending an anonymous threatening letter thru the mails...

The letter was addressed to W. W. Mizell at Roper, advising him to move the family of negroes which he had placed on the newly purchased Gum Liverman farm in the Mill Pond section of Lees Mills Township.

The letter, now in the hands of the FBI agents, was understood to be substantially along the following line: "If the negroes are not moved

Boots, Overalls and Hat of Man Are Found Near Welches Creek Last Week

A report from Joe Bland, white, to Sheriff J. K. Reid one day last week that the boots and hat of a man had been found along Welches Creek sent the officer to the scene to investigate the possibility of a person drowned in the creek.

The investigation revealed that one boot was found on the Martin county side of the creek, the hat in the middle of the stream and another boot on the Washington county side...

County side of the creek were the footprints of a man whose feet evidently had been clad in socks, and they were traced for a good distance. This discovery dispipated the idea the person who lost the boots had drowned.

Examining a pair of tattered overalls found in the pathway of flight through brambles and bushes, the sheriff found a social security card with the number and name of a Dardens man on it.

What the man was apparently fleeing from is not known, but some of the officers seemed to think he may have been fleeing from a still in that section.

Disruption Threatened by "Gags" Pulled At Meeting Of Lions Club Last Week

Post Offices, Bank To Be Closed 22nd

The post offices and the local bank will be closed next Thursday, February 15, in observance of George Washington's Birthday, but it was stated today that ABC stores in the county would not be closed. Other business places will be open as usual.

Resolution Concerning Liquor Stores Starts Plenty of Fireworks Not Funny At Time

Bewildered Lions and Lionesses from Plymouth Hertford, Edenton and Williamston didn't know what to expect next on the program at the third anniversary and ladies' night banquet staged by the Plymouth Lions' Club at the country club last Thursday night.

Immediately after President Zeb Vance Norman had opened the meeting and Past President E. F. Still had made his welcome address, with response by Mrs. B. G. Campbell, of Edenton and Mrs. B. G. Campbell, of Plymouth, the fire began.

Edgar E. Bundy, of Elizabeth City, in apparent seriousness, offered a resolution for adoption by the Lions Club asking that Alcoholic Beverage Control stores be placed in every incorporated town in North Carolina and that the five gubernatorial candidates be asked to include this as planks in their platforms.

J. R. Manning made the motion to adopt the farcial resolution in all seriousness, and W. L. Whitley in a long speech in favor of the motion, seconded it and then the fire works started. R. H. Lucas, the strongest opponent, waxed eloquent, sarcastic and determined in an attempt to prevent the resolution passing.

It reached such a point in the "phoney proceedings" that Mr. Lucas, who purposely was given his part in opposing the motion, suggested resigning from the club.

Before he left the club, Officer Paul Basnight entered with a warrant for the arrest of H. C. Stokes, of Hertford, a visitor, on a charge of breaking all the traffic laws. Then W. L. Whitley rose to defend Stokes, representing the charges against the visitor, and when Whitley took his seat Mayor B. G. Campbell arose to demand the arrest of Stokes.

Seeing that the arrest stunt had reached a stage where resentment was being felt by a majority of those present over the matter, Walter H. Paramore, in charge of the program, arose and informed the crowd that both the resolution and arrest were stunts pulled in fun, and then applause greeted Mr. Bundy for his part in the program.

Nell Hester, of Raleigh, telegraph editor of the News and Observer and Lions Governor of IDistrict 31C, was the principal speaker. Rev. N. A. Taylor, district deputy governor of region 2, District 31C, introduced Mr. Hester. The invocation was by Rev. O. L. Hardwick, Methodist minister.

Zone Chairman W. J. Taylor, of Edenton, heading the zone embracing the Edenton, Plymouth and Hertford Clubs, got a surprise award from District Governor Hester. Also, Lion Hester revealed that Region Two under the direction of Deputy Governor N. A. Taylor, led all regions in the district in membership increase during the January drive honoring Melvin Jones, Secretary-General and founder of Lionism.

President Norman recognized President W. S. Griffin of Edenton; President L. N. Hollowell, of Hertford; President Charles A. Leonard, of Williamston, who in turn introduced the members of their delegation.

Making Contracts For Cucumbers

T. W. Aydtlett, of Elizabeth City, was in Washington County Thursday making an effort to interest farmers in producing 500 acres of cucumbers between Plymouth and Columbia for the Manhattan Produce Exchange, commission merchants and manufacturers of dill products, in New York.

It was understood that since C. C. Lang and Son was not going to operate that the Manhattan Company would contract for 500 acres and would place a receiving station here for the cucumbers.

Those interested may see J. E. Phelps in Roper, B. F. Alexander, Columbia.

Mrs. Jennie Hatfield Hopkins Passes at Home of Daughter

Funeral for Widely Known County Native Held in Creswell Sunday

Funeral services were held in the Creswell Baptist church Sunday afternoon for Mrs. Jennie Hatfield Hopkins, 69, who died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. L. S. Brey, in Roper Friday evening. In ill health for some time, she had been confined to her bed only a few weeks before her death.

The final rites in Creswell were conducted by Dr. G. A. Martin, pastor of the Baptist church, assisted by the Rev. M. R. Gardner, Roper Methodist minister, and the Rev. M. L. Ambrose, Christian minister, of Roper. The funeral was attended by a large gathering of friends and relatives, and the floral offering was very profuse. Members of the Roper and Creswell home demonstration clubs served as flower bearers. The pallbearers were H. N. Starr, Clyde Smithson, Sidney Smithson, C. N. Davenport, Jr., C. L. Hopkins, and Wilbur Davenport.

Interment took place in the White Chapel Cemetery.

A native and life-long resident of Washington County, Mrs. Hopkins was one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of the entire section. As owner and manager of the Hopkins Hotel in Creswell, her home was a gathering place for many Creswell people for years.

She was an active member of the Baptist church for years, taking a leading part in the religious activities of the community. She was also a charter member of the Creswell Home Demonstration Club, always present at the meetings and a liberal contributor.

Her husband, the late W. T. Hopkins, died several years ago. She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. L. S. Brey, of Roper; one son, Roy T. Hopkins, of Creswell; and two grandchildren, Billy and Ada Virginia Hopkins, of Creswell. She also leaves a nephew, O. D. Hatfield, of Creswell.

Bird's Eye Refrigerator Is Added at Williford's

Williford's Yellow Front Market here has increased the effectiveness of its service by installing a refrigerator especially built to carry at all times frosted fruits, vegetables, sea foods, poultry and meats. There are over 60 kinds of foods kept in the new Bird's Eye refrigerator, making available at all seasons choicest foods from field, sea, range and poultry yard.

Mr. Williford says all waste has been removed from these foods and they can be put directly into the kitchen utensil for cooking by the purchaser.

Hardware Store Here Is Robbed Tuesday Night

Robbers forced an entrance thru a rear window into the store of the Plymouth Hardware Company Tuesday night, escaping with loot valued at about \$50.

Officers investigating the robbery said indications were that the intruders raised a rear window and squeezed through the iron bars guarding it.

A rifle, cartridges, a watch and about \$15 in cash were among the items taken by the robbers, who left only minor clues for the officers to work on.

Junior Woman's Club To Sponsor Bingo Party Here

The Junior Woman's Club will sponsor a bingo party Saturday night at the community house at 8 o'clock. Prizes will be offered at each game. A large attendance is urged by officials of the club.

Feed-Seed Loans Again Available

Emergency crop and feed loans for 1940 are now available to farmers in Washington County, and applications are now being received at W. B. Hampton's office by Roy Hearn, field supervisor of the emergency crop and feed loan section of the Farm Credit Administration.

These loans will be made, as in the past, only to farmers whose cash requirements are small and who cannot obtain a loan from any other source, including production credit associations, banks, or other private concerns or individuals.

As in former years, the money loaned will be limited to applicant's necessary cash needs in preparing and cultivating his crops or in purchasing or producing feed for his livestock.

Borrowers who obtain loans for production of cash crops are required to give as security a first lien on the crop financed or, in the case of loans for the purchase or production of feed for livestock to be fed.

C. C. Lang Pickle Plant Not To Be Operated This Season; Manager Leaves

Said To Have Large Carry-over From Last Crop On Hand

43,000 Bushels Here

The local receiving station for cucumbers owned by C. C. Lang & Son, Baltimore pickle manufacturers, will not be operated during the 1940 season, it was learned this week from P. H. Roberts, Jr., manager, before he departed for Cambridge, Mass., where he will work with another pickle manufacturing organization.

It was also learned that the local plant still had a surplus of 43,000 bushels of the 1939 cucumber crop stored in their huge tanks here and that the company felt there was no need to operate in Washington County this season.

The Washington, N. C. plant under the management of P. H. Roberts, Jr., is expected to operate, but will do so under a reduced acreage arrangement, with not more than 300 acres of cucumbers to be planted under contract with farmers in that section, it was said.

It is understood the Lang organization has a surplus of about 400,000 bushels in plants in North Carolina, Virginia and Maryland and that they will not need new cucumbers this year to take care of the demands made on them for pickles.

About the only way that the local receiving station can be operated is for it to be leased by another cucumber organization. It is reported that some of them do not have a surplus of cucumbers, as the crop was short in various sections, although the Lang Company has too many.

Mr. and Mrs. Roberts left Plymouth Wednesday for their new home near Boston, Mass., where Mr. Roberts will be engaged in the manufacture of pickles, as he has had years of experience in growing, processing and manufacturing the lowly cucumber. Mr. Roberts has been connected with the Lang Company for about five years or ever since the company started operating in this section.

Additional Bus Will Be Tried on Run for Period of Six Weeks

Makes Connections at Pea Ridge for Norfolk; Will Begin March 15

Beginning March 15, the Norfolk Southern Bus Corporation, for a trial period of six weeks, will operate a bus to Pea Ridge to make connections with other busses going to and from Norfolk, it was announced today by P. M. Arps, local station agent, after a conference with L. B. Wickersham and Chester Hawkins, bus company officials, who were here yesterday.

The new bus will leave Plymouth at 6:30 a. m., going to Pea Ridge, where connections may be made with buses to Norfolk. The same bus will return here at 7:40 a. m., and it is believed it will be largely used to bring people from down the county here to work in local industrial plants and to trade.

The bus will then leave Plymouth at 10:15 a. m. for Washington, N. C., returning here from Washington at 5:45 p. m. It will leave here again at 5:50 for Pea Ridge to make connections with buses returning from Norfolk, and will arrive back in Plymouth at 7 p. m.

It was announced that the bus would be operated for six weeks under minimum-rate-of-passenger service, and the patronage given it during the trial period will determine whether or not the added bus will be made permanent.

Mr. Arps said that if revenue from the added service was even enough to pay for the gasoline expense and driver, it would likely be continued after the trial period in the hope that business over the route would increase.

The present schedule of service will be continued as usual, the new bus constituting an entirely additional service.

Norman, Rodman Form Partnership

Zeb Vance Norman and W. Blount Rodman this week announced the formation of a partnership for the general practice of law, effective February 1, 1940.

Mr. Norman has been practicing law in Washington and adjoining counties since February, 1916, and has built up a substantial clientele. A. B. Rodman holds the degrees of A. B. and L. L. B., conferred by the University of North Carolina. A native of Washington, N. C., he has been in Mr. Norman's office in Plymouth as an associate attorney for the past two years.

The offices of the new firm are in the Harney Building, where Mr. Norman has maintained offices for the past ten years.

Will Try to Have Plant Operated

W. F. Winslow, president of the Merchants' Association, E. H. Liverman, and L. S. Thompson are making an effort to have the pickle receiving station here operated again this year to take care of the cucumber crop likely to be grown in the county.

It was understood from P. H. Roberts, Jr., manager, who left here this week for a new job in Massachusetts, that the local plant would not be operated this year. As yet the Lang company has made no contracts for acreage with local farmers.

The merchants association will try to have the plant here leased by another company or will cooperate with other cucumber purchasers to have a receiving station in the county.

Close Observance of Scout Week Today With Assembly Call

Given Passes for Matinee at Theatre Following Sudden Call Today

An emergency assembly here this afternoon in response to an unexpected signal given by ringing the Christian church bell brought to a climax the seven-day observance of Boy Scout Week in connection with the national celebration of the thirtieth anniversary of scouting in America.

After the boys had assembled in a few minutes, dressed in their uniforms and ready for emergency duty, Scoutmaster N. A. Taylor expressed his appreciation to the boys for their quick response to the unexpected signal and Shep Brinkley issued passes to the matinee at the Plymouth Theatre.

A Valentine party will be held at the scout meeting place in the basement of the courthouse tomorrow night. The scouts will be allowed to bring their girl friends at this time, and scout activities engaged in.

A banquet will be held for Scouts, Sea Scouts, Cubs and their dads here some time next week, although the definite date has not been set as yet. A prominent speaker will be secured for the occasion. Carl L. Bailey, Jr., is to receive his Eagle Scout badge at this time. Others holding the Eagle scout ranking in the district are Wilford Whitley, Douglas Gurkin, Phil Liverman, and Ducky Lloyd, of Plymouth, and Ammon Smithson, of Creswell.

The scouts have arranged an exhibit in the window of Hassell Brothers Bakery here this week to portray the various phases of scouting. Favorable comment has been made regarding the display by those who viewed it.

With a recreation camp likely to be obtained by permission from the Federal government at Lake Phelps, the future for scouting in Washington County appears bright this year. J. R. Manning, the district chairman, hopes to have the Lake Phelps camp site developed for the entire Albemarle district before long with aid from the government, and it is believed a camp for the local troop will be located on R. L. Sydenstricker's farm near Plymouth by the summer.

"Mental Hygiene" Topic At Roper P.-T. A. Meet

At the recent meeting of the Roper Parent-Teacher Association "Mental Hygiene" was the general topic for discussion. Mrs. Jim Chesson and Miss McLaurin making interesting talks on related topics.

Officers of the association are Mrs. D. E. Poole, president; Mr. F. B. Forbes, vice president; Miss Naomi Gibson, secretary; Mrs. Cyril Walker, treasurer; and Miss Helen McCain, reporter.

With chickenpox prevalent in the community, the actions of a little girl, clad in overalls, aroused the suspicion of a teacher in the Plymouth schools one day recently, and, finding that she had evidence of the childhood malady, the teacher sent the little girl home to remain until she should sufficiently recover from the disease to prevent contagion.

Principal R. B. Trotman sent a note to patrons of the school last week, asking them to cooperate with the teachers, physicians and health officials in preventing the spread of chickenpox and other children's diseases.

"Let us urge you," wrote Mr. Trotman, "in the interest of all who might come in contact with your child, to consult your physician at the first symptom of sickness, and if it is a contagious disease to notify your health officer."

"We, as school people, request that you follow their advice closely and keep your child from school until he or she is entirely well, according to the doctor's orders, and keep other children from visiting in the sick-room where there is a contagious disease. By doing this you will be protecting your child and others."

The principal also called to the attention of parents that any person violating health rules made by the State Board of Health for the control of contagious diseases is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine not exceeding \$50 or imprisonment for not more than 30 days, at the discretion of the court.

Plymouth Second on List of Eligibles for Post Office Building

Representative Says Need Of Large Sum for Defense May Delay Building

Requests made on Congress this year for large sums for national defense, as a result of the European war, is expected to delay action by Congress on an appropriation for a Federal post office building in Plymouth, according to a recent letter from Congressman Lindsay C. Warren to Postmaster George W. Hardison.

"Two days before Congress adjourned in August of last year," Mr. Warren wrote, "the President sent down the recommendation for a two-year building program, but the request came too late to be considered or acted upon. If this should become law, it would clear up our district, as there are only two towns on the eligible list, to wit: Farmville and Plymouth. Farmville now stands No. 1 on the eligible list and Plymouth No. 2."

"I am hopeful that this legislation will be passed some time during the present session, and if it should become a law, and if the appropriations committee should appropriate money for the buildings, then Farmville should get an allotment on July 1, 1940, and Plymouth on July 1, 1941. The war situation, however, may change everything, as we have been asked for large sums for national defense. Congress does not appropriate money for an individual building at any place, and it only comes from a lump sum appropriation. I hope very much that we can get through the proposed bill at this time."

Going backward a little, the Congressman pointed out that "in 1934 Congress passed a two-year Federal building program, and at the end of the first year it was extended to five years. The post office department, of course, selects the towns where the buildings are to be erected, based generally on receipts. While I do not have my file before me, I do not think that either Plymouth or Farmville got on the eligible list until about 1936."

Under this five-year program the following buildings were erected in our district: 1934, Elizabeth City, additions; 1935, Washington, additions; 1936, Greenville, additions; 1937, Williamston; 1938, A. O. S. K. I.

"The law has, therefore, expired, and it will take a new act of Congress as well as new appropriations to get additional buildings. We see every now and then where a contract is let for some new building, and these were places that were allotted funds in 1938. For instance, no contract has been let at Ashokle, as they are having a condemnation suit about the lot, and it will probably be six months or more before it is settled."

Library Committee Here Sponsors Show Tuesday

The library committee of the Parent-Teacher Association of the Plymouth school is sponsoring the historical picture, "Rulers of the Sea," starring Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., next Tuesday, February 20, at the Plymouth Theatre. This production won an award during November as the "picture of the month."

Mrs. Z. V. Norman, chairman of the library committee, urges the public to buy tickets and see this picture, as the school library here needs books, and the proceeds from sale of tickets will be used for this purpose.

Summer Again With Hat Corporation of America

Ben A. Sumner, well known local salesman, has returned to the employ of the Hat Corporation of America, which firm he was connected with for about 15 years before he left to become an independent hat salesman last year. This company makes the well known lines of Dobbs, Knox and Berg hats.

His new territory embraces 26 of the principal cities in the central and southeastern parts of the United States, extending as far west as Denver, Colo. Leaving on February 25 for his first trip since returning with the company, he expects to be away for four months.

Principal Asks Parents To Cooperate In Preventing Spread of Chickenpox

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