



Technician Fifth Grade Harold H. Brinn was a visitor in Plymouth Tuesday for the first time in more than a year. He was discharged from the Army last week after more than three and a half years in the service, the last 11 months of which he spent in the European theater. He is the son of H. C. Brinn, of Creswell, and operated a beauty shop in Plymouth for a number of years before entering the service.

Friends of A. E. Davenport were glad to see him back around his hardware store this week after undergoing an operation recently in a Durham hospital. He returned from the hospital last week and is taking things easy right now. He said Monday that he expected to get back on the job next week.

A big majority of local people are believed to favor a return to "daylight saving time" for the summer months. Merchants and business men in particular have indicated a desire for the "fast time" during the long days, as it gives them time for gardening and other outdoor activities after work hours. Most farmers are said to be against the proposal, and it is not likely that any change will be made for this section, although a number of eastern states will adopt "daylight saving."

After closing their regular schedule with a double win over Windsor here last Friday night, the Plymouth High School basketball teams have been entered in the tournament at Edenton which began last night. The girls team drew a bye in the first round of play, while the boys were scheduled to play Wednesday night.

Pfc. Thomas C. Burgess will report to Fort Bragg next Sunday after spending a 90-day furlough here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Burgess. In the service for three and a half years, and overseas about one year, he has volunteered for an additional year of duty with the Army.

Pfc. James H. Hays, discharged recently from the U. S. Marine Corps, is now at home here with his parents, County Agent and Mrs. W. V. Hays. In the service about three years, Private Hays served with the Fifth Marines and was wounded at Iwo Jima about a year ago. He has been stationed in Japan since returning from his injuries.

Glenna Ange, of Plymouth, was one of six sophomores at Anderson College, S. C., who made the dean's list for the first semester, according to the college news service. To be selected list, a student must make a B-plus average, and only 13 students had the required average for the first semester. One student made all A's.

**First Mid-Week Holiday Observed by Stores Here**

Yesterday afternoon looked like Sunday in Plymouth, with practically all stores and business places closed for the first of the weekly half holidays. The Wednesday closings will continue throughout the summer months until the tobacco markets open next fall.

Patrons are requested to remember that local stores will be closed each Wednesday afternoon after 12 o'clock. The schedule for other weekdays during the summer months will remain as at present. Shopping before noon on Wednesdays will be appreciated by Plymouth merchants and business men.

**Captain Willis R. Scott Dies in Norfolk Friday**

Funeral services were held in Norfolk last Friday for Capt. Willis R. Scott, who died en route to a Norfolk hospital the preceding Wednesday morning. Captain Scott was the father of Mrs. J. C. Tarkenton, jr., of Pleasant Grove, who with her husband, Lt. Col. J. C. Tarkenton, attended the final rites in Norfolk Friday. The services were conducted in the funeral chapel of James V. Derry by the Rev. Henry W. Tiffany, D. D., pastor of the Park Place Baptist church, assisted by the Rev. H. L. Ford, pastor of the Lawrenceville Baptist church.

Pallbearers were J. C. Tarkenton, W. F. Clarke, W. F. Talman, T. J. Bailey, U. D. Gardner, and W. J. Allmond. Interment was in Forest Lawn cemetery.

**Sales of Crop Land Should Be Reported To Triple-A Office as Soon as Possible**

Farmers who have bought or sold any crop land since last season are urged to report such transfer to the county AAA office, so that the new owner may be properly carried on the listing sheets there. Unless this is done, such new owners are not eligible for any payments for soil-improvement practices under the AAA program, it is stated by Miss Miriam Ausbon, secretary at the Triple-A office. Miss Ausbon said a number of buyers of farms sold by the Farm Security Administration

**Cooperation To Put Drive Over Is Urged**

To the Washington County Workers, American Red Cross 1946 Fund Campaign: The necessary supplies for the 1946 Red Cross Fund Campaign which will begin on Monday, March 11th, and close on Sunday, March 17, are being sent to you. It has been decided to make this campaign a short one and to make every possible effort to contact every person in the county to contribute to this fund within the week. I suggest that chairmen call a community meeting and get their workers and solicitors named for the campaign at once and sent the list of names to The Roanoke Beacon for publication. Please have all workers make reports as often as possible to the community chairmen. The chairman can make reports to the Home Service Chairman, Mrs. Lawrence D. Jones, at Red Cross headquarters in the Harney Building in Plymouth on any afternoon between the hours of 1 and 4 o'clock. I sincerely hope and trust that every person in the county will become a member of the Red Cross during this fund campaign.

The need for funds is just about as great as it has been in the past. There are many services that have been and is now being done by the Red Cross that is just as vital to the service men and women as they were while the war was actually in progress.

Our chapter quota is very much smaller than it was last year and there should be no trouble in raising funds to meet it. It can not be done, however, unless we, each worker, goes after it. If each person in the county will feel the responsibility of this campaign, the job will be done in a big way, I am.

Yours very sincerely,

JOHN W. DARDEN, Chairman, 1946 American Red Cross Campaign. Plymouth, N. C., March 4, 1946.

**School Building Plans Draw Indefinite Delay**

**Farm Sign-Up Is Nearly Complete**

The farm sign-up this year has been the best ever, it is reported at the County Triple-A office. Already, about 700 of the estimated 860 farm units in the county have signed their farm plans for the 1946 crop season, and a few committees have reported 100 per cent sign-up for their respective communities. Heretofore, the work has dragged along for several months, according to workers in the local office. Farmers are required to make out and sign work sheets in order to be eligible for payments under the Triple-A program.

**Harrelson Talks At Rotary Meet**

About 20 alumni of State College, Raleigh, were guests of the Rotary Club at its regular meeting Tuesday night of this week, when Col. J. W. Harrelson, chancellor of the college, was the principal speaker. Only two members of the club were absent, and the Rotary program was dispensed with and following the dinner, the meeting turned over to W. R. Hampton, who presented the speaker.

Colonel Harrelson made a very informative talk about the work being carried on at State College, particularly in research related to farm problems existing in North Carolina. This covers all phases of agricultural activities, with special departments engaged in seeking improvements in methods and crops grown in the state, as well as the related livestock and poultry divisions.

**Helen Car Admitted To Honor Society at School**

Buie's Creek.—Helen Carr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Carr, of Plymouth, freshman at Campbell College, was recently admitted to Epsilon Pi Eta honor society. Helen is a music major studying under Mrs. Bessie Campbell Lynch, dean of music.

Her brother Richard is a junior in high school at Campbell. Hazel Heynen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Heynen of Wenona and Louise Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Allen of Wenona are college freshmen here. Robert E. Dunning, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dunning of Plymouth, is also a freshman at Campbell. He completed his high school work here last year.

**Existing Conditions And High Cost Cited**

**Installation of New Heating Plant at Local School Is Authorized**

Completion of plans for the school building program was indefinitely postponed Monday by the board of education, after members had listened to a description of difficulties in the building industry and present excessive costs of construction. The board did authorize the county superintendent to contract for an "adequate vapor-heating plant for the present high school building," in Plymouth, to be installed prior to the beginning of the 1946-47 term, but outside of this no other immediate action is planned in connection with the school improvement program.

The board went formally on record in favor of a four-point building program, considered to be an absolute minimum, and it also employed Macon G. Norman, of Richmond, Va., as architect for the program, plans for which will be considered at "a subsequent meeting."

The vapor-heat plant authorized here is to be of sufficient capacity to provide for the additional rooms contemplated adjacent to the present high-school building, according to minutes of Monday's session.

Two representatives of the State Board of Health, A. B. Ferguson and R. L. Caviness, requested a hearing in regard to planning sanitary conveniences of lunch rooms. After hearing suggestions of the school architect, Macon G. Norman, they concurred with him in his recommendations to the board in this particular.

The four-point program formally adopted by the board as representing the minimum building needs in the county at this time is as follows:

1. Renovation of the present high school building in Plymouth to contain nine classrooms, an industrial arts room equivalent to another classroom in size; an auditorium; a library and lunch room, new toilets and new heating plant. The class rooms are to be equipped for use by primary and grammar grades.
2. To construct near the present high school building in Plymouth, and connected by a passageway, five classrooms to be used by primary grades, with an office and clinic room in one of the buildings.
3. A new high school building in Plymouth with a total of 10 regular classrooms, six for high school grades and four for sixth and seventh grades, and the following auxiliary rooms: Library, science laboratory, home economics room designed to meet state and national standards; auditorium; principal's office and combination teachers' rest room and clinic. The building is to be equipped with adequate toilets and vapor-heat system.
4. New building for the Creswell colored school, to contain nine classrooms, combination auditorium and lunchroom, office and library.

**Boats on Lake Phelps Must Have Licenses**

All boats operated on Lake Phelps are required to have special license or be removed from the lake, according to the Rev. T. F. Davenport, caretaker of Pettigrew Park. The licenses for 1946 may be obtained at the Collins House, Mr. Davenport stated, and they are required on the boats immediately.

**Sunday Wine Sales Banned by Vote of Board Here Monday**

**Other Business Transacted At Regular First Monday Meeting**

The county board of commissioners had more or less a routine meeting at the courthouse here Monday, with all five members present: H. H. Allen, chairman, and A. R. Latham, of Plymouth; J. C. Knowles, of Roper; and H. W. Pritchett and T. F. Davenport, of Creswell.

The board ordered the clerk to write District Highway Commissioner J. G. Clark, of Greenville, asking him to secure permission from the highway commission for members of Zions Chapel Christian church to extend a paved walk on the church grounds to within 12 feet of the paved highway. It was explained that the grounds are kept cut up by cars using the area as a point for turning around, and it is believed extending the walk will relieve conditions.

County Tax Collector E. J. Spruill reported that \$8,080.97 in taxes were collected during February. A resolution was passed forbidding the sale of wine or any other alcoholic beverage from 11:30 p.m. Saturday nights until 7 a.m. Monday mornings. The board was under the impression it had covered this situation by a resolution adopted at its October meeting. However, it was found that the original order applied only to beer, and it was necessary to adopt a new resolution to include wine and any other alcoholic beverage in the order.

A new lock was ordered placed on the door of the room in the basement used by the Boy Scouts, and asbestos covering is to be placed around the pipes. The board ordered the clerk to notify Scoutmaster H. G. Harris that the scouts were not to use the room except when he was present.

The board ordered that payment be made to Raymond Clifton, of Creswell, for 35 hens, averaging 4 pounds each, killed by stray dogs. Mrs. Bell Phelps, also of Creswell, is to be paid for 20 hens, averaging 5 pounds each, likewise killed by stray dogs. Payment in both cases is to be made on a basis of 18 cents per pound, which is the rate at which poultry is listed for taxes.

**Barbara Norman Gets Discharge From Navy**

Lt. (j.g.) Barbara Ward Norman, daughter of Attorney and Mrs. Zeb Vance Norman, of Plymouth, was discharged from the Waves at the U. S. Naval Personnel Separation Center in Washington, D. C., Thursday last week. Miss Norman entered the Naval service on October 21, 1943, and was commissioned an ensign in December of the same year after completing a course for commissioned officers at Smith College.

For nearly two years, she was stationed at the Naval Air Station at Vero Beach, Fla., and she was last on duty at the Naval Air Station at Patuxent River, Md., near Washington, D. C. Before entering the service in 1943, Miss Norman was a teacher in the Lincoln High School in the southwestern part of this state.

**Charter Night at Local Lions Club**

The Plymouth Lions Club last Thursday night observed charter and ladies' night, with nearly 100 members, their ladies and invited guests present for the program, held in the American Legion Hall. The occasion also marked the ninth anniversary of the founding of the local club.

Following a delicious fried chicken supper, served by ladies of the Parent-Teacher Association, Legion Auxiliary and Woman's Club, the principal address was made by James A. Glover, of Nashville, Lion district governor. He made a very happy speech, interspersed with plenty of humor at the start, and developing his theme, "Building a Peaceful World," which he declared was the first business of Lionism at this time.

Mr. Glover declared that our willingness to sacrifice would determine whether we would achieve a peaceful solution of the problems facing the world. He traced the growth of Lionism, pointing out that there are now 5,100 club in 16 nations and it should be their aim to create in the hearts of men a desire for democracy. This must be done locally at first, he said, before the world can be convinced of its good effects. "As Lions, we cannot shirk our responsibilities in this respect," the speaker stated.

He offered commendation for the work of the club here, particularly as exemplified in the Scouting and youth programs; and closed with a challenge to all club members to rededicate themselves on a local level to improve local conditions.

**Drive To Raise \$2,000 for Red Cross Begins Monday**

**Leder Brothers To Construct Modern Store in Plymouth**

**Buy Water Street Lot Sold In December by Town; Begin Work Soon**

Leder Brothers, operators of eight modern department stores in eastern North Carolina and South Carolina, have purchased a lot on Water Street and plan immediate construction of a two-story building to house one of their stores in Plymouth. Deed for the lot, originally owned by the Town of Plymouth and located between Z. V. Norman's office and the fire department building, was recorded in the office of the register of deeds Wednesday morning of this week.

J. Herman Leder, of Whiteville, and Morris Leder, of Goldsboro, have been here in the past week or so making arrangements for the lot and building. They stated that it was planned to begin construction just as soon as a contractor could be secured for the job, and one of the brothers is reported to have said this week that their negotiations in this respect were just about complete, and they expect to have work started within a few weeks.

According to reports, they plan to build the full width of the lot, 50 feet, and to a depth of 125 or 150 feet. The entire structure will be devoted to their store, and they hope to be able to open up before next fall. At the present time the firm has stores in Whiteville, Wilson, Goldsboro, Jacksonville, Clinton, Smithfield, Holly Ridge and Marion, S. C. Their home office is in Whiteville.

The Leder Brothers stores carry a complete line of clothing, ready to wear of all kinds, and general department store items. They feature several nationally advertised brands of the better quality merchandise, and their new store here should prove to be a substantial addition to the business life of the town and section.

**Cipie H. Woodley Claimed by Death**

Cipie H. Woodley, 53, well-known resident of the Creswell section died at his home there Wednesday morning at 2:30 o'clock. He had been in declining health for the past two years, and was confined to his bed for about four weeks.

Son of the late W. H. Woodley and Mary Hassell Woodley, he was born in Tyrrell County on September 15, 1892. He farmed practically all his life in this section. On April 21, 1913, he was married to Miss Hester Davenport, of Creswell, who survives. Mr. Woodley was a member of the Woodley's Chapel Methodist church for a number of years.

Besides his widow, Mrs. Hester Woodley, of Creswell, he is survived by two sons, Joe Woodley, of Plymouth, and Richard Woodley, of the U. S. Marine Corps, at present stationed in China. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Billie Haire and Mrs. Dezzie Sexton, both of Creswell.

Funeral services are being held Thursday afternoon from his late home in Creswell by the Rev. J. C. Harmon, pastor of the Creswell Methodist church. Interment will follow in the Davenport cemetery.

**James J. Arnold Passes at Cherry**

Creswell.—James J. Arnold, 83, prominent farmer and community leader, died at his home in Cherry Sunday morning at 6 o'clock after an illness of several weeks. Mr. Arnold was a life-long resident of Washington County.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Betty Brown Arnold, to whom he was married more than 62 years ago; three daughters, Mrs. Bettie Watson and Mrs. Sadie Hassell, of Edenton, and Mrs. Martha Swain, of Creswell; three sons, Andrew Arnold and E. O. Arnold, of Roper, and James F. Arnold, of Edenton. He also leaves one brother, the Rev. D. W. Arnold, of Washington, and two sisters, Mrs. Jane Whit, of Creswell, and Mrs. Mary Spruill, of Plymouth. Funeral services were conducted from the late home Monday afternoon at 2:30, with Elder S. Gray in charge, assisted by the Rev. Preston Cayton, of Edenton. Active pallbearers were Joe Arnold, Harry Arnold, Wilbur Arnold, Wilbur Hassell, Gilbert Watson and Jennings Spruill. Interment followed in the Philippi cemetery.

**Beacon Ahead of Time This Week**

This week's Beacon is coming off the press a few hours ahead of time. The new press, originally scheduled to be delivered in December, arrived yesterday, which made it necessary for this week's paper to be printed and gotten out of the way as quickly as possible. An experienced erector is busy on the new equipment today, and it is expected to be ready for operation by Saturday of this week.

Next week the Beacon will be back on schedule again. Several news articles intended for this week's paper came into the office late and could not be used this week. They will appear later.

**Town Council Holds Its Regular Meeting**

**Variety of Matters Talked At First Monday Meeting This Week**

The city council at its regular meeting Monday night completed details for transfer of a lot on Water Street to Leder Brothers, of Whiteville, who plan to begin construction of a department store on the property in the immediate future. This is the lot located between the fire department building and Z. V. Norman's office. It was sold at auction on December 28 to A. L. Alexander, but Mr. Alexander has since made a deal with the Whiteville firm, and it was ordered Monday night that the deed be signed over directly to Leder Brothers.

Representing Waters and Whitehurst, Z. V. Norman presented the council a map of the Club View Estates real estate development on the old Waters farm, located southwest of the golf course here, with a request that it be approved by the council. There was some discussion of the matter, as the property is located outside the city limits. Mr. Norman explained that the map was presented for approval in conformity with a state law requiring such action.

After some hesitation, the council voted to approve the plan, insofar as the street layout is concerned, although several members failed to be convinced that such action was either appropriate or necessary in view of the property being located outside the town limits.

A petition, signed by 11 colored people, was presented asking that a taxi license be issued to Aaron Cooper, jr., who was denied such license at a previous meeting of the council. No action was taken.

Elmer Estep went before the board and asked for payment of \$720 as a result of personal injuries sustained in a fall over a property marker at the corner of Washington and Main Streets. He claimed that an iron stake at the corner was bent over the sidewalk, causing him to fall and seriously injure himself. An investigation of the matter was ordered by the mayor.

**Local Girl Gets Office in ECTC Election Last Week**

Miss Vivien Sitterson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Sitterson, of Plymouth, and a junior at East Carolina Teachers College in Greenville, was elected treasurer of the Student Cooperative Government Association when the students went to the polls Tuesday of last week to choose their officers for the 1946-47 term. The treasurer controls all the financial transactions of the association and is assisted by first, second and third assistant treasurers. Miss Sitterson also is an active member of the Beta Kappa chapter of Pi Omega Pi, national honorary fraternity of business education.

**Organization of Girl Scout Troop Is Planned Here Thursday Afternoon**

Organization of a Girl Scout troop here is planned for Thursday afternoon of this week. The movement is sponsored jointly by the Plymouth Parent-Teacher Association and the Woman's Club under the direction of Mrs. W. V. Hays. Mrs. Hays said a meeting would be held immediately after school at the high school building here Thursday afternoon. All girls between 10 and 15 years of age who are interested in joining such an organization are invited and urged to be present at this time, when announcement will be made of future meetings. Various committees from the two clubs are in process of organization to supervise the program. It is hoped that when the Boy Scout building is constructed here, arrangements can be worked out to provide suitable quarters not only for the Boy and Sea Scouts, but also for Girl Scouts and a youth recreation center.

**Supplies Mailed To Workers This Week**

**Chairman Hopes Drive Can Be Completed by Sunday, March 17**

Arrangements have just about been completed for the first county-wide peace-time drive of the American Red Cross in five years, John W. Darden, county chairman, announced yesterday. Despite the fact that the war officially is over, the Red Cross has urgent need of funds for purposes connected with the recent war, including the care of thousands of American wounded in hospitals in this country, as well as those in overseas hospitals. The Red Cross also has a multitude of duties to perform for troops stationed in former enemy countries.

Washington County has its smallest Red Cross quota in several years, and it is hoped no difficulty will be experienced in raising it. Mr. Darden is planning for an intensive one-week campaign in the county, starting next Monday, March 11 and continuing through the following Sunday, March 17.

The total county quota of \$2,000 has been broken down into quotas for the various communities, as follows: Plymouth township, including town of Plymouth, \$1,100; Scuppernon Township, \$175; Skippersville Township, \$75; Roper section, \$50; Pleasant Grove section, \$50; Wenona section, \$50; and county colored people, \$450. Last year the county quota was \$3,500 and more than \$5,000 was raised.

Supplies for the individual canvassers are being mailed to chairmen of the various localities this week. Mr. Darden requests that the community chairmen appoint their workers and have the campaign started next Monday. The complete county organization of colored people has been set up, and their names and the community goals are carried in another article.

**J. R. Patrick Dies In Detroit, Mich.**

J. Russell Patrick, 30, native of Washington County, died Monday morning at 2 o'clock at Grace hospital in Detroit, Mich., after an illness of about five months, culminating in pneumonia. At the time he became ill, he was employed by the Dodge Motor Company. He was in the Army for several years and received his discharge last year.

Born at Roper on March 24, 1915, Mr. Patrick was a son of Clyde F. Patrick and the late Annie May Liverman Patrick. He was a member of the Scuppernon Christian church for a number of years.

The remains are scheduled to arrive in the county Thursday morning, and at the time the Beacon went to press funeral arrangements had not been completed.

Mr. Patrick is survived by his widow, Mrs. Margaret Wendlerich Patrick, of Detroit, Mich.; his father, Clyde F. Patrick, of Roper; two brothers, Johnnie Patrick and Clyde Patrick, jr., of Norfolk, Va.; and one sister, Mrs. Eula Ange, of Roper.

**3,000 Pounds of Clothing Collected Last Month**

More than 3,000 pounds of used clothing were collected in the drive in Washington County last month, according to Mrs. W. V. Hays, chairman of the campaign here. The clothing was shipped to a central gathering point at Norfolk several weeks ago and will be forwarded from there overseas.

Mrs. Hays said she had no information as to how this year's drive compared with last year, but she was pleased with the results obtained locally. Boy Scouts aided in collecting the used clothing in several county towns last month.