

Miss Catherine Terry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Terry, of Plymouth, is a student nurse in a Wilmington hospital and said, while home on a visit this week, that she would graduate in another year. She also said that there was a probability, if this country went to war, she would enter the U. S. Army Nursing Service.

J. E. Bratten is assisting George R. Coburn as night patrolman, while Policeman Paul Basnight is on a trip to Detroit, Mich., with C. E. Ayers. Messrs. Ayers and Basnight stopped over in Washington, D. C., to see a baseball game and expect to be back sometime this week-end.

Free assistance will be provided new residents of this section who wish to have their automobiles recorded so they can purchase license plates in North Carolina, if they will come to the Manning Motor Company here, it was announced today by J. R. Manning, owner of the company.

Leroy Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Harris, of Plymouth, was here this week visiting his parents and friends with his family. Formerly with the Raleigh Times, Mr. Harris will begin work Monday as foreman of the Goldsboro News-Arrow composing room.

G. K. Harris, rural mail carrier at the local post office, said today he has decided not to retire from the postal service at present, although he is eligible, and would return to work on July 9 after returning from a visit to Hertford. Mr. Harris has about recovered from the effects of a recent operation.

J. W. (Jack) House, assistant manager of the House Chevrolet Company, who has been living in Robersonville for several months, last week moved into his recently completed residence here on the new street that goes from East Main Street through the Burgess property.

Miss Louise Snell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Snell, of near Creswell, was recently chosen 4-H health queen of Washington County. Miss Snell competed with girls from Plymouth and Roper.

J. Oscar Davenport, of Jamesville, has become connected with the Manning Motor Company here as assistant sales manager. He has been an automobile salesman for a number of years and comes here from the Roanoke Chevrolet Company at Williamston. He is well known in this section.

Gala Day Fourth at Albemarle Beach

Celebration of Independence Day at Albemarle Beach Friday of next week, July 4, will be one of the biggest events in the history of the resort, according to L. W. Gurkin, the owner, who said today that things were shaping up nicely for the occasion.

Features of the day will be boating, bathing and dancing, with the possibility that the day's events will be climaxed by boat races with owners of local craft competing.

A beautiful display of fireworks has been provided for, according to Mr. Gurkin, who said that this feature of the program was such a big success last summer than plans have been made for a more elaborate display. Topping the bill for the day will be the dance to be given at night, with music by Hal Thurston's orchestra, a popular aggregation in this section. This band also plays for the usual Friday night dances at the beach.

Plans for Boy Scouts to participate in swimming, running, jumping and other contests have not been completed, and it is not yet sure that this series of events can be counted on as part of the day's program.

"Come to Albemarle Beach and meet your friends; they will all be at Albemarle Beach for a grand and glorious Fourth," Mr. Gurkin said.

CCC Will Accept Number White Youths in County

Miss Ursula Bateman, superintendent of public welfare of Washington County, has received notice that the Civilian Conservation Corps will accept any number of white youths from this county who wish to enroll. Those enrolling now will leave here on July 10.

Young men interested in entering the CCC are urged to apply at once to Miss Bateman.

Men Who Have Become 21 Since Last October 16th Must Register Tuesday

Men in the county required to register with the local selective service board next Tuesday, July 1, were cautioned today by E. S. Blount, chairman of the board, to be careful to give the registrar correct information as to the place of their permanent residence, since this information—on line 2 of the registration card—will determine the local board which has jurisdiction over them. The registration in this county will be conducted in the office here of S. A. Ward, clerk to the local board; and those required to register are asked to present themselves as early in the morning as possible, so that there will be no unnecessary delay or confusion and no last-minute rush.

TWO HURT IN TRAIN WRECK HERE SUNDAY



Engineer W. E. Harris, of South Norfolk, and Fireman J. A. Thompson, of Berkeley, were seriously injured in the above-pictured train wreck at the edge of Plymouth early Sunday morning. Two locomotives and one freight car were derailed and traffic blocked on the main line of the Norfolk Southern for several hours.—Photo by Carl L. Bailey, Jr.

Further Delay in Local School Extension Plan Seen as Loan Is Denied

Potato Shipments Off This Season

So far this season, a total of 103 carloads of Irish potatoes have been shipped by rail from Tyrrell and the lower end of Washington. Last year, up to June 20, there had been a total of 550 carloads shipped.

Despite an indicated smaller crop this year, the price dropped this week, quotations today on U. S. No. 1 cobbles ranging from \$1.35 to \$1.50 per 100-pound bag. This is a little higher than the price last year, June 20 quotations being from 90 cents to \$1.20 per bag.

Julius F. Snell Died At Home in Cherry Last Saturday Night

Had Been in Poor Health For Past Two Years; Funeral Sunday

Funeral services for Julius F. Snell, 68, who died at his home in Cherry last Saturday night, were conducted at the home Sunday afternoon, with the Rev. M. L. Ambrose officiating, assisted by Dr. G. A. Martin and Rev. R. N. Pitts. Interment took place in a cemetery near Cherry.

Mr. Snell had been in poor health since suffering a stroke of paralysis about two years ago. For the past four weeks he had been critically ill. A native of Cherry, he was a prominent farmer and well known throughout the county. He served as a member of the Creswell school committee for four years and was a member of Philippi Christian church.

His favorite hymns, "Saved by Grace," "The Last Mile of the Way," and "Some Day We'll Understand," were sung at the last rites. Pallbearers were Harry P. Barnes, D. F. Davenport, Raymond Gibbs, W. D. Phelps, Jennings Davenport and Hardy Craddock.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary Simmons Snell; four daughters, Mrs. C. N. Davenport, Jr., Mrs. Patrick Boyd, Miss Doris Snell, all of Creswell; a brother, Haywood B. Snell, and four grandchildren.

K. W. Pittman, of Rocky Mount, employed at a local industrial plant, was the second winner of a free oil change at the Western Auto Associate Store here last Saturday.

Two Freight Trains Involved in Wreck Here Early Sunday

Engineer and Fireman Are Injured When Freight Collide at Switch

A collision involving two Norfolk Southern Railroad Company freight trains at a switch near the Horton Lumber Company plant here Sunday morning at 2:27 o'clock resulted in serious injuries to the engine crew of one of the locomotives and tied up the system's main line between Raleigh and Norfolk for several hours.

The injured men, both of whom were taken to a Norfolk hospital after first-aid attention here by Dr. T. L. Bray, were W. E. Harris, engineer, and J. A. Thompson, fireman. Mr. Harris suffered extensive body bruises shock and fracture of both legs, while Mr. Thompson was treated for serious head injuries, possible concussion and shock. W. W. Bowers, another engineer, was not injured.

Messrs. Harris and Thompson and the head brakeman, Y. B. Winstead, of Raleigh, who was uninjured, were reported to have jumped from the locomotive just before the impact. Both locomotives and one of the 150 freight cars on both trains were derailed.

Wrecking crews from Carolina Junction and Raleigh were called out, and six hours after the accident the main line had been reopened to passenger and other service. Meanwhile, passenger trains were detoured around the wreck on a passing track which parallels the main line at the point of the accident.

Harris and Thompson comprised the engine crew of Train 63, southbound out of Carolina Junction direct to Raleigh, while the other train was the first section of No. 4, northbound from New Bern to Carolina Junction. The engine crew of the northbound train, who remained at their posts, escaped injury.

L. P. Kennedy, general superintendent of the system, with headquarters in Raleigh, was at the scene of the accident Sunday morning. He said that evidently the trains were too close together at the entrance to a switch. The engine of Train No. 63 sideswiped the other engine, causing both to be derailed and pulling the southbound locomotive across the tracks. Train No. 63 had orders to proceed through Plymouth, and No. 64 was said to be too close to the head of a switch, which caused the accident.

Various estimates of the damage, ranging upward to \$35,000 or \$40,000, were made unofficially by some of the railroad men, but Mr. Kennedy would only say that the damage was "several thousand dollars." Hundreds of people from this section visited the scene of the collision Sunday.

Lawyers of District Hold Annual Meet

Two score lawyers of Edgecombe, Nash, Martin, Washington and Wilson Counties gathered at Albemarle Beach near here last Saturday for the annual meeting of the Second Judicial District Bar Association, at which time Zeb Vance Norman, local attorney, was elected to membership on the Council of the State Bar.

Judge Walter J. Bone, of Nashville, and State Senator Hugh G. Horton, of Williamston, were the principal speakers at the meeting. Mr. Horton was elected president of the organization for the coming year. Carl L. Bailey, of Plymouth, is a member of the district executive committee. As a councillor of the North Carolina State Bar, Mr. Norman represents the second judicial district, succeeding Kemp D. Battle, of Rocky Mount, who had served for about six years. There are 20 judicial districts in the state, with one councillor from each. Mr. Norman's term is for three years.

It is the duty of the councillors to interpret and administer the act creating the association, to acquire and dispose of property for the bar, to discipline and disbar lawyers, and to work toward the best interests of the legal profession.

Recorder's court officials gathered Tuesday, but there were no cases before the court. Several continued actions were scheduled to come up at the time, but further continuances were granted, and there were no new warrants.

Beacon To Print Early Next Week

The Beacon will be published one day earlier next week, due to the fact that there will be no mail deliveries on Friday, July 4. The paper will be printed and put in the mails Wednesday, so that it can be distributed Thursday, since observance by post offices and business in general of Independence Day on Friday would otherwise delay delivery of the paper until Saturday.

All correspondents are asked to get their copy in one day earlier, and those who have notices of any kind to appear next week are asked to remember the change in publication schedule. The Beacon

Advocates of Turnpike Road Surfacing Feel Encouraged

Record Quota From County Called To Report for Army Duty During July

Washington County has been ordered by the State Selective Service Board in Raleigh to provide 22 young white and colored men for the army during July, it was announced today by Clerk S. A. Ward, of the local board.

The call received last week was number 15, and ordered the board to have 12 white report July 23 to be sent to Fort Bragg, near Fayetteville, with 10 colored men to leave July 17 for Fort Jackson, near Columbia, S. C., for their year of military training.

Mr. Ward said that practically

all of the 1,588 men who registered in the county last October 16 had been classified, and that there are more than enough men available to take care of the July quotas as soon as they were examined.

There are now 179 men in various branches of the armed forces of the nation, 66 having entered through the selective service program and 112 through other channels. When the July quota of 22 enter the service, it will bring the county total to 201 white and colored men in the nation's armed forces.

However, Officials Make No Promises At Meet Yesterday

Member and Chairman of State Road Commission Taken Over Road

Not a single state official would commit himself publicly at the meeting held in the community building at Blackland Experiment Station, at Wenona, yesterday, relative to the permanent all-weather surfacing of the Turnpike road, but every one of the 75 sponsors of the meeting left the gathering with a feeling that the long fight for the road has been successful.

L. B. Prince, chairman of the State Highway Commission, and Ed G. Flannagan, of Greenville, district highway commissioner, expressed themselves in substantially the same language, asserting that they were impressed with the "immediate need" of the road and that there was a possibility that something might be done shortly to relieve the situation.

W. Kerr Scott, commissioner of agriculture of the state, suggested that a time be set at the meeting then for a celebration in the late fall upon completion of the road, but this brought only a laughing response from the highway officials. The commissioner of agriculture is recognized as one of the leading exponents for immediate improvement of the road, which would make the Wenona test farm much more accessible to farmers who go there to observe the results of various demonstrations and experiments.

Carl L. Bailey, Hyde County Representative George Harris, and Beaufort County's Fred G. Latham, of Belhaven, and others spoke on the urgent need of the road. John W. Darden, of Plymouth, presided over the meeting, which was attended by leading citizens of Hyde, Beaufort and Washington Counties. Mayor Jerome B. Flora, of Elizabeth City, also attended.

Chairman Prince said that "gasless Sundays" and reduction in manufacture of automobiles may retard the work of the commission, due to loss of revenue in sales of license tags and gasoline.

The road official also said that the extreme ends of the state had never been treated as well in road development as the Piedmont area, and that it was now hoped the highway commissioners would center their efforts to seeing that the eastern and western parts of the state get needed attention, most of which has heretofore been focused on the middle part of the state.

Commissioner Flannagan said that he was a district commissioner but that he did not expect to be a local commissioner. He said he would not build roads in Greenville or Pitt County to the injury of other counties in his district which needed the roads most. He also said he wished to ride over every road in his district as soon as possible.

A caravan of about 40 cars took the road officials and county delegates on a trip over the Turnpike road, from Highway No. 32 to Pantego, in Beaufort County. This is a distance of about 17 miles. Some improvement has been made on the highway from Route 32 to Wenona, but a better road is needed.

It was explained that it costs about \$6,000 a mile to put black-top surfacing on roads, and the highway officials said that engineers would be called on to devise some method of improving the road which would meet the demands of existing traffic conditions and at the same time be moderate in expense.

Services for New Chapel Church Are Announced

The following services for the New Chapel Baptist church (colored) are announced for Sunday, June 29, by Rev. A. R. Winborne, pastor: 11:30 a. m., sermon by the pastor. 1:30 p. m., lunch on the grounds. 2:30 p. m., musical program. 8 p. m., local program.

GETS BAR OFFICE



Zeb Vance Norman, local attorney, was last Saturday elected councillor for the second judicial district bar association, at its annual meeting at Albemarle Beach. Mr. Norman succeeds Kemp D. Battle, of Rocky Mount, who had served as councillor for six years.

Bicycle Riders Are Warned To Observe Law by Patrolman

One Arrest Made and More Will Follow If Violations Are Continued

One arrest has already been made and others will follow unless bicyclists of this section begin to obey the rules of the road, according to Corporal T. B. Brown, of the State Highway Patrol, who stated that many youngsters were very careless in the operation of their bikes.

The patrolman said that those who ride their bicycles on the highways at night are required to have a small light on the front and a reflector at the rear of their vehicle, so that automobile owners can see them.

He also warns bicyclists to ride on the extreme right side of the highway. Special attention is called to this, as it is hard for an automobile driver to see the bikes unless they are operated so that the car headlights will pick them up.

Another dangerous practice by the young riders, according to the officer, is that of riding three or four abreast in large groups. Corporal Brown said that unless they learn to ride behind each other, in single file, they will expose themselves unnecessarily to accident.

Plymouth is growing steadily, it is pointed out; the number of automobile owners in the county is rapidly increasing; and with one the highways through here now designated as temporary U. S. 17, there is more traffic than ever before in the history of the town and county; which calls for care on the part of every operator of a vehicle, whatever its nature.

Local Stores and Business Houses Will Be Closed All Day Friday, July 4th

It has been definitely decided that the Plymouth merchants will observe next Friday, July 4, as Independence Day, and that the stores of the town will be closed, allowing clerks and store owners to take a day of rest and recreation, it was announced today by James W. Norman, president of the Plymouth Merchants Association. It had been announced previously that the bank here, along with others in the state, would be closed both Friday and Saturday, July 4 and 5, the governor having declared Saturday a state holiday.

The proposal to close Friday was voted down at a meeting of the merchants association held

last Friday afternoon, but afterwards a petition was circulated, asking local firms to designate their preference on the closing question, and a big majority favored closing on Friday.

Mr. Norman stated that the Friday closing would not interfere with the usual half holiday observed here on Wednesdays, and that the stores would close at noon Wednesday, be open all day Thursday and then be closed all day Friday.

Local industries are cooperating by paying off Thursday instead of Friday, as usual, in order that Independence Day may be properly observed. The post office will be closed and there will be no city or rural mail deliveries.