

A home newspaper dedicated to the service of Washington County and its 12,000 people.

Miss Ursula Bateman, superintendent of public welfare, took the following boys to the Washington recruiting station for the CCC Tuesday: Mitchell Haire and Irekel Clifton, white, of Creswell; Hurley Jones, Phillip Cox and Willie Forbes, colored of Roper; and Layden Taylor, colored, of Plymouth. It was not known to which camps they would be assigned.

Friday will mark the 20th anniversary that B. G. Campbell has been in the wholesale business in Plymouth. He began business here April 4, 1921. For the last several years he has served as a member of the town council and mayor.

The seed is ready for those who have contracted to plant cucumbers with C. C. Lang & Son, Inc., and may be called for between 8:30 and 4:30 Friday and Saturday at the plant on Brinkley Avenue. W. A. Respass is in charge.

J. M. Willette, local industrial employee, is also a photographer. He has been providing the Roanoke Beacon with most of the pictures of entrants in the "Popular Baby Parade," which is being conducted by Al Harvey.

Robby Waters has been employed by the M. H. Mitchell Furniture Company here as salesman and collector. From Martin County, Mr. Waters is well known in this section, where he has spent much time. He succeeds Russell Callis, who was called into the military service.

Joe W. Swain, Roper Route 1, here this week, said that the cold weather during the early part of this year had retarded the growth of cover crops in his section.

L. W. Gurkin, of the Southern Hardware Company, has made arrangements for financing the painting of homes, with repayments to be made monthly. The financing plan includes paying for both the paint and the labor required.

E. Leigh Winslow, of Hertford, the owner of the Plymouth Oil Company, was here this week attending to business. Mr. Winslow is also an official of the Work Projects Administration and is stationed much of the time in Williamston.

42 Out of 71 Persons Examined at Clinic Here Need Glasses

150 People From All Over County at Clinic Held Here Yesterday

It was determined that glasses are needed by 42 of the 71 persons examined at the Plymouth High school building Wednesday by specialists sent here by the State Blind Commission to conduct a clinic for those suffering from defective vision and diseases of the eye.

Engaged in conducting the clinic were the following: Miss Ruth Penny, medical social worker for the commission; Dr. E. W. Larkin, of Washington, examining physician; J. B. Wynn, of Raleigh, who fitted the glasses; Miss Alice Savage, Farm Security Administration nurse; Mrs. Ruth Graxiola, nurse with the district health office; Dr. S. V. Lewis, district health officer; and Miss Ursula Bateman, county superintendent of public welfare.

The county health department and the county welfare department cooperated with the commission in holding the clinic.

There were a total of 150 persons to present themselves for examination at the clinic, but 79 of them were given a preliminary examination by the medical social worker, leaving only 71 to be examined by Dr. Larkin. Both children and adults were examined. Needy persons from all over the county came to the clinic.

It is understood that the Lions Club and other organizations will help defray the expense of securing glasses for some of the school children who are unable to pay for them. W. H. Berry, principal of the colored school, will help get the money for colored children.

Third Weekly Honor Roll In 'Popular Baby Parade'

Table with 2 columns: This Week, Last Week. Lists names of children and their parents, such as Annie Jane Harris, Melba Fern Peed, Barbara McNair, etc.

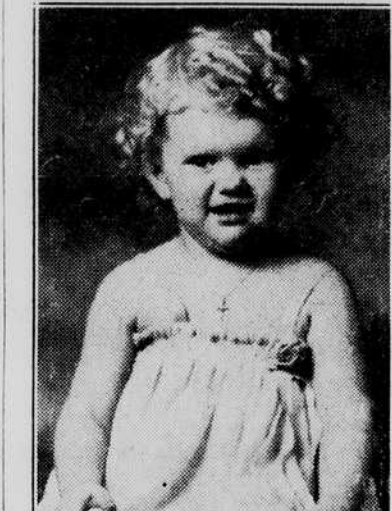
Fourteenth Series of Stock in Local Building and Loan Association on Sale

The fourteenth series of installment stock in the Plymouth Building and Loan Association, dated April 1, 1941, went on sale this week, and officers and directors, assisted by the stockholders, are conducting a campaign to greatly increase the outstanding stock in the organization.

Already there have been a number of shares sold in the new series, and it is hoped that several hundred shares will be sold before the campaign ends. A person may purchase as many installment shares as he believes he can carry at 25 cents per week per share. Each share matures in approximately 338 weeks at its face value of \$100. Since stock in the association is tax-free, the building and loan provides an excellent medium for investment.

'Popular Baby Parade' Big Vote Period Will End Saturday, 9 P. M.

LEADER THIS WEEK



With a confident smile, plus beauty to be envied by many a movie star, there is little trouble understanding why Annie Jane Harris is going to make a determined effort to wear the crown of "Queen of Babyland" when the "Popular Baby Parade" closes next month. Annie Jane is the 4 1/2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Harris, of Creswell. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Jackson, of Plymouth, and Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Harris, Pinetown.—Photo by Willette.

Annie Jane Harris, Of Creswell, Is New Honor Roll Leader

Race Is Very Close as Campaign Reaches Half-Way Mark This Week

By "Popular Baby Parade" Editor—Little Miss Annie Jane Harris, of Creswell, has attained that much-desired position on this week's honor roll. The race last week for top position on the honor roll was the closest by far of any previous count. While the honor roll has shown a weekly change so far, the totals up to this writing show the leaders well grouped in total vote credits.

The complete honor roll will be found in this paper. A little effort on the part of parents will help your baby climb up the honor roll. It is necessary that you report subscriptions each week if you want your child kept in the race.

Every day since the "Popular Baby Parade" was announced, the parents of various entrants have had one date ringed on the calendar. That date is Saturday, April 5, the last day of the first period. The last day when subscriptions are at their highest vote value. Now, let us look; for example, a one-year subscription, new, old or delinquent, to the Roanoke Beacon up to Saturday night, April 5, counts 2,000 votes. Next week, the second period, that same subscription counts but 1,000 votes, or half as many as now; and the last week of the "Popular Baby Parade" finds it worth only 500 votes. Saturday, May 3, the closing date for the "Popular Baby Parade," is only four weeks away, and each parent wants to see the honor and glory of victory come to their baby. To those parents, we say the report you make this week will have a most important bearing on your child's ultimate success in the "Popular Baby Parade."

Herbert Bonner Is Speaker at Wenona Meeting Yesterday

200 Livestock Producers at Annual Event Held at Test Farm

Representative Herbert Bonner pledged his "unqualified support" to the beef cattle industry in this section in a speech before 200 livestock growers who attended the annual livestock day at Blackland Experiment Station, near Wenona, Wednesday.

Speakers at the meeting in addition to Mr. Bonner were Earl H. Hosteler, professor of animal husbandry at State College; R. M. Salter, state director of experiment stations; F. E. Miller, state director of test farms; Dr. W. A. McArdle, director of the Appalachian Forest Experiment Station at Asheville; Dr. H. H. McPhee, chief of the division of animal husbandry, U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry; and Dean I. O. Schaub, director of extension work for State College.

The speaking was held in the community building at the farm. Lunch was served to those attending at the noon hour. In the afternoon those attending were taken on a tour of

44 Examined Here At Pre-School Clinic

Forty-four of the sixty children who had been sent questionnaires attended the pre-school clinic conducted by the district health office at the Plymouth High School building last Wednesday, under the sponsorship of the Parent-Teacher Association.

A parent accompanied each child with the exception of two who came with their sisters. Six men brought children to the clinic.

The health department officials were assisted in the clinic by Mesdames J. K. Reid, W. A. Davidson, R. S. Martin, W. F. Winslow, L. D. Jones, R. B. Trotman, and Misses Helen and Margaret Bateman.

Child Dies at Home of Parents Near Roper

Funeral services were held at Holly Neck Church Sunday afternoon for Bobby Jane Davis, five-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davis, near Roper, who died Friday at the home as a result of pneumonia. The Rev. Griffith Hamlin, Christian minister, officiated. Interment took place in the Holly Neck cemetery. Surviving the child is her parents and one brother, Lee Davis, six years of age.

School Problem Will Be Studied Monday By County Boards

Plans May Have To Be Expanded to Care for Local Colored School

The board of commissioners and the board of education of Washington County, at their regular meeting Monday, may expand the scope of plans for improving and enlarging school buildings in the county to include the colored school in Plymouth as well as the Plymouth white and the Roper colored schools.

E. G. Arps and E. F. Swain, county commissioners, this week visited the colored school in Plymouth and found conditions there in almost as bad condition, from the standpoint of congestion, as it is at the Plymouth white and Roper colored buildings, and this may bring about a complete change in plans to include an appropriation for funds to be used in correcting conditions at all three places.

Last week, the county superintendent of schools received a report made by a deputy insurance commissioner stating that the Hampton Academy building in Plymouth was "subject to condemnation," thus making it imperative that plans for enlargement of the Plymouth High School be changed to include sufficient space to take care of the pupils now attending classes at the Hampton building.

The board of education has not pressed for the improvements at the local school previously in view of the fact that they considered needs at the other schools more important right now, and it was feared there would not be sufficient money available to take care of the enlargement of all three. However, since the county commissioners themselves have seen the crowded conditions prevailing a special effort may be made to take care of the three schools in an expanded program.

Officials at this time could not determine what action would be taken at the meeting of the two boards next Monday, as unforeseen matters may develop which would call a halt to all the proceedings. It is now believed that officials of the two boards will hesitate to do anything until sufficient funds are available to enlarge all three of the institutions.

Teletype Service Is Opposed by Several Organizations Here

District Manager of Western Union Fails To Be Convincing

Resolutions have been adopted for transmittal to the proper authorities by the Plymouth Lions Club and the merchants association, opposing the proposal of the Western Union Telegraph Company to substitute teletype service at a local drug store for the present office maintained in the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad station.

C. P. Mulden, of Charlottesville, Va., district manager for the Western Union, attended the Lions Club dinner last Thursday night, when several persons offered criticism of the service being rendered to patrons in the town by the company now and complained that the teletype service would not constitute an improvement but, on the contrary, would make for even poorer service.

Mr. Mulden said that the company would be enabled to render better service by the teletype method, since the machine would be located in a downtown office where it would be more accessible; by having longer hours of operation, since the drug store remains open much longer than does the present office; and in the speed of taking and sending messages by teletype.

The merchants association, at a special meeting Tuesday night in the city council chamber, also went on record as being opposed to the plan proposed by the company.

It is understood that if the teletype system is adopted, the machine will be placed in the E. G. Arps Drug Store here, with operation scheduled to begin early in May.

Suggestion has been made that local patrons seek to prevail on the Western Union to move the office to a downtown location and improve the service under the present system. Then, if the patronage is not sufficient to justify maintenance of such an office, it was said opposition to the teletype system would be withdrawn.

Executive Committee of Farm Bureau To Meet

The executive committee of the Washington County Farm Bureau will meet in the agriculture building here Friday night at 8 o'clock to make plans for reorganization, it was announced today.

Members of the committee include E. H. Liverman, L. E. Hassell, W. V. Hays, W. T. Freeman, R. L. Stillman, W. S. Moore, and J. L. Rea. The Rev. Griffith Hamlin, Christian minister, officiated. Interment took place in the Holly Neck cemetery. Surviving the child is her parents and one brother, Lee Davis, six years of age.

Few Registering for Election On Extension of City Limits

'Bundles for Britain' Headquarters Set Up Here; Ask Clothing Donations

Mrs. J. K. Reid, chairman of the production committee for the Washington County chapter of the American Red Cross, urges all women who are not knitting or sewing for the Red Cross to aid in collecting and packing garments to be sent to the "Bundles for Britain" headquarters.

shipment before being sent to the room in the Christian church annex, where they will be packed. Woolen clothes, sheets, pillow cases, woolen blankets, hats, shoes, stockings, gloves, socks and all kinds of children's garments are asked for. Toys for shell-shocked children will also be appreciated, it was stated.

Mrs. Reid said that all garments accepted must be mended and put in good condition for

Those having garments or toys to donate are asked to notify Mrs. J. K. Reid, Plymouth.

119 Names Put on Books up to Today; Opponents Active

Fully Half of Those Registered So Far Known to Be Against Extension

Only Friday and Saturday remain for local citizens to register for the special election to be held Tuesday, April 15, when the question of extension of the corporate limits of the town of Plymouth will be decided. Those who fail to register before the books close Saturday night will not be eligible to vote, since this is a special election and past registration does not qualify anyone.

So far, there have been only 119 persons to register since last Saturday, when the books were opened by Mrs. Hermine Ramsey, registrar; and it was said that at least half of them were known to be opposed to the extension plan. It is believed that a check of the books will show at least 58 of those already registered are against the extension and about 20 more are doubtful. Unless proponents make a more intensive effort to get those favoring it to register, it is predicted the plan will be defeated. Mrs. Ramsey will be at the courthouse all day Friday and Saturday for the purpose of registering all who wish to qualify. No names will be entered on the registration books after the close of the day, Saturday, April 5, and those who fail to register by then will not be eligible to vote in the referendum April 15.

All citizens otherwise qualified who live within the present city limits and all those who live in the area proposed to be annexed by the town are eligible to register and vote. There is no requirement that the voter own property, but simply that he or she meet the usual requirements as to age, length of residence, etc., for other elections in this state. Mrs. Ramsey is administering the usual oath to support the constitution of the United States to all registrants. Saturday, April 12, has been designated challenge day, when any citizen

Farm Family Has Narrow Escape as Fire Destroys Home

Occupants Barely Get Out In Night Clothes; Loss Over \$4,000

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the house on the O. M. Chesson farm, near here on the Mackeys road last Thursday night at 9:30, the 12 occupants barely escaping injury as they fled from the burning building in their night clothes.

Owned by J. R. Manning, the house was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Haislip and their 10 children. The flames spread from the back rooms, where the fire originated, to the front of the house so quickly that it was impossible for the occupants to save their clothing or furniture.

The loss was estimated today by Mr. Manning to be over \$4,000. No insurance was carried on either the house or the furniture, according to the owner.

The residence was the birthplace of Mrs. Manning, daughter of O. M. Chesson, who was one of the most prominent farmers of the county before his death a few years ago. Besides the actual loss in money, Mr. Manning regretted destruction of the home for sentimental reasons.

Mr. Manning was high in praise of the business men and general public for rallying to the aid of this family of tenants, who were driven from the residence without a chance to save any of their clothing or furniture. Contributions began to go to them as soon as their plight was known, and they are now well taken care of, according to Mr. Manning.

ROPER ENTRANT



Theresa Maude is the talented little 2 1/2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Peete, of Roper, and should go far in the "Popular Baby Parade." Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Jones, of Roper, and Mrs. J. E. Singleton, of Plymouth.—Photo by Willette.

Big Crowd Expected For Music Festival In Creswell Friday

Plans Complete for Annual County Event; Program Announced

Creswell.—A large crowd is expected to attend the second annual Washington County Music Festival, to be held in the Creswell school auditorium tomorrow night at 7:30, it was predicted today with the release of the program that will be presented by the bands and glee clubs of the county.

Present will be a massed band of 120 pieces, and a massed mixed chorus of 100 students, according to H. H. McLean, superintendent of public instruction, adding that this was no picked group, as every glee club and band student in the county will participate.

Glee club members will assemble at the Creswell school at 1:30 p. m., where they will rehearse until 3:30 o'clock. The massed band will then rehearse until 5:30. Band and glee club members will be served a chicken salad supper by the Creswell students and the parent-teacher association.

Mr. McLean and the following principals will be recognized: R. B. Trotman, Plymouth; D. E. Poole, Roper; A. T. Brooks, Creswell. Band instruction

Town of Plymouth Finances in Good Condition; Bond Interest Paid to Date

The Town of Plymouth mailed a check for \$5,000 to a New York bank on April 1 to make the semi-annual interest payment on the \$300,000 bonded indebtedness outstanding against the town, according to Mayor B. G. Campbell. The payment was for interest on the refunding bonds issued about three years ago to cover old bonds then outstanding. Under the refunding plan, the interest rate is only about 3 per cent, representing a saving of nearly half to the town, since the original bonds issued called for 6 per cent.

The mayor said that both principal and interest on bonds for the water and sewer systems was paid to date and that there was nothing due by the town at this time on any bonds or interest.

Mr. Campbell is of the opinion that the financial condition of the town is excellent at the present time, and he said at the rate the sinking fund was being enlarged the town would be able to meet all demands for payment on bonds as they fall due.

The water and sewer extensions now underway here are being financed on a pay-as-you-go basis, \$3,000 having been appropriated for this from cash on hand. He said it was not believed it would be necessary for the town to issue any further bonds to continue the expansion of the water and sewer systems here.

Review of Valuation Protests Resumed by County Board Today

Special Committee Says It Is Unable to Make Adjustments

Board Chairman Says Action Will Be Taken on Protests Today

The Washington County commissioners are holding a special session here today to review the 125 tax complaints filed by property owners protesting the values placed on their property by tax assessors after the special five-man committee appointed two weeks ago had failed to act.

Four members of the committee appointed by the commissioners met last night and this morning returned the complaints to the commissioners, accompanied by a letter stating that they were unable to properly consider the complaints unless they had opportunity to visit the property of the complainants and consider it in relation to the valuation placed on adjacent property. Since they had neither the time nor the opportunity to do this, they returned the complaints without recommendations. L. S. Thompson, H. E. Beam, E. H. Liverman and B. G. Campbell attended the meeting last night, E. F. Still being absent.

E. G. Arps, chairman of the county board of commissioners, said today that something must be done about the valuations immediately, so that the budget for the county could be prepared; and the county board today accepted the task of going through the complaints themselves and making the best adjustments they could by comparison with the records contained in the complaints.

The county commissioners met Monday and then were to meet again today to receive the report of the special committee. Since there was no report made by the special committee the commissioners are undertaking the task themselves and will make some disposition before the session is over, according to the chairman.

The special committee kept the complaint in their hands for about 15 days, which made it imperative for the county board to take action today in order to obtain the total valuation of property in the county.

Charlie W. Phelps Dies Near Creswell

Funeral services were held at the home of a daughter, Mrs. J. T. Davis, near Creswell, Sunday afternoon for Charlie W. Phelps, 74, who died Saturday morning at 9 o'clock following an illness of several months. The Rev. L. B. Bennett, Christian minister, officiated. Interment took place in the Ambrose cemetery.

A lifelong resident of this county, Mr. Phelps was a well-known and well-liked farmer. He was a consistent member of the Phillippi Christian church, near Creswell. A large crowd attended the last rites.

Surviving is his widow, Mrs. Cassandy Vanhorn Phelps, and three daughters: Mrs. J. T. Davis, of Creswell; Mrs. Thelm Kasulka, of Washington, D. C., and Miss Mae Phelps, of Norfolk.

Ball-bearers were: C. L. Barnes, Steve Davenport, T. J. Furlough, Dallas Davenport, W. S. Ansley and Carlisle Sexton.

TO ATTEND REUNION

Chief of Police P. W. Brown said that he and several others were planning to attend the district reunion of the Wildcat Division in Washington Sunday. The program begins at 9:30 and continues until 6 p. m., when a barbecue will be served.