

Town Clerk W. A. Roebuck said Saturday that up until then approximately 40 town tags had been sold to Plymouth automobile owners, leaving around 610 of the original 650-tag supply to be sold. Deadline for securing tags, he said, is February 1. The price of each is \$1.

The electricians at the pulp mill bade farewell to Carl Wynn, who had been employed in that capacity at the plant for the past 11 years, honoring him with a steak supper at Chit'l'in Switch in Williamson last Friday night. Wynn is leaving to establish his own business in Rock Hill, S. C. The supper was attended by some 18 of the mill's electricians.

Monroe Turner has assumed the position of assistant manager of the Plymouth telephone exchange, succeeding Billy Smithson who has entered the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company's school in Tarboro. Prior to coming to Plymouth, Mr. Turner was located at Williamston.

Mrs. Athalia Gardner Tyece of Plymouth has been appointed as director of the March of Dimes campaign to be conducted in Washington County beginning on Thursday, January 15, and continuing through January 30, it has been announced. Figures on the quota asked of this county have not been released as yet, but will be announced shortly.

The local Rotarians plan to take a holiday from club meetings until Tuesday, January 6, members of the Plymouth organization have announced. This will suspend the meetings of the group which ordinarily would have been held on December 23 and December 30. Reason for suspending those sessions is, of course, their very close proximity to the Christmas and New Year's holidays.

H. E. Beam, cashier of the Plymouth bank, has announced that about 10 per cent more government savings bond in the E, F, and G series was sold this year than in 1946. Five-hundred and fifty-eight bonds worth \$202,500 were sold through the bank in 1947, he said, pointing out that the bank also sold at the post office and other issuing agencies in town.

The J. J. Clemmons High School band from Roper played an impromptu Christmas concert in the Plymouth streets last Thursday night, the program consisting solely of Christmas carols played and sung. Local residents said that the singing was quite good and that they enjoyed it.

Man Is Injured In Car Accident

Robert S. Johnson, white resident of Plymouth, sustained hand and forehead lacerations when the 1941 Chevrolet tudor sedan in which he was riding rammed into the rear end of a loaded log-truck in front of the A. J. Riddle home on Washington Street last Thursday around 6:30 p. m.

A 10-inch log, protruding about six feet from the rear of the truck smashed through the windshield of the car, which was driven by Mr. Johnson's son, Robert Glenn Johnson, and apparently struck the man a glancing blow in the face, according to reports from investigating Officer Alvin Allen.

Allen said that the right front fender and wheel were torn from the body of the car by force of the impact. The driver of the Chevrolet, he said was attempting to pass the truck when he saw another car approaching and ran into the parked vehicle. The truck had been left at the curb by its driver, Elbert Spruill, white of Creswell, because it had run out of fuel.

State, County Offices To Observe New Year's Day

All county and State offices in both the courthouse and the Agriculture Building in Plymouth will be closed on New Year's Day as will be the local bank and the post office, affording the employees another 24-hour breathing space in the current holiday hurly-burly, this time to catch their breaths after the Christmas rush and to observe the advent of 1948 at the same time.

Local Business Houses Send Season's Greetings

The business firms and merchants of Plymouth extend holiday greetings to their patrons in the county through the columns of the Roanoke Beacon as an expression of their appreciation for the business transacted during the past year and as a token of friendship.

Kerosene, Fuel Oil Shortage Felt Here

Bank Pays Out Large Sum Cash

The local bank paid out a large amount of cash during the past two or three weeks, most of it to be used for Christmas shopping, H. E. Beam, cashier, has announced. The total sum paid by the bank, he said, was about \$185,000, a considerably large amount than was issued in the same period of 1946.

Of this amount, Beam stated, between 50 and 60 per cent was used for Christmas shopping, the remainder being involved in the peanut crop which has been moving along in the past 10 days. It was pointed out that as a rule, peanuts come in much earlier which lessens the money paid out in the holiday season.

Expect to Reach Alloted Goal for Seal Sale Drive

Last Tabulation Shows Intake Only \$62.99 Short of \$700 Requested from County

The Tuberculosis Seals sale campaign in Washington County, which terminated today, lacked only \$62.99 of completing its \$700 quota at the last tabulation of donations received, according to a statement from Mrs. Hallett W. Everett, of Plymouth, county chairman for the drive. The full amount of the contributions to the cause from Washington County will be announced as soon as it is totaled.

Of the amount of money shown by the recent tabulation, she said, \$96.18 had been contributed by the schools in the county, with returns from some of them still incomplete. Creswell White High School donated a total of \$41.30, while contributions from the Plymouth White High School amounted to \$11.34. Total contributions from Hampton School in Plymouth, she said, was \$10.78, while the Plymouth Colored High School, whose campaign had not ended at that time, registered a donation of \$32.76.

Mrs. Everett pointed out that Washington County has been commended by State Tuberculosis Association officers for its generous response to the drive which, they said, was proportionately much larger than in some of the surrounding territories.

Places of business in Plymouth, however, will remain open for business as usual, including the grocery stores and the drug stores. The matter of observing January 1 as a holiday was considered by the Plymouth Merchants Association at a recent meeting, but after some discussion it was voted to continue in what appears to be a local custom of keeping the stores open on New Year's.

Creswell Carolers Sing In Towns Christmas Eve

A group of Creswell residents visited several towns in this section Christmas Eve night and sang Christmas carols, led by the Rev. Garland C. Bland. The towns they visited included Creswell, Columbia, Roper, Plymouth, and Edenton.

all, the business force of Plymouth wishes to everyone everywhere "a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year." Read the messages which help the season to be much more than a day or so off from work, and know that every firm is glad that once more the Christmas message can read "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

Fuel Oil One Dealer Says Supplies in Plymouth Only About 50 Per Cent of What Is Needed

According to statements from fuel oil dealers in Plymouth, the oil shortage is being sharply felt in this section with most of the pinch falling to the homeowners who use oil as fuel for heating their houses and for cooking.

Supplies for some of the local dealers, it was said, are extremely limited though with some luck it may be possible to squeeze through until January 1 when other shipments may become available. As the picture now stands, one dealer said, there is only about 50 per cent enough fuel oil to satisfy the needs of the community until January 1. They pointed out, however, that the period is short and that with careful conservation on the part of the consumer the present supply, bolstered by another hoped-for shipment may see things through.

There have been reports that an increase in the prices on kerosene and fuel oil will be effected shortly although one Plymouth dealer has stated that he is not sure. Another stated that he is uncertain as to whether or not his fuel oils will rise in price and that he would be sure only a few hours before the increase would become effective. At present, kerosene in Plymouth ranges in price from 12.7 cents to 13 cents per gallon while fuel oil stands at 11 cents per gallon.

Gasoline supplies, the dealers said, are apparently adequate to meet the needs of the community and insofar as can be determined now no price increase is contemplated, the main source of trouble being a kerosene and fuel oil shortage.

Questioned as to the probable cause of the fuel pinch, one dealer said that he hadn't the least idea while another pointed out that oil consumption in the United States today is far greater than the output and is being used 10 per cent per capita more than during the all-time high war years of 1941-45.

Fourth New Firm Open in Creswell

Creswell's fourth new business firm to open in recent months celebrated the beginning of its business career by holding open house on Friday night. The new business, an electric appliance firm, is operated by W. Douglas Starr and Harry N. Starr.

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Listers Convene Monday Night to Get Instructions

Listing Period for Washington County Extends from January 1st to February 1st

Washington County tax list takers appointed by the board of county commissioners at its December meeting several weeks ago, met with the county board in the courthouse Monday at 7:30 p. m., at which time procedure instructions were given the list takers and prices were set on livestock and other taxable items.

The period for listing taxes in the county will extend from Thursday, January 1, until February 1. Hubert L. Davenport was appointed by the commissioners tax supervisor for the county and Mrs. H. Marion Ramsey was named lister for Plymouth Township. Paul B. Belanga was named lister for Scuppernon Township and W. W. White for Skippersville Township, while R. W. Lewis was appointed to the same position for Lees Mill Township.

Delegation Protests Removal of Trains

Farmers Asked To Sign Plans

All farmers in Washington County have been asked to appear at the AAA office in Plymouth to sign applications for their 1947 Triple-A payments, Miss Miriam Auzon, secretary to the county AAA organization, has announced.

Miss Auzon added that farm operators in the county are also being urged to come to the office in the Agriculture Building here and sign their plans of work under the program being carried out by the Triple-A during 1948. Deadline for signing the work plans, she said, is January 15.

Gym Repairs May Be Finished Soon

Work on the repairing of the Plymouth High School gymnasium is expected to be completed sometime in January, perhaps during the first week in the month, according to supervisors of the project.

Plans for the repair work call for dressing rooms of concrete block construction, repairs to the roof and walls, and a connection with the heating plant of the school building itself.

The dressing rooms have now been completed and work on the roof is nearly finished, repair of the walls being the next step. So far, the heating connection has not been made. The project was begun last August, and is sponsored by the Lions Club. Members of the school football squad have done a large part of the work in the building.

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Two Days Remain For A-B Drivers To Take Re-Exam

January Opens Time for Giving Re-Examinations to Persons in C-D Surname Group

Next Monday and Tuesday, licensed automobile drivers in the A-B surname division in the county will have their last chance to take re-examination for a new driving license before the December 31 deadline, Examiner James Boyce has stated.

Beginning on Saturday, January 3, examinations will begin in Plymouth for old drivers in the C-D name bracket. Boyce pointed out that his hours in Plymouth will still be the same. Mr. Boyce is located in the Municipal Building in Plymouth from 9 a. m. until 5 p. m. on Mondays and Tuesdays, and from 9 a. m. until 1 p. m. on Saturdays.

At present, Boyce said, the examination office here is scuppernong wash with drivers in the A-B group who waited until almost the very last minute to take their re-exams. In fact the turn out is so large that an extra examiner had to be employed, temporarily, to take care of the overflow.

Merchants Association, Local Governments Are Represented at Raleigh Hearing

A delegation of seven residents of Plymouth appeared before a hearing of the North Carolina Utilities Commission Monday in protest to the proposed removal of Norfolk Southern passenger trains from the Norfolk-Raleigh run, which would remove the last vestige of passenger train service from not only the town but the whole county.

Those from Plymouth who went to the Raleigh hearing were Mayor A. J. Riddle, Roy Hampton, Postmaster J. C. Swain, C. Clyde Hardison, County Commissioner Clarence E. Ayers, Town and County Attorney W. L. Whitley, and W. J. Woolard, president of the Merchants Association of Plymouth, originator of the protest movement. Several other Plymouth residents said that they hoped to attend the hearing but could not be sure of being there.

Company executives of the Norfolk Southern Railway Company, in asking for permission to discontinue passenger trains Numbers One and Two stated that great loss was being incurred by the company in operating the two trains and that regular schedules as regards handling of mail and express would not largely be disturbed by such a move. The application also requested removal of the two trains on Sunday.

ABC Store Sales Increase \$1,000 Over Past Week

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Holiday Periods Vary From Day To Whole Week

Most Places Closing Only Two Days; Schools Will Not Re-Open Until January 5th

The Christmas holiday schedule in Plymouth is again displaying the traditional variation of from a single day, Christmas, to a nice two-weeks vacation being accorded the schools.

Local establishments which will be closed for the one day only are the post office, the bank, and two of the drug stores, the third drug store observing a two-day vacation schedule, Thursday and Friday, reopening for business on Saturday, December 27.

The greater majority of the business houses in Plymouth will also observe a two-day holiday vacation, included among them the local ABC store, and all grocery stores. The pulp mill will be closed on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day, beginning work again on Friday, mill officials have stated.

The Atlas Plywood Corporation's Plymouth plant and the American Fork and Hoe Company's mill here ceased activities at noon yesterday and the workers will return to their jobs on Monday morning.

The offices in the county courthouse, including the public library, and the office in the Agriculture Building next door also shut up shop at noon yesterday and will resume activities on Monday morning. This is one of the longest holidays ever enjoyed by the county and State workers, particularly the Triple-A employees who were granted but one day only in 1946.

The Farmers Home Administration office, which is now located in the courthouse, will reopen on Friday afternoon for a short while, however.

The schools in Plymouth and Washington County are enjoying the longest Christmas vacation of any group in the county, having closed their doors last Friday and being granted a holiday which will terminate when classes resume at the regular opening hours on Monday morning, January 5.

The restaurants in Plymouth will not close at all, according to statements from the management from these establishments, and will serve regular meals on Christmas Day.

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Beacon Office to Close for Week

The Roanoke Beacon office will be closed all during Christmas week and will reopen on Monday, December 29. This one of the few holiday occasions to be observed by the newspaper and staff members will vacation and observe Christmas at the same time.

This issue of the Beacon was printed and mailed to out-of-town subscribers ahead of schedule, although the previous issue was printed on the regular publication date.

Post Office Has 'Roughest' Week Of Current Year

Postmaster Says Number C.O.D. Packages Have Increased Steeply in Past Week

There has been a tremendous increase in the number of packages handled through the local post office, especially in the C. O. D. bracket, during the current Christmas holiday season, according to J. Corbett Swain, Plymouth postmaster.

Mr. Swain said that the Plymouth post office clerks have handled in the past week an average of 386 parcels per day which, he pointed out, is an increase of almost 100 more packages per day than were cared for during the previous week.

In emphasizing the increase in the C. O. D. package delivery to local residents, Mr. Swain said that the parcel post remittance for the current period is exactly \$9,342.97 more than for the final quarter of 1946, a remittance rise of only \$657.03 short of an even \$10,000.

In the stamp department, the postmaster said that 47,800 one and one-half cent stamps had

To Possess Fire Crackers Illegal

In reminding local residents that State law now prohibits the shooting of fireworks within the corporate limits of a town, Plymouth Police Chief P. W. Brown, stated that the law also considers the possession of fireworks as illegal.

Mr. Brown said that while the use of cap pistols by little boys would probably not be considered as shooting fire works, those who play around with fire crackers, roman candles, sky rockets, and others of their breed are liable to arrest and prosecution with penalties provided by law being imposed on those found guilty of the offense.

Stock of Christmas Trees Sells Rapidly

The stocks of Christmas trees received by Plymouth merchants about two weeks ago had been completely sold out by Friday, with the exception of one pathetic specimen.

Some would-be buyers arrived on the scene too late to secure a tree and were forced to resort to tramping through the fields and woods and swamps to get some variety of homegrown shrub to decorate for the great day.

The smaller sized trees offered for sale on the streets here were sold out first, but the bigger ones didn't go begging and were shortly carried away by

Churches Conduct Special Services Here Last Sunday

Majority of Religious Groups Observe Holy Day on Sunday; Cantatas Are Presented

The Plymouth churches, with the exception of Grace Episcopal Church, observed the Christmas season on the Sunday prior to Christmas Day itself with special Christmas music at the morning services, cantatas, and Christmas Tree parties for the various Sunday schools.

A cantata was presented in the Plymouth Methodist Church at 5 o'clock Sunday evening which was entitled "The Christmas Story," and was given by candle light under the direction of Mrs. Kenneth S. Trowbridge with J. Shepherd Brinkley as organist.

At 7 p. m. on Sunday, the choir of Ludford Memorial Baptist Church presented another cantata, "Chimes of the Holy Night," which was given in the courtroom of the county courthouse. The public was invited to attend both musical presentations.

In addition to their cantata the Baptist congregation had a Christmas Tree party for their Sunday school classes later in the week, as did the majority of the remainder of the churches.

On Christmas Eve, celebration of Holy Communion was held in Grace Episcopal Church, followed by a sermon by the rector. Communion was again observed by Grace Church at 9 a. m. on Christmas Day.

County Negro Is Shot by Official

Henry Allen Rhodes, 26-year-old colored man of Roper, N. C., was shot twice in the thigh last Tuesday by an Alcoholic Tax Unit official when Rhodes resisted arrest and began beating and biting the officer, B. V. Halstead who, accompanied by ATU Officer M. R. Harshaw, had attempted to place the Negro under arrest following a whiskey still raid in the Pea Ridge section.

Lloyd Green, another Negro taken in the raid, was also said to have joined in the assault on Halstead. During the ensuing battle, Harshaw shot Rhodes to prevent him from doing injury to Halstead.

Both Halstead and Rhodes were treated at the Plymouth Clinic by Dr. E. M. Furguson who said that Rhodes was not critically injured and that Halstead's wounds were limited to scratches, bruises, and bites.

The still raided was a 100-gallon copper pot type and contained 10 gallons of liquor and 350 gallons of mash which were destroyed. Rhodes and Green will be given a hearing in federal court on charges of illegal distilling of whiskey and assaulting an officer.

Legionnaires Will Not Hold Session on Friday

The Plymouth post of the American Legion will not meet this Friday December 26, the regularly scheduled meeting date, due to its proximity to the Christmas holiday. W. Ronald Gaylord, commander of the local veterans' organization, has announced.

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