

Auto Inspection Lane Returns Here Saturday

State Mechanical Inspection Lane No. 37 will return to Plymouth this week-end, opening up Saturday and remaining until Monday night, February 21st.

Other cars will be examined, but inspectors prefer that the designated models be given preference to avoid congestion and lessen the inconvenience of long delays.

A bill to repeal the law entirely was favorably reported out by a house committee the first of the week, and is awaiting action.

The house probably will pass the repealing law, but that it will be stymied in the senate and that a probable compromise is the one-inspection-per-year proposal.

35 School Students Will Go on Trip to Capital Next Week

Arrangements are about complete for 35 Plymouth High School students to charter a special bus Wednesday morning at 7 o'clock for Raleigh to visit the General Assembly and other scheduled points of interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Hopkins will chaperon the group of students on the school's third visual educational trip of the school year. Other excursions have been to Williamsburg, Va., and Washington, D. C.

The schedule of the trip calls for a visit of one hour each to the sessions of the state senate and the state house of representatives. Plans have been made to see or visit as the time will allow the state museum, Hall of History, library, the Governor's Mansion, Peace Junior College, the state prison, the State School for the Blind, St. Mary's Junior College, State College, Meredith College, fair grounds and the state hospital.

Students planning to make the trip are: Betty Jean Jackson, Betty Ainsley, Frances Bickel, Betty Hudson, Ann Rosenthal, Rene Bassinger, Wilma Johnson, Connie Williford, Frankie Lucadonna, Anna Laura Tetterton, Annabelle Jack, Sonya Sawyer, Gloria Coiro, Dolly Ange, Anita Nooney, Margaret Stanley, Lillian Watson, Norma Berry, Lois Ann McCombs, Shirley Roberson, Martha Myers, Peggy Cox, Charles Hohl, David Read, Philip Tetterton, Philip Gurganus, Henry Sawyer, William McKeel, Lewis Singleton, Billy Blackburn, Wayne Browning, Hugh Pierce, Jr., Bobby West, Eugene Ange, and Dennis Davis.

More Housing Is In Prospect Here

Few Places To Close Tuesday

Next Tuesday, February 22, is the anniversary of the birth of George Washington and a legal holiday as such. However, outside of the bank, post offices and other federal offices it will be just another day in this section.

Locally, the Branch Banking & Trust Company and the post office will be closed. There will be no rural or city mail deliveries, but dispatches will be made and mail placed in lock boxes. General business establishments will be open as usual.

Plans Underway To Begin Work Soon on 42 New Homes in Two Developments

Two new housing projects, involving construction of 42 new homes, are in prospect for Plymouth. It was learned this week. No official information could be secured about either of the proposed developments, but negotiations are said to be about complete for both of them, with the work scheduled to begin in the next few weeks.

One of the projects is for the construction of 15 houses on property adjoining the Country Club Village, presently owned by the North Carolina Pulp Company. It is reported that a firm known as the Plymouth Housing Corporation has an option on the tract, which includes the pulp mill ball-park property. Reynolds May, of Greenville, is one of the sponsors of the movement, with a Mr. Dunn and a Mr. Evans also active in affairs of the new corporation. Mr. Dunn is a contractor while Messrs. May and Evans are associated with the Garvis-Evans Lumber Corporation, of Greenville.

The other project involves construction of 27 houses in the "Brinkley Forest" development, which lies on the west side of Washington Street, a few hundred yards south of the union station. David L. Strain, of Raleigh, who has abandoned earlier plans for developing the Morningside property on East Main Street, is the moving force back of this proposed project.

Mr. Strain was here last week to find out if the town could provide water and sewer service for the Brinkley Forest development. It is estimated that the needed extensions can be made at a cost of \$5,000 or less, and the city council has agreed to do this. Mr. Strain goes through with his plans. He said all the houses would be built to FHA specifications and under its supervision. They are to be frame structures that will sell for around \$6,500. Mr. Strain said at the time he was here that he was anxious to get started as soon as possible. His organization is nearing completion of a similar development in another town, and he wishes to transfer the workmen here to keep his crew together. The old ball-park property and (See HOUSING, Page Ten)

Passage of Local Bill Is Expected Within Few Days

Will Set Up Boundaries For New Wards; Action Necessary Before Election in May

Introduced by Representative E. O. Arnold in the General Assembly several weeks ago, the bill to set up new boundaries for the three wards in Plymouth was finally reported out of the house committee on counties, cities and towns Tuesday and was scheduled for favorable action in the house yesterday. It will then go to the senate where it is expected to pass without opposition.

The bill provides for amending the act authorizing extension of the city limits several years ago. Under its provisions, Plymouth will continue to have three wards, with two councilmen to be elected from each ward.

The first ward will remain as it is now, including all that portion of the town lying east of the center of Washington Street. The second ward will include all that part of the town embraced in the area west of Washington Street and east of Wilson Street. The third ward will be all that portion of the town lying west of the center line of Wilson Street.

In order to prepare for the municipal election on the first Tuesday in May, it will be necessary for town officials to designate polling places and officials for each of the three wards. It is expected that this matter will be taken up at the meeting of the city council on Monday, March 7.

Funeral Monday For Taylor Infant

Funeral services were held for Ernest Taylor, two-month old son, of Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor, of Plymouth, Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Horner Funeral Home here. He was buried in Andrews Cemetery near Williamston. The Rev. P. B. Nickens, of Plymouth officiated at the services.

Interior of Grace Church Here Is Being Painted

Painters should finish painting the interior of Grace Episcopal Church here by the end of the week, according to the rector, the Rev. E. M. Spruill. They started last week. None of the services or meetings of the church were interrupted or postponed, while the church was being repainted.

Good Attendance at Cooking School Here

The cooking school sponsored by the Methodist Women's Society of Christian Service got off to a splendid start yesterday afternoon, with an estimated 250 persons in attendance. The school is being held in the high school auditorium, with Miss Eleanor Hall, of Williamston, home service director for the Virginia Electric & Power Company, in charge of the cooking demonstrations. Miss Hall was assisted yesterday by Miss Audrey M. Goodling, home economics director of the Westinghouse Corporation. In addition to the cooking demonstrations, a large number of prizes were awarded. The cooking school will continue with a session this afternoon at 3 o'clock; another Friday afternoon at the same hour; and close with a special session Friday night at 7:30. Miss Estelle Doyle, of the General Electric Company, will assist Miss Hall at the school this afternoon. Friday afternoon Kelvinator and Thor products will be featured, and Friday night Fridgidaire products will be on display. Local appliance dealers are cooperating in furnishing equipment for demonstrations during the sessions. Several hundred free prizes are being given away during the cooking school, as well as free samples of the food prepared at each session. All the proceeds will go to the educational building fund of the Methodist Church.

Commissioner Talks At Lions Meet About County Road Work

Meter Receipts Off Last Week

The collection from parking meters last week was not quite as good as the first week, according to Chief of Police P. W. Brown, a total of \$126 being realized. The first week's take was \$146.

A few motorists are beginning to take advantage of the meters and the leniency so far shown by local authorities. Chief Brown said yesterday, however, that the period of grace was about over, and the police department is to start issuing red tickets next week. So far only the green "courtesy" ticket have been issued for violations.

Final Rites Held For Cpl. Aubrey Asby Yesterday

Graveside Services Held For Local Marine Corporal Who Was Killed in Pacific in 1943

Graveside services were held in Windley Cemetery yesterday at 2:30 p. m. for Cpl. Aubrey W. Asby, of Plymouth, who was killed in action while serving with the Marine Corps in the Pacific theatre in November, 1943. The Rev. J. D. Waters, of Plymouth, officiated at the services, assisted by the Rev. P. B. Nickens, of Plymouth. Members of the Plymouth posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars acted as pall-bearers. His body arrived by train in Tarboro at 3:50 p. m. Monday, where it was picked up by Jack Horner and his assistant Gilbert Asby and transported to the Horner Funeral Home here by hearse. Corporal Asby was born at Macksays, in Washington County, on July 31, 1920, and moved to Plymouth with his parents about 15 years ago. He attended school in Macksays, Roper and Plymouth. He served in the United States Army for three years through July 1941. In February of 1942 he volunteered for service in the Marine Corps. He was a member of the First Christian Church of Plymouth. Corporal Asby is survived by his parents Mr. and Mrs. John F. Asby, of Plymouth; four sisters, Mrs. Blanche Ainsley, Mrs. Marvin Spruill, and Miss Bowen Faye Asby, all of Norfolk, Va.; and Miss Beatrice Asby, of Plymouth; three brothers, Floyd and Ira Ward Asby, of Plymouth; Harold Asby, of Jamesville; and one half-sister, Mrs. Harold Hopkins, of Cary.

County Records First Fatality

Washington County's first auto accident fatality for 1949 was marked up last Thursday night, when Almenia Collins, elderly Negro woman of the Cherry section, died in Columbia hospital from internal injuries received in an accident the preceding Friday.

She was struck by an automobile driven by Abie Patrick the morning of February 4th, about 9:45 o'clock, as she was attempting to cross the Creswell-Cherry highway. According to a report submitted by Highway Patrolman L. N. Waters, who investigated the accident, the woman started to cross the highway, became confused and jumped back into the path of the automobile. The elderly woman was taken to the Columbia hospital, where she was found to be suffering from a broken right arm, fractured pelvis and seven fractured ribs.

County \$205 Over Quota for Polio

Official tabulation of Washington County's part in the annual "March of Dimes" drive for the fight against Infantile Paralysis showed that county citizens donated a total of \$2,605, exactly \$205 over the county goal of \$2,400, according to the final report handed in yesterday by Mrs. Henry Harrison, county chairman for the campaign.

Mrs. Harrison wishes to thank everyone who took part in the drive, particularly the persons who donated to the worthy cause. County school children did a tremendous job in collecting donations and were commended especially by the county chairman. The remainder of the list of individual contributors will appear later in The Roanoke Beacon.

Hope To Complete Red Cross Canvass Within Five Days

Plans Made for Quick Campaign at Meeting of Committee Chairmen Monday Night

Chairmen of various committees that will conduct the annual Red Cross membership campaign in Washington County next month were guests at a dinner meeting held in the high school lunch room Monday night. W. J. Woolard, county chairman of the drive presided; and Miss Janet Cox, of Rocky Mount, Red Cross field representative was the principal speaker.

At the outset, it was emphasized that a whirlwind campaign to be completed in one week was the goal this year. Mr. Woolard emphasized that if everyone would do his full part when the campaign begins on Tuesday, March 1st, that the county quota of \$1,950 could be reached and surpassed by Saturday, March 5th. He hopes to wind up the campaign in these four days and complete all reports.

Miss Cox led a round-table discussion on various phases of the campaign. She emphasized the fact that 55.9 per cent of all the funds collected remains in the county for local work, while only 44.1 per cent will be remitted to the regional and national organization. Mrs. L. D. Jones, home service secretary for the Red Cross in the county, cited some of the services rendered by the organization in the county.

Mr. Woolard announced the appointment of additional chairmen and committee members to help in the campaign, as follows: Plymouth business district: L. N. Womble, W. B. Liverman, Howard Carr, W. E. Smith and W. C. Hall; Plymouth residential district: Mrs. Lloyd Horton, Mrs. A. J. Byrd and Mrs. L. D. Jones; Roper: L. E. Hassell, Mrs. Tom Norman, Mrs. Barton Swain, Mrs. Aubrey Phelps and Mrs. William Marrow; Macksays: Mrs. James Davenport and Mrs. Cedric Davenport; Wenona, Mrs. Oliver Stotesberry.

Roper Ruritans Chart Progress

Members of the Roper Ruritan Club, at their regular meeting last week, discussed progress made by the club and proposals for the new year that should mean even greater progress. Interesting reports were made by delegates who attended the national convention held recently. The 100-bushel corn contest was another topic, several members reporting they have produced more than 100 bushels per acre during the past year. They also indicated they would do better this year, with some new entries being received. Plans are being worked out for a basketball game on Friday, February 25, at 8 o'clock, when the Ruritans are to play the high school team. This should be interesting, as the Ruritans say they will trounce the Gamecocks. The public is urged to attend, and proceeds will be applied to the purchase of an electric range for the community kitchen.

Raise Total of \$700 For Band Uniforms

Members of the Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce collected approximately \$200 during the past week to add to their donation of \$500, making \$700 that will be turned over to the Plymouth High School band for new uniforms. Mrs. Ethel G. Hopkins, band director, reported she received five uniforms worn by former members of the band. One of them came from Washington. Twenty members of the band now have uniforms.

5,029 Acres Peanuts Allotted To County

Represents Reduction of 23.8% From Normal, But Is Only Slightly Less Than Last Year

Washington County peanut growers have been allotted 5,029 acres for the 1949 crop year, it was learned yesterday from the county Triple-A office in Plymouth. This represents a reduction of 23.8 per cent from the average number of acres planted in 1946, 1947 and 1948, the base period, although it is only 182 acres below that harvested in the county last year, or 3.5 per cent. Miss Miriam Ausbon, secretary, says that individual allotments have been worked out at the county office and will be mailed just as soon as the figures are checked by the AAA field man, who is expected here the first of the week. In the meantime, farmers who wish to determine their 1949 allotments may do so by averaging their acreage goals for 1946, 1947 and 1948 and multiplying the result by 76.02, the factor for this year's crop. While the county allotment is nearly one-fourth less than what is termed "normal," it is in fact only a very little lower than the number of acres actually harvested in the county last year. The "normal" acreage—an average of goals for 1946, 1947, and 1948—is 6,614.8 acres for Washington County. Last year county farmers harvested only 5,211 acres; which makes this year's allotment of 5,029 acres only 3.5 per cent below that figure. This is the first year since 1942 that peanuts have been under acreage quotas, and quite a number of protests are likely to be received about the allotments. However, there is nothing the committee can do about securing larger allotments, as they (See PEANUTS, Page Ten)

Band To Parade and Give Concert Saturday

The Plymouth High School Band will parade through the main streets here and give a brief concert in front of the Legion Hall Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. A collection will be taken up by members of the Jaycees for band uniforms at that time. Last Friday the Jaycees collected \$41 during a similar concert.

Jaycees State Meeting For Friday At 7 P. M.

Members of the Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce are scheduled to meet in the Christian Church Annex Friday night at 7 o'clock. Future plans of the club's drive to get uniforms for the local high school band will be discussed. Several other important matters are to be talked about. Nyal Womble, Jaycee president, urges all members to be present at this meeting.

Hunting Dogs Not Allowed at Large

County Game Protector J. T. Terry this week reminded owners that it is strictly a violation of the hunting laws to allow their deer hounds to run at large. He said that enforcement of this law had been somewhat lax in the past, but that he was going to institute proceedings against the owner of every dog he caught at large in the future.

Mr. Terry said that many does and fawns were killed by dogs permitted to run loose during March, April and May, and he plans to wage an intensive campaign on them during this period. The law requires all hunting dogs to be kept in pens except during open season on game.

Rites Friday for Miss Nina Phelps

The funeral for Miss Nina Phelps, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Phelps, of Creswell, was held from the Mount Tabor Free Will Baptist Church last Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The Rev. Herman Wooten conducted the last rites. Miss Phelps died early Wednesday morning while en route to a hospital in Richmond, Va. Miss Phelps, a popular young girl of the Creswell community, was a member of the junior class of Creswell High School at the time of her death. Classmates served as flower bearers at the final rites. During the service the church choir sang several hymns, and Roger Davenport sang a solo. Besides her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Phelps, the young girl is survived by a brother, Wade Phelps, and three sisters, Neva Gray, Betty Lou and Dixie Carol, all of Creswell. Pall-bearers were Stafford Spruill, J. C. Spruill, Daniel Spruill, David Craddock, Gerald Phelps, and Leedy Ambrose.

Child Burned Fatally In Fire Early Sunday

Michael Dean Patrick, 3-year-old son of Sgt. Burt Patrick and Mrs. Mary Patrick, was burned to death early Sunday morning in a fire which destroyed their home on U. S. Highway 64 a short distance east of the "Y." The mother and another son, Billy, aged 7, managed to escape, although Bill had his hair scorched. Sam Petroff, a passer-by, was severely burned about the arms and face when he went to their rescue. Sergeant Patrick is serving with the U. S. Army in Germany, according to Sheriff J. K. Reid and Coroner Jack Horner, who investigated the occurrence. According to the sheriff, Mrs. Patrick and the two boys were sleeping in a two-room tourist cabin. When they awoke, the cabin was ablaze, and the mother and older son managed to escape, but could not get to the younger son, who was sleeping in a crib across the room. The fire occurred between 5 and 6 o'clock Sunday morning. The cabin was destroyed, but neighbors managed to save several others near by. Origin of the fire is unknown. Charred remains of the younger child were interred Sunday afternoon at Beaver Hill Cemetery in Edenton.