

Edwin Whitaker, of Bryson City, state senator from the 33rd district, was in Plymouth immediately after Christmas with his daughter and a party of friends on a bear hunt. It is not known whether the party was successful or not in the hunt.

The Plymouth High School Band led the parade of bands of the Albemarle section which took part in the exercises preceding the New Year's Day football game in Elizabeth City between the Albemarle All-Stars and the Elizabeth City High School Yellow Jackets. Director L. W. Zeigler also conducted the local band in a pep meeting here Tuesday night.

Phil Ayers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ayers, of Plymouth, had the time of his life during the past 10 days, which he spent on the tug, "Dauntless No. 12," plying between Plymouth and Delair, N. J., with tons of pulp barges. Phil returned Tuesday night. Capt. Louis E. Willis is in charge of the boat.

Chief of Police P. W. Brown today commented on the good behavior of local citizens in general during the holidays. No arrests were made during the period and, although the leniency of the officers was strained a few times, people generally conducted themselves in an orderly manner.

Eugene F. Still, president of the Plymouth Box and Panel Company, said today he had been advised that his son, 3-year-old Eugene, jr., who has been suffering with a throat ailment, was much better. The youngster and Mrs. Still are visiting in Blytheville, Ark.

Mayor C. N. Davenport, sr., of Creswell, in town Tuesday, said that the holidays passed very quietly in Creswell. There were no arrests made and the public in general observed the laws.

Business and industry here paid scant attention to the New Year's holiday. The Branch Banking and Trust Company and the county ABC stores closed for the day. The post office rendered a reduced schedule of services.

The Washington County Board of Education, the county commissioners and the Town of Plymouth Council will meet on Monday. None of the group of officials reported that there was any special matters of consequence for consideration. Routine matters will be attended to.

480 Baskets Given to Deserving in County Through Joy Fund

Activities This Year Far More Extensive Than Ever Before

Operating on a much larger scale than had ever been attempted before the Christmas Joy Fund Committee here, under the leadership of Chairman P. W. Brown, distributed 480 Christmas baskets to the homes of needy persons in Washington County Tuesday of last week.

There were 300 bags of fruit, 150 boxes containing clothing and confections, and 30 bags of food distributed among families in Creswell, Cherry, Roper, Plymouth and rural sections of the county. Toys were added to the baskets which went to families where there were children; and it was estimated the average value of each box or bag was \$2.75. Mr. Brown said that the firemen here renewed and repaired about 200 toys, the value of which was estimated at about \$300.

It was pointed out by the committee chairman that there was no accurate method of determining the worth of the contributions in dollars and cents, but \$27 in cash was collected in Plymouth; E. H. Liverman donated \$50 worth of clothing; and at least \$100 in cash, fruits, groceries, and clothing were collected by the Plymouth schools, in addition to the toys collected by the firemen and other contributions of clothing.

During the 1939 Christmas season, the Joy Fund was operated on a restricted basis, and the value of merchandise, toys and cash collected totaled about \$250. About \$200 in cash was raised in 1938 and \$300 collected for the distribution in 1937, the first year a concerted effort was made along this line.

Bags of fruits, toys, groceries and clothing went to many of the homes during the past week. Some of them needed only the toys, while others were in need of all of the items. Each basket was packed according to the individual needs of the family after investigation. Recipients were chosen from those recommended by the schools, by the welfare department, and as a result of letters received directly from the needy families. Both colored and white received aid from the fund.

Mr. Brown said that he greatly appreciated the help given in preparing the baskets, purchasing the various articles for the baskets, and the contributions of money and merchandise needed.

The committee stated that although no solicitations were made or contributions received from the Creswell, Roper and Cherry sections for the Joy Fund, there was no discrimination in distributing the baskets, and the needy in those sections actually received more than did those living in and around Plymouth, where the solicitations were made.

Two Weeks Term Civil And Criminal Court to Convene Here Monday

TO LEAVE MONDAY



Representative Wilbur M. Darden was today arranging his affairs so that he could leave next Monday for Raleigh, to enter upon his second term as a member of the House. The legislature will convene Wednesday.

Mr. Darden said that so far as he knew now, there were no important strictly local matters to be presented from this county, although a local committee is said to be working on plans for extension of the Plymouth city limits, and doubtless their findings will be transmitted to Mr. Darden very soon.

The county representative said that at this time he thought a wage-and-hour law would be enacted for the state and that this would probably be one of the most important and hardest-fought pieces of legislation to come before the assembly.

List of Jurors Called For Service at Court Beginning Monday

36 Summoned for Duty During First Week and 24 Second Week

Jurors chosen recently by the Washington County Commissioners for service at the two-week mixed term of Washington County Superior Court, which convenes here Monday with Judge W. C. Harris, of Raleigh, presiding, are as follows:

First Week
Plymouth Township: R. W. Ayers, J. S. Swain, J. R. Campbell, W. C. Myers, W. H. Dixon, H. E. Beam, C. M. Beasley, W. T. Stillman, L. H. Lucas, Z. K. Taylor and Henry Walker.
Lees Mills: E. S. Chesson, Raymond Davenport, F. C. Tarkenton, L. S. Swain, W. H. Oliver, Norman G. Chesson, W. E. Allen, C. S. Heynen, H. D. Davenport.

Skinnerville: S. H. Holton, W. D. Phelps, Delbert Patrick, J. C. Swain, H. L. Phelps, J. J. Sawyer, J. W. Halsey.

Scuppernon: W. R. Davenport, Samuel E. Phelps, Linwood A. Davenport, W. C. Stillman, Paul A. Phelps, Leslie E. Ambrose, Mack H. McGowan, and Renzy Sawyer.

Second Week
Plymouth: G. R. Hardison, W. H. Price, jr., L. C. Waters, Robert L. Bateman, Jack B. Latham, C. H. Robertson, H. D. McNair, R. S. Jackson, W. H. Paramore, W. L. Garrison, and Ransome Respass.

Lees Mills: W. J. Vaughn, Warren Furlough, C. D. Riddick, T. L. Wynne, and H. W. Tarkenton.
Skinnerville: C. L. Everett, M. F. Davenport and W. A. Spruill.

Scuppernon: Alexander H. Davenport, Robert A. McGowan, H. W. Norman, W. T. Phelps, and H. D. Craddock.

Radio Announcer Lauds Local Band

An Elizabeth City radio announcer had high words of commendation for the Plymouth High School Band, under Director L. W. Zeigler, as it performed during the intermission between the halves of the New Year's Day football game here between the Albemarle All-Stars and the Elizabeth City Yellow Jackets.

First Two Days Set Aside for Disposing Of 19 Criminal Cases

Judge W. C. Harris, of Raleigh, Will Preside; List Of Cases on Docket

Nineteen criminal and 18 civil cases have been set for trial at the two-week mixed term of Washington County Superior Court, which is to convene here next Monday, with Judge W. C. Harris, of Raleigh, presiding.

Monday and Tuesday of the first week have been set aside for the trial of the 19 criminal cases on the docket, although more time may be required, as there are some cases scheduled which will probably call for a lengthy examination of witnesses and extended speeches by lawyers.

The criminal docket follows:
J. O. Lucius, 22, white, charged with abandonment and non-support of his wife, Mrs. Frances Edmondson Lucius. This case was called and the defendant failed to appear at both the January and July, 1940, terms of court. He had appealed from a recorder's court decision that he pay his wife \$7.50 per week. A capias has been issued. F. S. Lumpkin is his surety.

James Langston, 32, white, aiding and abetting in the injury to personal property by providing James Spruill and Bill Daniels with shells for the purpose of shooting cattle belonging to Mrs. E. W. Latham. The defendant appealed from judgment in recorder's court, where he was given three months on the roads, suspended upon payment of costs and \$25 fine. His case was continued at the January and July terms of court last year.

Matthew Griffin, 30, colored, appealed from recorder's court judgment of three months in jail after being found guilty of possession of non-tax-paid whiskey. His case was also continued at the January and July terms of court last year.

Sam Hoover, 27, colored, charged with assaulting Martha Bowen, colored, appealed from a seven-month sentence given him in recorder's court.

Delma Wallace, Earl Wallace, Jethro Barnes and William Sexton are charged in a presentment to the grand jury by Solicitor Don Gilliam with stealing iron rails valued at \$20 from W. S. Matthews and S. D. Rhodes. It is understood that the iron has been returned to its owners.

W. W. Bateman is charged in a presentment signed by District Solicitor Don G. Gilliam with misappropriating \$47.50 while in the employ of Cox Motor Company at Washington.

Nathan Jackson, 20, colored, charged with operating an automobile while under the influence of intoxicants, appealed from a three-month sentence or fine of \$50 and costs imposed upon him in recorder's court.

William Webb, 53, colored, charged with being drunk and disorderly and threatening Henry W. Patrick, appealed from a sentence of three months on the roads imposed upon him in recorder's court.

G. Edley Hutchins, 25, white, charged with abandonment and failure to provide for his wife, noted an appeal from a judgment in recorder's court.

Sam Dixon, 34, white, appealed to the "high court" from a six-month sentence imposed in recorder's court on a charge of indecent exposure.

Dee Rock Squires, charged with driving drunk and having no driver's license, appealed from a fine of \$50 and costs imposed in recorder's court.

Phillip J. Edwards, 20, white, charged with reckless driving, appealed from a fine of \$10 and costs imposed in recorder's court.

Thad Spencer, 48, colored, appealed from a sentence of 30 days on the roads imposed in recorder's court on a charge that he assaulted Joe Shugar.

Iris M. Stillman, 18, white, charged with hit-and-run driving and failure to stop before entering a highway, appealed from recorder's court.

Maldine Lupton, 20, white, and Joe Goddard, 46, white, charged with injuring Paul Hardison and damaging W. C. House's car, then leaving the scene of the accident, were held for probable cause after a hearing in recorder's court.

Listing of Property In County for Taxes Started Wednesday

All Real Estate in County Will Be Examined by Assessing Boards

The annual listing of real estate, poll and personal property and the quadrennial revaluation of all real estate for the purpose of taxation began in Washington County Wednesday, with 13 men invested with the responsibility and authority of completing the entire task during the month of January.

Supervisor E. F. Swain, of Creswell, in Plymouth today, said that the men had made an excellent start on the work and announced that a special effort would be made to get all poll and personal property on the books in the allotted time.

For Plymouth Township, W. Linwood Hassell will be at the courthouse daily during January for the purpose of listing poll and personal property only. All real estate holdings in the township will be visited and appraised by a committee composed of L. S. Thompson, J. W. Norman and A. S. Allen.

In the other three townships, the list-takers and appraisers will also visit all real property and fix the valuations in an effort to get the property on the books on as nearly a uniform basis as possible. It is hoped that by this method, many of the errors in listing and assessing, prevalent in former years, may be avoided.

No schedule has been worked out for the list takers to be at any particular time for listing of real and personal property, but the appraisers ask the cooperation of all citizens when their visits are made. Every effort will be made to have each property owner list his holdings in person.

Incidentally, Judge W. C. Harris, of Raleigh, who will preside over the superior court term here during the next two weeks, usually charges the grand jury to have the list of registrants under the selective service act checked to see that all of them have listed their poll and personal property. It is expected that he will take this action here, as he did in Raleigh and Edenton recently. This action usually results in a large number of indictments for failure to list.

List takers and assessors for the various county townships, who will work under the supervision of Supervisor E. F. Swain, are as follows:
Plymouth Township: L. S. Thompson, J. W. Norman and A. S. Allen. In addition to these W. Linwood Hassell will be at the courthouse daily throughout the month for the purpose of listing poll taxes and personal property only in Plymouth Township.

Lees Mill Township: Hubert Chesson, and R. W. Lewis.
Scuppernon: Paul B. Belanga, B. A. Williams and John A. Combs.
Skinnerville: W. W. White, Hubert Davenport and A. M. Chesson.

Satterthwaite, Inc. Now in Own Home

Removal of the Plymouth and Chrysler automobile agency from its temporary quarters in the Central Garage building to the Satterthwaite building on Washington Street next to the Plymouth Theatre, is being completed today, it was announced by Dan Satterthwaite, president and manager.

Mr. Satterthwaite built the agency's new quarters when he was a dealer here about two years ago and, after leaving it to another agency when he retired from that dealership, he has again returned to the business and is moving back to his modern building.

The personnel of the Plymouth and Chrysler agency here includes Mr. Satterthwaite, president and manager; Miss Anna Margaret Stillman, bookkeeper; A. R. Phelps, parts manager; Cecil Beasley and Daston Ambrose, salesmen; Earl Ainsley, shop foreman; and John Talley, body expert and mechanic. He plans to have another mechanic to start work next week.

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Defendants Win First Round In Suit for Title To Property At Eastern Edge of Plymouth

Seven Men Will Leave For Army Next Week

Four Others Notified They May Be Called To Go as Alternates

All Those Leaving Tuesday Are White Men; Colored Quota Not Received

Everything was declared in readiness today for Washington County's next quota of seven men to leave Tuesday, January 7, for Fort Bragg, near Fayetteville, where they will be inducted into service in the United States Army, according to E. S. Blount, chairman of the local selective service board.

All seven of those who will leave next Tuesday are volunteers, but their applications came under the supervision of the selective service board here. They are all white men. The chairman stated that the board was expecting to receive its call for colored volunteers or draftees at any time now.

The seven men who have been ordered to report here at 9 a. m. Tuesday to leave on the morning bus are as follows: David Albert Hurley, jr., 22, Plymouth; James W. Sitterton, 21, Plymouth; Ronald Earl Biggs, 27, Roper; William Roy Norman, 25, of Plymouth; Willie Edward Garrett, 31, Plymouth; Henry Wilson Lewis, 31, Plymouth; and Wilson Henry Vail, 21, of Roper.

In addition to the seven men who will leave Tuesday, four others have been notified to be ready to leave at any time to replace any of the seven who may fail to pass the physical examination or be rejected for any other cause. The replacements were chosen according to their order numbers, since the supply of white volunteers has been exhausted. The four notified to be ready to go as replacements are: Will Hardison Swain, 27, Creswell, order No. 11; Frank Ramsey Kennedy, jr., 23, Plymouth, order No. 16; Charles Freeman Lowe, 22, Roper, order No. 23; Harry Ward Stillman, 26, Plymouth, order No. 24.

Henry Wilson Lewis, of Roper, will be in charge of the contingent to leave here Tuesday for Fort Bragg. His responsibility includes taking care of the tickets provided by the government for transportation; to arrange for meals for the men en route; and to present the credentials to the induction officers at Fort Bragg in addition to keeping the party together.

Clerk S. A. Ward, jr., said today the quota for colored men would be made soon, according to his understanding. The number chosen from this county in the second call will be augmented by one to take the place of Edlo Spruill, the county's first colored man sent to camp, who failed to pass the physical examination and has returned to his home here.

Randolph Minton, 19, white, of Roper, was the first volunteer to leave under the terms of the selective service act last month. Carl Ausbon Brown and Marvin Sexton, who left at the same time Minton did, to enter the Navy, have been accepted and inducted into service also.

Program of Services at Local Christian Church
GRIFFITH HAMLIN, Minister
The following services are announced for Sunday, January 5: 9:45 a. m., Sunday school. 11 a. m., morning worship; sermon topic: "Facing the Future." 7:30 p. m., evening worship; sermon topic, "On the Side Line." Visitors are cordially welcomed.

Funeral services were held Friday at the home of a sister, Mrs. A. W. Tetterton, near Plymouth, for Tighman Nathan Allen, 33, who died in the Kinston hospital last Thursday. The Rev. Griffith Hamlin, Christian minister, officiated. Interment took place in the Windley cemetery.

Mr. Allen had been an invalid for years. He was a native of Washington County, the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. N. Allen.

He is survived by a sister, Mrs. A. W. Tetterton, of Plymouth; and three brothers, Kenneth Allen, of Clarkton; Mayo Allen, of Rocky Mount; and Hugh Allen, of Washington.

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Decision Rendered By Judge Nimocks After Long Delay

Trial Held in October, But Judgment Reserved Until This Week

Defendants in the suit for title to property belonging to the late Mrs. Annie L. Owens won the first round this week, when Judge Q. K. Nimocks, jr., of Fayetteville, signed a judgment declaring that the plaintiffs did not have any claim to the land located at the eastern edge of Plymouth. The property, together with improvements made in recent years, is now estimated to be worth in the neighborhood of \$100,000. It is expected here that the decision will be appealed and carried to the state supreme court before the matter is ever finally settled.

Twenty-five children and grandchildren of the late Annie L. Owens, as heirs-at-law, brought the suit against the 20 present holders of the property, basing their claim on certain alleged technical flaws in the procedure by which title was transferred. The case was heard by Judge Nimocks without a jury at the October term of court here, and the judge reserved his decision. He has been studying the case for the past six weeks and it was only this week that he rendered his decision.

Following is the list of plaintiffs in the case: Effie Perry and John Owens, children of Henry S. Owens, deceased; Mary E. Blount, daughter of Lucille Owens Murphy, deceased; Raymond Leggett, Annie L. Hooker, Onward Leggett and Joseph Leggett, children of Mable Owens Leggett, deceased; Layton Owens and Mary Owens Whitson, children of Clyde W. Owens, deceased; Doris Owens, L. L. Owens, jr., Maxine Owens Picketry, Henry B. Owens, William W. Owens, Jack Owens and Earl Owens, children of L. L. Owens, deceased; B. F. Read, Jack Read, Taylor Read, and Lou Read, subject to the life estate of their mother, Claudia Owens Read; B. O. Dupree, Elizabeth Dupree Brown, A. R. Dupree, jr., subject to the life estate of their mother, Annie B. Owens Dupree.

The list of defendants: Annie L. Basinger, Margaret M. Smith, Carrie Herman Marrow, Lucille Owens, Edward Owens, Mildred Owens, Lloyd Owens, Marie Ivachuiw, R. S. Martin, R. L. Edwards, Board of Education of Washington County, Janie C. Dunning, Zeno G. Lyon and wife, Louise H. Lyon, Lillian C. Campbell, Mary O. Sawyer, Sabrie Reid, R. L. Whitehurst, Helen E. Edmondson, D. O. Patrick, and Van B. Martin, jr.

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