

Mrs. Lucille Stewart is presenting her pupils in the latest dance routine in snappy costumes at the Plymouth Theatre at 9 p. m. Wednesday night of this week...

The Plymouth Motor Company now has on display two of the new Ford six-cylinder cars. The new model has the same horsepower motor, wheelbase, body and size as the Ford V-8, but the price is slightly lower...

Washington County had 687 white farmers and 282 colored farmers in 1940. This represents a decrease of 13.6 per cent in white farmers and a drop of 4.7 per cent in colored farmers in the county during the 10-year period from 1930 to 1940.

J. S. Taylor, of near Roper, sent the first cotton blossom of the season The Beacon on Tuesday, July 1. He said there were many others in his field...

J. C. Knowles, in town this week, said that a protracted meeting would begin Monday night at Zion's Chapel Christian church. Rev. Dennis Warren Davis, of Washington, will do the preaching.

Mack Ange, white, was slightly injured Tuesday night, when an automobile he was driving left highway 64 west of Plymouth and turned over. Damage estimated at \$300 was done to his car.

Local people are urged to do much of their trading Thursday so as to eliminate any great rush which may result Saturday because of the closing of the stores Friday for Independence Day.

Bill Phelps, young white man, was painfully injured at the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company Tuesday afternoon, when a gasoline engine exploded.

County Gets \$18,853 From Public Assistance Funds

Washington County's share of public assistance funds distributed in North Carolina during the fiscal year ending June 30 will amount to \$18,853.

The Federal government, the state and county governments contribute portions of these payments to each client. Deriving the benefits were needy aged persons, dependent children, and widows of Confederate veterans.

This county share of \$18,853 was larger than the \$14,637 for Perquimans; \$11,726 for Camden; \$16,173 for Currituck; and \$12,941 for Tyrrell.

Program of Services at Methodist Church Here

Rev. O. L. HARDWICK, Pastor
The Rev. B. B. Slaughter, of Elizabeth City, will preach at the Methodist church Sunday night at 8 o'clock. After the sermon Mr. Slaughter will hold the third quarterly conference.

Friday Will Be Observed as General Holiday in Section; No Formal Program Carded

Local business will be just about completely halted Friday, when owners and employees of various establishments take advantage of the anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence to enjoy a day of rest and recreation.

No special program has been outlined for the Town of Plymouth on Independence Day, but Albemarle Beach, near here, plans for a gala day. L. W. Gurkin, the owner, has arranged for bobbing, bathing and dancing to feature the occasion, and hundreds are expected to swarm to the resort on this holiday.

Local stores, shops (plants and offices—with the exception of drug stores, cafes and filling stations—will be closed all day Friday. Patrons are being urged to do their shopping Thursday when the stores will be open all day, so that none will be inconvenienced. The stores will be closed Wednesday afternoon as usual.

2,922 Bushels of Cucumbers Delivered To Station Here by Farmers of County

A total of 2,922 bushels of cucumbers have been received during the last few weeks at the C. C. Lang and Son, Inc., receiving station here up to Saturday night it was announced today by C. W. Dinkins and G. S. Respass, managers of the local plant.

Farmers had been paid for cucumbers during the first two weeks of the season a total of \$1,400. Most of the cucumbers arriving at the station now are being accepted at the best-grade rate of payment.

Mr. Dinkins said it was expected that deliveries would be heavier during this week and next. The agreement signed by the pickle company's agents call for the purchasing to be discontinued on July 12, but Mr. Dinkins

said the company would receive the cukes as long as farmers picked them for delivery in appreciable quantities. During the last season the Lang Company operated here, 45,000 bushels were accepted at the station here up to July 4. That was one of the best seasons the company has ever had here.

It is reported this year that all over this state and in other states where cucumbers are grown the yield is off ten bushels per acre. Dry weather and other adverse conditions have reduced the yield in this county much more than this. It was reported that the company had agreements for raising cucumbers in the county on 325 acres.

But 62 Men Register For Selective Service In County This Week

Another Theatre Is Planned Here

Purchase of the building on Water Street formerly used as the "New Theatre" from the A. L. Owens estate by Shep Brinkley, owner of the Plymouth Theatre on Washington Street, was announced this week. The purchase price was not disclosed.

Mr. Brinkley said that the building would be completely remodeled and put into operation soon. The theatre will be renamed, he said, new seats and operating equipment installed, with rest rooms and others added to be made to offer the public comfort in every possible way.

33 White, 29 Colored Registered Tuesday At Draft Board Here

Number Not Up To Expectations; Delinquents Are Given Few More Days

A total of 62 young men registered at the Washington County Selective Service Board office Tuesday in the second national draft registration, 33 of them white and 29 colored, it was learned today from Clerk S. A. Ward.

The clerk said it was believed there were still a number of men in the county who reached the age of 21 in the period between October 16, 1940, and July 1, 1941, who were supposed to register Tuesday, and he advises that if they present themselves for registration immediately, no steps will be taken to enforce penalties for not registering. Otherwise, those subject to the call who failed to register will be liable to severe penalties for willfully evading the law.

Around 90 men were expected to be registered in the county Tuesday, and while a number of those in the age group affected have volunteered for service in the army and naval forces, it is generally believed that there are nearly 30 more men in the county subject to the registration.

Most of the young men registering Tuesday came during the morning. Only a few came from the extreme eastern part of the county around Creswell, and Mr. Ward said there was a possibility that they couldn't make arrangements to report for the registration Tuesday and that they will be given a few days more to do so.

It is understood that a national lottery will be held about July 9 to determine the order numbers of the new registrants.

The list of those registering Tuesday follows:

White
Plymouth: Samuel Franklin Garrett, Henry Ellis Newberry, Carley Rufus Manning, Merrill Francis Ward, Albert Duran Williams, John Edward Willoughby, Fred Jay Hartman, William Robert Darden, Heber Respass, Jr., Lloyd Ronald Waters, John Ward Harrison, Joe Allen Stone, Clarence Monroe Modlin.
Roper: George Edison Biggs, Leon Mayo Swain, John Hassell, William Eli Sprull, Theron Norman Clifton, Preston Randolph Cahoon, Sylvester Lilly, Johnnie Alfred Evershot, John Wilbur Sawyer, Dennis Rudolph Oliver, Herbert Wallace Lamb, Luther Harmon Leary.
Creswell: Henry Ellsberry Ambrose, Jesse Jones, Daniel Richard Rhodes, Harold Stewart Woodley.
Mackees: None.
Rocky Mount, N. C.: Joseph Lewis Ezzell.
Pinetown, N. C.: Ronald Wescotte Sprull.
Windsor, N. C.: Willie Ervin Nixon.
Soda Springs, Idaho: Darrell Ray Jenkins.

Colored
Plymouth: James Richard Moore, William Atlas Nixon, Edmond Lee Lacy, Hubert Boston, Jack Hoyt, Eddie Jenette, Mack Edward Barnes, Robert Holley, Tarleton Small, Levi Elliott, Cleophus McNaair, William Edward Garrett, Herman Hart, Claudius Bratts.
Roper: Granville Nixon, Douglas Walker, Gurvis Lee Bryant, Sylvester Downing, William Lee Brown, Willie Sprull.
Creswell: Henry Clytes Myers, Madison Junior Baun, Leroy Bryn Halsey, Cleophus Satchel Fred Jones.
Mackees: Joe Nathan Swain, Johnnie Lee Norman, Loranza Midgett.
Jamesville, N. C.: Llewellyn Keys.

Skinner'sville Man Injured In Recent Fall From Train

Charlie T. White, of the Skinner'sville section of this county, fell from a freight car at work last Saturday afternoon and was seriously injured. He fell about three feet from the moving car and landed on the iron rails of the track. He was taken to a Washington hospital, where it was found that his back had been injured and it is necessary to place him in a cast.

15 Cases on Docket For Superior Court Beginning Monday

Judge Henry A. Stevens, of Warsaw, To Preside; No Civil Cases Set

Court observers believed that less than three days will be required for disposition of the 15 criminal cases on the docket for trial in Washington County Superior Court, beginning next Monday morning, with Judge Henry A. Stevens, of Warsaw, presiding.

Although the one-week term is supposed to take care of both criminal and civil cases, members of the local bar did not prepare a civil calendar. However, it was stated that several divorce or other such motion cases may be brought before the court.

The criminal docket is as follows: C. Edley Hutchins, 25, white, charged with abandonment and non-support of his wife, Mrs. Frances Chesson Hutchins, appealed from a recorder's court judgment which required him to pay \$25 monthly to his wife and the costs of the court action. Bond of \$500 was required for his compliance with the judgment of the recorder's court.

Dee Rock Squires, charged with operating an automobile while under the influence of intoxicants, appealed from a recorder's court fine of \$55 and costs. Bond was set at \$250.

Malinda Linton, 20, white, and Joe Goddard, 46, charged with hit-and-run driving were ordered held for probable cause when tried in recorder's court. Godard, out under bond, failed to appear. It was charged that a car operated by Miss Linton struck a parked car owned by W. C. House and also struck Paul Hardison, doing him serious bodily harm. The

ence of intoxicants. He was fined \$50 and costs. He appealed and was called and failed to answer at the January term of superior court.

Delmar Wallace, Earl Wallace, Jethro Bonner and William Sexton, white men, charged with larceny of iron rails from the premises of M. S. Matthews and S. D. Rhodes, had their case continued in January while a capias was being issued for Jethro Bonner.

Levi Johnson, well known and respected colored merchant here, will go on trial for shooting and fatally injuring Handy Berry Sprull, negro, who was standing outside Johnson's store during an altercation inside last winter.

James Cox, 20, colored, charged with assaulting Levi Johnson's wife, Queenie Johnson, with a bottle, appealed from a recorder's court sentence of 60 days on the roads. It is thought that Johnson was aiming at Cox when he shot Sprull accidentally.

Junior Sprull, charged with perjury in connection with the trial of "State vs. Otis Godwin," by falsely asserting on oath that he was in the company of Otis Godwin at Plymouth on the evening of December 26, 1940, and that he rode with Godwin from Plymouth to J. C. Tarkenton's Pleasant Grove farm, knowing that this statement was false. Witnesses in the case are E. J. Sprull, J. K. Reid, Otis Godwin and W. D. Peal.

Henry Miller, 26, colored, was held for probable cause on a charge of assaulting and killing Cheek Bowers with a shotgun. It was reported at the time of the occurrence that Miller went to his home for a weapon, after he had been struck by Bowers, and returned, shooting through the window of a house and killing Bowers.

Lenneth Fayette Williams, 30, white charged with breaking into the Norfolk Southern freight station at Mackees and stealing a box of candy addressed to a Columbia pharmacy. He was one of a group of young men arrested last winter on charges of robbing stores, freight stations and ABC stores in this section.

S. B. Davenport, 54, white, charged with setting a fire without giving notice to persons on adjoining land and with failing to keep and maintain a careful and competent watchman (See SUPERIOR COURT, Page 4)

Board to Consider School Additions

The Washington County Board of Education will meet Monday formally and officially adopt the plans for a six-room building for children in the elementary grades and an addition of four rooms to the present high school building in Plymouth, it was forecast today.

H. H. McLean, superintendent of public instruction, said that the architect had the plans ready for submission to the WPA for any aid that can be secured from this agency.

It now remains for the county to raise \$40,000, either by loan or bond issue, for work on the schools here and in Roper. This amount has been authorized by the county commissioners, although it is not yet sure when the money will be available.

Defendants in Owens Land Suit Win in Supreme Court

Wilbur M. Darden Named Member of State Blind Commission by Governor

Representative Wilbur M. Darden was notified by telephone from Raleigh Saturday of his appointment by Governor Broughton to membership on the State Commission for the Blind for a term of five years, the term expiring June 21, 1946.

Mr. Darden said he was not well acquainted with the duties of the office to which he was appointed, but that the commission administers the affairs of state institutions for the blind, and al-

so had a measure of supervision over Federal and state appropriations for the blind.

Appointment to the commission came as a surprise to him. Mr. Darden said today, stating that he was not an applicant for the position and that he knew nothing of his consideration for the place until advised of his appointment by the governor. He said he was willing to accept the place and that he wished to be of the utmost possible service to the blind people of the state.

Decision Rendered Saturday Upholds Ruling by Nimocks

Final Round of Largest Suit Ever Brought in County Won by Defendants

Defendants in the suit for title to property belonging to the late Mrs. Annie L. Owens won the final round last Saturday, when the State Supreme Court handed down a decision upholding the ruling of Superior Court Judge Q. K. Nimocks, jr., of Fayetteville, last December, declaring that the plaintiffs did not have any claim to the land located at the eastern edge of Plymouth.

The case was heard by Judge Nimocks, without a jury, at the October term of Washington County Superior Court, but he reserved his decision until the last week in December, when he held that the plaintiffs had no claim against the land.

The property involved, together with improvements made in recent years, is now estimated to be worth in the neighborhood of \$100,000, and the suit is probably the largest ever tried in the superior court here. The decision of Judge Nimocks was appealed to the supreme court, where the matter was finally settled last week.

Twenty-five children and grandchildren of the late Mrs. Annie L. Owens, as heirs-at-law, brought the suit against the 20 present owners of the property, basing their claim on certain alleged technical flaws in the procedure by which the title was transferred.

Following is the list of plaintiffs in the case: Edie Perry and John Owens, children of Henry S. Owens deceased; Mary E. Blount, daughter of Lucille Owens Murphy deceased; Raymond Leggett, Annie L. Hooker, Orward Leggett and Joseph Leggett, children of Mable Owens Leggett, deceased; Layton Owens and Mary Owens Whitson, children of Clyde W. Owens, deceased; Doris Owens, L. L. Owens, jr., Maxine Owens Pickett, Henry B. Owens, William W. Owens, Jack Owens and Earl Owens, children of L. L. Owens, deceased; B. F. Read, Jack Read, Taylor Read, and Lou their mother, Claudia Owens Read; Read, subject to the life estate of B. O. Dupree, Elizabeth Dupree Brown, A. R. Dupree, jr., subject to the life estate of their mother, Annie B. Owens Dupree.

The list of defendants follows: Annie L. Basinger, Margaret M. Smith, Carrie Herman Marrow, Lucille Owens, Edward Owens, Mildred Owens, Lloyd Owens, Marie Ivachluw, R. S. Martin, R. L. Edwards, Board of Education of Washington County, Janie C. Dunning, Zena G. Lyon and wife, Louise H. Lyon, Lillian Campbell, Mary O. Sawyer, Sabrie Reid, R. D. Whitehurst, Helele E. Edmondson, D. O. Patrick, and Van B. Martin, jr.

Two Young Ladies Hurt In Auto Wreck Sunday

Charlie E. Mizelle, of Roper, escaped injury, but two young ladies accompanying him were injured when a car he was driving turned over into a ditch on highway No. 64 about two miles east of Williamston Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. A blow-out was said to have caused the accident.

Miss Gertrude Parker, of Columbia, was reported to have suffered a broken collar bone and Miss Alma Gray, also of Columbia, sustained a fractured hip. Damage to the car was estimated at \$300 by Highway Patrolman Whit Saunders, of Williamston.

Man Dies Instantly In Auto Accident at Roper Late Tuesday

Car Turns Over in Ditch; Body Sent to Brockton, Mass., for Burial

Ray F. Tufts, 55, white, a World War veteran was instantly killed late Tuesday when an 8-cylinder Austin he was driving left the road and turned over into a ditch on a farm immediately east of the Roper town limits. The accident took place about 12:15 a. m.

He was found with a broken neck, his head in a three-foot ditch. One side of his head was crushed.

Officers could find nothing to identify him at first except a telephone number in Brockton, Mass., which Corporal Brown called and found to be the home of a brother of the dead man.

Tufts was reported to have claimed New York City and Miami, Fla., as his headquarters, and he was said to have been an engineer on boats. Several grips and boxes of tools were found in the wrecked automobile. Damage to the car was estimated at \$600.

The body was shipped Wednesday by the Courtney Funeral Home here to Brockton, Mass., where the funeral will be held Saturday.

Tufts' death marked the fourth fatal accident in Washington County so far this year.

Local Health Officer Answers Questions

By S. V. LEWIS, M. D. District Health Officer

(Following are the answers to many questions regarding health department activities in the Hyde-Tyrell-Washington Health District.)

During the past month or more the health officer and his assistant have volunteered their services in the United States Public Health Service. The volunteered service of the above-mentioned men will in no way interfere with or interrupt the public health program now being carried on in the health district, so far as is known.

It is the understanding of the district health officer that he and the assistant are now being loaned to the North Carolina State Board of Health for use as the state may see fit. The salaries of the two public health officials will be paid by the United States Public Health Service, so far as I know, until the present national emergency ceases to exist.

We do hope that war will not involve the United States, but if such an undesirable circumstance is forced upon us by a few hell-bent dictators and would-be enslavers, may we further secure our safety by improving in every possible way the general health and welfare of our population and attain the goal of having the most healthy citizenship on earth. Our ability to perform any service depends upon our health and physical fitness.

It is not an impossible task to prevent the various filth diseases, as well as other contagious diseases, and such diseases often cause many deaths among our people, either directly or indirectly.

Two Colored Men Hurt In Wreck Near Creswell

Creswell—Andrew Bowden and Luke Shaw, colored, received painful lacerations about the head when an automobile in which they were riding collided with another machine operated by Mrs. Richard Weatherly last Saturday evening at 9 o'clock on Highway 64 about a half mile west of the Tyrrell County line.

Patrolman M. B. Stewart investigated the accident, and Bowden was arrested for reckless driving. Mrs. Weatherly and her companion, Mrs. Johnny Hearn, were uninjured.