

John Sanderson, assistant to State Highway Patrolman R. W. Young, has been drafted by License Examiner James Boyce to help in giving examinations for new auto driver's licenses.

Miss Ann Mann of Raleigh, secretary of the State Tuberculosis Association visited Plymouth last Thursday investigating the progress of the Christmas seal sale campaign in Washington County and reported that the ratio of response here was greater than in nearly all surrounding communities.

The Hon. John W. Darden, county representative to the State General Assembly, is now able to be up and out of the house again after several months of illness, including a long session in a Durham hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ayers, of Plymouth have presented the local high school with an American flag and flag pole in memory of their son, C. E. Ayers, Jr., who lost his life in World War II.

Miss Anna Bowen, clerk at the district health department office here, has resigned her position with the department, effective this month and will leave on December 31 for New Orleans where she will enter X-ray technicians school.

Len Winesett, former editor and publisher of the Columbus County News, has been named as the new editor of the Roanoke Beacon.

Flames Demolish House Near Here

Mr. and Mrs. B. Jeffery Craddock and two children, Mary and Joan, ages nine and six, barely escaped from their burning home at the Garrett Island Road Tuesday morning before the entire structure caved in, the fire occurring between 3 and 3:30 a. m.

Transport Count Brings \$500 Fine

A fine of \$550 was imposed this week by Judge Ronald Gaylord on Wirt Harvey Dean, 38, of Bethesda, Md., who was found guilty of transporting 24 gallons of non-tax-paid whiskey and carrying a concealed weapon, a Belgian automatic .38 caliber pistol.

Homecoming for South Albemarle Being Considered

Committee to Report on 4-County Event in January; Urge Paving of Roads in Section

The executive committee of the Southern Albemarle Association, meeting in Columbia last Thursday, endorsed a proposition for holding a Coastland Homecoming for the four counties of the Southern Albemarle and neighboring areas with D. V. Meekins, of Manteo, named chairman of a committee to report back in January on the possibility of holding the proposed celebration next summer.

Committees on agriculture, finance, industry, rules, roads, and public health were appointed by Association President W. J. White of Columbia.

The executive committee passed a resolution urging the paving of a road between Columbia and Manteo and its inclusion in U. S. Highway 64, which now reaches from the Pacific Ocean into Tyrrell County.

Following reports from county vice-presidents the road committee was instructed to follow up every appeal for getting the road extension from Avon to Oregon Inlet built in 1948.

Although all four counties in the association, Washington, Hyde, Tyrrell, and Dare, were represented at the Columbia meeting last week, A. J. Riddle of Plymouth is county vice-president and W. D. Peal were the sole members of the Washington County delegation who attended the session.

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Vets Make Final Building Choice

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A building committee composed of E. E. Harrell, Asa Johnston, and Bob Tetterton was appointed to draw up blue-prints and specifications after which building operations would begin. A steering committee to solicit funds will be appointed shortly.

Roper Baptists to Have Services Sunday Night

The Rev. E. D. Willis of Elizabeth City will conduct services at the Roper Baptist Church next Sunday, December 14, at 7:30 p. m., according to an announcement made by officials of the church. The public has been invited to attend.

School to Install Sinks In Home Ec Department

The four sinks ordered for the home economics department of the Plymouth High School have arrived at last, Roy F. Lowry, county schools superintendent, has reported. Mr. Lowry added that the sinks would be installed as soon as possible.

Christmas Seal Sale Now Over 50 Per Cent of Quota

The chairman pointed out further that of the money collected in Washington County 70 per cent will be used in the county for purchasing X-ray film and providing monthly X-ray clinics. Twenty-five per cent, she said, will be allocated to the State organization for tuberculosis work on a State-wide basis while the remaining five per cent will be forwarded to the National organization.

No Community Drive To Aid Needy At Christmas Is Planned This Year

Campaigns to provide Christmas cheer for needy families in Plymouth usually conducted by the local volunteer department, American Legion post, or some civic organization, will not be carried on this year, leaders in all groups questioned on the matter have stated. Pressure of business matters and other projects already undertaken, they said, would prevent such a drive.

The county welfare department, however, has announced that it will accept any and all donations of toys, clothes, food, or money and will see that it is distributed to needy families in the county as well as in Plymouth. Donors were requested to bring their gifts to the welfare office in the courthouse by noon on Monday, December 22, in order to insure distribution by Christmas Day.

Conservation Board Elected by Farmers

Liverman Named Chairman and District Director; Vote Recorded Is Extremely Light

E. H. Liverman, of Plymouth, was elected chairman and C. S. Heynen, of Wenona and Hoyt R. Davenport, of Creswell were elected members of the Washington County soil conservation governing board, chosen by farmers in the county last week as provided by the new State law relating to the organization form of the Soil Conservation Service in North Carolina.

Mr. Liverman, who received the highest number of votes, will serve for a three-year term and in addition will be the Washington County representative to the board of directors of the Pamlico district of the Soil Conservation Service. Mr. Heynen, who received the second highest number of ballots, will serve for two years, while Mr. Davenport, receiving the third largest number votes, will serve a one year term.

Other candidates for places on the board were L. L. Davenport, of Creswell, and Wendell C. Spruill of Roper. The board members will take office on January 1, 1948 and will hold their first meeting early in that month.

The newly elected governing board will replace the county supervisory system in the conservation service's organization. Mr. Heynen, under the old system, was supervisor for this section.

An extremely light vote was recorded in the election, according to a statement from Donald B. Jones, county soil conservationist, who expressed his disappointment in the slight amount of interest shown by Washington County farmers in the election.

Annual Yuletide Rush for Postal Clerks Underway

The annual Christmas rush into stride at the Plymouth post office, according to Postmaster J. C. Swain, who stated that to date, some 5,000 greeting cards had been mailed here and that the local station is handling around 300 parcels per day. Money orders sent from the Plymouth post office, he said, total approximately 200 per day.

Mr. Swain requested that all patrons please call for packages as soon as they receive their notification slips, especially the C. O. D. parcels, since storage space at the office is extremely limited and the place is already over-crowded with unclaimed bundles. He also asked that all packages be mailed as soon as possible in order to insure prompt delivery.

Fragile items, the postmaster said, fare better in wooden or corrugated cardboard boxes, well packed with excelsior or paper and securely tied with heavy cord. He also suggested that addresses of both sender and receiver be included inside as well as outside the package. Mr. Swain advised further that all parcels be insured.

Roper School Schedules Annual Christmas Event

The annual Christmas program of the Roper High School, held under the sponsorship of the Roper unit of the Parent-Teacher Association, will be presented in the high school auditorium next Wednesday at 8 p. m., it has been announced. The public is invited to attend the yearly event.

Schedule Creswell PTA Meeting There Tonight

The Creswell unit of the Parent-Teacher Association will conduct its regularly scheduled meeting in the high school auditorium tonight at 8 o'clock, it has been announced. A Christmas musical reading under the direction of Miss Lona Weatherly will be presented. All PTA members have been urged to attend.

Plymouth Unit of PTA To Have Meet Tonight

The Plymouth unit of the Parent-Teacher Association will meet in the high school auditorium tonight at 8:30 o'clock, according to an announcement from school officials. The high school glee club will render several selections on the evening's program. All PTA patrons are urged to attend.

Franchise Given For Operation of Transit Company

Town Council Grants 20-Year Permit to Atamanchuck Firm to Set Up City Bus Line

In called session of the Plymouth town council Friday, a 20-year franchise was granted to John and Nicholas Atamanchuck of Newark, N. J., to operate a city bus line in the town of Plymouth with the buses to begin regular operations not later than July 1, 1948.

County Triple-A Group Is Elected At Tuesday Meet

W. A. Spruill Replaces Hoye Davenport as Board Member; Other Two Men Re-Elected

Two members of the Washington County Triple-A Committee were re-elected and one new member was elected to posts on the committee in balloting held at the county AAA convention in Plymouth on Wednesday.

Those re-elected were R. L. Stillman of Roper, chairman; and C. W. Bowen of Plymouth, vice-chairman. W. A. Spruill replaced Hoyt R. Davenport as the Creswell member of the group with Leon Davenport and R. C. Jackson, both of Creswell, being elected alternates to him.

The committee will hold its first meeting of the new term in the Agriculture Building in Plymouth tonight at 8 o'clock at which time a secretary and treasurer will be nominated and elected.

The committeemen were elected by delegates from each of the seven AAA communities in the county who were chosen by residents of their respective communities at an election held on Tuesday. At the same time, but results of this election have not yet been tabulated and will be announced later.

Delegates chosen to attend the county convention were as follows: W. H. Gurkin, Plymouth; R. C. Jackson, Long Acree; R. C. Chession, Roper; J. C. Tarkenton, Pleasant Grove; W. D. Phelps, Creswell; W. P. Davenport, Cherry; and W. A. Spruill, Mt. Pleasant.

Rolling places for the community and delegate elections were maintained and kept open in the county on the same day, Tuesday, and at the same hours as for the peanut marketing quota referendum, although separate boxes were kept. Poll holders were chosen from retiring community committeemen. Comparatively light voting was recorded in spite of the importance of the election. Most farmers were taking advantage of the let up in the weather to harvest the rest of their peanut crops.

Roper PTA Plans Holiday Meeting

The Roper unit of the Parent-Teacher Association will conduct its annual Christmas meeting next Wednesday in the high school auditorium at 8 p. m. with the program planned to be a cantata, "Chimes of the Holy Night," by the high school glee club.

Also on the program will be a play presented by the elementary school entitled "Christmas in Storybook Land," the cantata will be under the direction of Mrs. Roy Hopkins. The regular business session will not be held.

Lions Are Hosts To Football Boys

The Plymouth Lions Club was host to the Plymouth High School's football squad, cheerleaders, and coaches at the club's meeting held last Thursday night. Club President C. W. Dinkins welcomed the guests who were introduced individually by Coach Ingle. Brief talks were presented by High School Principal J. S. Fleming, Attorney Z. V. Norman, and Assistant Coach Joe Foster who requested that the Lions give all support possible to the projected construction of an athletic field on the rear portion of the school's Stillacres property. The club responded by giving a unanimous rising vote of approval to his appeal.

County Vote Favors Proposed Marketing Quotas for Peanuts

Police Chief Warns Drivers

The habit some local drivers have of stopping in the pedestrian lanes while waiting for stop lights to turn green is going to get them into trouble very soon if they aren't careful, Police Chief P. W. Brown has announced.

The chief said that he has had a number of complaints from pedestrians concerning the annoying habit which, he added, is becoming more frequent all the time. Mr. Brown said that unless the drivers stop their cars behind the white lines, they may find themselves arrested for violating traffic regulations.

Nearly All Bonds For Street Curbs In Creswell Sold

Total of \$10,000 Sold in \$12,000 Issue; Money To Be Used for Street Improvement

To date, a total of \$10,000 worth of bonds of the Town of Creswell have been sold for the purpose of improving the streets of the town and the construction of concrete curbs and gutters in Creswell's principal streets, it has been reported.

These improving facilities will extend from the highway by the Creswell railroad depot to Main Street and from Seventh Street to Fourth Street. A bond issue in the amount of \$12,000 was carried by the qualified voters of the town earlier in the year for the purpose of securing street improvements. At the same time, another bond issue was passed by the town in the amount of \$6,000 of town bonds for the purpose of constructing a municipal building, making a total bond issue of \$18,000. Bonds remaining to be sold for the concrete improvements amount to \$2,000 while no report is immediately available on the amount of the municipal building bonds sold.

The street bonds were sold to eight Creswell residents. They are C. L. Barnes, Walter D. Peal, Dr. J. M. Phelps, O. L. Godwin, O. D. Hatfield, H. W. Norman, H. O. Chession, and Mrs. H. W. Pritchett.

Two Are Injured In Auto Accident

Edwin Earl Baker, young Merry Hill white man, sustained severe head injuries and possible fracture of the skull when the 1941 Ford touring sedan in which he was riding, driven by Henry Lawrence Smith, also white, of Merry Hill, left Highway 64 at the west boundary of the town of Roper around 11 p. m. Sunday, jumped a ditch and smashed violently into a telephone pole. Smith suffered slight facial cuts and abrasions.

Triple Collision Happens Tuesday

All persons concerned escaped injury in a three-car collision occurring Tuesday at 4 p. m. a few miles south of Plymouth on the Washington Highway, although considerable damage was inflicted on two passenger cars while a dumptruck, the third vehicle, was damaged only slightly. Investigating Patrolman R. W. Young has reported.

The truck, a 1941 International, driven by Walter Lee Leary, colored, of Colerain, stopped in the middle of the highway, Young said, and the 1941 Chevrolet tudor sedan, driven by Mrs. Anger Virginia Hardison, Jamesville white woman, following immediately behind rammed into it.

Office Location Change Reported

Representatives of the State Employment Service and Unemployment Commission will be located in the basement of the county courthouse instead of in the courtroom beginning this Thursday, according to an announcement from J. Kelly Gay, manager of the Williamson headquarters. Service representatives are in Plymouth each Thursday from 10 a. m. until 3:30 p. m. except on holidays. Mr. Gay added that at present, quite a few applications for employment have been received by Service representatives from persons in and around Plymouth who are seeking positions in a wide variety of the employ-