



A tobacco specialist visiting at the county AAA office last week said that much stricter grading probably would pay off for tobacco farmers this year.

The State Highway and Public Works Commission is moving its headquarters in this section to the land near the county home recently secured from the county commissioners.

Plymouth High School basketball teams have three home games in a row, starting with tomorrow night, when they meet Williamston in a double-header at the local gym.

W. T. Freeman said this week that he had planted five acres to May peas and that he was about the only commercial producer of this crop in the county at this time.

The D. & N. Laundry opened as scheduled here Monday morning. Despite the fact that many of the workers are new at the work, the plant was running very smoothly yesterday, according to C. J. Norman and C. W. Dinkins, the owners.

Tomorrow, February 22, anniversary of the birth of George Washington, will be observed as a holiday by practically all Federal workers in the section.

Friends are glad to see the Rev. P. B. Nickens is able to be out again after an illness of several weeks caused by an infected tooth.

Mr. and Mrs. Don R. Campbell, of Syria, Pa., are visiting Mrs. Campbell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Burgess, here for several weeks.

Announcement is made that a series of revival services will begin at the Nazarene church in "Little Richwood" village Friday night of this week.

Four Citations Given Local Naval Aviator

Lt. (j.g.) J. Brinson Cox Awarded DFC and Air Medal With Two Stars in Ceremony at Edenton Base

A Plymouth man, Lt. (j.g.) J. Brinson Cox, USNR, was the recipient of unusual honors at the U. S. Naval Air Station in Edenton last Saturday morning, when he was presented four decorations and citations in a special ceremony.

Lieutenant Cox is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cox, of Plymouth, who attended the ceremonies in Edenton last Saturday morning.

The citations were issued in the name of the President of the United States, by direction of the Secretary of the Navy, and were signed by Rear Admiral H. M. Martin, USN, commander of Carrier Division 23, with which Lieutenant Cox served in the Pacific.

Hitch in Title To Lot Sold by Town Recently Cleared Up Without Lawsuit

The hitch in the title that held up sale of the town lot auctioned off December 28th has been cleared up, and A. L. Alexander is to be given a deed for the property sometime this week.

The property, a 50-foot lot fronting on Water Street and

running back to the river, is located between the office of Z. V. Norman and the fire department building. It was offered at auction on December 28, last year, and bid in by Mr. Alexander for \$7,300.

Mr. Alexander plans to build an office for himself on the lot, and possibly a store building will be put up on the remainder of the site.

Farm Plans Signed by Half County Farmers

Legion Meeting Tomorrow Night

All members and prospective members of the American Legion post here are urged to be present at the regular meeting Friday night of this week.

Dr. W. H. Johnson, commander of the post, stated yesterday that sufficient rifles have been received from the War Department to form a firing squad.

Union Service at Episcopal Church

Services for Grace Episcopal Church on Sunday, February 24, will be the celebration of the Holy Communion at 11 a.m., and Evening Prayer at 7:30 p.m., which is to be the quarterly union service of all the local churches.

The morning service will observe Septuagesima, a Sunday in the season of Pre-Lent, and at Evening Prayer the proper psalms, collects, and lessons for St. Matthias' Day will be used.

These services on February 24 will be the final services conducted by the Rev. William B. Daniels, jr., as rector of Grace Church. Mr. Daniels has tendered his resignation effective March 1 in order to accept a call as rector of St. Paul's Church at Beaufort.

The Church School will be held at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday. The Young People's Service League of the parish will not meet Sunday evening.

The cast of characters includes the following: Mildred Ruth Ambrose, Betty Swain, Millie Woodley, Robert Erwin Stillman, Sadie Lee Patrick, Garland Spruill, James Carol Davenport, Howard Leo Davenport, Vivia Cahoon, Robert Lee Phelps, L. A. Hufton, Aubrey Woodley, and Fred Collins.

Local UDC Chapter To Meet Friday Afternoon

The Major Louis Charles Latham Chapter of the UDC will meet at the home of Mrs. Sidney Ward, Friday afternoon at 3:30 p.m.

Veterans Are Entitled To Preference In Purchase of Materials for Building

Veterans of World War II are entitled to preference in the purchase of building materials, but it has been difficult for them to find out how to go about securing a priority.

If the veteran needs material for a new building, he should write Jack H. Brown, state director of the Federal Housing Administration, Greensboro, N. C. If the material is needed for repairs and renovation of exist-

Work Is Continued By Committeemen

Estimated 450 to 500 Out of 860 Farmers in County Have Signed

Approximately 50 per cent or more of Washington County farmers signed their farm plans for 1946 at meetings held Friday and Saturday of last week, it was learned at the county AAA office yesterday.

Committeemen of the Plymouth and Long Acre communities are continuing the meetings on Thursday and Friday of this week to give those who failed to respond last week another chance. The sessions are being held today and tomorrow from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the agricultural building at Plymouth.

It was stated that committeemen in other sections of the county would make efforts to see the individual farmers who failed to sign up last week within the next few days.

Miss Miriam Ausbon, secretary of the county AAA organization, said yesterday that approximately 450 to 500 farmers signed up last week. It is estimated that there are about 880 in the county who are eligible to receive benefits if they comply with the sign-up in time and carry out the approved practices recommended.

Play at Creswell Friday, March 1

Creswell—A three-act comedy, "The Wild Oats Boy," will be presented Friday night, March 1, at 8 o'clock by the junior class at the Creswell school auditorium.

The cast of characters includes the following: Mildred Ruth Ambrose, Betty Swain, Millie Woodley, Robert Erwin Stillman, Sadie Lee Patrick, Garland Spruill, James Carol Davenport, Howard Leo Davenport, Vivia Cahoon, Robert Lee Phelps, L. A. Hufton, Aubrey Woodley, and Fred Collins.

An evening of real entertainment is assured. The public is invited and urged to attend.

Lions Favor New Hotel, Neely Bill

Members of the Plymouth Lions Club gave unanimous endorsement to the Neely bill at their regular meeting last Thursday night.

A resolution favoring passage of the bill, which would provide Federal funds on a matching basis for construction of school buildings throughout the nation, was adopted and ordered forwarded to the district representative and United States Senators from North Carolina.

The club also went on record unambiguously endorsing the new hotel project here. During the program, the Rev. T. R. Jenkins, pastor of the local Methodist church, spoke on the church's part in building a better community and a better world, emphasizing that faith in God must be maintained in the hearts and minds of the men who have the responsibility of bettering conditions on a local, national, and international basis.

50 More County Men Let Out of Service In Past Few Weeks

34 White and 16 Colored; Plymouth Leads With 27 Discharged

Washington County men are continuing to come home from the war in increasing numbers. In the past few weeks, at least 50 men have reported to the office of the local selective service board after receiving honorable discharges from the various branches of the military services.

Of the 50 men reported released in recent weeks, 34 were white and 16 colored. Plymouth leads in number discharged, with 20 white and 7 colored. Roper is next with 9 white and 7 colored; and there were 5 white and 2 colored from Creswell.

Following is the list of those who followed the draft board office here following their discharge:

Plymouth, white: Church Warren Styons, Stewart Earl Nestor, Bennie Rudolph Bowen, Bennie Bruce Bowen, jr., Simon Roderick Ruebeck, Eugene Nash Ray, Thaddeus Theodore Harrison, James Harold Skidmore, George Musgrave Scott, Delbert Daniel Allen, Johnnie Wesley Garrett, Wade Viering Adams, James Richard Cole, David Edward Craddock, Luther Adolph Armstrong, Marshall Gray Ange, Ernest Whitmal Furgurson, Roy Randolph Hill, William Jesse Highsmith, jr., Leon Clark Respass.

Roper, white: Lewis Ashburn Owens, Arthur Randolph Spruill, Woodson Lee Furlough, Carlton Aubrey Phelps, Wilmer Bernice Swain, Sidney Johnson Hassell, Grover Cleveland Wood, jr., Charlie Frank Swain, Harold Ray Holton.

Creswell, white: J. Lewis Overman Stillman, Marvin Leslie Davenport, Hilton Comstock, Benjamin Franklin Wynne, Grady Jones.

Plymouth, colored: Cleonza Sutton, George Monroe Smoth, John Henry Wynne, William Atlas Nixon, Joseph Frank McNair, Arister Johnnie Belcher, Joseph Cleveland Small.

Roper, colored: Isaac Grimes, Henry Tom Allen, James Tom McCarey, Raleigh James Woodley, Joseph Samuel Wynne, Elmore Lee Downing, William Bardback King, Creswell, colored: Burnes Spencer, John Arthur Rogers.

School Officials of County in Meeting Here Last Evening

Principals, Board and Committee Members and Others Attend

Members of the Washington County Board of Education, local school committees, principals of schools, vocational agricultural teachers, and several others interested in public education held a meeting at the local school lunch room last night to talk over school matters of general interest.

The turkey was furnished by County Superintendent W. F. Veasey and Principals H. V. Chappell, of Creswell; R. B. Forbes, of Roper; and H. D. Lassiter, of Plymouth. The delicious meal was prepared and served by the home economics class of the local school, assisted by the teacher, Miss Brinkley, and Mrs. Davis, of the school lunch room.

County Superintendent Veasey presided and outlined the purpose of the meeting, which was to bring about a closer relationship between board members, committee members, principals and others particularly interested in school matters. He suggested organization of the group as the Washington County (See, MEETING HERE, Page Four)

County Farmers Said Still Sowing Plant Beds

Due to bad weather and similar causes, Washington County farmers are said to be much later than usual in getting their tobacco plant beds planted this year.

Plant bed cloth has been short this year, but some additional shipments may arrive in time to relieve the situation somewhat, it was stated here early in the week.

Ceiling on Pulpwood Price Raised by OPA To \$11.25 Per Unit

Increase Becomes Effective at Once

Hoped Action Will Result In Larger Deliveries to Plant Here

An increase in the ceiling price of pulpwood from \$7.60 per cord of 128 cubic feet to \$9 was authorized this week by the Office of Price Administration, according to official advice received by the North Carolina Pulp Company. The \$1.40 per cord raise in price represents an increase of slightly more than 18 1/2 per cent.

It was explained that the increase is based on the price of pulpwood loaded on cars and barges. Since the local mill buys on a basis of 160 cubic feet per unit, the old unit price of \$9.50 is increased by \$1.75 to \$11.25 per unit loaded on cars or barges.

Wood deliveries at the plant here have not been up to normal in the past few months, due principally to weather conditions. However, it is hoped that the price increase will induce additional producers to enter the market and effect larger deliveries in the immediate future. Any who are interested in producing pulpwood are asked to get in touch with G. B. Curry, of the North Carolina Pulp Company at Plymouth.

Former Resident Killed in Accident

Alfred Hassell, 36, Dies Instantly in Auto Crash Last Saturday

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the home of his mother in Roper for Alfred Hassell, 36, of Point Harbor, former resident of this county, who was killed in an automobile accident in Currituck County last Saturday night.

Mr. Hassell was killed almost instantly and nine other persons were injured, three of them seriously, in the accident near Powell's Point Saturday night. He was driver of a car that undertook to pass another on a curve and ran head on into a third car approaching from the other direction. All three cars were virtually destroyed and nine persons sent to an Elizabeth City hospital as a result of the accident.

Son of Mrs. Virginia Hassell Peacock and the late Preston Hassell, Mr. Hassell was born in Washington county on May 9, 1909. He lived and farmed in this county practically all of his life, leaving a few months ago to farm with Grady Griggs, at Point Harbor. He was married on November 12, 1927, to Miss Agatha Windley, of Plymouth, who survives.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Agatha Windley Hassell and an adopted son, Ray Hassell, of Point Harbor, he is survived by his mother, Mrs. Virginia Hassell Peacock, and stepfather, W. McD. Peacock, of Roper; two sisters, Mrs. Orpha Alexander, of Plymouth, and Mrs. Virginia Morris, of Ayden; five brothers, Spencer and Sylvester Hassell, of Roper; Isaiah Hassell, of Philadelphia, Pa.; William Hassell, of Prince George, Va.; and Theodore Hassell, of Elizabeth City, N. C.

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Three Speeders Are Fined Here

The local police department is "cracking down" on speeders. During the past week-end three were cited to a justice of the peace court, where they drew fines of \$5 and costs, making the total cost to each \$12.60.

Chief of Police Brown said Monday that the campaign would continue, and those who have been driving too fast on city streets are given fair warning that continuance of such practice is very likely to be expensive.

Mrs. Ida S. Bateman Funeral in Creswell

Creswell—Funeral services for Mrs. Ida S. Bateman, 74, who died in Newport News, Va., last Friday night were conducted in the Creswell Baptist Church here Monday morning by the Rev. H. W. Taylor, of Norfolk.

During the service the church choir and other special members sang "Nearer My God to Thee," and "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me." Mrs. Roy Hopkins, of Plymouth, played the piano accompaniment.

Mrs. Bateman was a native of Washington County. For the past several years she has spent the winters at St. Petersburg, Fla., living in Creswell during the summer. For the past six months she has made her home in Newport News, Va. She was the widow of the late J. I. Bateman and a faithful member of the Creswell Baptist church for many years.

Burial was made at the old Spruill cemetery. Pallbearers were H. T. Davenport, Francis Blount, R. D. Bateman, E. S. Woodley, J. G. Woodley and Sam Spruill. Floral tributes were many and beautiful. Flower bearers were ladies of the Baptist church and friends of Mrs. Bateman.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. W. J. Joliff, of Newport News, Va.; five sons, Roy B. Bateman, of Norfolk, Va.; I. Bruce Bateman, of Newport News, Va.; Thomas B. Bateman, of New York; and Daniel W. Bateman, of Mississippi. She also leaves one brother, D. E. Woodley, of St. Petersburg, Fla.; one sister, Mrs. R. D. Blount, of Roper; seven grandchildren, two great-grandsons, two nieces and nine nephews.

Program of Services at Local Methodist Church

Rev. T. R. JENKINS, Minister

The following is the schedule of services at the Plymouth Methodist Church Sunday, February 21: Church School, 10 a.m., awarding of tokens for attendance; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Worship, a union service at the Episcopal Church at 7:30 p.m. We cordially invite you to worship with us.

Manning States Hotel Here Sure To Be Built

To Begin Collection of Pledges and Issuance of Stock in Next Week or So, as Soon as Officers Elected

J. R. Manning, who is taking the lead in promoting the new hotel project here, said yesterday that stock pledges so far totaled \$103,000, and he is now confident that the project will go over. It is estimated that about \$150,000 will be needed to build a 50-room hotel and another \$25,000 for furnishing and equipping it.

At a meeting of those interested in the hotel last Thursday night there was a disposition on the part

Council Orders Car Pipe for Extension Water Lines Later

Purchase Made Now To Get Ahead of Prospective Price Increase

As a hedge against rising prices, the city council Monday night ordered the purchase of a carload of 6-inch cast-iron pipe to be used for extending water mains at a later date. Advised that the recent settlement of the steel strike, with corresponding increase allowed in prices, would mean a substantial hike in the cost of pipe that will be needed here a little later, the council voted unanimously to order 3,000 feet at once, the seller agreeing to deliver at present prices.

According to town officials, the pipe will not be used right away. However, as soon as the weather opens up and conditions become more favorable, it is planned to extend the water mains out Wilson Street, as well as in the Red Hill section in the southern part of town. An arrangement has been worked out whereby the highway crew will dig part of the ditches necessary to lay the new lines in exchange for running water to the equipment depot near the county home.

Various other matters were discussed, including the ever-present drainage problem. So far, it has not been possible to get an engineer to run the levels necessary to work out improvement of some of the town-maintained ditches. Councilman J. W. Marrow was instructed to get this work done as soon as possible, after which the council will know how to go about securing more satisfactory drainage arrangements.

Osborne Marrow Opens Block Plant

Osborne A. Marrow, a veteran of World War II, has opened a concrete block plant back of the H. E. Harrison Wholesale establishment here, and has about 2,500 blocks on hand now for sale to builders, he stated yesterday. He is also an authorized dealer and demonstrator for "equella," a new scientific method for waterproofing basements.

He has two hand-operated block machines and other miscellaneous equipment for making concrete and cinder blocks. Two sizes of blocks are available, 6x6x16 and 6x8x16.

Mr. Marrow served as a staff sergeant in the Army Air Forces for three and a half years, spending about 20 months of that time overseas, in the European theatre. He was with the Eighth and Ninth Air Forces and the 61st Troop Carrier Command. He returned to the United States last fall and received an honorable discharge on October 31st. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Marrow, of Roper.

Fire Damages Roof of Johnston Home Friday

The local firemen were called out last Friday afternoon about 6 o'clock by a roof fire at the home of R. W. Johnston on Main Street. Shingles on the roof caught fire from flying sparks, but the blaze was brought under control very quickly, the total damage being estimated by Fire Chief Miller Warren at \$20 to \$25.

Hunting and Fishing License Sales in County Amounted to \$2,968 Last Year

Last year was the best on record for sales of hunting and fishing license in Washington County, it was learned this week from J. T. Terry, county game protector.

Revenue amounting to \$2,968 was realized from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses for the 1945-46 season. This represents an increase of more than \$1,200 over the preceding year

and is about \$700 more than the best previous year, 1941. While a larger number of licenses was sold, part of the increase is due to the fact that combination and non-resident licenses cost \$1 more each than before.

Mr. Terry did not have available a list of the various types of licenses sold, but he said about a dozen non-resident licenses were included, most of them for hunting.

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