

Ruling Forbids Larger Council

Holiday Hours Listed for 4th

The following places in Plymouth will be closed on Friday, July 4: the local bank, post office, Roanoke Beacon office and all private business houses in town.

Those places observing a two-day holiday, Friday and Saturday, July 4 and 5, will be all offices in the county courthouse and in the Agricultural Building.

The drug stores in town are divided on the subject. One place is planning to observe Sunday hours, that is 10:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. with an hour off for lunch, while the others will remain open all day long as usual.

Halsey Hardwood Mill Is Destroyed

Halsey Hardwood Company mill, located about four miles west of Creswell, on highway 64, was completely destroyed early last Saturday by flames of an unknown origin.

Nearby residents of the mill discovered the fire shortly after midnight and fire companies from Plymouth, Columbia and Eden were summoned but were unable to supply much aid since there was little water available at the site of the mill.

The Richard P. Baer Company of Baltimore was owner of the mill which was constructed near Creswell in 1940 and had been in operation since that time.

Legion Appoints 5-Man Committee

A five-man committee, headed by P. B. Bateman, was appointed by the James Jethro Post of the American Legion at its meeting on Friday to represent that organization at the conferences of the representative groups of all civic clubs in Plymouth on the joint-club sponsorship of the planned community building.

Reports were given at the Friday session on the State Legion convention held recently at Carolina Beach at which Jimmy Hays of the Plymouth post was elected commander of the newly created third district of which Washington County is a part.

Action of the naming of an executive committee for the post was deferred until later this week. Commander Ronald Gaylord presided over the meeting.

Announce Communion for Creswell Episcopalians

Holy Communion will be celebrated and a sermon delivered at Christ Church in Creswell at 11 a. m. next Sunday morning, according to an announcement from the rector, the Rev. W. B. Gaither. Evening prayer and sermon will be held at Galilee Mission at Lake Phelps at 3:15 p. m., he added.

Remodeling Work on Baptist Church Is Started This Week

Full-scale operations on the remodeling program of the Ludford Memorial Baptist Church in Plymouth are now underway, the dismantling of the whole interior of the structure being completed early this week, according to reports from church officials.

When the remodeling is completed, the building will have been extended back to the Sunday-School Annex on Washington

Attorney General Says Special Act Necessary To Provide Representation for New Ward

State Attorney General Harry McCullan, investigating the appointment of new councilmen to the Plymouth town board at the request of city officials, has stated that according to the town's charter of 1915, the membership of the council is limited to six members and since the present board is so composed, no vacancy exists and no new councilmen may be appointed to the board no matter how many new wards are created through expansion of the town.

McCullan pointed out that the only way now open to secure representation in the local government for the fourth ward would be to have the town charter amended with provision for an increased board membership or a reallocation of the number of councilmen from each ward. Such action, he said, would require a special act of the State General Assembly which will not convene until 1949.

Reasons given by Mayor A. J. Riddle for the investigation by the attorney general was that original plans for the appointment had included the naming of two men from the new fourth ward but it was discovered that the municipal laws limit the membership of town governing boards to seven.

As matters now stand, no appointment at all is likely to be made from the new fourth ward. Cecil Carter had been unanimously recommended by the residents of the Country Club Village portion of the fourth ward division of Plymouth for appointment by the town council to serve as representative from that district to the council, the recommendation being made at a meeting of the people in that area in the R. L. LaCoy home there last Thursday night.

An alternate plan for representation to the town council, suggested to Mayor Riddle, has been the reallocation of the number of representatives to the board, allowing the election of one councilman from each of the four wards and one member from the town at large, giving the body a total membership of five. The minimum number allowed is three.

Little Progress Noted on Sewers

Town officials report that while only about 700 feet of pipe remain to be laid in the Stillacres sewer line and that the building of some 12 manholes remains the current city improvement program is showing little progress.

Five of the manholes are in Stillacres and the remainder in the Red Hill and Wilson Street extension portions of Plymouth.

Tenant House Is Robbed in County

Thieves entered the home of Frank Webb, negro tenant on the Sherrod Farm near the Sound Bridge, last Tuesday evening, and stole a box containing a pistol, a watch, a government bond, and several lodge papers, Sheriff J. K. Reid has reported. The Sheriff added that the robbery was not discovered until the family returned home that night.

The robber gained entrance to the home through the back door, the sheriff stated. He added that no arrests have been made as yet, although several suspects are being checked on.

Linthicum and Linthicum of Raleigh are architects, and Skipsey Contractors are handling the construction. All necessary materials are on hand, or available.

Town and County Boards Will Meet Here on Monday

Most Groups Concerned With Budgets; Town Council to Name Member from Fourth Ward

All town and county boards will hold their regularly scheduled monthly meetings next Monday with the majority of them having new budget business on their respective agendas.

The county board of commissioners, meeting in the courthouse at 10:30 a. m., will study the tentative budget drawn for the county's 1947-48 fiscal year expenditures and, if necessary, make revisions before submitting it to State officials in Raleigh for final approval. Other business coming before the county body will probably be of a routine nature.

The board of education, also meeting in the courthouse at the same time, will consider financial problems, the school building program and the question of a successor to Superintendent W. F. Veasey, who has resigned.

Plymouth town council members will confer in the Municipal Building at 8 p. m. and, besides the usual business, will probably discuss the current city improvement program as well as consider the appointment of a new member to the council from the recently created fourth ward, which is made up of what was formerly Country Club and Little Richmond Villages.

Will Conclude Creswell Bible School on Sunday

The Daily Vacation Bible School, which was opened in Creswell on June 23 under the direction of Miss Lona Belle Weatherly and the Rev. W. B. Gaither, will hold its final service next Sunday at Christ Episcopal Church there at 8 p. m. A pageant will be presented. The public has been invited to attend.

Teachers at the school include Mrs. W. D. Peal, Mrs. Milton H. Starr, and Miss Betty Swain.

Bond Election at Creswell July 8

Police Report Strange Quiet

According to law enforcement officers in Washington County, the past week-end has been "so quiet that it's downright miraculous." Only five arrests were made during the Friday-to-Sunday period, all of which were persons who had spent a bit too much time with John Barleycorn.

Four of the arrests were made by Plymouth police officers and one was made by State Highway Patrolman R. L. Young. Sheriff J. K. Reid reported absolutely nothing at all. The officers stated that there must have been a bit more excitement than there appeared to be but it certainly didn't show on the surface.

Funeral Held for Timothy D. Caton

Funeral services were conducted from the Ayden Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday at 4 p. m. for Timothy Delmore Caton, 64, father of M. Odell Caton, of Plymouth. The elder Mr. Caton died suddenly at his home in Ayden on Friday at 1:30 p. m. of a heart attack. The Rev. J. T. Woodard, assisted by the Rev. J. V. Early, Methodist minister, officiated at the services. Interment was made in the Ayden Cemetery with Masonic rites being observed at the graveside.

Mr. Caton, a native of Beaufort County, was connected with an Ayden wholesale company. He was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church of which he had been secretary-treasurer for 23 years. Mr. Caton was also a member of the local Masonic lodge, Lions Club and Junior Order.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. T. D. Caton, the former Miss Laura Tuten of Beaufort County; and two sons, M. O. Caton of Plymouth and Osborne Caton of Elkin.

County Superintendent Applicants Are Being Interviewed Here Today

Members of the Washington County Board of Education will conduct a special meeting in the county courthouse in Plymouth today for the purpose of interviewing applicants for the position of superintendent of the county's school system.

The board has had to date some 14 applications for the job, the majority of the men bidding

for the position having had considerable experience in the field of education. It is expected that the meeting will last all day and possibly will reconvene Friday morning since the interviewing is a rather lengthy process.

The superintendency was made vacant by the resignation last week of W. F. Veasey, who has accepted a similar position with

the Beaufort County schools. Mr. Veasey will report to his new location sometime this month. He was superintendent of the Washington County system for a little over two years.

Following the completion of interviews with all 14 applicants, the board members will deliberate upon the matter and make the final choice for the position.

Two More Resign Instructor Posts In County System

Teaching Vacancies Increased to Eight; Creswell School Principal Job Is Still Empty

Total resignations of teaching positions in Washington County were increased to eight this week with the resignation of Mrs. T. R. Jenkins and Mrs. W. F. Veasey, both instructors in the Roper Elementary School, county school officials have revealed. Mrs. Jenkins was fifth grade teacher and Mrs. Veasey first grade.

Other vacancies remaining to be filled in the county's education system include the principalship of the Creswell white schools and the post of county superintendent. Fourteen applications have been received for the superintendency while four persons have applied for the Creswell job.

The majority of the teaching vacancies have occurred in the Plymouth schools where six resignations have been recorded. Until this week only one or two applications for the instructorships had been received by the board of education although the situation has now been relieved somewhat with the receipt of several more letters of application.

Superintendent W. F. Veasey has stated that no definite solution to the problem of securing sufficient white teachers has been reached as yet although the vacancies will probably be filled during the next few weeks.

Rent Controls To Remain in Effect

Clerk Asks Landlords, Renters to Appear at Office Before Changing Present Rent Set-Ups

With the signing of the new rent control bill by President Harry Truman on Monday of this week, federal controls in rental housing areas were extending eight more months of life, extending the law until March 1, 1948. The old rent control bill was scheduled to die at midnight on Monday.

The prime provision of the new bill is a section which would permit an increase of 15 per cent in rentals with a lease running through December 31 of next year, if both landlord and tenant "mutually agree." Local landlords have stated that they are not planning to approach their tenants with such a proposition since they consider the extended-lease part a bit too binding. They have indicated a preference to wait until the bill dies next March before making any rise in rent rates.

Mrs. Sabrie Reid, chief clerk at the local rent office has requested that if landlords and tenants contemplate rental increases they should appear at the rent office in the county courthouse before the raise becomes effective so that necessary registrations may be made.

Other provisions of the new bill are as follows: Landlords may secure evictions by going straight to the courts and seeking an eviction notice.

Evictions are permitted if the tenant is not of good moral character, if the landlord wants the property for his own use, wants to remodel or demolish it, or wants to sell it to someone who will then move in.

Local boards are to be named by the Federal Housing Expediter who may, through recommendation to the area director, wipe out all controls in areas they think best. Tenants may sue landlords for triple damages for over-charges but the area director may not. Government controls over non-residential buildings are ended except in the case of amusement or recreation projects.

Merchants Name New Set Officers

A complete new slate of officers was elected by the Plymouth Merchants Association at its July meeting held in the Municipal Building here on Tuesday of this week, with Bill Woolard being named to succeed Carlyle Hall as president.

Benton Liverman was elected vice-president and Elmer Browning, secretary-treasurer. The officers will take over at the August meeting of the organization. Other business transacted by the group on Tuesday included a brief discussion of the Independence Day holidays.

Terms for the newly elected officials are for one year each.

List Polls for July 12 Voting

Officials in the county Triple-A office have stated that the following places will be used as polls in the tobacco referendum to be held on Saturday, July 12: Harry Pritchett's store in Creswell for the Creswell, Cherry-Mount Pleasant section; W. N. Piercy's store in Roper for the Roper-Pleasant Grove section; and the Agricultural Building in Plymouth for the Plymouth-Long Acre section.

Poll-holders will be named later and will probably be selected from the community AAA committeemen. Voting hours are yet to be decided.

Minor Accident Occurs Sunday

James Claude Ambrose, young white man of Williamston, route one, suffered scalp lacerations and minor bruises when the 1936 Ford tudor sedan which he was driving collided with a 1942 Chevrolet coupe driven by John E. Chappell, white, of Tyner, about one mile south of Scuppernon on the Scuppernon-Cherry road around 4 p. m. on Sunday.

According to reports from State Highway Patrolman R. L. Young, damage to the Ambrose car amounted to about \$100 while around \$50 damage was done to the Chappell auto. Both, he said, were traveling at a moderate rate of speed and sideswiped each other because of the narrowness of the road. No charges have been preferred, Young said.

Place Order for Gym Repair Needs

Orders for all materials needed for the repair of the Plymouth High School gymnasium have been placed and are expected to arrive sometime within the next two weeks, according to Harold Whitley, chairman in charge of the gymnasium repair project.

Approximately 800 cinder blocks for the shower rooms have been ordered, Whitley said, and around 7,000 feet of lumber for interior repairs. A cement mixer, now being used on the school grounds, will be available next week for the repair work, he stated. Plumbing and heating equipment now being removed from the high school will be salvaged and used for the gym, the chairman pointed out, thereby saving extra expenditures.

Mr. Whitley added that construction will probably get underway next week when the ground plan for the dressing-rooms will be laid out and the concrete floors poured.

Two-Day Session Set for Superior Court Next Week

Term May Be Longer; Clawson L. Williams of Sanford Is Presiding Judge; 27 Cases

The July session of Washington County superior court will begin its two-day mixed civil and criminal term next Monday with nine cases involving criminal actions set for trial on Monday, and 18 civil actions mostly divorces, slated to be heard on Tuesday. Although only a two-day schedule has been set up, local attorneys take the view that the criminal cases will probably consume more time than the single day allotted there and that the court will continue through the entire week. Clawson L. Williams of Sanford will be the presiding judge.

Most prominent among the criminal cases is Robert Cox, 15-year-old negro of Roper, who is charged with murder in the fatal stabbing of his 16-year-old playmate, on the school grounds of J. J. Clemmons School in Roper in April.

Other cases included George Skinner, 17, Creswell negro who is charged with criminal assault on a 11-year-old colored girl in Creswell several weeks ago; Proseny Kea, colored, of Plymouth, violation of prohibition laws; John Wrighton, colored of Creswell, larceny; Willie Howell, colored, of Creswell, larceny; Thomas Norman, colored, of Creswell, larceny; Montie H. Davenport, white, of Plymouth, breaking and entering, and larceny; Adell Boston, colored, of Plymouth, assault with a deadly weapon (knife); and Ivory Keyes, colored, of Plymouth, embezzlement. Several of the cases are continuations from past terms and several are appeals from lower courts.

Civil actions, set for Tuesday, are as follows: John M. Cotton vs. Queenie V. Cotton; Mary Jones, vs. Willie Jones; Claude Perry vs. Mary Perry; James W. Roberson vs. Ernestine Roberson; Gracie Riddick vs. Samuel Riddick; Jethro McKinley Moore vs. Mary L. Moore; Doris Dudley Pederson vs. Lester H. Pederson; Bertha Mae Simmons vs. Ernest Simmons; George Frederick vs. Louise Frederick; Webster Hudson vs. Millie Hudson; John N. Gantt vs. Carrie B. Gantt; Margery F. Pickett vs. Dale LaVerne Pickett; Bertha Becker vs. William Becker; L. W. Skiles vs. Edna Skiles; Melvin West vs. Ruth West; Jesse Bowen vs. Mary Bowen; Thomas M. Riddick vs. Regina Scanlon Riddick; and Isolind L. Mizelle vs. Ray Kimbrough.

Mackeys Methodists to Have Revival Next Week

Beginning Monday, July 7, a revival will be conducted at the Mackeys Methodist Church and will continue, with services each evening at 8 o'clock, through the following Friday, July 11, according to an announcement from the church pastor, the Rev. C. H. Lewis. The Rev. W. L. Freeman, former U. S. Navy chaplain, will deliver the sermons. The public is invited to attend all services.

Plymouth Pastor Will Preach at Chapel Hill

The Rev. Paul B. Nickens of Plymouth, pastor of the local Baptist church, will preach next Sunday at 3 p. m. in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Sitterton in the Chapel Hill community, it has been announced. All residents of the section have been invited to attend the service. The minister will speak on the subject "The Good Samaritan."

Improved School Lunch Room Will Be Among Best in Section

According to statements from State education officials, the new lunchroom in the Plymouth High School upon its completion this fall will be one of the best in Eastern Carolina, Superintendent W. F. Veasey has announced.

The lunchroom, Mr. Veasey said, will be located on the ground floor of the building and will run the entire length of the structure. Its size, he said, will be about 100 feet long and approximately 26 feet wide and will be large enough to accommodate, if necessary, 275 persons at one time.

installed and will be equipped with slide-rails for trays. Steam heated food receptacles will be provided in both counters to maintain the food at a proper temperature, while the kitchen will contain all the latest equipment available, including refrigeration and cooking facilities. A special sink for the washing and drying of vegetables has also been provided.

The dining room will be provided with 240 chairs and 40 formica-topped tables. One hundred and fifty plastic restaurant-type trays have been secured as well as an adequate number of heavy-duty dishes.

The room itself will contain two entrances, one at each end, and will be floored with asphalt tiles. The walls and ceiling will be plastered. A pastel color scheme will be used and local school authorities are planning to decorate the walls with attractive paintings.

Progress on the lunchroom, although at the initial stage, is going forward rapidly. The old partitions formerly in what was called the "basement" have been torn out and three heavy steel supporting beams have been installed. Contractors plan to have the lunchroom completed and ready for service by this fall.