



Due to the storm which has made travel dangerous today, Mrs. Henry S. Eley, of Suffolk, was unable to get here for the Lions Club meeting tonight, and the ladies' night program previously planned has been called off. President T. W. Earle said at noon. The club will meet at the regular time tonight, but the ladies' night program will be postponed to a later date.

Evelyn Swain, cadet nurse who completed her course of training at Rex Hospital in Raleigh last week, is spending a few days at her home near here before leaving for Hickory, where she will be stationed at the Emergency Isolation Center established there for infantile paralysis patients.

Some new shelves have been received and are being installed at the county public library in the courthouse this week. Quite a number of new books are also coming in and will be available within the next few days, according to the librarian, Mrs. Lulu Jackson. The librarian and several volunteers have been busy for the past few days rearranging the books on the new shelves.

State Senator Harry L. Topping, of Kankakee, Ill., was a visitor in the county this week. He was here to see about some property he owns in the Wena section. He represents the 20th Illinois district in the state legislature.

Hurricane warnings are out today all along the coast of North Carolina. High winds have been prevalent here all day, accompanied by rain, but no injuries or loss of life had been reported in the section up to noon. A great many trees have been blown down, and travel is said to be dangerous because of the large number of trees blown across the highways east of here. The center of the storm was expected to hit in the Beaufort section shortly before noon today, and residents of exposed areas along the coast were ordered evacuated last night.

Harold C. Brinn, of Creswell, was a visitor in Plymouth last Friday. He was accompanied by his son, Cpl. Harold H. Brinn, formerly of Plymouth, who is now serving with a medical detachment at Camp Sibert, Ala., and who has been visiting in the county for the past two weeks.

Boarding places for several teachers in the Plymouth schools are urgently needed, H. H. McLean, county superintendent, said yesterday. Several teachers have said they would resign unless suitable places were found. Anyone who wishes to board teachers is asked to get in touch with Mr. McLean or Principal R. I. Boyd immediately.

Russell W. Harrison, boatswain's mate, first class, of the U. S. Navy, is spending some time here with his mother, Mrs. R. G. Harrison, and other relatives. Mr. Harrison has just returned from the Pacific war zone, where he is attached to the staff of Admiral Turner, commander of the Fifth Fleet amphibious forces. He has taken part in most of the recent campaigns in the Pacific and before that was on the North African invasion and other major actions in the Atlantic.

Sgt. Harry P. Barnes, jr., left today for Fort Bliss, Texas, after spending 10 days with his father, Harry P. Barnes, sr., at Cherry. He is attached to an anti-aircraft unit stationed at the Texas Army post.

Early Applications for Canning Sugar Urged

As a favor to the rationing board office, applicants for canning sugar are requested to make their applications as far in advance as possible. Many are said to wait until they actually need the sugar before applying, which means that the office must stop whatever they are doing to issue the special allotments. The office force at the rationing board is short-handed at present, which means that they are called on for a lot of extra work anyway, and they would appreciate canning sugar applicants showing them a little consideration. No applications for canning sugar will be received after September 30.

Quail Hunting Season Will Open This Year November 23, Thanksgiving Day

In a special announcement this week, the game division of the State Board of Conservation and Development announced that the open season on quail, rabbit and turkey would begin on November 23 this year. November 23 is Thanksgiving Day, and the season on these species of game usually begins on that day.

In the future, by congressional enactment, Thanksgiving Day will come on the fourth Thursday of November. Up to a few years ago, Thanksgiving Day was fixed by Presidential proclamation and usually came on the last Thursday of November of each year. President Roosevelt caused a furore several years ago when

State Fire Marshall To Speak at Two Meetings Here Thursday Next Week

Sherwood Brockwell, of Raleigh, state fire marshal, will speak to two local civic organizations Thursday of next week. His first appearance will be at the Lions Club, which meets at 7 p. m., and he will also talk at the meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association to be held in the courthouse auditorium at 8 o'clock.

Although his topic has not been announced, it is expected that he will talk about local

school conditions. Mr. Brockwell inspected the local schools several years ago and condemned the primary building as unsafe. However, there has been no alternative but to continue using it since that time, due to cancellation of plans for added school facilities here by outbreak of the war in 1941.

The general public, as well as all members of the parent-teacher association, is invited to hear Mr. Brockwell at the meeting in the courthouse.

Budget and Tax Rate Of \$1.70 Approved at Board Meet Monday

Rationing Guide For Coming Week

Meats, Fats: Red stamps A8 through Z8 and A5 through G5, good indefinitely.

Processed Foods: Blue stamps A8 through Z8 and A5, through L5, good indefinitely.

Sugar: Sugar stamps 30, 31, 32 and 33 each good for five pounds indefinitely. Sugar stamp 40, good for five pounds of canning sugar through February, next year.

Gasoline: A-11 coupons, good through November 8.

Fuel Oil: Period 4 and 5 coupons, and new period 1 coupons good throughout coming heating year.

Shoes: Airplane stamps 1 and 2, good indefinitely.

Income Tax: Quarterly payments due September 15.

Committee on Post-War Planning Is Set Up by Lions Club

President T. W. Earle emphasizes importance of getting early start

A committee on post-war planning for the town and county was appointed last Thursday night at the meeting of the Lions Club by T. W. Earle, president of the club. Since that time, Mr. Earle has addressed the following letter to members of the committee, outlining its functions and appealing for early action: "This committee could also be properly called 'Washington County Post-War Planning Board.' The work that this committee is called upon to do is of the utmost importance.

"There is no time to lose in getting together and formulating plans for local and county needs which will be presented to the state and federal authorities at the proper time.

"Billions of dollars are to be spent by the Federal Government and millions by the State of North Carolina to aid communities after the war. By such aid, the Federal and State authorities hope to alleviate as far as possible unemployment by giving work to the millions of soldiers and other war workers that will be out of war service and out of jobs just as soon as the war is over.

"You, the leaders of Washington County, want to be ready with your plans and requests so that not only will our town and county benefit by getting some much-needed improvements, but also our sons, daughters, kinfolks, and friends who have been in war work, can readily find employment during the reconversion period between the all-out war that we have won and the beginning of a new era of peace." (See POST-WAR PLANS, Page 4)

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Valuation Increase Of \$300,000 Shown; Rate Same as 1943

Bonded indebtedness Was Reduced by \$50,200 in Past Fiscal Year

The Washington County commissioners, at their postponed meeting Monday morning of this week officially set the county tax rate for the fiscal year 1944-45 at \$1.70, the same as it was for the preceding year. The total levy for the current year is a little over \$5,000 larger than it was a year ago, but the difference is accounted for by the \$300,000 increase in total property valuation, a review of the budget estimate shows.

In addition to fixing the tax rate, the commissioners met with the board of education and adjusted differences in budget requirements, after which the budget as a whole was approved. Previously the budget estimate had been approved by the Local Government Commission at Raleigh. The county board also authorized H. H. McLean, county superintendent of schools, to buy 700 desks for county schools, after the board of education reported that unless additional seats were secured the enrollment of children could not be accommodated at the schools.

Reviewing the summary of the budget estimate, it will be noted that there are some minor changes in the various county funds, but as a whole the tax rate levied by departments (See TAX RATE, Page 4)

Lt. Jos. S. Norman At Home After 32 Bombing Missions

Has Several Decorations for Service With Eighth Air Force

1st Lieut. J. S. (Dick) Norman, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph S. Norman, of Plymouth, returned home last week after five months of service with the Eighth Army Air Force in England, during which time he completed a total of 32 bombing missions over enemy occupied Europe as pilot of a B-17, "Flying Fortress." He will be home for 21 days, after which he will report to a field in Florida for reassignment.

Lieutenant Norman has been awarded the Air Medal with three oak-leaf clusters for missions successfully completed, and about a month ago he was decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross for "extraordinary achievement while serving as a pilot of a B-17 Flying Fortress on a number of combat bombardment missions over Germany." (See JOS. S. NORMAN, Page 4)

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H. E. Harrison Gives Lot for Parsonage To Christian Church

Goal of \$6,000 for Building Hoped To Be Realized By November 5

At the monthly meeting of the official board of the First Christian church Monday night, Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Harrison offered to give to the church a well-located lot, 50 by 150 feet, on Brinkley Avenue, with the understanding that a parsonage be built on the lot as soon as possible. The board went on record as being favorable to the proposition and expressed its appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Harrison for their generosity. P. H. Darden, chairman of the board, announces that there will be a special meeting of the board next Monday night, September 18, when Mr. Harrison has offered to submit a plan for the parsonage and make suggestions regarding construction. Announcement of the gift of the lot was made by Mrs. H. E. Harrison and Mrs. R. G. Hardison, mother of Mr. Harrison. At the suggestion of several of the women of the church, who recently made the first bank deposit toward a parsonage fund, contributions and pledges were called for, and a total of \$1,930 was subscribed very quickly. Since the meeting last Monday, this amount has been increased substantially.

A goal of \$6,000, the anticipated cost of the building, has been set, and it is hoped to complete the financing of the parsonage by the annual homecoming service on Sunday, November 5. Mrs. R. G. Hardison was appointed chairman of the canvassing committee and Mrs. H. E. Harrison vice chairman, with officers and members of the church's women's organizations to serve as committee members. A thorough canvass of the church membership will be made. S. D. Davis is general chairman of promotion and E. H. Liverman is treasurer of the parsonage fund.

There is great satisfaction among the members of the congregation and their friends over the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison. A home for the pastor has been a long-felt need of the church, which has greatly improved its property during the past two years. The report for the missionary year ending June 30, read by the pastor, Rev. E. B. Quick, showed a total membership of 354; non-resident, 75; total 429. There have been (See CHRISTIAN CHURCH, Page 4)

Herbert Bonner Is Visitor To County

Confers With Party Leaders About Democratic Rally Here in October

Representative Herbert Bonner was here yesterday conferring with leading county Democrats relative to the First District Democratic rally to be held in Plymouth sometime in October. While here he called on E. G. Arps, county chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee, W. R. Hampton, E. F. Still, S. D. Davis, and other party leaders. Representative Bonner said that among those expected to attend the 14-county rally here next month would be Clyde R. Hoey, nominee for U. S. Senator; R. Gregg Cherry, nominee for Governor; Thad Eure, Charles M. Johnson, and other nominees for state offices, as well as himself and leading Democrats from all the counties in the district.

Farm Bureau Will Meet Here Friday

Mrs. Charles Sewell, of Indiana, To Be Principal Speaker

Plans have been completed for the annual Farm Bureau rally here tomorrow (Friday) in the courthouse. Mrs. Charles W. Sewell, of Indiana, president of the National Associated Women of the Farm Bureau Federation, has been secured as the chief speaker, according to Roy Manning, president of the county Farm Bureau, and a large crowd is expected to be on hand to hear her. R. Flake Shaw, executive secretary of the state organization, and Mrs. Ben Everett, of Palmyra, will also appear on the program. The general public is invited to attend.

Following the speaking, members of the Farm Bureau will have their annual barbecue in the agriculture building.

Two Stores Will Close for Jewish Holiday Next Week

Ganderson's Quality Shop and Dave's Cash Store here will be closed all day next Monday in observance of the Jewish New Year holiday, Rosh Hashana. Ganderson's will reopen Tuesday, while Kulman's store will remain closed until Wednesday morning, it was announced yesterday.

Schools Throughout County To Begin New Term Monday

Farmers Can Secure War Prisoner Labor For Peanut Harvest

Should Apply at Office of County Agent as Soon As Possible

County Agent W. V. Hays attended a meeting in Williamston Monday, when regulations governing the employment of Prisoner of War labor for peanut harvesting were explained. It is expected that a large number of Washington County farmers will apply for this type of labor this year. Farmers will have first call for the prisoner labor during the harvesting season, and most of those employed in industry during other seasons of the year have been withdrawn and will be made available to farmers.

The cost of prison labor for shucking and stacking peanuts is 11½ cents per stack. Mr. Hays said, about the same as that charged last year. In addition the farmer must provide transportation for the prisoners and guards to and from the camp at Williamston daily. Application for the labor should be made at the office of the county agent as early as possible, with the date labor is wanted suggested. The applications will be acted upon in the order received, and dates assigned as nearly as possible as those for which request is made.

A deposit must be put up at the time the contract is signed for an amount estimated to cover the cost of the labor needed. Prisoners will be assigned in units of 10 and 20 men. All prisoners this year will be Germans, instead of Italians, as were used last season. Those who have used the war prisoner labor are said to be well pleased with the results.

It will be at least another week before many farmers in this county are ready to begin digging peanuts, although this time is said to be already under way in Pitt and Martin Counties. Mr. Hays said that digging on a large scale would get underway in about 10 days and continue for an estimated 20 to 30 days.

Initial Meeting of Parents-Teachers Here September 20

Executive Board Plans Intensive Drive for Members in District

An intensive membership campaign and plans for the first meeting of the Plymouth Parent-Teacher Association were discussed at a meeting of the association's executive board held last week. Plans for the membership drive were outlined by Mrs. W. A. Smith, president of the association, and it was announced that Mrs. T. W. Earle, membership chairman, has divided the entire school district into sections for the purpose of canvassing every parent of a school child by the chairman of each section.

Plans were made to hold the first meeting of the parent-teacher association in the courthouse auditorium Thursday night of next week, as a large crowd is expected to hear State Fire Marshall Sherwood Brockwell speak at that time. All members of the association and patrons of the school are urged to attend the meeting.

Mrs. Smith announced that the district meeting of the State Congress of Parents and Teachers would be held in Plymouth on October 25, with Mrs. Smett Winslow, district director, presiding. Mrs. Roe, national field worker, will speak at the meeting.

Principal Roy I. Boyd was present at the executive board meeting last week and talked of plans for the school work during the coming term. The interest and enthusiasm of the members present at the meeting last week held promise of a good year for the Plymouth Parent-Teacher Association, the president said.

Revival Series in Progress At Church in Holly Neck

A series of revival services will begin tonight (September 14) at the Holy Neck Church of Christ, about 7 miles from Roper, and continue for about 10 days, it was announced last week-end. The services will be conducted by the Rev. Perry Baldwin, pastor of the Creswell Christian church, and the public is invited to attend all services. The Rev. Robert Lee, of Washington, is pastor of the Holly Neck church.

Services will be held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock by the pastor, Mr. Lee, while Mr. Baldwin will hold services every night during the revival at 8:30 p.m.

Order Repairs To Heat Plant Here

Repairs to the heating plant in the Plymouth High School will cost approximately \$875, according to an estimate submitted to the county superintendent of public instruction this week. The heating engineer who was here last week to check over the plant says it will be necessary to rebuild the fire box and radiator sections of the furnace in order to put the plant into satisfactory shape. The necessary repairs have been ordered made, and should be completed before real cold weather sets in, Mr. McLean said yesterday. The engineer says the repairs recommended will eliminate the trouble experienced here for the past several years.

Sale of Test Farm at Wena Confirmed By Council of State

Bought by Native of Holland Who Plans Tulip Culture There

The Council of State at a meeting in Raleigh last Friday approved the sale of the Blackland Experiment Station, located at Wena in Washington County, to A. G. Pruyser, of Delray Beach, Fla. F. E. Miller, director of the Test Farm Division of the N. C. Department of Agriculture, who made the announcement of the sale, said the purchase price for the 368-acre tract was \$20,000.

Mr. Miller said that Pruyser, a native of Amsterdam, Holland, will begin operation of the farm next January 2 and contemplates employing it exclusively in the production of tulips.

According to the director, the State Department of Agriculture in 1912 received 200 acres of the farm as a gift from a lumber company, and had added 163 acres to it in three purchases since that time.

The farm now contains 160 acres in cultivation, the remainder being in ree-grazing and pasture lands. Pruyser informed officials of the Department of Agriculture that he plans to place the entire tract under cultivation, using the tenant houses and barns for personnel and equipment in the production of tulips.

Sale of the Wena farm, Miller said, will necessitate the acceleration of plans looking to the erection of several large buildings at the new 2,000-acre Tidewater Test Farm, which is located about five miles east of Plymouth on Highway 64. Feed crops have already been planted at the new location and a foreman has been appointed to assist in its operation. Superintendent J. L. Rea, jr., now in charge of the station at Wena, will move to the new farm and be in charge of its operation as soon as the necessary buildings can be erected. The shortage of labor has prevented renovation of the present buildings and construction of new ones at the new location.

Again Warn Owners To Keep Dogs Off Streets

Some dog owners are letting themselves in for trouble by continuing to allow their dogs to run at large, according to Chief of Police P. W. Brown, who said that the city council is planning to employ a dog catcher to enforce the ordinance against this practice. Those who do not want their dogs caught and placed in the pound with a lot of strays and mongrels are warned to keep them off the streets of the town except when on leash.

Discontinue Use of Blue Tokens After Monday; New Point Schedule in Effect

A number of changes become effective in the food-rationing program Monday of next week, September 17, it was announced at the office of the Washington County War Price and Rationing Board today. A large number of canned fruit and vegetable items will be removed from the rationed list, and the point values of those that remain will be changed so that the blue change tokens will no longer be necessary. In order to simplify the handling of ration currency, the blue tokens will be retired from circulation.

Retailers are urged by the local rationing board to pay particular attention to the new point value charts, Table No. 20, and to take down and destroy charts issued previously. They are also advised not to give blue tokens as change on or after next Monday, September 17, and September 30, retailers may accept blue tokens from their customers when submitted in quantities of 10, but on or after October 1, blue tokens may not be accepted at all by merchants. Dealers are advised to return all blue tokens in boxes of 250 each, to their bank for deposit or exchange for a ration check before October 10. It is emphasized that these instructions do not apply to the red tokens, which will continue to be used exactly as they have been in the past.

Number of Unfilled Teaching Positions In 3 White Schools

Two Vacancies in Plymouth And Creswell; Three in Roper School

Despite a number of unfilled teaching positions in the white faculties, all Washington County schools, white and colored, will open for the 1944-45 term next Monday morning, it was announced yesterday by H. H. McLean, county superintendent of public instruction. Although not all the schools had been heard from, it is expected that the regular schedule will be followed beginning Monday, with the schools in session daily from 8:30 until 3:30.

The teacher situation in the white schools is causing some concern, both to county and local authorities. Despite at least 7 vacant teaching positions in three white schools, all of them will open Monday in the hope that some arrangement can be worked out. The colored schools have complete teaching staffs and have no worries along this line.

The Plymouth High School is without teachers for mathematics and commercial subjects, and there is no prospect of filling either position at this time, Mr. McLean said yesterday. All other places have been at least tentatively filled.

Roper has three vacancies, in the sixth, seventh and eighth grades; and the Creswell school is short at least two teachers, a combination seventh-and-eighth grade and an eighth instructor being needed. Just what arrangements can be worked out to take care of the situation could not be learned here yesterday.

Bus drivers' positions have all been filled, and a few substitute drivers have been secured, authorities explaining that a number of girl drivers are to be used this year. With the exception of a few possible minor changes, the bus routes will remain the same as they were last year.

Pre-school registrations will be held at the Plymouth schools tomorrow, while they were held at most of the other schools in the county last spring, it is stated. It is hoped that parents throughout the county will see to it that their children enroll early and attend as regularly as possible this year. This is more urgent than usual, in that the schools are opening late, and it is hoped that some of the lost time can be made up through increased efficiency in the classrooms.

Mr. McLean said that books had been delivered to all the schools, and everything is declared in readiness for the opening sessions Monday. Teacher and principal meetings are being held here today and tomorrow, and everything put in readiness for the start of a successful school term Monday.

Ask Farmers for Crop Information

The Selective Service System is calling on the USDA War Board to require information from all farmers as to the kind and quantity of crops actually produced this year. This information is required in order to determine the future eligibility of farm registrants for deferment on account of their agricultural work.

The information about crops grown will be required from farmers in all age groups, and includes those now classed as 4-F. It was stated at the office of the local draft board yesterday. The actual accomplishments of farmers will be checked against their farm plans as filed in the spring with the USDA War Board, and future requests for deferment will be determined in accordance with the information now being required.