

E. P. Benton, father of H. L. (Tex) Benton here, of Rosenberg, Texas, is spending sometime here with his son. Mr. Benton and his brother operate a cotton farm and cattle ranch, with about 250 acres in cotton and 300 head of cattle. Mr. Benton has visited the cattle and cotton farms in this section while here.

Scout Executive J. J. Sigwald, of Wilson, while here the other day, said that expansion of the nation's armed forces would probably result in his being called to active service from his present status as an officer in the reserve corps.

H. S. Ward, of Washington, who was an attorney here for about 10 years, recalled while on a recent visit here the little orphan at Grace Episcopal church which he said produced the sweetest music he ever heard. It was played by a Miss McCrae, he said, whose hands were deformed and who also suffered from cancer.

Jerome R. Frazelle, of Jacksonville, who worked in the county agent's office in Duplin for two years, is now chief clerk in the office of County Agent W. V. Hays here, relieving Stuart D. Blow, who was called into service with the National Guard.

J. E. Broome, of Aurora, state committeeman of the AAA, met with the Washington County committeemen including Charlie W. Bowen, of Plymouth; R. L. Stillman, of Roper, and W. D. Phelps, of Creswell, here yesterday for a discussion of routine matters relating to the farm program.

Teachers in the white schools of the county, including Roper, Creswell, Cherry and Plymouth, attended a district meeting in Williamston yesterday afternoon. H. H. McLean, county superintendent of public instruction, also attended.

Only one case came up in recorder's court Tuesday, that of Robert Downing, 23, colored, charged with non-support. He was given 30 days in jail, suspended upon payment of the costs.

W. Blount Rodman, law partner of Z. V. Norman, and Junius Grimes, clerk for the firm, are in Craven County this week to look up some titles and do other such work.

On July 1st there were 150 customers in this county using power provided through the aid of the Rural Electrification Authority, it was shown in a report issued this week. This county, with 32 miles of rural power lines, ranks 92nd in the 100 counties of the state.

Willis Pierce, colored, of the Free Union section of Martin County, and Frank S. Clagon, of Mackeys, arrested some time ago by Corporal T. B. Brown, were convicted of engaging in the illicit liquor traffic at Federal court in Washington this week. Pierce was given 18 months and Clagon was put on probation for 18 months.

Sheriff J. K. Reid arrested Lorenza Midgett, colored, Tuesday night, charged with attempting to rape 8-year-old Annie Bell Carter, also colored. The warrant was issued by the girl's mother, and the preliminary hearing will be held Tuesday in recorder's court.

Tractor Operator Arrested Tuesday

Corporal T. B. Brown, of the State Highway Patrol, ran into an unusual case Tuesday, when he arrested Dee Rock Squires, white, on a charge of operating a tractor on highway No. 32 while under the influence of intoxicants. It was reported here that the tractor was drawing a four-wheel trailer loaded with 46 bags of corn and that there was no license on the trailer.

The case will come before Recorder John W. Darden next Tuesday, and he was forced to seek some legal advice from the state attorney general because of the unusual circumstances. In addition to the charge of operating a motor vehicle on the public highways while under the influence of intoxicants, Squires may face a count of driving without a permit if it is found that a driver's license is necessary for the operation of a tractor on the highways.

The defendant was operating the equipment of L. R. Piley, of Pantego.

Plans Go Forward for Celebration on October 30; Committee Meets Friday

A special meeting of the Sesqui-Centennial Celebration Committee will be held at the Christian church annex Friday night at 7:30, it was announced today by John W. Darden, general chairman for the event, who said that plans for the observances were progressing nicely.

Mr. Darden said reports would be received at the meeting on efforts made by various committeemen and clubs which are preparing floats, and Principal R. B. Trotman and his group of associates are expected to soon start rehearsals for the pageant that is to be presented during the celebration.

In the meantime, Mr. Darden is making an effort to obtain a

Man Who Helped in Rescue Of Admiral Byrd Speaks at School Here Monday Night

Is Second in Series of Collins Festival Programs Sponsored by Lions

More than 200 persons witnessed the successful appearance here Monday night of the Hugo Brandt company, which presented the first of a series of four weekly performances to be presented here by the Collins Entertainment Festival, under the auspices of the Lions Club. The programs will be presented in the high school auditorium for the next three Monday nights.

Hugo Brandt, the Polish concert pianist, rendered a number of selections from memory on request of members of the audience in addition to presenting some of his own compositions in portraying the part of Franz Schubert in a nation-wide tour of memories of the famous composer. He was assisted by Miss Maxine Casaretto, coloratura soprano, and a pianist, and those who attended were lavish in their praise of the program presented.

The second program in the series, at the school auditorium next Monday night at 8 o'clock, brings the speaker of this year's Collins Festival, Amory H. Waite, Jr., radio operator and electrician of the third Byrd

"BUD" WAITE



"Bud" Waite, radio operator and electrician at Little America on the third Byrd expedition, will be here to tell of his experiences next Monday night, the second week of the Collins Festival entertainments, sponsored by the Lions Club.

Expedition to Antarctica, with his thrilling story.

As many know, "Bud" Waite was one of the three men who eventually

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County's Peanut Crop Said of Good Quality But Yield To Be Low

Kehukee Baptists In Union Meet at Moratock Church

Is First To Be Held There Since 1909; Attended by Several Hundred

Several hundred persons attended the Fifth Sunday union meeting of the Kehukee Primitive Baptist Association at the 153-year-old Moratock church near here Sunday, the first to be held there since 1909, and a number of ministers and lay leaders from Virginia and North Carolina were present.

The session lasted for three days, with Friday and Saturday devoted to business matters, and Sunday morning and afternoon to devotionals, with prominent speakers of the organization delivering the sermons.

Elder A. B. Denson, of Rocky Mount served as moderator. Other ministers included A. B. Denson, Jr., and J. D. Flythe, of Rocky Mount; Jarrett White, Whitakers; and A. B. Cowan, of Williamston. Most of the 21 churches in the association were represented.

John W. Darden, chairman of the restoration committee of Moratock church, made a report on the improvement and restoration of the old church building and gave an account of the services which have been held there in the two years since the restoration work began.

Warren Gets New Post November 1

Representative Lindsay Warren announced last Saturday that, with the approval of the President, he will not take over his duties as Comptroller General until November 1, and he notified Governor Hoey accordingly. Due to his congressional duties, Mr. Warren has been unable to close his office either in Washington City or at his home. When he went home for this purpose sometime ago, he was called back for the draft bill, and after the death of Speaker Bankhead he remained as Acting Majority Leader until one is elected.

speaker of note to take part in the program. Although initial plans for a three-day program have been abandoned, it is pointed out that a one-day celebration will be held on October 30, and local people will handle all details in connection with the event instead of having an outside firm manage it, as was originally proposed.

The 100-piece Eastern Carolina All-Star High School Band will be here for the celebration, with representatives from 17 school bands participating and providing music for the parade and other features of the occasion, commemorating the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Town of Plymouth.

6,400 Acres Planted This Year; Digging Is Now Under Way

Stabilization Cooperative to Assure Price Level About Same as Last Year

Digging of 6,400 acres of peanuts is underway in Washington County this week, with the goobers being left in stacks to dry until the picking crews begin work probably about the last week in October. A few individual crops may be picked earlier, but the peak of the picking season is still about three or four weeks away with favorable weather.

Showers early this week will probably delay picking operations for a while unless sunshine and wind come to help in quickly drying the peanuts, which constitute one of the main cash crops on Washington County farms.

Operation of the Peanut Stabilization Cooperative in the peanut-producing area will serve to hold the price at about the same level of last year, when the Virginia type peanuts brought the following prices, by grades and classes: U. S. No. 1, class A, \$70 per ton; class B, \$66 per ton; class C, \$61 per ton; U. S. No. 2, class A, \$67 per ton; class B, \$63 per ton; class C, \$58 per ton; U. S. No. 3, class A, \$65 per ton; class B, \$61 per ton; class C, \$56 per ton; Southeastern Runners: U. S. No. 1, \$57 per ton; No. 2, \$53 per ton; and No. 3, \$48 per ton.

Last year most of the crop in this county sold for about 3 3/4 cents per pound. This year it is expected that the cleaners and manufacturers will pay about the same price for their purchases.

The quality is reported to be very good in the county, although the general yield will be considerably less than originally expected.

J. E. Davenport said today that he expected the local Peanut Stabilization Cooperative warehouse would be opened about November 1.

Shep Brinkley Sells Murfreesboro Movie

Sale of the Pastime Theatre at Murfreesboro to R. G. Whitehurst, owner of the Jackson Theatre, was announced this week by Shep Brinkley, who also owns the Plymouth Theatre here. Mr. Brinkley has returned to Plymouth with members of his family to make their home here. He said he would now devote his entire time to operation of the local theatre and other business interests here.

Miss Marion Brinkley, sister of Mr. Brinkley, has been here for some time as manager of the local theatre, and another sister, Mrs. R. P. Hammonds, and her two children have returned here to live.

Mr. Brinkley said he was reluctant to close his home in Murfreesboro when he moved back to Plymouth, but that he found it expedient to do this. He is now planning to build a residence on the corner of Main and Jefferson Streets.

Mr. Brinkley said that he also sold his small food stand in Murfreesboro to Mr. Whitehurst, and he hopes to sell his home there in the near future, as he has already had several applicants for it but is awaiting developments.

County Men Named To Group Planning Warren Celebration

Will Be Held in Washington, N. C., Friday, October 25

A committee from Washington County has been appointed by W. R. Hampton, member of the district executive committee, to assist in making arrangements for and to participate in the farewell party that will be given October 25 in Washington, N. C., for Lindsay Warren, who leaves his post November 1 as Congressman from the first district to become Comptroller General of the United States on November 1.

Mr. Hampton named to the committee Carl L. Bailey, W. Ronald Gaylord, John W. Darden, W. M. Darden, and Walter H. Paramore, of Plymouth; L. E. Hassell, of Roper; and E. J. Spruill, of Creswell.

Tentative plans call for a meeting to be held at 11 o'clock with a short parade from Mr. Warren's home to the place of meeting, accompanied by bands from towns in the first Congressional district. President Franklin D. Roosevelt was invited to attend but was forced to decline. The event will be in the manner of an old-fashioned celebration with "not too much speaking" and a basket picnic.

It is also planned that Mr. Warren be taken from his home to the place of meeting in a new automobile, which would be a gift, and also some appropriate silver will be given him. It has been suggested that a small bronze plaque be placed on the Federal building in Washington commemorating Mr. Warren's 16 years of "unusual service."

It is estimated that the cost of the event will be about \$3,000, which will include payment for the automobile, silverware, incidentals and the expense of feed about 300 guests of Mr. Warren at a dinner. This cost is to be pro-rated among the 14 counties of the district on a per capita basis.

Edmund H. Harding, of Washington, is chairman of the district executive committee; Mayor Jerome B. Flora, of Elizabeth City, is vice chairman; Wilbur C. Ormond, secretary and treasurer; Lieut. Col. George W. Gillette, of Wilmington, consulting engineer.

Mrs. Patricia Ange Dies at Long Acre Home Last Tuesday

Wife of Well-Known Farmer Victim of Pneumonia; Funeral Wednesday

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon of last week at the Acre Chapel Christian Church for Mrs. Patricia Ange, 68, who died Tuesday morning at 3 o'clock at her Long Acre residence, following a second attack of pneumonia.

The Rev. Griffith Hamlin, pastor of the Christian church here, conducted the last rites. Interment was made in the Acre Church cemetery. A large crowd attended the funeral of this well known and well liked woman, who has not completely recovered from a first attack of pneumonia suffered about 18 months ago before she was stricken with it again.

The wife of Ben Ange, well-known farmer of this section, Mrs. Ange was the daughter of Frank Respass, of Beaufort County, and Virginia Brown Respass, of Martin County. She was born in Beaufort County on October 2, 1872, but had been a resident of Washington County for most of her life.

For a number of years she was a consistent and very active member of the Acre Chapel Christian church. Besides her husband, Mrs. Ange is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Leslie Mae Ange Cutler, of Pinetown, a son, Herbert Ange, of Plymouth Route 1. She also leaves a sister, Mrs. Sidney Gurkin, of Tarboro; and the following five brothers: Louis Respass, of Pinetown; L. T. Respass, Suffolk, Va.; B. P. Respass, Farmville; George Respass, Bellhaven; and David Respass, Greenville.

Band Will Parade In Raleigh on 26th

Plymouth High School Band members are preparing to go to Raleigh on October 26, where they were participate in a massed parade of high school bands and climax the day's activities at night by attending a concert given by the United States Marine Band.

This was decided in a meeting held Tuesday when the band organization also elected Zeb Vance Norman, Jr., publicity director. It was decided at that time that the band would meet in a business session twice monthly.

County Treasurer Reported Recovering From Operation

W. Linwood Hassell, treasurer of Washington County, is now in a Rocky Mount hospital, where he is reported today to be recovering from an operation for appendicitis. His brother, Louis Hassell, who went to see him this week, says that he is expected home next week.

AAA Committeemen To Be Elected by County Farmers

Talk of Bridge Across River Here Revived by New Defense Program

Say Added Crossing Would Be of Value in Case of Emergency

Town Attorney Addresses Appeal To State and Federal Road Officials

The suggestion that a highway bridge across Roanoke River at Plymouth, leading north into Bertie County, might become of inestimable military value in time of national emergency has been made by Town Attorney Z. V. Norman in recent letters to the State Highway and Public Works Commission at Raleigh and the Federal Bureau of Roads at Washington, D. C.

In this connection, Mr. Norman points out that the level of the river at this point is affected very little by floods, which are a hazard farther upstream, or storms, to which the bridge over Albemarle Sound is subject. In case of emergency, a bridge over the Roanoke here could be practically indispensable in national defense operations, it is suggested.

The attorney points out that he is bringing the matter up at this time because of the importance of coastal transportation to national defense and in the hope that such a bridge may be given consideration in connection with any plans or appropriations for strengthening our system of national communications.

The letter to the State Highway and Public Works Commission follows:

You are quite familiar with the demand that has been made by the Town of Plymouth for many years for a bridge across Roanoke River at this point. We have been waging a hard fight for this service many years, but with the interference of the north side of Albemarle Sound, the Plymouth bridge was pigeon-holed and the present sound bridge established against the will of this immediate community.

The recent record flood of Roanoke River worked extensive damage to the fill and bridges at Williamston. We are informed that sufficient repairs and replacements will be made at an early date. We concur in the view of the highway commission that this road and service should be restored as fully as before, and we do not wish to be understood to be offering any opposition to the restoration of the Williamston crossing.

We are further informed that it may be the purpose of the highway commission to elaborately rebuild the fill and bridges, on account of prob-

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Property Owners on Mackeys Road Seek Route Improvement

Believed Petition Will Act To Speed Up Work Already Begun

Property owners who live on the road from Plymouth to Mackeys and Pleasant Grove are urged by L. W. Gurkin to stop at the Southern Hardware Company store in Plymouth and sign a petition urging the State Highway and Public Works Commission to make an immediate survey and improvement of the road, which is included in the state system of county highways.

The petition contains the provision that "in consideration of the early improvement of the road" those who sign the agreement "show our appreciation and extend our cooperation to the State Highway and Public Works Commission by granting to it, its engineers and representatives, a 60-foot right of way, the materials necessary for its construction and maintenance across our lands and under its plans and specifications."

The petition further says that it is "mutually agreed that the said road will be surveyed, constructed or improved by the State Highway and Public Works Commission as early as may be practicable, doing as little damage as possible to the freeholders along the route of said road."

Mr. Gurkin had little time to circulate the petition around during last week-end, but it already bears the names of the following property owners: Edward S. Blount, A. Lloyd Owens, H. A. Willford, J. R. Swain, Hildred S. Clark, W. W. Phelps, J. E. Nooney, A. E. Davenport, W. A. Everett and J. E. Davenport.

It is understood that the work is now in progress, and Mr. Gurkin has the petition ready for signatures of other owners of property. It is understood this will serve to have the work speeded up and that a gravel surface will be provided.

One More Week to Pay Town Taxes

The 1939 delinquent tax list of the Town of Plymouth has been prepared and will be advertised for four weeks, starting with next week's issue of The Beacon, and those who wish to keep their names off the published list are being notified by P. W. Brown, tax collector and chief of police, that settlement must be made immediately.

It was pointed out that those who put off making payment until the last minute may find their names in the paper next week, with their property advertised for taxes. Those who wish to avoid this embarrassment and the extra penalties and advertising cost are notified payment must be made before 10 a. m. next Wednesday morning October 9.

Operators of Peanut Pickers Are Warned To Secure Licenses

Required To Be Attached to Machines; 47 Issued Last Season

Operators of peanut pickers in Washington County should be sure to secure their license and daily record books before they begin operations, Mrs. Mary S. Cahoon, register of deeds, said this week, as this procedure will simplify their record-keeping and leave little possibility of errors being made.

The license constitutes permission to operate a picker, and the record books are necessary to comply with the law requiring an accurate record of persons and number of acres on farms for which the threshing is done, according to Mrs. Cahoon.

"This year," she said, "threshers or pickers are required to have the license attached to the picker, as the machines will be inspected periodically by state officials and offenders will be prosecuted."

During the year 1937 there were 50 licenses issued in this county; in 1938 there were 45, last year the number was 47, and it is expected that about 45 will be issued this year.

The charge for the license is 50 cents, and the law is very strict in requiring permits for all machines, with violators subject to heavy penalties. All of the blanks for permits and records are now in the possession of Mrs. Cahoon.

Parents-Teachers Meet Next Week

Mrs. Ruth Vick Everett, field representative of the North Carolina Education Association, will speak on "The Community School" at a meeting of the parent-teacher association in the Plymouth High School auditorium next Wednesday, October 9, at 8 p. m.

The band and glee clubs will also render several numbers. Mrs. J. K. Reid, president of the organization, will preside, and Principal R. B. Trotman will make several announcements.

Mrs. Reid especially urges a large attendance by the men, as the meeting has been transferred from afternoon to night in order to make it more convenient for them.

Seventy-Five Shares of Stock in New Building and Loan Series Sold So Far

Officers, directors and stockholders of the Plymouth Building and Loan Association have sold about 75 shares of stock in the twelfth series, which opened October 1, according to the organization's secretary, M. W. Spruill. The association now has over 1,500 shares of installment stock in force, as well as \$7,500 in paid-up stock, and the campaign now underway to increase the number of shares outstanding in order to make more money available for new homes and repairs to homes already built is expected to show far more results than have been reported so far.

About 45 local people have borrowed money from the association since it began operations in

Meetings to Be Held In Each Township, Beginning Saturday

Three Committeemen and Two Alternates Will Be Elected at Each

Meetings for the election of local committeemen for 1941, and of delegates to the county convention, will be held in each of the townships in Washington County, starting Saturday night, with 830 farmers eligible to vote under the terms of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration's farm program, it was announced today by County Agent W. V. Hays.

Three regular committeemen and two alternates will be elected at each of the township meetings. These committeemen will have the responsibility of administering the 1941 program in the townships for which they are elected. Delegates to the county convention will represent their respective townships in the selection of a county committee for the coming year.

The schedule of meetings is as follows: Saturday night, October 5, at 7:30 p. m., agriculture building in Plymouth; for Plymouth Township; Monday night, October 7, Roper High School auditorium, for Lees Mill Township; Tuesday night, October 8, Creswell High School auditorium for Scuppernon Township.

There will be no meeting for Skippersville Township, since, as was the custom last year, this community will be divided between Lees Mill and Scuppernon by a line drawn at the Fritchard Store.

All meetings will begin promptly at 7:30 p. m., and it is hoped as many of the 830 eligible farmers as possible will attend and vote, since it is very important that a large representation of the farmers be present in order to insure election of men desired by the majority.

It was stated that any person who participated or cooperated in any current program to the extent that he receives a payment, or who has an interest in a farm in the county and who states in writing on a form provided by the AAA his intention to participate or cooperate in the 1941 program is a member of the association and entitled to vote.

Any person is eligible to serve as a committeeman if such a person:

- (1) Is engaged in farming or derives a substantial part of his income from farming;
- (2) Is a resident of the community for which committeemen or delegates are elected;
- (3) Has during the current year qualified for a payment or a grant of aid in connection with the AAA (or has stated in writing that he will participate in the 1941 agricultural conservation program.
- (4) Is not holding any Federal, state or major county office or is not or has not been during the current year and does not become a candidate for any such office;
- (5) Is not, has been, or does not become during the current year an officer or employee of any political party or political organization;

Boston Resident Buried in County

Interment of the body of Sammy Spruill, 58, of Boston, Mass., took place at a cemetery near Creswell last Saturday. The funeral was held at his late home in Boston. A native of this county, Mr. Spruill, a brother to Mrs. H. D. Davenport, of near Roper, and an uncle of Mrs. Dan R. Satterthwaite, of Plymouth. His father was the late Eli Spruill, of Tyrrell County.

Mr. Spruill had lived in Boston for 30 years.

He is survived by his wife and seven children. Two sons, Phillip and John Spruill, of Boston, accompanied the body to this county for burial.