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Valuation Complaints To Be Heard by Equalization Board Monday, March 17

The Washington County Board of Commissioners and the County Tax Supervisor will meet in the tax collector's office in the courthouse here on Monday, March 17, at 10 a. m. as a board of equalization and review. At that time, the board will hear complaints about the valuation of property listed for taxation during January and February and make adjustments if sufficient cause can be shown.

In those cases where valuations have been increased on real property by assessment boards, owners of the property will be notified by the county tax collector some time within the next week.

Those who have discovered errors in their listing abstracts are invited to be present to have them corrected. Some increase in the total valuations in the county is expected since much improvement on real property has been effected in the county since the last revaluation period in 1941. No estimate as to the amount of the county valuations or the amount of increase has been made available as yet.

Little Work Here on Red Cross Campaign

County Leader In Farm Plans

The county Triple-A office reports that Washington County is among the seven such districts in North Carolina in which more than 60 percent of the farmers have signed 1947 farm plans.

Having Difficulty Finding Adequate Lights Equipment

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Local Baseball Club Applies for Incorporation Charter; No Reply Received As Yet

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Colored Boy Dies Of Car Injuries

Harold Downing, 11-year-old negro boy of Macedonia, died at the Plymouth Clinic last Friday at 3:30 p. m. as a result of injuries received when he was struck on Highway 64 in front of the Macedonia School by a 1941 Hudson sedan, driven by Frank Ocheltree, of Plymouth, who immediately took the child to local doctors for treatment. The accident occurred around 1:30 p. m. on Friday.

Roper Girl Wins Edenton Contest

Miss Mary Virginia Trueblood, senior in the Roper High School, was named winner of the Edenton basketball tournament beauty contest, held last week in conjunction with the tournament, and was presented with a musical powder box as first prize, it has been reported.

Farmer Loans in County Checks Being Mailed for

The local Farmers Home Administration office has all applications made to date for farm operating loans in Washington County, signed up, and about 85 percent of the checks have been mailed, Willis Bowen, director of the local office, has stated.

W. H. Joyner States That to Date Nothing Collected on White Quota for Township

W. H. Joyner, Plymouth Township Chairman in the County Red Cross drive, has reported that none of the local citizens who promised to serve as canvassers during the drive which began on Monday have reported to his office to obtain campaign materials.

Mr. Joyner remarked further that the lack of cooperation on the part of local citizens in aiding the drive is deplorable and that unless those who have promised help take immediate action, the drive in this locality will be a total failure.

Cherry Man Hurt In Car Accident

Jesse Phelps, Cherry white man, sustained slight facial lacerations when he was struck by a 1942 Ford coupe, driven by John Edgar Chappell, white, of Hertford, on the Cherry-Creswell road last Wednesday around 11 p. m.

All PTA Groups Will Meet Here

The Parent-Teacher Associations of Washington County will meet in the Plymouth High School building next Wednesday at 3:30 p. m. to organize a Washington County PTA Council, it has been reported.

Miss Roberson Qualifies As Nurse Before Board

Miss Ruby Evaline Roberson, former Plymouth resident, was among the group of nurses who successfully passed tests given by the North Carolina Board of Nurse Examiners recently, it has been reported. Miss Roberson, a native of Martin County, was employed at the pulp mill at the time of her entry into training. She is now employed in a Rocky Mount hospital.

Z. V. Norman to Address Jamesville Methodists

The Hon. Zeb Vance Norman will be the principal speaker at the Jamesville Methodist Church's Layman's Day program to be held at the church at 11 a. m. next Sunday, it has been announced. The Rev. C. H. Lewis, pastor of the church, will preside. The public has been invited to attend.

Town Councilmen Vote Sum to Aid In DDT Spraying

South Plymouth Delegation Express Thanks to Board on Progress in That Section

Hospital Rejects Bids From Roper On Fire Engines

Bids made last week by the Roper Fire Department on two fire trucks owned by a Charleston, S. C., hospital were refused by the hospital officials this week, Wade Hardison, secretary-treasurer of the Roper group, has revealed.

Dogs Deceived By Fire Alarm

The new Plymouth fire alarm system is causing great disturbance in this locality, according to reports from various sources. One woman, living on the edge of town, made complaints to local authorities about a dog whose barking she claimed annoyed her night and day and was amazed to learn the cause of the trouble.

Farm Bureau President to Speak Here Friday Night

The president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, W. W. "Cap" Eagles will address the county Farm Bureau at its monthly meeting in the Agricultural Building here this Friday at 7:30 p. m. and will discuss Tobacco Associates, Inc., J. C. Tarkington, president of the local group has announced.

County Board To Put Up \$1,500 for Spraying Program

Board Will Also Consider Further Allocation if Present Sum Proves to Be Too Small

The Washington County Board of Commissioners, meeting in regular session in the county courthouse on Monday of this week, voted to appropriate \$1,500 as its part toward defraying the expenses of the annual mosquito control spraying program sponsored in the county by the district health department and the Federal government.

Dr. Claudius McGowan, district health officer, appeared before the group and explained that the cost of this year's program would be greater than in 1946, since the federal government, while supplying one truck, spraying equipment, DDT chemical, and one operator, has required that the communities serviced by the program provide another truck and operator. He added that the program would get underway next Monday unless the weather is unfavorable for proper operation.

The board decided further that if a report from the local health department, made at a later date, showed that the present appropriation, together with the amount donated by the town of Plymouth, is insufficient to complete the program, consideration of a further contribution would be considered by the Commissioners.

Group Plans Truck-Buying Trip to Norfolk, Va. This Week; Funds Approximately \$2,000

Acting on a suggestion from committee members of the Plymouth Merchants Association, the councillors voted to clean the areas behind the stores on the river side of Water Street and fill in washouts there, in order to provide more parking space for automobiles, and ordered the clerk to send a letter to the Norfolk-Southern Railroad company advising them of the purpose of the project.

Teacher Meeting Date Is Changed

The Washington County Teachers' Workshop, previously scheduled to be conducted in Plymouth on Wednesday of next week, will be held on the following Wednesday, March 19, W. F. Veasey, county superintendent of schools, has announced.

Local Negro Boy Injured Monday

Jimmy Walker, 10-year-old son of Alice Walker, colored, of Plymouth suffered lacerations of the head when he was struck by a 1940 Plymouth sedan, driven by Mrs. Elmer Browning, of Plymouth, in front of James store on West Main Street Monday morning. The child was taken to the Plymouth clinic where he received medical treatment for his injuries.

Teachers in County to Be Guests at Barbecue

The teachers and principals of the county's schools and all school committeemen for the county will be guests at a barbecue being sponsored by the members of the county Board of Education, as individuals, at Roper on Friday, March 14, at 6 p. m. An informal program will be presented.

Extension of City Limits Is Discussed at Meetings

Delegations From Little Richwood and Village Will Meet Again With Council Friday Night

Following up the public meeting held in the courthouse on the extension of the city limits question, a delegation of citizens of Little Richwood and Country Club Village came before the Plymouth Town Council at its meeting on Monday night and, with S. W. Rose, of the village as spokesman, presented a petition, requesting a special meeting of that group with a delegation to be held at 8:30 p. m. Friday, in the Municipal Building for presentation of definite plans by the town officials for extension of city services to those areas which they propose to take into the town limits.

The petition stated further that until such time as a statement on the council's specific plans were made, the residents of the two villages would be opposed to the introduction of a bill into the General Assembly making such an extension possible.

At a meeting held last night, residents of Little Richwood and the Country Club village elected the following men to represent them at the meeting with the council to be held tomorrow night: Howard Estep, Roy Ragland, Arden Holbrook, of Little Richwood; R. H. LaCoy, S. W. Rose, A. D. Simpson, village.

In reply to the spokesmen from the delegation, Mayor A. J. Riddle stated that a measure of fire protection is now being provided for areas outside the town proper and added that the council "is not trying to pull the wool over your eyes, we merely desire to make Plymouth a better town and we cannot do so unless the limits are extended and a bond issue is voted."

Those composing the delegation from the two villages were S. W. Rose, R. L. LaCoy, A. D. Simpson, L. J. Darby, C. A. Akin, of Country Club Village, and Roy Brown, C. G. Windom, and J. A. Holbrook, all of Little Richwood.

TO HOLD REVIVAL

Assessor Boards End Revaluation Work This Week

The boards of assessors making the quadrennial tax revaluations in Washington County and the township list-takers for personal and poll taxes have, with the exception of Plymouth Township, completed their jobs, E. H. Liverman, of Plymouth, county tax supervisor, has stated.

Education Board Asks More Funds

The Washington County Board of Education, meeting in regular session in the courthouse on Monday, enacted a resolution to request the County Commissioners to sell \$75,000 in bonds for school constructions.

State Income Tax Man Is To Be Here Next Tuesday

E. Ross Froneberger, deputy collector for the North Carolina Department of Revenue, will be in the office of the Clerk of Court in the courthouse in Plymouth next Tuesday for the purpose of offering assistance to taxpayers in filing of their state tax returns, it has been announced.



The Rev. H. B. Anderson (above), of Durham, will be the principal speaker at the annual Spring Revival being held in Ludford Memorial Baptist Church in Plymouth during the week of March 10.

Durham Pastor to Speak at Revival

The Rev. H. B. Anderson, pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Durham, will be the principal speaker at the annual Spring Revival being held at the Ludford Memorial Baptist Church in Plymouth from Sunday, March 9, through the following Sunday, he has announced. The Rev. P. B. Nickens, pastor of the local church, will conduct services on the first Sunday, while the Rev. Mr. Anderson will be in charge of the rest of the meeting. Services will be held at 8 p. m. through the entire week.

Local Man Gives Kids Playground

Bruce Bateman, of Plymouth, in a letter addressed to the local town board, offered to donate an empty lot behind his home here as a playground for the children of the town if the town would undertake to clean it and give it a more attractive appearance. The lot, he said, is 200 by 300 feet in size and would offer ample room for a community playground. He added that he would be willing to provide a club-house for the children there.

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Plymouth Mayor Explains Reasons for Proposed Expansion of City Limits

At a public meeting in the courthouse last Friday night, called and presided over by County Representative John W. Darden and attended by over 100 citizens of in and near Plymouth, Mayor of Plymouth A. J. Riddle explained the boundaries of the proposed extension of the Plymouth city limits, stating that it would be necessary for the town to obtain higher valuations in order to secure bonds for the amount sufficient for the projected improvement of sewer and water services, and possibly street repairs, as proposed by the Plymouth town council.

Mr. Riddle also remarked that one of the main reasons for the proposed extension of the city limits was to provide additional home sites in the town, stating that it is almost impossible to secure financial backing for such projects without water and sewer facilities.

In answer to questions from representatives of Little Richwood and the Country Club Villages, which would be taken into Plymouth if the extension were carried out according to present plans, Mr. Riddle stated that as yet there is no specific program for the extension since the town does not want to spend money for engineers' surveys unless it is certain that the property valuation can be increased.

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