

Town Topics

Lighting fixtures for the Plymouth High School and its new classrooms have been delivered, it was announced this week, and will be installed as soon as the painters have finished their work. Fluorescent lights will be placed in the new rooms, while the old building will be equipped with the regular-bowl-type fixtures.

The new roof for the Creswell High School auditorium has been completed, according to reports from county school officials, although repairs are being continued on the roofing over the main section of the building. Repainting of the exterior of the school building is expected to be completed this week, they said.

Completion of the organization of a woman's auxiliary to the local Veterans of Foreign Wars post has been postponed until a state representative can be secured to give assistance in the matter, officials here stated this week. The organization meeting, it was stated, would probably be held within the next 30 days.

The stoplights and the proper amount of wiring necessary for their installation have been received, Mayor Archie J. Riddle has stated, but it doesn't seem as though the signals will be erected in the very near future. The reason given by the mayor for the delay was simple and to the point: there is a regrettable insufficient amount of money in the town till so the traffic lights must wait.

Mrs. Ben Clark and daughters, Misses Carrie Lee and Wilma Clark, former residents of Roper and now living in Chester, Va., visited friends in Plymouth last Monday. The Clarks left the county some 25 years ago and were passing through town en route to Chester from Morehead City, where they had been vacationing. Mr. Clark formerly was cashier of a bank in Roper.

The post and national colors recently ordered by the Plymouth VFW have arrived. Commander W. S. Davenport stated this week, adding that they will be used in all post rituals and parades. Both flags are of silk-finished material and were purchased at a cost of \$300, he said. Caps and rifles ordered by the organization have not been delivered as yet.

Archie Modlin Is Hurt in Accident

Archie Modlin, resident of Plymouth, sustained severe scalp and facial lacerations and other minor injuries when the motor bicycle which he was riding collided with the Chevrolet automobile driven by a Mr. Stillman, white resident of Creswell, on the Williamson highway, near a drive-in barbecue stand, Saturday around 8 p.m.

M. W. Spruill Is Named To Position in Rotary

N. W. Spruill has been appointed by the board of directors of the Plymouth Rotary Club to serve as secretary-treasurer for the local organization, filling the vacancy left by the resignation of E. B. Quick.

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Work Started on Garage Building For School Buses

Foundations Poured and Wall Construction Is Begun; Plan To Finish Job in November

Construction on the new county school-bus garage was begun last Friday, when concrete foundations for the structure were poured, with erection of the brick sidewalls beginning on Monday, Roy F. Lowry, county superintendent of schools, stated yesterday. The new building, located on Adams Street, is expected to be completed and ready for use within the next three months, or sometime in November, Mr. Lowry said. Most of the materials necessary to the building of the garage are now on hand, a load of concrete blocks being delivered Tuesday, the superintendent added.

Second Dragline Put in Operation

A second dragline machine has been brought into Washington County and is being used to level spoil banks on the farm of Hoyt Davenport, near Creswell. Donald B. Jones, county soil conservationist, announced this week. Mr. Jones said that the second machine may be moved to Tyrrell County after completing the work on the Davenport farm if no further ditching projects are lined up for it in this county.

Will Move Halsey Plant To Edenton

Halsey Hardwood Company, of near Creswell, will move its plant to Edenton in the near future, according to an announcement made last week by Richard P. Baer, II, president of the concern, who has signed a 20-year lease on 21 acres of land in the Chowan capital. The plant was recently damaged by fire, which necessitated rebuilding practically the entire outfit. Determining factors in moving the business to Edenton were that the site afforded adequate water supply and fire protection, Mr. Baer stated. The business had been located in the Creswell section since 1940.

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Continue Wednesday Closing Rest of Month

The operators and employees of Plymouth business houses will continue their Wednesday afternoon holidays through the rest of this month, instead of bringing them to an end after the opening of the Bright Leaf tobacco markets, as has been the custom. It has been announced that the half-holidays would be discontinued after next Monday, which will mark the opening of the tobacco markets in this section. Research into the minutes of the Plymouth Merchants Association, sponsors of the Wednesday closings, revealed that the mid-week holidays will continue through the rest of August.

All Civic Groups in County Are Asked to Help Hospital Drive

The eight members of the steering committee recently chosen to investigate the possibilities of securing a hospital for Washington County under the State's medical care program met in the county courthouse on Monday and selected representatives of all civic, business and religious groups in the county to become members of a Hospital Committee whose work with the program would consist of securing the interest and cooperation in every way of the entire population of Washington County in obtaining a much-needed hospital for this section. Members of the present steering committee will contact the organizations and request the appointment of a representative to the committee. Groups to be contacted include such county-wide organizations as the Women's Clubs, the Parent-Teacher Associations, the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars groups, the American Legion Auxiliary, all churches, the Merchants Associations, the home demonstration clubs, and all schools. Representatives will also be selected from the governing bodies of Roper, Creswell, and Plymouth as well as from the various departments of the county government. Industries which will be requested to name members to the Hospital Committee are the North Carolina Pulp Co., Atlas Plywood, American Fork and Hoe Company, and Roper Lumber Company. Civic organizations such as the Lions and Rotary Clubs, and the Masonic Order and Eastern Star will be contacted. Farming organizations such as the Farm Bureau and the Roper Ruritan Club will be requested to send delegates as will the unions in the county's industries. Members at large will include all doctors, E. O. Arnold, Corbett Swain, Harry Barnes, Hubert Davenport, Carl Heynen, Z. V. Norman, and John Darden. At present, the steering committee is making arrangements for a Hospital Program representative from Raleigh to attend the next meeting and to explain the program. As soon as the arrangements are completed, date for the meeting will be set. At the recent meeting of the (See HOSPITAL, Page 8)

Whisky Still Is Seized in Town

A small but well-equipped whisky still was discovered and destroyed within the Plymouth city limits last Friday by County ABC Enforcement Officer L. L. Basnight and his assistant, Clyde Snell, who reported that the moonshine factory was located about 100 yards from the American Fork & Hoe property on West Water Street.

Couple Is Married On Radio Program

Since a "man-on-the-street" radio program was inaugurated here several weeks ago, a great many persons have appeared on it, but last Saturday's performance was unusual in that for the first time in Washington County, the marriage of a couple was broadcast. William John Knox and Annie Marie Modlin, both residents of Jamesville, came to Plymouth last Saturday to be married, but had no idea that the ceremony would be a public affair. W. T. Freeman, justice of the peace who performed the ceremony, persuaded them, however, to allow him to read the marriage ceremony over the radio program broadcast from here each Saturday.

Kelly Gay Dies Suddenly Today

Funeral services will be held here from Horner's Funeral Home tomorrow at 2 p. m. for W. Arthur Gay, 46, of Plymouth, who died suddenly at his home here today at 6 a. m. The Rev. P. B. Nickens will officiate at the services. Interment will be made in the Farmville Cemetery where members of the Perseverance Lodge AF & AM will be active pallbearers and North Carolina Pulp Company electricians honorary pallbearers.

Third Barn Is Burned Friday

The third tobacco curing barn fire in Washington County this year occurred on the farm of Joe Nowarah, near Roper, last Friday about 4 p. m., it was reported Monday. The fire, which started from an undetermined origin, was discovered only after it was well underway. The barn was equipped with a stoker-type curing unit. The amount of the loss has not yet been estimated. The other two curing barn losses also occurred in the Roper section, one barn belonging to L. S. Brey and the other to J. C. Tarkenton.

FWV To Hold Meeting In Courthouse Tonight

The Plymouth post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will have a regular meeting in the courthouse tonight at 8 o'clock, Post Commander W. S. Davenport stated Monday. He requests all members to attend.

School Lunches in County Will Cost 20 Cents This Year

Prices set on lunches to be served school children in Washington County's school lunchrooms during the coming school-year were placed at 20 cents per plate at a meeting of the County Superintendent, Roy F. Lowry, and principals of the county's schools held in the courthouse on Tuesday. This price represents an increase of five cents per plate beyond the amount charged for the school lunches during most of the 1946-1947 school term, it was pointed out. An increase in price was made around the middle of March and county school officials, considering the sharp reduction of federal reimbursements in the school-lunch program, deemed it wise to continue the 20-cent charges.

New Charge Is Higher Than Last Year, Due to Slash in Federal Fund Allocations

The amount of reimbursement paid by the federal government, through the State agency, during the 1946-1947 year was nine cents per plate. However, the allocation of funds, under the lunch program, to North Carolina was reduced by more than half which necessitated the reduction of per plate reimbursements to a maximum of five cents per plate and made an increase in charges necessary. Another charge increase announced to the principals on Tuesday was the raising of high-school book-rental fees from \$2.40 to \$3. This action was made necessary by the increased cost of labor and material in the manufacture of the books, it was explained. Bus drivers and routes were also discussed by the group at the Tuesday session, Hal L. Furr, principal of the Creswell School, revealing that the nine-driver quota allowed the Creswell section had not yet been filled. Principals J. S. Fleming and R. B. Forbes of the Plymouth and Roper Schools stated that all the drivers allowed their respective schools had been employed. Plymouth has five drivers and Roper six.

Local Sea Scouts See 'Lost Colony'

Ten members of the Plymouth Sea Scout Ship Albemarle left here last Saturday at 6 a. m. for Manteo where they attended performances of the "Lost Colony" symphonic drama, Local Sea Scout Leader Dr. Alban Papineau has stated.

Funeral Service Held for Infant

Graveside services were conducted in the Bateman Cemetery last Thursday at 4 p. m. for the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Sandy of Plymouth, who was born and died in a Washington hospital on Thursday. The Rev. E. B. Quick, pastor of the First Christian Church of Plymouth officiated at the funeral service.

Duel in Sun To Be Seen Here Next Week

The management of the Plymouth Theatre has announced that a program change has been effected for the picture to be shown next Thursday and Friday. "Duel in the Sun," heralded as one of the most outstanding motion pictures of the year will be shown at that time instead of "Wake Up and Dream," as had been advertised, they stated.

County Delegates At 4-H Festival

Misses Jean Stillman and Dot Ambrose, members of the Creswell 4-H Club left here Monday for Raleigh where Miss Ambrose will represent Washington County in the Health Pageant which will be held tonight in Riddick Stadium, on State College campus, as a feature of the North Carolina 4-H Week being celebrated there this week. All county 4-H Health kings and queens from the State will take part in the pageant. A special bus was chartered to convey the 4-H representatives from Washington, Hyde, Beaufort, and Pitt Counties.

Cost of Library Work In County Over \$2,000

In her annual report to the State Library Commission, Mrs. H. G. Harris, Washington County librarian, stated that cost of operating the county library here during the 1946-47 fiscal year was \$2,723.30. Of this amount, \$1,933 was contributed by the State, \$600 by the county and \$360 by the Town of Plymouth. Total number of books lent for home use during the period, she added, was 13,191.

Local Legion Post To Hold Meeting Friday

The James E. Jethro Post of the American Legion will hold its regularly scheduled meeting this Friday at 8 p. m. in the Legion Hall in Plymouth. Post Commander W. Ronald Gaylord has announced. He requests all members to be present for the session.

Tobacco Markets in Belt Will Start Sales Monday. County Crop Little Late

Only One Change For Negro School Is Made in Plans

The sole change to be made in the state-approved blueprints for the projected new Negro high school at Creswell will be to place the boiler room on the ground level with the classrooms and administrative office, Roy F. Lowry, superintendent of Washington County schools, stated this week. The original plans called for placing the boiler room in the basement of the building, he said, but a consultation with Richmond architects had shown that installation of the heating unit on the same level with the classrooms would prove more convenient and less expensive.

Will Place Boiler Room On Ground Level; Bids Will Be Called for in Near Future

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Hours Fixed for County Schools

Principals of the white schools in Washington County set the daily opening and closing times for the class schedules at a meeting held with the County Superintendent, R. F. Lowry, here Tuesday morning. The Plymouth Schools will begin the daily work at 8:45 a. m. and will stop at 3:15 p. m. The Roper and Creswell Schools, both adopting the same schedules, will "take in" at 8:30 a. m. and end classes at 3 p. m. It was emphasized that the schedules are tentative and may be changed as necessary. If changes are made, however, they will be minor ones, it was pointed out.

Cannery in Roper Announces Hours

The Roper Community Cannery will be open from 9 a. m. until 12 noon all of next week, starting Monday morning, officials in charge of the concern have announced. They added that the cannery will accept food for processing only during the hours mentioned. In the past year, they said, 8-271 cans of meats and vegetables were processed which included the preserving of corn, string beans, lima beans, squash, tomatoes, and field peas as well as a number of fruits such as peaches, figs, pears and apples. They also anticipate the cannery will do much more work for home consumption as well as during the winter months of last year. The cannery was organized and put in operation in July 1945 for the preservation and conservation of food for families in the Roper community. Since that time, cannery officials say, 22,192 cans of fruits, vegetables, and meats have been processed there.

Stillacres To Get Refuse Collection

Residents of the Stillacres section of Plymouth have been assured that the city garbage collectors will make the rounds of that area next week to collect and haul away refuse, Plymouth city officials have stated.

Charles Gagneaux Visits Airplane Base in Florida

Among the members of the Plymouth Sea Scout ship who visited the Naval Air Station at Jacksonville, Fla., recently was Charles Gagneaux, of Roper. Others attending from the county were Alvin Tuten, Jr., Horace G. Ange and George E. Lyle, all of Plymouth.

Revival Will Close at Saints Delight Sunday

Concluding a week's revival at the Saints Delight Church of Christ on the old Plymouth-Mackey's road, services will be held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock by the Rev. R. F. Butler, pastor, and the Rev. P. E. Cayton, evangelist. Following the morning service a basket dinner will be held on the grounds. This is not the annual homecoming gathering, but all members and friends of the church are invited to attend.

To Begin Sale of Stock In Baseball Club Soon

Delivery of the 200 stock share certificates recently ordered from Richmond engravers by the Washington County Athletic Association will be made during the latter part of this week, Archie J. Riddle, leader in the organization, has stated. M. Riddle said further that as soon as the certificates are received, a special session of the Association will be held and machinery set up for the sale of the stock shares. Cost of one share will be \$25. A treasurer and selling committees will be appointed at the meeting, he said, which is expected to be called some time next week. The charter of incorporation, applied for by the Association's attorney, Carl L. Bailey of Plymouth, was granted, delivered and filed last week.

Small Amount of Weed From This County Expected To Be Offered At Opening

Auctioning of tobacco moves into the Bright Leaf Belt next Monday when the 15 markets in the flue-cured leaf section of the State begin their first sales of the season. Reports from Border markets and from the warehouses in Georgia and Florida, however, indicate that prices paid per pound this season will fall short of last year's 50 cent opening average, average prices being paid in those markets earlier this week running between 40 and 44 cents per pound. Most of Washington County's farmers are looking forward to opening day with keen interest nevertheless since tobacco is the major cash crop produced in this section and will bring in the greater portion of their 1947 income.

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