

Three-Day Cooking School Here This Week Said Success in Every Respect

From the standpoint of enthusiasm, attendance, cooperation and profit, the cooking school conducted here Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, under the auspices of the missionary society of the Methodist church, was declared a success today by Mrs. E. A. Harper, the chairman of the committee in charge of the event.

Well pleased with the cooperation of the merchants, the power company and her co-workers, Mrs. Harper today expressed her appreciation and the thanks of the society to all who helped in any way to make the event a success.

Winners of some of the larger of the 300 gifts were Mrs. C. V. W. Ausbon, floor lamp; Mrs. O. H. Cox, blanket; Mrs. C. C. Hardison, crystal dish inlaid with silver; Mrs. L. S. Thompson, \$2.50 book of theatre tickets; Mrs. Eddie Getsinger, mirror; and Miss Emily K. Waters, \$5 service job at filling station.

Henry S. Midgett Dies at Home Here After Short Illness

Died Sunday Night; Final Rites Held Tuesday Afternoon

Funeral services were held at his home on Washington Street Tuesday afternoon for Henry Shelton Midgett, 47 years of age, who died at 9:20 Sunday of heart trouble after a week's confinement to his bed.

Interment took place in the Methodist church cemetery, with several hundred persons attending the last rites. The services were conducted by the Rev. O. L. Hardwick, pastor of the Methodist church, assisted by the Rev. P. B. Nickens, of the Baptist church. Hundreds of floral designs contributed by his friends from all walks of life were banked over the grave.

Local Scout Troop Gets Deed for Camp Site Near Plymouth

Land Is Donated by Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Groves and R. J. Sydenstricker

A deed was executed this week by R. J. Sydenstricker, of Plymouth, and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Groves, of Elkins, W. Va., conveying to Dr. Alban Paineau, Zeb Vance Norman and Carl L. Bailey, as trustees of Plymouth Troop No. 84, Boy Scouts of America, three-fourths of an acre of land on Welches Creek near here for a scout camp.

A survey, made free of charge by D. Julian Brinkley, registered surveyor, shows that the plot is bounded on the north by the right of way of the power line of the Virginia Electric and Power Company; on the east by Welches Creek; and on the south and west by land owned by Sydenstricker and Groves.

A paragraph of the deed reads as follows: "In the event of dissolution of the Plymouth troop or the revocation or lapse of its charter, the said trustees, will, after satisfying any claims against such scout troop to which such real estate may be subject, convey said property, or if sold, pay the net proceeds of the sale, to the Boy Scouts of America, which shall hold or use said funds for the benefit of scouting in such locality or elsewhere, if, after the lapse of two years there is not a suitable opportunity to use said property or funds in such locality."

Mr. Groves, a former resident, wrote W. Blount Rodman, who has been attending to the legal transfer of the property that "it gives Mrs. Groves and myself much pleasure to join Mr. Sydenstricker in executing this deed so it will become the home of the Plymouth Boy Scouts."

\$10,000 Damage in Freight Train Wreck Near Here Last Night

Church Collection Includes Bum Coin

Whether it came from an official, a plain member, or a visitor Treasurer B. G. Campbell, of the Methodist church, did not know, but one thing he did know, that his chagrin, was that someone put a counterfeit quarter in the collection plate Sunday.

The spurious coin was discovered by Bank Teller W. T. Stillman, who heard the false ring of the "bum" quarter when it was dumped on the counter for deposit, along with the remainder of Sunday's collection, and so he got out his pocket knife and began to whittle away the coin.

Mr. Campbell laughed as the teller whittled away and then went back to his record books and entered the total for Sunday's collections as 25 cents less.

No One Hurt, But 13 Cars and 300 Yards of Track Damaged

Broken Axle on Car Cause; Four Cars Completely Demolished

Damages estimated at close to \$10,000 were caused last night about 11:45 when 13 cars of a Norfolk Southern freight train were wrecked on the H. A. Williford farm about two miles from Plymouth. A broken axle under a car of asphalt caused the cars to be derailed and 12 of them turned over, over half being piled together in a large heap. Two of the cars were filled with potatoes, 6 with fertilizer, 1 with asphalt and 4 with general merchandise. They were a part of the train operating between Norfolk and Raleigh, with Conductor J. R. Singleton in charge.

J. S. Cox, of Raleigh, assistant general superintendent, and F. S. Cowan, of the claim department, arrived here at 7:30 this morning to view the wreck. The caboose and about 10 cars were left standing upright on the track, and after the accident, the train crew came on into Plymouth on it to report the wreck.

The tracks was torn up for about 300 feet. At this point, the track is laid with 90-pound iron, well ballasted, and the roadbed compares favorably with that of larger railroads of the country, according to Mr. Cox, who added that most of the wrecks occurring nowadays are the result of defective mechanism on the cars, as the tracks and roadbeds are all in good condition.

In addition to the damage done to the track, it was reported by Mr. Cox that about four of the cars were destroyed beyond repair. He said there would be no great loss of the cargo, as most of the contents of the wrecked cars could be salvaged.

Railroad wrecking crews from Norfolk and Raleigh were busy today clearing away the wreckage and repairing the rails. Mr. Cox said that passenger, mail and express on the noon passenger trains today would be transferred from one train to the other at the scene of the wreck and this part of the service would not be delayed to any great extent. It was thought the wreckage would be cleared away and regular service resumed by 8 o'clock tonight.

None of the train crew was injured when the cars wrecked, but it was unofficially reported that a section master's handcar ran into the wreckage in the dark when approaching the scene last night.

Darden Announces He Will Again Be Candidate for House

First To Announce Candidacy for County Office In May Primary

Breaking the political ice this week was Wilbur M. Darden, who announced this morning that he would be a candidate in the May 25 Democratic primary for nomination to succeed himself as Representative of Washington County in the General Assembly.

With only the offices of county commissioners, treasurer, judge of recorder's court, and representative to be balloted on this year, interest has been at low ebb in local politics, although the state and national situation is beginning to attract attention.

A freshman in the house last year, Mr. Darden was very active in affairs affecting Washington County and had several local laws passed by request of various interests in the county. He did not prepare a statement to accompany his announcement, but did say he would serve the county to the best of his ability as he did at the last session, when he gained a measure of recognition for his earnest efforts in promoting the general welfare of the county.

Methodist Church Buys New Organ

Officials of the Plymouth Methodist church Monday night signed a contract for the purchase of a new \$3,000 seven-stop Moeller electric pipe organ to replace the present instrument which has been in the church for years.

The handsome new musical instrument is to be installed in the church here within the next 60 days, and officials believe it will be ready for use by May 1. The new organ will require only a few alterations to the interior of the church.

The new instrument was purchased through an agreement that called for a trade-in of the present pipe organ, in use for many years, officials of the local church deciding it would be better to trade the old organ on a new one rather than pay for expensive repairs.

Shep Brinkley is organist at the church, and the choir there is recognized as one of the best throughout this section. The musical programs rendered are considered one of the outstanding features of the services, and officials believe the new organ will serve to increase interest and attendance in all church activities.

High School Play Tomorrow Night

It was announced this week by Principal R. B. Trotman that although it had been necessary to make a change in the cast, "The Belle of Barcelona," high school play, will be presented as scheduled tomorrow night at 8 o'clock in the school auditorium, with advance reports indicating this to be one of the most ambitious theatrical efforts ever attempted by local students.

Plenty of entertainment is promised by the cast, which includes Frank Winesett, Becky Ward, Mary Charlotte Jones, Lorraine Jackson, Mary Lillian Campbell, Peggy Brown, Jack Owens, Jimmy Hays, Brinson Cox, Douglas Gurkin, Stuart Nestor, and a full chorus of beautiful girls.

Immediately after the three-act musical comedy, a dance will be given in the high school gymnasium free to those who purchased tickets to the play. Others not attending the show will be charged a small admission for the dance. Contrary to previous announcement, the Phil-O-Harry orchestra will not play for the dance, but Principal R. B. Trotman has arranged for plenty of music.

Local Legionnaires Give \$50 to Finns And Hope They Use It To Buy Arms

Fighting men of the first World War from this county last week expressed their sentiments toward the Russian invasion of Finland by agreeing to donate \$50 to the courageous Finns. The action was taken at a meeting of the American Legion at Hoyt's Cafe, near Creswell, where the former service men enjoyed an oyster roast.

The meeting was attended by 36 of the 60 members of the James E. Jethro Post. No set program was prepared for the occasion, but the talk among the "buddies" drifted to the topic of war, as it usually does at their meetings, and they decided to express their admiration for the courageous battle the Finns have

been putting up in a practical manner. The donation was turned over to Zeb Vance Norman, county chairman of the Finnish Relief Fund, and was the first sizeable contribution he had received since he was appointed to head the work in this county. The Legionnaires attached no strings to their donation, stating that it could be used either for relief work or for the purchase of munitions, as the Finns saw fit. The Finnish Relief Fund, it is understood, is being used only for non-belligerent purposes, and it is probable the Legion donation will be turned in to the Fightings Funds for Finland organization, which is raising money for the purchase of war materials for the Finns.

Lang To Contract for 300 Acres Cucumbers

FIRST CANDIDATE



W. M. Darden, seeking the Democratic nomination to succeed himself as Representative to the General Assembly, by his announcement this week, became the first candidate in the county for any office.

Plant Official Says Unit Here Will Be Operated This Year

P. H. Roberts, Jr., Will Return To Be in Charge Of Local Operations

Though carrying over about 11,000 bushels of cucumbers which they contracted for during 1939, C. C. Lang & Son, Inc., Baltimore pickle manufacturers, today announced that they would enter into contract with farmers in Washington County for about 300 acres again this coming Spring.

P. H. Roberts, Jr., manager of the local plant who resigned to accept a position with a pickle firm in Cambridge, Mass., has been reemployed to take charge of the local Lang plant and will return to Plymouth for duty by the week-end. Mr. Roberts announced when he left Plymouth two weeks ago that the local plant would not be operated this year, but developments since that time have caused the Lang concern to reconsider.

Talking with a number of growers here last week were George H. Myers, general plant manager; P. H. Roberts, Sr., manager of the Washington, N. C., plant; Lyman Roberts, associated with his father and W. A. Respass, of the Lang pepper receiving plant at Wilkerson station in Beaufort county.

The contracts are ready for the farmers to sign, and Mr. Roberts who has been manager of the plant since it began operating here about five years ago, will return to attend to the business connected with the growth and handling of the cucumbers as well as processing them. He is expected to be here by Saturday of this week.

Other cucumber buyers encroaching on the territory, the excellent quality of cucumbers produced here, as well as the general interest of the farmers and others in the local plant, were given as reasons why the Lang company decided to have an acreage here this Spring. It was announced here this Spring. It was announced here this Spring. It was announced here this Spring.

Republicans Meet Here Next Week

Republicans are urged by J. C. Tarkenton, of Pleasant Grove, chairman of the county Republican executive committee, to attend the Republican county convention to be held at the courthouse here next Wednesday, March 6, at 2 p. m.

Delegates to the state convention at Charlotte on April 15 will be elected, as well as delegates to the congressional district convention at Elizabeth City or Washington at a date to be announced later. Delegates to the national convention at Philadelphia and a candidate for Congress will be elected at the congressional district convention.

Such other business as may come before the county convention will be transacted at the meeting here next week, but Republican candidates for county offices will not be nominated at that time.

Fire Siren Control May Be Located at Police Office Here

Proposal To Be Given Consideration At Next Meeting of Council

Consideration will be given by the Town of Plymouth Council at its next meeting to a suggestion made by Chief of Police P. W. Brown that connections with the fire alarm siren be installed at the police department headquarters.

"In this way," explained the chief, "there will always be someone to answer fire alarm calls can be transferred to the police department for night duty to receive calls for both fire and police work."

Under this plan, there would be no additional expense to the town, as the same person who now answers the telephone and looks after the fire department at night could be used and cooperate with the police department.

Chief Brown also pointed out that this would give the two night patrolmen, George R. Coburn and Paul Basnight more time to devote to patrolling their beats, increasing protection to the stores and buildings here.

It is proposed by Chief Brown that the fire alarm siren either be moved to the top of the market building or that connections be made at police station with the present location of the siren, so that in whichever place the night man may be he can instantly give the fire alarms.

Mayor B. G. Campbell said that the proposition would be discussed by the council.

McKinney Fined \$10 and Court Cost

A fine of \$10 and costs was assessed against Porter McKinney, 29, white, in recorder's court Tuesday on a charge of assaulting a colored girl, with a plea of guilty being entered to "frightening the girl" by McKinney's counsel, W. L. Whitley.

This action brought to a close the case against McKinney, which started off with his trial on a charge of attempted assault with intention to commit rape, the count being reduced to assault on a female following a habeas corpus hearing before a state supreme court justice.

Lafayette Cabarrus, 27, colored, was sent to the county farm for 30 days after he was found guilty of being a nuisance by being drunk.

A nol pros was entered in the case of James Hedgebeth, 35, colored, charged with assaulting his wife. His wife refused to testify against him when the case was called for trial.

Glee Club Sings At Lions Meeting

The Glee Club of the Plymouth High School, under the direction of Miss Clara Louise Jones, public-school-music teacher, made a big hit at the Lions Club meeting last Thursday night, when the group presented a program of music.

Accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Laura S. Johnston, Misses Katherine Midgett and Lorraine Jackson sang solos that added greatly to the entertainment program of three numbers sung by the choral group.

The Lions agreed to increase their activities in selling Town of Plymouth auto license tags, the proceeds of which will go to the Plymouth High School band. So far 78 of the 250 tags have been sold with Chief of Police P. W. Brown leading.

Fire at Boathouse Here Tuesday Does Extensive Damage

Dr. Lewis' Cruiser and Fork And Hoe Company Tug Near Total Loss

Fire of undetermined origin which spread rapidly destroyed a boathouse, damaged four boats and burned timber supplies at the plant of the American Fork & Hoe Company here Tuesday at noon, causing a loss estimated by Miss Ethel Arps, the manager, at several thousand dollars.

The boathouse was a complete loss. The company-owned tugboat, "Annie Lee," and a cabin cruiser owned by Dr. S. V. Lewis, district health officer, were almost totally destroyed. Two smaller outboard motor boats, one owned by the company and the other by Dr. Lewis, were also damaged by the flames.

Supplies of the timber department of the plant stored in the boathouse, including two outboard motors, axes, ropes, lanterns and extra bedding for the tug, were also damaged.

The loss was partially covered by insurance, according to Miss Arps, who declined to make an estimate of the amount of damage to the individual items, pending a visit of insurance adjusters.

Workmen had set a grass fire on the premises of the company Tuesday morning, but Miss Arps said this fire had been kept under control and the origin of the boathouse fire is not known.

The same boathouse was damaged by fire in 1934 when the engine of a boat anchored in it exploded.

Explanation of Election Law Changes To Be Made Officials at Edenton Meet

An explanation of the changes made in the election laws by the 1939 General Assembly will be made at a meeting of election officials from several counties in Edenton on Saturday, March 30, with members of the Washington County Board of Elections expected to attend. The appointment of county boards of elections will be made by the State Board of Elections at a meeting on March 16 for this purpose.

P. W. Brinkley and J. W. Marrow, sr., have been recommended for appointments to membership on the board by the county Democratic executive committee, and it is expected they, with a Republican member to be recommended by the county Republican executive committee, will be named to comprise the Washington County Board of Elections. These changes include that of

Car Damaged in Accident Sunday

The automobile of George W. Harrison was damaged to the extent of about \$250 Sunday morning when it turned over on highway No. 64 in front of A. J. Riddle's farm, although he and his brother, little Bobby Harrison, the only occupants of the machine, escaped injury.

Mr. Harrison said that he saw a negro driving a car approaching, and that the negro apparently tried to stick his head out of the window for some purpose, when the door came open. Afraid, that his car would hit the open door Mr. Harrison said he drove his car off the concrete on the shoulders. While trying to get back on the wet slippery pavement, the machine turned over.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Browning re-

Fifty Masons attended an oyster roast down by the water tank here Wednesday night, when the master, E. H. Liverman, and wardens, L. A. Larkin and Linwood Knowles, provided the members of Perseverance Lodge and visiting Masons an "eating good time."

Silas Lucas, prosecuting attorney of the Wilson County Recorder's Court, said while here this week that though this was his first visit to Plymouth already he liked the town fine.

Dan R. Satterthwaite, new salesman for the Plymouth Motor Company, was in Norfolk the early part of the week at the Ford assembly plant, where he attended a three-day training course for Ford salesmen.

Sick for several weeks, Superior Court Clerk C. V. W. Ausbon was down the street here Saturday, and on Monday morning he went to his office in the courthouse. He has apparently fully recovered from his recent foot trouble.

A total of 8,325 children in the public schools of Washington, Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell and Currituck Counties were examined by physicians or health nurses from the district health office in Plymouth during 1938, according to District Health Officer S. V. Lewis.

John W. Barcam, an itinerant Episcopal minister, who terms himself a missionary, was here this week conducting religious services in the jail and at the prison camp near Creswell.

The training given sailors in the U. S. Navy was strikingly illustrated here the other day by the manner in which Hickman Jackson, son of Charlie Jackson, snapped to attention when a United States flag passed by him. Young Jackson is visiting relatives here while on leave from the Navy.

Two Young Colored Boys Arrested for Store Robbery

Sheriff J. K. Reid, assisted by Chief of Police P. W. Brown, Thursday morning arrested Ufather Gibson and George Jackson, jr., two colored boys, charging them with forcing an entrance into the store of J. C. Tarkenton at Pleasant Grove last night and stealing cigarettes, cheese, canned goods and other merchandise valued at less than \$10.

Bloodhounds were carried to the scene, but were of no benefit, as Sheriff Reid and Chief Brown arrested the youths as a result of their investigations.

Baptist Revival To Begin Next Week

By Rev. P. B. NICKENS
Next Wednesday night, March 6, at 7:30 o'clock, our annual revival will begin. This year we are looking forward to a meeting which will bring all of us closer to God. We know that we have a man who is capable of leading us in this meeting, and we feel sure that not only our church, but the entire town will be blessed by his coming. He is Dr. J. L. White, jr., pastor of the Blackwell Memorial Church in Elizabeth City. We invite you out to meet and hear him.

Many of our religious leaders today believe that there is a breeze stirring in the mulberry trees, a breeze which seems to say that the people of our nation are finding their way back to church.

The pastor—and every member of the church—cordially invite you to attend these services. Pray for the services, attend the service and be blessed by the services.