



Sheriff J. K. Reid is recovering rapidly after undergoing a serious operation in a Rocky Mount hospital on April 15th.

An oil stove fire at the home of Beryl Smiley on West Main Street called out the fire department about 7:15 this morning.

Dr. E. W. Furgurson, Dr. and Mrs. C. McGowan attended the annual meeting of the North Carolina Medical Society at Pinhurst last week.

Representative Herbert C. Bonner, of Washington, was in Plymouth Tuesday afternoon, calling on a number of his friends and supporters.

It was announced this week that daily hours at the local employment office in the courthouse are from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Sheriff Charlie B. Roebuck, of Williamston, was a visitor in Plymouth Tuesday. He said that politics were slow to warm up in Martin, and there was only one contest for any county office to be decided May 25.

The American Legion Spring Festival is in progress at the old Brinkley baseball park all this week, with the carnival attractions furnished by the Raftery and R. & S. Shows combined.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Beam and Miss Betty Beam left yesterday for Pinhurst, where Mr. Beam will attend the sessions of the North Carolina Bankers Association and maybe—just maybe, mind you—get in a few rounds of golf.

Chief of Police P. W. Brown put out a fire practically single-handed yesterday morning. Passing the home of Willie Bennett, colored, just out of town on the Mackeys road, he saw that the roof was on fire.

Glee Club Concert Here on May 17th

The Plymouth High School Glee Club will be presented in a concert Friday night of next week, May 17, at 8 p. m., in the high school auditorium.

In addition to the entire group, there will be a number of soloists, including Frances Ange, Renee Basinger, Dorothy Humphreys and Anne Veasey; an all-girl chorus and a girls' trio.

Accompanists for the occasion will be Mrs. Laura Johnston, Misses Anne Veasey and Dorothy Humphreys. The glee club is under the direction of Mrs. Harold J. Lee.

There will be no admission charge and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Long Queues at Store Here for Nylon Hose Sale Last Saturday

The hose sale advertised for last Saturday by the local Leder Brothers department store drew large crowds all day long. Lines began forming in front of the store more than an hour before the scheduled opening.

Originally, it was planned to sell only 240 pairs of hose, including nylons and 51-gauge rayon. However, Mr. Segerman, the manager, received an additional shipment of 100 pairs,

Local Business Houses Vote to Close Each Saturday at 7 P. M.

Beginning Saturday of next week, May 18, practically all Plymouth business establishments, except grocery stores, will start closing each Saturday at 7 p. m., instead of 9 p. m., as at present.

It was pointed out that similar action has been taken previously

in surrounding towns. The earlier closing makes it possible for the hours of clerks and other employees to be brought into line with wage-and-hour regulations.

Board Going Forward With Plans for School

Fishing Season Opens May 19th

Sport fishing in inland waters, including most of the creeks and smaller streams of this section, will be legal again on Sunday, May 19, County Game Protector J. T. Terry said this week.

Some very good catches have been reported recently at Lake Phelps, which is not affected by the closed season. The ban does not apply in commercial waters and lakes.

Town Council Meet Held Monday Night

Plymouth policemen will get a raise in salary on July 1st, but after that date all arrest fees collected by the officers must be turned into the city treasury, as the result of action taken by the city council at its regular meeting Monday night.

Effective July 1st, the pay of all policemen will be increased from \$35 to \$45 weekly. The salary of the police chief is raised to \$250 monthly, effective June 1st.

The council formally endorsed an application by the Virginia Electric & Power Company for permission to amend its contract with the town to place in effect a lower schedule of rates for street lights and other power used by the city.

Play at Creswell Tomorrow Night

Creswell.—The Creswell senior class will present a three-act comedy, "A Little Clodhopper," Friday night of this week, May 10, at 8 o'clock, in the high school auditorium.

The cast of characters includes the following: Ray Liverman, as Setimus Green, a young book agent, full of pep; Harold Gibbs, as Oecy Kump, a fresh country product; Edwin Norman, as George Chiggerson, an innocent little lamb from the city; Violet Furlough, as Mrs. Chiggerson-Boggs, his dotting mama, with a smooth scheme; Irene Sprull, as a small-town board-house keeper; Bessie Lee Albertson, as Chairman Carter, who thinks she is a vampire; and Elizabeth Overton, as Judy, a little clodhopper from the poorhouse.

A full evening's entertainment is assured all who attend, and the public is cordially invited.

Ask \$70,000 Worth of Bonds Be Sold

Hope To Be Able To Let Contract at Meeting Next Month

At their regular meeting Monday, members of the county board of education centered their efforts on getting action as soon as possible on the addition to the local school building. All three members were present, Chairman L. E. Hassell, of Roper, J. W. Norman, of Plymouth, and P. B. Belanga, of Creswell.

The board passed a resolution asking the county commissioners to make \$70,000 available from the bond issue voted early last fall. This money will be needed for the construction of four additional classrooms to the high school building here, for installation of new plumbing and heating plant for both buildings, and to take care of the \$7,000 purchase price of the lot for the new high school building in the "Stillacres" subdivision.

W. F. Veasey, county superintendent of public instruction, said it was hoped to have everything ready to let the contract for the addition and new installations at the June meeting of the board. Right now, the board is awaiting completion of plans and specifications by Macon G. Norman, architect, but they are expected to be here in time to advertise and secure bids by the first of June.

The resolution passed Monday was presented to the county commissioners, also in session at that time. They were undecided about the best method of proceeding to raise the \$70,000, and will take the matter up with local government officials at Raleigh. Chairman H. H. Allen, of the county commissioners, is to go to Raleigh to confer with local government officials and call a special meeting of the board later this month to report his findings.

Mr. Veasey said the present coal strike might delay completion of the work planned here, as it will be difficult to get delivery of materials due to freight embargoes. However, the school officials are going ahead to get everything ready as soon as possible. The rooms will be urgently needed this fall, when school opens, since two additional teachers have been earned by enrollment.

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Variety of Matters Considered at Meet County Board Here

Four Tracts of Land Acquired by Foreclosure Are Sold

Washington County commissioners had another busy all-day session Monday of this week, remaining in session until nearly 6 o'clock in the afternoon. A large number of matters were disposed of, mostly of a routine nature, including requests for the state highway commission to take over maintenance of several roads and like matters.

The commissioners authorized the sale of four tracts of land in the Wenona section acquired through tax foreclosure proceeding. The four tracts are known as the "Harry Topping land." Two were sold to E. T. Hartung for \$425, \$300 in cash and the remainder payable January 1, 1947, with 5 per cent interest on the deferred balance.

The other two tracts went to A. G. Roelofs for \$800, payable as follows: \$200 cash, \$200 January 1, 1947, and \$400 January 1, 1948, interest at 5 per cent on the deferred payments.

Baseball Meeting Here Friday Night

Everyone interested in Plymouth having a baseball team this year is invited to attend a meeting at the union hall at 7:30 tomorrow (Friday) night. An effort will be made to organize an independent team at that time, if sufficient interest can be steamed up.

Sponsors of the meeting include P. W. Brown, A. L. Alexander, W. B. Cox, Howard Gaylord, et al. Although they don't play themselves, they believe a fairly good local team can be secured locally, and they would like for all young men and boys who would like to try out for a team to attend.

Mrs. Newkirk Sole Owner of Florist Business Here

Announcement was made yesterday that Mrs. J. H. Newkirk had bought out the interest of Dubose Simpson in the Plymouth Floral Company and become sole owner and operator of the floral business established here several months ago. The change in ownership became effective Tuesday.

Candidate for House Outlines His Position on Current County Issues

To the Editor of the Roanoke Beacon and the People of Washington County: I desire to submit to you a statement of my policies and my answers to the several questions submitted to the candidates in your editorial dated April 18, 1946.

Schools and Public Education I desire to state that I am now and have been all my life very definitely opposed to the policy of complete centralization of school management and control in the city of Raleigh. The policy has had a very great effect in contributing to the destruction of county and community pride in our schools. I am in favor of a state-financed system of schools and believe that financing of the schools of the state should remain a state responsibility. I am in favor of the passage of some sort of legislation by the 1947 session of the General Assembly that would return to the local and county school officials some portion of the management and responsibilities of the schools.

Continuation of Coal Strike Is Threat to Industries Here

Series of Typhoid Clinics Scheduled For County Soon

To Be Held in All Sections By Nurse From District Health Department

A series of clinics for immunization against typhoid fever will be held throughout the county, starting Monday, May 20, and continuing through June, it is announced this week by the district health department. The clinics, to be conducted by Miss Margaret Berry, public health nurse, will be held at 15 different points in the county at one-week intervals for three weeks, and the public is urged to take advantage of the opportunity offered for prevention of typhoid.

Those who received three doses of the vaccine last year or the year before are advised that one dose will be sufficient this year. After having had three doses, it is advisable to take one dose each year afterwards to retain immunity. It is announced that there will be no extension of time this year, and everyone is urged to start the first day, according to the schedule of time and places as follows:

Mondays, May 21, 27 and June 3: 9:30 a. m., at the "Y," or Skimmersville bus stop; 11 a. m., Scuppernon church; 1:30 p. m., Creswell, at the health department clinic.

Tuesdays, May 21, 28 and June 4: 9:30 a. m., Little Richmond, at Presbyterian church; 11 a. m., Macedonia, at schoolhouse.

Wednesdays, May 22, 29 and June 5: 9:30 a. m., Westover, at Dick Cheson's store; 10:30 a. m., Mackeys, at Mr. Davenport's store.

Thursdays, May 23, 30 and June 6: 9:30 a. m., Roper, at the community house; 11 a. m., at Tommy Tarkenton's store; 1 p. m., Cherry, at the white schoolhouse; 2 p. m., New Lands, at Spruill's store.

Fridays, May 24, 31 and June 7: 10 a. m., Long Ridge, at Mount Olive church; 1 p. m., Wenona, at Wenona filling station.

Saturdays, May 25 and June 1, 8: 9:30 a. m. until 12 o'clock noon, at health department office in Plymouth.

Auction Sale of Town Lots Will Be Held in Creswell

Twenty lots in the town of Creswell will be offered for sale at auction Wednesday morning of next week at 10 a. m. The property, owned by C. L. Barnes, includes 18 lots at the old Creswell baseball park and two other lots, known as the "Dr. Hassell property." Col. F. M. Holsinger will be auctioneer. The lots are described as being suitable for either business or residential purposes.

Bankers to Get Three Holidays

May is a month of holidays—if you are a banker or bank employee. They come every 10 days, on May 10, 20 and 30, and banks in the state will observe all three of them. May 10th, tomorrow, is Confederate Memorial Day, May 20th commemorates the promulgation of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence—both state holidays—and May 30th is National Memorial Day.

Post office employees will get only one holiday, the 30th. State employees will get all three days. And if you are a run-of-the-mill employee of the ordinary business firm, May just has 31 more days, and only four of them are Sundays and four others pay days.

ABC store employees are different from all the above. They will get one holiday, but it's different from the rest. The liquor stores will be closed primary day, May 25th.

120 Register Here For May Primary

There was a sudden increase this week in number registering to vote in the May 25 primary here, according to W. B. Cox, registrar for Plymouth precinct. Up to yesterday afternoon the names of 120 new voters had been put on the Plymouth books. No reports are available as to the registration in other precincts of the county.

Mr. Cox said he had been advised by state board of election authorities that service men and women who registered under the absentee registration law during the war and who are now separated from the service will have to re-register in order to vote in the primary May 25. Several have already appeared here for registration, but doubtless there are others who do not realize that they will not be eligible unless they re-register.

The registration books will close at sundown Saturday of this week, May 11. The following Saturday, May 18, will be challenge day.

Woolard Furniture Store Opens 11th

Announcement is made by Bill Woolard, owner, that his new store, the W. J. Woolard Furniture Company, will have its formal opening Saturday of this week, from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. He is extending a cordial invitation to the public to drop in and get acquainted with him, at the same time viewing the large stock of furniture and home furnishings on display.

Although he is opening with a large stock, including many hard-to-get items, Mr. Woolard said that many articles still are impossible to obtain at this time. Additions will be made just as rapidly as more goods become available.

The new establishment is located on East Main Street, just across the railroad at the intersection of the highway leading to the Atlas Plywood Corporation plant. His store is the first to be built adjoining the "Stillacres" residential subdivision. Construction was started several months ago and just completed this week.

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At a meeting of the local school committee Tuesday night, Herbert D. Lassiter was unanimously reelected principal of the Plymouth schools for the coming school year. It is understood he has accepted and that he will begin work immediately with the committee in securing teaching personnel and making other arrangements for operation of school here next year.

Freight Embargoes Cut Wood Delivery

Voluntary Reduction in Use Of Power Requested by V. E. P. Officials

The continued strike by coal miners, which is threatening complete industrial paralysis throughout the nation, has not had any immediate local effects thus far. However, the effects will be noted after today, as embargoes on all rail freight shipments, except a few items considered most essential, become effective at midnight tonight.

An official of the North Carolina Pulp Company here said this morning that rail shipments of pulpwood to the plant here would cease after today. All wood billed for shipment prior to midnight tonight will be delivered, which means that rail shipments will continue to the plant for several more days, but no additional shipments can be made. Normally about 75 per cent of pulpwood used at the plant here is handled by rail.

Officials of the plant declined to speculate as to how long the local mill could continue to operate after rail shipments of pulpwood cease, but it is not believed to be much more than a week or so. Bad weather during the winter halted operations in the woods, and the stock of pulpwood on the mill yard has not been built up to normal since.

The Atlas Plywood Corporation has made plans to continue operations as long as possible, despite the fact they will be unable to make any outgoing shipments by rail after today. Ralph H. Bolster, manager of the plant, said this morning that arrangements had been made for shipping some of its products by truck, some will be stored and other makeshift expedients used to keep the plant operating.

Ray H. Goodman, district manager of the Virginia Electric & Power Company, said this morning that no power rationing was in prospect for this area, although the company is requesting all consumers to voluntarily reduce consumption as much as possible during the emergency. Mr. Goodman said he had just returned from Richmond, where drastic regulations have been put in effect for power users. All theatres, amusement places and the like in that state are being closed at midnight tonight, and all stores, commercial and business establishments are being limited to 24 hours use of power per week.

Mr. Goodman said that due to inter-connections with other power companies in the South, hydro-developed power is being purchased for use in this area. Customers are requested to cooperate during the emergency by cutting out non-essential use of current, but no compulsory rationing is in prospect at this time, he said.

Humber May Speak In County May 16th

Robert Lee Humber, Greenville attorney who is a candidate for the seat in Congress now held by Herbert Bonner, was in Plymouth for a few hours last Friday in the interest of his campaign. He met a number of local people, and it is understood made a tentative arrangement for a political address at the courthouse here Thursday of next week, May 16. He said that definite announcement about a speaking engagement here would be made early next week.

Mr. Humber is a newcomer into district politics, but is reported to have considerable strength in a number of the counties. Quite a number of local people have read an article about him in the May issue of "The Reader's Digest." Entitled "Grassroots Crusader," it very commendatory about his campaign in various state legislatures in the interest of a "world federation" resolution, of which he is author.

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Mr. Lassiter is completing his first year as principal of the local schools. He came here in August of last year from Charlotte, where he was engaged in government work. A native of Northampton County, he is a graduate of Duke University and has had more than 10 years experience as principal of schools here and in Stokes County.