

Wednesday Closing To Begin Next Week

All business establishments in Plymouth, with the exception of filling stations, garages, and some drug stores, will begin their annual summer Wednesday afternoon closings next Wednesday, April 30, instead of the following week, it has been announced by Carlyle Hall, president of the Plymouth Merchants Association, who added that the Wednesday half-holidays would continue through August as originally scheduled.

Outline Plans for May Day Event

Schedules for the featured events of the Plymouth Woman's Club May Day celebration, which will be held next Thursday, May 1, have been completed, events, according to statements from club officials, taking place as follows: Baby parade, 11 a. m.; special announcements by Mrs. Edison Davenport, 11:45 a. m.; dinner at the Christian Church Annex, 12 noon; Maypole Dance in front of Plymouth Theatre, 1 p. m.; pet parade and bicycle parade, 1:30 p. m.; flower show, Christian Church Annex, 2 p. m.; miscellaneous contests, 2:30 p. m.; awarding of prize in baby contest, 3:30 p. m.; crowning of Health Queen in front of theater, 4 p. m.; womanless wedding and home talent show at county courthouse, 7:30 p. m.; crowning of May Queen and square dance at Plymouth School gymnasium, 9 p. m.

Farm Bureau To Hold Meet

A joint meeting of the men and women of the county Farm Bureau will be conducted in the Agricultural Building in Plymouth on Friday night, May 2, at 8 o'clock, according to an announcement from W. V. Hays, county farm agent.

Construction on Furniture Store To Start Shortly

Construction on the new three-floor Plymouth Furniture Company building will begin within the next two weeks on the site of the old Customs House on upper Water Street, the store management has announced. Contract for the building will be let sometime next week, probably to a local firm, the announcement added.

To Hold Carnival Here Next Week

The James M. Rafferty's Shows, featuring carnival concessions, rides and shows, will be in Plymouth under the auspices of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars from Monday, April 28 to Saturday, May 3, it has been announced.

Funeral Is Held For Mrs. Arnold

Funeral services were held from Concord Primitive Baptist Church last Wednesday at 3 p. m. for Mrs. Bettie Arnold, 81, of Creswell who died at her home at Cherry on Tuesday of last week at 10:15 a. m. after a long illness. Elder S. Grey of Kinston, assisted by the Rev. G. C. Bland of Philippi Church, officiated at the services. Interment was made in the Philippi Cemetery.

Piercy Store in Roper Now Selling New Lines

W. N. Piercy, retailer in Roper, has recently opened new lines of electric appliances in his store there, it has been announced. Included among the items offered are radios, radio batteries, electric stoves and fans. Mr. Piercy also features auto parts and accessories of all kinds.

Councilmen Call for Bids on Sewer Lines

The town council of Plymouth has given notice that the town will receive bids for the laying of about 5,500 feet of 6-inch water mains and about 2,800 feet of 8-inch sewer pipes in the Wilson Street extension and Red Hill sections of Plymouth, with all bids to be considered at a special meeting of the town council in the Municipal Building here next Thursday at 8 p. m. The bids, it was stated, must

May Discontinue Local Passenger Train Schedules

Norfolk Southern to Ask State Authority for Action Monday; Would Be Effective June 1

According to a notice received on Wednesday by A. J. Riddle, Mayor of Plymouth, the Norfolk Southern Railway Company will apply to the North Carolina Public Utilities Commission in Raleigh on Monday for authority to discontinue the operation of passenger trains One and Two now traveling between Norfolk and Raleigh, requesting that this run be stopped on and after June 1. The two trains are, at present, the only passenger trains operating in this area.

Colored Student Stabbed to Death At Roper Tuesday

Alleged 14-Year-Old Slay-er Placed in County Jail Pending Court Hearing Next Week

Floyd Douglas, 17-year-old Roper colored boy, student at the J. J. Clemmons School there, died while en route to the Plymouth Clinic of wounds sustained in a school-yard fight during the noon recess on Tuesday, J. K. Reid, sheriff of Washington County, has reported. Douglas was stabbed in the chest with a large pocket knife by Rupert Cox, 14, also a student at the Clemmons School, the sheriff said.

Local Records Office To Close on May 10th

The Washington County Office of Selective Service Records will definitely close on Saturday, May 10, at 5 p. m. according to an official order from State selective service headquarters, Mrs. Mildred Collins, chief clerk in the local office has announced.

County Is Given Quota of \$500 in Cancer Campaign

Plymouth, Creswell Women's Clubs to Canvass Those Areas; Other Plans Not Complete

Washington County has been assigned a \$500 quota for the national Cancer Society drive. Jack Peele, county commander of the organization, has announced. He added that the Plymouth Woman's Club, under the leadership of Mrs. W. H. Joyner, and the Creswell Woman's Club, led by Mrs. O. D. Hatfield will act as canvassers for the campaign in those two sections of the county.

New Flower Shop Is Opened Here

"Katie's Florist Shop," new Plymouth flower business, has opened at its location here on West Third Street, Mrs. A. R. Modlin, manager of the enterprise, has announced.

Returned Vet and Bride To Make Home in Roper

Roper.—Pfc. Joseph Harrell Phelps and Mrs. Helene Melchali of Casablanca, North Africa, have arrived here to make their home. The couple were married in February of this year. Private Phelps served several months with the armed forces in North Africa.

Two More Candidates in Contest for Town Council

Joyner and Price File for Town Council; Allen Denies Plans to Run for Mayor's Post

The total number of new candidates for office in Plymouth's municipal election being held on May 6 has risen to four with the filing of W. H. Joyner for councilman from the first ward and Louise E. Price, filing for the same position from third ward.

Reporters Are Named by AAA

Meeting in the Agricultural Building in Plymouth last Friday, The Washington County AAA Committee appointed R. C. Jackson of Plymouth and W. P. Davenport of Creswell potato acreage reporters for the county. Mr. Jackson will work in the Plymouth-Roper section while Mr. Davenport will operate in the Creswell area.

Saturday Is Last Day to Register For City Election

Thirteen More Names Listed in Each of Second and Third Districts; First has "4 or 5"

Second and third wards in Plymouth both recorded 13 new registrations of voters for the municipal elections in May, Registrars Roy Cutler and Mrs. C. A. Cratch have reported. Last week, Mr. Cutler had placed only 8 new names on the books of the second ward, while Mrs. Cratch had reported 14 for the third area. The total now stands at 21 for the second ward and 27 for the third.

Applications for Houses Will Be Studied by Group

Final Decision on Allotment of New Homes to Be Based on Urgency of Individual Needs

Meeting in the county courthouse last Thursday night, the Plymouth post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars delivered informational questionnaires to some 30 applicants for the 15 pre-fabricated homes being made available to Washington County veterans through the local VFW organization.

Colored Home Is Burned Thursday

Starting apparently from faulty wiring, fire swept through the home of Willie B. Lloyd, colored, in Plymouth about 5 p. m. last Thursday, destroying the entire contents of the house, leaving only the walls standing.

Legion Auxiliary Will Meet on Monday Night

The members of the American Legion Auxiliary will conduct a meeting in the Legion Hall here next Monday at 8 p. m., according to an announcement from Mrs. W. C. Jones, president of the organization, who stated that plans for the American Legion's Poppy Day will be made at that time. Mrs. Jones urged all members of the group to be present.

Browning Funeral Conducted Sunday

Funeral services were conducted from Ludford Memorial Church in Plymouth last Sunday at 3 p. m. for Mrs. Jessie Cunningham Browning, 68, of Plymouth who died at her home here on Saturday at 3:30 p. m. following a long period of declining health. The Rev. R. H. Lucas, officiated at the services. Interment was made in the Baptist Cemetery.

Require Teachers To Renew Certificates

Approximately 50 per cent of the teachers in the Washington County schools system will have to renew their teaching certificates through summer schools either this summer or in the summer of 1948 or else disqualify for employment in the state education set up, W. F. Veasey, county school superintendent, has announced. The superintendent stated that