

The local post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will conduct an open meeting at a later date, probably sometime next week, in the county courthouse and will request suggestions from leaders in civic groups and private individuals on the construction of the proposed community building being sponsored by the VFW it has been stated.

Dr. Claudius McGowan, local physician and acting head of the Washington-Tyrrell District Health Department, returned today from the annual convention of the North Carolina Medical Society held in a Virginia Beach hotel on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of this week.

Walter Lackey of Raleigh, sanitation supervisor for Eastern North Carolina visited the Plymouth headquarters of the Washington-Tyrrell Health Department last Thursday. Mr. Lackey was making an inspection tour of the various sanitation departments under his supervision in this section of the State.

The Rev. and Mrs. T. R. Jenkins were in Durham for several days this week with Mrs. Jenkins' father, Mr. Woods, who was suddenly stricken ill on Tuesday morning, it has been reported.

Delbert D. Allen, sanitarian for the Washington-Tyrrell health district, attended the regional meeting of sanitarians held in Kinston on Monday. A general discussion of sanitation problems in Eastern North Carolina was conducted by the group.

L. L. Basnight has reported that Susie, his 400-pound sow, gave birth on Tuesday to a litter of no less than 17 pigs. This, Mr. Basnight stated, is the second time Susie has done such a thing and he has had to buy baby bottles in order to be sure that all the piglets get fed. Susie, he says, is only 4 and a half years old, but is rather experienced for her age.

Class to Present Special Program

The Plymouth High School Bible Class will present a special program at the First Christian Church here next Sunday at 7:30 p. m., the Rev. E. B. Quick, pastor of the church, has announced.

The program will include a choral number by the girls in the class, several numbers by the Ange quartet, a responsive Bible reading led by Shirley Roberson, an address, "Benefits of the Bible Course," by Clarence Kelly, and a Bible knowledge drill by the teacher and the class.

The program is intended to illustrate to the public the type of work done by the class during the past year, Mr. Quick said, and is in the form of an educational project. He added that diploma credits are given to the students.

Members of the class participating in the program are: A. J. and Wendell Ange, Alton Beddard, Kenneth Dawley, Loyce Inez Hardison, Annable Jack, Clarence Kelly, Lois Ann McCombs, Doris Nash, Shirley Roberson, Valera Ann Simmons, and Melrose Styons. The public is invited to attend.

Cherry Dragline Project Changed

Dragline machinery which has been working on Moccasin Run, near Cherry, in the lower end of the county, has been moved to the Old Run ditch leading into Moccasin, for the purpose of clearing an enlarging the ditch, after which the machine will be transferred back to the Moccasin Run project to complete operations there, Donald B. Jones, county soil conservationist, has stated.

Jones added that a new dragline is expected to arrive in Washington County during the latter part of this week and is scheduled to begin operations at that time.

Auxiliary Planning Poppy Sale May 24

Members of the Plymouth Unit 164 of the American Legion Auxiliary, under the chairmanship of Mrs. J. B. Carisle, will sell artificial poppies in the local observance of "Poppy Day" which will be conducted throughout the nation on Saturday of next week, May 24, according to an announcement from Mrs. W. C. Jones, president of the Auxiliary.

Mrs. Jones stated also that volunteers from the Auxiliary and other young women's groups in Plymouth will distribute the flowers on the streets during the day and that everyone will be

Removal of Rent Control in County Being Considered

Majority of Persons Poll-ed in Plymouth Favor Keeping Restrictions On Longer Here

According to reported results of a poll conducted in Washington County by R. E. Norris of Raleigh, representative of R. B. Lewis, State Rent Control Director, the majority of the citizens in the Plymouth area are in favor of continuing rent controls in the county at least for some time to come. Some of those interviewed by Mr. Lewis, it is understood, were landlords of extensive holdings and were opposed to the continuance of the controls, but, according to the report, these parties were a negligible minority of those interviewed.

Points in Washington County where the survey was conducted were Plymouth, Roper, and Creswell. As yet, no reports are available here on the attitudes taken by Creswell and Roper residents. Reports from other portions of the Albemarle district indicate that decontrol, especially in counties beyond the sound, favor the decontrol.

Control of rents was ordered for this area in early 1945 with rents being placed at the amounts on January 1, 1944. The local rent control office was opened in October of last year and is scheduled to be closed on Friday of this week. This, however, does not necessarily mean the end of controls in this district. Mrs. Sabrie Reid, chief clerk in the office, has stated, adding that possible influx of new workers for industrial plants in the county may justify the continued maintenance of rent control for some time to come.

She added that since the office was opened here 140 violations of control rulings had been found but that all except 8 or 10 cases which had more than \$25 overcharge were closed through the Plymouth office.

Crops in County Said to Be Slow

According to reports from farmers in the county, crops, particularly tobacco and corn, are late and poor, due chiefly, it is said, to a cold dry spring. Tobacco transplanting, it was stated, is going forward slowly with many of the plants afflicted with blue-mold.

Stands of corn are said to be particularly poor and that in many instances complete re-plantings have been necessary by growers. The cold has also retarded such peanuts as have been planted but they appear to be coming up fine now in most sections of the county. Of the principal crops in this section, it was stated, about the only one doing at all well are soybeans, with the majority of the damage done by unfavorable spring weather having been inflicted on tobacco.

Cotton was also reported to be slow in making any headway and again the blame was laid to the late spring.

Club to Present Return Engagement of Wedding

The Plymouth Woman's Club had such a big success with the Womanless Wedding that, by popular demand, they are going to give it all over again. The same cast has been persuaded to parade in borrowed finery for the command performance Bob Johnston, however, is a newcomer and will be a sweet bridesmaid. The wedding will take place in the court room this Friday at 3 p. m.

Hold Service for Haywood B. Snell

Last rites were conducted at the Snell home in Cherry on Sunday at 2:30 p. m. for Haywood B. Snell, 70, of Cherry who died there on Friday at 6 a. m. following an illness of two weeks. The Rev. G. C. Bland officiated at the services. Interment was made in the family cemetery.

Mr. Snell, who was unmarried, was a well-known farmer in the Cherry section and had lived there all his life. He was a member of Phillippi Christian Church. He was the son of the late Alexander and Sallie Overton Snell of Creswell.

Outline Program for Roper School Finals

Commencement exercises, will be conducted at the Roper High School on Wednesday, May 28, at 8 p. m. with Dr. Howard J. McGinnis, registrar at Eastern Carolina Teachers College in Greenville, delivering the commencement address. R. B. Forbes, principal of the Roper school has announced.

Several other special events have been planned by the school for the final week in the 1947 session. Mr. Forbes has stated, giving the schedule of activities as follows: Sunday, May 25, baccalaureate sermon to be delivered by the Rev. J. M. Perry of the Robersonville Christian Church in the high-school auditorium at 11 a. m.; Monday, May 26, a music recital of the pupils studying under the direction of Mrs. Roy Hopkins, presented in the auditorium at 8 p. m.; Tuesday, May 27, class night exercises in the school auditorium at 8:30 p. m. with members of the graduating class participating under the direction of Mrs. Beatrice S. Mullen and Music Directors Mrs. Darrell Cahoon and Mrs. Roy Hopkins. Mr. Forbes added that the public had been extended an invitation to attend the commencement week events.

Office of Draft Board Here Closed May 10

Are Elected to District Posts

Two members of the Plymouth post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Jimmy Hays and Blount Rodman, were elected district quartermaster and district advocate, at a meeting of all VFW posts in this district held in Elizabeth City last Saturday, it has been announced. Installation of the officers will be held shortly. Following the general business meeting last Saturday, delegates to the assembly were guests at a dinner and dance, given by the VFW organization in Elizabeth City.

Begin Treatment of Local Houses By DDT Sprayers

Sixteen Houses Already Treated in Plymouth; Expect to End Roper Job by Week's End

Crewmen in the county mosquito control program, sponsored by the district health department, are expected to complete the DDT spraying operations in Roper this week, with 580 houses to be treated, and began working in Plymouth itself on Monday of this week, having completed spraying of about 16 houses, according to statement from department officials.

The crewmen, the report continued, completed operations in Country Club Village on Wednesday of this week and treated a total of 51 homes. County-wide operations, ended by the sprayers last Friday, included the DDT treatment of some 1,927 houses. The program, including the treatment of private homes in Plymouth, will end within the next few weeks, it is understood.

Members of the district department pointed out that while the purpose of the program is to destroy mosquitoes, all other insects such as gnats and flies, are eliminated by the chemical spray.

Teacher Salary Would Be State-Paid in First Year; County Assume One-Third Afterward

Explaining the proposed vocational training program for the Plymouth High School boys, Superintendent W. F. Veasey, addressing the local Rotary Club Tuesday night, stated that since local school authorities have been advised that no agricultural teacher will be obtainable here for quite some time, and since a study of the boys favored an industrial arts program, efforts would be made to provide such a course.

Theoretical training would be provided by an instructor, he said, and with the aid of local business establishments, practical training could be given the students in the afternoons. During the first year, Veasey pointed out, the instructor's salary would be paid by the State, after which the local unit would assume responsibility for one-third of the salary.

Local Women's Club to Have Banquet Thursday

The Plymouth Woman's Club will hold its annual banquet in the Legion Hall here on Thursday of next week at 7:30 p. m., according to an announcement from club officials. Husbands of the members will be guests at the dinner.

May 28th Date Schools Close

With one exception, all white and colored schools in Washington County will end their 1946-47 terms on Wednesday, May 28, Superintendent of Schools W. F. Veasey has announced.

The single exception, Mr. Veasey said, is the J. J. Clemmons Colored School at Roper which will not end its session until Friday, May 30. He stated that the reason for the 2-day delay was caused by a closure of the school in October made necessary by a break-down of the school bus servicing the institution.

Creswell School Committee Holds Meet on Friday

Eleven White, 5 Colored Teachers Re-Elected; Resignations Made by 4 Instructors

Eleven teachers in the Creswell white schools were re-elected to their positions on the schools' faculties for next year and re-signations from 4 instructors were accepted by the Creswell school committee at its meeting held there last Friday, according to W. F. Veasey, superintendent of Washington County schools.

Resignations from H. V. Chappell, principal, and Mrs. Chappell, eighth grade teacher, were handed in several weeks ago, while Mrs. Sybil Davenport, home economics instructor, resigned earlier in the year. Other teachers declining to resume their jobs in the Creswell schools and making their resignations to the committee are Mrs. Jessie Holmes, seventh grade; Mrs. Viola P. (See CRESWELL, Page 10)

Extend Water Mains On Two Streets Here

Laying of Sewers Next on Schedule of Improvement for Wilson, Washington Extensions

Sixteen hundred feet of water-main pipe have been laid on Washington Street extension and 2,400 feet have been installed on the Wilson Street extension by construction crews, working on Plymouth's city services program, now underway in those sections of town, according to Police Chief P. W. Brown.

Water was turned on in the Washington Street pipes on Tuesday while the Wilson Street mains will receive water on Friday, Mr. Brown remarked.

He added that the laying of sewer pipes in those districts would begin next and that pipes would also be laid in the section of Still acre now within the town's corporate limits sometime next week. The Chief remarked if present plans are completed and no unforeseen obstacles arise, the entire project should be finished by June 1.

A crew of 10 workmen, operating a bulldozer and ditching machine are being employed by the Exum Cline Construction Company of Rocky Mount in the laying of the pipes, Chief Brown stated.

Begin Measuring Potatoes Monday

Potato Measurers R. C. Jackson and W. P. Davenport started on Monday of this week measuring acreages of all Irish potatoes planted in this county for marketing purposes, Miriam Ausbon, secretary of the Washington County AAA, has stated.

Miss Ausbon also said that acreage notices would be mailed to operators as soon as the reports are completed and official acreages have been determined. She added that farmers whose official acreage is within the allotted potato goal may then apply for a certificate of eligibility to participate in the Triple-A's potato price support program for 1947.

The secretary pointed out further that all potatoes sold under the price support program would be sold on a 1947 "within goal" marketing card.

250 Register for Special Election Here on June 3rd

Urges Payment of Town Taxes

Plymouth Police Chief P. W. Brown has announced that all citizens wishing to make town tax payments during his absence on vacation, may do so at the town clerk's office in the Municipal Building. He added that all delinquent taxes will be advertised after June 1.

Chief Brown will leave Plymouth on Sunday, May 18, to visit his daughter, Mrs. Wade Adams, in Santa Cruz, Calif., for several weeks. He plans to return home on June 20. In the absence of Chief Brown, Paul Basnight, local law enforcement officer, will act as chief of the Plymouth police department.

Rev. E. M. Spruill Is New Minister Episcopal Church

Plymouth Rector Formerly With Church in Mayodan; Will Also Be in Charge Roper Church

The Rev. Edward Muse Spruill of Mayodan will take up his duties as rector of Grace Episcopal Church in Plymouth after June 1 of this year at which time he will terminate his services at the Church of the Messiah in Mayodan, having served as rector there since December 1945, according to announcements made by Grace Church lay officers this week. The Rev. Spruill will also be priest-in-charge of St. Luke's Church in Roper.

The new rector, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Spruill of Rocky Mount, received his education at the University of North Carolina, Atlantic Christian College, and Virginia Theological Seminary at Alexandria, graduating from the latter institution in February 1945. While at UNC, he was a staff member of "The Daily Tar Heel," campus newspaper and following his graduation from the State university was employed for several years at a bank in Rocky Mount.

The Rev. Mr. Spruill was ordained to the deaconate in the Church of the Good Shepherd in Rocky Mount and, following a term as deacon-in-charge of the Mayodan church and St. Martin's Church in Knollhurst, was advanced to the priesthood. While in Mayodan, he was active in civic and religious societies, serving also as director of the Boy Scout Council there.

Mrs. Spruill, the former Miss Florence E. Eagles of Crisp, is a graduate of St. Mary's School in Raleigh and was prominent in Mayodan civic and social affairs. She was also secretary of Christian social relations of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Guilford district in the Diocese of North Carolina.

Local Parent-Teachers To Meet on Wednesday

The Plymouth Parent-Teachers Association will meet in the high-school auditorium next Wednesday at 3:30 p. m. at which time, the Washington County PTA Council will be discussed, according to an announcement from the president of the local organization. All members of the group are requested to be present.

School Bus Garage Financing Difficult

Superintendent of Schools W. F. Veasey, investigating sources of finance for the board of education in the proposed construction of a new county school-bus garage, has met with all manner of difficulties including, the latest, legal red tape.

The board now has between \$5,000 and \$6,000 for the building of the garage, but architects estimates place the final cost at something like \$8,500 or \$9,000. The board asked Mr. Veasey to see if the remaining amount could

Until Monday Majority of Registrants Residents of Richwood, Country Club Villages

About 250 registrants for the special election on the extension of the boundaries of Plymouth have been recorded in the books, 130 being registered by Monday of this week, around 100 more being recorded on Tuesday, and the remainder having been registered on Wednesday, Mrs. Hermine Ramsey, registrar, has stated.

Officers in the municipal government have stated that a completely new registration of all qualified voters in Plymouth, the two mill villages, Stillacres, and other sections proposed to be included, must be made in order to be eligible to vote in the election which will be held at the county courthouse on Tuesday, June 3. It was emphasized that regardless of how many times in the past a voter has registered, he must do so again to qualify for voting in the election on the proposed extension.

The books were opened on Monday, May 5, in the office of Mrs. Ramsey on Water Street, and will remain open until Saturday, May 24, which has also been designated challenge day. Mrs. Ramsey has stated that until Monday of this week, the majority of those registering for the election were residents of Country Club Village and Little Richwood.

Town officials have requested that all eligible voters in the sections concerned register and cast ballots in the election. It is estimated that approximately 800 citizens of Plymouth qualify to take part in the balloting. The number of eligible voters outside of the present city limits could not be learned, but it has been stated to be rather large.

Last Rites Held For Joe B. Bland

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 3:30 p. m. from the Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church, near Plymouth, for Joe B. Bland, 58, of the Long Ridge section of the county, who died at his home near here on Sunday, following an illness of one week. The Rev. D. W. Alexander of Bethel officiated at the services. Burial was made in the Ange Cemetery in Martin County.

Mr. Bland, son of the late James T. and Eliza Keel Bland of Martin County, has lived here for 12 years, coming from Pitt County.

Survivors include his wife, the former Miss Susie Paramore, of the home; three sons, Simon and Forrest Bland of Plymouth, and James Bland of New Bern; four daughters, Mrs. Otis Clapps and Mrs. Mahlo Huffines, both of Burlington, Mrs. W. A. Furlough of Roper, and Mrs. J. S. Wedgeworth of Coker, Ala.; one brother, J. A. Bland of Greenville; and six grandchildren.

Small Blaze Occurs at Johnston Home on Sunday

Sparks originating from the chimney of the R. W. Johnston home on east Main Street ignited and totally destroyed a single on the roof of the house last Sunday around 1:45 p. m., Plymouth Fire Chief I. Miller Warren has reported. Needless to say, he added, the flames were quickly extinguished by the fire department.

Chief Warren stated, more seriously, that the fire, though small could easily have developed into a major blaze.

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