

Quite a delegation of Plymouth residents attended the Shriners' convention held last Thursday in New Bern.

The Plymouth Lions Club will observe their annual Ladies' Night at their meeting tonight in the high school cafeteria.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Chapin are in Wilson today where they are attending the marriage of their son, Howard B. Chapin.

W. Willis Bowen, supervisor of the Washington-Tyrrrell Farmers Home Administration district, is in Williamston today attending a meeting of district supervisors.

Grading operations on the athletic field in Stillacres have been temporarily stopped by the cold wave which struck the county last week-end.

Plymouth Police Chief P. W. Brown has reported that activity in his department showed a marked increase last week-end over the record of the past several months.

W. T. Spruill will represent the county Bureau at its State convention in Asheville Monday through Wednesday of next week.

Two Stills Taken By ABC Officials

Washington County law enforcement officers, led by County ABC Officer L. L. Basnight, captured and destroyed two stills during the past week.

The first moonshine factory was destroyed on Friday and was located on the Scuppernon River between Cherry and Creswell.

The second still was found behind the Ted Blount farm about six miles from Plymouth on the Mackeys Road and was demolished on Wednesday.

Roper Boy Named Editor Of College's Magazine

Lewis A. Lawrence of Roper, student at Elon College, has assumed the duties of editor of "The Colonnade," literary magazine published at the school.

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On the other hand, they say, if the day is cloudy so that no shadows are cast, the little fellow will stay above ground.

Town and County Boards Schedule Meetings Monday

Commissioners to Have Bond Issue Hearing; Council to Continue Building Sale Study

All local government boards in Washington County will convene next Monday, First Monday, for their scheduled February meetings.

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Acute Oil Shortage Strikes Both Homes And Stores Monday

Permit Needed For Fish Nets

All commercial fishermen who will use net sets in inland waters during the approaching fishing season this year must have a license for each net.

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Will Discontinue Passenger Trains Here Next Sunday

Deliveries of Mail and Freight to Plymouth and County on Sundays Also Stopped

Beginning next Sunday, Norfolk Southern trains one and two will be discontinued according to a report from J. C. Swain, Plymouth postmaster, who said that he had been advised of the step by L. P. Kennedy, general supervisor of Norfolk Southern Railway Company, which means, Mr. Swain pointed out, that Sunday freight and mail delivery to Plymouth will be stopped temporarily.

To date, the postmaster added, no arrangements have been made to fill in the gap left by the removal of the trains, permission for which was granted the railroad company by the North Carolina Utilities Commission after a hearing on the matter conducted several weeks ago.

Passenger service by the trains during the week days will also be stopped, it was pointed out. This removes the last vestige of passenger train service to Plymouth and Washington County although this aspect of the removal will hardly work inconvenience on county residents since the majority travel by bus or private automobile.

The announcement climaxes and brings to an end negotiations on the part of the railway company to have the trains removed. The company made announcement of its intention to request permission for the removal from the utilities commission in the Spring of 1947 but aroused such a storm of protest from the towns in northeastern Carolina who were serviced that the matter was dropped.

A delegation of Plymouth residents, under the leadership of the local Merchants' Association protested the removal at the hearing, but the railway company proved that the trains had been operated at a loss for quite some time and that few if any ever took advantage of the passenger service offered. The utilities commission announced its decision in favor of the railroad last week-end.

Complete Repair Work on Sewers Here This Week

Total Cost of Project Estimated at \$1,500; Street to Be Paved in Next Two Weeks

Repair work on the broken sewer connections in the section of Washington Street from Main to Water Streets was completed over the week-end and the excavation has been filled. Plymouth Police Chief P. W. Brown, who supervised the repair project, stated that the surface of the street removed by the workmen will not be repaved for about two weeks and because of this auto drivers are asked not to park in the area between Satterthwaite Garage and the Main Street corner.

OES Officials to Be at Meet Here

The Grand Matron Mrs. Rae Emery and the Grand Patron W. J. Pell of Elizabeth City will make their annual official visit to the Plymouth Chapter No. 95 of the Order of the Eastern Star at its next regular meeting, to be held on Friday, February 6, Mrs. Laura Keyes, worthy matron, has announced.

Mrs. Keyes added that Mrs. Blanche Twiford, past grand matron, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Smith and Mr. and Mrs. James Gregory, all of Elizabeth City, will also attend the meeting. All officers of the Plymouth organization are requested.

Name Committees For County NCEA

Members of the various unit committees in the Washington County chapter of the North Carolina Education Association have been appointed, according to an announcement from J. S. Fleming, president of the county NCEA unit.

J. Robert Campbell First To File for County Office

J. Robert Campbell, who was appointed to the office of register of deeds of Washington County in 1943 and elected to the office in 1944, has announced that he will be a candidate to succeed himself in office, subject to the May Democratic primary.

Mr. Campbell stated that since he has held the register's position he has endeavored to be on the job at all times and to give one-day service to persons who have business with the deed office. If re-elected, Mr. Campbell pointed out that it was his firm intention to maintain the policy of one-day service, with special attention being given farmers and ex-servicemen especially in the matters of crop liens and discharge recordings.

Mr. Campbell, prior to becoming the county register of deeds, operated a mercantile business in Plymouth for 35 years.

Saturday Final Day For Listing Property

Hunting Season Ends Saturday

Open season on quail and rabbits in third district will end on Saturday, January 31, J. T. Terry, district game protector, has announced. The season for turkeys closed on January 15, while the deer, bear, and squirrel season closed on January 1, Mr. Terry added.

Hunters in this section had a comparatively poor season on quail and rabbits, the game protector said, while deer, bear, and squirrel were found in abundance. The wild turkey season, Terry pointed out, was about the same as in past years.

State OK's First Lot of Triple-A Checks in County

Total Amount Primary Payment Slips About \$2,500; Forward More Applications Soon

The 100 applications for payment on farm practices completed in Washington County under the 1947 Triple-A program recently filed at the local AAA office have been approved by the Raleigh AAA office and within the next few days checks in the total amount of about \$2,500 will be on their way to farm operators in the county, Miss Miriam Ausbon, county Triple-A secretary, has announced.

The applications which were sent off last week, the secretary said, were the first in a series of 100-application lots which are being prepared and computed in the county office and being forwarded to the Raleigh headquarters for auditing and approval. The next 100 applications will be forwarded within the next two or three days, she added.

Farmers who have not yet produced their lime bills, seed tags, and secured tenant signatures on their applications are urged to do so before this Saturday, January 31, she added. Otherwise payment for practices completed in 1947 will not be made, secretary stated.

Permits to Burn Brush Necessary

Beginning next Sunday, February 1, and extending through June 1, burning of trash or brush in or near woodlands will not be allowed unless a permit is procured for that purpose, S. F. Darden, forest fire warden, has announced.

Mr. Darden pointed out that the February-June period is the forest fire season for this part of the country and that the burning of trash in woodland areas without first obtaining a permit from a designated warden will make the offender liable to prosecution in the courts.

New Tags Must Be on Autos After Saturday

After Saturday, January 31, all automobiles must display the 1948 State license plate and those automobiles operated by persons residing in the Town of Plymouth must display city license tags, law enforcement officials here have announced.

State license plates may be obtained at Williamston, Edenton, or Washington, while Plymouth town tags may be purchased for \$1 at the city clerk's office in the Municipal Building here.

Failure on the part of any car owner to secure and display the

Begin Drive for Furnishing Home Economics Room

Civic, Business Leaders Shown School Needs at Monday Supper; Campaign Ends Saturday

A drive to purchase necessary equipment for the Plymouth High School's home economics department and science laboratory was begun by the men's group of the local Parent-Teacher Association unit on Monday night when business and civic leaders of the town were entertained at a supper and given a tour of the two departments in the local school building.

E. M. Leavitt, chairman of the campaign and master of ceremonies at the supper, informed the guests that an absolute minimum amount of \$2,921 is needed to complete the two school departments. All business houses and civic clubs will be contacted this week, he said, and asked to contribute to the project. One local industry, Mr. Leavitt pointed out, has promised to donate approximately one half of the amount needed which will make the sums requested from other business firms relatively small, averaging between \$15 and \$20. The campaign will end Saturday.

Roy F. Lowry, superintendent of the county's schools, informed the group that the effort of renovating and adding new classrooms to the Plymouth school has been tremendous and that the drain on county finances has been severe. He stated that as things now stand there are insufficient funds to complete the school plant and that considering this, the local citizens should do all possible to lend aid to the campaign being conducted by the PTA group.

Among the items necessary to equip the home economics department, the guests were told, are a refrigerator, three electric ranges, a washing machine, and a large number of cabinets. In addition to numerous small articles of equipment, the science laboratory still lacks adequate cabinet space as well as tables and chairs.

Dr. Alban Papineau, local physician, commenting on the equipment drive, pointed out that all colleges require certain minimum credits in the sciences and that if at all possible, the Plymouth students should be provided with a means for meeting those requirements.

The guests were served a fried chicken dinner which was prepared by members of the school's home economics department, under the direction of Miss Carolyn Brinkley, instructor in that department.

Children's Photos Are Taken Today

Photographers from Woltz Studios of Des Moines, Ia., nationally known children's photograph artists, will be at the Legion Hall in Plymouth today from 1 p. m. until 8 p. m. to take pictures of all children in this trading area for publication in a special feature entitled "Citizens of Tomorrow" which will be published by The Roanoke Beacon.

The pictures will be taken without charge to parents of the children, although the parents, if they wish, may make special arrangements with representatives of the studio to purchase extra prints of their children's pictures.

The photographers will be in Plymouth today only and all parents in the Plymouth trading area are urged to take advantage of this opportunity to have their child's picture included in the Beacon's special pictorial feature, "Citizens of Tomorrow."

House Chevrolet Shows 1948 Auto

A new 1948 deluxe Fleetmaster Chevrolet will be on display in the showroom of House Chevrolet Company in Plymouth Friday and Saturday, according to an announcement from the firm's management, who said that the public is invited to come in and inspect the automobile at any time on these two days.

The five-passenger coupe, it was pointed out, has several important changes from the 1947 model, among the most outstanding being a strengthening of the crankshaft and bearings in order to produce a more durable motor. The management added that aside from a change in the grill, no other changes have been made in the car's exterior appearance.

Violators of the ruling, he said, would be subject to a \$50 fine or a 30-day jail sentence or both.

Begin Excavations for Negro School Building

Foundations for the construction of the new Negro high school building at Creswell have been dug, according to a statement from Roy F. Lowry, superintendent of the county's schools, who added that stumps are now being cleared from the 15-acre school site. He added that shipments of materials are also beginning to come in and that several lots of cinder blocks and sand have been delivered.