

The Rev. J. M. Johnston, pastor of Ludford Memorial Baptist church here, is in Asheville this week attending the annual convention of the Baptist denomination. He intends to return to occupy his pulpit Sunday morning.

Alumnae of the Women's College of the University of North Carolina who wish to attend the 50th anniversary meeting for 10 counties at Edenton next Tuesday night, November 18, are asked to make reservations here with Mrs. J. R. Campbell. The price will be \$1 per plate.

Inspector M. J. McCloud, of Greenville, here this week to examine applicants for drivers' licenses for the highway safety division, said that because of the demand for steel by the national defense program the state had been unable to get material for license plates for 1943.

W. T. Arrants suffered a broken right arm this week, when a piece of steel fell on it at the pulp plant here. The arm was broken between his elbow and wrist, and he had it in a sling this morning.

The three Methodist ministers in this county, the Revs. M. R. Gardner, of Roper; O. L. Hardwick, of Plymouth; and C. N. Fitts, of Creswell, are all attending the North Carolina conference at Durham this week. Appointments for the coming year will be read tomorrow morning.

It is understood today that the county commissioners have about completed arrangements to secure the money for the purchase of seats for schools in the county and to repair the roof of the local high school. It is hoped the roof here can be repaired very shortly.

Zeno Lyon has succeeded G. K. Harris as rural carrier on route one out of Plymouth. Mr. Harris was retired sometime ago. Mrs. Addie Robbins is continuing as substitute carrier for this route.

Miss Becky Ward, daughter of Mrs. S. A. Ward, sr., made the honor roll during the first quarter in the commercial course at St. Marys Junior College in Raleigh.

Dr. G. B. Johnston, a representative of the State Board of Health, is in the Plymouth school this week examining children for possible dental ailments which they may have and recommending methods of treatment.

Nick Porter, chief clerk in the office of County Agent W. V. Hays, said today that farmers should make a list of repairs needed for farm implements and place orders for them at once, as defense priorities are likely to hold up all shipments after the first of the year.

A. E. Davenport and L. S. Thompson, returned from a trip to New York last week by way of Trenton, N. J., and they visited the palatial home of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh near there. It was at this home that the

Annual Drive for Red Cross Now Underway

Began Tuesday and Will Be Continued Until Thanksgiving

Dinner Meeting Next Week Is Being Considered; No Reports Yet

Workers are continuing their canvass in the county for the annual roll call membership drive of the Washington County chapter of the American Red Cross, although John W. Darden, chairman of the county chapter, had no reports today on the progress made so far.

Mr. Darden said that he was planning a dinner to be held in the Red Cross workers, to be held in the community hall probably next Wednesday night, at which time it is hoped complete reports can be made by the canvassers, who are making an effort to secure 1,000 members in the county during the campaign. The drive is to continue through Thanksgiving Day, and the canvassers urge all who can to make some contribution to the worthy cause.

Workers are asking each individual to take an annual membership at \$1 or more. Smaller amounts are accepted, but they do not entitle the donor to the membership certificate. Half of the money raised will remain in the county to help needy persons when deemed advisable by the chapter officials. The other half goes to the national organization.

Mrs. Frances M. Darden is head of the campaign in the county, and Shirley Young is helping at the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company. H. H. McLean is directing the campaign in the schools.

The Creswell chapter has set a goal of 200 members, twice that of last year. Mrs. Clyde Smithson is roll call chairman there. Officers of the unit are: Mrs. W. B. Gaither, chairman; Mrs. Clyde Smithson, vice president; Mrs. J. D. Davenport, secretary; A. H. Tucker, treasurer; Mrs. E. S. Woodley, production chairman; and Mrs. A. C. Swain, sewing chairman.

Fire Department Will Again Be Sponsor For Christmas Cheer Movement in County

Decision was reached this week by members of the Plymouth Volunteer Fire Department to repair and paint old toys for distribution among the needy children of Washington County at Christmas, according to Miller Warren, fire chief.

As their contribution toward lightening heavy hearts and preventing the disappointment of children on Christmas Day, the firemen last year "renewed" scores of discarded toys contributed by generous people here

and brought cheer to the hearts of many who would otherwise have been passed up by Santa Claus.

The firemen request those who have old or discarded toys which can be made serviceable by repairing or repainting, to bring them to the fire department headquarters or to notify any of the firemen immediately, so that they may be called for and work begun as soon as possible. The repairing and repainting will be done by members of the de-

partment during their spare time between now and Christmas.

Fire Chief Miller Warren said that he hoped local people would respond immediately to the appeal for old toys, so as to give the firemen as much time as possible for the renovating task.

Last year during the Christmas season the firemen did a noble job in gladdening the hearts of many poor boys and girls by repairing and repainting about 200 toys that were valued at over \$300 for the boys and girls at Christmas time.

Meetings for Farmers To Begin Next Week

Try To Get Game Here Next Week

Efforts to schedule a football game here Thanksgiving Day, Thursday of next week, November 20, are still underway, with three teams having been invited to play the Plymouth High School Panthers here, but so far none of them has accepted, according to Principal R. B. Trotman.

It was hoped that Dunn, Elizabeth City or Edenton could be secured for the Turkey Day game here, but so far no definite arrangements have been made, and Principal Trotman is writing several other schools in an effort to get a game here.

Shortage Materials Is Cause of Delay in Securing REA Loan

Work on Line in County Is Held Up Pending Approval of Loan

Shortage of materials for construction of power lines is believed to be the cause of delay in approval of the application for a loan to the Woodstock Electric Membership Cooperative by the Rural Electrification Authority in Washington, D. C., according to W. B. Rodman, of Washington, attorney for the cooperative, who said proposed power lines for the co-

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V. E. & P. Company Doing Its Full Share In National Defense

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1942 Allotments for Basic Crops Expected To Be Same as This Year

Meetings will be held in the three Agricultural Administration districts in Washington County, beginning next Tuesday or Wednesday, November 18 or 19, to give the 883 eligible farmers in this county an opportunity to sign the farm defense program of the 1942 farm production plan, according to Nick Porter, chief clerk in the office of County Agent W. V. Hays.

Soybeans for harvest and peanuts for oil, along with farm gardens, are crops for which an increased production is sought, according to Mr. Porter, and farmers will also be asked to increase the number of milk cows, hogs, eggs and beef cattle for marketing.

It was stated that at the meetings crop allotments for those cooperating in the 1942 agricultural conservation program would be announced; and the farmers will be informed as to how many acres of tobacco, cotton, wheat, peanuts for edible purposes, Irish potatoes and corn they may plant without penalty. Reports here are to the effect that the 1942 allotments for these crops will remain substantially the same as they were this year.

Farmers will be asked to estimate the number of acres of corn they will plant, and give information on small grains, how much land will be devoted to hay and pasture, the number of acres of peanuts to be planted for hogs, and the amount of land to be used for production of fresh and processed vegetables for sale, excluding potatoes.

Planters of the basic crops, including tobacco, cotton, wheat, peanuts for edible purposes, Irish potatoes and corn will furnish the information to AAA authorities for the purpose of determining eligibility for loans and parity payments, if any, and for the marketing quota provisions of the act.

Union Service at Creswell On Thanksgiving Morning

A union Thanksgiving service will be held at the Creswell Methodist church next Thursday, November 20, at 9:30 a. m. The Revs. B. W. Gaither, R. N. Fitts and G. A. Martin will participate. Gifts of fruits, vegetables and other foods are requested for distribution to the less fortunate. The public is invited to attend.

Working on Lunchroom For Colored School Here

Undaunted by the lack of a room for serving of lunches, patrons and students of the Plymouth colored school have set their hands, spades and wheelbarrows to work and are digging space enough under the building there to make a lunchroom available.

The building is bricked high from the ground at the front.

WPA Allots \$10,176 for Improvements To Colored School Building in Roper

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner said this week he had been advised by President Franklin D. Roosevelt that the Work Projects Administration had approved a project for improvements to a colored school building at Roper with a WPA allotment of \$10,176.

The contemplated improvements include the addition of 6 rooms and a library to the frame structure. Principal J. J. Clemmons said today this was good news to him, because it would afford the rapidly growing colored school more class rooms to relieve prevailing congested conditions. The cost figured several months ago by Frank Benton, Wilson architect, was \$17,000. The increased cost of materials has run

this amount to \$20,318, it is estimated by WPA officials. The WPA agreed to take care of 50.3 per cent of the cost of \$10,276.

It is not known here today by school officials when actual work would begin on the improvements to the school building at Roper, because WPA labor is scarce in the county and defense activity has been drawing on certain material needed in construction.

It also has been learned that the county commissioners have not yet made their part of the project plan available. However, a plan may be worked out whereby immediate work can be started on the building so that it may be ready in time for the 1942-43 term.

Merchants Group in Meeting Plans Take Care Holiday Trade

Stores Here To Be Open Evenings Starting With December 19th

The Plymouth Merchants Association voted at its monthly meeting Monday night to give \$10 to the Roper school for uniforms for the basketball team and to give \$40 to the Christmas Joy Fund.

It was stated at the meeting that Mrs. Hermine Ramsey was willing to become secretary of a credit bureau for the organization, and a committee, headed by E. E. Harrell, was asked to continue work on the bureau until it was completely organized.

James W. Norman, president, said he had been advised there would be no Christmas street lights during the Christmas season, due to the need for conserving power. However, it was said that this would not affect individual store and residence yuletide decorations.

The merchants decided to keep their stores open at nights Friday, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday before Christmas as a convenience for customers who might wish to do their Christmas shopping during these hours. It was decided that if the industrial plants paid off their employees before the Christmas holidays the stores would be closed all day Thursday and Friday, December 25 and 26, for the Christmas observance. H. A. Williford, E. H. Liverman and H. H. Allen were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the Christmas closing.

The standing advertising committee was asked to study methods of attracting business to Plymouth and to make arrangements for such.

W. F. Winslow, L. H. Luch and Dave Kulman were named a committee to be in charge of arrangements for the visit of Santa Claus to the business area some time prior to Christmas.

Beautification Group Of South Albemarle Association Named

Object Is Improvements of Appearances of Homes And Highways

Beautification of highways and residences throughout this section is the goal of the dozen committee members appointed in Washington, Tyrrell, Hyde and Dare counties by Mrs. W. S. Carawan, of Columbia, chairman of the beautification program of the Southern Albemarle Association.

W. L. Whitley, of Plymouth, president of the organization, who appointed Mrs. Carawan chairman of the beautification work, said today that Mrs. Carawan had begun an aggressive campaign in the four counties to beautify highways and the premises about private homes.

The personnel of the committee is as follows:

Washington County: Mrs. Sidney Smithson, of Creswell; Mrs. W. V. Hays and Mrs. Frances M. Darden, of Plymouth; Tyrrell County: Mrs. D. M. Sawyer, Miss Mary Blanche Strickland and Mrs. Millie Davenport; Dare County: Mrs. Maude White, Mrs. Hattie Midgett, and Miss Sadie Henley; Hyde County: Mrs. Dan Berry, Mrs. Seth Gibbs and Miss Iberia Roach.

Mrs. Carawan has urged the organization to offer a prize for the painting and white-washing of buildings during the campaign; another prize for the person planting the most trees and shrubbery; and a third prize to the person repairing or removing the most dilapidated-looking buildings from the view of the highways.

Those desiring information on how they can improve their buildings and premises are asked to write to Mrs. Carawan, who will furnish the information or inform them where it can be secured.

Program of Services at Local Episcopal Church

Services will be held at Grace Episcopal church Sunday as follows: 10 a. m., Sunday school, 11 a. m., morning worship service, and evening service at 7:30, with the Rev. Sidney E. Matthews preaching.

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Thanksgiving Holiday To Be Observed Next Thursday in County

Beacon To Be Day Early Next Week

The Beacon will be published one day earlier next week, due to the annual Thanksgiving holiday falling on the regular publication date. The paper will be printed and put in the post office Wednesday afternoon, but will not be delivered on the rural routes or to those who get their mail by city carriers until Friday morning.

All correspondents are asked to get their correspondence in one day earlier, and those having notices of any kind to appear next week are asked to remember the change in publication date. The Beacon Office, as well as stores and practically all places of business in Plymouth will be closed all day, Thursday, November 20.

Stores and Business Establishments Will Be Closed All Day

To Mark First—and Last—Observance of Early Thanksgiving Here

Washington County will string along with President Franklin D. Roosevelt in celebration of Thanksgiving Day on Thursday, November 20, with practically all stores and business establishments, including the Branch Banking and Trust Company, the ABC stores, the post office, and county and town offices, closed next Thursday.

Last year, Federal offices in the county observed the third Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day, but Governor Clyde R. Hoey at that time issued a proclamation along with about a dozen other governors, setting forth that the last Thursday in November would be observed. Beginning in 1942, the President has stated that the traditional last Thursday in November will be proclaimed by him.

At the post office next Thursday, mail will be received and put in boxes but rural delivery and city delivery will not be made. The plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company will probably operate with a "skeleton" crew Thanksgiving Day, but the American Fork and Hoe Company and the Plymouth Box and Panel Company plants here will probably be closed.

Schools of the county will close Wednesday afternoon and allow two days for Thanksgiving, reopening Monday morning.

The week earlier observance, adopted to bring about a longer shopping period between Thanksgiving and the Christmas holidays, was found not to have produced the results anticipated. The President in May announced an end of the new custom adopted three years ago, Congress has passed legislation to make the last Thursday in November hereafter a legal holiday known as Thanksgiving.

Executives of two-thirds of the states and the District of Columbia have indicated their intention of proclaiming the President's November 20 date as their states' Thanksgiving Day this year. In 16 other states the Governors will stick to the traditional last Thursday in November.

Legion Auxiliary To Meet Here Next Monday Night

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet Monday night at the Legion Hall. All members are urged by officials to be present.

Fall Federation Held At Creswell Yesterday

Highway Workers To Remove Many Signs Along Roads

New Ruling Forbids Signs Closer Than 50 Feet From Center of Highways

Employees of the State Highway and Public Works Commission in Washington County, as well as in all parts of the state, this week began removing advertising signs which were placed closer than 50 feet from the center of all state highways. An ordinance to have the signs removed was passed sometime ago by the commission due to claims that closer proximity of the signs to the highways distracted the attention of automobile drivers, creating an accident hazard.

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Miss Pauline Smith Principal Speaker; Outline of Program

All County Clubs Except Two Are Represented At Meeting

More than 200 women attended the fall meeting of the Washington County Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs in Creswell Wednesday afternoon, when Mrs. Pauline Smith, northeastern district agent, of Raleigh, spoke on "Woman's Place in National Defense."

Mrs. Mattie Swain, president of the federation, presided. Mrs. W. V. Hays is vice president; Mrs. D. B. Chesson, secretary; and Mrs. Edna Latham, is treasurer.

Greetings were extended to the visitors by A. T. Brooks, principal of the Creswell school; and Mrs. H. W. Norman, of the Creswell club, made the address of welcome, with Mrs. J. B. Hathaway, of the Scuppernon club, responding. Mrs. G. A. Martin conducted the devotional, and Miss Ada Virginia Hopkins sang a solo.

All of the clubs in the county, except Wenona and Mount Tabor, were represented. The program was presented in the form of a harvest festival, with each club having an exhibit of vegetables, flowers, clothing or some display of farm activity. The slogan of the meeting was "Any time is gift time on the farm."

Reports were heard from the following clubs: Chapel Hill, Hoke, Roper, Scuppernon, Cherry, Lake Farm, Piney Grove, Cool Springs, County Bridge, Pleasant Grove, Swain, Creswell, Alba, Cross Roads and Beech Grove.

Mrs. Frances M. Darden, home demonstration agent, introduced Miss Smith for the principal address of the occasion, and the members of the Creswell club served tea and cookies.

Only 10 Children Found To Have Any Symptoms of Trachoma; Examine All

Relief was expressed today by school officials after it was found that only 10 of the 48 children examined by specialists had any symptoms of trachoma.

Dr. E. W. Larkin, of Washington, an eye specialist, examined children in the Plymouth school Tuesday, and prescribed treatment in several cases where children were found to be suffering from eye diseases. Dr. Larkin came to the school under the sponsorship of the Lions Club.

Principal R. B. Trotman said today that through examina-

tion given the children by the specialists revealed only a few cases where symptoms of mild cases of trachoma were indicated, greatly relieving the anxiety of parents and school officials. It is believed a threatened epidemic of the disorder has been avoided by the prompt discovery and treatment which the threatened children are now taking.

All the pupils in the local high and elementary schools were examined by officials of the district health department, and those found with eye diseases were referred to the specialists.