

Many Plymouth folks witnessed and enjoyed the total eclipse of the moon last week. It came at the full of the moon on an almost cloudless night with the moon about halfway to overhead. Beginning about 10 o'clock, the eclipse was full within the hour, taking an equally long time to clear away.

James L. Rea, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Rea, of Wenona, was recently assigned to a Navy trade school at Newport, R. I. where it is understood he is receiving training as a torpedo specialist. He entered the Naval service last July 29.

Sergeant Tom Brown left Tuesday for New Bern, his new post after five years in Plymouth, the transfer also bringing him promotion from corporal to sergeant in the highway patrol. Mrs. Brown and their son will remain in Plymouth for the present. Up to today, no patrolman has yet been assigned to take Sergeant Brown's place here.

Mrs. Joseph Thraill and two sons left Monday for San Diego, Calif., after spending about two months here with her brothers, P. W., J. W. and David Bown. Her husband is a captain in the Marine Corps and is stationed at San Diego. P. W. Brown accompanied them as far as Raleigh Monday.

Robert J. Sydenstricker, well-known local man who entered the Army a few weeks ago, is now stationed at Camp Edwards, Mass., where he is to begin training with a combat unit of the amphibian engineers corps.

S. E. Nestor, purchasing agent for the North Carolina Pulp Company since it was first located here five years ago, has received a commission as captain in the U. S. Army and leaves tomorrow morning for Miami, Fla., where he will receive an indoctrination course before beginning active service. Mrs. Nestor and other members of his family will continue to reside here for the present.

Private Raymond B. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland Smith, of Plymouth, was recently transferred from Fort Francis D. Warren, Cheyenne, Wyo., to Camp Gruber, Okla. He entered the service last April and is in the quartermaster corps.

Chief of Police P. W. Brown this week issued his final warning to local dog owners to pay the special \$1 town tax on each dog at once. Warrants will be issued within the next week for those who have failed to pay the tax by that time.

James E. Mizelle, secretary of Local 356 of the Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers, will leave early Sunday morning for Salisbury, N. C., to attend a meeting of the Executive Board of the North Carolina Federation of Labor, of which he is a member. He will not be able to return until Monday night, so will miss the Labor Day celebration here.

Reuben Mayo, who volunteered in the Naval Air Corps last June, left yesterday to begin his ground-school training at Chapel Hill. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mayo, of Plymouth.

Revival Services at Siloam M. E. Church

The Rev. R. N. Fitts, of Creswell, will be guest preacher at the revival services to be held each night next week, beginning next Monday, in the Siloam Methodist Church, near Gardner's Creek, of which the Rev. G. C. Wood is pastor. Each service will begin at 8 p. m. and they will end Saturday night, September 12.

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Blackout Test Here Last Friday Night Declared Very Successful by Officers

The black-out last Friday night when for 30 minutes Plymouth was in darkness, was a very successful tryout. So said Chief Air Raid Warden Brown and so agreed citizens generally. All lights were doused—street lights, car lights, house lights, and even tiny candle lights which some may have used in the homes to keep from colliding with chairs and tables were effectually concealed behind heavy curtains. The people of Plymouth co-

operated splendidly, according to Chief P. W. Brown. Air wardens and auxiliary police fluttered through the town, some on their two legs and some on bicycles, and nowhere was a forbidden light found. The town of Plymouth rested in a pool of darkness.

If any air raiders sought to find Plymouth during the black-out they must have lost their way, for no planes were heard over or near the town.

Labor Day Program Here Being Sponsored By Five Local Unions

IN ACTIVE SERVICE



William A. Davidson, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Davidson, of Plymouth, is now in active service with the Naval Air Forces after receiving his "wings of gold" and commission as ensign early last month. He made an exceptional record in aerial gunnery while in training and was graduated as a pursuit pilot.

Parade in Morning; Other Features Held At Albemarle Beach

Prominent Labor Leaders To Speak; Free Barbecue Is Also Planned

Union workers at the mill of the North Carolina Pulp Company, some 800 or 900 of them, since all cannot get away from work for a holiday in this war time, and union workers of the American Fork and Hoe Company, numbering between 40 and 50, will participate in a Labor Day parade in Plymouth next Monday, it has been announced by James E. Mizelle, secretary of Local No. 356, International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers.

The exact route of the parade is not determined, but it will form at Washington and Water Streets and move through the principal business streets. The high school band will march and play if possible, but having lost 12 members by graduation last May it may not be able to appear until new members have been trained.

Immediately after the parade the union workers and their guests will proceed to Albemarle Beach. Guests will include their families and all the business people of Plymouth and their families also. All who have cars are expected to take their friends who lack transportation and some additional transportation will also be provided.

First on the program at the beach will be an informative session, at which J. H. Newkirk, president of the pulp workers local union, will preside, assisted by John W. Darden, Plymouth postmaster. Speeches will be made by an international representative of the Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers and Joe Boyd, of High Point, international representative of the carpenters' union.

Following the speaking a barbecue will be served. Respass, of Greenville, widely known as a barbecue maker, will be in charge. (See LABOR DAY, Page 4)

Ceiling on Prices Has Little Effect On Leaf Averages

Prices Generally Averaging Around 35-Cent Mark on Most Markets

Tobacco sales on the Bright Belt markets are reported steady this week, apparently undisturbed by the price ceiling which says "the weighted average price per pound paid by any person for flue-cured tobacco shall not exceed the average price per pound paid by such person for flue-cured tobacco during the period from August 24, 1942, to August 28, 1942."

On markets in general this week, many piles of tobacco sold up to 47 and 48 cents, the average sales being steady and much in accord with the prices paid last week. The poundage was light, but quality was reported somewhat better.

The price ceiling announced indicates no effort is being made to lower prices from last week's levels, but the purpose is to check an unreasonable price advance to prevent any inflationary movement.

The definite effect of the ceiling price order is not yet apparent, but apparently the ceiling will prevent the overall average from going much above 35 cents a pound. It may tend to hold down prices for the better quality grades while boosting the price of inferior grades, observers believe. The ceiling order may be made permanent, it is said, or it may be changed in part to meet any inequalities that may arise.

In general, it is claimed that the prices have not been materially affected by the price ceiling order, that the markets had virtually been stabilized and current prices will continue to prevail without much variation for the remainder of the season.

Another Group of County Selectees to Leave Next Week

Total of 26 White Men in Group Going To Fort Bragg Tuesday

White selectees to the number of 23 and 3 volunteers will leave here next Tuesday, September 8, for Fort Bragg, where they will undergo physical and mental examinations prior to induction in the army. Those who are accepted will be given 14-day furloughs to return home and wind up their affairs before beginning training.

Four men left Plymouth last week to volunteer in other branches of the military forces, and others may go soon, it was said.

Two of the volunteers who will leave next Tuesday are from Plymouth, James Hardison and James Robert Marriner; while the third one, Walter Lee Skittleharpe, is from Roper.

The selectees are: From Plymouth: William Ronald Gaylord, Rasser Lee Edwards, Alfred Stuart Johnston, William Earl Craddock, James Seaton Marriner, Church Warren Styons, Harry Lee Arnold, Bill William Hall, Vester Valentine Estep, Mervyn Thomas Carrow and Carl Raymond Fisher.

From Roper: William Grover Bell, Albert Ross Holton, Duard Ellsburg Craddock, George Edison Biggs, Ernest Leon Hassell, Floyd McConnell, Claud Leon Morris, and Phillip Jackson Edwards.

From Creswell: Theodore Roosevelt Haire, William Henry Davenport. From Maceys: George Grady Phillips.

From Wenona: Hoyt Thomas LeFever.

The four who volunteered in other branches of the service last week are: Claude Edward Jones, jr., Navy; Brown Dee Shearer, Coast Guard; and John William Womble, Air Corps, all from Plymouth; and Louis Leroy Sitterson, Navy, from Roper.

Resume Operation By October 1st at Peanut Plant Here

B. W. Evans, J. E. Davenport, E. J. Broughton In New Firm

Taking over the old plant of the Clark Peanut Company in Plymouth and merging it with Evans Mills, Inc., of Edenton, the Farmers Cotton and Peanut Company was recently organized with the following officers: B. W. Evans, president; J. E. Davenport, of Maceys and Plymouth, vice president; and E. J. Broughton, manager.

The Clark peanut plant in Plymouth, which has not been operated in recent years, is being overhauled, machinery cleaned, new equipment added and the building renovated. The new owners hope to have it ready for operation by October 1, before the new crop comes onto the market in quantity. The plant here has storage space for 20,000 bags of peanuts, and there is additional storage space in Edenton for 25,000 bags.

Under the new management, the company will buy cotton and cotton seed, cotton in the bale, peanuts, soy beans and corn, and will also do custom ginning and exchange cotton seed for cotton seed meal. No ginning will be done at Plymouth, but at the Evans gin in North Edenton the latest approved type of drying and cleaning equipment has been installed and W. L. Langdale will continue to have charge of this phase of the business there.

Cash market prices will be paid for products purchased, it is stated, and the trio of well-known business men solicit the business of their many friends throughout this section.

Mr. Broughton has had considerable experience in the cotton, peanut and soy bean business. For 25 years he was connected with the Eastern Cotton Oil Company in Hertford, after which he was located in Norfolk, Va., for 10 years. He recently bought the Plymouth peanut cleaning and shelling plant from the Bain Peanut Company, of Suffolk, and then with Evans and Davenport organized the Farmers Cotton and Peanut Company.

The new company has no connection with the B. W. Evans' business at Tyner, where Mr. Evans will continue his cotton gin and dealings in cotton seed, peanuts, soy beans and corn.

Was It Accident or Bit Of "Darn Carelessness"

Alexander Davenport was loading a hog last week and punched it with the handle of an axe he was holding to induce it to go forward. The hog objected, kicked at Mr. Davenport with both feet and hit the handle, which in turn struck Mr. Davenport in an eye. In consequence, the eye is very, very black.

Quincy Sawyer, who was looking on, commented: "That was not an accident; it was just darn carelessness."

Over \$140,000 Worth War Bonds Sold in County in 4 Months

Total Is 79 Per Cent More Than Composite Quotas For Same Period

War bond sales in Washington County reached a total of \$77,975 during the month of August. This is \$61,575 in excess of the quota of \$16,500 for the month. In Plymouth alone bond sales amounted to \$76,000 last month.

For the past four months, sales of bonds in series "E," "F," and "G" in Washington County, and the quota for each month, were as follows: In May, \$9,500 quota; maturing value of sales, \$23,625; In June, \$14,900 quota; maturing value of sales, \$21,576; In July, \$37,600 quota; maturing value of sales, \$17,150; In August, \$16,500 quota; maturing value of sales, \$77,975.

The total of quotas for the four months was \$78,500; total sales were \$140,325, or 179 per cent of the quotas. The sales in excess of the quotas amounted to \$61,825.

H. E. Beam, chairman of War Bond sales for the county, said today that he had received a letter from the Treasury Department, informing him that it was probable sales in excess of quotas would be credited to future quotas. Likewise, sales less than quotas will necessitate the deficiency being added to future quotas.

Approximately \$9,000 worth of war stamps were sold at the post office here during August, but these are not credited to the month's quota. Postmaster John W. Darden said, "An unusually large number of war stamp buyers have been 'cashing them in' again during the past few weeks, he said, \$500 having been paid out in a single day recently. The postmaster hopes these requests will materially lessen in the future."

Seek More Members For Farm Bureau

J. Roy Manning, president of the Washington County Farm Bureau, said this week that an intensive drive to secure more members of the bureau among farmers of the county was now in progress. The bureau is seeking 10,000 new members before October 10th to back the leaders of the organization in their fight to secure parity principles for agriculture.

Members are being sought among business men as well as farmers, since everyone in rural sections is directly concerned with the effort to secure a square deal for agriculture. Mr. Manning said, "The Farm Bureau Federation has taken the lead in seeking legislation favorable to the farmer, and Mr. Manning hopes to secure at least 50 new members in the county before the present campaign closes."

Textbooks Free for Younger, Rented To High School Pupils

Superintendent McLean Explains System in Use This Term

Free basal textbooks are provided in the schools for elementary children in grades one through seven, as they were last year; textbooks for the eighth grade and all high school grades are not free, but are rented to the pupils, the general plan being the same as last year. So stated H. H. McLean, county superintendent of instruction, this week.

For the elementary children, and in each grade from the second through the seventh, reading books are provided as follows: two books to the first grade and one book in each of the others. Each child is entitled to one copy of the basal texts for his or her grade. Two years ago new adoptions were made in reading, health and art, and these will replace the old books in all the schools this year.

Supplementary readers will be rented to pupils in grades one through seven along the plan pursued last year. These readers should not be confused with the regular textbooks, which are not furnished free.

Following the "flat-fee system," the same as last year, all high school books will be rented at the stated fee, \$2.40 for the year. The pupil must rent all books. The full fee must be paid whether a pupil carries three, four or five subjects. This fee entitles the pupil to all his or her regular basal books, but does not include workbooks, laboratory manuals, classics or any miscellaneous materials, but does include high school spellers and dictionaries. Enough spelling books for the eighth grade enrollment are supplied each school with the understanding they may be used in any and all the grades. One dictionary for each four pupils in high school is also supplied each school.

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New Term Begins at Local Schools Today; Schedule Announced

GOING TO ARMY



W. Ronald Gaylord, judge of the Washington County Recorder's Court since August of last year, is included in the September quota of selectees who leave next Tuesday for Fort Bragg.

Judge of Recorder's Court Leaves Next Tuesday for Army

Is Fourth Official of Court To Enter Service in Past Three Months

No session of the recorder's court will be held next Tuesday, but the court will sit instead on Thursday, September 10, according to announcement by Judge W. R. Gaylord today. Any who have been summoned to appear next Tuesday will take note that they are expected to be present Thursday instead.

Recorder Gaylord will go to Fort Bragg next Tuesday for physical examination preliminary to induction in the army. If accepted, he will have a furlough of two weeks and will be back in Plymouth in time to hold court Thursday.

Incidentally, when he announced as a candidate for the Democratic nomination as judge of the recorder's court last May, Mr. Gaylord stated that he would not claim deferment by reason of occupying the office, although he is entitled to it. He was nominated without opposition in the primary and he is also unopposed in the coming general election. It is believed the county commissioners will grant him leave of absence from the duties of the office "for the duration."

Judge Gaylord is the fourth man to be called from the recorder's court to the army. Solicitor W. Blount Rodman was first to go, leaving in June. Sidney A. Ward then served in his place until he was called into service last month. Clerk of Court W. M. Darden also went off during August, and now the judge is being called into the service.

Eastern Star Chapter To Meet Tomorrow Night

Plymouth Chapter, No. 95, Order of the Eastern Star, will hold a regular meeting Friday evening at 8 o'clock in the New Masonic Temple Building. All members have been urged to be present, and Eastern Stars who are living in Plymouth or near by but are not members of the local chapter are cordially invited to attend this meeting. An interesting and impressive program has been planned. Refreshments will be served. This being the first meeting of the chapter since June and also the first one to be held in the new "home" a large attendance is expected.

Pick-Up Trucks, Otherwise Qualified, May Get Recaps From Ration Board

Recapping of pick-up truck tires is available when the applications meet all other requirements, according to W. L. Whitley, chairman of the local rationing board, who announced last week that new tires would not be available in the future for such trucks. Mr. Whitley gave considerable study to rationing rules sent out by the state headquarters before making his decision.

The local board has received from E. H. Schellenberg, at Raleigh, tire rationing specialist, the tire quota for September, showing a material reduction under the August quota, accompanied by the following memorandum:

"With no relief in sight, it means more than ever that tires should go to 'Top Essentials' only. We will experience difficulty,

Lesson Assignments Are To Be Given at Session Tomorrow

Larger Enrollment Than Last Year Anticipated By Principal

The school year in Plymouth for 1942-43 began today without any formal opening exercises. The pupils assembled in their respective classrooms at 8:25 o'clock, the pupils received their daily schedules, and were assigned lessons. Many textbooks were given out, and those who were not provided for will be supplied tomorrow, when every class will meet for further and more definite assignments. All grades from the fourth to the twelfth, included in the high school building, are in the Hampton Building, where the first, second and third grades have their classrooms, the same routine was carried out, the free books provided by the state were distributed and lessons assigned.

For the present the opening hour at each school will be 8:25 a. m.; a recess of 55 minutes, from 12:35 to 1 o'clock, will be taken for lunch, and classes will be dismissed at 3:30 p. m. Dismissal for the day of the Hampton Building will be earlier, probably the same hour as heretofore.

In event the fuel shortage makes it impossible to keep the buildings sufficiently warm during school hours, it may be necessary to change the daily schedule, Mr. Trotman said. Educational departments of both Federal and State governments have been urging more general physical work in the schools, Principal Robert B. Trotman has planned a program along this line which is expected to reach every boy and girl according to their needs. Mrs. Benton Liverman will direct the physical education program for girls.

Efforts to provide an athletics coach and instructor in agriculture for the 1942-43 school year have not succeeded thus far, but Mr. Trotman continues to hope the vacancies will be filled. Young men usually fill these positions, and most young men are in the army now. There may be less need for an athletic coach this year, since athletic contests will be curtailed close to the vanishing point. Only intramural games, football, basketball and baseball, are planned for the school year. Transportation difficulties, caused by the

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Young Musicians May Progress as Fast as They Will

High School Band Needs Number of New Players This Year

With the allocation of four periods for the teaching of instrumental music in the Plymouth High School this year, more emphasis will be placed on individual instruction and each student will be able to make as much progress as his or her talent and efforts will permit.

There are at present several school-owned instruments available for rental for the school year. Anyone interested in beginning on these should see the Director, L. W. Zeigler, at the beginning of school.

The band lost 12 members by graduation last May. This will naturally affect the appearance and playing of the whole band until the replacements for the vacancies have been trained. A public appearance will be made just as soon as the whole group is ready, Mr. Zeigler said.

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