

The Men's Club of Grace Episcopal church has postponed its March meeting until after Easter, when an out-of-town speaker will be invited and the members of the woman's auxiliary ask to attend the supper also.

Parents of members of the Plymouth High School Band and other interested persons have been invited to attend a meeting that is to be held in the high school auditorium tomorrow night (Friday), at 7:30, for the purpose of discussing the advisability of perfecting some kind of organization for the promotion of the band and its interests. It was said today by H. H. McLean, county school superintendent.

The Plymouth High School Band will be one of the 14 musical organizations to perform at the American Legion parade in Rocky Mount next Monday. The parade will be a feature of the two-day Legion post officers' convention to be held there Sunday and Monday. Several officers of the local post will attend.

Miss Phyllis Owens, home service director for the Virginia Electric and Power Company, made an illustrated lecture at the Lions Club meeting last week. She demonstrated to the 17 members attending the meeting the method of determining the proper amount of light that a home should have.

Edward Craft, son of Cecil Craft here, was a member of the crew of the U. S. S. Lang while President Franklin D. Roosevelt was on board during his recent fishing trip, and the young man wrote his father that he was standing next to the President when a number of photographs were made of him by news cameramen.

W. H. Townsend, president, and Taras Ivahiuw, recording secretary of Local No. 356, this week attended the national convention of the American Federation of Labor in Atlanta, Ga. They are expected to return this week end.

Mrs. G. C. James, of Parmele, has been employed as secretary and clerk in the office here of Owens Bros. Her husband is carrying the mail on the star route established between Plymouth and Parmele to take the place of the A. C. L. passenger train, removed last year.

Forest Inn, on Highway No. 64, has been reopened under the management of James C. Smith and W. H. (Bill) Joyner, well-known local young men, who will offer to the public a place for dancing and dining, as well as serving soft drinks and candies.

**Parents-Teachers Here To Present Recommendations**

Committee Will Present 10 Suggestions To County Board of Education

A committee from the Plymouth Parent-Teacher Association was preparing today to go before the Washington County Board of Education, probably at its next meeting, to present a list of 10 recommendations approved by that body at a meeting held in the local school auditorium last night, which was attended by a large crowd.

Included in the list of recommendations to be submitted to the county board for its consideration is that each member of local school boards be a taxpayer, a parent and interested in the school; that a commercial course be reinstated in the local school; that combination of grades be eliminated; that a nine-month term be provided; that funds be provided for needed activities by sources other than those requiring selling of anything by children; that the music of the school be combined under the direction of one teacher; that additional physical equipment be secured to alleviate congested conditions.

The association also decided to plan a definite budget and to assume no obligations unless the organization is consulted before the bill is made. The appointment of a general treasurer for school activities was recommended.

A nominating committee presented the names of the following for officials of the organization, their election being made by acclamation: Mrs. J. K. Reid, president; Mrs. W. V. Hays, vice president; Mrs. E. A. Harper, secretary; and Mrs. Clarence Ayers, treasurer.

The retiring president, Mrs. Hays, said she hoped there would be a study course inaugurated for the members of the association next year and that the parent-teacher association would join other clubs in getting a well-known speaker to visit here.

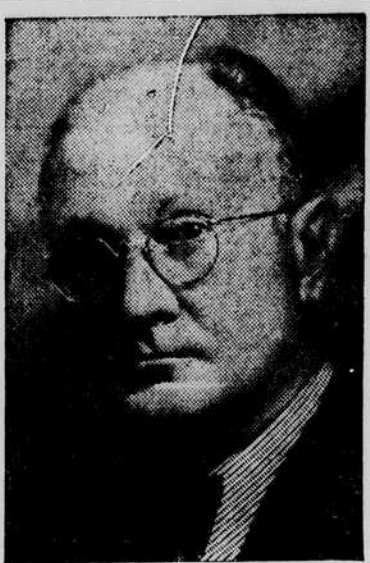
**Mission Study Class Concluded at Mackeys**

The Rev. M. R. Gardner, pastor of the Roper Methodist church, said that a very successful mission study class was recently concluded by members of the Mackeys church. Lasting for more than a week, the classes were held each night at various homes in the community and were well attended, as high as 15 attending some of the sessions. Dr. Mott's book, "Methodists United for Action," was studied, and Mr. Gardner said the classes were very profitable to those who attended.

**J. W. Norman Named Chairman of Red Cross Chapter of Washington County**

The recent naming of James W. Norman as chairman of the Washington County unit of the American Red Cross places at the head of the humanitarian organization a well-known civic worker who has had considerable experience in public life. With his acceptance of the honorary position, Mr. Norman is making plans to improve the service of the organization and hopes to have a full personnel named to handle activities in every section of the county within a few days.

**SEEKS REELECTION**



D. Bradford Fearing, of Manteo, recently announced his candidacy for reelection to the State senate from the second senatorial district. Mr. Fearing served his first term in the senate last year.

**Town Buys Asphalt Machine for Making Repairs To Streets**

Permission Sought for Presbyterian Chapel in Mill Village by Minister

Damage to streets in the last two years, which has caused much repair work to be necessary, prompted the Plymouth Town Council, at its meeting Monday night, to purchase an asphalt machine and cooking kettle from a New York firm at a cost of \$210 and freight.

Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, of Williamston, Presbyterian minister, asked the council for permission to erect a chapel or church in the pulp mill village near here. He was informed that there was nothing in the contract that the town had with the Kleckhefer firm to prevent the building of a church there.

Mayor B. G. Campbell read a letter from L. B. Wickersham, an officer of the Norfolk Southern Bus Corporation, saying that Mr. Wickersham would be here sometime soon to confer with town officials on the matter of a bus station for the town.

A committee was appointed to determine the value of the building and fix the amount of rental to be charged the House Chevrolet Company for a storage room for automobiles in the rear of the municipal building.

A. J. Riddle said that J. S. Whitley, of Williamston, asked him to tell the board that if the town would purchase \$6,000 worth of Town of Plymouth bonds held by Whitley at market value, he would build some more houses here. He is now building two on Brinkley Avenue. The officials said they would consider this when the money became available.

The council agreed to sell the property formerly owned by William Johnson, Willie Johnson, Martha Gee and Virgie Cooper on West Main Street to E. L. Owens for \$600, with half of the amount to be turned over to the county for taxes due it. This property is now owned by the town as the result of foreclosure of a tax lien.

The council tabled a request by Robert Taylor for the construction of water and sewer lines on Adams Street to Third and Fourth Streets.

be followed up by the designation of first-aid stations in convenient locations in the various localities.

It is also planned to provide first aid service at beaches and to have persons trained in swimming and first-aid practices to render assistance whenever needed.

With \$189 collected in the annual roll call last December under the chairmanship of Mrs. O. H. Cox, 50 per cent of which remains her for work in the county, and with a balance left over from other years, it is understood there is about \$150 in the bank here for work in this county.

**Republicans Elect Officials at County Meeting Yesterday**

J. C. Tarkenton Renamed Chairman of Executive Committee

Selection of delegates to the state and congressional district conventions and the naming of J. C. Tarkenton, of Pleasant Grove, to succeed himself as chairman of the executive committee, were the principal items of business at the Washington County Republican convention held here Wednesday afternoon.

Associated with Mr. Tarkenton on the executive committee are: W. Barton Swain, of Roper, secretary; J. T. McAllister, of Lees Mill Township; J. L. Phelps, of Scuppernon Township; J. R. Manning, of Plymouth Township; and Albert R. Phelps, of Skinnersville Township.

The following were named delegates to the congressional district convention, to be held in Williamston next Thursday, March 14: J. R. Carr, J. T. McAllister, E. R. Jackson, J. R. Manning, J. C. Tarkenton, S. A. Holton, H. A. Liverman, W. Herbert Phelps, W. B. Swain and John L. Phelps.

Delegates to the state convention in Charlotte on April 17 are: H. A. Liverman, J. C. Tarkenton, J. R. Manning, S. A. Holton, W. B. Swain, and John L. Phelps.

**Cantata To Be Presented At Roper Church Easter**

Members of the various churches in Roper are now rehearsing for a cantata, "The Thorn-Crowned King," which will be presented in the Methodist church there Easter Sunday night. Singers from all the choirs are participating, and much interest is being displayed.

**Play To Be Given at Cherry School Friday**

The play entitled, "Here Comes Hattie," will be presented at Cherry school Friday evening, March 8, at 8 o'clock. Music will be furnished by the Creswell High School Band.

**Teachers To Meet Here on March 12**

Miss Hattie Parrot, State Supervisor of schools, will be principal speaker at the meeting of the Washington County Teachers' Association, which will be held in the Plymouth High School auditorium next Tuesday at 2 p. m. Also on the program will be Dr. S. V. Lewis, district health officer, and Mrs. Dorothea Tucker, a representative of the State Blind Commission.

H. H. McLean, superintendent of public instruction, will preside over the session, at which time other matters dealing with school work in the county will be discussed.

**Peanut Cooperative To Cease Operations Effective March 31st**

Holland Sees Little Hope Of Extension of Time Being Granted

Farmers in Washington County who wish to sell peanuts through the Peanut Stabilization Cooperative must begin moving them soon, as the contract under which the organization is operating prevents it from receiving peanuts after March 31, it was learned from R. C. Holland, of Edenton, president and manager, this week.

W. H. Clark is in charge of the peanuts which have been stored with the cooperative in Plymouth warehouses, and it was said there were several thousand bags on hand that were brought in by farmers from their 1939 crop.

Mr. Holland said that in his opinion there was no possibility of an extension of time being granted beyond March 31 for purchasing peanuts under the existing program, and those who wish to avail themselves of the opportunity of selling or storing with the cooperative must act before that time.

It is feared a drop in peanut prices may follow when the warehouses of the cooperative are closed on March 31, and competent farm authorities have predicted the next crop may not bring more than 2 cents a pound unless some plan is worked out to remove part of the crop from the regular trade channels.

The peanuts sold to the cooperative in the past have been diverted to oil mills for crushing, thus removing a large surplus and bolstering the price of those peanuts sold through the regular trade channels. The plan, which has been in operation for three years, has held the price of farmer's stock peanuts around the 3 1/4 to 3 1/2 cents level.

The operations of the cooperative were financed through the surplus removal program of the Federal government, and its discontinuance may result in untold hardship to the peanut farmers. A meeting is being held in Jackson today by peanut producers in an effort to work out a solution to the problem.

**Lang Now Making Contracts in County For 1940 Cucumbers**

Minimum of 200 Acres Must Be Secured To Insure Operations

A score of experienced graders went to work this week on the 43,000 bushels of 1939 cucumbers stored in the large tanks of brine at the receiving plant of C. C. Lang & Son, Inc., here, according to P. H. Roberts, jr., manager, who returned to work with the firm last week.

Mr. Roberts said it would take several weeks to complete the task of grading and sorting the cucumbers in storage, and as soon as that is done the cucumbers will be ready for shipment to purchasers for further processing into pickles. He said that most of the cucumbers in storage here had been sold to another firm for pickling purposes, as the Lang Company has more than it needs to supply its trade.

The cucumbers will be moved in time for the new crop, which is to be produced in the section during the coming season, with contracts here now ready for the signatures of growers who are interested. Last week-end about 35 acres were contracted for, Mr. Roberts said, and every effort is being made to secure the required 200 acres, which is the minimum to be contracted for in order to keep the Lang receiving plant here.

**County Board Will Meet To Hear Tax Complaints**

The Washington County commissioners will meet Monday, March 18, to act as a board of equalization and review, hearing complaints against valuations fixed by the tax list takers this year.

Those who wish to be heard are requested to be present at that time, as the commissioners are not authorized by law to make any adjustments after the valuations have been approved by the board at this meeting and the budget prepared for taxation.

**Work at Pulp Plant Nears Peak; Total of 831 Employees on Job Here Today According to Official**

**Closing Dates for Schools in County Announced; Term Ends Here April 25**

Unless something happens to extend the time, all the various schools in Washington County will close next month, it was announced today by H. H. McLean, superintendent of public instruction, following a meeting of the board of education held Monday.

First to close will be the Plymouth schools on April 25, followed by Roper on April 26, and Creswell on May 1. White and colored elementary schools of the county will also end their eight-month terms during the latter part of April.

It was also decided by the board, according to Mr. McLean, not to suspend school on Easter Monday as this custom has not prevailed for the past few years. The board also adopted a resolution to provide school facilities and service for those on the Farm Security Administration Scuppernon Farm near Creswell as their part of the service to be rendered those dependent on the governmental agency in return for the contribution the FSA makes to the county in lieu of taxes.

**450 Men Engaged in Construction; Others Regular Employees**

Hope to Begin Operations in Part of New Plant by Middle of April

The largest number of workers ever employed at a single time at the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company are at work today, with construction workers employed by contractors, construction workers employed by the pulp company itself and the regular shift workers at the plant totalling 831, it was learned today from an official of the company.

The plant itself has 381 employees working on three shifts, and it also has about 250 men who are paid by the pulp company for work in connection with the construction activities, and about 200 men are employed by the William Muirhead Construction Company, foundation contractors, an Atte Bethlehem Steel Corporation, contractors for the structural steel and brick work.

It was estimated by the official that when the expansion program was completed about 250 additional employees would be needed to operate the new departments, which will enable the plant to turn out a finished paper product. This number would be added to the 381 shift workers now employed at the plant, making the total number of regular employees about 600.

There are some finishing touches to be completed at the bleach building before operation starts there, probably between April 1 and 15. The equipment is here and the building itself has been completed, but after the machinery and equipment is installed it was said there still remains some work to be done on the 15 large cement tanks attached to the building before operations can begin.

The bleach liquor building, small in comparison with other buildings, has been completed. The brickwork on the bleach building and the bleach liquor building has been completed, and plant officials do not anticipate any further delay in having work begun in them by the middle of April.

Work is progressing rapidly on the beater room. Machinery is expected to arrive for this building within the next three weeks. The structural steel has been erected and brickwork started, and it is estimated that this unit will be ready for operations by the first of July.

The machine building, with practically all of the steelwork completed, will soon be ready for the brick masons. A paper machine will be installed as soon as possible, and it is hoped to have operations started in this structure between July 1 and 15.

Structural steel erection on the extension to the wet room building is now in progress. This is expected to be completed within 10 days and, as this will conclude the work of the steel workers, they are expected to leave at that time. It is not known exactly when this building will be ready, but the official said that the machine and wet rooms should be ready to begin installation of equipment by March 25.

**Merchants Meeting Here Monday Night**

Plans for the promotion of a dollar-day sales event in Plymouth, probably during the month of April, will be discussed by Plymouth merchants at their regular meeting in the municipal hall Monday night at 8 o'clock, according to W. F. Winslow, president of the merchants' association.

As Mr. Winslow and his organization are desirous of securing 100 per cent cooperation of the merchants in making the sales event successful, all business men who are interested in that or any other sales promotion are urged to be present at the meeting Monday night.

There will also be a discussion of purchasing neon welcome signs for installation at entrances to the town.

**Spring Style Show Planned Here 15th**

The 1940 annual spring style show at the Plymouth Theatre this year will be presented on Friday, March 15, at 8 p. m., by E. H. Liverman's Department Store, it was announced this week by Shep Brinkley, manager. The event will be staged and directed by Miss Virginia Cahoon, owner of the Virginia Dare Beauty Salon in Liverman's store.

A little different from previous offerings of this kind, the fashion show will not only feature ladies' attire, but will also present the latest men's fashions, with local men and women serving as models. Full details will be published next week.

**But 12 Complaints Made To Tobacco Board of Review**

All Settled Satisfactorily; Only One Increase in Acreage Made

Only a dozen requests were made to the tobacco board of review here last month by county farmers who desired hearings on their tobacco-crop allotments for 1940, it was learned today from an authentic source.

There were some other minor complaints registered with the committee, but the county agent's office handled them satisfactorily, and the committee, who reviewed the protests, simply approved the agent's work.

Of the 12 hearings held by the committee, all were settled satisfactorily without increases being granted, with the exception of one which merited a larger allotment on the basis of number of tenants and barns on the farm. The committee did this after finding that there was an error in the number of tenants reported to them by the compliance supervisor.

The record speaks well for the county committee, who spent much time and labor in making every effort to have the crop allotments distributed fairly to every tobacco grower.

It was stated that there is a total of 1,050 acres of tobacco allotted to Washington county for the 1940 season, against 1,176 last year. The farmers in this county escaped in a measure the full 20 per cent reduction expected as the result of the tobacco referendum held in September.

If farmers plant all of their allotments this year, it is expected there will be an overproduction again, unless the British and other foreign tobacco companies return their buyers to the markets. Strenuous efforts are being made by the Federal government to secure the return of the foreign buyers, but so far these efforts have been in vain, although it is reported there are prospects for success before the 1940 crop is ready for market.

**Band Will Present Concert Here 22nd**

A concert will be given in the high school auditorium here on March 22 by the Plymouth High School Band, it was announced today by Director L. W. Zeigler. Featured at this time will be the two selections which the local band will play at the district elimination contest to be staged in Greenville March 30. If the band is successful in the Greenville contest, it will be eligible to enter the State contest at Greensboro in April.

The local band has been rehearsing for some time now for the concert presentation, and Director Zeigler hopes to have his youngsters thoroughly ready for the Greenville meeting. A small admission will be charged at the concert to help in defraying expenses to Greenville.

**FOR STATE SENATE**



Hugh G. Horton, of Williamston, last Friday announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination as senator from the second district. He represented Martin County in the house at the last three sessions of the General Assembly.

**Proceedings at Meet County Board Held Here Last Monday**

Tax Collector Is Authorized To Make Adjustments on Certain Tax Accounts

The Washington County commissioners in their monthly meeting Monday authorized Tax Collector J. E. Davenport to adjust the taxes due on property on Wilson Street in Plymouth, owned by Mrs. Isolind Ward, George Smith, and W. A. McRae. Provision was made in the authorization that Mr. Davenport report the adjustment made to the board on the first Monday in April.

It was also decided by the county officials to accept \$200 net in full payment of taxes due on the Fassee farm in Lees Mill Township, the offer to purchase at \$200 being made by Sherrick Davenport.

N. Fred Paul offered the commissioners \$250 for lot No. 39 North in Wenona, Lees Mills Township, but no action was taken at this meeting pending an investigation as to the value of the property.

Reports were made to the county officials by W. V. Hays, farm agent, Mrs. Frances M. Darden, home demonstration agent; and Dr. C. McGowan, county physician.

**Dance Recital at Local Theatre Next Tuesday**

As an added attraction to the feature picture, "Smashing the Money Ring," at the Plymouth Theatre next Tuesday night, Mrs. R. L. Stewart, of Washington, N. C., will present her dancing class in a recital. There will be about a score of youngsters from Plymouth to participate in the recital, as well as several of her advanced students from Washington. No extra admission charge will be made.

**D. B. Fearing and Hugh G. Horton Candidates for State Senate**

Politics in the second senatorial district, which embraces Washington County, last week took on some semblance of life, with a couple of candidates for the state senate being announced and several others rumored in the offering. D. Bradford Fearing, of Manteo, is a candidate for reelection, and H. G. Horton, of Williamston, made his announcement last Friday.

Mr. Fearing served his first term in the senate last year,

while Mr. Horton represented Martin County in the lower house of the legislature at the last three sessions. Statements concerning their candidacies will probably be issued later.

Familco County, which has not had representation in the state senate for about 40 years, may furnish a candidate, according to a letter in the Williamston Enterprise last week. The letter, came from the chairman of the Democratic executive committee of Familco County, proposed the

name of E. S. Askew, present mayor of Oriental, and formerly of Bertie County. The Familco chairman said the Democrats of that county were not criticizing the other counties in the district, but that they did not think the situation was quite fair. However, Mr. Askew has not formally announced his candidacy, so far as could be learned.

It is understood that W. B. Rodman, of Beaufort County, will not be a candidate for reelection.

He and Mr. Fearing comprised the senatorial delegation from this district at the last legislature. The usual custom has been for senators from the district to serve two terms. Mr. Fearing was serving his first term last session, while Mr. Rodman has already served at two sessions. If Beaufort presents no candidate this year, it will be the first time in years that the neighboring county has not been directly represented.

There has been some talk of

a probable candidacy from this county, but so far no announcement has been filed. Washington County was last represented by Carl L. Bailey at the 1933 and 1935 sessions.

There are seven counties in the second district, Washington, Tyrrell, Dare, Hyde, Pamlico, Beaufort and Martin. Dare and Martin have the only two announced candidacies to date, although several of the others will likely be represented in the race.