

The new roof for the Plymouth school has nearly been completed. Workmen are now caulking the coping and doing other technical and tedious work.

The Work Projects Administration has arranged for the services of Miss Pauline Biggs to act as secretary and clerk of the Washington County Civilian Defense Council, and she is in the office of Clerk of Court W. M. Darden, who is also chairman of the council.

The Washington County Tire Rationing Board issued permission at its weekly meeting yesterday to three persons for the purchase of tires, as follows: Dr. T. L. Bray, physician, one tire; W. T. Freeman and E. G. Harrison, two truck tires each, for use on trucks hauling produce to market.

County Agent W. V. Hays urges farmers of the county to continue to collect all scrap metal, for which a truck will be sent, because the iron and steel are worth 45 cents per 100 pounds and because this "metal" should be sent to Japan hot—and maybe some as cold steel.

The Plymouth School last Monday collected 3,500 pounds of scrap material which will be diverted to the war industry in connection with the Salvage-for-Victory drive, according to Principal R. B. Trotman, who urges anyone having more scrap metal to call the school so that some-one may be sent for the material.

L. T. Scott, representative of the Agricultural Marketing Administration, was in Plymouth Wednesday of this week conferring with County Agent W. V. Hays. The two men went over the matters relating to marketing of farm products in a lengthy discussion.

Marvin K. Blount, of Greenville, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress from the first district, was in Plymouth for a few minutes yesterday. He was returning to Greenville after speaking before a district meeting of Lions from five counties, held in Edenton Tuesday night. Mr. Blount said he considered his prospects very good at this time in his campaign.

C. E. Murriner, J. C. Winesett, Garland Hardison and several others from this county attended a meeting of the North Carolina Beekeepers' Association in Washington last Friday.

R. N. (Dick) Hardison, prominent local figure, has returned to his home on Washington Street after undergoing treatment at a hospital. He expressed his appreciation for the many kindnesses rendered him while he was in the hospital.

County Farmers To Hear Farm Bureau Official Thursday

Flake Shaw and Others To Speak on Farm War Programs

A mass meeting of Washington County farmers will be held at the agriculture building in Plymouth Thursday of next week, April 2, at 8:30 p. m., with R. Flake Shaw, of Raleigh, executive secretary of the State Farm Bureau, as the principal speaker, it was announced this week by County Agent W. V. Hays.

This meeting will be of particular interest to tobacco and peanut growers, according to Mr. Hays, who is urging a large attendance of the farmers of the county.

The Agricultural Adjustment Administration will have a representative present who will speak on the 1942 farm program as it relates to an increased production needed now because of war conditions.

In commenting on the chief speaker, Mr. Hays said the Farm Bureau secretary was formerly AAA state committeeman and, in addition to being an interesting speaker, Mr. Shaw is one of the state's best dirt farmers.

"Come to the meeting in Plymouth Thursday, April 2," Mr. Hays said, "as I guarantee an interesting, entertaining and helpful program. Agriculture must contribute, and we as farmers will, to a very great extent by our combined efforts, win this war."

Roper Ruritans Sponsor Singing Friday Night

The Young Men's Choral Club, of Washington, will present a program of singing at the J. J. Clemmons High school (colored) in Roper Friday night at 8:15 p. m.

The program will feature Negro spirituals and will include, solos, duets, trios, quartets and chorus selections by the entire club. The entertainment will be sponsored by the Ruritans Club of Roper. Everyone is urged to attend.

Visit Their Mother Samuel Bray Bateman, of the U. S. Navy, and Earle Bateman, of Norfolk, were recent guests of their mother, Mrs. Pauline Bateman.

School Band in Contest at Greenville Saturday; Give Concert Here Sunday

The Plymouth High School Band will participate in the district music contest to be held in Greenville Saturday, presenting three numbers in the class C competition.

The program as outlined for the local band by Director L. W. Zeigler includes a warm-up march, entitled "National Anthem," by Bagley; an overture, "Student Prince," by Romberg; and the tone poem, "Phantom Trumpeters," by Gillette.

Mr. Zeigler also announced that the band would present its

first spring outdoor concert Sunday afternoon at 5:15, in front of the community hall on Water Street. This will be a free concert, and the program will be of a patriotic nature.

Mr. Zeigler said that the band realized the sum of \$21 from the concert held recently in the courthouse, and he expresses his appreciation to all those who cooperated with the band by attending or buying tickets.

It is announced that another street parade and drill will be presented by the band in the near future.

Plans Not Completed For Sugar Rationing

Order Numbers Not Yet Assigned

The Washington County Selective Service Board is awaiting the master list for assigning order numbers to those who registered at the third registration in February. The list is expected in a few days, and as soon as it can be worked out, the list of order numbers will be published in this newspaper.

Clerk S. A. Ward says that no effort will be made to assign the order numbers until the master list is received. Some newspapers have carried order numbers, but they were not official, and Mr. Ward said that nothing would be issued here regarding the number numbers until the official list is received.

'Fun and Fashions Of 1942' Expected Draw Large Crowd

Firemen's Benefit Show To Be Presented Here Tomorrow Night

According to those who have had a "peek" at rehearsals, "Fun and Fashions of 1942," to be presented at the Plymouth Theatre tomorrow night at 8 o'clock, under the sponsorship of the Plymouth Fire Department, promises to be one of the best entertainments of its kind ever presented here.

It is a show of surprises, some of them taking place on the stage, in the aisles and in the seats of the audience, and firemen urge everyone who plans to attend to get his ticket now.

One of the hits of the revue is to be the Hawaiian number, sung by Eddie H. Blatz and danced by eight hula girls in native costumes. Also featured will be "The Chattanooga Choo-Choo," danced by dozen boys and girls, with a specialty dance by Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hardison. Twelve majorettes in striking costumes will execute a drill that will please any audience.

There are many things that Lawrence Jones, L. E. Beck, C. W. Burnham, F. J. McKinley, Tom Gardner and others will do to provide merriment.

The second part will consist of a fashion show, with living models, presented by three local firms. Mrs. R. E. Dunning will be mistress of ceremonies.

L. D. Jones and I. Miller Warren are in charge of the show. R. B. Trotman is director, and Mrs. Wilmer D. Walker is piano accompanist.

Local Masons To Have Degree Work Tuesday

There will be a regular communication of Perseverance Lodge, No. 59, A. F. & A. M., at the lodge hall next Tuesday night, with work in the third degree. There will be at least two candidates, an official of the lodge said today. All Master Masons are cordially invited to attend.

Legion Meeting Called Off Friday on Account of Show

There will not be a meeting of the James E. Jethro Post of the American Legion Friday night, it was announced today by Adjutant J. E. Westray, who said that the meeting had been called off on account of the firemen's benefit show at the Plymouth Theatre tomorrow night at 8 o'clock.

Maples Disqualified in Tourney at Pinehurst

Ellis Maples, pro at the Plymouth Country Club, was disqualified from further play in the North and South open championship tournament at Pinehurst yesterday, when he found he had inadvertently miscounted his score on one hole. He had a 70 for the opening round the day before, which placed in a tie for fourth place.

Say Tests Made of Ilmenite Ore From Sound Encouraging

DuPont Company Spending Large Sum in Taking Core Samples

Reports reaching here are to the effect that early experiments in developing machinery to extract ilmenite ore from Albemarle Sound and by the E. I. duPont de Nemours Company are proving more successful than anticipated, giving rise to the hope that this may become an important industry for this section.

The State of North Carolina and the duPont company recently reached an agreement whereby the company will pay 15 cents a ton as royalty to the state, which has title to the sand at the bottom of the sound. The agreement has been approved by the company, by a committee of the Department of Conservation and Development, and by the attorney general.

It is stated that the titanium oxide, produced from ilmenite ore, which comes from the Albemarle Sound—and it is the titanium pigment which the company wants—is more nearly a match for the titanium from India, where the duPont supply has come from in the past, than anything else found in this country.

Dr. J. L. Gilson, duPont's chief geologist, has been in this section for some time in connection with the experiments underway. The company is spending thousands of dollars taking core samples.

The process of obtaining the brilliant white pigment from the black bottom of Albemarle Sound includes dredging the sound bottom by a floating plant. Out of every 100 tons of sand taken, the first processing step will take about 10 tons. The rest goes back to the bottom of the sound.

The 10 tons of concentrate will be sent to shore plants, where it will be refined again and approximately 5 tons of ilmenite recovered. This ore will then be sent to one of the duPont pigment plants and the titanium oxide extracted from it.

Titanium oxide is a brilliant white, refractory pigment. It is used in paint and also in cloth. If you have seen rayon which you believed to be silk, the chances are that the appearance was due to titanium.

Begin Revival at Christian Church

A series of revival services will be conducted at the Plymouth Christian church, beginning Sunday night and continuing one week, closing on Easter Sunday. The pastor, Rev. B. E. Taylor, will do the preaching. A candlelight Communion service will be held Thursday night.

Easter services, beginning with a Sunrise Service Easter Sunday morning, will bring to a close the "Toward Calvary" program which has been underway during the Lenten season. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Special Bus Service For Employees of Pulp Company Here

Inaugurated Last Tuesday On 30-Day Trial Basis Following Survey

The Norfolk Southern Bus Corporation this week inaugurated special bus service for the benefit of employees of the North Carolina Pulp Company, as the result of a survey conducted recently among the workmen, who indicated a desire for such service in order to conserve their private passenger car tires, as well as gasoline. The company now employs an estimated 1,065 people, most of whom work on a shift basis and a large number of whom live considerable distances from the plant.

Chester Hawkins, bus master of the Norfolk Southern company, was here Saturday to make arrangements for inaugurating the service on a trial basis, and Tuesday two buses of the intercity type began to haul the employees to and from work on a temporary schedule, which is subject to such changes as local conditions and needs may indicate desirable.

The buses will travel from Creswell to the plant; from Williamson to the plant; Little Richwood to the plant; and from a point on highway 32 near the county home to the plant. The schedules are based on the shift changes, so as to take workmen to and from their work three times daily.

It was stated that the present service has been established on a 30-day trial basis, following a survey conducted among the workmen. Practically everyone of the employees signified his desire to have the service. A very reasonable charge is to be made for the service.

Pulp company officials got in touch with bus company officials about the matter when they found that the scarcity of tires and gasoline would prevent many employees from using their private cars in commuting between the plant and their homes as far away as Creswell and Williamson.

Two-Day Union for Primitive Baptists

The eastern union meeting of the Kehukee Primitive Baptist Association will convene with the White Plains church, near Pinetown, Saturday and Sunday, with Elder W. M. Stubbs, of Pinetown, in charge.

Elder S. Gray, pastor of Concord and two other churches in this union, said that he would not be able to be present, due to attending another union meeting in Harnett County, but there will be several other ministers at the gathering.

The public is cordially invited to attend, Elder Gray said. Elder Gray, of Pinetown, who as pastor of the Concord church, near Cherry, and other Primitive Baptist churches in the section, is well known in this county.

To Hold Examination In April for Office of Plymouth Postmaster

Board of Election Named by State

Meeting in Raleigh last Saturday, the State Board of Elections approved the recommendations of party executive committees calling for the appointment of W. W. White and W. J. Marrow, sr., as Democratic members and J. R. Carr as Republican member of the Washington County Board of Elections.

The election officials are to meet within the next few days to set up machinery for handling details of the registration and primary in the county on Saturday, May 30.

Registration books will open shortly for addition of new voters' names. County candidates have until April 13 to file for the offices at stake in the general election in November. So far, not a single candidate has announced.

John W. Darden To Retire on Account Physical Condition

Examination Next Month Will Be on Open Competitive Basis

An open competitive examination to fill the vacancy in the position of postmaster in Plymouth has been announced by the United States Civil Service Commission at the request of the Postmaster General, as John W. Darden prepares to retire from the position to which he was appointed five months ago.

Mr. Darden said that he did not have any other plans at present. He made a mark of 97 on his mental examination for the office when he took the examination several months ago, but his physical condition prevented him from holding the office longer. The examination is expected to be held in April.

In order to be eligible for the examination, an applicant must be a citizen of the United States, must have resided within the delivery of this post office, or within the city or town limits in which the office is located, for at least one year immediately preceding the date fixed for close of receipt of applications, must be in good physical condition, and between 23 and 63 years of age.

Under the terms of the act of Congress approved June 25, 1938, the Civil Service Commission will certify the names of the highest three qualified eligibles to the Postmaster General, who shall thereupon submit the name of the one selected to the President for nomination. Confirmation by the Senate is the final action.

Applicants will be required to assemble in an examination room for written tests, and will also be rated on their education, business or professional experience, general qualifications and suitability.

The office pays \$2,500 a year. Applicants have until April 7 to file.

Bonner Pledges Aid In Securing Priority For Fire Equipment

Calls Official of WPB To Press Local Claim for Additional Truck

Probability that the town of Plymouth might get a preference rating certificate from the War Production Board for immediate purchase of an additional fire truck and equipment, was considered brighter this week after Representative Herbert C. Bonner stated that he would do everything he could to assist.

While he was here last week, Representative Bonner, telephoned Mauri Maverick, head of the Bureau of Governmental Requirements of the War Production Board, which handles the problems of state and local governments concerning priorities and related matters affecting wartime purchasing needs of counties, cities, and towns, asking that the application of the Town of Plymouth for the additional fire equipment be re-examined. Mr. Maverick promised the congressman to consider the application himself when it is reintroduced.

The application for priority had been previously denied by Wayne Allen, chief of the Defense Purchase and Supply section of the WPA, for the ascribed reason that communities should make an effort to "get by" until vital defense areas now unprotected receive the necessary protection to assure continued production of war materials.

Mr. Bonner said the fact that industry in this area was operating about 65 per cent on war orders, coupled with the recent increase in population and nearness to the Atlantic coast, should receive special consideration in view of the fact that present fire-fighting facilities are considered inadequate.

The town has applied for priority to purchase a 500-gallon triple combination pump, with hose car and water tank, fire-fighting truck.

Boy Scouts Meet Tomorrow Night

Local Boy Scouts will meet Friday night at 8 o'clock in the courthouse basement to make plans for the annual camporee, which will be held in Roanoke Rapids April 17, 18, and 19, according to Scoutmaster B. E. Taylor, who urges a large attendance.

Mr. Taylor said the Scouts were continuing their collection of waste paper Monday afternoons and the Sea Scouts Thursday afternoons in connection with the salvage-for-victory campaign. Those having waste paper are asked to notify Norman Furniture Company, who will have the Scouts call for it.

Concert at Roper Last Friday Pleases Crowd

The Norman Concert Singers, of Elizabeth City, gave a concert at the Roper High School auditorium last Friday night, and the program was so well received by the audience that arrangements were made for a return engagement on Friday night, April 10, at 8:15 p. m.

James E. Norman, director, is a professional pianist and rendered several piano solos that were exceptionally good. This group also offers a varied program, consisting of solos, duets, trios, and quartets, as well as group singing.

The entertainment last week was sponsored by the Ruritans Club of Roper, and everyone is urged to attend the return program for an interesting and enjoyable evening.

First-Aid Class To Be Started Monday Night in Courthouse

County Red Cross Sponsors Course; Public Invited To Attend

Classes in first aid, given under the sponsorship of the Washington County chapter of the Red Cross, will begin Monday night at 8 o'clock when the public is invited to attend the first meeting at the courthouse, according to John W. Darden, chairman of the county chapter.

The classes will be held Monday and Wednesday nights of each week until the course is completed, with Miss Ella Harper, teacher in the local school, who has completed an instructor's course, in charge of the class. Persons from all parts of the county are invited to attend the classes.

First-aid certificates will be issued by the national organization to all who complete the course. Two hours each week will be devoted to the study course, consisting of lectures and demonstrations.

Mr. Darden urges all those who wish to avail themselves of the opportunity to take the course. Among those who have already signified their intention of attending the classes are V. J. Mueller, Cornelia H. Mueller, Addie Mae Paul, Clara C. Johnston, Martha C. Biggs, Kathleen S. Nobles, Blanche Davis, Bernice Rodgers, Naomi W. Peele, John L. Loell, and Lila C. Jackson.

Impose \$70 in Fines At Recorders Court

Five cases were disposed of Washington County recorder's court Tuesday morning by Recorder W. Ronald Gaylord and Prosecuting Attorney W. Blount Rodman, resulting in fines of \$70 being levied on the five defendants. The defendant in another case on the docket was given 18 months on the roads and one case was continued. The proceedings follow:

- Richard Craddock, breaking and entering; 18 months on the roads. Ernest Lee More, reckless driving, 30 days or \$25 fine and costs. John Wallace Sykes, improper brakes, 30 days on roads or fine of \$5 and costs. Earl Wilson Hill, reckless driving; 30 days on roads, suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and costs. Garland Oliver Boggs, improper brakes and steering gear; 30 days or \$5 fine and costs. Roland Spruill, publicly drunk; 30 days or \$10 fine and costs. Chester A. Davenport, improper equipment on car; continued.

The Church Is the Hope of the World

We Must Cling to It Now for Strength and Guidance

For 2,000 years the Christian faith has been a light burning in the darkness of a troubled world, a guide and a beacon to all men everywhere.

It has survived because, through all the ages, the Church has been its shelter and its shield. To the Church the people have turned for strength when they were sorely pressed, and for guidance when the way was dark.

We, who walk a dark and dangerous road today, must turn to the Church for strength.

We, who loved peace, are now at war. We are building the machines of war—the tanks and guns and planes and shells and ships, without which we cannot conquer.

Yet all these things that we are building cannot insure our victory. For victory demands of us a greater strength than mass of men, and weight of guns.

It demands of us a strength of the spirit that only the Church can bestow. A strength that stems from the unflinching faith that right will triumph; that hats and cruelty cannot endure; that mercy and compassion and brotherhood some day will rule the world.

If we go into battle without that faith

we go as a nation strong only in the externalities and the trappings of war. We go as spiritual skeletons in armor, a robot host without a soul.

Our sons and brothers who walk daily with death in the steaming jungles, and ride with death in the air and on the seas, have learned already how great is the strength that comes from within.

"Send us bombers," they called, at first. And then: "Send us bombers—and Bibles." For in time of trial, they had to come to know what fighting men have understood from Bohemund the Crusader to Stonewall Jackson, from Galahad to Father Duffy: The man who fights in the name of Christ fights best of all.

They know it now. We, too, must learn it. As a nation we must learn it if we are to bear the hard trials, win the grim battles, and, when victory has come, write the just peace that will endure.

The doors of the Church are open. The light of the Faith still burns. The altars await a nation that bows its head to God—and in that act of humbleness finds strength to hold its head up proudly against whatever foe may come.

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