

E. H. Liverman of Plymouth left Wednesday for Winston-Salem where he will represent Washington County at the annual convention of the North Carolina Association of Soil Conservation District Supervisors. Mr. Liverman was recently elected chairman of the county soil conservation committee and county representative to all district and State conservation meetings. He will return to Plymouth on Saturday.

Total contributions of the Washington County tuberculous seal sale drive now amount to \$811.66, or \$111.66 beyond the allotted \$700 quota. Mrs. Hallett Everett, county campaign chairman, has reported this week. Mrs. Everett said that about 70 per cent of the 1,000 persons contacted through the mails have now replied and that donations are still coming in.

Town Clerk W. A. Roebuck has reported that sales of Plymouth tags for automobiles owned by residents of the town is lagging with only 230 of the 650 plate allotment having been sold to date. He pointed out that the deadline for not displaying the tags on cars owned in town is January 31. Those who fail to comply may be prosecuted. Price of the tags is only \$1.

Mrs. Woodrow R. Collins of Plymouth has been appointed community chairman of the overseas relief drive in this section which will be conducted January 25 through January 31. The movement is sponsored by the North Carolina Council of Churches.

Delbert D. Allen, Washington County sanitarian, represented this county at a meeting of all sanitarians in the counties in the northeastern district of the State. The session was conducted in Rocky Mount on Monday.

Plymouth Police Chief P. W. Brown has announced that a box will be placed in the city clerk's office in the Municipal Building to receive donations of used clothing in cooperation with the overseas relief campaign which is being conducted through January 31. The clothes will be sent to the European victims of the recent war. Mrs. Woodrow R. Collins is chairman of the drive.

The Rev. W. Dennis Helsabeck of Arcadia, Ind., has accepted the call to the pastorate of the Plymouth Christian church, officials in the religious organization have announced. They added that the Rev. Mr. Helsabeck will assume his pastoral duties here in May.

The three principals of the white schools in Washington County, accompanied by Superintendent Roy F. Lowry, attended a meeting of the Albemarle Schoolmasters Club, held in Central High School, Pasquotank County, on Monday. They are J. S. Fleming, Plymouth; R. B. Forbes, Roper; and H. L. Furr, Creswell. Robert Lee Humber, noted author and lecturer, was the main speaker.

Beacon Will Run Children Photos

The Roanoke Beacon wants a photograph of every youngster in this trading area for publication in a forthcoming feature to be entitled "Citizens of Tomorrow." A special children's photographer, connected with a nationally known photographic studio will be in the American Legion Hall on Thursday, January 29, from 1 p. m. to 8 p. m. to take the pictures which will be snapped without charge.

All children in this trading area are eligible and no charge will be made to the parents, who do not even have to be subscribers to this newspaper. Parents may secure additional prints of their children's pictures, if they wish, but there is no obligation to do so. The Woltz Studios of Des Moines, Ia., will take the pictures.

Takers Here Report Around 500 Listers

According to reports from Plymouth town and township tax list takers, approximately 500 persons have appeared so far to list their taxes during the current period which ends on January 31.

The township list taker, Mrs. Hermine Ramsey, has recorded a figure somewhat higher than that taken by W. A. Roebuck, town list taker, due to the fact that quite a few taxpayers in her

First Woman Juror in County Serves Monday

Washington County's first woman juror ever to see service in the jury box was drawn and empaneled on Monday of this week, the first day of the civil term of January superior court. She was Mrs. Eva Harrell of Roper.

Mrs. Harrell applied for excuse from service on the jury, but the appeal was denied by R. Hunt Parker, the judge presiding. Mrs. Harrell is a well-known business woman of Roper where she operates a dry cleaning establishment.

Although a total of five women's names were drawn for possible jury duty in the current superior court session, all were excused except Mrs. Harrell. The first case tried by the jury with whom she sat was a divorce action based on grounds of two years separation. The divorce was granted. When asked how it felt to be the county's first lady juror, Mrs. Harrell declined to comment, but the fact that she applied for excuse seems to indicate that she didn't exactly want to serve.

Vacating Municipal Building Considered

Warning Given On Brush Fires

Forest Fire Warden S. F. Darden pointed out this week that permits must be procured before anyone should burn brush in or near woodlands during the forest fire season months. Mr. Darden added that the burning of brush or other trash without first obtaining a permit from a designated warden makes the offender liable to indictment and conviction in the courts.

Violators of this ruling, he said, would be subject to a \$50 fine or a 30-day jail sentence or both. The fire season, the warden stated, extends from February 1 to June 1.

Stockholders Will Meet Here on Monday

Election of a board of directors who will then select officials for the 1948 season will be held by stockholders in the Washington County Athletic Association, meeting in the county courthouse on Monday night of next week.

Board To Choose 1948 Officials Afterward; League Session Postponed Until Tonight

The stockholders will also hear reports from W. H. Joyner and Joseph Foster, who will represent the Washington County Association at a meeting of the directors in the Albemarle Baseball League in Edenton tonight. The League session was slated to have been held on Monday night of this week, but was postponed.

County Association President Archie J. Riddle has requested all stockholders in the corporation to attend the meeting since the reports to be given by Foster and Joyner will concern important matters relating to county participation in League baseball this summer.

School Heads to Consider Movies

The principals of the three major white schools in Washington County will meet with Superintendent R. F. Lowry in his office here at 4 p. m. Friday to discuss the possible acquisition of movie films for the schools in the county, it has been announced. All films, school officials have stated, would be of an educational nature and would pertain to subjects taught in the schools. Principals of the county's colored schools will meet with Mr. Lowry next Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Flames Demolish Negro Home Here

Flames, springing from an unknown origin, completely destroyed the log-woods shanty home of Henry Cotanch, aged colored man, located on the Brinkley lumber yard at the end of Monroe Street in Plymouth last Sunday around 3 p. m.

The local fire department was summoned but by the time the firemen arrived on the scene, the cabin was collapsing. Fire Chief Miller Warren made no estimate as to the amount of damage done by the blaze, but pointed out that the aged Negro had lost all his possessions in the fire.

Step Would Facilitate Sale Councilmen Are Told; Further Action in February

The Plymouth town council, meeting in special session last night, voted to have Mayor A. J. Riddle investigate the possibility of securing other housing facilities for the city's administrative offices and the local fire department and report his findings at the February meeting of the town board so that the present Municipal Building and fire house may again be advertised for sale at public auction.

In the auction of the town-owned property held on January 6, Louis Alexander of Plymouth made a \$32,500 bid on the property and the council accepted his offer. Mr. Alexander's attorney informed the council, however, that supreme court rulings have forbidden the sale of any piece of municipal property that is at the time being used for governmental purposes and that therefore the sale would not be legal. According to this explanation, it was reported at last night's town board session that the only legitimate way to vacate the property would be to vacate it and then advertise it for sale, or to wait until the 1949 General Assembly meets and have it pass a special act. The former measure was deemed more advisable since a better price might possibly be had on the buildings at this time rather than a year from now.

Two More Stills Taken in County

Two more illicit whiskey stills were captured and destroyed in Washington County last week by County ABC Officer L. L. Basnight and L. C. Snell, assistant, with a total of 400 gallons of working mash being poured out of their containers by the two law enforcement officers.

The first moonshine factory taken by the officers was captured on Wednesday around 3 p. m. in Gum Swamp, near Pea Ridge station. Three barrels of mash were found together with worm, doubling keg and all equipment except the still unit itself.

The second still destroyed was found around 12:30 p. m. on Thursday in the head of the Newlands section behind the Henderson Clifton farm. Two barrels of mash were discovered, a doubling keg, axe, cross-cut saw, worm, pipe, and steel drums. Operators of neither of the two illegal businesses were caught at the stills.

Windows Are Installed In County Bus Garage

Window panes for the county's new school-bus garage arrived last week and were put in place yesterday, virtually completing construction work on the exterior of the new structure, school officials have stated.

Superior Court's Civil Term Still In Session Here

Most Outstanding Case Is Not Tried Until Last of Period; 10 Actions Continued

Washington County Superior Court, Judge R. Hunt Parker presiding, commenced its civil term Monday in the two-week mixed civil and criminal session which began on Monday, January 5.

Most outstanding case of the civil term, Mrs. Frances Harrison vs. Horner's Funeral Home of Plymouth, was not tried until the latter part of the term and was still before the court this morning. Mrs. Harrison is suing for a total of \$5,175.

In her complaint against the funeral home, Mrs. Harrison alleged that she wanted a good concrete vault and said that the firm agreed to furnish one which would last 50 years for \$157, which she said she paid.

Later, Mrs. Harrison said, she engaged the services of a marble dealer to erect a monument and found that the grave had fallen in. She added that upon examination the vault was found to have broken through, exposing the body to earth and water.

The funeral home made a general denial of all the allegations of the plaintiff, and the owner claimed he informed Mrs. Harrison that a concrete vault was unobtainable under wartime conditions then existing and that a plastic substitute would be used. Other cases tried in the civil court term this week were as follows:

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Julia Breedlove vs. Bunyan Breedlove, divorce, granted on grounds of two-years' separation; Nathaniel Barnes vs. Mamie Barnes, divorce, granted on grounds of two-years' separation. The following actions, slated for trial Monday were continued: Frances C. Hutchins vs. C. Edley Hutchins; Clyde C. Davis and Ora E. Ange vs. Annie Nicholson and Mary Ellen Davis, administratrix; James W. Roberson vs. Ernestine Roberson; Webster Hudson vs. Millie Hudson; W. W. Davenport vs. T. C. Holmes; and E. C. Craddock vs. Marvin H. Whitley. The case of George Frederick vs. Louise Frederick was non-suited.

Humber Will Be Speaker at Club

Attorney Robert Lee Humber, noted author and lecturer, of Greenville will be the featured speaker at tonight's meeting of the Plymouth Lions Club, according to J. J. Segerman, January program chairman for the organization.

Mr. Humber is well-known to the author of a World Federation resolution which was endorsed by more than a dozen State legislatures in 1946. Humber is also an authority on world peace and federation problems. He was a candidate for congressional representative from this district in the 1946 elections.

Will Conduct VFW Meet In Courthouse Tonight

The Bosie Bateman Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will conduct a regular meeting in the courtroom of the county courthouse tonight at 8 o'clock, W. S. Davenport, commander of the Plymouth group, has announced. Davenport requested all VFW members to attend the session since important matters will be up for discussion.

New Photo Studio Has Opened Here

A new photographic studio has been opened by W. J. Weaver in Plymouth, the studio being located in the Leggett Building over the ABC store on Water Street.

Infantile Paralysis Drive Now Getting Underway



GIVE NOW—MAKE HIS DREAMS COME TRUE

Overseas Relief Drive Sponsored By Church Guild

The Wesleyan Service Guild of the Plymouth Methodist Church will sponsor the Overseas Clothing Relief Drive in Plymouth. Mrs. Woodrow R. Collins, campaign chairman, has announced. The drive will last for one week, Mrs. Collins said, and will begin on Monday, January 26, ending the following Saturday.

New or used clothing of all kinds, shoes, toys for children, tools, first aid supplies, books, soap and other articles are acceptable, she said. The articles should have at least six-months of use left in them, the chairman said, and donors may include notes with the articles.

In addition to the Guild, other civic and religious groups have promised their full support to the campaign, Mrs. Collins said, emphasizing the fact that a box to receive donations will be located in the City Clerk's office in the Municipal Building. Everyone is asked to give as liberally as possible, she stated.

Give Lunchrooms Shipment of Food

Thirty-five cases of dried peaches and 46 cases of prunes, a gift from the Department of Agriculture through the State lunchroom aid program, arrived in Plymouth this week for distribution to school lunchrooms in the county, Roy F. Lowry, superintendent of schools, has reported.

Fifteen crates of peaches will be given to the Plymouth school, eight to Roper, seven to Creswell, and five to J. J. Clemmons School. Twenty cases of prunes have been sent to the Plymouth school, 10 to Roper, 10 to Creswell, and six to the J. J. Clemmons School.

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County Goal Is Set at \$1,220; Campaign in Washington County Ends on January 30

Today marks the beginning of Washington County's part of the nation-wide March of Dimes for the benefit of infantile paralysis victims with the quota assigned to this county standing at \$1,220 and Mrs. Athalia G. Tyree of Plymouth acting as county campaign chairman.

Mrs. Tyree has announced that the collections will be made in theatres in the county and through door-to-door solicitations by canvassers who have been appointed in each county community. One half of the money collected will remain in Washington County to be used in preventing and combating poliomyelitis while the remainder will be sent to the March of Dimes national headquarters to be used for the same purpose on a national scale.

Dr. Claudius McGowan, acting district health officer, has announced that arrangements have been completed at a hospital in Portsmouth, Va., for the establishment of an infantile paralysis treatment center which will be made available to acute and convalescent polio victims in this county for a county contribution of \$224. It is understood that this money will be derived from county contributions from the March of Dimes. Dr. McGowan said that at present polio sufferers must be taken to Charlotte for treatment.

Community chairmen who will direct campaign activities in the various localities are as follows: Mrs. W. C. Jones, Plymouth; Mrs. J. M. Phelps, Creswell; Mrs. Barton Swain, Roper; Mrs. Edison Davenport, Mackeys; and Mrs. Golden Williams, Wenona. Assistants have been named to aid each local official. School children will also aid in the campaign, having been given cards containing spaces for 20 dimes which local residents will be asked to fill. Proceeds of the Plymouth-Creswell basketball game played here Tuesday night will also be turned over to the drive. Colored residents of Plymouth have agreed to help with the campaign and Professor A. R. Lord, principal of the local Negro school, has been appointed chairman. The drive will end on January 30.

Two Are Injured In Sunday Wreck

Two were injured and considerable damage to both automobiles involved resulted when the 1941 Chevrolet sedan driven by Simon Roderick Roebuck, white, of Plymouth, route one, collided with the 1941 Plymouth sedan driven by Sheriff J. K. Reid at the intersection of Main and Jefferson Streets last Sunday around 8 a. m.

R. H. Modlin, a passenger in the Roebuck car, sustained numerous lacerations on the head, requiring 20 stitches, while M. H. Matchen, also a passenger in the Roebuck automobile, suffered bruises and possible fractured ribs.

State Highway Patrolman R. W. Young, who investigated the accident, has reported that the sheriff was going south on Jefferson Street and was in the intersection when the Roebuck car, which was traveling east on Main, rammed into Mr. Reid's car, throwing it up on the sidewalk. Young added that the auto driven by Roebuck then swerved around on Jefferson and slammed into a tree. Roebuck, he said, is being charged with reckless driving and will be given a hearing in county recorder's court next Tuesday.

B & L Statement of Condition Is Given

The Plymouth Building and Loan Association has prepared and released its annual report of financial condition, as of December 31, 1947. I. Miller Warren, secretary-treasurer, has reported, pointing out that the year just ended showed an increase of \$35,304.77 in total assets over the 1946 figure of \$142,863.59, the 1947 total amount being \$178,168.36.

Largest amount of increase in the asset column was in first mortgage share loan account and sinking fund loans which jumped from \$90,886.50 in 1946 to \$164,340 in 1947. Cash on hand rose to \$5,974.85 from \$3,526.29. In the capital and liabilities column, full-paid shares rose from \$46,800 to \$63,300. Federal insurance reserve increased from \$1,386.31 to \$1,800, and money for contingencies from \$500 to \$3,000.

Okay Sign Given To Councilmen on Proposed Census

Action May Not Result in Desired Increase in State Rebate of Beer and Wine Taxes

State Attorney General Harry McMullan has given the go-ahead sign to the conduct of a new census of the residents of Plymouth, according to a letter received by Mayor A. J. Riddle, and has said that the census will be recognized by the State as official if it is completed by July 1 of this year.

According to comments made in the letter, however, the census may not accomplish its purpose of providing an increase in the beer and wine tax rebate from the State, which is based on population since the Act, McMullan pointed out, provides for distribution of the rebate on the basis of the 1940 census and makes no provision for any changes in the number of the population by any subsequent census.

The census would have to be conducted under the supervision of a government agent and for a \$750 fee, Mayor Riddle said, adding that the plan may be abandoned considering the information contained in the attorney general's letter.

Mrs. Thompson Is Buried at Roper

Funeral services were conducted from the Roper Methodist Church on Monday at 3:30 p. m. for Mrs. Martha L. Thompson, 79, who died at her home in Roper on Sunday after an illness of six weeks. The Rev. B. E. Bingham, pastor of the church, officiated at the final rites. Burial was made in the family cemetery, near Roper.

Mrs. Thompson was the wife of the late W. C. Thompson of Roper and the daughter of the late Henry Joseph and Sarah Alexander Williams of Washington County. She was a native and life-long resident of Roper and was one of the oldest members of the Methodist Church there.

Mrs. Thompson is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Pearl T. Warren of Roper, and Mrs. C. A. Turnage of Washington; five sons, Leland S. Thompson of Plymouth, W. H. Thompson of Roper, N. C. Thompson of New Bern, Robert F. Thompson of Greenville, and J. H. Thompson of Greensboro; two sisters, Mrs. B. F. Bailey and Mrs. J. S. Collins, both of Roper; and two brothers, R. L. Williams of Aulander and J. W. Williams of Asheboro; and seven grandchildren.

Pall bearers were nephews of Mrs. Thompson. They are Carl L. Bailey, James Collins, J. W. Williams, Jr., Merrimond Williams, Henry Williams, and Lee Williams.

New Minister Reported Engaged by Church Here

The Rev. James F. Miller of Jacksonville, Fla., has been engaged to perform the duties of pastor of the Plymouth Church of the Nazarene, officials in the church have announced. The Rev. Miller will assume his duties and deliver his first sermon next Sunday, January 18. Service schedule is as follows: church school, 10 a. m.; morning worship, 11 a. m.; evening worship, 7:30 p. m.

Progress Is Made on Repair of Sewer Line

All residents of Plymouth living on Washington Street and Third Street have been requested by Police Chief P. W. Brown to use as little water as possible during the next few days so that repair work on the Washington Street sewer can progress as rapidly as possible.

Reporting on the work done, Mr. Brown stated that to date little progress had been achieved in replacing the worn-out and broken sewer pipes with new ones and that excessive quicksand and rain had hampered the workmen considerably. He also said that weaknesses detected in other pipe sections had made it necessary to lengthen the excavation in the middle of the street