

CITY LIMITS EXTENSION CARRIED BY VOTE OF 348 TO 119

Wilford L. Whitley, jr., son of Attorney and Mrs. W. L. Whitley, of Plymouth, was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Law at the Duke University graduation exercises held in Durham on Monday.

The county Triple-A office reports that about 130 acres of Irish potatoes with an expected yield of well over one million pounds have been sited for government price support in the 1947 AAA program.

Plymouth town councilmen have a violent aversion to parking meters according to the speed with which they killed a proposal that meters be installed here.

Miss Charlotte McNair, general office manager of the Farmers Home Administration's Plymouth headquarters, has resigned her position, effective June 27, according to announcements from FHA officials here.

Walter H. Paramore, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Paramore, sr., former residents of Plymouth where Mr. Paramore was connected with the Roanoke Beacon for a number of years, has achieved the enviable record of 12 years of perfect attendance at school, a record which he maintained even though he attended many different schools, among them Plymouth, Wilson, Elizabeth City, Raleigh, and Whiteville.

Education Board Conducts Regular Session Monday

Group Discusses County's Building Program; Ask Commissioner Aid for Bus Garage

After discussion of the plans for the construction of the new negro high school at Creswell, members of the county board of education requested that the county superintendent, W. F. Veasey, obtain from the State Board all specifications, particularly those on the heating unit, so that bids on the construction may be solicited.

Continuing with discussion of the county's school building program, members of the board conferred with the county board of commissioners on possible sources of funds for the planned \$8,000 county school-bus garage. The board of education, having more than half the necessary amount of money on hand requested county aid in the remaining amount, about \$2,000 to \$3,000. The commissioners agreed to do

County Church to Hold Homecoming

Homecoming Day will be observed at the Scuppernon Christian Church near Creswell on Sunday, June 22, with special music and dinner-on-the-ground as featured parts of the celebration, Scuppernon Church officials have announced.

The Rev. Garland Bland, pastor of the church, will deliver the sermon. An invitation to the general public has been extended while all members of Scuppernon Church have especially been requested to attend.

Schedule for the Homecoming observance is as follows: Morning worship and sermon, 11 a. m.; dinner-on-the-ground, 12 m.; special program by the Christian Endeavor societies of Albemarle, Phillips and Scuppernon churches, afternoon.

Awards Are Presented to Outstanding Pupils Here

Five members of Plymouth High School's 1947 graduating class were honored with awards presented by the school for outstanding contribution during the past school year in the fields of athletics and scholarship.

Awards and winners were as follows: Athletics, boys: Ralph Basnight; athletics, girls: Anne Veasey; citizenship: Tommie

Wedding Ring Lost in 1905 Turned Up Here

Mrs. George Bowen who lives on Jefferson Street in Plymouth, has definite proof that "all things come to him who waits," for she finally recovered her wedding ring after losing it while picking a chicken in her backyard some 42 years ago.

Mrs. Bowen casually mentioned the ring in conversation with Robert Boone who now resides in the house occupied by

the Bowen's in 1905 and to her surprise was informed that the description she gave of her lost band corresponded with that of a ring turned up in Mr. Boone's garden last summer. Mr. Boone had given it to his mother-in-law who lives in West Virginia, but he promised to get it back for Mrs. Bowen, which he did. Mrs. Bowen received the ring last Sunday and is now wearing it for the first time in 42 years.

Creswell To Vote On Bonds July 8

Area Board Is Named Monday

W. A. Gibbs and Arthur W. Furlough, both of Creswell, and Wade L. Woodley, of Rocky Mount have been appointed by W. M. Darden, clerk of superior court, as members of the board of commissioners for the new Scuppernon Drainage District. The appointment of the 3-man board was made by Mr. Darden at the county courthouse in Plymouth on Monday morning. The commissioners' terms of office are for two years and begun as of Sunday, June 1. The three men will be sworn in at a later date.

Last Rites Held Here Wednesday For Mrs. Brinkley

Mother of Prominent Man Dies on Tuesday; Was Resident of Plymouth for 12 years

Last rites were held in the Brinkley home on Jefferson Street here Wednesday at 3 p. m. for Mrs. Gertrude S. Brinkley, 65, who died there on Tuesday at 5:30 a. m., following a lingering illness. The Rev. T. R. Jenkins, pastor of the Plymouth Methodist Church officiated at the services. Interment was made in the family plot in the Methodist Church Cemetery.

Mrs. Brinkley was born in Isle of Wight County, Va., in 1881 and lived in Suffolk until about 12 years ago when she came to Plymouth to make her home with her son, John Shepherd Brinkley, one of the town's outstanding businessmen, and member of the Plymouth town council. She was the daughter of the late John Shepherd and Nancy Moody Brinkley of Virginia and the widow of John J. Brinkley, who died several years ago.

Mrs. Brinkley was an active member of the Plymouth Methodist Church until confined to her home by illness several months ago.

She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Bernice B. Hammons and Miss Marian R. Brinkley, both of Plymouth; one son, J. S. Brinkley, also of Plymouth; two grandchildren, Mary Shepherd Hammons and Patricia Newcomb Hammons, both of Plymouth; two sisters, Mrs. R. L. Holliday of Carrollton, Va., and Mrs. C. W. Holliday of Norfolk, Va., and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Brinkley's nephews acted as pallbearers while the members of the Plymouth Rotary Club and Dr. T. L. Bray, her physician, served as honorary pallbearers.

VFW to Hold Session in Courthouse on Thursday

The Plymouth post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will conduct a meeting in the courtroom of the county courthouse on Thursday of this week at 8 p. m., Bill Davenport, commander, has announced. All members have been requested to attend.

City to Purchase Extra Hose for Fire Department

Board Also Sets Charge Price on Taps, Connecting Pipes for Sewer and Water System

Plymouth Fire Chief Miller Warren, appearing before the town council at its regular monthly meeting here last Monday night, requested that the town purchase 500 feet of new fire hose, basing his request on the fact that the hose now in use is from 17 to 20 years old and in very bad condition.

He pointed out that during a recent fire, 4 sections of the hose were leaking badly, two of them now completely useless and another two sections beginning to leak. Motion was made and passed to grant the request. Chief Warren was instructed to contact dealers for prices on the hose needed.

Councilmen also set prices to be charged on taps to the new water and sewer system just installed. \$15 will be charged for the tap, \$2 per foot for cast-iron connecting pipes, and \$1.50 per foot for terra cotta pipes.

The council ruled that pedestrian alleys are to be painted at the intersection of Washington and Main Streets and in front of the Plymouth High School. The same ruling provided for a "No Parking" area to be laid off in front of the Old Market Building at the foot of Washington Street, councilmen emphasizing that the "no-parking" ruling would apply to police cars, highway patrol cars, and taxis, as well as the general public.

The task of auditing the county's books for 1946-47 was awarded to Williams and Wall, auditing firm of Raleigh, with fees set at \$25 per day plus expenses. Representatives of the firm appeared before the board and stated that the entire municipal auditing job could be done for an estimated total of between \$300 and \$350. Around 7 to 10 days would be required, they said.

Representatives of Exum-Cline Company, currently engaged in the water-main and sewer installations in Plymouth, appeared and proposed an amendment to the contract in which 650 feet of 8-inch sewer, and 725 feet of 10-inch sewer, be substituted.

Contracts Accepted By 15 Teachers Here

Five Resignations Received by Superintendent; Two Instructors Yet to Be Heard From

Fifteen teachers in the white schools in the Plymouth district have accepted their re-election to school faculties in this area by the school committee, W. F. Veasey, county school superintendent, has announced, adding that 5 resignations had been received from the white schools, while two instructors had not replied to their notices of re-election. He stated that all 20 of the colored teachers in the Plymouth district had accepted their positions for another term.

Teachers sending in resignations are as follows: High School: Mrs. Leta T. Liverman, mathematics; Walter Burgess, science; Mrs. Walter Burgess, commercial subjects; Grammar school: Mrs. E. H. Hill, eighth grade; and Mrs. H. D. Lassiter, sixth grade. The two instructors who have not yet replied to their notices are George Ingle, athletic coach and instructor in history, and Mrs. Eloise Owens, seventh grade teacher.

Those who have sent notice of acceptance are: High School: J. S. Fleming, principal; Miss Carolyn Brinkley, home economics.

Grammar School: Mrs. Vernell Beasley, eighth grade; Mrs. Helen Peele, seventh grade; Mrs. Doris Read, sixth grade; Mrs. Mary Jenkins, fifth grade; Miss Nellie Tarkenton, fifth grade; Mrs. Janie Dunning, fourth grade; Miss Isabel Davenport, fourth grade. Primary School: Mrs. George Harrison, third grade; Miss Mildred Norman, third grade; Miss Kathryn Holder, second grade; Mrs. Selma Crofton, second grade; Miss Ethel Perry, first grade; Mrs. Etta B. Hardison, first grade.

Bureau Meets Here on Friday

The Washington County Farm Bureau will conduct a meeting in the Agricultural Building in Plymouth this Friday at 8 p. m., J. C. Tarkenton of Maceys, president of the county organization, has announced.

Mr. Tarkenton stated that the principal topic for discussion at the meeting would be Tobacco Associates and the tobacco referendum which will be voted on in July. He urged all members of the Bureau to attend the Friday meeting since the subject to be taken up is one of vital importance to all farm operators in Washington County.

Group Completes Plans for Repair To Gymnasium

4-Point Program Would Include Two Dressing Rooms; Construction May Start Next Week

The Plymouth Lions Club committee on repairing the gymnasium at the local high school has drawn up a 4-point program for the improvement of the building which, they pointed out, could be used as a community center until the community building planned by other civic organizations in Plymouth could be completed.

The program's main features are as follows: the construction of two dressing rooms, 50 x 16 feet, complete with showers, lockers, and all other necessary facilities; ceiling of the inside walls of the building; repairing of the roof; and improving the heating and lighting of the building.

Committee members have stated that in the matter of heating, it might be possible to use a hot-air system, with pipes being extended from the heating unit in the main school building to the gymnasium. Rough plans for the dressing rooms have also been drawn up, but not finished. No definite date for construction has been set, although it is expected to be sometime next week.

Members of the Lions committee are Harold Whitley, C. W. Dinkins, Earl G. Bowen, Roy Manning, jr., and Jack Bradley.

Outlook for AAA Reported Better

Reports received in the county AAA office in Plymouth this week indicate that the Triple-A program may be restored when the expense bill, now under discussion in Congress, is finally passed, Miss Miriam Ausbon, county AAA secretary, has stated.

Miss Ausbon said that some reduction in funds for the 1947 farm practice payment and for county office operations is expected, but that the report stated that the amount will be more than that included in the bill which passed the Lower House recently.

She revealed further that the report expressed the hope that office personnel would not leave AAA for other jobs during the present period of uncertainty since the help of all is needed for program administration.

Five Instructors Resign at Roper

Resignations have been received from five instructors in the Roper School faculties, H. B. Forbes, principal of the school, has stated.

Those declining to accept re-election to positions with the school for another term are Miss Blanche Banks, eighth grade teacher; J. E. Mullen, vocational agriculture instructor; Mrs. J. E. Mullen, instructor in English and French in the high school; Mrs. Mattie Swain, fourth grade teacher; and Mrs. Annie Davenport, sixth grade teacher. All other faculty members, he said, have accepted re-election.

Inspection Board Set Up by County At Monday Meet

New Official Named by Board Commissioners in Answer to Request from Union Local

Washington County commissioners, meeting in regular session, in the county courthouse here on Monday, appointed J. B. Willoughby, Plymouth electrical inspector, to a newly created board of electrical inspection for Washington County. The creation of the new board resulted from a letter received by the commissioners from the Electrical Workers Union asking the county group to appoint an inspector for the area as provided by State law, since "many untrained and unqualified persons are installing wiring in homes in the county" which, they intimated might result in unsafe electrical equipment in county homes.

Board members instructed the clerk to invite N. E. Connabay of (See COUNTY, Page 12)

Talk Joint Action for Community Building

Committees From Four of Town's Six Civic Groups Attend Session; Will Meet Later

Representative committees from all but two of the civic organizations in Plymouth, meeting in the county courthouse last Wednesday night, discussed pooling of financial resources of the groups to join in an all-out effort in securing the construction of a community building for the town.

No definite action was made by the representatives though agreement was made to take up the subject with their respective clubs and to conduct a joint-meeting at a later date to report attitudes from the various civic organizations in town on the joint-aid program.

The community building project was begun several months ago by the Plymouth Woman's Club, while other civic groups, notably the local post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, called the Wednesday meeting to see if plans could be made whereby, all clubs joining in the project under the leadership of the woman's organization, a larger structure might be built and one benefiting all clubs in Plymouth. The towns veterans groups would, (See BUILDING, Page 12)

Make Awards to Roper Graduates

Five awards were made to students in the senior class of the Roper High School at graduation exercises held there last Wednesday for outstanding service in scholastic and athletic fields during the past year.

Awards and winners were Maxine Phelps, valedictorian's medal; Ceedie Rae Phelps, salutatorian's award and activities award; Mary Virginia Trueblood, Journalism award; and Norwood Spruill, athletic award. Mrs. J. E. Mullen, senior sponsor, made the presentations on behalf of the Roper School.

Seventeen seniors received high-school diplomas, and 30 students received grammar school certificates.

Man Injured at Mill on Sunday

Otis Marriner, 35, of Plymouth, employee of the pulp mill, suffered a bilateral fracture of the pelvis while on duty at the mill last Sunday around 1 p. m., it has been reported.

The report stated that Mr. Marriner was crushed against some steps by a stack of pulp weighing around 5,000 pounds. He was given first aid at the mill by Dr. T. L. Bray, of Plymouth, and removed to Dr. Bray's office for further examination. Mr. Marriner was taken to a Rocky Mount hospital on Tuesday where he will remain for treatment.

Two Villages Added At Election Tuesday

1st Call on New Alarm System

Flames of an unknown origin swept through and completely destroyed a privy on the Frank Tarkenton property on Washington Street extended, on Monday morning around 9:45.

Both fire engines answered the call for aid, the first given over Plymouth's new alarm system, but the structure was all but gone when they arrived. Fire Chief Miller Warren stated that the amount of damage has not been determined as yet, and that so far as he knows, no one was injured in the disaster. Firemen said the privy structure was a total loss, but they managed to save a mail-order catalog from the flames. The alarm was turned in because of danger to another building near by.

Will Vote in October on Issuance of Bonds to Provide Improvements for New Area

Qualified voters in the area concerned cast an almost 3 to one decision in favor of the extension of Plymouth's town limits at the election held on that question here Tuesday, the final ballot count being 348 for extension and 119 against, exactly 6 votes short of being 3 to one decision.

The corporate limits of the town now extend to Welch Creek in the west, including Country Club and Little Richmond Villages and the American Fork and Hoe Company, and from the northwest corner of the Old Hampton Farm to a point somewhat beyond Conroy Creek in the east, including the rest of Stillacres Atlas Plywood Plant, and a strip of land on the south side of the creek. Purpose of the election was to secure a higher tax valuation on town property in order to float a bond issue to finance a civic improvement program which would include installation of new sewers and water mains in the town.

Election on the bond issue will be held on the first Tuesday in November, November 4, the amount of the proposed issuance being \$250,000.

The town extension creates a fourth ward in the municipal government, which would include an extra two councilmen from the mill villages now composing the fourth section. Stillacres is under the representation of the First ward while the other two wards have had a small bit of territory added to each. Councilmen from the new ward will be appointed by the present council, the new ward having no vote on the town board until the next municipal election, which will be held in 1949. A committee will be appointed to canvass the residents of the new section, relative to their preference regarding possible appointees and the mayor and councilmen will use the results of the poll as a guide in the appointment, which will be made shortly.

Creswell Colored Girl Raped Near There on Sunday

Eleven-year-old Says Act Occurred in Woods Near Home; Defendant Held for July Court

Probable cause of guilt was found by Recorder's Court Judge Ronald Gaylord in the case of George Skinner, 17-year-old Creswell negro, charged in court here on Tuesday with raping 11-year-old Bertha Johnson, colored, also of Creswell, in a patch of woods near her home there last Sunday around noon. Skinner is being held without bond in the county jail in Plymouth, pending his trial in the July term of criminal superior court.

According to statements from the Johnson child, she was returning home from a visit to her sister's house, and was about a mile out of town when Skinner, who had followed her, grabbed her and dragged her into a patch of woods where he tore her underclothes off and raped her. She stated that her attacker had threatened to kill her if she told anyone.

Shortly after he had committed the act, Bertha said, he escaped from him and made her way to (See ASSAULT, Page 12)

Colored Child Is Run Over Sunday

Geraldine Teel, 6-year-old colored child of near Roper, was slightly injured when struck by the 1938 Chevrolet coach driven by Arthur R. Spruill, county white man, at the Cross Roads near Roper around 7:45 p. m. last Sunday.

Mr. Spruill took the child to the Plymouth Clinic where she was given first aid and then returned to her home. Investigating Officer, R. W. Young, highway patrolman, stated that the accident occurred when the child ran from behind a parked car, directly into the path of Mr. Spruill's automobile. Injuries, he said, were very slight. No charges have been preferred.

Drainage for Pea Ridge Section To Be Discussed

A meeting of all landowners in the Pea Ridge section of the county has been called on Wednesday next week for the purpose of discussing the formation of a drainage district in that area, Donald B. Jones, county soil conservationist, has announced. Mr. Jones added that the meeting will be held in E. O. Arnold's store at 8 p. m.

Funeral services were conducted from Saints Delight Christian Church near Roper on Tuesday at 3 p. m. for Mrs. Betty "Bett" Sitterson, 73, of Roper, route one, the Westover Section, who died at her home there on Sunday at 9:30 p. m. after a week's illness. The Rev. E. B. Quick of Plymouth officiated at the services. Burial was made in the family plot in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Sitterson Is Interred Tuesday

Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Tim Bowen and Miss Eula Sitterson, both of Plymouth, Mrs. Clyde Snell and Mrs. Wilfred Davenport, both of Roper, and Mrs. Elijah Newbold of Richlands; four sons, William Sitterson of Plymouth, H. L. Sitterson, of Jacksonville, Fla., Fred Sitterson of Mars Bluff, S. C., Barton Sitterson, of Ridley Park, Pa.; two sisters, Mrs. Ralph Smith and Miss Birdie Swain, both of Roper; two brothers, Joseph Swain, of Roper, and Bob Swain of Dunn; 19 grandchildren; and six great grandchildren.