

When officers were handed court orders Tuesday afternoon by Superior Court Judge J. J. Burney to round up and bring in all the slot machines that could be found in the county by Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, the following officers immediately went to work: Sheriff J. K. Reid, Corporal T. B. Brown, of the State Highway Patrol; Chief of Police P. W. Brown and Policeman Paul Basnight, of Plymouth; and Deputy Sheriff W. D. Peal, of Creswell.

Budgetary matters will be the principal concern of Washington County commissioners when they meet on the first Monday in August. It is possible that reductions may be made in the appropriations for the welfare and health departments, as well as in some of the other county funds.

Plymouth's furniture dealers expect to attend the annual furniture show at High Point next week. Those planning to go during the two weeks of the show include James W. Norman, of the Norman Furniture Company; F. H. Modlin, of the M. H. Mitchell Furniture Company; and E. E. Harrell, of the Plymouth Furniture Company.

Officers to be installed at the meeting of the Lions Club tonight follow: P. W. Brown, president; W. V. Hays, B. G. Campbell, and L. S. Thompson, vice presidents; T. C. Burgess, secretary; Dr. A. Papineau, tall twister; George M. Scott, lion tamer; and Dr. S. V. Lewis and A. J. Riddle, directors.

There are more cases of malaria today in Washington County than there have been in 23 years, according to Dr. Claudius McGowan, county health officer, who said that he was judging from the number of cases that came under his observation. He said that he had no statistics on the number of cases.

Members of Grace Episcopal church and Sunday school enjoyed a picnic at Albemarle Beach Wednesday afternoon, with a large number attending. R. A. Duvall was in charge of the "pink lemonade" stand and T. W. Earle had charge of transportation. William Daniels, student minister, assisted in the arrangements.

E. H. Liverman said today that he had heard no objections by the public to the added taxes which became effective on July 1, when prices were raised on a number of articles to raise the \$5,000,000 national defense fund over a period of five years.

Stuart Blow, chief clerk in the office of the county agent here, said Wednesday that W. H. Gurkin had reported several farmers in his section had started curing tobacco. Mr. Blow did not know their names. Last year many farmers started curing about the middle of July.

Plant and Union Officials in Meet

Officials of the local unions affiliated with the American Federation of Labor and the management of the North Carolina Pulp Company here continued conferences today regarding a year's working contract to take the place of one that expired July 1. Negotiations on the new contract began June 20, but nothing definite has been done so far. Wednesday the conferences began again. Failure to complete the negotiations brought the matter up again today. A complete agreement had not been reached at noon today.

Present for the conference were H. M. Kieckhefer, secretary and treasurer of the Kieckhefer Container Corporation, Delair, N. J.; J. H. Malin, a representative of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers; George M. Snyder, resident plant manager; Mr. Clary, representing the electrical engineers; and Mr. Hoary, representing the boiler and power departments.

Young Peoples Service at Pleasant Grove Sunday

Pleasant Grove.—A Daily Vacation Bible School has been in progress at the Pleasant Grove Methodist church this week for the children and young people. The members of this school will conduct a special service in the church Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. Certificates will be awarded. Everyone is invited and all parents are especially urged to attend.

Building and Loan Stock Sale Is Going Forward Slowly; 50 Shares Bought

Sale of installment stock in the eleventh series of the Plymouth Building and Loan Association, dated July 1, is progressing slowly, with only about 50 shares having been sold in the new series to date, according to Secretary and Treasurer M. W. Spruill.

Stockholders, directors and officers are active in the campaign to substantially increase the 1,435 shares of installment stock in force. There is a total paid-up stock of \$3,700.

Officials hope that the public will avail themselves of additional stock so as to make more money available for the repair and construction of homes, which are

Washington County Cotton Farmers To Receive \$112,214 in Parity Payments

Washington County cotton farmers will receive approximately \$112,214 in cotton parity payments this year, according to figures compiled in the office of County Agent W. V. Hays.

The cotton parity payments will go to those farmers who in their 1940 plantings have not exceeded the total of their cotton and tobacco acreage allotments. Heretofore, the payments went to cotton growers who did not overplant their cotton quotas, without regard to their tobacco plantings.

The 1940 payment earned by a farm is determined at the rate of 1.55 cents per pound on the normal yield set up for the farm. There were 723,490 pounds of cotton allotted to this county.

After the farms are measured for compliance and the farms eligible for cotton parity are determined, the applications for payment are being drawn and the farmers notified to come in and sign the applications.

Division of the parity money between landlord and tenants is made according to the manner in which each shares in the crop.

Hundreds of Farmers Expected at Wenona Field Day July 25th

Revival Begins July 21 at Creswell Methodist Church

Annual revival services will begin at the Creswell Methodist church on Sunday, July 21, to continue through the week, with the Rev. John R. Poe, of Aulander, assisted by the pastor, Rev. S. G. Ferree, conducting the services of meetings.

Prices of wrapped tomatoes declines sharply this week

Quotations in Press Tuesday Give Top Price of \$1 Per Lug Box

Prices of green-wrapped tomatoes shipped to northern markets descended to such a low level today that the Neuse Packing Company, of Kinston, which has been shipping from this county, advised the growers to permit their tomatoes to ripen for canning.

A. L. Alexander, of Columbia, says the firm which he represents has about 250 acres under contract in Washington and Tyrrell Counties, may operate a cannery in Roper this season to take care of the ripe tomatoes, since the price of green-wrapped tomatoes has declined so sharply.

Press quotations Tuesday on tomato prices in lug boxes, green, turning and ripe, wrapped 6x8 and larger, 75 cents to \$1; 6x7 size, 65 to 90 cents in New York. In Philadelphia, the price was 75 to 80 cents. It was said here that the returns to the farmer had reached the place where it was only a small amount per basket, as freight and brokerage fees eat up the price paid for them in northern markets.

Raise \$14.70 for Red Cross in Creswell

Washington County contributions to the American Red Cross Fund for relief of refugees in war-torn Europe was increased this week with donations from Creswell amounting to \$14.70 raising the total reported thru this newspaper for the drive to \$198.70. The county's quota is \$600.

Mrs. H. A. Liverman, treasurer of the county chapter of the Red Cross, was pleased with the Creswell report, which was sent in by Mrs. Edgar S. Woodley with a note that she hoped "to be able to send more next week."

Creswell contributions follow: \$5: E. S. Woodley; \$1: C. N. Davenport, sr., Dr. J. M. Phelps, Dr. W. H. Harrell, Mrs. C. L. Barnes, Mrs. W. W. Bateman, H. W. Pritchett, W. D. Phelps;

Less than \$1: A. H. Tucker, Mrs. W. H. Phelps, Mrs. Ida Hassell, E. P. Welch, David Furlough.

Tours of the experimental plots will be conducted by specialists in the various lines, and a large number of farmers usually attend these. The outstanding points will be brought to the attention of those attending the event, which should prove extremely worth while to farmers of this section. A general invitation is extended to the public to attend.

Group of Boys Spending This Week at White Lake

Eleven boys left here Monday with Instructor W. S. Moore for a week's vacation at White Lake, where they will meet other students of vocational agriculture from high schools of the State for a week of fun, recreation and study.

Included in those going were Billy Bruce, Freeman and Newman Allen, Gerald Furbee, Charles Le Fever, Pete Browning, Joe Snell, Conway Weede, Jack Oliver and Morris Bateman.

Court Orders Illegal Slot Devices Seized; 31 Are Rounded Up

Warrants Being Issued Today for Owners and Operators

Acting under written instructions from J. J. Burney, who presided over the criminal term of Washington County Superior Court here this week, Sheriff J. K. Reid and other county and town officers started out at noon Tuesday and rounded up 31 of the estimated 80 illegal slot and pin ball machines being operated in the county, and Recorder John W. Darden began issuing warrants for the state and local distributors of the devices, as well as at least 22 operators.

Indications were today that pleas of guilty will be entered by the persons who permitted the devices to be operated in their places of business, warrants for whom are now being served. The hearing will be held on Monday or Tuesday of next week. It had not been decided this morning as to whether other operators who removed machines from their places of business before the raids got underway would be indicted or not.

Sheriff Reid said this marked about the eighth time that he had participated in drives to rid the county of machines, and that in the future every effort would be made to keep the devices away from Washington County.

The investment in the machines now in custody of officers is estimated to be closed to \$5,000. Whether or not they will be destroyed has not been settled yet by Recorder Darden. It is understood that there was a total of about \$400 in the machines seized, which will be divided equally between a public charity and the officers who took part in the raids.

If the slot machines are eliminated entirely in the county, Tax Collector J. E. Davenport estimates the county will lose about \$1,500 annually in liquor taxes. However, the privilege taxes are applicable only to machines which yield a fixed return and specifically state that they are not to be attached to devices which vend money or tokens, such as have been operated widely throughout the county.

Value of Forest-Fire Prevention Service Reflected by Report

Total Damage During Past Year \$786 and Only 986 Acres Burned Over

Forest fires swept over 926 acres of land in Washington County during the last fiscal year, doing total damage estimated at \$786, it was revealed by the report of County Forest Warden S. F. Darden to the board of Washington County Commissioners last week.

Mr. Darden pointed out that during the year there were 18 forest fires, and an average of 51 acres burned over by each fire. The total area burned represents .65 per cent of the total of 143,500 acres of land in Washington County. Included in the burned areas were 157 acres of merchantable timber, 59 acres of young forest growth and 710 acres of open land.

Brush burning caused 6 of the fires while hunters and fishermen caused 5, smackers 3, incendiary 1, lightning 1, miscellaneous 2. Six parties were prosecuted for setting fires without permits and proper precaution, resulting in \$34.80 being collected in court costs. A suppression cost of \$4.76 was collected on one fire. A total of \$10.50 in labor has been volunteered in fire fighting.

During the year Mr. Darden put in 2,419 hours, traveled 10, 215 miles, interviewed 2,259 people and personally handled 12 of the fires. In addition to this, the forest warden has inspected sawmills, visited schools, posted notices, and distributed fire prevention literature all over the county. The warden organization under the supervision of Mr. Darden has worked 2,051 hours and traveled 2,988 miles.

Mr. Darden pointed out that one of the elements which helped prevent forest fires was the issuance of 1,816 burning permits. He issued these only after the applicants had satisfied him that they were using the proper precautions.

At no cost to the county, a tower valued at \$2,727.64 was erected near the prison camp on highway No. 64 by enrollees from CCC camps. This investment, said Mr. Darden, would not be in this county if it had not been cooperating with the State in forest fire work. The tower site has been cleaned and made to look attractive. The WPA cleaned, drained and hauled sand on the drive.

"In conclusion, I feel that we have had a very successful year, and we have found that the people are getting permits for most of their burning and are generally being more careful with their fire. We have not found it necessary to prosecute very many persons this year," said Mr. Darden, adding that the "fire control work in the Wenona section this past year has yielded very good results."

J. E. Broome Speaks at Meeting of Tobacco Farmers Last Night; Says Indifference Threatening Program

Machinery Set Up For Balloting in County Next Week

County Agent Outlines Details in Connection With Voting July 20th

By W. V. HAYS Washington County Farm Agent

Washington County farmers who are growing tobacco this year have an opportunity to vote on marketing quotas on Saturday, July 20. The polls will be open from 8 in the morning to 7 in the evening. There will be three polling places: The agricultural building in Plymouth was designated for Plymouth Township; Phelps and Freeman's store in Roper for Lees Mills Township as far down as the forks of the Edenton road, or Pritchard's store; and the lower end of the county, or the Pea Ridge section, and Supperpong will ballot at W. D. Phelps' store in Creswell.

Any person who grows tobacco in 1940 or who receives a part of the crop or returns from the crop is eligible to vote in the referendum. There are a number of new growers, tenants and share-croppers in the county that we do not have on the register. These growers should register in the county office by July 18. This register will be complete for all tenants on all farms measured by the 20th. Recent legislation permits marketing quotas over a three-year period where two-thirds of the growers vote for this.

The ballot on the 20th can be voted in one of three ways: First, for a three-year marketing quota or program; second, for a one-year program; and third, for no control whatsoever. The intent of this referendum has been explained at a county-wide meeting and the county office is sending a digest of this information to all producers by mail. The county office is making an effort to get the true meaning of this referendum to each producer, and we also hope to have a large vote so we will know how the people really feel about the tobacco control program.

A true picture is that approximately 60 per cent of our market for tobacco is doubtful and without some help from the tobacco administration in the way of loans, prices cannot be very good; they cannot be up to the cost of production.

With two-thirds of our producers voting a three-year plan, there will be no reduction in acreage allotments next year. The AAA guarantees prices equal to or better than last year. A vote for one-year marketing quotas would necessitate a reduction in 1941 acreage quotas of 10 per cent. Prices, as well, would be less stable and we would have less support in Federal finance with loans, etc. The third option is for no control whatsoever, and it is doubtful whether anyone could predict the consequence.

Drs. Papineau and Furgurson Occupy New Building Here

Plymouth Clinic Is Opened This Week; Offers Many Facilities

Removal of the offices of Dr. Alban Papineau and Dr. Ernest W. Furgurson from their former location over the store of Sam Scherr on Water Street to their handsome new brick veneer building on Washington Street, where the Plymouth Clinic will be operated, was concluded this week.

The new one-story brick veneer building is 34 by 66 feet, with white trimmings and blinds at the front, copper screens enclosing the outlets and venetian blinds at the windows. Linoleum covers part of the floors, with hardwood over the remainder. The building is rock-wool insulated and contains a fully automatic circulating hot water heating system, using fuel oil, with radiators in wall recesses. The system furnishes hot and cold water throughout the building.

There are 14 rooms, including office and colored waiting rooms, an office and treatment room for each physician, a laboratory, X-ray room, dark room, short-wave diathermy and ultraviolet room, bedroom, furnace room, and white and colored toilets. There is enough space in the rear for the addition of 15 to 20 rooms to be built at some future date. The physicians explained that this is not a hospital and it is planned to keep patients overnight only in cases of emergency or after minor operations.

Mrs. Walter Clark occupies the desk in the hall as secretary. Miss Malisha Roebuck, registered nurse, is employed to aid the physicians. Edlow James is janitor. The first patient operated on in the building was a case of appendicitis. (See CLINIC, Page 4)

Compliance Work Nears Completion

Approximately 90 per cent of the farms in Washington County have been visited by compliance workers, who are measuring the farms and checking to determine the eligibility of those applying for payments under the soil conservation plan of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

It was reported by Chief Clerk Stuart Blow in the office of County Agent W. V. Hays, that the remaining farms would be visited by the last of next week, although this will not conclude the compliance work, as the statistics gathered must be computed and tabulated, which will require some time.

It is estimated that about 750 of the 813 farms in the county have been visited by the compliance workers.

July Superior Court Adjourned Tuesday After 2-Day Session

Action Was Taken on Large Proportion of Criminal Cases on Docket

The Washington County Superior Court term was closed Tuesday night after action had been taken in most of the criminal cases that came before Judge J. J. Burney, of Wilmington, who presided over the sessions, with Solicitor Donnell Gilliam, of Tarboro, prosecuting the docket.

Proceedings were as follows: Continuances were granted in the cases against J. O. Lucius, 22, white, charged with abandonment and non-support; James Langston, 32, white, charged with aiding and abetting in damage to personal property; Matthew Griffin, 30, charged with possession of illegal whiskey; and Sam Hoover, 27, colored, charged with assault.

R. S. Bulluck, 55, white, house mover, charged with reckless driving, was granted a nol pro due to the failure of a prosecuting witness to appear. This case came up from recorder's court, where Bulluck was assessed the costs and required to pay \$14 for damages to the car of J. E. Parnell. Joseph Freeman, alias Joseph Moore, 16, colored, charged with attempt to rape and assaulting Mrs. Pauline Bateman at her home here on January 23, was given from 7 to 9 years in the state prison. The negro will also be examined to determine his sanity.

A nol pro was taken in the case of William Blount, 25, and Raymond Wynn, 22, both colored, charged with stealing an automobile valued at \$250 from O. R. Brickhouse.

James Moore, 22, colored, charged with assault with intent to rape to Mrs. R. C. Cooper here on January 27, was found guilty of an assault on a female and sent to the state prison for two years.

Kader Brown, 42, colored, charged with having immoral relations with his daughter, was given from 12 to 15 years in prison.

Leamon Alexander, colored, entered a plea of guilty to second degree murder in connection with death of his wife at a negro dance hall here on March 22, and was given 12 to 15 years.

Isaiah Hill, 29, and Elmer Norman, 24, both colored, charged with breaking and entering the colored barber shop of Percy Anthony, damaging slot machines and stealing money from them, on the night of March 22, had their case nol prodded.

N. S. Herrington, 41, white, charged with operating an automobile while under the influence of intoxicants, entered a plea of guilty to drunken driving, was given six months on the roads or \$50 fine and costs upon the condition that O. G. Lofton, whose car was damaged in a wreck, be paid \$60. His license to drive was revoked for one year.

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Points Out Many Added Benefits of Three-Year Plan

Farmers Are Urged To Vote For Control in Referendum Next Week

An apparent lack of interest on the part of tobacco farmers in the referendum on control set for July 20 is causing officials of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration some concern, J. E. Broome, of Aurora, AAA field representative, told 53 farmers gathered to hear a discussion of the election in the courthouse here last night.

Favorable to the three-year program, which is being advocated by tobacco men and AAA officials is the fact that with consumption at present levels and based on normal yields per acre of allotments equal to those for 1940, it will require three more years to eliminate the 1939 surplus of 400,000,000 pounds, Mr. Broome said.

Great Britain, France, Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, Denmark and Norway have been taking from two-thirds to three-fourths of the total amount of tobacco exported from the United States, but with one-third of the crop sold to England, which buys the better grades, nearly one-half of the total income was from that source, according to the speaker.

The Commodity Credit Corporation financed the purchase of 175,000,000 pounds of export grades last year, but the situation caused by the European war affecting purchases for export is decidedly worse now than at any time last season, he said.

If marketing quotas are turned down in the referendum, Mr. Broome said, there will be no government loans on flue-cured tobacco, the prospect of further excessive production will lower prices to growers, and both old and new growers will expand production, which would later require even further cuts in allotments for the old growers.

If marketing quotas are approved for three years, he said, domestic manufacturers can pay fair prices for tobacco without fear of excessive production during the period; the export trade will be more likely to make purchases at reasonable prices, and the government can give maximum support to prices for the export grades; growers could make their plans without fear of drastic changes from year to year; and non-cooperators could not profit at the expense of cooperating growers.

If the quotas are approved in the referendum for one year only rather than for three years, allotments will be less stable, prices will be strengthened and the support given the export market would be less.

A favorable vote by two-thirds of the growers for the three-year program will make it possible to move up or down by the same percentage that the national quota goes up and down from the preceding year, no farm allotment will be cut more than 10 per cent from the 1940 allotment during the entire three-year period, and no reduction will be made in any allotment of two acres or less, Mr. Broome pointed out.

He also said that if the three-year program is adopted, up to 2 per cent of the 1940 allotments for each state can be used each year for adjustment of individual farm allotments which are low as compared with the allotments for similar neighboring farms. This would be in addition to the national and state allotments, and any new farm allotments will be limited primarily to farms operated by old tobacco growers who lose their farms, and only a very small acreage will be available for this purpose.

Wilson Minister Will Be At Local Church Sunday

Rev. Griffin A. Hamlin, of Wilson, who was well received by the congregation at the Christian church last Sunday, will preach again Sunday morning and evening, it was announced today by S. D. Davis, chairman of the board.

Sunday school will be held at 9:45. A large attendance at all services is urged by Mr. Davis.

This Boy May Have Lost One Dime, But He Set About Finding a Lot of Them

The story of a nine-year-old farm youth swindling several persons in Plymouth out of small amounts of money is being told on the streets today.

As told by Mrs. Walter P. Lloyd one of the victims, the youth works on this wise: The kind-hearted lady finds the youth on the front lawn looking for an allegedly lost dime, which some other boy caused the lad to drop. She first helps the boy look for the coin. Failing to find it after a half hour's search, the kind-

hearted one shells out a dime for the youngster so that he will not be late for the show.

It is reported that several persons spent many moments down on their knees combing the grass for lost dimes which were never found. It has been learned the trick worked successfully on Mrs. Lloyd, Mrs. P. M. Arps and Mrs. C. V. Wauson, among others, and the youth is reported to have collected about 50 cents in a short time one day in this manner.