

Representative W. M. Darden returned home this week from Nags Head, where he went to attend a meeting of the Kennel Club. There were 30 of the members of the last legislature present at the meeting. He reported a very enjoyable trip.

Walter Moore, farmer of the Cool Spring section, said today that he killed a rattlesnake with 10 rattles and a button in a bean field last week. The reptile was 4 1/2 feet long.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dunning attended the funeral of C. H. Rabon, who died in Chadbourn, Tuesday. Mr. Rabon was well known in the county, having formerly been teacher of vocational agriculture in the Creswell school. At the time of his death he was employed by the Farm Security Administration.

A meeting of the WPA advisory board for the county is being held in the courthouse this afternoon, and an exhibit is being shown concerning lunch rooms and canning centers. Mrs. Kathleen Nobles, WPA supervisor for lunch rooms in Martin and Washington Counties, reported on her work.

Harold E. Vick, of Dallas, Texas, area representative of the Surplus Marketing Administration of the United States Department of Agriculture, was here last week checking up on the cooperation rendered by this section in the campaign to increase the use of peaches.

J. E. Bowen and G. P. Askew of the Long Acre section, caught a bear that had been raiding their cornfield recently. The bear, caught in a steel trap, weighed 125 pounds and was the second killed by them this season.

Victor E. Everett, salesman for the House Chevrolet Company, returned last week-end from a weeks' trip to Lake Lure, where he visited friends. He also went to Asheville while in the western part of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Liverman are in New York this week purchasing fall and winter merchandise. Reports are that merchandise in some lines is scarce and prices higher. They are expected to return the last of the week.

Momeyer Minister Accepts Local Call

The Rev. J. M. Johnson, of Momeyer, has accepted the call of the Ludford Memorial Baptist church here this week that he had decided to accept the call issued by the church and that he would enter upon the work here on the first Sunday in October.

Mr. Johnson is a graduate of Wake Forest College and has been pastor of two churches in and near Momeyer for four and a half years. He spoke at morning and evening services in the church here on Sunday, August 10, and the call was extended to the minister at that time.

The Rev. R. H. Lucas will continue to occupy the pulpit of the church at the morning and evening services Sundays in the capacity of supply pastor until Mr. Johnson arrives.

Revival Series in Progress At Creswell This Week

The Rev. R. R. Jackson, of Harrellsville, has been conducting a series of revival services in the Creswell Baptist church this week. Services are being held at 11 in the mornings and each night at 7:30, eastern standard time.

He is being assisted by Dr. G. A. Martin, pastor, who said that the public was cordially invited to attend.

Creswell Minister To Hold Revival at Pleasant Grove

Rev. M. R. GARDNER, Pastor. Revival services will be conducted in the Pleasant Grove Methodist church each evening at 8 o'clock for one week, beginning Sunday evening, August 31, and closing Sunday morning, September 7. Rev. N. N. Pitts, church, will be the preacher. Mr. Pitts has been a pastor for a number of years and is a very earnest and consecrated preacher of the Gospel. Everyone will be benefited by his messages.

A special service for the children and young people will be conducted prior to the regular services and will begin each evening at 7:45. There will be special music. Everyone is invited to join in this revival effort.

Frank L. Brinkley Named to Succeed James W. Norman on Welfare Board

Frank L. Brinkley has been named a member of the Washington County Board of Public Welfare to succeed James W. Norman, who resigned because of the pressure of private business affairs.

Mr. Brinkley has served in various county offices in the last several years, including that of chairman of the board of county commissioners, chairman of the board of elections, member of the local school board, and for years was a school teacher. At the present time Mr. Brinkley is employed in the laboratory at the North Carolina Pulp Co.

Last of Wednesday Half-Holidays Was Observed by Stores Here This Week

Local merchants and business men observed the last of their mid-week half-day holiday yesterday, and beginning with next Wednesday the stores will remain open that day as on all others. It was announced today by J. W. Norman, president of the merchants association, as the result of a referendum held among members of the association. Earlier, it had been announced that the Wednesday closing would be continued indefinitely, but members of the association this week voted to return to the "business

as usual" program in effect before the half-holidays began last spring.

Mr. Norman said he wished to express the appreciation of the merchants and their employees to the public for cooperating with them in making the summer half holidays possible.

It was also announced that local merchants would close their stores next Monday all day to join in observance of the Labor Day program here and at Albemarle Beach. The bank and post office will also be closed.

Three Families Move To New Development

Examination for Postmaster Here

An open competitive examination to fill the vacancy in the position as postmaster in Plymouth has been announced by the United States Civil Service Commission at the request of the Postmaster General.

Applicants for examination must be citizens of the United States, must have actually resided within the delivery of the Plymouth post office, or within the city or town in which this office is located for at least one year preceding the date fixed for receipt of applications, must be in good physical condition, and within the prescribed age limits.

Full information and application forms may be obtained at the Plymouth post office from Miss Mary Gardner, secretary of the Civil Service here, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C. Applications must be on file in the commission's office at Washington, D. C., not later than Tuesday, September 9.

First in Number of Compensation Cases Tried in Court Here

Colored Workman Is Fined \$25 and Costs for Giving False Information

George T. Downing, 37, colored, was arraigned in recorder's court Tuesday morning on a charge of making false statements to Unemployment Compensation Commission representatives to obtain increased benefits. He was the first of a long list of defendants expected to be brought to trial in this section in similar cases.

The charge contained in the warrant against Downing reads: "That the defendant did on August 10, 17, 24, and 31; September 7, 14, 21 and 28; October 5 and 12, 1939, did make a false statement and representation, knowing it to be false, and did knowingly fail to disclose a material fact to an employee of the Unemployment Compensation Commission of North Carolina, to obtain and increase benefits under the Unemployment Compensation law of North Carolina while filing claims." The warrant was signed by W. T. Cross, a representative of the UCC.

E. F. Still, president and manager of the Plymouth Box and Panel Company, and M. C. Ross, a representative of the UCC, with the chief witnesses. Downing was employed by the Plymouth Box & Panel Company, and the evidence showed that he was receiving \$3 unemployment compensation per week because he failed to show his full earnings for several of the weeks.

Judge of the Recorder's Court Gaylor sentenced the defendant to 30 days on the roads, suspended upon payment of \$25 and costs. The defendant agreed to pay the fine and costs imposed.

Several more cases of like nature are scheduled to be brought to the court in the near future. It was said a total of about 60 are in the group.

First 3 of 38 Houses Nearing Completion Occupied This Week

Talk Heard That Another 30 Houses May Be Built On Other Side Town

Three families have moved into the new dwellings being completed in the new development located on property formerly known as "Brinkley's Woods," just west of the Plymouth town limits. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cruickshank and family moved into the first house made available last Monday. They were followed by Mr. and Mrs. Wollard Jett, who moved into another of the houses on Tuesday; and Mr. and Mrs. Walter King moved into the third home Wednesday.

The three houses occupied this week have not been completely finished, it is understood, but the owners plan to do much of the remaining work themselves. There are 38 houses to be constructed in the development, it is understood.

The houses are being built for employees of the North Carolina Pulp Company, which has arranged for financial assistance for the workers in paying for the new homes. Each occupant will become owner of the house in which he lives after residing there for a certain number of years, the money paid as rent being applied on the purchase price.

A half acre of ground is available with each of the houses, which have five and six rooms. A well is being dug at each for the water supply.

Unconfirmed reports state that another low-rent development is being planned on the other side of town, on Highway 32, south of Plymouth. It was reported that about 30 houses would be built there, providing living quarters for some 60 to 70 families in the two developments.

Add New Courses in Local School Under 12th-Grade Program

New Subjects Designed to Meet Demand for Vocational Training

In order to be in line with the State program for the twelfth grade the local school is broadening the course of study; the academic and cultural subjects required for college entrance are being left intact but the new courses are designed to meet the growing demand for vocational training.

An advanced course in Agriculture under W. S. Moore will give extensive research and practice to farm pupils; this course according to Mr. Moore is for those students of Agriculture who intend following this vocation and have made outstanding progress in the prescribed courses. The course will be limited as to membership. Mr. Moore will also give instruction in Shop Work which will be open to boys who are interested in working with tools; this course will give instruction in elementary carpentry, the reading of blue prints and also some work in cabinet making.

The commercial course which made such splendid progress last year under the instruction of Mrs. Hough will be broadened in order to give the student more complete office training; the course in business administration and office practice will be added. This is a tuition course since the teacher is not allotted by the State, following is a schedule of fees:

Typing, \$2.00 per month; shorthand, \$1.00 per month; bookkeeping, \$1.00 per month; and office practice, \$1.00 per month. If a student wishes to take all four courses the entire course may be had for \$4.00 per month.

Beginning this year Plymouth High School will offer a certificate in Commercial Education to the pupil who majors in this field the junior and senior years of school. Upon the completion of this two-year course a pupil will be ready to do office and secretarial work.

Deliver Over 32,000 Books to Schools in County This Week

Enrollment Total of 3,228 Expected According to Superintendent

Textbooks are being distributed to the various white and colored schools of Washington County this week for use by the estimated 3,228 students expected to begin the 1941-42 term Monday, according to H. H. McLean, superintendent of public instruction. The estimate indicates an enrollment of 1,717 colored and 1,511 white children.

Elementary schools are receiving a total of 26,827 books and 5,804 are going to the high schools, making a grand total of 32,631 books being distributed this week. It was hoped that the number of books would be sufficient to care for all students. In addition to the books distributed this week a number of supplementary texts were left in the several school book rooms at the end of last term.

Rental fees for supplementary books are as follows: Grades 1 and 2, \$1; grades 3, 4, and 5, \$1.20; grades 6 and 7, \$1.40. In addition there is a small fee in practically all schools for materials used. The fee varies according to the amount of materials to be used, ranging from 30 to 50 cents.

All elementary basal textbooks are furnished free by the state, and all high school books are rented at a flat fee of \$2.40 for the session. This, of course, does not include band books or any work books.

It was explained that the enrollment at the beginning of the term is expected to be even larger than the figure of 3,228 given above, since this was based on the average daily attendance last year. There was an average daily attendance of 1,118 in the white elementary and 393 in the white high schools; 1,477 in the colored elementary and 240 in colored high schools.

REA Power Lines to Serve Rural Homes Planned for County

Eighty Farm Families Over 35-Mile Route Would Be Served

Plans for bringing Rural Electrification Authority power to about 80 or more families in Washington County, which will include the construction of about 35 miles of power lines, were discussed by a group of farmers in County Agent W. V. Hays' office in the agriculture building here last Friday night.

Present at the meeting were John H. Allen, of the Long Acre section, vice president of the Woodstock Electric Membership Cooperative for Washington County; Charlie W. Bowen, of Chesson; J. G. Gurganus, of Glimmer Avers, and others.

W. W. Bullock, of near Belhaven, is president of the organization, with Mr. Allen as vice president of this county. Senator W. B. Rodman, jr., of Washington, is attorney for the cooperative. The organization has members in Beaufort, Hyde, and Washington Counties, and it will likely be expanded to cover Tyrrell.

Surveys are being made for about 150 to 200 miles of electric power lines in the counties covered. There are about 35 miles of lines scheduled for this county so far. They will run from Pantego by Wenona down the Long Acre road and east to E. H. Liverman's farm in the Chapel Hill section, reaching Highway No. 64 at The Pines.

The organization has applied for a state charter, which it is believed will be granted. The local men have met every requirement for the charter, and they believe it will soon be issued despite obstacles which may be met on account of national defense requirements.

Members wishing to avail themselves of current over REA lines must pay a \$5 deposit to cover expenses undergone by the organization, which helps to pay the \$60 cost of the charter; and it was said that current for the first year will be retailed at about \$2.50 per month. Each person contracting for current gets a transformer for his line and up to 1,000 feet of wire. Contracts are signed for a year and no one can enter into an agreement for less than 12 months. It is believed the current will be cheaper than \$2.50 monthly after the first year.

It is understood that the organization is negotiating for current with four different sources, but it is believed that either the Washington municipal plant or the Virginia Electric and Power Company are most likely to get the contracts if the rates for current are satisfactory.

Revival Services Held at Terra Ceia During Week

A revival meeting is being held at the Terra Ceia Christian church this week by the Rev. Preston Clayton, of Edenton. The revival will continue through Sunday, August 31. All are invited to attend the services, which start each evening at 8 o'clock, eastern standard time.

Organized Workmen Sponsor Labor Day Observance Here

Term Begins Monday For Schools in County

Declare Everything In Readiness Here For Initial Sessions

Add Teacher To Faculty as Record Enrollment Expected at Opening

By R. B. TROTMAN, Principal

School buildings are being cleaned and put in readiness for the opening of the school term next Monday, September 1. An adequate supply of text books is in the school book room. Pupils in the first three grades will report this year to the Hampton Building and pupils in grades four through eleven will report to the high school building; there will be no fourth grade at Hampton this year. Our enrollment and attendance last year earned for the school an additional grammar grade teacher, thus reducing the number of combination grades from three to one. Patrons are urged to enroll their children on the first day of school and to have them attend regularly. This will be a decided advantage to the progress of the pupil because classes will begin the second day of school, and each day lost by the child puts him that many days behind the class; it will be an advantage to the school attendance record and may be the means of securing an additional teacher at the end of the first two weeks. The State will allot additional teachers at the end of this period if the enrollment and attendance justify it.

We are very happy to have the new comers in our community and those who have children of school age are assured that their children will make a welcome addition to our school and will be shown every consideration and courtesy possible. We urge parents of children just coming into our school to visit the school and feel free to call upon teachers and principal for any information and assistance in placing your child.

As we approach the beginning of a new school year let me solicit the continued co-operation of the public in the operation of the Plymouth Schools. This is a PUBLIC school whose mission is to serve all alike. We welcome all suggestions and recommendations made for the school as a whole and it is the duty of all interested patrons as individuals or as a group to consider the interests and welfare of ALL children in school and to make their recommendations accordingly, since a public school can not formulate policies which benefit a few. Let us not "agitgate" or "work up sentiment" either for or against a school policy until we have considered it from the standpoint of all whom the school serves, and until it has been discussed with the school faculty and principal, those immediately in charge of the school.

This year we are fortunate to have only one combination grade in the whole system, with two teachers in grade. We request the co-operation of parents with school officials with regard to the placement of pupils with regard to teacher. The policy this year is to arrange all pupils in each grade alphabetically then divide the group equally between the two teachers without regard to who the child is or the ranking of the child in the group; there will be no high and low sections. We hope parents will this year refrain from requesting that their child be placed in some particular group since this often places child, parent and teacher in a very embarrassing position.

Pupils transferring from other schools and entering the Plymouth Schools for the first time are required to furnish a record of work completed in the school last attended. Elementary pupils will be required to present the report card from the last school and high school pupils will be required to present a complete record of all high school work done elsewhere.

School will begin the new session on Monday morning, September 1, at 8:30 Daylight Time. By a ruling of the County Board of Education school will be dismissed at 11:00 a. m. Monday on account of Labor Day observances. Beginning Tuesday the regular full day schedule will be followed.

Expect Record Enrollment In Local Schools Monday

A record enrollment in the Plymouth High School is indicated this year by the number registering during the four orientation sessions held Monday and Tuesday, when 106 pupils reported, against 60 for the same sessions held last year, according to Principal R. B. Trotman.

Mr. Trotman said that only a few rural students registered and that a large number of children in town did not appear. A total of 608 was enrolled in the white schools here last term and 567 in the 1939-40 term.

WILL SPEAK HERE



Representative Herbert C. Bonner of the first congressional district, will be one of the principal speakers at the Labor Day celebration sponsored by organized labor here next Monday.

Herbert Bonner and 2 Representatives of AFL Main Speakers

Parade and Speaking Will Be Held Here; Other Events at Beach

Workers of Washington and Martin Counties are expected to participate in the fourth annual Labor Day celebration sponsored by 900 members of organized labor, to be held here next Monday, with a parade, speeches, barbecue, dancing, and other entertainment events scheduled. Practically all local places of business, including the stores, bank and post office, will be closed the entire day, marking the first time in recent years that Labor Day has been observed as a general holiday in Plymouth.

Heading the program of activities will be the program at the Plymouth Theatre, beginning at 12 noon, when Herbert C. Bonner, representative in Congress from the first congressional district, and Homer Humble, of Mobile, Ala., a representative of the American Federation of Labor, will be the principal speakers. Both of these men are expected to bring very helpful and interesting messages to all who hear them.

Prefacing the speeches by the two visitors will be the invocation by the Rev. R. H. Lucas; and John N. Carr, president of Local No. 356, International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers, will preside over the program. The principal speakers will be presented by Mr. Carr, who will serve as spokesman for the organized groups here. Brief talks by a number of well known men here and in Martin Counties will also probably be included on the program.

Union men who participate in the parade are asked to gather at the Labor Temple at 10:30. The parade will start at 11 o'clock, proceeding west down Water Street to Jefferson, south on Jefferson to Fort Williams, east down Fort Williams to Washington, north down Washington to the community mall, east down Water to Grace Episcopal church, south down Madison to Main, west down Main to Washington, and thence to the Plymouth theatre for the noon program.

The parade will be led by the Plymouth High School Band, under the direction of L. W. Zeigler. Several hundred working men and women are expected to be in the line of march and about a dozen firms will have floats. The floats are to gather at the east end of Water Street at 10:30 to be assigned their positions.

Immediately after the speaking in the theatre, the celebrators will go to Albemarle Beach, where an entertainment program has been arranged. Barbecue will be served from 3 to 4:30 and again from 6 to 7:30. Boat races will be enjoyed and L. W. Gurkin, owner of the beach, is arranging other special events for the occasion.

At 8 o'clock, Charles Coles, of (Continue on page four)

Tobacco Loans May Be Made Producers If Necessity Arises

Hutson Says Commodity Credit Corporation To Protect Prices

At the request of some of the tobacco farmers in Northeastern North Carolina the Peanut Stabilization Cooperative, Incorporated, arranged for a conference with J. B. Hutson, President of Commodity Credit Corporation, Washington, D. C. to discuss the manner and method that could be used by tobacco growers in obtaining 85 per cent of parity loans on tobacco, if such loans should prove to be necessary to protect the tobacco growers' interest during the approaching tobacco marketing season. A committee consisting of 3 members of the board of Directors of Peanut Stabilization Cooperative, Incorporated and the following tobacco growers attended the conference with Mr. Hutson in Washington, D. C. last Wednesday morning:

T. R. Whitehead, Halifax County; R. L. Corbett, Edgecombe County; R. V. Knight, Edgecombe County; C. L. Green, Martin County; Hugh Roberson, Martin County; J. B. Pearing, Bertie County; L. E. Hassell, Washington County; and R. C. Holland, Chowan County. Also present at the conference were H. T. Westcott, Marketing Specialist, North Carolina Department of Agriculture, and E. F. Arnold, of Raleigh.

Mr. Hutson assured those attending the meeting that if the level of prices on tobacco should decline below the parity level and it should appear that it would work to the advantage of the tobacco growers to obtain loans from Commodity Credit Corporation, that Commodity Credit Corporation would take immediate and effective steps to protect the interest of the tobacco growers under the authority of law for granting loans to them by Commodity Credit Corporation. The assurances of Mr. Hutson were entirely satisfactory to the group; and the group left the conference with the feeling that the tobacco growers' interest would be amply and quickly protected under the loan provisions of law to insure, at least prices equivalent to 85 per cent of parity.

Tobacco Averages Pleasing Farmers

Prices of tobacco were reported to be holding firm at levels from 7 to 12 cents higher than last year on North Carolina's new Bright Belt markets, which opened Tuesday, with farmers jubilant over averages from \$26 to \$30 per 100 pounds. Prices on the 14 markets ranged from 2 cents for poorer grades to 50 cents for the choice types. Cigarette tobaccos were considered bringing the best prices, a majority of this leaf selling at from 22 to 39 cents per pound, with all the domestic companies buying briskly throughout the belt.

Official averages of the markets for the opening day sales ranged from \$26.16 at Kinston to \$30 at Robertsonville. The Wilson average was reported at \$28.63; Greenville, \$28.61; Goldsboro, \$29.74; and Williamston, \$29.91.

Roper Has Both Stoplight and Caution Light; Board Will Decide Which To Use

A special meeting of the Town of Roper commissioners will be held Monday night to decide the kind of signal light to be used to control traffic on the main street of the town, which is also U. S. Highway No. 64 and temporary U. S. 17, according to Mayor Henry Starr Everett.

Increased traffic some months ago caused the town to install a stoplight at the principal intersection there. Since then, some opposition has been expressed to the light, and the mayor was advised by highway patrolmen and district highway commission officials that a caution light would be more suitable. Accordingly, a

caution light was purchased for installation at the intersection, but this week Mayor Everett was presented a petition, signed by about 100 persons, asking that the stoplight be continued in preference to the blinker signal.

As matters now stand, the town has a \$31 caution light and an \$85 stoplight, both paid for. Some of the citizens want one kind and some the other. Safety and the proper handling of traffic are the object of both lights; so the forecast now is that the caution light may be tried out for a few days, to measure its advantages, if any, over the stoplight; and whichever is found most effective will be used permanently.