

Wilbur Sexton, of Roper, tells of an experience he underwent while wriggling under a house built close to the ground to wire it for electricity there recently. Midway, he espied a rattlesnake. And the snake espied him. He suffered slight bruises and skinned limbs in his rapid trip back from under the house.

J. R. Manning, Roscoe Browning, Melvin Boyd and Bill Roebuck left Tuesday for New York City to attend the first two World Series games between the Brooklyn Dodgers and the New York Yankees. They will return tomorrow after seeing the games yesterday and today.

The Rev. M. R. Gardner here were three additions to the Pleasant Grove Methodist church as the result of a revival held recently by the Rev. C. N. Pitts, of Creswell, and himself. The three new members chose immersion as their method of baptism.

Mrs. Harry Gurkin has been elected a teacher in the high school department of the Plymouth schools, as the result of the increased allotment brought about by the attendance figures for the first two weeks. Mrs. Gurkin formerly taught in Williamson.

Roy Davenport, of Creswell, in town Wednesday, said his section could use a little rain. And he said he would rather see the rain come now than sometime ago, when it would have been in time to make the cotton-boll weevil thrive.

W. W. Ange said this week he could not imagine how a stuffed squirrel he found on a wooded tract near here while surveying could have gotten there. It was the handiwork of a taxidermist, but why should it be deerp in a forest, he asks?

Carrie Pierce, colored woman of the Mackeys section, has grown a large pumpkin shaped exactly like a watermelon. There have been many larger pumpkins grown in this county, but it is not believed that there has been one produced which looked any more like a watermelon, both in color and shape.

Tom Stubbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Stubbs, this week sent a copy of Gold and Black, Wake Forest College paper, to The Beacon which contained a boost for Coach Louis Trunzo. The article is reprinted elsewhere in this paper.

Hansel Davenport has succeeded Sam Bass as clerk in the A & P Food Stores here. Mr. Bass has gone to the University of Aeronautics at Jackson, Miss., to take an advanced course in aerial navigation.

Principal of School Voices Thanks for Sports Program Aid

Says Many Have Helped in Making Possible Athletic Activities This Year

For the student body, the football squad, and the faculty of Plymouth High School, I wish to express appreciation for the material and moral support given the athletic program of the local school, Principal R. B. Trotman said today.

The principal continued, "The showing made at the game with Maneto last Friday night at Kleckhefer Park was evidence of splendid cooperation. This was the first time that Plymouth has had night football, and this was made possible through the generosity of officials of the North Carolina Pulp Company. We wish to publicly thank E. L. Walker, H. H. Fish, J. Corbett Swain, and Mr. Phillips for their personal efforts and interest in making the park available."

"To Dr. T. L. Bray, J. R. Manning and Chief P. W. Brown we are indebted for their activity in promoting a drive to sell tickets and raise funds for equipment for the team," said Principal Trotman, "and there are many others too numerous to print who had a big part in making this program a success. Without the cooperation of each one who contributed in any way, we would not have been able to put on such an athletic program."

"To the citizens of Plymouth, the merchants, the professional men and officials of the North Carolina Pulp Company, we are deeply grateful."

Mobile Army Outfit Passes Through Here Saturday Bound for War Games

Traveling in 302 vehicles and forming a column nearly 10 miles long, 1,500 men and officers of the 244th Coast Artillery and of Company A, 80th Quartermaster Battalion, passed thru Plymouth Saturday, en route from Camp Pendleton, Va., to the fall maneuvers in the vicinity of Wadesboro and Hoffman.

Under the command of Lieut. Col. E. T. H. Colvin, the convoy entered North Carolina Saturday morning about 7:15 on U. S. 17; the column came through Plymouth, where it turned off on No. 64 to Williamson and Bethel, going thence to Greenville and Goldsboro.

The convoy was limited to a maximum speed of 30 miles an

Inducements Are Offered Men From 17 To 50 To Enlist in Naval Reserve

U. S. Navy officials advise registrants under the selective service act that enlistment in the Naval Reserve or the regular Navy exempts them from call by the draft board. In addition special inducements are offered to men between the ages of 17 and 50 to enlist in the Naval Reserve, these inducements including short-term enlistments with the privilege of choosing the type of work they want to do before enlistment.

Regular enlistment in the Naval Reserve is for four years, but Secretary of the Navy Frank Knox now promises those who enroll that they will be released to get back to their civilian jobs as soon as possible after the emergency is over. The rate of pay and chances for advancement

and training in the Naval Reserve are the same as in the regular Navy.

If qualified, a person enlisting in the Naval Reserve may choose the type of work he prefers before he enlists, and it is also pointed out that requirements for the Naval Reserve are not quite as strict as for the regular Navy, men up to 50 being eligible. It was explained that the Navy affords long leaves for vacation. Those enlisting in the Naval Reserve have about 50 trades and vocations to choose from, and a qualified Naval Reservist receives petty officer rating immediately.

Building & Loan Here Now Has All Savings Up To \$5,000 Insured

TO SING SUNDAY



Miss Faison Charlton, of Raleigh, at present a member of the Roper High School faculty, will sing "The Penitent," by Beardsley Van de Water, at the local Methodist Church Sunday morning. Miss Charlton is an outstanding soprano and has been heard quite often over Station WPTF at Raleigh.

New Series of Stock On Sale This Week; Resources Increase

Local Association Can Now Get Funds From Home Loan Bank

Coincident with the opening yesterday of the sale of the 16th series of stock in the Plymouth Building and Loan Association, announcement was made that the organization has just become a member of the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, which insures the investment and deposits of each individual shareholder up to \$5,000. The association is also a member of the Federal Home Loan Bank Corporation, and assets of the organization reached a total of \$66,554.37 on September 30.

It was explained that membership in the Federal Saving and Loan Insurance Corporation is similar to that of banks in the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, effecting as it does Federal guarantee of individual savings up to \$5,000. Membership in the Federal Home Loan Bank Corporation will enable the local association to get long-term loans at low interest for lending to its customers. This will make more funds available through the association for building or remodeling local homes.

Heretofore, the building and loan association has been operated under the supervision of the State Insurance Commission, but by virtue of its connections with the two Federal agencies, it will be operated in the future under the supervision of the national government as well.

The association here is backed by a strong board of directors and officers who have made a success of their own business undertakings. J. C. Tarkenton is president, J. R. Manning is vice president, and W. M. Sprull secretary and treasurer.

The monthly statement, as of September 30, shows that the assets of the organization include \$6,223.12 cash in the bank, \$55,335 in first mortgage loans, \$3,496.25 in stock loans, and \$500 in Federal Home Loan Bank stock, bringing the total to \$66,554.37.

Upon the strength of the double protection afforded stockholders by membership in the Federal agencies, and the sound and progressive policies of the association in the past, the public is urged to purchase stock in the 16th series, dated October 1. It is explained that an investment of 25 cents per share per week means the purchaser will get \$100 for each share at maturity, in about 6 1/2 years. Anyone interested is invited to see any of the directors or stockholders, or Secretary M. W. Sprull at the town clerk's office in the municipal building.

Army Commission Given Roper Man

Sergeant Wilbur E. Arnold, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Arnold, of Roper Route 1, graduated with a class of about 80 officer candidates at the Army Medical Field Service School, Carlisle Barracks, Pa., last Saturday, and when he received his diploma he also received his commission as a second lieutenant in the Medical Administrative Corps.

Enlisted men of the medical department were selected along with Lieutenant Arnold for this course by reason of their excellent military records. They have been under instruction at the Medical Field Service School since last July. One hundred men composed the class at the start, but less than 80 graduated.

The recently promoted officer is the son of E. S. Arnold, who lives in the Pea Ridge section, but who is principal of the Manteo school.

New Baptist Pastor Enters Upon Duties With Local Church

Rev. J. M. Johnson Comes Here From Momeyer; Services Sunday

The Rev. J. M. Johnson, of Momeyer, Tuesday moved into the Baptist parsonage on Third Street and assumed his duties as pastor of the Ludford Memorial Baptist church as successor to the Rev. Paul B. Nickens, who left here September 1 after accepting a call to Murrefsboro.

The new pastor served two churches in and around Momeyer for the last four and a half years. He came here sometime ago for a special service, after which he was invited to take over the pastorate of the church.

The Rev. Mr. Johnson is a graduate of Wake Forest College and is reported to be a pulpit speaker of exceptional ability.

During the month of September, the Rev. R. H. Lucas, local dairyman and former pastor of the church, supplied the church. Mr. Johnson delayed moving to Plymouth for a month in order to give the churches he was serving an opportunity to secure his successor.

Officials of the church urge a large attendance of the membership and friends to hear the minister preach his first sermon as pastor here Sunday morning. He will also preach at the evening hour.

Homecoming Day Will Be Observed At Saints' Delight

Pastor Preston Cayton Expects Large Crowd To Be Present

Homecoming Day at Saints Delight Christian church, near here, will be observed Sunday, with Sunday school at 10 a. m., preaching by the pastor and a service again in the afternoon and at night, according to Preston Cayton, of Edenton, the pastor.

The subject for the morning service will be "Pressing Forward," with the Scripture taken from Philippians 3:14. "Today we see the need of the church pressing forward in the world. We see the need of men and women who are members of the church pressing forward. Let's wife look back when leaving the city. Are we looking back today to the world, wishing for those things which lead us from Christ?" the minister writes.

Mr. Cayton paid particular tribute to W. A. Swain, as the oldest living member of Saints Delight church, stating that "this church, his home, and community come first in his life."

"I have been pastor at Saints Delight for three," the minister said, "and will serve the church another year. Our church board is always on the job. There are members of the church board who have not missed a service in three years."

Everyone is invited to the homecoming Sunday, according to the pastor, who stated that members of the church who have moved away are particularly invited to come and worship at their home church again.

Tom Sawyer Story By Marionettes Is Feature Next Week

Is Third in Series of Four Collins Festival Entertainments Here

The Victor Charles Puppeteers come here on Thursday night, October 9 with their extra large puppets to present Mark Twain's famous comedy "Tom Sawyer" and a rollicking stage revue that features—in extraordinary life-like puppets—such personalities as Mae West, Clark Gable, Sonja Henie, Greta Garbo, Myrna Loy, and other interesting types and characters. The show is sponsored by the Plymouth Lions Club.

In "Tom Sawyer," Mr. Charles is using almost exact likenesses of famous movie stars throughout to play the various roles. "Tom" will be played by a puppet Jackie Cooper, "Becky" by Shirley Temple, "Huck" by Mickey Rooney, "Aunt Polly" by Edna Mae Oliver, "Old Lem" by Step'n Fetchit, "Mammy" by Louise Beanes, and others.

There will be four acts, with the two scenes of the third act both in the cave. Effects impossible even in motion pictures can be secured with puppets, and the audience will thrill to the story of Tom, Becky, and Huck as they get in and out of trouble, adventure and difficulty.

Mr. Charles was formerly associated with Tony Sarg, and his father was stage manager for the famous Savage Productions as well as for the Chicago Grand Opera Company. This is the fifth successive season during which the Collins Festivals have used marionettes, and past experience indicates it is one of the most popular forms of modern entertainment.

Added Class Rooms Needed Immediately at School Here

Forest Warden Asks Hunters To Be Careful About Fires During Dry Spell

Hunters turning to the woods in search of squirrels or other game are urged to exercise every care possible in preventing forest fires by S. F. Darden, Washington County forest-fire warden, who added that the present dry season constitutes a very dangerous hazard and that unless care is exercised, hunters may start fires which will prove costly to both forests and game.

Forest fires raged in this county for several days about two weeks ago, and it required much work and expense to bring them

under control. The forest warden emphasizes that it is to the benefit of the hunter who lives to take care of game to prevent the fires, as well as the land owners, who lose valuable timber.

Mr. Darden urges hunters to be sure they extinguish all fires they may start, and to be careful in seeing that cigarettes are completely put out before they are dropped into the dry underbrush. Many times sparks from tobacco used by smokers starts a fire by falling on dry brush or straw.

Now Necessary for Storage Rooms and Library To Be Used

Serious Situation Outlined At Meeting of School Officials Tuesday

A resolution asking the Washington County Commissioners to provide \$350 for converting the rear portion of the Plymouth High School auditorium into two class rooms to meet a temporary emergency was passed by the county board of education at a special session here Tuesday night, with the entire local board and Principal R. B. Trotman present.

The emergency arose when the state commission authorized employment of two additional teachers for the local school, which now has a total enrollment of 738 students in the two buildings. A total of 23 teachers are now authorized. Principal Trotman said that unless immediate steps were taken to remedy congested classroom conditions, it would be necessary to suspend five classes daily.

Mr. Trotman provided the following information for the board:

"There are in the Plymouth High School building, 12 classrooms, including two basement rooms. Of this number, 7 are now occupied by elementary grades, leaving 5 for the high school. There are 10 high school teachers teaching from 8 to 10 classes each period.

"In order to make some provision for the separation of classes, we have been forced to hold recitations five periods per day in the library, thus closing this necessary part of a child's education to their use; five study periods are held each day in the auditorium, which provides inadequate light and no way for pupils to do written work except on their laps; in two classes each day students are forced to use a storage room for books; this room having only one window, poor ventilation, and no blackboard.

"A small room in the basement is used six hours a day as a classroom. This is not standard in size, has only one window, which is screened by shrubbery, has a concrete floor and cannot be heated. The science laboratory is used for classes five periods per day; this room is not suitable for classroom use, in that it is too near the boys' toilet and has a concrete floor, in addition to which it cannot be properly heated.

"These facts do not take into account making provision for the class of another elementary teacher, who will be added to the staff this week. This teacher will have to be placed in the library, which further complicates matters in that an addition to keeping the library closed as such the five high school classes which met there now will have to be put out.

"We, the teachers, have exhausted every foot of space and all means of meeting the situation. Unless some relief is given in a very short time, these five classes will have to be discontinued; so we hope that those responsible for providing these necessities will realize our plight and cooperate."

Present at the meeting Tuesday night were W. H. Paramore, R. C. Peacock and C. N. Davenport, Jr., members of the county board of education; P. Bruce Bateman, Dr. E. A. Harper and J. L. Rea, members of the local board; H. H. McLean, county superintendent of schools; and Principal Trotman.

Program of Services At Episcopal Church

The Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, of Wilmington, Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, will preside at the 11 o'clock service at Grace Episcopal church here Sunday morning. All those to be confirmed are requested to be at the 11 o'clock service. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Confirmation and worship service at 11 a. m. Young people's service at 7:30 p. m.

Price Boost on Luxuries Felt Here Wednesday as Defense Tax Is Effective

10 Per Cent Added Immediately to Cost of Jewelry, Cosmetics and Furs

Consumers in Plymouth, as well as all over the nation Wednesday began to feel the effects of the tax burden necessary to raise \$3,553,400,000 for defense purposes. The new excise levies went into effect on that day on merchandise in many of the stores and business houses here.

Furs, jewelry and toilet preparations now have 10 per cent added to their previous retail price to take care of the new Federal tax. However, in the largest list of excise tax items, these three embrace most of those applying directly to retail transactions.

Uncle Sam also gets 10 per cent for defense from sales of radios, phonographs, sporting goods, luggage, musical instruments, electrical appliances and theatre tickets. Other items close to the pocketbook include 6 per cent on local phone calls, 13 cents per pack on playing cards, 5 per cent on light bulbs and night club checks.

Liquor taxes, though collected from the manufacturer, became felt here Wednesday, because a floor tax was levied on all the stock then in the Washington County ABC stores. The sales made Wednesday morning included the new taxes. An extra \$1 per gallon was charged on the whiskey, bringing the total tax to \$4 per gallon.

Most of the merchandise taxes will be collected by the government from the manufacturer, but the increases will be reflected in general price rises when they reach the purchaser.

Taxes were increased on automobiles. There is a \$5 use tax for the owners and a 7 per cent excise tax on the manufacturers. These will undoubtedly be included in the price of the cars to the dealer. A tax of 5 cents per pound has been added to automobile tires and 9 cents per pound on inner tubes.

Shep Brinkley, manager of the local theater, Wednesday inaugurated the new tax schedule with the price of tickets ranging as follows: established price, 10 cents, tax 1 cent, total 11 cents; 15-cent tickets, tax 2 cents, total 17 cents; 20-cent tickets, tax 2 cents, total 22 cents; 27-cent tickets, tax 3 cents, total 30 cents.

Bowling alleys, billiard tables, musical instruments, phonograph records and phonographs, as well as radios, were included in the new defense tax items. These taxes are collected from the manufacturers and the price rise may not become effective until local dealers have to replenish their stock.

Former Creswell Man Found Dead

Funeral services were held at the Creswell Methodist church Saturday afternoon for Arthur Sample, who was found dead on a street in Portlock, Va., last Thursday morning. The Rev. C. N. Pitts officiated, and interment was made in the Patrick cemetery on South Fork Creek.

It is not known how Mr. Sample met his death. His mangled body was found on a street in Portlock Thursday morning a few hours after he left home for work. The most serious injuries appeared to have been from his shoulders up.

A native of Tyrrell County, Mr. Sample lived in Washington County for a number of years prior to his departure about 12 years ago for Portlock, where he had since made his home. He was well known in the Scuppernon section of this county.

Patrolman Is Found Not Guilty of Assault In Making Arrest

Freed After Lengthy Trial In Recorder's Court Here Tuesday

Corporal T. B. Brown, of the State Highway Patrol, was found not guilty in recorder's court Tuesday on a charge of "assaulting one R. C. Gaylord in his own private home without any legal right," on the night of October 20, 1940.

Mr. Gaylord testified that he had sent his young son, who did not have a driver's permit, down town for a doctor or medicine when Corporal Brown stopped the young man for driving without a license. The father was cited for permitting an unlicensed driver to operate his car, and Mr. Gaylord said the officer used unnecessary force in bringing him to a justice of the peace court at the police station here for trial on Sunday night October 27.

The patrolman stated that he went to Mr. Gaylord's house on Sunday night, October 20, with a warrant for his arrest on a charge of permitting an unlicensed driver to operate his automobile and that Mr. Gaylord told him he was sick and would see the justice of the peace about it next day. Corporal Brown then said that on Sunday night a week later, since Mr. Gaylord had not appeared for trial, he went to Gaylord's home, grabbed the latter by the belt and brought him to the police station for trial.

Attorney C. L. Bailey represented Corporal Brown and Prosecuting Attorney W. Blount Rodman prosecuted the case. The hearing required the entire morning session of the court, after which Recorder W. R. Gaylord found the patrolman not guilty.

Final Quarterly Conference At Creswell Church Sunday

Creswell—The Fourth Quarterly conference of the Methodist churches of the Creswell charge will be held in the former M. P. church at Creswell next Sunday, October 5, at 8 p. m. The Rev. B. B. Slaughter, district superintendent, will deliver the sermon.

Important Meeting of Local Masons Tuesday

There will be a special business meeting of Perseverance Lodge No. 59, A. F. and A. M., next Tuesday, October 7, in the Lodge Hall, according to the master, L. A. Larkins, who urges all members to attend. The matter to be discussed is important, and Mr. Larkins is particularly anxious to have a large attendance.

Southern Albemarle Association Meet Is Postponed Until After October 20th

The meeting of the Southern Albemarle Association, which was scheduled to be held at Engelhard on Thursday, October 9, has been changed to Swan Quarter and postponed until after October 20, it was announced this week by W. L. Whitley, vice president of the organization for Washington County.

O. L. Williams, vice president of the organization, that the place of the meeting had been changed from Engelhard to the Hyde county seat, Swan Quarter. President Melvin Daniels will advise Mr. Whitley later the definite date for the meeting.

Fifty delegates have been officially appointed by Mr. Whitley

in collaboration with the county commissioners. Plans are being made for a large number to attend the meeting from here.

Mr. Williams said it was necessary to change the date of the meeting, because of the Hyde County Fair being in session this week; that the commissioners invested with authority to appoint the official Hyde County delegates do not meet until October 6; and that the superior court opens there on October 13.

Vice President Whitley here had planned to make a speech on the road program of the association, linking it up with the efforts to have the Albemarle Sound bridge route designated as U. S. 17-A.