



Maurice Bateman, carpenter's mate 1/c, received his honorable discharge from the U. S. Navy on April 6 and is now at home here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Bateman.

County School Superintendent W. F. Veasey is in Chapel Hill today attending a meeting of the State Board of Education.

Blue mold has about ruined prospects for early planting of tobacco, according to County Agent W. V. Hays.

Paul Basnight, Foy Davenport and Alvin Allen, members of the Plymouth police force, attended a meeting of law enforcement officers held in Williamston yesterday.

Mrs. Cicero J. Norman, chairman of the baby contest for the May Day Festival, announced this morning that the parade for baby contestants would begin at 10:30 a.m. next Wednesday morning at the Christian Church corner.

Delinquent taxpayers are reminded that the 3 per cent penalty on unpaid 1945 county and town taxes becomes effective after May 1st.

The new Firestone Dealer Store, operated by Joe Johnson and Lew Sawyers, opened here this morning.

Plymouth golfers will meet Goldsboro in a team match here Sunday afternoon.

U. D. C. Chapter Will Meet Friday Afternoon

The Major Lewis Charles Latham Chapter of the UDC will meet at the home of Mrs. Abe Adler, Friday, April 26, at 2:30 p.m.

15th District Club Women Meet Here

Several hundred home demonstration club women of the 15th district are having their annual meeting here today.

Sessions are being held in the Christian church. Lunch was served at the church annex at noon, and program sessions were scheduled for 10:30 a.m. and following the lunch.

Arrangements for the meeting were made by Washington County home demonstration club women, headed by Mrs. Frances M. Darden, county home demonstration agent.

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Plymouth Stores and Business Houses To Be Open All Day Next Wednesday

Miller Warren, president of the Plymouth Merchants Association, said yesterday that local stores and business houses would forego their usual Wednesday half-holiday and remain open all day Wednesday of next week, as requested by local Methodists, who are sponsoring the May Day Festival here on that day.

It was felt that with a large crowd of out-of-town people here, the stores should remain open, not necessarily on account of the business to be done, but so the visitors would have a place to drop in and rest.

Next Wednesday will be the second straight that stores have remained open. They were open yesterday after being closed all day Monday for observance of the Easter season.

Democratic County Convention Will Be Held Here Saturday

CANDIDATE



William H. Joyner, of Plymouth last week announced his candidacy for county commissioner from district No. 1 in the May 1st Democratic primary.

Registration Books For Primary May 25 Will Open Saturday

To Remain Open for Two Weeks, Through Saturday, May 11th

Registration books for the Democratic primary on May 25 will be open for the next two weeks, beginning Saturday of this week, April 27, and remaining open through Saturday, May 11, according to Walter W. White, chairman of the county board of elections.

It is not necessary for those who have registered and voted in recent primaries to register again, but those who have moved from one precinct to another or who have come of age since the last election will find it necessary to get their names on the books in order to be eligible to vote in the primary.

Registrars and places of registration in the five county precincts are as follows: Plymouth: B. G. Campbell, at office of B. G. Campbell Wholesale Company, Water Street, in Plymouth;

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Complete Plans for May-Day Event Here Next Wednesday

PROGRAM

Below is an outline of the program for the May Day Festival, to be presented in Plymouth Wednesday of next week, May 1, as announced yesterday by J. S. Brinkley, general chairman.

- 10:30-11:00 A.M. Announcement by Mayor.
11:00-11:45 A.M. Baby Parade
11:45-12:30 P.M. Hill-Billy Band
12:30-12:45 P.M. Glee Club
12:45-1:00 P.M. One-Man Band
1:00-1:35 P.M. Concert by Greenville High School Band
1:35-1:45 P.M. Parade of Primary Maypole Dancers
1:45-3:00 P.M. Primary Maypole Dance in Plymouth
3:00-4:00 P.M. Athletic Contests, on Hampton Lot
4:00-4:15 P.M. Indian Music Numbers
4:15-4:45 P.M. Chorus
4:45-5:00 P.M. Bubble-Gum Contest, Conducted By Mrs. Curry
5:00-5:30 P.M. Band Music
5:30-7:00 P.M. Minstrel Show at Plymouth
7:00-7:20 P.M. One-Man Band
7:20-7:40 P.M. Chorus
7:40-8:00 P.M. Band Music
8:00-8:30 P.M. Auction: Sale of 60 Pairs of Nylon Hose, Electric Clock, Various Other Items
8:30-9:00 P.M. May Queen Crowning Ceremony

Added attractions at all hours include: Bazaar, Doll Show, Antique Display, Food, soft, drinks and ice cream on sale at food booths.

School Officials Get Promise of Priority For Additions Here

County Superintendent and Board Chairman Assured Of Prompt Action

L. E. Hassell, chairman of the county board of education, and W. F. Veasey, superintendent of public instruction, were much encouraged about prospects for the addition to the local high school building as a result of their visit to Civilian Production Administration headquarters in Greensboro Wednesday of last week.

Mr. Veasey said they were assured by Mr. Joliff, assistant chief of the office, that no difficulty would be encountered in getting priorities for the proposed addition here.

Mr. Veasey said M. G. Norman, architect for the school board, was here Monday and said he would have the detailed blueprints for the addition ready by June 1st, when it is hoped the bids can be awarded.

It is planned to add a one-story structure on the right of the present building and connected to it by a covered passageway. The one-story addition will contain four classrooms and new toilets for entire high school. One classroom is to be added in the present high school building. In addition, a new heating system for the entire plant is to be installed.

A great deal of work remains to be done, but the board of education plans to go ahead just as rapidly as possible, in order to have as much completed for use next term as possible. Quick action is imperative, as the school has earned two additional teachers for next term, and there is no place to put the classes until new rooms can be built.

200 Local Houses Sprayed With DDT

About 200 houses in Plymouth have been sprayed with DDT so far in the campaign against malarial mosquitoes and flies, according to Delbert D. Allen, who is in charge of the work here.

Mr. Allen said that so far practically everyone approached had cooperated in the work. A few people have declined to have their homes sprayed. He said that, for the most part, home owners were prompt in complying with instructions to have their homes ready when the spraying crews arrive, which enables the work to be done rapidly.

Mr. Allen and his assistant, Ray Norman, will leave Friday afternoon for Columbia to begin the work there. They will be there about a week, according to present plans. The other spraying crew here, composed of Hubert Owens and Stewart Johnson, will continue the work locally.

All-Day Program Has Been Outlined

Parades, Bands, Minstrels, Auction Sale Will Be High Spots

Everything is declared in readiness for the May Day Festival to be held in Plymouth next Wednesday, May 1st, sponsored by the Plymouth Methodist church. J. Shepherd Brinkley, general chairman of the event, said yesterday that at least 1,000 visitors are expected to attend the all-day program to be presented here at that time.

Numerous features have been arranged for the day, including band concerts, parades, beauty contest, baby contest, auction sale of 5 dozen pairs of Nylon hose and other scarce articles, athletic events, minstrel show, antique and doll displays, Maypole dance, singing, clowns, musical numbers, and others. A portion of the program is to be broadcast over the Washington station, which is also providing a hill-billy band for the occasion.

Washington Street, between Main and Water, will be roped off, and most of the program will take place within that block. Several events will be held in the Plymouth Theatre, including the minstrel show and Maypole dance. Athletic contests, including three-legged race, potato race, sack race, and the like, will be held on the Hampton lot, under the direction of C. W. Dinkins.

There will be four large booths with the best of food and even pink lemonade. Also in shops on the block will be the doll and antique displays, which will be of interest to many. There will be fun and entertainment for all, young and old, and the general public is urged to attend.

Plymouth merchants will forego their usual Wednesday afternoon half-holiday, for the convenience of visitors. The Plymouth schools will operate on a curtailed program and children released at noon so they can take part in the days festivities.

J. Roy Manning and "Colonel" W. T. Freeman have agreed to do the auctioneering. Mr. Brinkley said yesterday, and spirited bidding is expected for the many articles to

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Milton Bowen Injured at Plant Here Last Week

Milton Bowen, employee of the American Fork and Hoe Company, was seriously injured last week, when he caught his left hand in a saw at the plant here.

He lost all the fingers of his left hand in the accident. He was removed to a Rocky Mount hospital immediately and is reported to be getting along very well this week.

Good Response for Cancer Campaign

The cancer control drive is meeting with a splendid response here, it was learned yesterday from W. H. (Jack) Peele, county chairman of the campaign. With a quota of approximately \$500, the goal was almost in sight up to that time, he said, although only a few reports had been received.

The Plymouth Junior Woman's Club is handling the canvass locally, they had secured upwards of \$200 at last reports. Theatre patrons here are responding liberally, approximately \$150 having been raised by collections Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. The collections will be continued through the remainder of the week, and it is felt the county quota will be oversubscribed.

Waste Paper Collection Will Be Made Here Saturday Morning by Boy Scouts

Troop 84 Boy Scouts will make a house-to-house collection of waste paper Saturday morning of this week, April 27, starting at 8:30 a.m., according to Scoutmaster H. G. Harris. Receipts from sale of the paper will go to the boy Scout Building fund.

Local housewives and merchants who wish to contribute old newspapers, magazines, books and cardboard cartons are asked to have paper tied in bundles or stacked in cartons or other suitable containers and placed on porches or at the curbside in time for the collection Saturday.