

Estimated \$1,500 Needed for Repair Of Gymnasium at Local High School

The Lions Club committee on the repair of the Plymouth High School gymnasium have estimated that the cost, exclusive of labor, of repairing the gymnasium would be around \$1,500, Harold Whitley, chairman of the group has stated.

Present plans, Chairman Whitley said, include the hiring of a

trained supervisor for the job while actual labor will be provided by members of the Lions Club and other Plymouth residents interested in seeing the gymnasium improved.

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

Plans include the repair of floor and roof, the construction of concrete-block dressing rooms, complete with showers, for boys and girls, and improvement of the lighting and heating systems.

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County Triple-A Completes Plans For Measurement

Two More Tobacco Acreage Reporters Named; Will Make Only One Call to Each Farmer

Two more tobacco reporters for Washington County were appointed by Triple-A County Committeemen at their meeting in Plymouth last Friday, the new men named being T. R. Spruill of Roper and W. D. Phelps of Creswell, making a total of five tobacco acreage reporters for this area.

Acreage measurements will begin on Monday, June 16 and according to present plans, will be concluded by July 16. It was revealed at the Friday meeting that \$450 had been allowed Washington County by the State AAA office for the reporting work and that the pay rate would be \$6 per day.

Mr. Spruill was assigned work in the Roper area and Mr. Phelps will work in the Creswell-Cherry-Mount Pleasant district. Other reporters are R. C. Jackson, Long Acre; H. G. Simpson, Plymouth; W. C. Spruill, Pleasant Grove.

The county committeemen requested each farmer to cooperate with the reporters as no second calls can be made. They further advised operators to plow under excess acreage at the time the reporter makes his call. Failure to comply, they said, would result in a 19-cent-per-pound penalty for the excess amount of tobacco.

Council Asked To Set Up Commission for Planning Recreation Program Here

Contract Let for Wiring School Buildings Here

Contracts have been let to R. J. Boyce of Edenton for the complete electrical wiring of the Plymouth High School at cost of \$5,698, W. F. Veasey, superintendent of schools, has stated. Mr. Boyce will supply all materials except fixtures. The contract, Mr. Veasey said includes the wiring of both the old and new parts of the building.

The superintendent pointed out that the school has some materials now on hand, valued at \$2498.21, the cost of which will be deducted from the estimate, leaving a total outlay of \$3,199.79 for the work done. Two other bids were received for the job, one from an electrical firm in Washington and another from Elizabeth City. Work on the wiring job will begin shortly.

Leaders in Civic, Religious Organizations Request Special Session of Town Council

Following suggestions made by Miss Ronnie Sheffield, assistant State director of the North Carolina Recreation Commission, representatives of civic, education, and religious organizations in Plymouth met in the Legion Hall here Monday night and requested that the town council call a special session for the appointment of a recreation commission for Plymouth.

Provision is made under State law for the setting up of a 9-man commission, four members of which are to be drawn from the town council, the county board of education, the health department, and the welfare department, and the other five at large. Civic leaders, after discussion of the matter decided that an 11-man commission would be more effective and have made a request that that number be appointed by the council. No definite date was set for the special meeting, although Mayor Archie J. Riddle, who was present, promised that the session would be called Thursday night of this week.

If the commission is appointed, it would have legal power to maintain and supervise all public playgrounds, athletic fields, and recreation centers in the community and would be empowered to accept gifts, grants and donations from private individuals for public use. Of the nine members required in the State law, two would serve a one-year term, two a two-year term, two a three-year term, two a four-year term, and one a five-year term. The commission would also be required to make regular reports to the town council on recreational activities in the community. No salaries would be settled on the commission. Its appointment would merely give it legal authority to act.

Those attending the Monday night meeting were Mrs. Sabrie Reid, Woman's Club; Mrs. W. V. Hays, Girl Scouts; Mrs. Bill Waters, Legion Auxiliary; Mrs. K. S. Trowbridge; the Rev. Edward M. Spruill and the Rev. T. R. Jenkins, churches; W. F. Veasey and J. S. Fleming, education groups; John Williams, labor groups; H. G. Harris, Boy Scouts; Bob Bowen, Nyal Womble, Harold Whitley, Durant Keel, J. J. Segerman, and E. M. Leavitt, Lions Club.

Board of Education Holding Meet Today

Too Few White Teachers Apply

The Washington County Schools system has encountered an irritating difficulty in obtaining sufficient teachers to fill all vacancies left in white school faculties by resignations from this spring while applications for the very few vacancies in the colored faculties are piling up.

So far only three white applications for the considerable number of vacancies in white schools have been received in the county superintendent's office. The latest application was received on Monday.

State Recreation Official Makes Inspection Tour

Requests Lions Club to Spearhead Effort to Obtain Better Youth Facilities for Town

Miss Ronnie Sheffield, assistant State director of the North Carolina Recreation Commission, meeting with representatives of the various civic, educational, and religious groups in Plymouth last Thursday and held a discussion of the possibility of setting up a local recreation commission in Plymouth.

About 759 Homes Sprayed in Town

Approximately 759 homes in Plymouth have now been given DDT spraying treatments in the Washington-Tyrrell District Health department's annual mosquito control program now being conducted, department officials have announced.

They pointed out that the crewmen have now sprayed a total of about 2,815 homes in Washington County. The Tyrrell County program was ended on May 15 with a total of about 748 houses treated.

Sprayers are now at work on Washington Street in Plymouth moving toward the river end of the street. After completing work there, they will spray homes on Main, Third, Fourth, Fifth, and Jefferson Streets.

Requirements Are Listed for Spuds

Grade requirements for government purchase of Irish potatoes have been received at the Washington County AAA office, Miss Miriam Ausbon, secretary of the local Triple-A organization, has stated.

These requirements, she said, are as follows: potatoes must be U. S. Number 1, U. S. Number 1 B, or U. S. Number 2. The county secretary also said that vendors must furnish their expense of official inspection certificates, issued by the Federal-State Inspection Service.

Prices offered for the potatoes, Miss Ausbon stated, will be \$2.60 per hundredweight through June and July for the U. S. Number 1 grade; and \$2.40 for the same amount of the same grade potato during August. For the other two grades, she said, prices are \$1.30 per hundredweight in June and July, and \$1.20 during August.

Mackey's Girl Graduated From Fassifern School

Miss Elsie Davenport, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Davenport of Mackeys, was graduated from Fassifern School in Hendersonville in the commencement exercises held there last week-end. Mr. and Mrs. Davenport attended the exercises and have returned home, accompanied by their daughter.

Will Consider Plans for Creswell Colored High School; Also to Draw up New Budget

A special session of the county board of education will be held in the office of Schools Superintendent W. F. Veasey in the county courthouse today at 10 a. m., at which time the board will consider business carried over from the regular session held last week.

Among other things to be considered will be plans for the new colored high school at Creswell. Board members have expressed the hope that all red tape concerning specifications for the construction can be cleared up in this week's meeting so that bids for the construction of the building may be solicited. Minor changes in the blue-prints necessitated the delay in bid advertisement.

The school group will also devise a budget for the 1947-48 fiscal year which begins July 1, and will discuss plans for the county school-bus garage.

Rites Held Here For Mrs. Rogers

Burial services were held at the family plot in Windley Cemetery in Plymouth on Tuesday afternoon for Mrs. Mattie I. Rogers, 48, of Elizabeth City who died in a hospital there on Monday of an infection resulting from a squirrel bite received several weeks ago.

Mrs. Rogers was sister-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rogers, of Plymouth. She was a member of the Memorial Free Will Baptist Church in Elizabeth City.

Surviving are her husband, Thomas W. Rogers; six daughters, Mrs. Lee Holliday of Jamesville, Myrtle, Louise, Faye, Flora, and Loretta Rogers, all of Elizabeth City; five sons, T. W. jr., H. S., Conway, Hugh, and James Rogers of Elizabeth City; one sister, Mrs. Addie Williams, of Jamesville; two brothers, Lonnie C. Gardner and L. L. Gardner, both of Jamesville, and three grandchildren.

Funeral at Roper For Mrs. Leary

Funeral services will be held at 4:30 p. m. this afternoon from Saint Luke's Episcopal Church in Roper for Mrs. Jennie A. Leary, 85, who died at her home there on Wednesday at 1 p. m. after a lingering illness. The Rev. Edward M. Spruill, Rector of the church, will officiate. Interment will be made in Saint Luke's Cemetery, near Roper.

Mrs. Leary, the wife of the late Joseph S. Leary, was born in Plymouth, Pa., and came to Roper in 1903 where she has lived since. Prior to her residence in Roper, Mrs. Leary lived in Franklin, Va. She was a member of the Roper Baptist Church for many years.

She is survived by two sons, Vernon G. Leary and James F. Leary, both of Roper; one brother, W. L. Frederic of Palmyra, N. J.; one sister, Mrs. Grace Dickens of Harrisonburg, Va.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Legionnaires to Meet Here on Friday Night

The James E. Jethro post of the American Legion will hold a meeting this Friday night in the Legion Hall in Plymouth at 8 p. m. Post Commander W. Ronald Gaylord has announced. Commander Gaylord said that delegates to the meeting of North Carolina Department of the Legion will be chosen at that time. All members of the local post have been urged to attend the meeting here on Friday.

Big Crowd Visits Opening of Local Garage on Friday

Howard Duzan Wins Chance to Get Auto for Immediate Delivery; Guests Number 2,000

Around 2,000 persons, including Ford motors district officials from Norfolk, attended the "Open House" celebration held by Manning Motor Company, Ford dealers in Plymouth, last Friday night, making the affair one of the largest openings of its kind ever held here.

Doors were opened to the public at 7 p. m. with entertainment in the form of dancing and refreshments being offered until midnight. Music was furnished by a popular 9-piece orchestra from Washington.

Featured event of the evening was the drawing of a lucky ticket, the holder of which was given the opportunity to purchase for immediate delivery a 1947 Super DeLuxe Ford tudor sedan, with Howard Duzan, of Plymouth, holding the lucky ticket. Hugh Modlin, also of Plymouth had been given the ticket, one of the approximately 700 which were handed out that night, but had sold it to Mr. Duzan. The drawing was held at 9:30.

Guests were invited by Host J. R. Manning to inspect every part of the garage and all the modern machinery recently installed, making the establishment one of the most complete and up-to-date garages in Eastern Carolina. Mr. Manning also expressed his appreciation to the public for the cooperation shown which helped make the celebration a success.

Among the guests attending the function were Assistant District Manager H. E. Shelley and Mrs. Shelley, Parts Supervisor Steve Sallinger, and Road Service Supervisor F. H. Moore, all of Norfolk, Va.; "Honey" Walker employee of Universal Credit Investment Trust, also of Norfolk; and Ford dealers from many surrounding towns.

Report Given on VFW Blood Bank

Dr. Ernest Furgurson addressed the local post of Veterans of Foreign Wars at their meeting last Wednesday night on the possibilities of setting up a blood bank for the Plymouth area. Dr. Furgurson cited the advantages of such an institution, but pointed out that VFW members, who would act as donors, would have to be classified according to blood type, while veterans who had served in the Pacific area and who had contracted malaria would necessarily have to be excluded from the donor list since malarial blood cannot be transmitted.

Price Support Cards Issued

Twenty-two certificates of eligibility for commercial Irish potato price support, under the AAA program, were issued in Washington County by the county Triple-A committee at its meeting here last Friday, Miss Miriam Ausbon, secretary for the organization, has stated.

Marketing cards for the 22 farmers applying for price support were also made out and have been mailed out to the growers, the secretary added. Plans for tobacco acreages were also discussed by the group on Friday. Other business was of a routine nature.

Typhoid Clinics Will Begin on June 23rd

Officials of the Washington-Tyrrell District Health Department have announced that the department's 1947 typhoid vaccination clinics will begin in this area on Monday, June 23, and will continue through July 16. Department officials have stated that persons who received three doses against typhoid fever last year or the year before are advised to take another single dose this year in order to avoid the inconvenience of taking another three doses. They also requested all persons desiring to take advantage of the clinic to appear at the designated places on time.

Funeral Held for Ashby Tarkenton

Last Rites were conducted from the Tarkenton home in Creswell last Thursday at 3 p. m. for Ashby Clinton Tarkenton, 70, of Creswell, who died there on Tuesday at 10 p. m. after an illness of four years. The Rev. W. B. Gaither, Rector of the Creswell Episcopal Church, officiated at the funeral services. Interment was made in the family cemetery.

Mr. Tarkenton, a well-known farmer in the Creswell section, was a native of Washington County, where he had lived all his life, and was a member of the Creswell Episcopal Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ida White Tarkenton, of Creswell; four sons, Earl Tarkenton, of Elizabeth City, Robert Tarkenton, of Portsmouth, Va.; and two daughters, Mrs. Jessie Nooney and Mrs. Stewart Costin, both of Creswell.

Pallbearers were Wilton Spear, Lewis Spear, William Spear, Thomas Nooney, Marshall White, and Leone White.

Creswell Gym Fund Now at \$5,000 Mark

Musical Comedy Nets Memorial Building Project Over \$400; Overseas Donation Received

Over \$400 was realized from the presentation of a musical comedy in Creswell last week for the benefit of the Creswell Memorial Gymnasium, swelling the fund to approximately \$5,000, according to reports from steering committee officials.

The musical drama, "Way Down South in Dixie," was written by Mrs. A. H. Tucker of Creswell and starred Jerry Flood, noted actor with the Little Theater group in Raleigh.

Gymnasium fund leaders state that a large portion of the \$5,000 amount is made up of donations from citizens of the Creswell community where, they said, adequate athletic facilities for high school students and other young people have long been needed.

The Creswell Woman's Club, who is directing the fund drive in co-operation with the Creswell Parent-Teachers Association, also pointed out that contributions have been made to the cause from Creswell citizens who are now living in distant parts of the world, the most recent one being from Lieut. J. C. Gatlin, jr., who is stationed with the American army of occupation in Bad Kissingen, Germany.

In a letter accompanying his donation Lieutenant Gatlin stated that while he was in the Creswell High School, one of the prime objects of the student body was to secure a gymnasium for the school. He pointed out the value of athletics in the education of the average student and stated that the construction of a gymnasium in Creswell would go far toward improving the quality of school athletics and sportsmanship.

Lieutenant Gatlin is the son of Mrs. Alice Gatlin, of Creswell.

Last Rites Held For H. E. Clifton

Funeral services were held from the Piney Grove Baptist Church last Sunday at 3 p. m. for Hubert E. Clifton, 55, of Roper, route one, the Pea Ridge section, who died of a heart attack on Thursday of last week at 8 p. m., following a brief illness. Mr. Clifton was a patient in a Richmond hospital at time of his death. The Rev. Herman Wooten of Garner officiated at the last rites. Burial was made in the Piney Grove Cemetery.

Mr. Clifton, who was a native of Washington County and a prominent farmer in the Pea Ridge section, was unmarried. He was a member of the Piney Grove Church.

Survivors include one sister, Mrs. Lela E. Ayers, of Roper, route one; and one brother, Carl Clifton of Hampton, Va. Mr. Clifton was a veteran of World War I.

Group Will Represent Parish at Conference

Attending the Episcopal Laymen's Conference being held at Camp Leach on the Pamlico River this week-end will be the Rev. Edward M. Spruill, Rector of Grace Church and priest-in-charge of St. Luke's Church in Roper; R. A. Duvall, P. B. Bate-man, Lloyd Gilbert and C. E. Ayers. They will represent the Plymouth-Roper Parish.

Rationing of Sugar Is Off

Rationing of sugar for households, hotels, restaurants, boarding houses became effective Wednesday of this week at midnight, according to government order from Washington, D. C. Price control on sugar does remain however and will continue until October 31, unless Congress rules otherwise.

The announcement came from the Secretary of Agriculture whose action ended all rationing of articles for ultimate consumers for the first time since April 1942. Sugar was the first food to be rationed in the United States, and the last to be removed from that measure.

Red Hill Sewers Are Finished on Tuesday Morning

Coinciding with the breakdown of the Washington Street sewer operations in laying the sewer pipes in the Red Hill section of Plymouth were completed early this week, the last of the remaining 378 feet of pipe being put in place on Tuesday morning.

Scheduled to be finished several days earlier, workers were delayed in the city-improvement project by the necessity of bringing in a new digging machine since the one used at first proved inadequate for excavating a trench through the hill in that portion of town.

Crewmen began laying sewers in a part of Stillacres on Wednesday afternoon, beginning about 700 feet from the river and working inland to Highway 64. After this section of the line is laid, the remaining 700 feet will be installed. Reason for the delay, it was explained, is that the 10-inch terracotta pipe needed to provide the river outlet has not arrived here as yet although it is expected shortly.

Town officials expect the last lap of the current improvements program to be completed by Friday of next week.

Another Teacher Resigns Position

Mrs. Ina K. Summervall, instructor in English in the Plymouth High School, has resigned her position on the local school faculty, creating the sixth vacancy in that body for next year, W. F. Veasey, county school superintendent, has announced.

So far, the school official stated, only three applications for teaching positions have been received by the county's school system.

Other teachers resigning from the Plymouth faculty are the instructors in mathematics, science, and commercial course, in the high school and teachers in the eighth and sixth grades in grammar school.

Street Is Closed After Line Break

One block of Plymouth's business section on Washington Street was closed to through traffic following a cave-in of about six square feet of concrete in front of the Plymouth Theatre around noon last Sunday.

Town officials have stated that a break in a sewer line near the base of a man-hole at that point had apparently softened the earth under the concrete which was broken by some heavy vehicle passing over the weakened area. The sewer is located about 14 feet below the street level.

Crewmen have been at work excavating and repairing the break since Sunday and hope to get the job finished the early part of next week if no complications develop.

A. L. Alexander to Move Office This Week-End

A. L. Alexander, Plymouth insurance agent, will move his offices from the Harney Building this week-end to his new location in the office formerly occupied by Attorney Sidney A. Ward on Washington Street. Mr. Alexander says that he hopes to be open for business at his new location on Monday. His offices have been in the Harney Building since 1940.

Fifteen Uniforms Given To Town Baseball Team

Fifteen uniforms have been donated to the Plymouth Town Baseball team by local businessmen, team officials announced. Leading the list, they stated, was Leder Brothers department store who gave a total of nine uniforms to the organization.