

E. G. Arps, P. M. Arps, Victor Everett, Lloyd Owens and Dr. W. H. Johnson went goose and duck hunting Monday at Lake Mattamuskeet and brought back three geese.

The Local Government Commission at Raleigh Monday sold a \$5,000 Washington County revenue anticipation note to the First National Bank of Henderson for a premium of \$11 and an interest rate of 2 per cent.

A. J. Riddle, town councilman and business man here, lost part of the index finger on his right hand Tuesday afternoon after it was crushed by a sledge hammer in the hands of an employee.

A branch conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints (Mormon) will be held at Louis Bateman's Filling Station in this County Monday, November 24.

A gift of 24 samples of minerals found in North Carolina was made to the Plymouth High School Wednesday by W. R. Hampton, member of the State Board of Conservation and Development.

Paul Harrison recently killed a rattlesnake with 16 rattles and a button on No. 11 Canal in the Turnpike Road section. He said it was one of the largest rattlers he had ever seen.

Richard A. Tewkebury, teacher and explorer, of Charlotte, will be the speaker at the meeting of the Thursday Afternoon Literary Club to be held Saturday afternoon with Mrs. J. Robert Campbell.

Shep Brinkley, manager of the Plymouth Theatre, has provided a bicycle rack for boys and girls who attend the show. The rack is in sight of the ticket-seller and will be watched at all times.

Max W. Rote, field representative of the American Red Cross, is instructing teachers and others in first aid and health courses nightly between 7 and 10 at the Plymouth school. The course will continue for about another week.

County Board Holds Its Regular Meeting

The Washington County commissioners, in regular session Monday, prepared to secure the money needed for immediate repair of the roof of the Plymouth High School building, which has been leaking and is badly in need of repairs.

They also agreed to sell to Colon Bowen all the pine timber on the Roper Lumber Company tracts damaged by fire at \$2 per 1,000 feet stumpage.

Twenty-five dollars were donated to the Creswell school lunch room. The valuation of swamp land of the E. R. Jackson estate in Lees Mill township was reduced from \$1,440 to \$440. An error was made in the listing. Last year the same property was listed at \$288.

County Agent W. V. Hays and Mrs. Frances M. Darden, home demonstration agent, made their reports to the commissioners.

Levy H. Davis Dies Sunday At His Home in Jamesville

Funeral services were held at the late home in Jamesville Tuesday for Levy H. Davis, 49, who died there Sunday night. Well known here, Mr. Davis had been in declining health for about three years.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mattie Gurkin Davis, of Jamesville, and the following children: Mrs. William Hopkins, of Jamesville; Mrs. Horace Kendrick, of Birmingham, Ala.; Levy Davis, Jr., Fort Jackson, S. C.; Mrs. Alexander Daniels, Norfolk; Durham and Belva Rae Davis, of Jamesville.

New Local Union Organized Here by American Fork & Hoe Co. Employees

A charter has been granted to 25 members of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers, Local No. 2986 organized here recently under the auspices of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, an organization affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

Officers of the organization are as follows: H. C. Jackson, president; J. O. Rath, vice president; J. C. Jones, financial secretary; A. L. Stynes, recording secretary and M. G. Waters, treasurer. The members of the new organization are employees of the local plant of the American Fork and Hoe Company.

STAFF OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PAPER



Photo above shows members of the staff of the "Plymouth Echo," newspaper, published by the elementary grades of the Plymouth school.

Trachoma Symptoms In School Pupils Here

Precautions Being Taken by Officials To Prevent Spread

Quiz and Answers On Defense Bonds

Q. When will the "drive" to sell Defense Savings Bonds begin? A. There will be no "drive." Many people think of the Defense Savings Program. Like the Liberty Loan campaign of the first World War, which were conducted for stated periods to raise specific quotas. The Defense Savings Program is a long range continuing effort to stimulate the public to buy more and more Defense Bonds and Stamps month by month, and is essentially a program to promote mass saving, as well as to provide money for defense.

Q. Are the Defense Savings Stamps sold at retail stores exchangeable for Defense Savings Bonds? A. Yes. They are the same as Stamps on sale at postoffices and elsewhere.

Increased Acreage Cucumbers To Be Sought in County

Contracts for 800 Acres Are Sought by Lang Firm; To Enlarge Plant

Contract forms were awaited today by W. A. Respass, a representative of C. C. Lang & Son, Baltimore pickle manufacturers, who within the next two months hopes to contract with growers for about 800 acres of cucumbers in this county and as many acres as can be secured in Tyrrell County.

Mr. Respass said that good news to farmers would be that there would be six grades of cucumbers contracted for next season, and every grade would bring an increased price over that paid during the past spring.

Mr. Respass also said that vats had already been bought and would soon be installed at the plant here to double the capacity of the local receiving and processing station. At the present time there are 48 vats at the local plant, and it is hoped to erect about 50 more within the next few weeks.

Low prices paid during past seasons have caused many farmers to abandon the crop, but Mr. Respass said this week that he believed the new prices would bring about a big increase in the acreage to cucumbers next year.

An excellent grade of cucumbers for pickling purposes can be produced in this section, and it is hoped the "food for defense" program will result in prices that will allow the producer a profit on the crop next season.

Health Officer Here Says Trachoma Is Easily Cured Early

Danger Lies in Neglect To Begin Prompt Treatment, Dr. Lewis Writes

By S. V. LEWIS, M. D. District Health Officer It is well known throughout the vicinity of Plymouth that we have an epidemic of trachoma in both of the schools of the city. The disease is highly contagious and may cause blindness by a growth over the eye which may cover the sight. Even if the membrane does not entirely cover the eye it may cause partial blindness and disfigurement.

This Section Is Not Affected by Order to Conserve Electricity

V. E. P. Official Says Customers Will Be Notified Of Any Change

Ray H. Goodman, manager of the Williamston district of the V. E. & P. Co., said in a telephone conversation this afternoon that his company had had received no orders for curtailment of the use of electric energy by their customers. He also said patrons of the company would be immediately notified if such orders were issued, and until then all towns, firms and individuals served by the V. E. P. are being advised to continue the normal use of electric current as heretofore.

Doubt was expressed today by Utilities Commissioner Stanley Winborne that the 14 counties in the northeastern part of North Carolina, including Washington County, served by the Virginia Electric & Power Company would be included in the recent order of the Office of Production Management for electric-power curtailment.

Ray H. Goodman, manager of the Williamston district of the power company, was not at his office today and could not be reached, but his secretary said that no definite information had been received there as to whether communities served by the company would be affected by the curtailment order. It was said that definite information was expected by tomorrow.

Power users in towns served by the Virginia Electric & Power Company have not been specifically ordered to cut down on the use of power, although other sections in the state have received such orders, calling for "blackout" of electric signs, lights in show windows, elimination of night football games and other athletic contests.

In Plymouth last night there was no noticeable curtailment. The lack of observance here was probably due to the fact that merchants and others operating signs and maintaining store window lighting did not understand the order affecting this section. A football game is to be played here tomorrow night with Aoshkie, but it is considered doubtful that any more games will be played at night unless it becomes definitely known that this section is not affected by the curtailment order.

In sections where the order is in effect, power companies have been instructed to cease furnishing electric current altogether to those who violate the OPM order.

Negro Runs Amuck Here Sunday Night; Shoots Three Others

Victims of Charlie Agnew's Wrath Are Expected To Recover

Three negroes were wounded, one seriously, last Sunday about 11 o'clock when Charlie Agnew, 48, colored laborer, became enraged over the loss of a chicken from his yard, and began firing No. 4 shot into the house on West Main Street Extended where the four negroes were living.

William Spencer, young colored man, was the most seriously injured. He is still in a Washington hospital, and it was said that unless complications developed he would recover from wounds in the chest and face. Martha Hedgesbeth, colored cook, received scattered shots in the face and breast, but was not as seriously injured as Spencer. Martha Ward, who also lived in the house, was struck by a few random shots but was not seriously injured.

Policemen Paul Basnight and G. R. Coburn arrested Agnew on the nearby railroad track shortly after the shooting occurred. He was not carrying a weapon, and offered no resistance to the officers. Policeman Basnight said that Agnew was under the influence of intoxicants at the time. Sheriff J. K. Reid said that he found a single-barrel shotgun, believed to have been used by Agnew, in the swamp just back of the house where the shooting took place.

It was reported that Agnew had threatened the negroes, especially James Ward, if any more of his chickens were found dead. When he found a dead chicken in the yard Sunday night he became enraged and fired into the house where the other negroes were at the time, shooting five times through the door and once through each of the two windows in the house. The he was reported to have concluded that those in the house were lying down to escape his shots so he called to them to stay in the house until he returned with more shells for his gun. Those inside ran, and Agnew took one more shot at them from a distance.

The officers helped get the injured to doctors and then went to look for Agnew, arresting him a few minutes later. Agnew was tried in recorder's court Tuesday morning on a charge of being drunk and sent to the roads for two months, where he will be kept until superior court convenes in January, when he will be tried on charges of assaulting the three victims with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

R. Gregg Cherry to Speak at Armistice Day Program Here

Few Business Places in County Will Observe Armistice Holiday Tuesday

Armistice Day, next Tuesday, November 11, will be observed as a holiday in Washington County by the Branch Banking & Trust Company, the ABC stores, and the courthouse offices, all of which will be closed for the entire day, with post offices operating on a reduced schedule of hours.

Students in the schools of Plymouth will be let out about 10:30 for participation in the parade and exercises sponsored by the American Legion post, but they will be required to return to their classrooms at 1 o'clock, the usual time for resuming sessions after lunch.

Red Cross Campaign Begins Next Tuesday

Drive Will Continue Until Thanksgiving In All Parts County

Canvassers Named and Supplies Received; Hope To Get 1,000 Members

Canvassers have been selected and supplies received for the annual roll call campaign of the Washington County chapter of the American Red Cross, which will get underway next Tuesday, November 11, and continue through Thanksgiving Day, it was announced today by John W. Darden, chairman of the county unit.

Mrs. Frances M. Darden, home demonstration agent, has been named chairman of the annual roll call campaign for adults; and H. H. McLean, superintendent of schools, will head the Junior Red Cross work. Shirley Young, an employee of the North Carolina Pulp Company, will also assist in the roll call drive.

It is planned that a thorough canvass for members of the Junior Red Cross will be made in both white and colored schools under the direction of Mr. McLean.

The following workers have been appointed: Plymouth: Mesdames A. Lloyd Owens, W. W. Earle, Joe Arps, Eddie Getsinger, Bill Darden, W. H. Johnson, D. A. Riddle, Hilda Gurganus, D. A. Hurley, B. G. Campbell, W. A. Davidson, and M. J. Cary, Jr.; Wenoona, Mrs. J. L. Lea; and Roper, Mrs. D. E. Poole and Mrs. Roger Chesson. The Creswell unit will be headed by Mrs. E. S. Woodley and others in that area.

The annual membership fee is \$1, but contributions of greater and lesser amounts will be gratefully received, it was said. One-half of the money raised during the campaign will remain in the county for local disaster or relief work in emergencies.

Last year, about 360 adult members were secured for the Red Cross in the county, and it is stated that the need is so great at this time that Red Cross officials urge tripling the quota if at all possible.

Rev. Eugene Taylor Enters Upon Duties At Christian Church

Preached First Sermon at New Post Here Last Sunday Morning

The Rev. Eugene B. Taylor, of Sumter, S. C., has been obtained as pastor of the Plymouth Christian church, the new minister preaching his first sermon here last Sunday, with large congregations hearing him at both the morning and evening hours.

A graduate of Atlantic Christian College at Wilson, Mr. Taylor has been preaching for five years, three years of this time as pastor of the church in Sumter, S. C., before accepting the call to the local church. The minister is about 28 years of age, is married and has one child. A native North Carolinian, Mr. Taylor is originally from near Kinston in Lenoir County.

Church officials are endeavoring to help the new pastor get located here. They ask that anyone who has an apartment or house to rent to get in touch with an official of the church, as the minister is finding it difficult to obtain living quarters here.

Mr. Taylor has been away much of the week attending conferences and denominational meetings. He will be at home Sunday for the usual services.

Fall Federation At Creswell 12th

The annual fall meeting of the Federation of Washington County Home Demonstration Clubs will be held Wednesday, November 12, at the Creswell High School building, with the Creswell club as hostess, it was announced this week by Mrs. W. M. Darden, home demonstration agent.

Miss Pauline Smith, district agent, will be the principal speaker, and special music will be a feature of the meeting. Unusual reports are to be made by the clubs, and each club is to display some gift that can be grown on the farm.

Mrs. Darden said the public is invited to attend and club members are especially urged to be present to compare the work of their club with others. Prizes will be awarded at the session.

Town License Tags To Be Required on Local Autos in 1942

Old Ordinance Is Revived; Licenses On Sale After December 15

Plans for enforcement of an old ordinance requiring the registration of motor vehicles and purchase of city license plates were made by the Town of Plymouth council in session last Monday night. The tags will go on sale December 15, and the price will be \$1 for each automobile or truck.

A committee from the council reported it had purchased 500 feet of hose for the fire department equipment.

Mayor B. G. Campbell and Chief of Police P. W. Brown were delegated to confer with Dr. S. V. Lewis, district health officer, relative to the sanitary regulations governing use of the swamp owned by the A. C. L. Railroad Company east of the station here as a city dump.

The council passed a motion authorizing erection of 26 new street lights in the area recently added to the city limits. The location was to be left to V. E. P. Co. engineers, who are to erect the lights when the material is available.

City Attorney W. L. Whitley was delegated to get in touch with officials of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company regarding a contract for a right of way and easement for running a sewer line under the railroad tracks below the station here on Wate Street.

Expect Few Peanuts To Be Delivered To Cooperative Warehouse This Year

So far only about 200 bags of peanuts have been delivered to the Plymouth warehouses of the Peanut Growers Stabilization Cooperative, according to W. H. Clark, who, with J. E. Davenport, is operating the warehouses here to assist in the surplus removal program.

Mr. Clark said that since the cleaners were paying a little over the \$4.45 per 100 pounds price offered by the cooperative, most of the farmers are selling their peanuts through regular marketing channels. Unless the prices paid by cleaners drops, it is expected that the cooperative warehouses will get only the peanuts produced on acreage planted in excess of allotments. These may be sold for oil-crushing purposes without penalty.

Observance Is Being Sponsored by Local Members of Legion

Parade, Memorial Service, Speaking and Dinner for Ex-Service Men

State Senator R. Gregg Cherry, of Gastonia, former state commander of the American Legion, will be the principal speaker at the Armistice Day celebration to be held here next Tuesday under the sponsorship of the James E. Jethro Post of the Legion. The day will not be observed as a general holiday, although a few business establishments in the county will be closed in observance of the occasion.

"We are expecting every ex-service man in this vicinity, whether or not he belongs to the post, to attend and take part in the program," said Commander R. L. Tetterton.

The program for the day begins at 10 a. m., when the legionnaires will gather at the Legion Hall and proceed to the Plymouth High School building. They will lead a parade, including the band, school children, and fire trucks, in a march to the Legion headquarters for the 11 o'clock ceremony. The entire group will stand at attention at 11 o'clock, when the fire siren will sound, commemorating the time when the armistice became effective on November 11, 1918, bringing to an end World War I. The roll call of the dead will be made, and patriotic music will be played by the band. "Taps" will be sounded for former soldiers who have passed on.

After breaking ranks, the legionnaires will go to the Plymouth Theatre, where Senator Cherry will speak. Commander Tetterton will preside over the meeting.

So far, about 50 former service men have reserved places for the turkey dinner at the Legion Hall, which will follow the program in the theatre. There the ex-service men will sing and recall experiences as they eat the turkey dinner and "trimmings."

Mrs. J. W. Phelps Died Last Friday

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Snell Phelps, 51, who died in a Columbia hospital Friday, were conducted at her late home near Creswell Saturday afternoon. The Rev. L. B. Bennett was in charge of the services and interment was made in the Davenport cemetery, near Cherry.

Mrs. Phelps was a member of Phillips Christian church. Her illness had prevented her from taking an active part in church work in recent years, but she remained a faithful member during her illness.

Besides her husband, J. W. Phelps, she is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Paul Clifton, Mrs. Mitchell Spear and Mrs. M. Manning, of Creswell; and one son, Kelly Phelps, also of Creswell. She also leaves one sister, Miss Pauline Snell; a brother, Lindsey Snell; and 14 grandchildren, all of Creswell.

Paul Beavers was J. T. Davis, Lester Cobb, Leslie Davenport, Hilton Comstock, Richard Overton, and W. T. Alexander.

Thank Fire Warden For Quick Response

The home of several persons in the Skimmersville section escaped destruction or serious damage by fire on a recent Sunday due to the prompt and efficient work of Fire Warden S. F. Darden, according to Mrs. D. P. Pharr, who said that a forest fire there had gotten out of hand and would have destroyed at least six houses if it had not been checked.

Mr. Darden was called at Plymouth and advised of the fire. Mrs. Pharr said that he was at the scene within half an hour and directed a group of residents of that section in checking the blaze. About 800 acres of timberland were also threatened.

Mr. Pharr said the people of that section were very grateful to Mr. Darden for his prompt and efficient work.