

Miss Kathryn Midgett, daughter of Mrs. Blanche Midgett, sang Peri's "Invocazione di Orfeo," accompanied on the piano by Paul Oncley...

W. Gatlin, a member of the force of the State Bureau of Investigation, was here this week on matters pertaining to the department for which he works.

James W. Norman, newly elected president of the Plymouth Merchants' Association, said today that he entered upon his new duties and requests the membership and others to cooperate with him in making the coming year a successful one for the organization.

A. E. Brown, of Durham, an organizer for the American Federation of Labor, was here Wednesday visiting the members of Local No. 356, International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers.

E. E. Garris, of Washington, has succeeded Alvah Wheaton as drug clerk in the Arps Pharmacy here. Mr. Garris worked for a time with his brother's drug store in Washington.

Nval Womble, owner of the Womble Drug Store here, said that he appreciated the business he was getting in response to special offerings he has advertised in the Beacon for a number of weeks.

Following are dates bills relating to Washington County were enrolled and ratified by the General Assembly: Plymouth city limits extension, March 10; fixing cost, in recorder's court, March 13; amending Creswell charter to permit debt service, March 10; fixing terms of members of board of education, March 15; making office of prosecuting attorney elective, March 13.

The large room in the courthouse used as an office by Miss Ursula Bate-man, superintendent of public welfare, has been arranged to provide a reception room and private office for Miss Bateman and her assistant, Mrs. Sybil Bowen.

Representative Roy Davis, of Dare County, passed through here Wednesday afternoon on his way home. Mr. Davis has been to the legislature four times and had membership on several important committees during the session recently ended.

Pre-School Clinic Here Next Week

A pre-school clinic will be held at the Plymouth school Wednesday, conducted by the district health officials under the sponsorship of the parent-teacher association, it was announced today by Mrs. J. K. Reid, president of the organization.

Services Scheduled at Old Chapel Hill School

Services will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, March 23, at the Chapel Hill schoolhouse on the old Plymouth road, conducted by the Rev. N. J. Ward, a Pentecostal Holiness minister of Windsor.

First Weekly Honor Roll In 'Popular Baby Parade'

- The names are listed below in the order of their standing on Saturday March 15: 1. Melba Fern Peed, Plymouth, R. F. D. 1; 2. Sandra Ann Harison, Plymouth; 3. Martha and Mary Reddick (Twins), Roper; 4. Betty Lou Davenport, Plymouth; 5. Sammy Geisinger, Pike Road; 6. Nicky Paul, Creswell; 7. Crosby Lane Spruill, Mackeys; 8. Joyce Fay Hardison, Mackeys; 9. Burl Alexandria Walker, Plymouth, R. F. D. 1; 10. Janice Daniels, Plymouth; 11. Tex Benton, Plymouth; 12. Mary Jeanne Phelps, Roper, R. F. D. 1; 13. Dianne Manning, Wenona; 14. Jean Miller Oliver, Roper; 15. Harley Glenn Furbee, Wenona; 16. Myra Lou Daily, Plymouth; 17. Barbara McNair, Plymouth, R. F. D. 1; 18. James "Jimmy" Talley, Plymouth; 19. Phyllis Louise Smith, Plymouth; 20. Frank Bateman, Plymouth; 21. Bobby Stuart Arnold, Plymouth; 22. Frances Jane Harris, Plymouth; 23. Guy Mackey, Creswell, R. F. D. 1; 24. Willis Richard Tripp, Mackeys; 25. Mary Lee Trogdon, Plymouth; 26. Annie Janice Harris, Creswell; 27. Ruby May Reynolds, Creswell.

Bill Placing Court Clerk and Register Of Deeds on Salary Basis Is Amended

Unofficial but reliable reports here are to the effect that senate and house conferees last Friday reached a compromise agreement on the amendments to the bill introduced by Representative W. M. Darden placing the register of deeds and clerk of superior court of Washington County on a salary basis and the act was ratified in the General Assembly before it adjourned Saturday.

\$1,800 salary shall be the total compensation paid by the county for this office. The county commissioners sponsored the amendments, which they say will effect a saving of \$1,050 per year to the county.

Little Melba Fern Peed Tops First Honor Roll 'Popular Baby Parade'

LEADER THIS WEEK



Melba Fern Peed, 3 years old, is leader on the first honor roll in the "Popular Baby Parade," published this week.

Coupons and Other Votes Now Coming In Very Rapidly

Another Honor Roll and More Pictures Will Be Published Next Week

By "Popular Baby Parade" Editor: The first honor roll in the "Popular Baby Parade" finds little Melba Fern Peed at the top, with several youngsters driving hard for the same position.

Parents, you are your baby's campaign managers, and the success or failure of your candidate all depends on you. Another count of coupons and subscription votes will be made Saturday night.

A partial list of entries may be found on this page. Pick your favorite and give him or her your loyal support.

Baptist Revival to Be Brought to Close Here Friday Night

Pastor Says Unusually Fine Cooperation Shown During Meeting

Rev. P. B. NICKENS, Pastor: The meeting now in progress at the Baptist church will come to a close Friday night, March 21. At this time the pastor will preach on the subject, "The Question God Can't Answer." Join us at the closing service. The time is 7:30.

Ten Men to Leave County for Service Within Next Week

Seven White Men to Leave Saturday; 3 Colored Next Thursday

Ten men will leave Washington County within the next week for Fort Bragg, near Fayetteville, to enter the Army for a year's training, completing the March quota from the local selective service board, according to E. S. Blount, chairman.

The seven white men will leave Saturday of this week, March 22, and the three colored men will follow Thursday of next week, March 27. S. A. Ward, clerk to the board, said that it was necessary to examine 14 white men before Dr. C. McGowan, medical examiner, would issue certificates of health for the required number.

James W. Norman Elected President Of Local Merchants

A. J. Byrd Is Named Vice President and H. H. Allen Secretary

James W. Norman, local furniture dealer, was elected president of the Plymouth Merchants Association last Monday night, with A. J. Byrd named vice president and H. H. Allen replacing George Barden as secretary and treasurer.

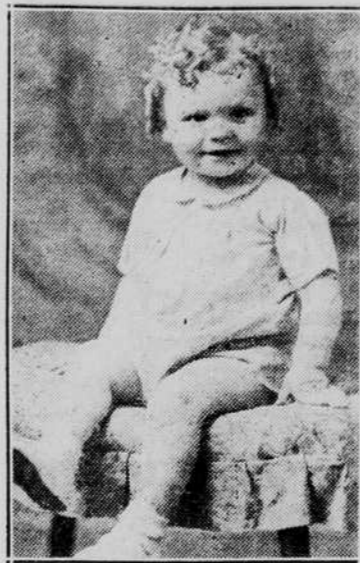
The organization appropriated \$50 for the Albemarle district Boy Scouts of America, as the result of a stirring appeal made to them by J. R. Manning, district chairman.

Important Notice For Subscribers

The names of all subscribers to The Roanoke Beacon whose subscriptions are in arrears will be removed from the mailing list within the next two weeks. For that reason, you are asked to check the date on the label of your paper this week.

125 Tax Complaints Filed by Property Owners This Week

MORE 'POPULAR BABY PARADE' ENTRANTS



NICKY PAUL—is the handsome little 2½-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Paul, of Pike Road, Washington County. Judging from his physique, he is looking for worlds to conquer; so campaigners, here comes Nicky.



Little BARBARA McNAIR has entered the "Popular Baby Parade" with one ambition—to become queen of babydom. Barbara is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. McNair, of Plymouth, R. F. D. and is 5 years old.

Five Men Named to Study Appeals and Make Suggestions

County Board Was Unable To Cope With Situation Here Monday

A special committee was appointed Monday by the Washington County commissioners to review the 125 complaints filed by property owners in protesting the revaluation of their property.

Another meeting will be held by the county board on Monday, March 24, when the recommendations made by the five men appointed last Monday to consider the valuations placed on real property by the tax assessors in recent weeks.

Magazine Article Says Ram 'Albemarle' Sunk In Charleston Harbor

Writer Has Splendid Yarn But Few of His Facts Slightly Awry

Places Confederate Ironclad Much Too Far From Home Waters

Historians here are at a loss to determine where Frank D. Morris, who had an article in Collier's magazine last week on the Navy's new "mosquito boats," got the idea that the Confederate ram "Albemarle" was sunk "while lying at anchor off Charleston."

In the article, "Skeeter Fleet," the writer gave some revealing information about the use of fast small torpedo boats which the Navy is now bringing into service for close-range warfare on large and cumbersome craft.

"Suddenly a warning cry from the crew's nest sent the crew scurrying to their guns. The lookout had spotted a small, open launch steaming straight toward his ship at too much speed for the 'Albemarle's' comfort.

"Without slackening her speed a white launch lunged at the log barricade; her bow curved heavenward as she hit it and swerved aside. Simultaneously the jousting pole was heaved directly at the 'Albemarle'.

The article makes good reading, but some of the essential facts about the "Albemarle" are: it was built at Edwards Ferry on Roanoke River and was sunk in Roanoke River about 400 yards north of the present courthouse here; the vessel never was outside the waters of the Roanoke River and Albemarle Sound during the brief period of its existence; it had no crew's nest; and Lieutenant W. B. Cushing crawled over the cordons of logs surrounding it and dropped the explosives which blew a hole in the bottom of the ship after cannon fire had failed to penetrate the iron-plate sheathing which coated the upper structure.

County Has Quota of 9 Men in Draft April 8th

A quota of nine white men will be called for military service from Washington County on April 8, under the selective service act, according to information received by Clerk S. A. Ward, of the local draft board.

Miss Tillie Kessinger Dies At Home in Pennsylvania

Mrs. Ted Blount received word last Monday that an aunt, Miss Tillie Kessinger, had died in Middletown, Pa. Miss Kessinger spent several winters in Roper with her brother, John Roper Kessinger, when the Roper Lumber Company was operating there several years.

Work Begun Today On Improvements At Pettigrew Park

Collins House Will Be Restored and Grounds Improved

Honors were shared by Representative W. M. Darden and W. R. Hampton, member of the State Board of Conservation and Development, in turning the first earth this morning, when work actually began in restoring the Collins house and improving the grounds on the state's newest park, Pettigrew Park, near Creswell.

The yard around the historical old Josiah Collins mansion, beside beautiful Lake Phelps, engages the workmen at present. They will convert it into a handsome lawn. Then the old house itself will be converted into an inn for fishermen, with 15 rooms and 6 rest rooms.

The famous old four-story barn on the grounds will also be repaired. A pier will be constructed from the house to the lake and everything will be done to make the spot one of the most beautiful park areas in the state.

Second Annual County Schools' Music Festival to Be Held in Creswell April 4

Preparations are underway in the Plymouth, Roper and Creswell white schools for the second annual music festival, to be held in the Creswell school on Friday, April 4, at 8 p. m., with the bands and glee clubs of the three schools participating.

The plan now, according to H. H. McLean, superintendent of public instruction, is to have the 125 band members and the 100 glee club members gather in Creswell at 1 o'clock in order to hold rehearsals during the afternoon, with the concert to take place that night.

Blaze Does \$500 Damage to Home

Fire originating in a defective flue did damage estimated at about \$500 to the home of Georgia Axiom on East Main Street extended last Saturday at 11 a. m., according to Fire Chief Miller Warren.

Many Need Help With Draft Blanks

Failure of some members of the advisory committee of the Selective Service Board to cooperate with those having questionnaires to be filled out is working a hardship on many of the registrants, according to E. S. Blount, chairman of the local selective service board.

The draft board chairman urges those authorized to do this work to cooperate and help the men in filling out and witnessing their questionnaires.