

Frank Freeman, of Greenville, employed on construction work at the North Carolina Pulp Company here at intervals in the last three years, was married to Miss Sarah Dorch, of Sweetwater, Ala., in Norfolk last Sunday. Mr. Freeman was well liked here. The couple will probably make their home in Greenville.

Harry S. Irons, of Wilmington, Del., who has not been in Washington County for 29 years, was here this week visiting an uncle, Mayor C. N. Davenport, sr., of Creswell. For 22 years Mr. Irons has been foreman of the service department of the Delaware Power and Light Company.

Chief of Police P. W. Brown said today that all citizens should refrain from putting trash on the streets on Saturdays, as the town trucks will not be around to make a collection that day. The officer pointed out that when trash was placed on the streets it made the town look untidy to visitors, of which there is an increasing number especially on Sundays. Such trash should be placed in back yards to wait until Monday, he said.

Representative W. M. Darden is planning to attend the state convention of Young Democratic Clubs of North Carolina in Raleigh Friday and Saturday of this week. Others may decide later to accompany Mr. Darden to the meeting.

The 13½-pound baby boy born to Mr. and Mrs. Broughton Overton in the Pleasant Grove community on Tuesday, September 3, is believed to be the largest new-born baby on record in Washington County. Dr. W. H. Harrell, of Creswell, was the attending physician. Mother and son are reported doing nicely.

George W. Harrison is now local agent for the Raleigh News and Observer, succeeding "Tick" James. The change became effective Monday. He is also local agent for the Charlotte Observer.

Reports reached here today that Earl Westerling, formerly employed at a local industrial plant and well known in the county, died Tuesday night in a Norfolk hospital, where he had been taken after only a few hours' illness. Only meagre reports were available here.

County farmers have until October 31 to carry out their soil-building practices under the AAA farm program, according to W. V. Hays, who said that participating farmers must complete their soil-building practices by that time in order to receive credit on this year's program.

Mrs. E. G. James, employed at the Owens Brothers office here, recently made a methodical trip to the New York World's Fair. She made a list of the exhibits and shows that she visited. She made the trip by boat and said she was seasick for most of the voyage.

William P. Root, celebration consultant of the producing company that will stage the featured events of the Sesqui-Centennial Celebration here in October, said while here that Plymouth was strategically located, had a fine topic for celebration material, and that with the cooperation of all citizens the event should be a great success.

Commercial Course Planned at School

Efforts are being made today to have included in the courses offered at the Plymouth High School instruction in bookkeeping, shorthand, and typewriting, according to Principal R. B. Trotman, who said that Mrs. Charles A. Hough, a state certified commercial teacher, who lives near Dardens, would conduct the classes.

Six typewriters must be secured for use by the students, and the rental fee for the machines will be \$120 for eight months, with this fee applied to the purchase price if the school decides to buy the typewriters, Mr. Trotman said.

If an organization will assume obligation for the machines, the students will pay only \$3 per month for tuition, it was explained, and if the enrollment reaches the point where an additional teacher is earned, then the state will pay the teacher, and there will be no charge to the students for tuition.

The course is open to town people, as well as high school students. Those who wish to enroll are asked to see Mr. Trotman by Friday of this week.

Red Cross Drive in County Closed With Less Than \$200 of \$600 Quota Realized

A total of \$194.65 has been reported by Chairman James W. Norman, of the Washington County chapter of the American Red Cross, as contributions to the relief of European war refugees, with a total of \$6.78 received last week and \$150 which has not been heretofore acknowledged.

Mr. Norman said that the drive closed last week, Washington County raising less than \$200 of the \$600 initial quota. The quota was later raised to \$600 as the need continued to increase.

Mr. Norman said that he wished to express his appreciation to the

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PRINCIPALS OF THE THREE WHITE HIGH SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTY



Above are principals of the three large white schools of Washington County, all of which, with the opening of the Plymouth City Schools today, are now in session. They are (left to right): R. B. Trotman, who began his fourth year in the Plymouth schools today; A. T. Brooks, in his fourth year at Creswell; and D. E. Poole, in his sixth year at Roper. The Creswell and Roper schools opened two weeks ago today.

Record Enrollment at Opening of Plymouth Schools This Morning

Number Entering Is 41 Greater Than at Opening Last Year

456 Entered in Elementary Grades and 182 in High School at Opening

A record-breaking enrollment of 608 boys and girls was reported in the white schools of Plymouth today, when the institutions opened for the 1940-41 term with appropriate exercises. Congested conditions found many of the students standing in the aisles at the opening exercises in the high school auditorium.

The Rev. Paul B. Nickens, pastor of the Baptist church, conducted the devotional, and H. H. McLean, superintendent of public instruction for Washington County, made an address. Principal R. B. Trotman announced the schedule of classes and made other announcements.

Walter H. Paramore, a member of the county school board, made a brief talk on "Sacrificing for the School," calling attention to the fact that the teachers, students, and patrons would be called upon for one sacrifice after another if the school was to have a successful year.

"There will, of necessity, be occasions for the sacrifice of ideas, money, personal interests and selfishness of the individual teacher, student, and parent for the benefit of the school collectively, as the taxpayers have sacrificed to make available the opportunity which now confronts the youth of this school," he said.

In the enrollment today, there was a total of 456 in the elementary grades and 182 in the high school, for a grand total of 608, which is 41 more than were enrolled last year on opening day. The enrollment last year was 400 in the elementary and 187 in high school, making a total of 587.

Principal Trotman said he was expecting a gradual increase in the enrollment figures and that by the end of the fall semester there would be close to 700 children enrolled in the two institutions, the Hampton school and the high school.

No report could be obtained from the colored school, but it is expected that it also had a record opening day enrollment.

Attorneys in Land Suit Confer Here This Week

W. B. Rodman, sr., of Washington, E. L. Owens, W. M. Darden and Z. V. Norman, counsel for the 21 defendants in the suit for ownership of the Annie L. Owens' estate property conferred Tuesday and Wednesday on their position in the case. It was rumored that H. S. Ward would also be called into the case.

County Man Escapes From Prison Camp

people of the county who made contributions to aid the starving, suffering and homeless refugees who were caught in the maelstrom following the invasion of Belgium, the lowland nations, as well as other countries in Europe.

The recent list of contributors came from Creswell, and acknowledged is made as follows: \$2, W. H. Bolling; \$1 each, Mrs. Mary Armstrong, Mrs. Milton Starr, O. D. Hatfield, T. W. Tarkenton; and miscellaneous donations less than \$1, Rom Norman, Mrs. C. N. Davenport, and J. B. Davenport.

Creswell Census Figures Up 100

The population of the Town of Creswell increased exactly 100 in the last 10 years, according to Mayor C. N. Davenport, sr., who was in Plymouth this week.

In 1920 the census showed a total of 356 persons, while the fifteenth decennial census, recently completed, shows that there are 456 persons living within the corporate limits now, including 302 white and 154 colored.

Mr. Davenport said people in Creswell were well pleased with the increase, which amounted to nearly 30 per cent, but hoped to see a much larger increase during the next 10-year period.

C. E. Hutchins Trial Occupies Recorder's Court for Two Days

Appeals From Verdict of Guilty on Charge of Non-Support

A jury in recorder's court Wednesday afternoon, following two hours of deliberation, found C. E. Hutchins, 25, white, guilty of abandonment and non-support of his wife, Mrs. Frances Chesson Hutchins, concluding a trial that had been underway part of Tuesday and most of Wednesday.

Recorder John W. Darden suspended judgment for two years on condition that Mr. Hutchins contribute \$25 monthly for two years to the support of his wife. The payments are to be guaranteed by a justified bond of \$500. Appeal was noted by the defendant to superior court, and an appearance bond of \$500 was required of the defendant.

Evidence in the case tended to show that Mr. Hutchins left his home here on Monday, September 2, returning the following day with a truck, on which he loaded all of the household furnishings in their Washington Street apartment while Mrs. Hutchins was visiting a neighbor.

A warrant was issued here for Mr. Hutchins and sent to Asheville to be served on him at Black Mountain, his former home. The returned document showed that it had been served on the sixth of this month.

Weeping as she testified on the stand of his having left her several times before, Mrs. Hutchins said she was afraid to go with her husband in her present physical condition. She sent word to her father, W. B. Chesson, at Pleasant Grove, asking him to come to Plymouth for her, which he did.

Among the witnesses heard in the matter were Mrs. Hutchins, Mr. Hutchins, Ed Ricks, J. R. Campbell, Fred Innes, J. K. Reid, H. J. Riddick, C. E. Ayers, R. G. Harrison, W. C. Hutchins of Black Mountain, father of the defendant, and Mrs. Bentley.

W. Ronald Gaylord appeared for the state as prosecuting attorney, and W. L. Whitley assisted as private counsel for the prosecuting witness, while Carl L. Bailey appeared for the defendant. The jury was composed of Frank E. Bratten, Walter R. Swain, C. O. Kelly, Louis M. Davenport, S. D. Davis and W. J. Harrison.

It was reported that notice of a suit for alimony was served on Mr. Hutchins during the trial, but Clerk of Superior Court C. V. W. Ausbon said yesterday that no complaint had been filed for hearing in superior court on such an action. The veteran clerk also said that no alimony suit had ever been filed in the court here in his recollection.

Mrs. M. F. Jackson Funeral at Dardens Tuesday Afternoon

Died Monday Morning at Home Here of Daughter, Mrs. E. S. Mizell

Funeral services were held at the residence near Dardens Tuesday afternoon for Martha Frances Jackson, 80, who died Monday morning at 7 o'clock, following a heart attack after having been confined to her bed for two weeks at the home here of her daughter, Mrs. E. S. Mizell.

Rev. Gilbert Davis, of Bell Arthur, conducted the last rites, assisted by the Rev. F. A. Lilley, of Washington. Interment was made in the cemetery at the Dardens Christian church, of which Mrs. Jackson had long been a faithful member.

A large crowd attended the final rites for the beloved woman, who was well known and highly respected in both Washington and Martin Counties. A large floral offering was contributed.

She was the widow of James Franklin Jackson, who was fatally injured by a hit-and-run driver several years ago near Dardens. Mrs. Jackson was a native of Martin County, but moved here to live with her daughter, Mrs. E. S. Mizell, several weeks ago.

Surviving are three children: J. S. Jackson, of Washington; Mrs. D. H. Wolfe, of Washington; and Mrs. E. S. Mizell, of Plymouth.

Student Minister Is Secured by Vestry Of Episcopal Church

Franklin Kizer Will Hold Services Here on Three Sundays a Month

The vestry of Grace Episcopal Church here has secured the services of Franklin Kizer, of Washington, N. C., for three Sundays a month during the fall, winter and spring of 1940-41 to succeed William B. Daniels, ministerial student, who has been here during the summer.

Mr. Kizer will teach a Sunday school class, conduct morning prayer and act as adviser to the Young People's Service League. The churchman will be here Sunday for his first service. He is a ministerial student, taking his academic work at East Carolina Teachers' College in Greenville. The Rev. Sidney E. Matthews, of Washington, rector of the parish, will continue his affiliation with the work here and will be present for the morning service on the second Sunday of each month and for the evening service on the third Sunday in each month.

A farewell party was given to Mr. Daniels on Friday night, when a large number of the church members met at the community hall and presented him with a wrist watch and \$51 in cash. Games were played, singing enjoyed and refreshments served.

In a report to the group present Friday night, Mr. Daniels said there were 96 communicants of the church living in or near Plymouth; 57 are regular contributors; there are 65 unconfirmed children and adults; 170 persons are served by the church; average attendance is 51 and at Sunday school 31; enrollment in church organizations: senior women's auxiliary, 24; junior women's auxiliary, 15; men's club, 34; Young People's Service League, 24.

County Man Escapes From Prison Camp

Sheriff J. K. Reid was on the lookout today for Rudolph Vail, of Washington County, who escaped from a Duplin County prison farm with three other prisoners this week. Details of the escape are not available.

Vail was sent to prison to serve five consecutive terms totaling three to six years for storebreaking and larceny in Duplin County in 1939.

Abandon Plans for Cooperative Peanut Warehouse Locally

Decision Is Reached After Meeting With Marketing Specialist Friday

Farmers meeting here Friday afternoon with C. W. Sheffield, of Raleigh, senior marketing specialist of the State Department of Agriculture, and John W. Darden, secretary of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce, decided that the time was not ripe to endeavor to convert the plant of the Bain and Clark Peanut Company here into a cooperative warehouse and factory.

Pending legislation was given as one of the reasons for the delay in action on this matter, as peanuts are not considered one of the basic crops of the country by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration at the present time and there is no assurance that the present level of prices maintained now by the North Carolina Peanut Stabilization Cooperative will continue after the 1940 crop is taken care of.

It was said by some to be possible that next year peanuts would be declared a basic crop, in which event the government may give the farmers an opportunity to vote on control measures, such as marketing quotas, which are now in effect with tobacco and cotton.

L. E. Hassell, a director of the N. C. Peanut Stabilization Cooperative, said that when he was in Washington, D. C., recently, officials of the Department of Agriculture made no bones in telling the grower representatives that the crop must be curtailed for 1941 or there would be no cooperative to maintain the price level in effect for the past two or three years.

Mr. Hassell and County Agent W. V. Hays agreed that there had been about a 15 per cent increase in the acreage planted to the 1940 crop in Washington County and in North Carolina and Virginia. One thing which has held the market up is that the Georgia peanut growers do not produce choice peanuts, as in North Carolina, and most of their crop is of such low quality that it is largely used for peanut meal and peanut oil.

Mr. Sheffield could give but one instance where a local organization of farmers was maintaining a peanut warehouse and factory, and that was in Virginia. It was not known what degree of success was attending the enterprise.

Mr. Sheffield said that in order for a cooperative undertaking such as that proposed here to be successful, it would have to purchase at least 51 per cent of the crop from its members, and the peanuts bought would have to reach the consuming public direct and not go through the hands of other cleaners, as the larger manufacturers would probably soon depress the price and cause disaster.

One of the most interesting and encouraging notes at the meeting was the statement made by W. H. Clark that a prospective purchaser of the local plant was here recently and that the machinery and building itself was in excellent repair.

Plymouth Native Dies in Norfolk

Funeral services were conducted at a Norfolk funeral home Monday afternoon for James Harvey Bateman, 51, a native of Plymouth, who had been sick for six months. Interment was made in a Norfolk cemetery.

Born in Plymouth, Mr. Bateman had made his home in Norfolk for 35 years, where he was employed in the Norfolk Navy yard as a machinist. He was the son of George L. and Mrs. Henrietta Bateman.

Besides his wife, Mrs. Cora Farrow Bateman, he is survived by one adopted son, William J. Bateman, of Norfolk; two brothers, R. W. Bateman, of Roanoke, Va.; and J. R. Bateman, of Plymouth; three sisters, Mrs. J. S. Davenport, of Creswell; Mrs. Annie Clement, of Crewe, Va.; and Mrs. Cora Clement, of Lynchburg, Va.

Market Department Is Added at Pender's

Pender's store here is now operating a modern market department in conjunction with its regular line of groceries, and business has been very good since the new department was opened last week, according to Manager B. Gray Willis.

The partition at the rear of the store was moved back several feet and modern equipment, including a floating air refrigerator, meat block and display refrigerator, had been installed, adding to the attractiveness of the store and enlarging its capacity of service to patrons.

Clerk George Morgan, who has been here for some time, is employed in the meat department. He is an experienced meat cutter, having had experience with several other markets.

Manager Willis said he expected this department of the store to increase in popularity with the customers, and this week they are offering specials in their advertisement.

Sesqui-Centennial Event Planned for Three Days Here

NOMINATED



Herbert C. Bonner, of Washington last Friday received the nomination for Representative from the first congressional district, to succeed Lindsay Warren. The action was taken at Edenton, where the district congressional meeting was held.

Bonner Gets District Nomination Friday By Unanimous Vote

Delegation of 15 From Here At Committee Meeting In Edenton

Upwards of 15 persons from Washington County accompanied W. R. Hampton, a member of the first congressional district Democratic executive committee, to Edenton Friday morning, when they approved the casting of the vote from this county for Herbert C. Bonner as nominee for the unexpired term and following two-year term as representative in lower house of Congress. The place will become vacant by resignation of Lindsay C. Warren, effective October 1, to become Comptroller General of the United States.

Among the group from here were Mr. Hampton, C. L. Bailey, Harry Stell, Linwood Hassell, J. W. Darden, W. M. Darden, Ben A. Sumner, L. E. Hassell, J. K. Reid, and others. Corporal T. B. Brown escorted the delegation of 15 cars from Washington, Martin, Beaufort, Pitt and other counties which went over in a cavalcade.

Mr. Hampton was named on the committee to escort Mr. Bonner into the Chowan courthouse to be notified of his nomination after Dudley Bagley, of Currituck, had moved for Mr. Bonner's nomination, which was seconded by W. O. Crump, of Gates; Roy Davis, of Dare; and H. Clay Carter, of Beaufort.

W. I. Bissett, of Pitt County, placed the name of Ed G. Flannagan, of Greenville, before the committee but said himself that he didn't believe Flannagan would accept if nominated. Bonner's nomination was made unanimous by acclamation.

Jerome B. Flora, of Elizabeth City, was elected chairman of the committee to succeed Mr. Bonner, and M. E. Matthews, of Engelhard, was continued as secretary. Following Bonner's acceptance speech, the committeemen were entertained by John Graham and Richard Dixon, of Edenton, at lunch in the Joseph Hewes Hotel.

Roper Principal Says School May Lose Teacher Unless Enrollment Increased

Unless about 30 more children enroll in the Roper white schools, there is a possibility that the school will lose the additional teacher earned last year, according to Principal D. E. Poole, who is anxious that the new teacher supplied by the State School Commission this year be retained.

The teacher was earned by increased enrollment and attendance last year, and she will be lost by failure to maintain a similar record this year, Mr. Poole said, in pointing out that there was an enrollment of 336 children opening day last year, against 337 this year.

Begins October 30th; Tentative Program Is Being Considered

Features Include All-Star Band Festival, Pageant And Other Events

An agreement has been reached between officials of the Sesqui-Centennial Celebration Committee and the John B. Rogers Producing Company, of Fostoria, Ohio, whereby the 150th anniversary of the founding of the town of Plymouth will be held for three days, starting on Wednesday, October 30.

William P. Root, celebration consultant of the company, has been here for two days conferring with John W. Darden, general chairman of the event. The company specializes in pageants, civic celebrations and centennials.

It is planned to produce a pageant, based on local history, on each of the three nights. It will be presented in the ball park. About 200 persons will be included in the nightly spectacle. Lights will be erected at the ball park for stage effects, and it was estimated by the sponsors that a total of 6,000 persons would see the production during the three nights.

It was also said that the first day of the observance, Wednesday, will be featured by a parade of floats and the Eastern Carolina All-Star High School Band in the morning, a concert at night, an address by a speaker of national reputation, club homecoming, queen's coronation, and a spectacle depicting the progress of Plymouth.

Thursday there would be a historical parade in costume, possibly a military unit included; an old-timer's banquet; basket lunch at noon; football game; spectacle or pageant at night, followed by an old-time street dance.

Friday will be dedicated to the celebration's sales day for merchants, pet parade, barbecue at noon, contests, the pageant of Plymouth at night, and the queen's ball. In connection with the sales day, each merchant would be asked to feature several special items.

Mr. Root's company will write the story for the pageant, train the participants, provide the director, costumes, scenery, lighting and guarantee to make it an artistic success. The cost for the services of the firm will be \$1,250 for the three days. The money is to be earned by selling souvenirs, admissions to the pageant, and other plans for raising revenue.

Revival to Begin At Roper Sunday

Roper—A revival will begin in the Roper Methodist church Sunday night, September 15, and continue through the following Sunday morning. All evening services will begin at 8 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. M. R. Gardner, will do the preaching. Mrs. M. R. Gardner will lead the congregational singing. There will be special music. All members of the Vacation Bible school are invited to come and sing in a junior choir. All members of the senior choir are invited to sing also.

Everyone is cordially invited to all services.

Revival Services Begin at Corinth Church Sunday

A series of revival services will start at the Corinth Free Will Baptist church near Dardens on Sunday evening, September 15, with the Rev. Herman Wooten, of Garner, as the speaker, to be assisted by Rev. Clarence Bowen, the pastor.

"Everyone is cordially invited to attend each of these services each evening at 8 o'clock in this old-time revival," said the pastor.

School officials are making every effort to get welfare officials to visit the homes and persuade parents to send their children to school so that the enrollment and attendance may be maintained.

Mr. Poole said one encouraging factor in the situation is the fact that during the first week of the current an additional 10 students had been entered, bringing the enrollment to a total of 350. However, the enrollment must be built up close to 400 to retain the extra teacher.

This year the Roper white school has 14 teachers, against 13 last term.