

Resume Work on Stores Undergoing Renovation

Work on the renovation of the Old Brinkley Hotel Building on Water Street, focal point of one of Plymouth's most extensive business house site swaps, has been resumed after being delayed for some time by bad weather.

is engaged in having a glass brick and plate front put up. Most extensive construction work is being done on the sites vacated by the Eureka and Davis Jewelry where Roses dime store will be located. The front has been torn off and a one-story addition will extend the rear of the building 34 feet to provide 5,000 square feet of sales space.

LIONS SPEAKER



North Carolina Secretary of State, Thad Eure, will be the principal speaker at the meeting of the Plymouth Lions Club scheduled to be held in the school lunchroom here tonight at 7 o'clock.

Junior Chamber of Commerce Will Be Set Up Next Week

Tentative Plans for Organization Formulated At Meeting Held Here Tuesday Night

Plans were formulated by a group of 15 young men of Plymouth to organize a Junior Chamber of Commerce here, with the co-operation of the Williamston Jaycees, at a meeting conducted at Juniper Lodge on Tuesday night.

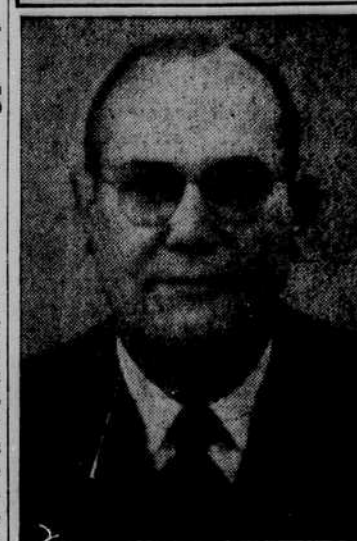
Red Cross Campaign To Get Underway Monday

Water From Lake Phelps Hindering Farm Operations

Depth of Overflow Is Receding Very Slowly; Crops Are Likely To Be Delayed

Although the overflow of Lake Phelps in the lower section of Washington County is not now as deep as several days ago, the fact that the waters are receding to their proper confines extremely slowly presents a very serious threat to crop possibilities in the section for the coming year unless immediate remedial steps are taken.

HERE NEXT WEEK



Sherwood L. Roberson of Robersonville, candidate for district governor of the One-Hundred Eighty-Ninth District of Rotary International, will be the speaker of the evening at the regular meeting of the Plymouth Rotarians on Tuesday night of next week.

Organization Is Completed This Week; Quota For County Is Fixed at \$1,650

The Washington County chapter of the American Red Cross organization will begin its part in the Red Cross's annual fund-raising drive next Monday, March 1, the campaign in this county continuing through Wednesday, March 10, and the county goal set at \$1,650, according to an announcement from J. Shepherd Brinkley, Washington County campaign chairman.

The county has been divided into canvass communities, urban centers into neighborhoods, and chairmen have been named to supervise collections made in each, he said. The district chairmen will be assisted by a number of canvassers who will make solicitations for the drive.

Henry Everett, who is also chairman for the county, is chairman of the Roper white district; Mrs. T. W. Tarkenton is chairman for Pleasant Grove; John R. Stillman is chairman for the Skinnerville district; Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Davenport are co-chairmen for the Creswell section; Mrs. Oliver Stotesbury is chairman for the Wenona section; and W. Frith Winslow is Plymouth white chairman.

Local Registrar Lists 429 Voters On Books So Far

No Reports Yet From Other Precincts; Registration Period Ends on March 13

A total of 429 persons have been registered to date by Plymouth Precinct Registrar J. T. McNair for the coming \$50,000 county hospital bond election which will be conducted through Washington County on Friday, March 26. Books were opened last Saturday and will remain open week days until Saturday, March 13.

Reports from registrars in other voting precincts in the county are not immediately available, but it is assumed that the registration books in other parts of the county are also rapidly being filled.

All persons in the county who have become 21 years of age since the last election are being reminded that they must be entered on the registration books before he can legally exercise his privilege of casting a ballot in the election. Those who have registered before are being reminded that the present registration is a special one and that they must re-register before they can legitimately vote in the balloting.

Local Legion Post To Meet Here Tomorrow

The Plymouth post of the American Legion will conduct a regular meeting at the Legion Hall here Friday at 8 p. m., Commander W. Ronald Gaylord has announced. Commander Gaylord added that all legionnaires are requested to attend the meeting.

Mackeys Couple Attend Last Rites for Father

Mackeys—Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Davenport were called to Fort Mitchell, Ala. last week because of the illness and death of Mrs. Davenport's father, M. B. Vann. Mr. Davenport returned to Mackeys last Friday. Mrs. Davenport and daughter, will remain with Mrs. Vann for several days more.

4-H Planning Member Drive

The six 4-H clubs in Washington county will sponsor a membership drive as their part in observing National 4-H Week. Mrs. Frances M. Darden, county 4-H leader has announced, adding that the clubs hope to increase their individual memberships by at least 10 per cent during the period.

Purpose of the 4-H organization, she said, is to provide adequate group life and farm living educational opportunities for young people residing in rural areas. Those interested in joining the groups are asked to contact Mrs. Darden.

Refunding Bonds of Plymouth Are Sold

State Tax Man Here March 9

Residents of Plymouth and Washington County are being notified that E. Ross Fronberger, deputy collector of the State of North Carolina Department of Revenue, will be located at the clerk of superior court's office in the county courthouse in Plymouth on Tuesday, March 9, for the purpose of giving assistance to taxpayers in filing their State income tax returns and intangible personal property taxes.

Those who must file include any single person or married woman who earned \$1,000 or more in 1947 or any married man who earned \$2,000 or more during the same period. Returns must be filed by March 15.

Vet Talent Show To Be Presented On Friday Night

Three Prizes Offered To Winners Chosen by Audience; 12 Acts Booked Thus Far

A home talent show with contestants vying for honors in every field from vocal solos to string band music will be presented in the auditorium of the Plymouth High School building tomorrow night beginning at 8 o'clock. The show is being given under the sponsorship of the local post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and proceeds will be placed in a building fund to be used for the construction of a VFW-American Legion clubhouse.

Tickets are now being sold by members of the Plymouth VFW organization and entries to the show are still being accepted. Those who wish to become contestants for the three prizes being offered should contact W. S. Davenport, O. A. Marrow, or William Booth in Plymouth, or Asa Johnson in Roper. Prizes being offered are \$25, first prize; \$15, second prize; and \$10, third prize. The amount of applause won by the contestants will determine the winners. Don Pierce, announcer at a Washington radio station, will act as master of ceremonies. VFW honor and color guards will be posted at all entrances for the occasion.

Contract 400 to 600 Acres Cucumbers

Contracts have been signed by the C. C. Lang and Son's Plymouth pickle plant with farmers in this section for the planting of between 400 and 600 acres of cucumbers to be grown by the farmers and purchased by the plant here for pickling when the crop comes due. C. W. Dinkins, plant manager, has announced.

Delegate Named To Raleigh Meet

W. T. Freeman of Plymouth, president of the Washington County Farm Bureau, has been elected delegate member to Tobacco Associates, Incorporated, to represent the North Carolina Farm Bureau organization at its annual meeting to be held in Raleigh next Monday, it has been announced.

Mr. Freeman has also been selected one of the 375 members of the Tobacco Associates corporation, representing the county Farm Bureau organization. The appointments were made by R. Flake Shaw, executive vice-president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau.

Sale Made on Bid Averaging 3.78 Per Cent Interest; Town To Save About \$37,000

Town of Plymouth General Refunding Bonds of 1948 in the full amount of \$250,000, offered for sale under sealed bid at Raleigh on Tuesday have been sold to four North Carolina finance companies, low bidders in the sale, thereby effecting a \$37,000 to \$38,000 saving to the town over a period of 10 years, cutting down the rate of interest paid on bonds outstanding which would have gone to 4 per cent on April 1, to 3.78 per cent.

The first \$50,000 lot of bonds were sold at a 3 1/4 per cent rate of interest; the second \$150,000 lot was sold at a 3 3/4 per cent rate of interest and the remaining \$50,000 lot was sold at 4 per cent, making the final interest percentage rate stand at 3.78. The bonds were sold on a pooled bid made by R. E. Dickson and Company of Raleigh, Vance Securities Incorporated of Greensboro, J. N. Peeler and Company of Durham, and the Branch Banking and Trust Company of Wilson. Only one other bid was submitted but that was for a higher rate of interest and so was rejected.

Plymouth town officials had hoped that a less than 3 per cent interest rate would be bid and had planned on a \$75,000 saving to the town. The money saved, they said, will be used for immediate improvements to the town. Decision to have the refunding bonds issued was made by the Plymouth town council several months ago when it was pointed out to them that interest rate on the current town bonds would increase from 3 to 4 per cent beginning April 1, 1948.

To Give Delayed Jamboree Friday

A Hillbilly Jamboree, scheduled to be held at the Creswell High School last Friday night but postponed because of adverse weather conditions, will be held this Friday night, February 27, in the school auditorium, it has been announced.

The program, being presented under the sponsorship of the Creswell school's home economics department, will be made up from local talent who will give impersonations of cowboy screen and radio stars.

Funeral Held for S. E. Davenport

Last rites were conducted from Davenport Funeral Home chapel in Creswell Sunday at 3 p. m. for Schooler E. Davenport, 77, Newlands section farmer, who died at his home there on Saturday at 5:30 a. m. following a lingering illness. The Rev. Garland C. Bland, pastor of Phillippi Church, officiated at the last rites. Interment was made in the family cemetery.

Mr. Davenport was a native of Washington County and a member of the Phillippi Church of Christ near Cherry. He is survived by one brother, A. H. Davenport of Manteo; and two sisters, Mrs. Julie Ambrose of Creswell and Mrs. J. A. Combs, also of Creswell.

At the time of his death, Mr. Davenport was unmarried. Pallbearers at the funeral were Wooders, Leamon, and Irving Ambrose, John J. Combs, Hilly Davenport, and Dennis H. Phelps.

Funeral Is Held Last Saturday For E. F. Swain

Former County Commissioner Died in Edenton Hospital Friday After Lengthy Illness

Funeral services for E. F. Swain, 78, of Creswell, one of the most prominent citizens of the lower end of Washington County and leading figure in county government for many years, were conducted from Christ Episcopal Church in Creswell last Saturday at 3 p. m. by the Rev. B. Wood Gaither, rector of the church, assisted by the Rev. John W. Hardy, rector of the Church of the Advent in Williamston. Burial was made in the Swain family cemetery.

Mr. Swain died last Friday at 6 a. m. in an Edenton hospital, following a lingering illness. Mr. Swain, who was a retired Creswell business man, was a native of Creswell and son of the late Thomas J. and Mary Jane Woodley Swain. He was a member of the Washington County board of commissioners for eight years and served for quite some time as county tax supervisor. He was a communicant of Christ Episcopal Church and was married to the late Jane Phelps Swain, who preceded him in death in November of 1947.

Mr. Swain is survived by three sons, Paul Swain of Plymouth, Ernest A. Swain of Edenton, and Jamie Swain of Norfolk, Va.; and two daughters, Mrs. Walter Bowen of Plymouth, and Mrs. Ruth Vickers of Durham.

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The majority of the acres to be seeded under the terms of the contract, Mr. Dinkins said, are located in the Plymouth section of Washington County, although there will be some plantings in Tyrrell, Bertie, and Perquimans Counties. Plantings will be made in the latter part of March, he said, with the crop coming due in June. In past years, the cucumber crop was one of importance to local farm operators but contracts were not made extensively by the local plant for the past several years. The new contract effected for this year's crop, the plant manager pointed out, is considered more advantageous to farmers than the one used in previous seasons, although the two are similar.

Inspect Local Lot As Possible Site For Medical Unit

Official Approval Is Not Given Any Location; Hospital Board Will Meet Next Week

A seven-man inspection committee, composed of representatives of the State Medical Care Commission and the Federal Medical Care Commission, accompanied by Frank L. Brinkley, chairman of the county board of commissioners, conducted an investigation last Thursday of a county-owned lot immediately south of the County Home on Highway 32 which the county board of commissioners hopes to erect with state-federal aid.

After completing their investigation the federal and state officials said that while they looked upon the site favorably, official approval can be given no location until official application is made by the county for a hospital built with federal-state aid funds. They pointed out that primary requisites for the hospital site are access to electric power, a sewer system, and an adequate water supply.

Since official application cannot be made until the passage of the pending \$50,000 hospital bond issue election to be held on March 26, full approval to a site in the county will not be made before April or May, or possibly later. So far as can be determined at present, though, the entire county is almost 100 per cent in favor of the bond issue.

The Washington County hospital board of managers plans a meeting during the early part of next week at which time they will discuss the Thursday investigation, size and plan of the medical unit, operational costs, and personnel requirements of such a center.

Speaking Contest Date Is Moved to Week of April 2

Due to unforeseen difficulties, regional contest in Greenville on April 19, while the State-wide contest will be conducted in Raleigh on April 16.

E. H. Liverman, chairman of the Washington County Soil Conservation Committee, and Roy F. Lowry, county superintendent of schools, are in charge of making final plans for the county contest, he said. Final dates, location of the contest and names of entries will be announced as soon as arrangements can be made.

County and Town Meetings Monday

All local governing boards of the town and county will meet in regular session next Monday, March 1, with but little beyond routine business slated to be enacted at the meetings.

The board of county commissioners meeting in the courthouse at 10 a. m., in addition to their routine business matters, will conduct a drawing of jurors for the April term of the Washington County civil superior court.

The board of education, meeting in the county superintendent's office at 10 a. m., will probably review progress made in the construction of the new Negro high school building in Creswell.

The Plymouth town council, convening in the Municipal Building at 8 p. m., will probably discuss the results of the sale of refunding bonds of the Town of Plymouth, offered for sale earlier this week in Raleigh. It is also expected that the council will review the progress made on repairs now being effected to another breakdown in the Washington Street sewer line.

Organization of colored Red Cross workers for Washington County has also been completed and is now ready to function, according to E. V. Wilkins and the Rev. A. R. Winborne, co-chairmen of the colored campaign, section in Roper chairman and M. W. Bryant chairman for the Skinnerville district. P. W. Littlejohn will head the drive in the Creswell section, they said. (See RED CROSS, Page 12)

Mill Worker Is Severely Burned

Howard Comstock, young white employee of the North Carolina Pulp Company, suffered severe burns of the face and eyes Monday when an electric fan blew a sheet of flame from a recovery furnace into the young man's face at the company's Plymouth plant. He was given first aid by Dr. T. L. Bray of Plymouth and taken to a Roper Mount hospital for further treatment.

Reports indicate that Comstock is now resting comfortably and that his eyesight will not be seriously impaired. The accident occurred when the fan was suddenly cut on while one of the furnace doors was opened. Comstock was employed as spoutman on the recovery furnace.

Funeral Held for Charlie E. Barnes

Funeral services were conducted from Saints Delight Christian Church, near Mackeys, on Sunday at 3 p. m. for Charlie E. Barnes, 78, retired farmer of Plymouth, route one, who died at the home of his son, Ben Barnes, near here last Friday at 8 p. m. after an illness of six weeks. The Rev. Preston Clayton of Edenton officiated at the last rites. Burial was made in the family plot in the church cemetery.

Mr. Barnes was born in Tyrrell County in 1869, the son of the late Ebenezer and Ann Chaplin Barnes, moving to Washington County while still a boy. He was a member of the Saints Delight Church and a regular attendant at services for the past 55 years. Until declining health limited his activities, he was an elder in the church. He was married to the late Macie A. Barnes, who preceded him in death several years ago. Mr. Barnes is survived by two sons, C. W. Barnes of Plymouth, and Ben Barnes of Plymouth, route one; two daughters, Mrs. Joseph M. Cox, sr., of Elizabeth City and Mrs. Paul H. Garvey of Norfolk, Va.; 15 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.