

Joe Arps has become associated with the Plymouth Motor Company here as salesman. For several years Mr. Arps was connected with another automobile agency, here, but resigned recently to go with the Ford agency, where J. R. Manning added him to his sales force.

Charles Whedbee, of Hertford, a prominent lawyer of Perquimans county and a former member of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, was here Wednesday conferring with W. R. Hampton, a member of the Department of Conservation and Development.

To be vaccinated as a protection against rabies, dogs should be brought to the fire department in Plymouth Thursday and Friday, April 25 and 26 where the vaccine will be administered by Paul Basnight and Joe Nobles.

Rev. O. L. Hardwick, pastor of the Methodist Church, this week attended a meeting of the Rocky Mount district conference of the Methodist Church where speakers presented the various causes of the church. Mrs. Hardwick and her mother, Mrs. D. C. Bowman accompanied him.

The Beaufort League Union of the Methodist Church met at the local Methodist Church Wednesday night. One hundred young people from Roper, Belhaven, Pantego, Washington and Williamston attended. The program was provided by the local young people.

Freezing temperatures, accompanied by hail, sleet and snow, did no great amount of damage to early field and garden crops in this immediate section last Saturday morning, according to reports reaching here from farmers in the county. However, it was believed that tobacco transplanting would be further delayed.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McNair and Mr. and Mrs. Ludford McNair went to Norfolk during the week-end to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McNair. While there Mr. McNair went to the Park Avenue Baptist Church, where, by invitation, he taught a Bible class of 50 men.

Washington County Young Democrats were notified this week that the Jeffersonian Rally planned for Greenville Friday has been postponed until Monday night, when Senator Josh Lee, of Oklahoma, will be the principal speaker. Tickets for the dinner may be purchased from W. R. Gayford here.

Rain, snow and sleet fell for an hour here Friday night starting at 10:30 and covered the ground in spots. The mercury dropped well into the high twenties. There were numerous signs of snow and ice the following morning. It was one of the few times that snow has fallen so late in the spring.

J. Linwood Knowles, who lives just across the Martin county line, filed his candidacy for the Martin County Board of Education last week. He is opposed by E. H. Ange, Leslie Hardison, George C. Griffin and J. W. Eubanks. Mr. Knowles is well known in Washington county.

Aged Negro Woman Is Struck by Auto

No charges have been preferred against Ambrose E. Hopkins, 53, of Columbia, whose automobile struck and seriously injured Margaret Moore, 75-year-old colored woman, on the Sound Bridge highway near Shiloh Chapel Monday afternoon about 5 o'clock, it was reported today by Corporal Tom B. Brown. The victim was taken to the Creswell hospital by Hopkins, who later carried her to a Washington hospital. Both legs of the woman were broken and she suffered other injuries.

An investigation by the highway patrolman revealed that Lena Foster, J. W. Norman, and D. L. Norman saw the aged negro step from behind a truck operated by S. B. Davenport directly into the path of the Hopkins car. Hopkins claimed, and the witnesses substantiated, that he was unable to see the woman on account of the truck and when she stepped in front of his car he could not avoid striking her.

Allotment Increase Not To Materially Affect Peanut Acreage in This County

Although the peanut allotment acreage in North Carolina has been increased from 212,650 to 222,500 acres for 1940, it is not expected that the acreage in Washington county will be materially affected. The increase of 9,850 acres is the result of a conference held in Congressman Lindsay Warren's office in Washington recently between agricultural department officials and a delegation of Eastern Carolina peanut growers, which included L. E. Hassell, of Roper. The delegation contended that either an error had been made or there was discrimination against North Carolina in determining the 1940 allotments. It is not believed that the increase allowed the state from the

Richwood Paper Shows It Is Good Loser By Commending Citizens To Plymouth

Concerning the men who are being transferred from the Cherry River Paper Company plant at Richwood, W. Va., to the North Carolina Pulp Company here, the following article, headed "Richwood's Losses Are Plymouth's Gains," appeared in the Nicholas Republican, a newspaper published at Richwood, last week: "City Councilman Arden Holbrook was included in a group of trained paper-mill bleaching plant operators that was permanently transferred last week from Richwood to the new paper mill at Plymouth, N. C.

"Under the continued supervision of Fred Keys, their former foreman in the local mill, these highly experienced men will operate

one of the most modern and efficient bleaching plants to be found in any paper mill in the world.

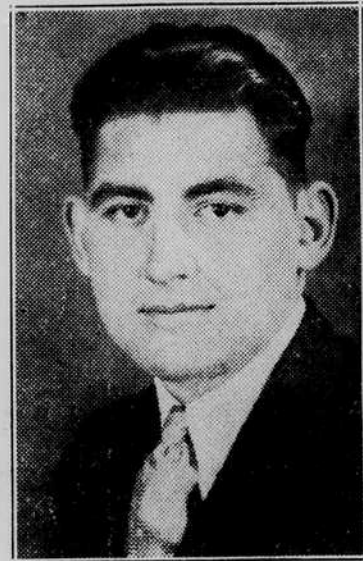
"It was with no little regret that Richwood was compelled by circumstances to reluctantly give up these good citizens and their excellent families.

"In an effort to be a good loser, however, it is a pleasure to heartily commend these good people to the hospitality of Plymouth with a feeling that Richwood's loss is Plymouth's gain.

"In addition to Fred Keys, whose transfer was reported in last week's issue, the group included: Jennings Ward, Frank Bickerstaff, Howard McClure, Willard McClure, Arden Holbrook, E. L. Jackson and Joe Welsh.

Begin Operating New Units at Pulp Plant

FOR TREASURER



W. S. (Bill) Davenport, radio shop owner and grandson of the late W. S. Davenport, war-time senator of Mackeys, was nominated for the Democratic nomination for county treasurer.

Workmen Arriving To Get Work Started At Bleaching Plant

Around 550 Men at Work Today, Including Those On Construction

The first of the new processing units under construction at the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company here was scheduled to begin operations this week as workmen arrived from Richwood, W. Va., to assume their duties in the bleaching department.

Next week it was said the new steam boiler will be put in operation and a recovery boiler is scheduled to be ready in June. Half of the filtering plant is now in operation, with the other half ready for use when the increased capacity of the plant demands it.

When one of the paper machines to be installed here is made ready to begin operations in June, it is understood one of the three machines at the Cherry River Paper Company plant in Richwood, W. Va., will be discontinued.

It was said here this week that about 300 persons are still employed at the Richwood plant, but that the plant there would be abandoned when the installation of equipment is completed here and the local mill is ready to turn out the finished paper product.

Regular shift workers at the plant here now number 400, and when all of those scheduled to come from Richwood arrive and the pulp and paper departments begin to function at top speed, there will be a total of around 600 employees at the local mill, it was said. In addition to the 400 regular employees now working here, there are about 50 men employed in construction work for the plant and 100 construction workers employed by the contractors who are erecting the new buildings.

Auto Supply Store Will Open Friday

Announcement is made this week of the formal opening on Friday of the Harrison Auto Supply store in the Hampton building on Water street with W. A. (Bill) Roebuck as manager and H. E. Harrison as owner.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public to visit the new store to see the hundreds of useful items that the store carries and those who come will not be asked to buy, according to the management.

A complete stock of automobile accessories and attachments with many useful every day articles are being shown with the Firestone line being featured.

Under a policy worked out by the management with the Firestone budget plan being used, articles can be purchased on a small down payment with the balance to be paid in weekly installments.

Davis Manager New Jewelry Firm Here

Through an arrangement with Schneer's, Inc., Norfolk jewelers, Don G. Davis has opened an associate store in Plymouth this week, with one of the largest stocks of jewelry ever carried here. Managed by Mr. Davis the store will occupy his same location.

"Schneer's operates one of the largest credit jewelry stores in Norfolk," Mr. Davis said, adding that by having ample capital with which to operate, the associate store here will be able to extend liberal terms.

Opening of the associate store here with the increased stock was timed for the height of the jewelry season, with graduations, engagements and wedding in the offing. Mr. Davis extends a cordial welcome to all to come in and look over the large stock

Mrs. Claudia Blount Dies at Home Near Mackeys Tuesday

Result of Sudden Illness; Funeral Held Wednesday Afternoon

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at the Oakland Farm for Mrs. Claudia Davenport Blount, 75, who died at her home near Mackeys Tuesday evening as the result of a sudden illness following three months recuperation from an operation.

The Rev. Sidney E. Matthews, of Washington, N. C., rector of Grace Church, Plymouth, and St. Luke's Church, Roper, officiated. Interment took place in old St. Luke's cemetery near Roper. Pall bearers were her two sons and four grandsons.

Mrs. Blount was the widow of James E. Blount and the daughter of Capt. Stuart L. Johnson and Claudia Davenport Johnson. She was born on the old Johnston plantation near Plymouth in 1864, and was a descendant of some of Washington County's most prominent and distinguished families.

A devoted member of the Episcopal Church, she was also one of the founders of the Washington County Library. Much of Mrs. Blount's life was spent in civic and church work in this county and she was widely known for her untiring and unselfish efforts for the betterment of this section. Surviving are three children: Mrs. Haywood Hyman, of Scotland Neck; Edward Blount, Plymouth merchant; Phillip Blount, of Jamesville; and four grandsons: Phillip, Cecil and Thomas Blount, of Jamesville; and Edward and Haywood Hyman, of Scotland Neck.

Rev. N. A. Taylor Accepts Recent Call To Durham Church

Pastor of Local Christian Church 5 1/2 Years; Will Leave May 1

After five and a half years' successful service as pastor of the local Christian church, Rev. N. A. Taylor today announced his acceptance of a call to the Holloway Street Christian Church in Durham. Mr. Taylor will take up his pastorate and preach his first sermon there on the first Sunday in May.

During Mr. Taylor's service with the local church, its membership has been increased by 171, and the church erected and paid for an educational annex under his leadership.

In his civic activities, the minister has served as secretary and treasurer of the Lions Club, zone chairman, and he is now district deputy governor of region 2, district 31C, as well as chairman of the program committee of the local club. He also helped to organize and has served as scoutmaster of the Plymouth troop of Boy Scouts. Both he and Mrs. Taylor have made many friends in this section who regret to see them leave.

A statement issued by the Rev. Mr. Taylor follows: "I shall always keep the Plymouth church in my mind, and as I leave I wish to publicly state my appreciation for making my stay here a happy one. My reward is not one that I can buy, as I hope for the more valuable one hoping that I may have helped somebody to have a more abundant life.

"I go to Durham because there is a greater field of service, and in it I ask the prayers of all church people, assuring them that Plymouth will never be forgotten by me and my family."

Rev. C. T. Thrift To Speak At Colored School Finals

The Rev. C. T. Thrift, editor of the Halifax Messenger and Methodist minister of Halifax, will make the commencement address at the J. J. Clemmons High School in Roper at 8 o'clock on Tuesday, April 23.

The commencement sermon will be preached by the Rev. M. J. Parker, Plymouth colored minister, on Sunday, April 21, at 3 p. m.

Tuesday night, April 16, an operetta was presented by the primary department and on Friday night, April 19, an operetta will be presented by the elementary department.

Candidates Share Primary Expense

Candidates for public officers in Washington county are sharing part of the cost of registering the people and holding the elections. A preliminary report from Paul W. Brinkley, chairman of the board of elections, stating that the office aspirants have already contributed a total of \$129 in the form of filing fees.

Fees were assessed at the rate of 1 per cent of the annual salary with a minimum fee of \$5. Rates were as follows: county commissioner \$5; county judge \$9; board of education \$5; house \$6; register of deeds \$12; treasurer \$6; constable \$5.

Last-Minute Rush To File Brings Five Candidates for Treasurer and Seven for County Commissioners

CANDIDATES FOR COMMISSIONER



Above are photographs of two of the seven candidates for the three Democratic nominations for Washington County Commissioners: E. G. Arps (left) and A. Lloyd Owens (right). They are contenders for the post representing District No. 1, which includes Plymouth Township.

Zoning Commission Holds Public Hearing

Report To Be Made To City Council at Special Meet Friday

Another Public Hearing To Be Held Later; 3 Oppose Plan at Meet Tuesday

The Town Council of Plymouth will meet at the municipal building Friday night to receive the report of the zoning commission, which held a public hearing Tuesday night, where arguments were presented for and against a proposed zoning ordinance, which would prohibit the building of commercial buildings in the residential section south of Main Street.

Attorney W. L. Whitley, E. F. Still and J. T. McNair appeared before the commission to present arguments against the zoning plan, while it is understood most of the proponents had been advised it would not be necessary for them to appear at the first hearing.

One of the opponents of the plan said a large portion of the business property on Water Street was owned by out-of-town interests who will neither improve nor sell it, thus "freezing" the possibility of much expansion on that street. It was also said the town had managed to do without the zoning plan during lean years and that nothing should be done to impede its progress now, adding that any man who owns property should have the privilege of doing as he wished with it.

It was pointed out by members of the zoning commission that some of the larger towns near by had failed to enact zoning restrictions and as a result both business and residential sections are cluttered up with undesirable type of buildings; that a person who had a nice home would not like to have "pop" shops or small stores on adjoining property; and that proper development of the town may hinge on restrictions as to the kind and class of buildings erected in certain sections.

The commission's report will be made to the entire city council Friday night, and a date will likely be set for another public hearing, when both proponents and opponents of the zoning plan will be heard. W. F. Winslow said today that his commission had not yet prepared a report for the council, but that it would be ready before the meeting of the councilmen Friday night.

Members of the council emphasize that they are desirous of acting for the best interests of the town and in accordance with the wishes of a majority of local people, and for that reason when the next public hearing is held they are anxious for as many as possible to attend and express their views, whether for or against the zoning ordinance. Ample opportunity will be given for expression by all who wish to be heard.

J. R. Manning Speaker at PTA Meeting in Creswell

Interesting talks on Boy Scout activities in the Albemarle district were made by J. Roy Manning, of Plymouth, chairman of the district, and Worth Moore, at the final meeting of the parent-teacher association in Creswell last Thursday.

The president, Mrs. E. S. Woodley, presided. A committee was appointed to help raise funds for the Creswell scouts. Selections from the glee club and a talk on "The Importance of Music in the School," by Bob Merritt were also features of the program.

Republicans Also Enter 5 Candidates For County Offices

Contests Assured for Three Commissioners' Posts And Treasurer

Although political interest was at low ebb in the county up to the last two or three weeks, Saturday's deadline for filing for county offices brought a last-minute rush, and the final round-up shows there are five Democrats in the race for county treasurer, seven for the three county commissioner's posts, one each for the other county offices at stake, and the Republicans also offered a slate of five candidates.

Candidates for county offices who are unopposed will be certified by the board of elections as the nominees for their respective parties and their names will not appear on the ballot in the primary May 25. They include the following Democrats: W. M. Darden, incumbent, for representative in the General Assembly; Mrs. Mary S. Cahoon, incumbent, for register of deeds; John W. Darden, incumbent, for judge of recorder's court; C. N. Davenport, jr., for member of the board of education; and Coroner W. H. Peele for constable.

None of the Republican candidates have opposition within their party and will be certified as nominees for the following offices: representative, Aubrey Ange; treasurer, W. T. Phelps, Creswell merchant; county commissioners, district No. 1, H. A. (Chubby) Liverman; district No. 2, J. S. Davenport; and district No. 3, Stewart R. Davenport.

It is in the Democratic primary contests, however, that interest will be greatest. Candidates for county treasurer are: W. L. Hassell, incumbent; S. D. Davis, R. C. Peacock (a member of the board of education at present); W. S. (Bill) Davenport, and Tim M. Bowen.

The seven men in the contests for county commissioner's posts with three to be nominated, are: District No. 1, Plymouth Township: E. G. Arps, at present chairman of the ABC board, and A. Lloyd Owens; District No. 2, Lees Mill Township: J. H. Gaylord, sr., J. C. Knowles, incumbent, and W. T. Freeman; District No. 3, Skippersville and Scuppernon: E. F. Swain, incumbent, and Hoyt R. Davenport, both of Creswell.

Band Gets Rating of 4 in Class C at Music Festival Yesterday

Sight Reading Holds Down Score; Glee Club Competes Tomorrow

Handicapped by seven members remaining at home, Director L. W. Zeigler led the Plymouth High School Band to a general rating of fourth grade in class C at the annual North Carolina Music Contest-Festival at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina in Greensboro Wednesday. The rating was the same as last year, except that the band advanced from class D to class C in competition this year. In selections they had practiced the band was given a grade of 3; but graded poorly in sight reading, which they had never had before, with a 5. Putting the grades together gave them an average grade of 4.

Robertsonville, Elizabeth City and Reidsville graded 3; Spruce Pine and Boone 1.

Miss May Jo Walker, of Roper, received a grade of 2 in class C on the piano. Miss Mary Charlotte Jones, of Plymouth, will sing a soprano solo in the class C contest today.

Twenty-four young ladies in the girls' glee club of the Plymouth school will sing in class C competition Friday afternoon.

FOR TREASURER



Stewart D. Davis, local business man who served one term as county treasurer two years ago, is seeking the Democratic nomination for the same office again this year.

Teaching Staff for Schools at Roper Elected Thursday

D. E. Poole Reelected Principal for Fourth Year; Only One Vacancy

Teachers in the Roper schools for the next term were named by the local committee, composed of J. A. Chesson, W. B. Davenport and R. C. Chesson, at a meeting last Thursday night. Principal D. E. Poole was re-elected to the position which he has held there for three years.

There is only one vacancy remaining in the faculty at present. Teachers reelected follow: Katy Etta Bland, first grade; there was no applicant for the second grade; Carolyn Hall Brooks, third; Naomi Gibson, fourth; Helen McCain, fifth; Callie Sprull, sixth; Thomas Furness, jr., seventh high school; Mr. Poole; Sara Williamson, history and English; R. B. Forbes, science and mathematics; Cordula Lanier, French and English; Annie Lou Jeffords, home economics; C. H. Floyd, vocational agriculture; Lucy McDonald, piano and publication music.

Finals Exercises at Local School Begin With Commencement Sermon Sunday

Commencement exercises of the Plymouth High School will begin Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, when the Rev. P. B. Nickens, pastor of the Baptist church, will deliver the commencement sermon in the school auditorium. Assisting in the service will be the Revs. O. L. Hardwick and N. A. Taylor, of the Methodist and Christian churches, respectively. The glee club will provide the music for the occasion.

Next Wednesday night at 8 o'clock the seniors will have their class-night exercises. The program will be in the form of a Colonial play, with the following participating: James Rea, histor-

ian; Dorothy Simpson, prophet; Taritta Jackson, poet; Douglas Gurkin, statistician; and Jack Stubbs, testator.

The commencement program will be climaxed by the graduation exercises next Thursday night, when 22 graduates will receive their diplomas. Professor Joseph L. Memory, jr., of the department of education at Wake Forest College, will be the speaker. Brinson Cox will make the valedictory address and Mary Charlotte Jones the salutatory. County Superintendent H. H. McLean will present the diplomas and Frank L. Brinkley, chairman of the local board, will make the various awards.