

Judge Leo Carr, of Burlington, will preside over the one week civil term of Washington County Superior Court scheduled to convene here October 20, according to an exchange arrangement completed with Judge Henry A. Stevens, of Warsaw, who was originally assigned to the local court. Judge Carr is from the tenth and Judge Stevens from the sixth judicial district.

The "Jenny Jones," a launch owned by R. E. Dunning, was properly christened with wine by Misses Olga Gardner and Linda Stephens at a "ceremony" on the Norfolk Southern dock Monday. The god ship is now ready for the water.

F. I. Hartung and Ira Allen, of Wenona, bagged three bears in as many nights last week, the third animal tipping the scales at 300 pounds. Bears have been after the corn crop of farmers in that section, doing considerable damage. It was said that a drove of at least 20 bears raided the cornfields one night.

Miss Mildred Styons, of the West-over section of Washington County, has been employed as secretary by Carl L. Bailey, local attorney. Miss Styons graduated from the Plymouth High School and has also taken some secretarial training in the school.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Westray have returned from a trip to Jacksonville, Daytona Beach and Silver Springs, Fla. Expenses of the trip were paid by the insurance company for which Mr. Westray works, sale of a specified amount of insurance qualifying agents of the firm for the trip.

A total of 150 persons attended the annual county home demonstration club picnic at Albemarle Sound Tuesday. Charlie Overman led the recreational program. Mrs. Frances M. Darden was in charge of the gathering. Games were played and contests enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Paramore attended a meeting of the Northeastern North Carolina Weekly Newspaper Association at Hotel Hertford in Hertford Saturday night. W. E. Debnam, publisher of the Norfolk News-Index and news commentator, was the principal speaker.

Leo Atamanchuk, of Plymouth, was found not guilty of operating an automobile while under the influence of intoxicants by the Tyrrell County recorder's court Wednesday. He was arrested on this charge as the result of his automobile turning over in that county sometime ago. No one was seriously injured in the accident.

Fred Hoyle Resigns Coaching Job Here

Fred Hoyle, of Zebulon, yesterday telephoned H. H. McLean, county superintendent of public instruction, that he was resigning as teacher and athletic coach at the Plymouth High School to take a similar position under Henry House with the Rocky Mount High School.

Hoyle, who has been playing baseball with the Williamson club in the Coastal Plain League this season, is regarded as a splendid teacher and coach, and officiating for a good season under his direction and were taken by surprise when he resigned. It is understood that Hoyle is to get \$1,400 for the term at Rocky Mount, against \$1,100 on the local job. While Mr. Hoyle's contract calls for 30-day notice, it is believed he will be released at once and another teacher-coach obtained.

This year marks the third in succession that the coach employed for the local school has resigned at the last minute.

Town Budget and Tax Rate To Be Considered

It is understood that a committee from the Town of Plymouth Council will meet Friday to consider a budget for the coming year and to fix the tax rate.

City Clerk M. W. Spruill said that while he could not predict what the new rate would be he felt assured it would not be raised. He declined to speculate on the possibility of a reduction.

The present rate is \$2 per \$100 of valuation. Extension of the city limits added considerable property, but it will not be put on the tax books until January of next year, and taxes will not become due in the added area until the fiscal year of 1942.

Trash Removal Service Extended To Territory Recently Added by Town

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It was stated that the small crew and single truck available for this work would have an additional lot of work put on it by the extension of service, but the town officials here agreed that it was time to start giving this service to citizens in the newly acquired territory.

Little or No Change Seen In County Gasoline Sales Since Early Closing Began

Averages of 24 To 27 Cents Reported on Opening Sales, With Prices Ranging From 1 To 44 Cents; Up 6 To 8 Cents Pound Over Year Ago

Little or no change has been noted in gasoline consumption in Washington County since the filling stations began operating only from 7 a. m. to 7 p. m., about a week ago, according to a survey made this week. Most of the stations in the county, along with about 100,000 others along the eastern seaboard are adhering strictly to the new hours, recommended by Harold L. Ickes, defense coordinator for petroleum.

John Swinson, local distributor of Sinclair products, said that his business in gasoline was showing an upward trend, sales last week being about 8 per cent higher than usual.

Christmas Lights May Be Given Up

Although no official action has been taken and not even considered in many cases, there is a possibility that Plymouth, along with all the other towns in North Carolina may be asked to forego the installation of Christmas street lights this year.

Winston-Salem already has adopted the proposal and has sent out feelers to many other towns, seeking their reaction and sentiment regarding the elimination of Christmas lighting.

The plan is designed to conserve electricity and also materials such as copper wire needed so badly in the defense program.

Deepening of River Channel From 12 To 14 Feet Is Completed

Work Started 11 Months Ago Was Completed This Morning

A crew of 23 men, working under the direction of Captain M. O. Wakefield, of Norfolk, this morning concluded dredging operations on Roanoke River that deepened the channel from 12 to 14 feet in the 80-mile stretch from Palmyra to the mouth of the river.

It was understood today that the dredge, "Charleston," owned by the Norfolk Dredging Company, will leave immediately to make way for a derrick which will pull up stumps and remove snags from the river, which is becoming increasingly important as a shipping thoroughfare.

Work was started on the dredging operations 11 months ago and concluded at 6:15 this morning. The work was carried on 24 hours daily, with the men working in three shifts. The channel was widened to 150 feet in some places.

Contribution to Old North State Fund Acknowledged

Chairman Carl L. Bailey has received acknowledgment from state headquarters of the Old North State Fund for \$117 contributed by organizations and individuals in Plymouth and vicinity. This is \$17 more than the county quota originally assigned. It was stated that no individual receipts will be mailed to contributors in order to save expenses. Mr. Bailey received a blank receipt for the entire \$117 turned in from this county. The money was given as part of the \$75,000 fund sought in North Carolina for purchasing an ambulance plane and donating it to England.

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For a long number of years Mr. Chesson had been a faithful and loyal member of the Zion Chapel church. The respect with which he was held was reflected in the many beautiful floral tributes at the service. During the last rites a vacant chair stood by the casket covered with Easter lilies, asters, and baby breath.

Mr. Chesson is survived by his widow, Mrs. Maggie Knowles Chesson; two sons, Clyde Chesson, of Plymouth, and Grady Chesson, of Edenton; and five daughters: Mrs. Cottie Chesson Berry, Plymouth; Mrs. L. V. Chesson, Roper; Mrs. H. E. Daniels, Dardens; Mrs. J. H. Palmer, Bumpass, Va.; and Mrs. Lloyd Davenport, of Columbia. He also leaves two brothers, A. M. Chesson, of Roper, and Marks Chesson, of Williamston.

Wenona Test Farm All-Weather Road Now Seems Assured

Governor Has Told Agriculture Commissioner That Plans Being Studied

The Blackland Experiment Station at Wenona will be the sixth test farm in North Carolina to have an all-weather road leading to it from an important highway with the completion of plans now under consideration by Governor J. M. Broughton, according to Commissioner of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott.

Commissioner Scott estimated that 75,000 persons annually visit the six test farms and the interest of Governor Broughton in securing all-weather roads for the Wenona station is considered by agricultural leaders as a magnificent contribution to the farm life of the state.

Under the plan announced by Governor Broughton to connect the Blackland station with a hard-surfaced road, temporary State Highway No. 99, known locally as the Turnpike Road, which connects with state Highway No. 32 and extends to the farm, and thence through Pungo to Pantego on U. S. No. 264, a distance of approximately 18.5 miles would either be paved or have an all-weather surface.

I am deeply interested in having this important (Wenona) test farm served by roads which will enable the people in that section to have free and easy access to this farm," Governor Broughton told Commissioner Scott, "as I was much impressed with the work that is being done at this test farm."

Though this news was released last week, the quotations from Governor Broughton are substantially the same as those made when he visited the test farm on July 24 for the annual farmers field day.

Merchants Meeting Held Monday Night

The Plymouth Merchants Association, in session here Monday night, appointed a committee, composed of J. R. Manning, J. R. Campbell and E. E. Harrell to determine whether or not it was lawful for clerks in stores to work more than 55 hours a week. It is found that the clerks cannot work more than 55 hours per week unless paid overtime, then it is possible the merchants will continue the mid-week half holidays on Wednesday afternoons through the winter months.

The merchants also donated \$10 of the \$150 being raised by Ellis Myles, local golf professional, as a guarantee for a P. G. A.-sanctioned amateur golf tournament at the local club in September.

A committee was also asked to get in touch with union members and determine at what hour the united workers would like to have the merchants close their stores on Labor Day.

J. W. Darden To Become Postmaster Here Friday

John W. Darden said today that he would officially become postmaster of Plymouth tomorrow morning, succeeding the late George W. Hardison, whose sudden death about two weeks came as a shock to the entire community.

For several days, Mr. Darden has been completing arrangements to enter upon the post for which he was recommended by Representative Hertford. He will take over Friday morning. It is expected that Mr. Darden will resign as judge of the recorder's court as soon as he is established in his new job. There has been no indication yet as to who will be appointed to succeed him as recorder.

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Baptist Church Here Calls Momemeyer Man

An official call was issued to the Rev. J. M. Johnson, of Momemeyer, to become pastor of the Ludford Memorial Baptist church here after the minister had conducted services at the local church last Sunday. The visiting minister asked time for consideration.

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10 Colored Men To Leave Next Week

Ten colored men have been examined and will leave the county Friday of next week, August 22, for Fort Bragg, near Fayetteville, for induction into the army for training, it was learned today from Clerk S. A. Ward, of the local Selective Service Board.

The following have been ordered to report on the 22nd: From Plymouth: Percy Jesse Exum, order No. 264; James Joyner, order No. 302; Frank Holley, order No. 511; Louis Sheppard Wynne, order No. 559; Edison Jasper Cooper, order No. 668; Ernest Fenner, order No. 571; Cornelius Boston, order No. 582; and Joe Hassell Boyd, order No. 596. From Roper: Ernest Lee Myers, order No. 360; Lemone Junior Moore, order No. 539.

Over 300 Persons at Scuppernon Farms Field Day Thursday

Creswell.—More than 300 persons attended the third annual field day for the Scuppernon Farms project of the FSA on the shores of Lake Phelps last Thursday.

A playlet, entitled, "Television Neighborhood Chat," which told the story of life on the project, was presented in the community building, with the following taking part: Mrs. Blanche Kutrell, Lundy Bowen, Mrs. Kelly Phelps, Mrs. Murray Lewis, Miss Dorothy Spring, Mrs. Charlie Spring, Miss Ruth Spruill, Miss Eleanor Spruill, Miss Louise Phelps, Mr. and Mrs. William Brickhouse, Robert Tarlington, Grover Spear, Lindsay Spruill, Milford L. McKeel, Jesse Jones, Andy Batey, William and Hazel McKeel, Miss Margaret Phelps, Misses Irma Spruill and Ruby Bowen.

Exhibits of canning, proper diet, growing crops, soils, laundry unit, toys, health, clothes, weaving, and right and wrong ways of living were shown in the community building. A play given in connection with the clothing display showed a complete lady's wardrobe for \$10. Taking part in this were Mrs. Julian Swain, Miss Estelle Tweedy and Miss Mary Blanch Strickland, of Columbia.

Judges awarded prizes to the following: Canning contest, Mrs. Mitchell Spear, first; Mrs. Murray Lewis, second; Mrs. Paul B. Davenport, third; Sewing: Miss Eleanor Spruill, first; Miss Ruth Spruill, second; and Miss Ruby Bowen, third.

A picnic lunch was served on the grounds of Pettigrew Park at noon. Horseshoe pitching, volley ball, and children's games were played in the afternoon. The day's events came to a close with a square dance at night, the music being provided by a Creswell string band, with Bill Brickhouse and Robert Tarlington calling the figures.

County Gets Call for 15 White Selectees To Leave for Army on September 15th

There is a strong probability that some of the 21-year-olds of Washington County who registered for selective service July 1 will be included in the group of 15 white men who will be sent to the armed forces of the nation on Monday, September 15, when official call No. 17 is to be supplied.

Clerk S. A. Ward, of the local selective service board, this week mailed the last of the questionnaires to the 73 young men who reached their 21st birthday before October 16, when the first registration was held, and July 1, when the second registration took place.

It is understood that the names of those who registered July 1 will be filtered into the old list of order numbers, with the new registrants taking their regular turn every 17 numbers. All of those with order numbers under 516 are subject to call for service within a very short time.

The local board, composed of E. S. Blount, chairman, J. R. Manning, and Clyde Smithson, met Tuesday night to classify those whose questionnaires had been returned up to that time.

Regular Meeting of Town Council Held Here Tuesday Night

Councilmen Get Committee Assignments; Norman Is Made Mayor Pro Tem

Members of the Town of Plymouth Council were assigned to committees by Mayor B. G. Campbell at a delayed monthly meeting of the group held in the municipal building Tuesday night, with all of the six councilmen present.

The list of committees follows: Finance and purchasing: James W. Norman and E. E. Harrell; water, sewer and street committee: C. E. Ayers and A. J. Riddle; police and fire department: A. J. Riddle and G. R. Leggett; street cleaning, garbage and lights: J. R. Manning and J. W. Norman.

James W. Norman was named mayor pro tem in order to have authority to act on any matters which come up in the absence of Mayor B. G. Campbell.

W. L. Whitely was named as town attorney for a consideration of \$150 per year. He succeeds Zeb Vance Norman in this capacity.

It was reported to the council that W. H. Boedker was doing a good job in painting the town's water tank; and they were willing to accept the report at face value, since none of them had mounted or has any desire to mount the ladder leading to the top of the tank to gain first-hand information on the painter's progress.

The following employees were granted raises to make their weekly salaries total as follows: Policemen Paul Basnight and G. R. Coburn, \$27.50 each; J. E. Bratten, \$25; and Joe Weede, \$19.

Drivers of County School Buses Being Trained for Work

School Under Direction of Highway Patrolman; 35 In Attendance

Thirty-five drivers and assistant drivers of school buses in Washington County are going to school one day each week in order to become more efficient in the safe operation of their vehicles for the protection of their passengers, it was learned this week from Corporal T. B. Brown, of the State Highway Patrol.

There are 20 regular bus drivers, and on practically every bus there will be an assistant, who, while not actually an operator of the vehicle, will have the duties of a conductor, seeing that the children behave, that they get on and off the buses safely and performing such other duties as will permit the driver to give his entire attention to the operation of the bus.

Including in the course of instruction they are to receive is the actual supervised operation of the bus for about 50 miles. Before awarding certificates of proficiency, a physical examination will be given the drivers by the district health office.

Corporal Brown said the bus operators were making good progress in their work, and by the time school starts it is hoped they will have completed the course and be ready for the steady eight-month grind of delivering their students to and from school.

Six Boys and Girls From Scuppernon at Camp

Six boys and girls of high-school age from the Scuppernon Farms project near Creswell spent this week at the Farm Security Administration Camp at Penderlea, near Wallace, where they enjoyed recreation, study and other camping activities.

Each of the young folk paid \$1.50 in cash and carried their own bedding and some farm produce, and they were reported to be having a good time.

Miss Emma L. Felton, home management supervisor for Scuppernon Farms, was in charge of the boys and girls from this county and also acted as recreation leader at the camp, attended by 60 boys and girls.

Those going from the Scuppernon Farms were Albert Norman, Jack Springs, Mary Lewis, Louise Phelps, William McKeel and Dorothy Springs.