

Roanoke Reaches New High Level Here Water Still Rising Slowly With Crest Predicted Saturday

Steps Taken To Prevent Polluting Water Supply

By S. V. LEWIS, M. D., District Health Officer Much well-warranted interest has been expressed with reference to the safety of the Plymouth water supply during the past two or three days.

Citizens living in low flooded areas have been contacted by the health department prior to the flood waters and advised as to the safe procedures with reference to drinking water, etc.

Every citizen living within the vicinity flooded should be vaccinated against typhoid fever unless such vaccinations have been done within the past three years.

It is not necessary to drink polluted water in order to have typhoid fever. Eating vegetables caused the disease unless thoroughly washed in a safe water supply and properly cooked.

Children should be advised not to wade or otherwise enter the flood waters. Such waters are polluted and some of the deadly material may find its way into the mouths of children not suspecting such dangers.

There is no immediate danger of the water supply of Plymouth becoming polluted and unsafe for use, and in the event such a condition arises, a circular will be delivered to each home in Plymouth and to those homes outside the town using city water.

Say Peanut Prices To Be Fixed at Same Figure as Last Year

Diversion Program Is Again Approved by Department Of Agriculture

Federal agencies will seek to stabilize peanut prices for the new crop at the same price that prevailed last year, according to L. E. Hassell, of Roper, a director of the North Carolina Peanut Stabilization Cooperative, Inc.

Mr. Hassell returned Saturday from Washington, D. C., where he attended a meeting of 150 representatives of the peanut industry with officials of the United States Department of Agriculture, at which time a committee was appointed to determine base prices for peanuts purchased under the program.

Last year No. 1 grade peanuts were pegged at 3-1-4 cents a pound. The cleaners and manufacturer maintained a level just a little above this price and only a small number of pounds were purchased last year by J. E. Davenport and W. H. Clark.

Those present at the meeting were told, Mr. Hassell said, that the government's investment in the peanut program was the most profitable that had been made, as the income of peanut growers had been increased from \$16,000,000 to \$50,000,000 since 1932.

Under the diversion program, Mr. Hassell said, the cooperative bought surplus peanuts from growers at prices designated by the Secretary of Agriculture and sold them to bidding crushing mills for the manufacture of peanut oil and meal.

Funeral Services for William E. Blount Held This Afternoon

Died at His Home in Roper Early Tuesday Result of Paralysis Stroke

Funeral services for William Edgar Blount, 63, who died at his home in Roper early Tuesday morning, following a stroke of paralysis, were held in the Roper Methodist church Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Blount had been in declining health for more than a year. He slipped and fell while working at the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company several months ago.

Surviving Mr. Blount is his widow, Mrs. Myrtle Blount, and three daughters, Miss Donnie Blount and Miss Arden Blount, of Roper; Miss Mary Bateman Blount, of New York City; and one son, W. S. Blount, of Roper.

Local Merchants To Meet Tonight

A meeting of the Plymouth Merchants Association will be held in the community hall here tonight (Thursday) at 8:15, immediately after the Lions Club concludes its program.

W. F. Winslow, president, urges a full attendance of the membership, so that something definite may be given the union members as to how much cooperation the merchants will extend in the celebration.

Pulp Mill Operations Stopped at 3 A. M. Today; Veneer Plant May Also Close; Little Damage Here

Number Roads Closed Due To High Water; Much Added Travel Thru Here

The raging Roanoke River in its first large-scale rampage in this section for about 75 years—and the worst in its history—flooded highways throughout the east, causing all north and south bound traffic over U. S. Route 17 to be routed from Washington through Plymouth by way of the Albemarle Sound bridge and on to the intersection the other side of Edenton.

Local travel has also been disrupted. The causeway at Ward's Bridge over Welches Creek, about 4 miles west of Plymouth, is flooded, as are the fills and bridges at Gardner's Creek, Sweet Water Creek and Peter Swamp.

Passenger freight and mail buses and trucks formerly using Route 17 are now being routed through here.

Morattock Service Attended by 1,000

Observance Marks 155th Anniversary; Tablet Is Presented

Elder Boswell, Dr. Crittenden and Others Make Addresses

"Dictators not only say that democracy is worthless, but the rulers of the totalitarian countries have ambitions of overthrowing this system of government, as evidenced in their overrunning of Poland, Denmark, Norway, Belgium, France and now they are battering England."

These totalitarian countries teach that the individual exists for the State and is a servant of the state while the democracy in this country holds that the state exists for the benefit of the individual.

The settlers who came to North Carolina were among the most democratic of the states because they were among the middle class of inhabitants of this country.

J. C. Baskerville, of Raleigh, executive secretary of the Governor's Hospitality Committee and a representative of the advertising division of the State Department of Conservation and Development, told the crowd that he was glad to see that the historic church had been repaired to give it "eye-appeal."

New Officers of American Legion Post Installed at Meeting Last Friday Night

A barbecue supper will be served to the membership of the James E. Jetho Post of the American Legion at the community hall on Friday night September 12, it was announced today by J. B. Willoughby, new commander of the post, who with other officers was installed last Friday night.

Membership Officer P. W. Brown has already started the annual membership campaign and said that nine of the members had paid their dues.

Other officers installed Friday night, besides Mr. Willoughby, follow: R. L. Tetterton, B. G. Campbell and Goldie Simpson, vice commanders; W. L. Hassell, adjutant; P. W. Brown, finance officer; J. R. Carr, service; P. B. Bateman, guardianship; J. A. Bratten, sergeant at arms; D. A. Hruley, chaplain; W. V. Hays, historian; P. W. Brown, athletic officer; Dr. C. McGowan, child welfare; Clyde Robbins, Americanism; R. L. Tetterton, graves and registration officer; J. C. Swain, unemployment; P. W. Brown, membership chairman; W. V. Hays, publicity; Dr. C. McGowan, sons of the legion.

Water About 7 Feet Above Normal and May Go 2 More Feet

Coast Guard Official Bases Estimates on Experience At Points Up River

Flood waters of the Roanoke River, already at a record level here, are expected to reach a crest of about 11 feet above normal tide here by Saturday at noon or early afternoon, according to Lieutenant B. H. Brallier, of Norfolk, United States Coast Guard Service communications officer, who is in charge of Coast Guard work here while the river is at flood.

Lieutenant Brallier said he understood that the crest had been reached at Williamston about 4 o'clock this morning and that the water should begin to recede there about noon today.

No lives have been lost in this section, and there has been no serious property damage up to today, it was said although the flood is now running into the cellars of stores fronting on Water Street.

The North Carolina Pulp Company was forced to suspend operations this morning about 3 o'clock, when water backing up outlet pipes caused it to shut down.

The National Handle Company was flooded late yesterday, but here also preparations were made to prevent serious property damage.

The current in the river here is the swiftest ever reported, guesses as to its speed ranging from 5 to 8 miles an hour. The rate of rise is very low, as compared with the points above here, a rise of 13 inches having been reported in 15 hours, according to Lieutenant Brallier.

The Coast Guard officer said from information gathered, the water had evidently risen about seven feet above the normal tide this afternoon. It was expected that it would reach about 10 or 11 feet some time Saturday. As a rule, he said, about eight hours after the crest is reached, the flood begins to recede.

Lieutenant Brallier reached Plymouth early this morning with four Coast Guard surfboats and about 40 men. The Hatters Inlet and Ocracoke boats are being retained here with about 15 men to handle them, while the Chicamacomico and Oregon

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Sesqui-Centennial Committee Formed

Continue Efforts To Form Union

Organization of workmen at the Plymouth Box and Panel Company continues with weekly meetings being held by C. E. Haurly, of Washington, D. C., an organizer for the American Federation of Labor.

So far it was said there have been about 306 white and colored workmen at the plant to become members of the union, and it is expected that a charter will be issued by the International Union of Operating Engineers, an affiliate of the A. F. of L.

Griffith Hamlin Is Given Formal Call To Christian Church

Young Minister Who Has Been Supplying Church Accepts Call

Officials of the Plymouth Christian church Monday night issued a formal call to Griffith Hamlin, supply minister here for the summer, to accept the pastorate of the church for one year; and today Mr. Hamlin said that he had accepted the call.

The young minister has been here for several weeks as supply pastor for the summer months and had planned to go to a seminary in the fall. However he has abandoned his plans to return to school and accepted the call to the local church.

S. D. Davis, chairman of the official board of the church, said that as yet there had been no definite program outlined for the church during the coming year's pastorate of the new minister, but that one would be worked out and presented in the near future.

Church officials and members were well pleased with the work of the young minister, an excellent speaker.

Mobile Army Recruiting Party Will Be Here Saturday Seeking Recruits

Bending every effort to have this country prepared to meet any eventuality, the government is sending an army recruiting party to Plymouth Saturday at 2:30 p. m., where it will be at the post office or police department to obtain enlistments for the United States Army.

Comparatively few local young men have joined the army in recent months, but a large number have cast their lot with the Navy.

There are now available vacancies at Fort Benning, Ga.; Camp

Meet Friday Night To Begin Plans for Festival in October

Will Mark 150th Anniversary of Founding Town Of Plymouth

A meeting of the entire 21 members of the directorate of the organization set up to sponsor the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Town of Plymouth will be held at the community hall here Friday evening at 7:30.

This meeting is a follow-up of a meeting held Monday night, when the board of directors was appointed, Mr. Darden named chairman and Walter H. Paramore secretary.

It was also decided that the celebration would be held the latter part of October on the same date that the Albemarle All-Star High School Band composed of musicians from 17 towns in the section, would parade and give a concert, a definite date to be announced later.

W. R. Hampton, member of the State Board of Conservation and Development, said that 17 per cent of the inquiries in reply to advertisements of North Carolina in national publications were in the interest of history and many others were from those who wish to attend celebrations or homecomings such as the one planned here in their native towns.

The directors named follow: W. H. Townsend, labor unions; Mrs. Claudius McGowan, United Daughter of the Confederacy; Miss Elizabeth Campbell, Junior Woman's Club; Mrs. B. G. Campbell, senior Woman's Club; Mrs. J. B. Willoughby, American Legion Auxiliary; Mrs. Addie L. Brinkley, Augustin Daly Club; Mrs. L. T. Rose, Thursday Afternoon Literary Club; J. R. Manning, merchants; W. V. Hays, American Legion; P. W. Brown, Lions; H. H. McLean, Perseverance Lodge and the schools; J. B. Willoughby, fire department; Mrs. George W. Bowen, Eastern Star; Mrs. Abe Adler, Garden Club; B. G. Campbell, mayor of the town; W. M. Darden, representative of Washington County; E. G. Arps, chairman of the board of county commissioners; W. H. Booker, Roanoke Beacon; W. R. Hampton, Board of Conservation and Development; J. W. Darden, general chairman and W. H. Paramore, general secretary.

At the meeting on Friday evening it is hoped to work out a tentative program for the event that will include a pageant, parade with floats, a national speaker, music and other entertaining events.

SEEKS INFORMATION

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