

Vernon Cahoon, of Washington, has been operating the motion picture machine at the Plymouth Theatre for the last several days...

F. H. Modlin, manager of the M. H. Mitchell Furniture Company, and his family moved into their new home on Highway 64 near "the Pines" last week...

W. J. Barker, assistant extension forester of State College, Raleigh, was here recently making timber estimates on 50 acres of woodland belonging to W. H. Thompson, of Roper, and he also inspected pulpwood cutting on farms of Mrs. Ella Norman, Sam Stallings, S. A. Ward, and holdings of the North Carolina Pulp Company.

Miss Elizabeth Peal, daughter of Deputy Sheriff and Mrs. Walter D. Peal, of Creswell, was a member of the cast of a one-act play presented at East Carolina Teachers College in Greenville Tuesday evening.

T. W. Armstrong, of Columbia, manager of the Scuppernon Farms project of the Farm Security Administration, said that 43 head of steers were placed on feed there January 9.

James W. Norman, owner of the Norman Furniture Company here, is at the High Point market this week. He is expected to return tomorrow.

Gus Gardner, well known young grocery clerk here, has entered the employ of Campbell's store. He succeeds Aubrey Ange, who resigned to accept a job with a bread-distributing organization.

Seek Professional Men and Women For Defense Work

Committee Appointed Here Wednesday To Arrange For Registration

Arrangements were made at a meeting here yesterday afternoon for the registration of all white and colored women and professional men in Washington County who will volunteer their services for training for any emergency work necessary during war time in connection with the current National Defense program.

A committee, composed of John W. Dardne, of Plymouth; D. E. Poole, of Roper, and Mrs. C. N. Davenport, sr., of Creswell, was appointed to make plans for the registration. The committee was appointed by Walter H. Paramore, chairman of the county Works Project Administration advisory committee, at a luncheon meeting at the Plymouth school lunch room Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Eva Arent, assistant director of the professional and service projects division of the WPA, was the principal speaker at the meeting and outlined the plan for complete registration of women and professional men who volunteer to train for any services which may be required of them in the event of war.

The plan is to have cards printed which will carry information about the registrants, including name, address, special work desired or for which most fitted, etc. A date for the registration will be set later by the committee. It is possible that clubs or civic committees in the various communities will be asked to conduct the registration.

Those present at the meeting here yesterday were Mrs. Kathleen Spruill Nobles, J. C. Knowles, D. E. Poole, Miss Ursula Bateman, Mrs. C. N. Davenport, sr., of Creswell, R. B. Trotman, Mrs. J. K. Reid, J. W. Darden, Dr. S. V. Lewis, Miss French Boyd, Miss Elizabeth Campbell, Mrs. W. H. Paramore, E. G. Arps, H. H. McLean, and W. H. Paramore.

More Persons Required by Law To File Income Tax Returns This Year

More Plymouth and Washington County residents than ever before will file Federal income-tax returns this year, and more persons will also pay income tax to Uncle Sam.

This will be true because of an important change in the Federal income-tax law with respect to the liability of individuals for filing returns and paying income taxes.

Drive To Raise Money for Infantile Paralysis Fund Is Now Underway in County

School Children Canvassing for Contributions; Dances Planned at Creswell Friday Night and Here Saturday Night; Drive Ends February 10

An intensive campaign is being conducted in Washington County for contributions to the Fund for Fighting Infantile Paralysis, according to Mrs. Alban Papineau, county chairman, who has assisting her Mrs. S. A. Ward, jr., of Plymouth; Mrs. Perla Bray, of Roper, and Mrs. E. S. Woodley, of Creswell.

School children over the county are canvassing for contributions through the "March of Dimes" program, with prizes to be awarded to those who raise the most money in the various schools.

A subscription dance will be held at the Plymouth Country Club Saturday night, starting at 9 o'clock, with the proceeds to be donated to the infantile paralysis fund. Admission will be \$1 per couple. At Creswell, a dance is being held tomorrow night.

Tax Revaluation and Listing in County Is 65 Per Cent Complete

65 Per Cent of Tax Levy Is Collected

Close to 65 per cent of the total tax levy of \$113,293.61 for 1940 has been collected, according to J. E. Davenport, tax collector for Washington County, who this week called taxpayers' attention to the fact that the schedule of penalties on unpaid taxes becomes effective after Saturday.

The total tax levy of \$113,293.61 in the county includes real estate, personal property, poll tax, and dog tax, it was explained by Mr. Davenport, and the amount collected so far is around \$70,000. Those who wish to avoid the penalties must pay their tax accounts by Saturday, February 1.

Head of Local Union Urges Lions To Help Get Hospital Here

W. L. Whitley Named To Represent Club in Attempt to Raise Fund

One of the greatest needs of Plymouth at this time is a hospital which can take care of emergency cases, if nothing more, according to J. N. Carr, president of Local Union, No. 356 and 356-A, speaking to members of the local Lions Club last Thursday evening.

This need is one reason that union men and others here are endeavoring to work out a plan for a mutual benefit organization to provide for medical services and hospitalization.

Mr. Carr said that in one town where he formerly lived, the people raised the money for a nice hospital; and, in this connection, he pointed out to the Lions that the Washington County home would provide an ideal location and a very good building for such a community hospital.

Mr. Carr said that an attempt was being made to have a committeeman named from each civic or service club in town to assist in outlining a plan of action for raising the money for a hospital. W. L. Whitley was named to the committee to represent the Lions Club.

L. W. Zeigler presented a clarinet solo, accompanied on the piano by Mrs. E. W. Furgurson. H. E. James, of Raleigh, farm management specialist of State College, also spoke.

Sam H. Hopkins Dies Saturday at Home Near Roper

Well-Known Farmer Had Been in Bad Health for Five Years

Funeral services were held at the Riddicks Grove Baptist church in Martin County Sunday for Sam Henry Hopkins, 57, who died at his home near Roper Saturday morning at 5:50 after being confined to his bed for about a week following a stroke. He had been in ill health for about five years.

The services were conducted by the Rev. P. B. Nickens, pastor of the local Baptist church, assisted by the Rev. O. L. Hardwick, Methodist minister, and Rev. W. B. Harrington, of Martin County. Burial took place in the Hopkins cemetery in Martin County.

Band Will Present Varied Program of Music Tomorrow

Several Specialties Carded In Addition To Band Selections

A varied musical program will be presented by the Plymouth High School Band and several guest entertainers at the High School auditorium tomorrow night, Friday, at 8 o'clock, according to Director L. W. Zeigler. It was announced yesterday that immediately after the concert, there would be a dance, with the general public invited to attend both. Proceeds will be used to secure needed equipment and supplies for the band.

The program will open with the band playing a patriotic march, "The American Patrol," followed by "Gaiety Polka," a cornet solo by Harry McLean, with band accompaniment. "Men of Ohio," a march, is the third concert number.

Next will be a series of tap dances, with Gracelyn Reid, Ann Cahoon, Carolyn Spruill, and the Maples children taking part. In the second group of concert numbers, the band will present a march, "Salutation," followed by an overture, "Castle Ruins," in which Mary Lillian Campbell will be featured in a clarinet cadenza.

Matt White Norman will present a vocal selection, followed by a saxophone duet, "La Golindrina," by Eunice Grey Holliday and Helen Darden. As novelty selections the band will present a chorale, "Adoremus Te," followed by "The Circus Band," and Marvin Scherr will play an accordion solo.

The saxophone quintet will then play "On the Grand Concourse," a march, followed by "Poet and Peasant Overture." After the drawing of the lucky number for the turkey, the concert will close with the playing of "God Bless America."

Tickets may be purchased from any band member or at the door. Popular prices will be charged. The dance will begin immediately after the concert is concluded.

Funeral Today for B. F. Bowen, 89, One Of Section's Oldest

Diéd at Home Just Across Beaufort Line Early Wednesday

Funeral services were held today for Benjamin Franklin Bowen, 89, who died at his home in Beaufort County just over the Washington County line, at 5 a. m. Wednesday morning from the infirmities of age, after having been confined to his bed for about a month. The Rev. D. W. Alexander, of Bethel, conducted the services and interment took place in the Bowen cemetery in this county.

Sixty-five years ago, Mr. Bowen was married to Miss Martha Davenport, who survives him. Their oldest son is 63 years of age. A native of this county, Mr. Bowen had lived just over the Beaufort County line practically all of his life. The place where he lived at the time of his death was once in Washington County, but the boundary line was moved northward some years ago, placing Mr. Bowen in Beaufort County.

One of the oldest persons in this section, Mr. Bowen was a staunch and consistent member of the Union Chapel Free Will Baptist church in this county. He had been a farmer all of his life and was highly respected throughout his community.

He is survived by the following children: three sons, Tom Bowen, of Norfolk, Va.; B. B. Bowen, of Panteo; T. M. Bowen, of Plymouth; and three daughters, Mrs. Bertie Carter, of Plymouth; Mrs. Mattie Spruill, of Pinetown; and Mrs. Ruth Harrison, of Plymouth. He also leaves a brother, Bob Bowen, of Beaufort County; and two sisters, Mrs. Fanny Davenport, of Plymouth; and Mrs. Betty Spruill, of Belhaven.

Three From Creswell in All-Star Band Concert

Creswell—Representing the Creswell High School Band in the 78-piece Eastern Division All-Star Band Concert in Greenville last Friday were Iris Spruill, Walter Peele, and Louis Davenport. Virginia Woodley was named a member of the band, but illness prevented her attending. Director Bob Merritt accompanied the Creswell members.

Dance for Paralysis Fund At Creswell Tomorrow

Creswell.—A subscription dance will be presented at Hoyt's Cafe Friday evening, beginning at 9:30, sponsored by the infantile paralysis campaign fund committee. Mrs. J. M. Phelps is chairman of the dance committee, with Misses Alice Hamlet, Margaret Brown, Peggy Gibbs, Mrs. Clyde Smithson and Mrs. J. B. Davenport assisting. The public is invited to attend.

City Authorities Take Steps To Plan Extension of Limits

Percentage of Population Increase in County Shows Gain Over Prior Census

Washington County showed a gain in the percentage of increase in its population between 1930 and 1940 over the preceding 10-year period, according to final figures on the 1940 census recently released by the Bureau of the Census. Between 1920 and 1930 the percentage of increase was only 1.5, while in the decade from 1930 to 1940 the percentage of gain was 6.2.

The 1940 census gives Washington County a total population of 12,323 persons, against 11,603 in 1930, an increase of 720, or 6.2 per cent. The states as a whole had a gain of 401,347, from 3,170,276 in 1930 to 3,571,623 in 1940. Ninety-one of the 100 counties gained in population during the

Survey Being Made For First Addition In Forty-Five Years

Representative Indicates He Will Ask That Public Hearing Be Held

A survey is underway to outline the proposed extension of the city limits of Plymouth, and while the whole matter is still in a tentative stage, the surveyor will report to town officials as soon as his work is completed and more definite plans will be worked out. Representative W. M. Darden said while home during the week-end that before introducing a bill in the house to provide for the extension of the town's boundaries, he would ask city authorities to hold a public meeting which he could attend, where both proponents and opponents of the proposition would be heard.

The survey now made would extend the present boundary eastwardly a straight line out Water Street to a corner at the Rankin Ambrose home on Highway 64, leaving out the plant and office of the Plymouth Box and Panel Company. Southwardly the line would go to Abb's Swamp, this side of Windley Cemetery, where it would turn west and go as far as the Springwood Dairy. Coming back to the present boundary, it would include the pulp mill village, but leave out the club house, golf course and the plant of the American Fork and Hoe Company.

According to a competent observer, the proposed extension would add an estimated \$300,000 worth of taxable property to the town's present \$1,250,000 property valuation and from 1,000 to 1,200 to the population.

Proponents of the proposal point out that the town's limits have only been extended one time previously in its 150-year history. About 45 years ago the boundaries were extended for the first time since it was originally laid out, it is said. A large number of houses have been built in the outlying sections during the past three or four years, and although extension of the city limits has been suggested several times, no action was ever taken until this year.

It is understood that if the limits are extended, the town will be obligated to afford the added area fire and police protection, water and sewer lines, and garbage disposal service as soon as possible after the extension is authorized by legislative enactment. Although not obligated to do so, the local volunteer fire company has always responded to alarms from the near-by sections and rendered such service as it could with the facilities available.

Some of the larger property owners in the area proposed to be added to the town are not objecting strenuously, although a few individuals have expressed themselves as violently opposed to the extension. Officials hope to work out an arrangement whereby the extension can be authorized by the present session of the legislature with as little opposition as possible from the property owners in the area proposed to be added.

Program of Services at Local Christian Church

The following services for Sunday, February 2, at the local Christian church, were announced this week by the pastor, Rev. G. A. Hamlin: 9:45 a. m., Sunday school. 11 a. m., morning worship, "Christ and the Lost." 7:30, evening worship; sermon topic "Daniel, Man of Courage." Visitors are cordially welcomed.

Program of Services for Local Episcopal Church

Services at Grace Episcopal church Sunday will be held as follows: Sunday school at 10 a. m.; W. B. Rodman, superintendent. Walter H. Paramore will teach the Bible class. Church service at 11 a. m., with sermon by W. B. Daniels, student minister, who will also conduct the Young People's Service League at 7:30 p. m.

Local Building & Loan Association Doubles Resources in Past Year

Third Full Year of Its Operation Is Best Since Organization

Annual Report Also Shows Earnings Over Double That of Prior Year

Assets of the Plymouth Building and Loan Association were more than doubled during the past year, the total on December 31, standing at \$47,228.63, making the third complete year of operation of the organization the best in its history, according to a statement of condition prepared by Secretary and Treasurer M. W. Spruill for submission to the State Insurance Commissioner.

These annual reports are required by law to be made at the end of the calendar year to the Insurance Commissioner, who has charge of supervising the work of building and loan associations. A comparison of the reports of the local association for the past three years shows that on December 31, 1938, when the organization had been functioning only about 14 months, total assets were \$11,461.70. On December 31, 1939, the assets had grown to \$22,805.29; while during the past year the assets more than doubled, standing at \$47,228.63 on December 31, 1940.

Another striking feature of the report is growth of undivided profits, representing earnings which will be applied to installment stock at its maturity. On December 31, 1938, undivided profits totaled \$147.70. A year later, on December 31, 1939, this had grown to \$852.27; and at the close of business on December 31, 1940, the amount was \$1,180.17.

Officers of the association are especially proud of the mortgage loans made by the association in its three years of operation, the total amounting to \$45,175 December 31, 1940. These loans and interest are being paid off in weekly installments by the borrowers, while the loans are secured by first mortgages on local improved real estate, and no case does the amount of the loan exceed 70 per cent of the appraised value of the property. Since borrowers have been making regular payments on the loans, in some instances for as long as three years, the value of the loans is constantly increasing.

Loans made by the association have made it possible for a number of people to build or buy their own homes, while others have made extensive repairs to their old houses through the financial aid rendered by the organization. A total of \$32,173.46 has been paid to the association on installment stock and \$10,600 for full-paid stock. Interest is paid on the full-paid stock at the rate of 4 per cent, while the installment shares are expected to earn in excess of 5 per cent.

Services Announced for Saints Delight Church

PRESTON CAYTON, Pastor Services at Saints Delight Christian church Sunday follow: Bible school at 10 a. m., W. A. Swain, superintendent. Church service at 11 a. m. by Preston Cayton, pastor. Subject: "God's Covenant With Noah." Evening service at 7:30; subject, "Love." You are invited to attend all these services. Go somewhere to church Sunday, for Christ commands it. After reading of war, and of many other things that happen in the world, on Sunday we can come to church and sing, pray, and hear words of hope which were spoken by our Saviour. The church awaits to welcome you.

County Representative Will Present Two State-Wide Measures This Week

W. M. Darden, Washington County Representative in the General Assembly, plans to introduce a couple of bills in the house this week, he said while at home during the week.

The measures, both of statewide nature, while not of outstanding importance, are considered essential by those who are affected.

The first bill would permit railroad flagmen to use electric lanterns for signals, to replace the currently used oil lanterns. The state law calls for use of oil lanterns, but in later years the electric type have been found to be