

G. K. Harris spent Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in Rocky Mount, where he is attending the annual meeting of the North Carolina Rural Letter Carriers' Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Meales have taken over management of the Sinclair Service Station on the corner of Third and Monroe Streets.

Lewis Styons, of the Acre section on Highway No. 32, brought in two cotton blossoms, one white and one pink, which he picked in a field of his about two miles from here on Monday, July 1.

Leroy Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Harris, has left a Zebulon newspaper to be employed in the mechanical department of the Raleigh Times as a printer and Linotype operator.

Commercial fishermen in Washington and other counties are invited to present any complaints to the Board of Conservation and Development at its semi-annual meeting in Corehead City next week.

Al Wells, of the W. H. Gurkin farm near Plymouth, sent the first cotton blossom of the season to the Beacon Monday, July 1st.

A fellowship dinner will be held at the community hall Friday night at 7 o'clock by the men of the Methodist church, who were organized recently with the following officers:

V. H. Sellick, employed at the Norman Furniture Company annex on Washington Street, has almost a thousand Oregon agates.

Bill Roebuck, Melvin Boyd and Roscoe Browning visited New York last week to attend the World's Fair.

Russell S. Callis, of Ahoskie, is employed at the M. H. Mitchell Furniture Company here while Vernon Early is taking his vacation.

Pamlico Baptists in Meeting at Roper

The Pamlico Baptist Association met with the Roper Baptist church in a morning and afternoon session Sunday, with the principal morning sermon delivered by the Rev. E. R. Stewart, moderator, and the principal afternoon speech was made by Dr. J. L. Carrick, president of Chowan College at Murfreesboro.

W. J. Berryman spoke on "The Outreach of God's Love," and Roy Litchfield, Columbia high school principal, on "Christian Education." Committees were appointed and a roll call of churches was made.

Independence Day Being Observed by Complete Shutdown of Business Here

Coming during the most chaotic period since World War days, celebration of the 164th anniversary of the signing of the American Declaration of Independence today finds this country engaged in strengthening its defenses against any threat from within or without which might react against the ideals of freedom outlined in the famous declaration promulgated on July 4, 1776.

Unmindful of any crises that may exist in America, thousands joined in revelry, recreation and pleasure in this section today, as local stores, shops, plants and offices—with the exception of drug stores, cafes and filling stations—closed for the holiday.

Dr. Frank P. Graham To Be Principal Speaker at Wenona Field Day July 25

The principal speaker for the fifteenth annual Farmers' Field Day at Wenona on Thursday, July 25, will be Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the Greater University of North Carolina, of Chapel Hill, who was learned today from J. L. Rea, jr., assistant director, in charge of the Blackland Experiment Station.

nut Stabilization Cooperative, will preside over the morning program, it was announced. As an added attraction, Mr. Rea said he was seeking to determine the winner of the vocational agriculture public-speaking program in this district, and he plans to invite the high-school boy to repeat his winning speech to the large crowd expected to attend.

program, including Earl H. Hostetter, of the animal industry division; Dr. E. R. Collins, agronomist; and others. Mrs. Frances M. Darden will have charge of the ladies' program in the afternoon, and she is making an effort to arrange for a woman speaker of prominence to have a part on the program.

Superior Court Will Begin Here Monday; 17 Cases on Docket

Deliver Goods To Make Mattresses

Twenty bales of cotton have been delivered at the old ice plant here at the rear of the municipal building in preparation for making of mattresses to be distributed in this section under the auspices of the WPA, which will provide workers and some material. Applications have been made for 100 of the mattresses by low-income families.

Offenses Charged Show Wide Range, Murder to Larceny

The Washington County Superior Court will convene here next Monday for the regular July term, with 17 criminal cases on the docket for disposition. Though this is scheduled to be a mixed term, it has been the custom in the past to continue civil cases until the October term of two weeks.

1,000 People Attend Convention Held at Sts. Delight Church

Next Meeting Will Be Held At Old Ford Church on September 29

The Old Ford Christian Church, near Washington, was chosen as the place for the next Roanoke District Convention of the Disciples of Christ at a meeting attended by close to 1,000 persons at the Saints Delight Christian Church near Mackeys last Saturday and Sunday.

New Defense Taxes Bring Price Rises on Several Items Here

Washington County consumers, as well as others over the nation, began Monday to pay added taxes because of the nation's five-year five-billion-dollar rearmament program approved by Congress recently for strengthening the defenses of this country against both outward and inward invasion.

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E. G. Arps Elected Chairman at County Board Meet Monday

Local Druggist Succeeds J. R. Campbell as Head of Commissioners

The Washington County Board of Commissioners, in regular session here Monday elected Ernest G. Arps as chairman to succeed J. R. Campbell, who recently resigned to take over the position of chairman of the ABC board of the county.

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17 From County Enrolled in CCC

Seventeen white and colored boys were taken to Washington Wednesday by Miss Ursula Bateman, superintendent of public welfare, to enroll in the Civilian Conservation Corps. Thirteen of the boys were white and four colored.

County Aliens Must Register With Clerk Superior Court Here

Law Passed by Legislature Has Brought No Results So Far Here

Not a single person living in Washington County has presented himself for registration as an alien under the terms of the Bollich Act, Clerk of the Superior Court C. V. W. Ausbon said this week in urging any who are not citizens of the United States to report to him at his office for compliance with the law so as to avoid the risk of prosecution.

Building and Loan Stock Sale in New Series Reporting Slow Progress

Although some of the directors and stockholders have been active in the campaign to sell stock in the eleventh series of the Plymouth Building and Loan Association, it was reported today to Secretary M. W. Sprull.

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Closing a revival in the First Baptist Church at Momeyer Wednesday night, Rev. Paul B. Nickens, pastor of the Plymouth Baptist church, will return home to preach at the church here Sunday morning on "Applied Christianity" and on Sunday evening on "Ministry of Memory."

County Population Now 12,331, Slight Increase Since 1930

Rate of Increase Only 6 Per Cent; Number of Farms Shows Decrease

A preliminary tabulation of the returns of the sixteenth decennial census shows that the population of Washington County on April 1, 1940, was 12,331, as compared with 11,603 on April 1, 1930, an increase of 728, or 6 per cent, in the 10-year period, according to statistics supplied this week by Denton W. Lupton, of Washington, supervisor of the census for the first congressional district.

While the population figures for the county show a slight increase, a decrease of 11 per cent is shown in the number of farms in the county for the same 10-year period. The current figures show that there are 972 farms in the county, against 1,092 on April 1, 1930, when there were 1,092 farms, a loss of 120, or 11 per cent. An even greater loss is shown when the present number of farms is compared with the number on January 1, 1935. At the latter time there were 1,202 farms, as compared with 972 now, a loss of 230, or 19 per cent, in the five-year period.

The population figures are considered a little disappointing, as it was generally expected the new census would show a larger gain than 728 over the 10-year period. While a large number of newcomers have moved into the county, there has been an exodus from it, particularly in the farm population, according to the count.

It is likely that the decrease in number of farms is caused by consolidations of small farms into large ones, the sale of farms to industries to provide plant sites, and the fact that the Farm Security Administration has bought a number of large farms and is operating them under one management in the lower part of the county.

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Tobacco Producers of County to Meet Here Wednesday, July 10th

Red Cross Drive Now at Standstill

Contributions to the Red Cross fund for relief of European war refugees have apparently come to a standstill, with the total remaining at \$183.28 and no donations reported in the last two weeks, according to James W. Norman, chairman of the local chapter. He said that each day the need for more money increased, and that the county's quota of \$600 was sorely needed, as the warring nations continue to plunder innocent civilians.

J. H. Broome Likely To Speak on Control Referendum July 20

Three-Year Plan of Control Given Endorsement by Farm Leaders

J. H. Broome, of Aurora, field supervisor of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, or some other prominent speaker will address the tobacco growers of Washington County at the courthouse in Plymouth at 8 p. m. next Wednesday, July 10, it was announced today by County Agent W. V. Hays, who said that the tobacco referendum set for July 20 and the proposed crop control program would be discussed.

The three-year plan for tobacco quotas will be the principal matter discussed, with growers being urged by practically all farm leaders to favor this plan. At the referendum on July 20 the growers will have three alternatives for which to vote: For the three-year plan of crop control; for a one-year program of control; or against any control at all.

Town Council Has Long Session Here Last Monday Night

Dozen Matters Disposed of At Regular Meeting This Week

The Town of Plymouth Council held a lengthy meeting Monday night, when about a dozen matters came before the officials for disposition. City Attorney Z. V. Norman reported that he had not completed his investigation of the statutes in reference to writing an ordinance setting forth a schedule of rates for peddlers' licenses.

E. L. Owens appeared before the officials with an offer to purchase the Edwin McCray and Irvin Harrell property in the colored section for \$87.50 in full settlement of all taxes accumulated by the property in recent years. The town board agreed to accept this offer, provided the county would agree in view of the claim it has for taxes.

A Mr. Swindell appeared before the councilmen asking that the town lease certain property to him for a fish and seafood market. The councilmen told him they would be glad to have such a business here but that they were prohibited by law from leasing or selling property outright unless approved by popular vote.

Boundaries of the fire zone on Water Street were amended so as to include only half of the west block, ending at Shugar's stables. This amendment was made so that there would be no prohibition of the erection of a fish house near the Norfolk Southern Station by W. C. Jones.

M. W. Sprull was made permanent building inspector. He has been serving in that capacity temporarily.

The town paid \$16.20 as its half of the cost of entertaining the Southern Albemarle Association meeting here recently. The county paid the other half.

Decision was made to make an annual contribution of \$50 to the Washington County Public Library in the courthouse here.

The councilmen also decided to purchase a \$500 bond for the protection of State Highway and Public Works Commission employees, who are now tunneling under Third and Wilson Streets.

The proposal must be approved by two-thirds of those voting in the referendum in order to become operative, it was pointed out in stressing the importance of every tobacco producer participating.

Purchases made this week will greatly improve the equipment of the Plymouth Volunteer Fire Department and will enable the organization to render a much more efficient service, according to J. B. Willoughby, acting fire chief.

New inner tubes for the trucks were purchased by Mayor B. G. Campbell. The mayor, Chief of Police P. W. Brown and Mr. Willoughby were appointed by the council to buy 750 feet of fire hose, which was done Tuesday. Five hundred feet of 2½-inch hose and 250 feet of 1½-inch hose were bought. Several couplings were secured, two nozzles and a fog spray. The total expenditure was \$775.

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