

Jackie Lucas, son of the late Louis Lucas and Mrs. Bradford Lucas Jones, heads the cadet corps as captain at the Edwards Military School in Salem.

Mrs. Brooks Poole, formerly of Richwood, W. Va., is the new telegraph operator here. She succeeds Miss Estep, who returned to Richwood.

Only one story Bible book has been placed in the school libraries in Washington County, and at least 69 more are needed, according to Mrs. J. B. Spillman, secretary of the Way, Book and Life Club at Charlotte.

Mrs. L. E. Hassell, of Roper, was one of the permanent chairmen or other official representatives of the 28 classes graduated from the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina between 1907 and 1934 who sat at special tables at the recognition dinner given Dr. Julius S. Foust, president emeritus, last Saturday night.

H. H. McLean and other school officials from this county will attend the annual fall leadership conference sponsored by the North Carolina Education Association, to be held at Williamston next Tuesday.

Miss Martha Booth, of Plymouth, will be one of the 100 princesses representing cities, towns and counties of the Virginia-Carolina peanut belt, in the beauty court of the queen of the National Peanut Exposition to be held in Suffolk October 30 and 31.

J. E. Westray, local insurance man, plans to enter a government hospital at Kecoughtan, Va., for treatment during the next four weeks.

Clyde Erwin, state superintendent of public instruction, and Dean R. B. House, of the University of North Carolina, have been invited to speak at the supper meeting of the Washington County Teachers' Association to be held at the Roper school building October 24.

Funeral for Mrs. W. J. Brickhouse

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Sound Side Baptist church, near Creswell, for Mrs. Virginia Furlough Brickhouse, 36, who died in Columbia Saturday night after an illness of only three days.

Mrs. Brickhouse, wife of Wilbert J. Brickhouse, of Columbia, was a native of Washington County but had lived in Tyrrell since her marriage 11 years ago.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Brickhouse is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Furlough, of Creswell; seven sisters, Mrs. Earl Midgett, Mrs. Jones Spencer, Mrs. W. L. Davidson, Mrs. Marshall Woodley, Miss Velva Furlough, and Miss Edna Furlough, all of Creswell, and Mrs. Edward Sawyer, of Columbia; and one brother, Sam Furlough, of Norfolk.

Sunday Services Outlined At Episcopal Church Here

Services at Grace Episcopal church for Sunday are announced as follows: Church school at 10 a. m.; morning prayer and Holy Communion celebrated at 11 a. m.; young people's service at 7:30 p. m.

Nightly Services at Roper Church All Next Week

Roper.—The Rev. C. E. Williams will be in charge of services at St. Luke's Episcopal church for the week beginning next Sunday. Services will be held each evening at 7:30. The public is cordially invited to attend.

54 Shares of Stock Sold in New Series of Building & Loan Association Here

Fifty-four shares of installment stock in the 16th series, dated October 1, have been sold in the nine days since it opened. It was learned today from M. W. Spruill, secretary and treasurer of the Plymouth Building and Loan Association.

The association now has \$44,326.85 worth of installment stock in force and \$14,400 in full-paid stock. With each new series the number of share installment stock outstanding continues to increase.

Over 2,000 People at Annual Association of Kehukee Baptists

Held at Concord Church, Near Cherry, Friday, Saturday and Sunday

More than 2,000 persons attended the annual meeting of the Kehukee Primitive Baptist Association at the Concord Primitive Baptist church, between Creswell and Cherry, last Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The crowd was so large that some of the meetings were held outdoors in a cleared field at the rear of Dewey Phelps' home. Morning and afternoon services were held daily. Elder S. Gray, of Kinston, pastor of the church, said the large crowds were well taken care of, for which he was appreciative.

Nineteen churches in North Carolina and Virginia which are members of the association sent delegates to the meeting, and practically all the larger towns in North Carolina and near-by states were represented, some coming from New York, Baltimore, and Washington, D. C. A score or more ministers were included in the large crowd present Saturday for the association.

Elder E. B. Denson, of Rocky Mount is moderator of the association; and Elder B. S. Cowan, of Bear Grass, Martin County, is clerk.

Picnic dinners were served each day during the meeting. It was reported that one member of the church killed a cow, a pig and 10 chickens, which were cooked and served to the large gathering. Generous contributions were made to the work by those attending.

The Kehukee Association is one of the oldest church organizations in the United States, having been founded at Scotland Neck in 1770.

Town Councilmen Revive Movement For Official Census

Extension of City Limits And Recent Gains Make New Count Advisable

Postmaster John W. Darden appeared before the Town Council last Monday night, at the request of Mayor B. G. Campbell, to present his views on the proper method of securing a new official census of the town, which has been discussed here for some time.

Mr. Darden first mentioned the matter several months ago, when he was secretary of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce, and the council is now interested in the proper procedure for getting an official census, as well as determining the cost, since it is understood that the Census Bureau will not bear the expense itself.

Mr. Darden told the councilmen what he knew about the matter, and they asked him to further investigate the matter and report his findings to them at a later date. It was pointed out that since the official census was taken in April, 1940, the town has been enlarged to embrace almost twice its former area and that a great many people have moved here since that time.

The councilmen also discussed a proposition made by Representative W. M. Darden for rental of the old ice plant building in which he wishes to open a building supply establishment, but no action was taken.

The council passed an ordinance, requiring dog owners to list their dogs at the regular tax listing time in January of each year, and to pay a tax of \$2 on female and \$1 on male dogs. Failure to list and pay the taxes will subject the offender to arrest and fine.

County Farmers Received \$11,200 in Parity Payments

Parity payments to Washington County farmers amounted to \$11,200.86, according to information provided by the United States Department of Agriculture. These payments were made to adjust the difference between actual and parity prices.

A total of \$205,834.829 was paid to cooperators with the program in the state. Counties adjoining Washington received the following amounts: Tyrrell, \$4,967.46; Martin, \$31,127.15; and Chowan, \$24,336.48.

Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation and the Federal Home Loan Bank Corporation. The first-named group insures the savings and investment of each stockholder up to \$5,000, and the latter group provides funds at a low interest rate for the association to increase its loans for home building and repairing.

EASTERN STAR OFFICIALS TO BE HERE



Hawley C. Cobbs, of Wadesboro, worthy grand patron (left), and Miss Bessie Gaddy, of Raleigh, worthy grand matron, will have important places on the program of the district meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star, which will be held with the local chapter Wednesday of next week.

Thousands of Dollars Worth Property Sold For Delinquent Taxes

Local Merchants To Meet Monday

An important meeting of the Plymouth Merchants Association will be held at the municipal building next Monday night at 8 o'clock, according to James W. Norman, who urges a large attendance of its members.

It was stated that efforts to revive the matter of Wednesday afternoon meetings will be made at this meeting. Mr. Norman said other matters would come before the group, and it was urgent that a large group of merchants attend.

List Is Considerably Smaller Than Last Year; Sale Monday

Unpaid Accounts of \$23,692 For 1940 Taxes

Thousands of dollars' worth of Washington County real estate was offered for sale at the courthouse door here Monday, representatives of the county government bidding in practically every certificate of the 1940 delinquent tax list, sold under the hammer to satisfy claims for past due taxes and penalties totaling \$23,692.59.

Sales of property advertised in the delinquent tax list has fluctuated in the last 8 or 10 years. The 1938 delinquent tax list represented \$28,094.10 in unpaid accounts. Last year, when the 1939 tax list was advertised, the amount was \$1,111.14 less, or \$26,982.96. For the depression year of 1933, taxes and penalties represented in the tax list totaled \$63,354.80.

When the delinquent list was advertised for 1937, there were 887 persons in arrears, while the 1938 list contained the names of 953. There were 923 names in the list last year, representing 1939 taxes, and the 1940 list, advertised in September of this year, contained only 772 names when the sale was finally held. There were a few more names than that when the advertisement first appeared, but some of them paid the amounts due before the sale, and their names were taken from the list.

Improved business conditions usually result in a substantial decrease in the number of names carried on the delinquent list, and the number this year was the smallest for the past two decades.

The tax rate for the past several years has remained stationary at \$1.80 on the \$100 valuation, and the difference in amount collected each year was not caused by higher or lower rates, but by general conditions prevailing.

Taxpayers in Plymouth Township owe the most unpaid taxes and penalties this year, the total being \$5,530.20. Lees Mill is second with \$8,925.76 due from its taxpayers. The figures for Skinnersville were \$3,826.52, while Suppermong is last on the list with \$3,408.09 due in taxes and penalties for 1940.

Divided according to race, white property owned \$19,317.75, and colored property owned \$4,374.84. The wide disparity in these figures show that property owned by white people is usually valued much higher than that of the colored.

The largest delinquent taxpayers on the list were the Norfolk Southern Land Company, Inc., which owes \$2,735.80 on several big tracts of land, and the John L. Roper Lumber Company, which owes \$1,321.71. Holdings of both these companies are principally in Lees Mill Township. From these large amounts, the figures range down to a few cents, and in many cases the penalties and costs are more than the original amount of taxes due.

The amount of taxes uncollected for 1940 represents about 20 per cent of the total tax levy in the county.

White Schools of County To Be Closed Friday, 17th

White schools in Washington County will be closed all day Friday of next week, when a number of students will be attending high school day at the State Fair in Raleigh. The state superintendent of schools, Clyde Erwin, asked that this be done. Since there are many absences in the school caused by attendance on the fair, it was found that it would be better to close the schools for the day.

District Meeting of Eastern Star Order Will Be Held Here

Over 100 Members of Five Chapters Expected Next Wednesday

More than 100 persons are expected here next Wednesday from chapters in Hertford, Elizabeth City, Coinjock, and Roanoke Island to attend the annual meeting of the first district of the Order of the Eastern Star, Masonic auxiliary, which will be held in the Christian church. There will be both afternoon and evening sessions, and members of the Plymouth chapter are hostesses to the gatherings.

The principal addresses will be made by Miss Bessie Caddy, of Raleigh, worthy grand matron, and Hawley C. Cobb, of Wadesboro, worthy grand patron of the order, who will also be making their official visits to the local chapter.

Mrs. W. C. Jones, of Plymouth, district deputy grand matron, will preside over the meeting; and the address of welcome will be made by Mrs. Frances M. Darden, also of the Plymouth chapter. Mrs. Daisy Perry, of Elizabeth City, will respond to the welcome address.

The Plymouth chapter will open the afternoon meeting at 2 o'clock. Presentation of the flag will be by the Hertford chapter; and draping of the chapter and altar will be by the Elizabeth City chapter, while the Coinjock chapter will have charge of balloting. Special music will be rendered by Mrs. Pearl Schaarf, of Roanoke Island.

The night session will begin with a banquet at 7 o'clock in the annex of the Christian church. Immediately following the banquet, George Bennett, superintendent of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home in Greensboro, will show pictures of the institution.

Chairmen of the various committees are as follows: Mrs. Edna Mae Smith, of Elizabeth City, Har Heel news; Mrs. Lillie H. Johnson, of Hertford, Masonic and Eastern Star Home; Mrs. Grace B. Jackson, of Elizabeth City, Easter egg hunt; Miss Mary O'Neal, of Roanoke Island, endowment fund; Mrs. Matilda Bowen, of Plymouth, coupons; and Mrs. Blanche Twiford, of Elizabeth City, library programs.

Fire Prevention Is Topic of Talk Made Students at School

Chief of Fire Department Also Checks Fire Drills At Both Schools

Carelessness, friction and spontaneous combustion are the principal causes of fires in business establishments, homes and industrial plants, Miller Warren, chief of the Plymouth Fire Department, told the boys and girls of the local schools in a talk Tuesday morning which high-lighted local observance of National Fire Prevention Week, October 5-11.

During the course of his remarks, the fire chief pointed out that the fire loss in the United States during the first eight months of 1941 was \$211,773,000, an increase of \$685,620 over the same period of 1940.

He called on the students to insist that their parents repair improper flues, clean out stove pipes, keep matches away from children and rats, move furniture away from stoves, prevent doors opening too close to heaters, use caution with open fireplaces, check electric wiring, remove rubbish, and use every precaution to prevent fires. "Our first line of defense against want and suffering is the protection of our homes, business and industry against fire," Mr. Warren said.

The fire chief also timed fire drills at both of the school buildings here. The more than 600 children at the high school completely evacuated the building in 1 minute 29 1/2 seconds; a good record, Mr. Warren said, but one which could be improved upon. The 200 children at the Hampton Academy evacuated that building in 1 minute flat.

Hunter Gets Lost In River Swamps

By land and water a large crowd of people combed the Roanoke River swamps above Plymouth for several hours yesterday afternoon and last night in an effort to locate Guy Cox, young white man, who became separated from his companion, Woodrow Dixon, while on a hunting trip and became lost in the forests. He was found about 10 p. m. last night, when he stopped on the shore of the River near Jamesville and built a fire, which guided searchers to him. The searching party started at the fisheries near here on Roanoke River and by small boats and overland hikes the search continued until he was found last night. Local officers were notified by Mr. Dixon after he returned and Policeman Paul Basnight was one of the searching party. When found Mr. Cox was tired but little the worse for his experience.

Half Amount Needed For School Buildings Is Assured by WPA

So You Think It's Been Hot? It Has

A little relief was felt late Wednesday from the record high temperatures for October prevailing for the past seven days, with thermometers hovering around 90 during most of the daylight hours. In addition to being very unseasonal, the weather has been exceptionally sultry.

The average mean temperature for October in this section is 64.4 degrees, while the average temperature for the past week has been 82.5 degrees. The average temperature for July, supposedly the hottest month of the year, was only 77.8 degrees. Last Sunday the temperature was given as 94 degrees; Monday established a new high of 95 degrees, and Tuesday was little cooler.

Army Planes Ready For Test Exercises Over This Section

Observation Posts Warned To Be On Guard Friday And Next Tuesday

A schedule of test exercises will assure considerable airplane activity over Washington and other counties in the First Interceptor Command tomorrow (Friday) from 12 to 6 p. m., and next Tuesday, from 12 to 6 p. m., weather permitting, according to information from Theodore S. Johnson, director of Civilian Defense, received by P. W. Brown, county defense chairman and post organizer.

It is planned for the defense chairman and observation post operators in this county to send their reports to the Raleigh central office as airplanes are sighted in this area headed for possible "invasion" of the region. Mr. Brown said he would have planned for a "blackout" of the town as a test for the planes roaring overhead if information about this phase of activity had been received in time.

Air-raid wardens will be located in Williamston, Washington and Elizabeth City for this section. These wardens will have the Army Signal Corps erect warning equipment over which information concerning airplane movements can be forwarded to central defense headquarters.

The observation posts in Washington County will be operated by the following: No. 1, at Wenona, J. L. Rea; No. 2, in Roper, J. E. Phelps; No. 3, Pleasant Grove, J. C. Tarkenton; and No. 4, Creswell, Earl Davidson.

Teachers, Parents In Meeting Here

The Plymouth Parent-Teacher Association held its second meeting of the current school term in the high school building here Tuesday afternoon, with the eleventh grade presenting the program, which included talks by the students on their individual hobbies.

Mrs. J. K. Reid presided in the absence of the president, Mrs. W. A. Davidson.

The organization decided to purchase 400 intelligence test papers for grades from the third through the seventh. No provision is made for purchase of the test blanks by the state.

Principal R. B. Trotman talked on conditions existing at the school, and explained what progress had been made toward relieving these conditions.

Miss Hilda Eakers, a teacher, asked that the organization purchase three books for the school library during the year.

Inducements Made White and Colored Men for Enlistment in Naval Reserve

The inducements for enlistment in the United States Navy and Naval Reserve are offered to both white and colored men between the ages of 17 and 50, according to information from the Navy Department. It is also announced that registrants subject to the selective service act may enlist in any time up to the day before they are to report for induction into the army.

Shortage of Relief Labor May Delay Beginning Projects

Additional Facilities Would Be Provided Plymouth White, Roper Colored

The Washington County Board of Education has been advised by the Williamston office of the Works Projects Administration that it will make available 50.3 per cent of the amount needed for improving the Roper colored school and 56.4 per cent of the amount needed for a new primary building at the Plymouth white school. No figures concerning the cost in dollars were mentioned in connection with the addition or improvement to the Plymouth High School Building, since a heating plant is to be installed there, requiring skilled labor, and the WPA does not make any contribution toward the payment of skilled labor.

Improvements at the Roper colored school are estimated to cost about \$17,000, and it was reported that the WPA would provide about \$8,000 of this amount, with the county supplying the remaining \$9,000. The disparity between the amounts shown here and the percentage figures of the WPA is probably due to a difference in the estimated costs as figured by the WPA engineers and the architect representing the county school board.

Figures supplied by the WPA show that a new six-room primary building here will cost about \$32,000, of which the WPA will put up about \$18,000, leaving the county to supply the remaining \$14,000.

Since skilled labor will be required to put on the roof and install the heating plant for the Plymouth High School addition, and the WPA contribution is based on man-hours employment of unskilled labor, it was indicated the WPA contribution for this would be smaller in percentage than on the other projects. It is hoped that at least 40 per cent of the estimated \$35,000 cost may be secured from the WPA. If so, then the WPA share will be about \$15,000 and the county will put up the remaining \$20,000.

The Washington County Commissioners have agreed to make available \$40,000 for the entire program. The county board of education has not rushed the matter in order to cooperate to the fullest extent with the WPA and get all the financial aid possible and also to give the WPA time to secure sufficient labor for the projects. A large number of WPA employees in this section have recently gone into other work.

Ganderson to Open Men's Store Here

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ganderson, of Elizabeth City, have arrived in Plymouth, where Mr. Ganderson plans to open a haberdashery and men's clothing store in the building on Water Street formerly occupied by W. E. Weede as a grocery. He hoped the carpenters and painters, who have been renovating the store, would be through with their work so that he could open for business Saturday morning. In the event this is not possible, the formal opening will be held early next week.

"The store, to be known as Ganderson's Quality Shop, will have a brand new stock, styled in the latest fashions for men and young men," said Mr. Ganderson, emphasizing that "there will not be any old merchandise in the new store."

In addition to carrying men's suits, shirts, ties, trousers, shoes, hosiery, belts and furnishings in stock, Mr. Ganderson will also handle the Stetson-D line of custom-tailored suits and overcoats.

These booklets will be mailed free to those who request them, or they may be called for at the Beacon office. Men who are skilled in any of a number of trades are eligible for enlistment in the Naval Reserve with a petty officer's rating immediately, provided they are qualified. The term of enlistment is four years in this branch, but Secretary of the Navy Knox states that men who enlist in the Naval Reserve will be returned to their civilian status as soon as possible after the present emergency ends. The term of enlistment in the regular Navy is for six years. The rates of pay, chances for advancement and opportunities to secure free training for any one of 45 trades and vocations are the same in either branch of the Navy.