

George T. Barden, parts manager and bookkeeper for the House Chevrolet Company, has received a certificate showing that he has completed the 1941 school of parts and accessories merchandising, conducted annually by the Chevrolet Motor Co.

Post offices will be closed Friday in observance of National Memorial Day. Mail will be received and dispatched as usual here, but the windows will be open for only a few minutes at noon. There will be no rural or city deliveries.

Fire Chief Miller Warren left Sunday night for Rocky Mount, where he will enter the employ of the American Railway Express Company. However, he plans to continue his work as fireman when he is at home during the week-ends. Mr. Warren had a letter last week stating that all express reserve workers should hold themselves in readiness for active duty.

There has been a total of 225 dogs vaccinated by Joe L. Nobles and Paul Basnight since they began the work a few weeks ago. Dogs will still be vaccinated against rabies if brought to the police station here.

Those desiring to take the Civil Service examination for junior stenographer or junior typist, for appointment in Washington City, are asked to see W. Ronald Gaylord, who has the application blanks and other material. Applications must be filed before June 9th.

Russell S. Callis, formerly connected with the M. H. Mitchell Furniture Company here, now stationed at Fort Belvoir, near Washington, D. C., visited Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Modlin during the week-end. He was wearing the Army medal for marksmanship, which only 2 out of 1,000 enlisted men qualify for.

Miss Evelyn Arps, of Plymouth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Arps, has been chosen as beauty queen to represent Washington County at the Albemarle Potato Festival in Elizabethtown City Wednesday, June 11. There will be queens from every Albemarle county.

Only about 25 acres of May peas were planted in the county this season, according to reports. So far about 35 bushels have been shipped to northern markets by rail and trucks have moved some of the others. Dry weather has reduced the yield considerably. Last year there were about 300 acres planted to the crop in the county.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Paramore spent several days last week in Greenville, S. C., where Mr. Paramore attended the annual meeting of the Holms Students Association. They also went to Franklin Springs, Ga., Friday afternoon to visit Emmanuel College.

Two Cases Tried by Recorder Tuesday

Officers went to the statute books Saturday night to determine which laws Frank H. Moore, 48, colored, had violated when he found 22 quarts of ABC whiskey in his house. They found that, by the terms of the Turlington act, possession of more than four quarts of whiskey was prima facie evidence that the liquor was for sale. So Tuesday morning, in recorder's court, John W. Darden, after hearing the evidence presented by prosecuting attorney S. A. Ward, found Moore guilty of possession of whiskey for the purpose of sale and gave him three months on the roads, suspended upon payment of \$50 fine and costs and showing good behavior for two years.

Saturday night the officers also went to the home of Sandy Williams, where they found four quarts of whiskey, but they did not arrest him. He has already been in court several times for violating the dry laws.

Sam Riddick, 35, colored, was given a 30-day suspended sentence by the recorder upon payment of the costs after being tried for assault his wife.

Local Bank Will Not Be Closed on Memorial Day

The Branch Banking & Trust Company here will not be closed Friday in observance of National Memorial Day. It was at first thought by H. E. Beam, cashier, that the institution might observe the holiday; but, since it came so near the end of the month and end of the week, when patrons are in need of service, the bank will remain open.

County Farm Bureau To Meet Friday Night; Specialist on Swine To Speak

E. V. Vestal, swine specialist from State College, will be the principal speaker at a meeting of the Washington County Farm Bureau, which will be held in the agriculture building here Friday night at 7:30. It was announced today by county agent W. V. Hays.

Mr. Hays said the visiting speaker would present an illustrated lecture on swine sanitation and feeding hogs for market. E. H. Liverman is president of the organization and urges all

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Over \$2,500 Worth of Defense Bonds and Stamps Bought Here

Two \$1,000 Bonds Sold; Remainder Bought in Small Denominations

So far a total of \$2,533.65 has been invested in United States Defense Saving Bonds and Postal Savings Stamps at the Plymouth post office since they were put on sale May 1 as part of the national effort to make America impregnable, according to Postmaster George W. Hardison.

The post office executive said there had been \$2,493.75 in defense bonds sold and \$42.90 in defense stamps up to yesterday, and that practically all of the purchases were made by those with small amounts to invest. Two \$1,000 bonds have been sold.

It is pointed out by the postmaster that a defense bond may be purchased as little as \$18.75. In 10 years this bond will be worth \$25, an increase of 33 1/3 per cent, or equal to an annual interest return of 2.9 per cent, compounded annually. At any time after 60 days from date of purchase the bond may be redeemed for cash, in accordance with a table of redemption values printed on the face of the bond.

To spread investment in savings bonds as widely as possible among all the people of the country, a limit of \$5,000 has been set for the maximum amount of bonds which may be bought by any one person in a year. The bonds are issued in denominations of \$25, \$50, \$100 and \$1,000, all of which are sold for 75 per cent of their maturity value and all of which mature in 10 years.

Smaller investors, a few of whom have already gotten the idea, who want to buy defense bonds on the easy payment plan, may buy defense saving stamps at the post office in denominations of 10, 25, 50 cents, \$1 and \$5. Purchasers of saving stamps with a value of more than 10 cents will be given free of charge an attractive pocket album in which to paste the stamps until they have enough to trade them in for bonds of \$25 or higher denominations.

Recommend Postponing Young Democratic Meet

Representative W. M. Darden said today he had written Paul Liverman, of Columbia, district chairman of the Young Democratic clubs, advising that the meeting scheduled here on June 6 be postponed or held at Manteo or some other seashore resort.

Peanuts Placed in Storage in County Have All Been Sold

Total of 76,000 Bags Here and at Creswell; 17,000 Bags To Be Crushed

Sale of the 76,000 bags of peanuts stored here last fall with the Peanut Growers Stabilization Cooperative has been concluded, with the government-sponsored agency receiving about \$3.75 per 100 pounds, it was learned today from W. H. Clark, who was in active charge of the work here.

The peanuts were sold as follows: 34,000 bags to the Planters Peanut Company, Suffolk, Va.; 4,000 bags to the Edenport Peanut Company, Edenport; 21,000 bags to Fretlow Peanut Company, Franklin, Va., and 17,000 bags to the Southern Cotton Oil Company.

It was said that most of the peanuts have been moved from the warehouses in Plymouth and Creswell, operated last fall by J. E. Davenport and Mr. Clark. There are still a few more to be delivered to the purchasers, although all of them have been sold.

Program of Services At Christian Church

Rev. GRIFFITH HAMLIN, Minister

Following is the schedule of services for the local Christian church Sunday, June 1:

9:45 a. m., Sunday school. 11 a. m., morning worship; sermon topic: "Adventuring on Faith." 8 p. m., evening worship; sermon topic: "A Strange Mixture."

County Not Required To Furnish Men For Army in Call Issued This Week

Washington County was not required to furnish any men for service in the Army in the thirteenth call issued by State Selective Service officials on May 24, it was learned today from Sidney A. Ward, clerk of the local selective service board. This makes the second call issued recently by state officials which did not include a quota of men from this county, according to Mr. Ward.

The five young men previously ordered to leave next Tuesday for Fort Bragg, near Fayetteville, for their year's training are as follows: Carlton G. Spruill, of Rop-

per, and David Albert Hurley, of Plymouth, volunteers; Elbert Forte Coates, order No. 96, and Lonnie Herman Craddock, order No. 322, both of Plymouth; and Osbourne Aldridge Marrow, of Roper, order No. 110.

The county now has 111 men in the armed forces of the nation who did not enter through the selective service method. The five leaving Tuesday, if all are accepted, will make 64 who have been inducted under the terms of the selective service act, and brings the total number of men in service from Washington County to 175.

HEADS NEW FIRM



Jack Horner, formerly of Williamston, this week became manager of Horner's Funeral Home, successors to the Courtney Funeral Home, in Plymouth.

Marvin K. Blount Is Speaker at Annual Merchants Banquet

Lauds Trademen for Contributions to Progress of Every Town

Merchants have built the largest and most beautiful cities in all the world right here in the United States by cooperating in bringing shoppers to given areas for trading, Marvin K. Blount, lawyer and an official of the Blount-Harvey Company, of Greenville, told those attending the first annual banquet of the Plymouth Merchants Association in the community hall here Monday night.

Trademen in cities have taken part in the planning of towns; have contributed to practically every cause under the sun for which male and female canvassers could be secured; have not only become large taxpayers but must now become tax collectors; have been victimized by swindlers and harassed by creditors; and yet, withal, the speaker said, they have contributed steadily to the improvement and progress of every town.

Accompanying Mr. Blount was O. P. Matthews, assistant manager of the Blount-Harvey Company, past president of the Greenville Merchants Association, and a director of the North Carolina Merchants Association, who spoke briefly, stating that the state merchants organization had prevented the passage of a single one of the 352 bills affecting merchants which were introduced at the last session of the General Assembly. He also stated that his firm was purchasing large stocks because of the rising market, and he urged the merchants to make their stores attractive, emphasizing the proper training of salespeople and having the right kind of merchandise in color and sizes. He also urged the merchants to cooperate in advertising programs, and said that by cooperation the merchants association would become one of the most powerful organizations in the town.

James W. Norman, president of the local association, presided. Others who made short talks were W. F. Winslow, E. H. Liverman, E. F. Still, Z. V. Norman, H. A. Williford, Carl L. Bailey and W. H. Paramore. There were about 50 merchants and their wives and a few other guests present.

Teachers Named for Vacation Schools in Vicinity of Creswell

Will Be Held at Creswell and Mount Pleasant, Starting Monday

Personnel of the faculties of the Creswell and Mount Pleasant Daily Vacation Bible Schools, which begin Monday June 2, and continue through June 13, was announced this week, when plans for the schools were completed. Miss Ruth Eller, of Greensboro, will be the leader.

Members of the Creswell faculty will be as follows: Intermediate department: Mrs. A. C. Harris, teacher. Mrs. G. A. Martin and Miss Theda Hopkins, assistants; juniors: Mrs. L. A. Norman, teacher, Miss Katherine Spruill and Mrs. W. W. Bateman, assistants; primary: Miss Marjorie Bateman, teacher, Misses Virginia Hopkins and Velma Purlough, assistants; beginners: Mrs. Clyde Smithson, teacher, and Mrs. J. M. Phelps, assistant; pianist: Mrs. Roy Hopkins; social committee: Mesdames W. L. Davenport, C. L. Hopkins, Fred Smith, Ray Powell, and Charley Spruill.

Mount Pleasant faculty: Intermediate: Mrs. A. L. Holmes, teacher. Mrs. G. A. Martin and Mrs. Verna Grace Stillman, teachers, and Miss Eva Liverman, assistant; primary: Miss Hazel Craddock, teacher, and Miss Marie Davenport, assistant; beginners: Mrs. Alice Holton, teacher, and Mrs. Sallie Stillman, assistant; social committee: Mesdames Jessie Stillman, Geraldine Hathaway, Emanuel Armstrong, and C. J. Cohoon.

A. H. Tucker will teach woodcraft in both schools. The Creswell school will begin Monday at 8:30 a. m., and the Mount Pleasant school Monday at 2 p. m.

Plans Completed for Memorial Program at Creswell Friday

Hoey Unable To Attend; Rev. P. B. Nickens To Be Afternoon Speaker

With some changes in the program announced last week, final plans had been completed today for celebration of National Memorial Day tomorrow at historic Old St. David's Episcopal Church cemetery and the Pettigrew cemetery, on the old Bonarva Plantation, near Creswell, with the Rev. Paul B. Nickens, of Plymouth, as the principal afternoon speaker. Pastor of the local Baptist church, and considered one of the best pulpits orators in this section of the state, the Rev. Mr. Nickens was chosen to substitute for former Governor Clyde R. Hoey, who advised W. L. Whitley earlier than he would not be able to attend the event.

Services will begin at 10:30 in the morning at St. David's cemetery, where an Episcopal minister will preach, with several others assisting. Miss Lona Bell Weatherly and Mrs. Roy Hopkins will be in charge of the large choir.

Mrs. Claudius McGowan, with the United Daughters of the Confederacy, will be in charge of the service at the cemetery, where are located the graves of Bishop Charles Pettigrew, elected the first Episcopal bishop of North Carolina, and his brother, General Johnston Pettigrew, of Confederate Army fame.

A basket picnic will be held at noon and all people are urged to bring their lunches, including plates, cups and ice. L. W. Zeigler will direct the Plymouth High School Band in several numbers. W. L. Whitley will preside over the afternoon session, and C. W. Tatem and T. W. Armstrong will also participate in the program.

Hot Political Battle In This District Next Year Now Assured

J. Con Lanier, of Greenville, Latest Name Added to List of Contenders

A hotly contested political battle is in prospect for the office of Representative from the First Congressional District, now filled by Herbert C. Bonner, of Washington. Marvin K. Blount, of Greenville, and Herbert Leary, of Edenton, have already announced that they will be candidates in the democratic primary next year, and Congressman Bonner is regarded as sure to run.

It was learned from reliable sources within the past few days that J. Con Lanier, of Greenville, state senator and prominent Pitt County attorney, will announce his candidacy for the office within the next few days.

Political observers have suggested that W. B. Rodman, of Washington, might become a candidate, and the name of C. Wallace Tatem, of Columbia, has also been suggested, although it is not believed here that Mr. Tatem will enter the race.

Representative Bonner was here last Saturday calling on a few friends and Herbert Leary has indicated that he will make an intensive campaign in this county. Marvin Blount spoke at a merchants' association meeting here Monday night, but did not mention political matters.

Presenting Pupils In Piano Recitals

Mrs. Laura S. Johnston will present her pupils in a series of piano recitals at her home Thursday and Friday evening of this week.

Pupils of the primary and intermediate grades will participate in the first evening, and her more advanced students will give the second recital, at which time Zan Harper, jr., violinist, of New Bern, will be guest artist. Piano, vocal and violin solos, duos, quartets, sextets, and duets are on the program.

The following pupils are among those who will have parts on the programs: Ann Cahoon, Joel and Beebe Maples, Wilmet Johnson, Mildred Craft, Carolyn and Frances Spruill, Eleanor Ross Ayers, Mary Alice Ange, Shelton Owens, Tom Brown, jr., Marie Davenport, Matt White Norman, Betty Riddle, Gracelyn Reid, Betty Hayes, Elaine Barnes, Jane Poik, Constance Williford, Jean Harrison, Frances, Gladys, Rose and Helen Carr, Betty Jean Berry, Martha Manning, Jean Modlin, Jack Owens, Peggy Brown, Martha D. McGowan, Iris White, Mary Lillian Campbell, and Fannie Lou Winslow.

E. G. Flannagan Unable To Attend Meeting Here

E. G. Flannagan, member of the State Highway Commission, did not attend the meeting of the Plymouth Merchants Association last Monday night. He advised President James W. Norman by phone that pressure of other affairs prevented his attendance.

Wardens Now Battling Several Forest Fires in Eastern End of County

Compliance Work Begins This Week

Compliance workers will begin their work of measuring farms in Washington County this week, according to County Agent W. V. Hays, who said that the young men had been trained and were ready for the task.

The compliance workers received their instruction from Milton Basnight, principal of the Vanceboro High School, and son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Basnight, of Plymouth, who is stationed here this summer to supervise the training and compliance work in several counties of this region.

Ten men have been assigned to the task in the county, according to Mr. Hays, who said about 30 working days would be required to complete measuring all farms. H. Nick Porter, chief clerk in the county agent's office here, is supervisor of the crew in this county.

Governor and Road Commissioners Will Visit Section Soon

State Officials Will Be Taken Over Route 64 From Here To Manteo

Officials of the Southern Albemarle Association are expecting a visit sometime during June from Governor J. M. Broughton, Ed G. Flannagan and Carroll L. Wilson, the latter two members of the state highway commission, it was learned from C. Wallace Tatem, of Columbia, who was here last week.

While here Mr. Tatem conferred with John W. Darden, W. L. Whitley and others relative to the visit of the state officials, who, it was said, will be taken over route No. 64 from Plymouth to Manteo. The meeting with the officials will be either at Plymouth or Columbia, it was indicated, the place not having been definitely designated as yet. It is expected that the date will be announced within the next few days.

It will be the purpose of the Southern Albemarle Association officials to impress the visitors with the need of immediate toll-free ferries over Alligator River, Croatan Sound, and Oregon Inlet, to lengthen Highway No. 64 and complete what it is supposed to do—reach from the mountains to the sea.

Though the place and date of the meeting is indefinite as yet, Mr. Darden says that Governor Broughton has definitely advised Melvin R. Daniels, of Manteo, president of the association, that he will come down with the highway commissioners and go over the route to inspect it.

It has long been a goal of the association to get free ferry service over these waters, and it is believed now that there is a better possibility of securing it than ever before.

Will Aid Registrants With Questionnaires

For the benefit of the scores of young men who registered for selective service who are receiving their questionnaires and having difficulty in securing assistance in filling them out, Clerk Sidney A. Ward today announced that the following advisory board members were authorized to assist registrants in the county:

Plymouth: W. Ronald Gaylord, chairman; W. M. Darden, John W. Darden, Mrs. Hermine A. Ramsey, Mrs. Annie Myrtle Bateman, Miss Emily Brinkley and William H. Berry.

Roper: Mrs. Eva Harrell and A. R. Phelps.

Mackays: W. B. Davenport. Creswell: E. S. Woodley, Dr. J. M. Phelps, Thomas W. Tarkington, and Joe Baker Davenport.

Continued Drought Constitutes Serious Threat in Section

Appropriation for Fighting Forest Fires in County Exhausted

Forest fires are raging today in the eastern end of Washington County, the lack of rain making debris and woodland undergrowth a veritable tinder box in the path of the roaring flames, with County Forest Warden S. F. Darden making every effort to bring them under control.

One fire started in Scuppermon Township and has spread to the Snell farm and other wooded areas in the vicinity of Spruill's bridge. It is believed that hundreds of acres of forest land have been destroyed and much other timber is threatened by the blaze.

Another fire, which started Monday, has already burned across the wooded areas on the farms of J. C. Swain, Mrs. Jane Elliott and is headed toward Joe White's place.

It was estimated by Mr. Darden yesterday that about 400 acres of land in the two townships have been burned over in the last few hours. There was no estimate made of the damage, but it is believed that it will amount to several thousand dollars.

The appropriation available for use in fighting forest fires in the county has been exhausted; and appeals are being made to the county commissioners to provide more money to be used in paying fighters to help check the blazes.

The prolonged dry spell of dry weather has brought an epidemic of forest fires throughout this state and in some sections of Virginia. Most of the 100 counties in North Carolina have been visited by serious conflagrations in recent weeks, and no relief is expected until heavy rains are experienced.

Gabriel Allen Died Friday at Home in Long Acre Section

Born in Martin, Had Been Resident of This County For 40 Years

Funeral services were held at the home in the Long Acre section last Saturday for Gabriel Allen, 79, who died Friday as the result of a heart attack following an illness of only a short time. The Rev. P. B. Nickens, pastor of the local Baptist church conducted the final rites, and interment took place in the Bateman cemetery.

Born in Martin County September 27, 1861, Mr. Allen came to this county about 40 years ago where he engaged in farming. In 1892 he was married to Miss Annie Jackson, of Washington County. Mr. Allen was widely known and highly respected as an industrious farmer throughout the section.

He is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Ella Bateman, of Plymouth; Mrs. Mary P. Bratten, of Plymouth; and Mrs. Teak Jefferson, of Bath; and one brother, George Allen, of Plymouth. Pall-bearers were James Spencer, Herbert Ange, David Craddock, Pearly Craddock, Leslie Craddock, and Jeffrey Craddock.

Standard Oil Company To Abandon Bulk Plant Here

A representative of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey met with a group of local men who opposed removal of the bulk plant of the company from Plymouth last week and told them that it was a policy of the firm to eliminate small bulk plants in an effort to reduce expenses.

It was stated that the only bulk plants for this section would be located at Elizabethtown, Washington, New Bern and Wilmington. C. E. Ayers will continue to manage the local Esso station and handle kerosene and fuel oil.

Cucumbers Expected To Begin Moving From Farms Next Week; Crop Is Short

Cucumbers planted on 304 acres in Washington County under contract with C. C. Lang & Son, Inc., are expected to begin moving to the local receiving station on Brinkley Avenue by next week-end, according to G. S. Respass, local representative of the Baltimore firm. Mr. Respass also said that unless there was some rainfall within the next few days, it was hardly possible that more than 60 per cent of a normal crop would be harvested in the area.

It was also stated today that the crop of cucumbers produced elsewhere in the country was short. Extremely dry weather in Georgia, where the Lang company has a number of receiving stations, has greatly reduced the yield there.

C. W. Dinkins, who has been in Georgia for some time, helping to receive the early crop of cucumbers for the company, is expected to return to the plant here, where he has been employed by the Lang company for several summers.