

W. R. Gaylord, chairman of the county Democratic executive committee, said today that so far as he knew sentiment in this section had not yet crystallized in favor of any one of the six candidates for governor, and he believes the county vote will be fairly well split up between the aspirants in the May primary.

Music will be provided by the Phil-O-Harry Orchestra for a subscription dance to be given in the gymnasium immediately after the presentation of the Plymouth High School play, "The Belle of Barcelona," on Friday night, March 1.

A representative of the Internal Revenue Service of the United States Treasury Department will be at the post office in Plymouth next Tuesday to aid taxpayers in filing their income-tax returns.

Several well-known citizens here who have been sick for some time recently were reported to be gradually improving this week, including J. T. Weede, J. M. Horton, J. O. Everett, and Clerk of Superior Court C. V. W. Ausbon.

The Tarboro Rotary Club will hold its monthly orthopedic clinic in the Sunday school rooms at the Presbyterian church here Monday, and indigent cripples of this county are offered free examination and treatment by well-known physicians.

Farmers in town this week agreed that the recent severe freezes, followed by warmer weather and a general thaw, has delayed farm work considerably, much of the land being too wet for working even now.

L. M. Davenport, of the Creswell section was in town this week and said that there was a very heavy rain in his section last Sunday. Two weeks out of a sick bed, Mr. Davenport said he was gradually recovering his strength after an illness of about six weeks.

A meeting of the directors and probably some of the members of the cattlemen's association formed here last Friday night will be held Monday for the purpose of naming the organization and considering whether cattle producers from other counties would be invited to join, according to the president, W. M. Darden.

Miss Louise Jones, public-school music teacher of the Plymouth High School, with her glee club, soloists and other talented youngsters, will provide musical entertainment tonight for the Lions Club meeting, to be held in the community hall.

An interesting note in connection with the arrest of seven drunks here last week-end is the fact that none of those put in jail to sober up was colored, Chief of Police P. W. Brown pointed out today.

W. F. Winslow has been elected assistant superintendent of the Methodist Sunday school. James W. Norman has been superintendent for years and the election of Mr. Winslow as his assistant brings together two men who have long been very active here in Sunday school work.

Mayor C. N. Davenport, of Creswell, and J. W. Darden, of Plymouth, went to Raleigh some time ago in the interest of the proposed surfacing of a link from Highway No. 64 thru the main street of Creswell on the way to the FSA Scuppernon Farms. They also visited Highway Commissioner E. V. Webb in Kinston. There was nothing to report on the visit, he said.

B. Gray Willis, manager of the Pender's Store here, said today that his store was continuing to show an increase in business and that he found he had built his business on a solid foundation by striving to render satisfaction to every customer.

## True-or-False Quiz At Meeting of Lions

A true-or-false quiz, conducted by James W. Norman, immediately after Principal Robert B. Trotman read the Lion Code of Ethics, provided an interesting program at the weekly meeting of the Lions Club here last Thursday night.

Basing his questions on activities of the district and international organizations, Mr. Norman propounded questions that most of the members could not answer, although they learned a lot about the work of Lion clubs in this and other sections.

W. L. Whitely amused the club with a speech in presenting E. F. Still with a one-pound "sucker"—one of the all-day variety—described as being one of the largest ever seen hereabouts.

## Frank Brinkley Elected Chairman School Board

Frank L. Brinkley was named chairman of the Plymouth School Board at a reorganization meeting held in the home of Dr. E. A. Harper at the village last Friday night. Dr. Harper being continued as secretary, and J. L. Rea, the new appointee, becoming the third official member of the group.

Members of the board discussed several matters pertaining to the welfare and progress of the school, and it was decided that another meeting would be held next month to dispose of the problems.

## Lions Club Signs To Sponsor Collins Festival Players Here Next October

Directors of the Plymouth Lions Club in the office of President Z. V. Norman, Wednesday morning signed a contract to sponsor four appearances here of the Collins Festival players during the month of October.

A representative of the Collins booking agency met with Lions Club officials and outlined the plan for the showing of the performances, with one appearance booked for each week. Days of the week were not agreed upon.

Included on the list of those

who will make appearances here during the period are Bud Waite, who was with Admiral Byrd in Little America; Doris Peterson, who plays the piano and marimba; Hugo Brandt Concert Party, providing melody, song and story; and the five Glenn Wells players, who are to provide a lot of fun.

A schedule of prices to be charged here, and a place for the performances are to be agreed upon later, but it is understood that popular prices will prevail.

## Routing of U. S. 17 Over Bridge Proposed

### F. S. A. Farmers Want Rural Route

A petition has been circulated in the lower end of Washington County for signatures of persons requesting that a mail route be established to serve the Scuppernon Farms area, so that mail may be received and sent out every day by persons residing on the Farm Security Administration project. The number of persons affected is not known here.

Last week some of the families living in the section were unable to get any mail due to the fact that the school buses—which usually serve them—could not negotiate the muddy roads, and on Monday and Tuesday the only outlet for mail was eliminated.

There are a number of people in the section who suffer from lack of mail facilities and they are taking the matter up with post office authorities.

## Mrs. Nettie Waters Harrison Passes in Long Acre Section

### Funeral for Well-Known County Citizen Held Saturday

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at the home in the Long Acre section for Mrs. Nettie Waters Harrison, 64, who died Friday after a short illness. The Rev. N. A. Taylor, pastor of the Plymouth Christian church, officiated. Interment took place in the Harrison cemetery.

The daughter of the late Frank Waters and Jennie Everett Waters, Mrs. Harrison was well known in this county, where she was born. For years she had been a staunch and loyal member of the Primitive Baptist church.

She was the wife of the well-known farmer of this county, Walter Lee Harrison, who survives her. They had been married for about 45 years.

A large crowd attended the funeral of the beloved woman, who was very active in her church and community, and her friends showed the esteem in which she was held by the large floral offering.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Harrison is survived by one son, Guy Harrison, of Plymouth; and four daughters, Mrs. W. B. Tetterton, Miss Addie Harrison and Miss Callie Harrison, of Plymouth, and Mrs. Lillian Carpenter, of Greensboro. She also leaves one brother, Jesse Waters, of Windsor, and one sister, Mrs. Josephine Allen, of Plymouth.

## Cucumber Growers Signing Contracts

Contracts are being executed now between Washington County farmers and the Manhattan Produce Exchange, Inc., of Brooklyn, N. Y., for the purpose of cooperating in the production and marketing of cucumbers that are to be grown on farms in the county this year.

T. W. Aydtlett, of Elizabeth City, a representative of the cucumber concern, was here last week lining up agents for the company, and he said that if sufficient acreage could be secured in the territory around Plymouth and Columbia a receiving station would be provided in Plymouth.

B. M. Alexander, of Columbia, and J. E. Phelps, of Roper, have been engaged to explain the contract to farmers and to get them interested in the production of cucumbers for the Manhattan Produce Exchange. The New York firm will purchase cucumbers grown in Washington and Tyrrell Counties on farms that have contracts with that firm.

The contract includes the following clause, regarding size and payment: "All cucumbers sound and merchantable, grown on the grower's farm as per contract, ranging in size from 3 inches to 6 inches in length, not exceeding 2 inches in diameter, at 75 cents per 100 pounds, or \$15 per ton."

## Towns Located on Present Route Are Girding for Battle

### Suggested That Committees Get Together and Iron Out Differences

Aroused over the information that John W. Darden, secretary of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce, might appear before state and federal road officials to urge a change in routing of U. S. 17 to include Plymouth and the Albemarle Sound bridge, Edenton, Windsor and Williamston civic leaders are understood to be girding themselves for a battle to oppose such a proposal.

Mr. Darden advances as his reasons for suggesting the change the facts that the new road is nearer the coast than the present "Coastal Route"; that the trip from Washington to Elizabeth City over the Albemarle Sound bridge route is shorter; that the surface on the new route is better than the current No. 17 highway by Williamston, Windsor and Edenton; and that the added historical and scenic attractions on the Plymouth-Albemarle bridge routing justify the change.

For the purpose of reaching some kind of agreement over the routing of U. S. 17 and other road programs in this section, Mr. Darden has urged that a committee from the Southern Albemarle Association meet with officials of the Greater Albemarle Association, an organization generally regarded to favor the north side of the sound in controversial matters. He believes joint approval could be reached on a program to be sponsored by the two organizations.

Commenting on the road program advocated by the Greater Albemarle Association—sponsored by an Elizabeth City group and apparently designed to take over the work of the older Southern Albemarle Association with marked favoritism shown for interests on the north side of the sound—Mr. Darden approved their proposals in general, but said he was totally unable to understand why the Greater Albemarle program made no mention whatever of efforts being made to secure a dependable all-weather road for the Turnpike, by way of Wenona to Pantego, which was recently designated as part of the state highway system and made a part of Route 99.

## Local Bowlers Win From Washington

A group of local bowlers defeated the Dr. Pepper team of Washington Wednesday night in a match played at the local bowling alley.

In the three-game match, the following local boys rolled a total of 1,386 pins to win by a margin of 19: Benton Liverman, John Askew, Frank Freeman, Fred Innes, and Otis Davis. The following composed the Dr. Pepper team, which had a total of 1,367: Bill Davenport, E. D. Watson, Bill Robertson, Wilbur Padgett, and Bill Mixon.

Benton Liverman, with 317, had high set; Bill Davenport's 290 being best for the Washington group.

## Cattlemen's Association Is Organized By County Group Last Friday Evening

A score of persons interested in cattle gathered in the agriculture building here Friday night to discuss cattle production and marketing, which was followed by a steak dinner at Juniper Lodge and organization of a cattlemen's association. A meeting will be held Monday night by the directors to decide upon a name for the organization.

Without a dissenting vote, W. M. Darden was elected president, L. E. Hassell vice president, and County Agent V. V. Hays secretary and treasurer. Placed on the board of directors were W. H. Thompson, J. L. Rea and A. J. Riddle.

Prior to the dinner, that veteran cowman from Beaufort County, Fred V. Latham, told the assembled group of plain citizens and specialists how he had built up a herd of 125 cattle and the methods he used in working with them.

## Hope To Get Aid of W.P.A. in Mosquito-Elimination Project

### Lions Club and District Health Officials Taking Lead in Movement

Hope for a drainage project along the Roanoke River here to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes was revived this week by the revelation that the local Lions Club has been instrumental in promoting interest in the much-needed effort to have this work done with WPA aid.

Dr. S. V. Lewis, district health officer, and W. J. Highsmith, district sanitary engineer, went to Raleigh this week for a conference with state officials, and they were to bring up the subject for discussion and suggestions as to how to get the work done.

Meantime, Dr. A. Papineau and other physicians here joined the health department officials in stressing the importance of the mosquito-control project to the health of the community.

Zeb Vance Norman, in his acceptance speech as president of the Lions Club last July, stated that he hoped this problem would be solved during his administration and he asked the members and health officials to get behind the project and aid in pushing it to completion.

Some months ago the Town Council of Plymouth and the county commissioners indicated their willingness to make some appropriations as sponsors for the project in which they hoped to secure the aid of the Works Progress Administration.

It is hoped that by the aid of the district health officials and the sponsoring organizations state officials can be impressed with the need of this project and some action taken before spring to insure work being done to prevent the usual large number of mosquitoes prevalent here during the summer.

## Mistrial Recorded In Assault Case

Failure of the jury to reach a verdict after deliberating for five hours caused Recorder John W. Darden to order a mistrial Tuesday in the case against Porter McKinney, 39, white, charged with assaulting a colored girl.

The case may be called for trial again next Tuesday, when McKinney will probably face charges that resulted from a ruling handed down by Supreme Court Justice M. V. Barnhill last week, reducing the case from that of attempted assault on a female with intent to commit rape to assault on a female.

The case grew out of an alleged action by McKinney that took place here in November, 1937, when McKinney is charged with alighting from a car on a highway and running after five colored girls, Hope and Theresa Basnight, Merline, Chanille and Thana Skinner.

Officers happening along at the time halted the man, and he is said to have told them that he was just "frightening the girls."

## 24 Farm Class Boys At Potato Exhibit

Twenty-four boys from the vocational agriculture department of the Plymouth High School attended the demonstration on the production and marketing of potatoes, which was carried in exhibits on four railroad cars at Columbia last Friday.

Accompanied by their teacher, W. S. Moore, the boys saw a motion picture on the proper methods of digging and handling potatoes; exhibits of new varieties; seed treatment, rotation and fertilizer practices, harvesting equipment and by-products; machinery showing improved handling and loading; a refrigerator car showing improved methods of loading, in bags, tubs or crates.

Greater profits would be reaped by the growers if improved marketing practices were followed on potatoes, said Mr. Moore.

## Advance Sale of Tickets To Cooking School Next Week Pleases Sponsors

A large number of tickets have already been sold for the cooking school that is to be held here in the Community Hall next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, under the auspices of the Young Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist church, it was learned today from Mrs. L. W. Zeigler, chairman of the ticket sales committee.

Though both have been sick in bed for several days recently, Mrs. Zeigler and Mrs. E. A. Harper, chairman of the committee on arrangements for the cooking school, are now engaged in the

work with other members of the society, which is presenting the event.

Mrs. Harper and Mrs. Zeigler are urging men, as well as women to purchase tickets for the school, since there are well over 300 gifts to be presented ticket holders.

The value of the gifts, put on display this morning in the show window of the Norman Furniture Company, range from 25 cents to \$15, and it is explained that it will not be necessary for persons holding the lucky tickets to be present in order to receive one of the awards.

## Freight Traffic Boom Is at New High Here

### Approaches That of World War Period; Extra Train Added

### Railroads Handle Big Volume; Two Switching Engines Kept Busy

A freight traffic boom that approximates that of the World War period is reported here as the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company and the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company continue to do an increasing business in Plymouth.

Four freight trains are operated in and out of Plymouth daily by the Norfolk Southern, with a switch engine making short hauls to Mackays, Creswell and Columbia, and doing switching work on the local tracks.

The Atlantic Coast Line also has four freight trains daily operating in and out of Plymouth, one having been added recently, and like the Norfolk Southern, operates a switch engine here to handle the work on its tracks leading into the plants of the North Carolina Pulp Company, the Plymouth Box and Panel Company, and the American Fork and Hoe Company.

It has been necessary for the A. C. L. trains to double back once or twice to pick up cars, and the peak was reached recently when it became necessary for the company to inaugurate a special schedule to be maintained on the Rocky Mount-Plymouth branch until further notice. Two freight trains are operated by this company every Sunday.

W. C. Moore, agent for the Norfolk Southern, and J. B. Edmundson, agent for the Atlantic Coast Line, this week expressed their gratification for the improved business of the railroads and added that they had ample facilities to take care of the freight needs of the entire section if it was demanded.

## Workman Seriously Hurt in Fall at Plant

Reports from a Rocky Mount hospital today were to the effect that L. M. Mooney, millwright at the North Carolina Pulp Company, had sustained a broken back as the result of a fall Tuesday, when he dropped about 12 feet from a staging around one of the large cement tanks being erected there.

It was said that Mr. Mooney was working on one of the stages when his foot slipped on a wet plank and he fell across two motors beneath the staging. Workmen on the job at the time said he narrowly missed landing in one of the large cement tanks from which it would have been very difficult to get him out.

It was reported also that it will likely be several months before Mr. Mooney will be able to get around again, barring any complications, and that for sometime he will be kept in a cast.

W. S. Cutler and J. C. Swain, the latter personnel manager of the plant, visited Mr. Mooney in the hospital Wednesday night.

## Boat Secured for Local Sea Scouts

Renewed interest is being manifested in the Sea Scouting program here as the result of information being received this week that the local Sea Scout troop will be given a 26-foot surfboat by the Coast Guard. The ship will be named "The Albemarle."

The boat is of the self-bailing, self-righting type used in the Coast Guard service. It is now at Rodanthe, but will be brought to Plymouth as soon as arrangements can be completed by Skipper A. Papineau and W. R. Hampton, member of the State Board of Conservation and Development. Blount Rodman is first mate and A. P. Wheaton second mate of the local Sea Scouts.

## Canuck 'Cooees' for Aussies Out of Turn; Winds Up in Bastille

### British Subject Little Too Exuberant Over Empire's Reinforcements

Joseph Elsiger, French-Canadian construction worker here, afterwards said he didn't mean any harm by it, but he did yell "Cooee" one or twice in a public place here Saturday night before Chief of Police P. W. Brown walked in and placed him under arrest.

Just a yell or two, he thought, wouldn't make much difference, and, too, he figured others would be doing the same thing when they read, as he did, that 30,000 fighting men from New Zealand and Australia had landed in Suez, Egypt, to help the French and British forces there awaiting development of the European War in the Near East.

Like those soldiers, who walked down the gangplanks of troopships singing "Roll Out the Barrel" and shouting "Cooee"—described as Australian for our western "Yippee"—Elsiger felt it was worth yelling about that the various sons of the far-flung British Empire were assembling to wage war against Germany and maybe, eventually, Russia.

However, it was tough on him that Chief Brown and his bluecoats were cracking down on inebriates during the week-end, during which seven landed in jail. Complaints reaching city officials about increased public drunkenness on the streets caused the Town Councilmen to direct officers to arrest the offenders during the week-end, and the cops accordingly went to work on them.

Slightly nervous and jittery after several hours in jail, during which time the effects of the ardent spirits were off, Elsiger reached in his pocket after his release and pulled out a newspaper clipping of the story about the landing of the Anzacs in Egypt and sadly ruminated that "it's to blame for it all."

## Local Merchants On Buying Trips

Several Plymouth merchants left town this week. Bad business did not send them on the journey; on the contrary, the good business they expect to do this spring did, so they went up to the northern markets to look over the latest items and make their purchases of spring merchandise to replenish their stocks.

Most of those out of town are expected to return by the week-end, and the clerks left on the job said that new goods were looked for immediately after the merchants return and spring merchandise displays should be up all over town by the latter part of next week.

Among those on buying trips are Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Liverman, Sam Adler, L. S. Thompson, Dave Kulman, Abe Adler, Mrs. Sam Scherr, and A. J. Byrd. Mrs. Byrd accompanied her husband as far as Washington, D. C., where she remained with friends while he visited the markets.

## Democrats Meet To Nominate Members Board of Elections

### P. W. Brinkley and J. W. Marrow Endorsed for Vacancies

The Democratic Executive Committee of Washington County, in session here Monday, nominated and recommended to the State Board of Elections the appointment of P. W. Brinkley and J. W. Marrow, sr., as Democratic members of the county board of elections.

The third member, a Republican, was to be nominated and recommended by the Republican executive committee of the county, and it is possible that their selection will not be made known here until the State Board of Elections makes appointments of the members of the county boards of election.

Chairman W. R. Gaylord reminded the Democrats present at the session that precinct meetings would be held May 4, followed by the county convention on May 11 and the State Democratic convention on May 17. Delegates to the county convention will be named in the precinct meetings, and delegates to the state gathering will be elected at the county convention.

It was brought to the attention of the executive committee members that the major changes in the election laws effected by the last legislature eliminates absentee voting and markers in Democratic primary elections.

Precinct chairmen present at the meeting Monday were as follows: Dr. C. McGowan, Plymouth; W. J. Vaughan, Wenona; H. W. Tarkenton, Lees Mills; Clinton Everett, Skippersville; and C. N. Davenport, Jr., Scuppernon.

## High School Play To Be Presented Here Friday of Next Week

### "Belle of Barcelona" Promises To Provide Plenty Of Entertainment

A three-act musical comedy, "The Belle of Barcelona," will be presented by a cast of 40 students in the Plymouth High School auditorium on Friday night, March 1, at 8 o'clock.

Katherine Midgett, remembered for her fine work in the Parent-Teacher Association minstrel last year, and Frank Winesette, an outstanding high school athlete, will play the leads, ably supported by Mary Charlotte Jones, Lorraine Jackson, Becky Ward, Mary Lillian Campbell, Peggy Brown, Jack Owens, Jimmy Hays, Brinson Cox, Douglas Gurkin, Stuart Nestor and a full chorus.

The story revolves around the complications of a pretty Spanish belle who falls in love with an American government official, while her parents are trying to force her to marry a Spanish nobleman.

Spanish costumes are being department, and special scenery is also being constructed. Spanish dances are being arranged by Miss Lucille Woolard and the music is under the direction of Miss Lucille Jones. Principal R. B. Trotman is in charge of production.

Tickets are now on sale at popular prices.

## County Bands Have 21 in All-Star Group

Fifteen members of the Plymouth High School Band and six members of the Creswell High School Band participated in the East Carolina High School All-Star Band Concert given in the John Small High School in Washington last Friday night.

Meeting at the Washington High School Building at 9:30, the young musicians rehearsed until 1 o'clock, when a free lunch was served. A parade through the business district followed at 3:30 and a banquet was given at 6 o'clock. The concert began at 8 o'clock.

Members of the Creswell band who participated were Iris Spruill, J. C. Gatlin, Harold S. Woodley, Ada Virginia Hopkins, Virginia Woodley and Walter Peal. They were accompanied by their director, Bob Merritt.

Director L. W. Zeigler accompanied the following members of the Plymouth band: Douglas Gurkin, Phyllis Davidson, Osbourne Dunbar, Mary Lillian Campbell, Gertrude Woolard, L'Engie Barnes, Frances Basinger, Mary C. Jones, Harry McLean, Phil Liverman, Brinson Cox, Carolyn Byrd Fanny Lou Winslow and Bill Owens.

## Inmate of County Home Died Early Wednesday

Mrs. Mary Sawyer, 80, an inmate of the Washington County home, died early Wednesday morning following a short illness and the body was taken to Hyde County for burial Thursday.

L. L. Basnight, keeper of the home, said that he did not know of any relatives of the aged woman and knew nothing of the funeral arrangements, as Mr. Sawyer came to the local county home from Hyde County.