

The Rev. Griffin Hamlin, a student of Atlantic Christian College in Wilson, who has been preaching here for the last two Sundays in the Christian church, has been employed as supply pastor for the summer months, according to S. D. Davis, chairman of the church board.

The Men's Club of Grace Episcopal church will meet at the community hall Monday night at 7 o'clock. Features will include speeches, music and discussion of church and club affairs.

The Methodist Sunday School will enjoy a picnic at Albemarle Beach next Wednesday afternoon, July 24, according to James W. Norman, superintendent.

Harry Parison, the flower-growing partner in the Eureka Cafe, left last Sunday for New York, where he will spend about a week at the World's Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward T. Harrell and son, of Newton, brother to E. E. Harrell, of Plymouth, visited here this week.

Walter Burgess, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Burgess, was employed this week at Abe Adler's store.

Carlisle Doughtie, a mechanic at the Plymouth Motor Company, which donated the engine, has been giving his time free in installing the motor in the Sea Scout boat here.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Latham, of Spartanburg, S. C., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Latham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Basinger.

Rev. Walter E. Noe, of Wilmington, executive secretary of the Diocese of East Carolina, will celebrate Holy Communion in Grace Episcopal church at 8 o'clock Sunday morning and will preach at St. Luke's church in Roper at 11 o'clock.

Miss Mary Gardner, local post office employee, is credited by the superstitious with having brought on the much-needed rain which fell last Friday.

George M. Scott, local insurance man, recently was awarded a trip with several other agents of his company to Washington, D. C.

W. C. Jones has completed a small fish house at the Norfolk Southern station, where a number of fishermen are delivering and cleaning catfish for shipment to northern cities.

Painfully Burned At Plant Tuesday

Charles Ellison and Penn Cahill Trogdon, white, were severely burned Tuesday in the electrical department of the North Carolina Pulp Company.

Dr. T. L. Bray, who treated the two men, said that while they were painfully burned their condition was not serious.

528 Employees on Payroll at Plant of Plymouth Box & Panel Co. This Week

Payroll records at the Plymouth Box and Panel Company today showed that there were 528 persons employed in the office, plant and logging operations.

Alton Harrison, secretary and treasurer of the organization, said today that the business of the firm was good and that the plant was running regularly on a schedule which called for operation of the dryers in three shifts, and the spreaders in two shifts, and the

PARTNERSHIP DISSOLVED THIS WEEK



The partnership existing between J. B. Willoughby (left) and J. R. Manning in the operation of the Plymouth Motor Company here for the past seven years, was dissolved yesterday.

Plans Complete for Farmers' Field Day July 25 at Wenona

History of County May Be Recorded

In order that unwritten history of Washington County may be recorded for the files of county schools, H. H. McLean, superintendent of public instruction, has advanced the idea that prizes be awarded high school students who write the best papers on any historical subject they choose.

Individual business men or firms may offer the prizes, which, it is hoped, will be large enough to induce a large number of students to submit essays.

Mr. McLean said he hoped something would be worked out regarding this matter by the time school opened for the fall term.

11 Shares Paid-Up Stock in Building & Loan Sold Recently

Represents \$1,100 Additional Money Available for Home Loans

While the sale of installment stock in the eleventh series of the Plymouth Building and Loan Association is progressing very slowly, it was learned today that 11 shares, representing \$1,100, had been sold as full-paid stock, making this sum of money available at this time for loans to repair or construct residence here.

It was said today that the number of installment shares actually sold so far was only about 20, but that many others had been inquiring about the operations of the organization and that the total sale would likely run about 50 shares if the directors, officers and stockholders continue an active campaign.

The sale of the 11 shares of paid-up stock during the past week brings to \$4,800 the total amount of this class of stock now outstanding.

Twenty-seven thousand dollars have been loaned to about 40 persons for the construction and repair of local homes in the last two and a half years since the organization began functioning.

Building and loan stock is attractive from an investment standpoint, and the local people are waking up.

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Dr. Frank Graham And Others Appear On Program for Day

Upwards of 2,000 Farmers Expected To Attend Annual Event

Preparations were announced complete today for the 15th annual Farmers' Field Day at the Blackland Test Farm at Wenona, Thursday, July 25, when Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, will be the principal speaker.

Other speakers will include: Dr. E. R. Collins, State College, on "Applying the Results of Experimental Work to the Home Farm"; Prof. Earl H. Hostetter, State College, on "Livestock Possibilities"; and James Abrams, of Macesfield, district winner of the Young Tar Heel Farmers' public speaking contest, who will be presented by E. N. Meekins, district supervisor, vocational agriculture.

R. C. Holland, of Edenton, president of the Peanut Stabilization Cooperative, will be chairman for the day. He will be introduced by F. E. Miller, director of the test farms division, State Department of Agriculture.

A ladies' program will be presented in the afternoon under the supervision of Mrs. Frances Darden, home agent of Washington County; with Miss Pauline Gordon, State College specialist in Home Management and House Furnishings; and Mrs. Effie Vines Gordon, Nash County home agent, as speakers.

Features of the field day will also include a number of contests and exhibits on tobacco judging, egg grading, livestock, agronomy, and farm machinery. Tours of the experimental plots will be conducted under the supervision of J. L. Rea, Jr., assistant director, in charge of the farm.

Tables will be available for those who bring picnic lunches and barbeque and soft drinks will be sold on those grounds.

3-Year-Old Child Is Critically Hurt in Accident Yesterday

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Smith Given Chance To Recover Today

Three-year-old Bruce Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Smith, is in a serious condition in a Rocky Mount hospital, where he was taken yesterday afternoon following an accident which occurred in the yard of Mr. Smith, when Tom Hedgepeth, colored driver for T. C. Burgess, delivered a load of wood there.

Both Mr. Smith and Mr. Burgess said today that they did not know exactly how the accident happened, but reports were that the child came to the rear of the truck as it was backing into the yard, while another report said that the child darted in front of the truck and was run down. It was said that the colored driver had not been accused of negligence in connection with the accident.

Dr. Alban Papineau, who examined the child before he was taken to a hospital, said that the little fellow suffered concussion of the brain, severe bruises about the head and possibly internal injuries. A report from the hospital today said that the lad had a chance to recover.

Town Closes Fiscal Year With Surplus Of \$3,189.94 on Hand

Result of Excellent Collections During Period Ended June 30

It appeared today that the tax rate for the Town of Plymouth for next year will be fixed at \$2 on the \$100 valuation—the same as it has been for several years—although the town now has a surplus of \$3,189.94 as the result of excellent tax collections during the fiscal year ending July 1.

The councilmen, in session Monday night, reviewed the report of the town's finances during the year and totaled the surplus, but they were reminded by officials that the audit had not been concluded and that a sinking fund of considerable proportions must be built up to take care of bond retirements of \$26,000 in 1944.

Total receipts for the year were \$40,502.42, which came from the following sources: \$21,941 from ad valorem taxes (the budget called for \$22,527.58); \$1,970.50 from privilege taxes (budget estimate was \$1,500); \$2,116.32 from paving assessments (budget called for \$1,500); \$390 in rents; and \$7,769.84 from the water department.

The budget called for a total of \$39,843.09, and the collections were \$40,502.42. This revealed how close the collections were made by Chief of Police P. W. Brown, tax collector, and M. W. Sprull for the water department. The total receipts were \$3,189.94 above the budget requirements. The budget for the year was underspent by the amount of \$39.16.

Expenditures for the year were divided as follows: \$9,000 paid in interest; \$7,000 turned over to the sinking fund to care for bond retirements; \$900 for new truck for street department; \$1,100 for repairs and repainting of water tank; \$1,400 for extension of water and sewer lines; and the remainder, \$20,403.93, for operating expenses of the town.

22 Fined Last Week Following Raids on Illegal Slot Devices

Thirty-Two Machines and \$383 in Nickels Were Confiscated

The coffers of Washington County were enriched by several hundred dollars last week, when Superior Court Judge J. J. Burney ordered officers to assemble illegal slot and pin ball machines and place them in the custody of the court and to issue warrants for the arrest of state distributors, local distributors and local operators on a charge of violating the state gambling law.

Thirty-two machines were brought in by officers and the only defendant examined in the recorder's court hearing said that the total valuation of them was about \$2,000.

Joseph Calcut and J. F. Edwards, charged with distributing the machines in the county, were assessed \$50 and the costs each at a special session of recorder's court Friday by Recorder John W. Darden. Thus the county received the fines and part of the costs in these cases.

Twenty local operators were assessed with a portion of the cost in each case, with no witness fees, no solicitor's fees, and no recorder's fees included in the costs. Actual costs in each case was \$5.38. The operators paid total costs aggregating \$107.60.

In a lengthy decision, Recorder Darden ordered the local operators and all distributors "to pay the costs of the court as assessed, upon suspension of judgment," and added that the defendants were to "appear in court one year from date to show that they had not operated or distributed any illegal machines in this county."

There were no witnesses because all of the 22 defendants entered a plea of guilty and the only evidence was by J. F. Edwards, one of the distributors.

Since licenses on the machines expired July 1, the distributors had paid about \$1,000 to the county for new licenses for another year and they also paid to the Town of Plymouth about \$400.

It was indicated to the court that the distributors would pay the fines and costs assessed against them and would also pay the small costs assessed against the local operators.

A total of \$383 was recovered from the machines and this money was divided among the raiding officers with half allotted to public charity.

Disposition of the machines will not be made until a ruling is obtained from the Attorney General. It was indicated that the machines could either be sold or destroyed. They may be sold and the money received turned over to the county as is done with other confiscated property.

Two Creswell Boys Attend State Meeting in Raleigh

Creswell.—Carol Van Davenport and H. Alligood were named delegates from the Creswell vocational agriculture class to attend the state convention of the Young Tar Heel Farmers' Clubs in Raleigh this week. A total of 24 students attended the meeting at which the delegates were chosen last Thursday night.

County Farmers Vote Saturday On Proposal To Apply Quotas For Tobacco for Three Years

E. Y. Floyd Points Out Salient Facts in Control Referendum

Says Farmers Will Be Deciding Price of Crop This Fall

Flue-cured tobacco growers will go to the polls Saturday and decide whether they want three-year marketing quotas, one-year quotas, or no quotas at all. They also will be deciding to a large extent the price they will receive for their 1940 crop of tobacco, it is pointed out by E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer of N. C. State College.

If quotas are approved for a three-year period, 1941 through 1943, the Federal Government has promised to protect prices of the 1940 crop "at or slightly above last year's 14.9 cents per pound level." The Triple-A officials also have announced that if three-year quotas are voted, the allotments in 1941 will be the same as in 1940. Recent amendments to the Crop Control Law provide that no quota can be reduced more than 10 per cent from the 1940 allotment during the next three years.

If one-year quotas are voted, Floyd said, the Federal Government will not be able to protect prices at the 14.9 cents level the 1939 crop brought, and allotments for 1941 will be reduced 10 per cent. Without any quotas, predictions of the price the 1940 crop would bring ranges from 5 to 10 cents per pound.

Floyd said that any person who will share in the proceeds of the 1940 crop of flue-cured tobacco is eligible to vote in the referendum Saturday. Community polling places will be set up, to be opened not later than 9 a. m. and to close not earlier than 5 p. m.

It will require a vote of two-thirds of those casting ballots to put three-year quotas in effect. If two-thirds or more of those voting do not favor three-year quotas, but the total of the total of the three-year and one-year votes is two thirds or more of the total vote cast, then one-year quotas will be in effect.

Club To Boost Vote For Republicans Is Formed in County

First Willkie-McNary-McNeill Club Organized Last Thursday

With the nation's leading Democrats attending the national convention in Chicago, where it is predicted that President Franklin D. Roosevelt would be nominated for the third time, probably by acclamation, leading Republicans, in Washington County particularly, were working on a plan of organization to affect every precinct.

Getting the jump on the Democrats, a central Willkie-McNary-McNeill Club was organized at a meeting held at Louis Bateman's Service Station in Skinnersville last Thursday night. J. Richard Carr, of Plymouth, was named chairman. Next Thursday night, July 25, clubs will be organized in all five precincts of the county, it was said.

On the following Thursday night, August 1, a watermelon feast will be held at Bateman's Service Station, with John Wilkinson, of Washington, Republican candidate for Representative from the First District, to be the principal speaker. J. C. Tarkenton, chairman of the county executive committee, said that everybody was invited to join the clubs and attend the watermelon feast, "regardless of their past party affiliation."

The club name is derived from the leading candidates of the Republican party in state and nation, as follows: Wendell L. Willkie, for President; Senator Charles L. McNary, of Oregon, for Vice President; and Robert H. McNeill for Governor of North Carolina.

Lengthy Session of Town Council Held

In a meeting that lasted until almost midnight Monday, the Town of Plymouth Councilmen instructed the town attorney, Z. V. Norman, to advise G. K. Harris that the building under construction on his premises on Jefferson Street must be moved five feet inside the line to comply with an ordinance.

Mrs. M. W. Sprull was employed to compile the tax books for the new year. James W. Norman, C. E. Ayers, and E. H. Liverman were named on a committee to confer with the County of Washington officials relative to a portion of the profits of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board from the store in Plymouth.

Many Now Seek Birth Certificates

Frequent calls for birth certificates are now being made in the five counties of this health district, it was learned today from Dr. S. V. Lewis, health officer, who said the demands on the office had been increasing steadily in the last three years. One of the main reasons for the demand is that the Federal government is now requiring all its employees, as well as some employees of manufacturing companies and operators of amateur radio stations to furnish proof of their birth dates.

Births were not recorded in North Carolina until 1913, when the State Bureau of Vital Statistics was established in Raleigh. Prior to that time, a few records were kept in churches, family Bibles, and some counties which required birth registration.

A person born before 1913, in order to have his birth registered, is required to have a delayed birth certificate form signed by two people who knew when he was born.

J. R. Manning Buys Partner's Interest in Plymouth Motor Co.

However, J. B. Willoughby Will Continue His Work With Firm

Purchase of the business interest of his partner, J. B. Willoughby, in the Plymouth Motor Company, was announced today by J. Roy Manning, who took over both the sales and service departments of the Ford agency here Wednesday morning.

In the announcement issued by Mr. Manning, he said that there had been no disagreement or friction between himself and Mr. Willoughby during their seven years of business association, but that the growth of the business and the divided interests of the partners outside of the business necessitated dissolution of the partnership.

Mr. Manning, in the announcement, said that Mr. Willoughby would continue in the employ of the firm and urges all of his friends and patrons to continue their patronage of the local Ford agency as they have done in the past.

The continued success and steady growth of the business during the seven years they were in partnership was said by Mr. Manning to demonstrate the close harmony in which the two men had worked. They entered business together here in 1933.

At one time the firm was incorporated, but later the charter was surrendered, and now the partnership has been dissolved, leaving Mr. Manning in sole charge of the organization, although Mr. Willoughby's good will and ability is being retained in the new set-up.

Program of Services at Local Baptist Church

Rev. P. B. NICKENS, Pastor

Regular services will be held Sunday at the church with the pastor preaching at both the morning and evening hours. The subject for the morning hour will be "Conquering Defeat," and for the evening hour the subject will be "A Word of Encouragement."

Attendance for the summer has continued to be splendid, and it is the hope of the pastor that this fine attendance will continue on through the entire summer.

Also we urge you to join us at the regular mid-week prayer service, held each Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

Wage Increase Granted Employees of Pulp Plant in Negotiations Last Week

An increase in the hourly wage and other considerations were granted employees of the North Carolina Pulp Company last Friday at noon, when officials of the American Federation of Labor and the management of the plant reached a working agreement for next year, following negotiations which started June 20.

The blanket wage increase, applying to all workers, is said to bring the level of wages paid here to a point higher than the average paid by other pulp mills in the South. The management of the plant here and union workers have always settled differences in an amicable manner, and the nego-

Polls Open From 8 To 6; Three Polling Places Designated

Names of Eligible Voters Registered and on Record at Voting Places

Preparations had been completed today in the office of County Agent W. V. Hays for the tobacco control referendum to be held in the tobacco-producing belt Saturday, with 500 persons in Washington County registered and eligible to vote.

Names of the eligible voters have been registered and placed on record in the three voting precincts set up in this county, where the ballot casting will get underway at 8 o'clock Saturday morning and stopping promptly at 6 o'clock in the evening.

The three polling places have been designated as follows: the agricultural building in Plymouth for growers of Plymouth Township; Phelps and Freeman's Store in Roper for Lees Mill Township as far down as the forks of the Edenton road, or Pritchard's store; W. D. Phelps' store in Creswell for Scuppernon Township and the entire lower end of the county, including the Pea Ridge section.

Mr. Hays said that if a person's name was not on the register at the polling place, it would not mean that he would not be allowed to cast his ballot, but his vote will be kept separate and the county agricultural conservation committee will investigate the case and determine if the vote is legal. The register is compiled of names taken from AAA completion sheets; if a challenged vote is found to be eligible, the name of the person casting the ballot will be transferred to the compliance sheet of the farm from which he will share the 1940 proceeds.

"Any person who will share in the 1940 flue-cured tobacco crop," Mr. Hays said, "and not only landowners, will be eligible to vote in the referendum Saturday." This means operators, tenants, sharecroppers, or anyone who receives a share of the 1940 crop, the county agent explained.

Questions on the Ballot  
Growers will vote on three questions: (1) Do you favor three-year quotas; (2) Do you favor quotas only for 1941; (3) Are you opposed to quotas for 1941, 1942 and 1943?

Mr. Hays explained that the three-year program will enable the government to protect prices of the 1940 crop "at or slightly above the 14.9 cents per pound level established in 1939," and also allotments will not be reduced next year. However, if one-year quotas are approved, there will be a 10 per cent reduction in allotments for 1941 and prices will possibly be 2 or 3 cents per pound lower than the 1939 level.

Two-thirds of the growers must favor the control program to make it applicable. It is estimated here that the required two-thirds of votes in Washington County will approve some form of quotas and it is likewise believed the three-year program will be favored. However, a general indifference on the part of many producers in many sections of the tobacco belt is said to be threatening the success of the movement.

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

It is generally said that if two-thirds of the producers favor the three-year plan Saturday, there will be no reduction in acreage next year and the AAA guarantees prices equal to or better than last year. A vote for one-year quotas would necessitate a reduction of 10 per cent in allotments for 1941. Prices, as well, would be less stable and less support in Federal loans would be available. If the third option of no control whatever is approved by the voters, farm leaders say that it is doubtful if anyone could predict the consequence.