

The weather station on the Roanoke River at Williamston has reported that the river was standing a bit over 11 feet there on Monday and was expected to reach 13.5 feet, or about three feet above flood stage, by Saturday. Although no great flood danger is expected at any point along the river, logging interests and river commerce are expected to be curtailed sharply.

County School Superintendent R. F. Lowry, W. F. Veasey, Beaufort County schools superintendent, and E. D. West, superintendent of Washington city schools will leave Saturday for Washington, D. C., to attend a meeting of the American Association of Secondary School Administrators. Mr. Lowry said that he planned to return to Plymouth on Wednesday of next week.

**Plymouth Town Clerk W. A. Roebuck left here yesterday for a 30-day leave of absence due to illness. Mr. Roebuck entered a hospital in Raleigh for treatment on Wednesday and undergoes an operation there today. He expects to resume his duties with the city administration some time in the latter part of March.**

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Jones of Plymouth, attended the funeral of Mr. Jones' father, Luke Jones, which was conducted at Tuscarora Free Will Baptist Church, Tuscarora, on Tuesday afternoon. The elder Mr. Jones died on Monday.

Jesse B. McNair, former Plymouth resident, has returned to the old home town, this time to stay, after living in Norfolk, Va., since September 1946. Mr. McNair took up his duties as electrician at the North Carolina Pulp Company's plant here on Wednesday, Mrs. McNair, who is still in Norfolk, although temporarily, will join her husband here as soon as living quarters can be secured.

All buses reported in on time and a normal attendance was recorded at the Plymouth schools yesterday, the first day of school since a full week's closure enforced by bad weather conditions. J. S. Fleming, principal of the school, has reported. Some of the classrooms reported a 100 per cent attendance, he said, adding that bus drivers found all roads in the county in a normal condition.

Joe Gray Beasley of Plymouth, route one, has assumed the duties of conservation aid in Washington County under the supervision of Donald B. Jones, county soil conservationist. Mr. Jones has announced. Mr. Beasley took up his position with the conservation service on Tuesday of this week.

Roy F. Lowry, Washington County superintendent of schools, attended a meeting of the North Carolina committee to revise school lunchroom reports in Raleigh on Tuesday. Mr. Lowry was recently appointed to the membership of the State group by Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, North Carolina Superintendent of Public Instruction.

### None Injured in Monday Accident

All parties involved escaped injury and only a relatively small amount of damage was done to the Town of Plymouth Police Car driven by Police Chief P. W. Brown, when it was struck by a Ford automobile being driven by Paul Hardison, local white man, at the intersection of Main and Washington Streets here Monday around 8 a. m.

According to reports from local law officers, Hardison admitted being at fault, stating that he "was in a little too much of a hurry." The accident occurred directly under the intersection's stop-light.

### No Players Secured Yet For Baseball Team Here

Although no definite commitments have been made two county residents are being lined up to play on the Plymouth team in the Albemarle Baseball League's 1948 season, and interviews are scheduled with two more out-of-county players contacted for the county athletic association by R. H. Goodman, president of the Coastal Plain League. A. J. Riddle, president of the county association, has reported. Negotiations are also underway to secure a team manager.

He added that Mr. Goodman said he could supply Plymouth with almost a complete team of out-of-county players, the re-

### Registrations for Bond Election to Begin This Week

All County Voters Must Sign Up in Order to Cast Legal Ballots in Bond Election

Books for the registration of Washington County voters will be opened by registrars in the five voting precincts in the county next Saturday at 9 a. m., in accordance with a measure passed by the county commissioners ordering a completely new registration of county voters for the \$50,000 hospital bond election to be held on March 26.

In making provision for the new registration, the commissioners have pointed out that not only persons who have come of age since the last election are to register, but persons who have previously registered for elections must do so again.

Registrars and their locations are listed as follows: Plymouth precinct: J. T. McNair, registrar, located at his home on week days and at W. T. Freeman's office in Plymouth, on Saturdays; Lees Mill precinct: Wade Hardison, registrar, located at his home on week days and at Knowles Grocery store in Roper on Saturdays; Wenona precinct: H. J. Furbey, registrar, located at his home on week days and on Saturdays; Skinnerville precinct: Mrs. W. W. White, registrar, located at her home on week days and at Scuppernon precinct: J. A. Combs, registrar, located at his home on week days and at his office on Saturdays.

The registrars will keep the books open from 9 a. m. until 6 p. m. each day from this Saturday, February 21, until Saturday, March 13. The last Saturday before the election will be challenge day. All persons who have become 21 years old since the last election registrations are requested to appear before the registrar in his precinct and have his name entered on the books as soon as possible. Persons who have already registered and fail to re-register during the coming period will be ineligible to cast legitimate ballots in the bond election.

If the bond election passes, and indications are that it will, the \$50,000 will be used to pay a portion of the county's debt on a hospital to be built here with State-federal aid.

### Local Citizen Involved In Jamesville Accident

Minor damage resulted but no one involved was injured when Clarence Taylor, Plymouth white man, swerving his car in an effort to avoid striking two children, struck another automobile in Jamesville on Monday afternoon. Reports state that a fender on one of the cars was dented but that no further damage resulted of the automobiles.

### Legion Auxiliary Will Meet on Monday Night

The American Legion Auxiliary of Plymouth will hold a regular meeting at the Charlie Weeks home Monday night, Mrs. Dallas Waters, auxiliary president has announced. She added that all members of the organization have been requested to be present.

### County Marine Engaged In Training Exercises

Pfc. Harrell L. Woodley, USMC, son of Leon A. Woodley of Creswell is now participating in the amphibious training exercises being held on the Southern California coast while serving with Company C, Sixth Marines, it has been reported.

### State Inspection Lane for Automobiles Will Be Located Here March 24 to 28

The State Motor Vehicles Department has announced the schedule of operations for 16 auto mechanical inspection lanes throughout the State during the next four months with Lane 35 being provided for the Washington, Martin, Tyrrell, Beaufort County area beginning in the town of Washington on February 23 and closing out in Aurora on April 24.

The inspection lane will be set up in Plymouth on March 23 at which time public-owned vehicles will be inspected and mechanics instructed on the program. The lane will be opened on the following day, March 24, through March 28.

### Organization for Red Cross Drive Set Up This Week

#### County Schools Are Re-Opened

All schools in Washington County resumed regular class schedules on Wednesday morning after having been closed since Tuesday of last week because of bad weather and the condition of roads in the county.

Washington County's heaviest snow fall since 1927, coming on Monday and Tuesday of last week, effectively put a stop to all school activities for a while and the melting of the snow resulted in such bad conditions of dirt roads that the impromptu holiday was continued in spite of the fact that the main highways had been cleared by Thursday.

### Eight Entries in Vet Show So Far

To date eight entries have been received for participation in the home talent show to be held in Plymouth on Friday night of next week, under the sponsorship of the local post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, W. S. Davenport, commander of the post, has reported.

One male and one female soloist have entered the contest, he said, as well as a string band, a cornetist, and a girl tap dancer. The soloists are Joyce McKeel and William McKeel; the string band is under the direction of A. J. Ange and the cornetist is Asa Johnson. Don Pierce, announcer at a Washington radio station will be master of ceremonies.

Entries are still being received, Davenport said, pointing out that the contest is open to all comers. Those who wish to participate should contact Mr. Davenport, O. A. Marrow, and William Booth in Plymouth, or Asa Johnson in Roper.

Commander Davenport, commenting on the boxing tournament to be sponsored by the VFW on March 15, said that several bouts ranging from featherweight to heavyweight have been arranged and that a wrestling match has been planned if an opponent can be found for the man who has agreed to fight in the latter.

### Friday Last Day To Get Tax Help

Federal income taxpayers in Plymouth and the county have been reminded that tomorrow will be the last day that a deputy collector of internal revenue will be in Plymouth to aid taxpayers in filing their 1947 income returns.

The deputy collector is located at the Plymouth post office from 9:30 a. m. until 5 p. m. having maintained the post yesterday and today with tomorrow the final day when he will be in the county.

Persons whose total earnings during 1947 were \$500 or more must file for federal income tax. They may use either the withholding statement provided by their employer, or they may use from 1040, which can be obtained at the post office. All returns must be filed not later than March 15.

The lanes are portable and will be moved from place to place and will operate at central locations throughout the area during the inspection period. Included in the area served by the local unit will be Dare, Pamlico, and Hyde Counties.

The full schedule for this area is as follows: Washington, February 23-25 public owned vehicles inspected and garage and repairmen oriented on program, lane open to public from February 26 through March 10; Williamston, March 13, adjustment and orientation period, March 14-21, open to public; Plymouth, March 23, public-owned vehicle inspection and mechanic instruction period, open to public March 24-28; Columbia, March 30, public vehicle inspection and mechanic instruction, March 31-April 2, lane open to public; Swanquarter, April 5, public vehicle inspection and mechanic instruction, open to public April 6-8; Belhaven, April 10, public vehicle inspection and mechanic instruction, lane open to public April 11-13; remainder of period lane to be in Bayboro and Aurora.

### Ball Association Resumes Work on Athletic Center

Lighting Equipment to Be Shipped March 1st; Plans to Secure Poles Are Complete

Now that warmer weather has come, plans are going forward rapidly for the preparation of the Stillacres athletic field for the 1948 baseball season. A. J. Riddle, president of the Washington County Athletic Association, has reported.

Mr. Riddle said that arrangements have just been completed for securing 10 poles 85 feet in height to carry lighting equipment at the Plymouth ball park. The poles will be cut at Winfall and will be peeled and creosoted in Norfolk, Va., from whence they will be sent to Plymouth.

He added that lighting equipment for the ball park will be shipped by manufacturers on March 1 and should arrive here about March 15. Included in the shipment, the president said, will be four transformers, two 75 KW and two 37 KW, as well as 120 reflectors, each containing 1500-candlepower bulbs. Posts for the fence to be built around the field have also been ordered, he said.

Efforts are now being made to secure the services of a bulldozer to resume grading operations on the field which were interrupted by heavy weather in the past two weeks. He added that the association hopes to resume the grading by the latter part of this week.

### Another Bus for Clemmons School

In answer to a request from representatives of the J. J. Clemmons Negro School at Roper, members of the Washington county board of education have placed an order with State authorities for an additional school bus to be used in carrying rural students to and from the school, the single bus now operating having proved inadequate for the job.

The vehicle, a 17-foot Chevrolet, is expected to be delivered to the school's authorities sometime in March and will be sent to Roper from Wilson.

### Studio Proofs to Be Shown Friday

Proofs of pictures taken of Plymouth children for inclusion in a "Citizens of Tomorrow" feature to be published by the Roanoke Beacon, will be shown to parents by studio representatives who will be in the Legion Hall in Plymouth from 1 p. m. to 8 p. m. on Friday of this week, it has been announced.

All parents of children whose pictures were taken at the Legion Hall several weeks ago, will be notified by mail of the date and hours the studio representative will be in Plymouth with the proofs. Those who wish to secure additional pictures, other than those to be printed in the Beacon, may do so by special arrangements with the studio's representative. The "Citizens of Tomorrow" pictorial feature will be published in the Roanoke Beacon in the near future.

### Warmer Weather Helps to Relieve Shortage of Fuel

Additional Shipments of Coal, Oil, Aid Higher Temperatures in Lessening Scarcity

With the advent of milder weather, three carloads of coal, and additional shipments of fuel oil to Plymouth, the fuel shortage which has pinched local residents somewhat sharply in past weeks, has become less acute.

Plymouth coal dealers state that they received one carload of briquet coal on Monday, which was distributed on the same day it arrived, and by Tuesday had secured another two carloads, one of split and one of run-of-mine coal.

One local oil dealer said that he expects another 20,000 gallons of kerosene and fuel oil to be delivered here before the end of February, just 11 days away. He added that kerosene seems to be the more plentiful of the two and that there is a possibility that he may even have some left over into March from his February allotment.

Commenting on the fact that warmer weather, appearing close on the heels of the heaviest snow storm Plymouth had seen since 1927, had apparently come to the rescue of fuel dealers in town, another oil dealer said that if the temperatures continue relatively high he might be able to catch up on some if not all of his back orders for liquid fuels.

It was also pointed out that the 1947-48 winter was colder by 30 per cent than the 1946-47 season which, of course, placed an increased strain on supplies of all types of fuel in this section.

### \$2,189.77 Raised For Polio Drive

Final report on collections in Washington County for the recently concluded infantile paralysis drive reveals that a total of \$2,189.77 was donated to the cause by county residents. Mrs. Athalia Gardner Tyree, county campaign chairman, has announced, adding that the figure is \$969.77 above the \$1,220 quota assigned this section.

An itemized list of county contributions, by sections, as reported by the chairman, reads as follows: Plymouth white, \$1,417.96; Plymouth colored, \$148.69; Creswell, \$444.32; Mackees, \$9.36; Wenona, \$20; and Roper, \$149.44. Community chairman, she said, were Mrs. W. C. Jones for Plymouth, Mrs. Golden Williams for Wenona, Mrs. Barton Swain for Roper, Mrs. J. M. Phelps for Creswell, Mrs. Edison Davenport for Mackees, and Prof. A. R. Lord for Plymouth colored.

### Grant Extension For Farm Report

A two-week extension of time for filing performance reports under the Washington County Triple-A program has been given this area by the State committee, Miss Miriam Ausbon, county AAA secretary, has announced, stating that the deadline for submitting the reports has been changed from February 15 to February 28.

So far, she said, only about 80 per cent of the farmers in the county have filed reports on practices carried out under the AAA's 1947 program in this section. Miss Ausbon added that about 809 farmers participated in the program by carrying out some of the practices or using conservation materials.

### Roper Parents-Teachers To Meet Tuesday Night

The Roper unit of the parent-teacher association will convene in the high school auditorium there next Tuesday, February 24, at 8 p. m., officials in the organization have announced. A special Founders Day Program is in preparation for the event. All members are requested to attend.

## Plant To Resume Full-Scale Work Here Next Week

Partial Shutdown Effectuated on February 9 Prolonged by Record Snowfall Last Week

Despite a continued shortage of wood at the North Carolina Pulp Company's Plymouth plant, plans to resume full-time operations at the mill next Monday at 8 a. m. are still in effect today according to an announcement from company officials.

A threatened rise of the Roanoke River, resulting from heavy snows last week, may hamper the delivery of wood materials to the mill, it was added, but to date no provisions for an extension of the partial suspension of activities at the plant is planned.

Due to adverse weather conditions earlier in the month, resulting in an acute wood shortage at the pulp mill, all machines but one were closed down on Monday, February 9, with plans at the time being made to resume full production on the following Monday. On that day and the one following a record snowfall blocking all roads and highways caused a prolongation of the closure with only the bleach plant, soft size, and Number Two recovery unit resuming operations on Monday, February 16. As things now stand, the officials said, it is planned to start The Kraftman and the rest of the pulp mill next Monday.

They added that those employees who are entitled to additional vacation pay and are not working, may receive the pay by applying to their departmental supervisors.

### Alleged Car Thief Is Arrested Here

William Vail Reese, 16-year-old white youth of Newport News, Va., was arrested by Highway Patrolman R. W. Young last Thursday around 4 p. m. on charges of automobile theft and operating a motor vehicle with improper license plates.

The automobile, a 1940 Ford deluxe coach, was taken from a used car lot in Newport News some hours before and driven to Plymouth where Reese, apparently attempting to cover his tracks, stole a North Carolina license plate from the car of William K. Hackney which was parked at Juniper Lodge.

The law officer had seen the car previously with a Virginia license and seeing it later with a North Carolina license plate stopped the young man and investigated. Under questioning, Reese admitted stealing both the license and the automobile.

### No Diagnosis of Polio Disclosed

Although the exact cause of illness of William Edward Coburn, two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie Coburn of Plymouth, has not yet been determined, no definite diagnosis of infantile paralysis has been made, Dr. E. W. Furgurson, attending physician in Plymouth, has reported.

The child was suddenly stricken ill on Sunday of last week, polio infection was suspected and he was removed to a Raleigh hospital on the following Monday. He was confined to the hospital for further observation and treatment until early this week when the Raleigh doctors permitted him to be returned to his home here. Dr. Furgurson has reported the little boy's condition to be improved.

### Mobile X-Ray Unit To Be At Plant Again Tomorrow

The mobile chest X-ray unit which gave X-ray examinations to workers at the North Carolina Pulp Company's Plymouth plant last week will return Friday to complete the examination of plant employees, Dr. John W. Williams, Martin County health officer, has announced.

The X-ray unit will be located at the mill from 10 a. m. until 4 p. m., the return trip being necessitated by the large number of mill workers who are taking advantage of the service. Examinations will be given not only to those now working, Dr. Williams said, but also to those employees who were laid off by the partial shutdown of the mill. Workers have also been requested to bring all members of their families 15 years old and older. Dr. Williams added that he expects 98 per cent of the mill employees to have been given X-ray examinations by Friday afternoon.

### Few to Observe Holiday Monday

Since the anniversary of George Washington's birthday falls on Sunday this year, the several offices and business institutions that observe the day as a holiday will take their holiday, February 23.

Among the places to be closed next Monday are the Plymouth post office, the local bank, the Triple-A office in the Agriculture Building, and the Farmers Home Administration office in the county courthouse. So far as can be learned, other business houses and courthouse offices will remain open as usual.

### Third Breakdown Occurs in Sewer During Week-End

Section of Washington Street Is Closed to Through Traffic Until Pipes Repaired

Another breakdown of the Washington Street sewer line in Plymouth occurred last week-end in the section of the pipe extending from the Fourth Street intersection to the Fort Williams Street intersection, which portion of Washington Street has been closed to through traffic until repairs can be completed.

The break occurred in front of the Gurkin home, near the Fort Williams corner and the Plymouth sanitation department, under the supervision of Police Chief, P. W. Brown, is now at work repairing the damage. Town officials have stated that much less trouble in getting the repair work finished is expected this time since there is relatively little quicksand to be found in that part of town. The excavation, they said, is smaller than that necessitated by the line break occurring several weeks back, and is not as deep, the workmen having had to dig down only about 11 feet.

The break is the third to occur on the Washington Street line in the past year. The first happened in front of the Plymouth Theatre, between Water and Main Streets, last summer, the second beside the Christian Church on the corner of Main and Washington Streets several weeks ago. Repair work on the third break is expected to be completed shortly.

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### Keep Game Fish Caught in Nets

According to resolution passed by the State Wildlife Resources Commission at a recent meeting, all fresh water game fish caught incidental to commercial fishing operations may be retained by the fishermen in accordance with State creel and possession limits, black bass excepted, J. T. Terry, district game and fish protector, has announced.

This means, he explained, that all game fish caught in any commercial net may be kept by the net owner, unless a black bass is taken which must be thrown back. Creel limit on perch, Terry added, is 20 fish per day.