

Reopen Street After Repairs Completed

The block of Washington Street in Plymouth, between Main and Water Streets has been reopened following the repairing of a broken sewer line occurring last week in front of the Plymouth Theatre.

A section of pavement approximately 10 feet wide by 14 feet long was ripped from the street so that the repair operations could be effected. The break had occurred at the base of a man-

Board of Education Budget Completed

Members of the Washington County board of education, meeting in special session in the courthouse here on Thursday, approved the county school budget for the 1947-48 fiscal year and will submit it to the county commissioners for approval shortly.

Summer Is Due Here Saturday

The summer solstice will visit Washington County on Saturday, June 21, and for the unhappy soul who does not like hot weather it will be a sad day for that is when summer officially arrives in this hemisphere, according to the calendar.

According to the thermometer, however, summer has been in the county for quite a while and apparently plans to stay. For the past few days, the mercury has soared, last weekend being one brief oasis of rain in the current heat wave.

Incidentally, it is also the longest day in the year, the sun rising at 4:21 a. m. and setting at 7:39 p. m.

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Worker Sustains Brain Concussion

Leslie Griffin of Belhaven, employee at the pulp mill, received lacerations of the scalp and sustained a concussion of the brain when he slipped and fell striking his head on a concrete floor at the mill last Saturday afternoon.

Griffin was given emergency treatment in the office of Dr. T. L. Bray in Plymouth and was removed for further treatment to a Washington hospital. Reports indicate that he was still unconscious at the time he was admitted to the hospital.

Committee Busy on Plans to Repair Gym

The Plymouth Lions Club committee for the repairing of the local high-school gymnasium met in the Legion Hall here last Thursday night and after discussion of ways and means of securing financing of the organization's repair program, voted to have canvassers appointed among the high-school girls who would solicit from interested persons one day's work on the gymnasium or its cash equivalent.

The committee also authorized Harold Whitley, chairman of the body, to begin purchase of the materials necessary for the re-

pair of the structure, which includes the building of two shower rooms, repair of the floors, walls and roof, and improvement of the lighting and heating systems. Mr. Whitley will make negotiations for the buying of cinder blocks, cement, ceiling, plumbing fixtures and equipment for eight showers shortly. During the course of the Thursday night conference, it was pointed out that since labor on the building would be supplied by contributors, more money could be allocated to the purchasing of materials.

The Scuppernon Church of Christ will conduct its annual Homecoming observance next Sunday, June 22, with an all-day celebration beginning at 10 a. m., according to announcements from the church pastor, the Rev. G. C. Bland.

The program for the day will be as follows: Sunday school, 10 a. m.; worship service, with sermon on "The Cost of Being a Christian," 11 a. m.; barbecue dinner - on-the-ground, 12:15 p. m.; reassembly for program by the young people of Albemarle, Philippi, and Scuppernon Churches respectively, 2 p. m.; adjournment, 3:15 p. m.; Christian Endeavor meeting, 7 p. m.; worship service, with sermon on "Four Things God Does for A Sinner," 8 p. m.

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Vocation Teacher For Local School Stopped by Senate

Due to drastic cuts made in the Hill-Barton Bill, now before Congress, funds for the payment of salaries of vocational instructors in North Carolina will prohibit the employment of such teachers in those schools whose vocational departments have been inactive, adding that Plymouth's chances of securing such a teacher, as had been planned, are now practically nil.

Mr. Veasey stated further that unless some such department in another school in the State is closed out in favor of Washington County, and it seems unlikely, the long projected diversified occupations vocational instructor for the Plymouth school will also remain unemployed.

The superintendent and the county board of education had recently requested co-operation of Plymouth merchants in giving practical experience to students in this course who would receive theoretical instruction from the vocations teacher.

The reduction, he pointed out, also stymies vocational status for the home economics department of the local institution. The Hill-Barton Act would have provided one-third of the pay for a vocational teacher, the state one-third, and the county one-third. As things now stand, the entire salary would have to be paid from the insufficient county funds. The federal measure, originally calling for 29 million dollars was cut to 17 millions.

Progress in Laying of Sewers in East End of Plymouth Delayed by Quicksand, Water

Through Tuesday of this week, 1,080 feet of sewer pipe had been laid by workmen in the Stillacres portion of town, the last lap in the present town facilities improvement program ordered by the Plymouth town council, officials in charge of the project have stated.

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Woman's Club Supports Suggestion of Memorial

The Plymouth Woman's Club, meeting at Albemarle Beach last Friday night, voted to support the suggestion of the two veterans' organizations in Plymouth in having the projected community building, sponsored by the town's civic groups, constructed as a memorial to all the Washington County men who were killed in World Wars I and II.

The club's next meeting will be held on July 1 at the home of Mrs. H. H. Allen.

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Spraying Program Near Completion

Between Wednesday of last week and Tuesday of this week, 180 houses in Plymouth were given DDT spraying treatments by crewmen working with the Washington-Tyrrell District Health Department's 1947 mosquito control program, department officials have announced. This makes a total of approximately 939 homes in Plymouth which have been given the treatment, they pointed out.

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Farm, Home Office To Change Hours

J. C. Eubanks, Martin County supervisor for the Farmers Home Administration, will be in the Washington County administration offices in the basement of the county courthouse each Friday, after Friday of next week, June 27, to handle the office's business.

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Miss Mary E. Rogerson of Williamston will succeed Miss Charlotte McNair, who has resigned, as secretary in the Plymouth office. She will maintain the same schedule as Supervisor Eubanks.

To Erect Traffic Signals Shortly

Two stop-lights, ordered by the Plymouth town council several weeks ago, arrived on Tuesday and will be installed in the near future, it has been announced.

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Residents of the town have expressed almost unanimous approval of the measure, although some pointed out that a possibly greater need for a traffic signal would be at the "T" intersection of Washington and Water Streets.

Invention Patent Granted Gaylord

Roland C. Gaylord of Plymouth has invented and received a United States patent on a combination toolholder and steady arms, an important tool to be used in the operation of an engine lathe. The invention is designed to make the use of a lathe much more simple and accurate.

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