

P. B. Bateman was this week appointed chairman of the district membership committee of the North Carolina Department of the American Legion.

Warren Lupton, of Raleigh, chief of law enforcement for the Wildlife Resources Commission, complained of pains in his stomach while in the county last week-end.

County "bush growers" have been asked to refrain from chewing bubble gum until after the Sesqui-Centennial Celebration in September.

Miss Mae Mitchell, of the state Farm Home Administration office, Raleigh, and Miss Marian Perry, of the Pitt County FHA office, are assisting Willis Bowen, local administrator with office work this week.

Mrs. L. W. Gurkin, sr., of Plymouth, bought the first cosmetics permit entitling her to membership of the "sisters of the swish league," according to James Boyce, chairman of the concessions and novelties committee of the Sesqui-Centennial Celebration.

The home economics department of the vocational-educational department come September, when school begins, according to information from Miss Kathrine Dennis, state supervisor of home economics, Raleigh, through the county superintendent's office.

Miss Dennis' report indicated that the local high school home economics department had met the high standard of qualification by operating with all the necessary equipment. The equipment was purchased about two years ago by the local Parent-Teacher association, which put on a drive and collected \$2,300 for the project.

The federal government, state and county will each pay one-third of the vocational-educational department's cost of operation.

Miss Carolyn Brinkley, present home economics teacher will assume the title of vocational-educational teacher.

Owner of Famed "Devil Dog" Is Employed Here

J. A. Chesson, native of the Roper section who has been living in Mobile, Ala., for the past several years, has been employed by the House Chevrolet Company here as combination salesman and parts man.

When he came out of the service after the war, Mr. Chesson brought his dog, "Samson," a pedigreed Doberman-Pinscher, with him. "Samson" was officially credited with killing 36 Japs during the Okinawa campaign, and his master said that he was responsible for the deaths of hundreds of others flushed out and shot down by accompanying Marines.

"Sisters of Swish" Rules in Outline

"To wear cosmetics, or not to wear cosmetics," to garble a famous Shakespearean phrase, is the question that most Washington County women are pondering these days.

The organization of the county's "sisters of the swish" league as part of the 150th anniversary celebration of the founding of the county to be held in Plymouth September 18-22, caused all the pondering.

For the rules of the league read something like this . . . If a woman 20 years-of-age or older agrees to go without facial make-up until sometime during the

celebration in September, she signs a certificate to that effect. If she said signer "tries to pull a fast one," and is caught wearing make-up, or anyone who is caught in such an unpatriotic action, they then will be "hailed in" to a kangaroo court, which convenes about September 1. The sentence will be left up to the court.

All the teen-age girls in the county are required, as a patriotic gesture, to wear a man's necktie about their waists at all times. The kangaroo court will be in session for those who do not abide by the rules.

However, all the women and teen-age girls can clear themselves of this mess, if they purchase a cosmetics permit. The permit entitles the woman to wear make-up and the girl to go without a necktie. However, these permits should be carried at all times. The permits can be purchased in Plymouth from W. J. Weaver, Bessie LeFever or any member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Persons in various sections of the county have permits to distribute. They will be named next week.

Dollar Days at Local Stores on August 5-6

Friday and Saturday, August 5 and 6, will be "Dollar Days" at Plymouth stores, according to plans mapped out at a meeting of the merchants association held here Tuesday night.

Special promotional banners and pennants have been secured for use inside stores, and they may be obtained at cost upon application to Earl Smith,

association secretary, at Spivey's Store here. Those who plan to cooperate in the promotion are also asked to notify Mr. Smith. It is planned to ask town councilmen to allow free parking on the two "Dollar Days," in which event paper bags will be placed over the parking meters. It is hoped that joint action by local merchants in offering exceptional values during the two-day period will serve to stimulate business here and bring new customers to Plymouth.

Drive Is Made on Illegal Hunting

BLOODSHED BOX SCORE

From midnight Monday of last week through midnight Monday of this week, 17 persons were killed in North Carolina highway accidents and 194 were injured, the State Highway Patrol has reported.

Table with 2 columns: Date/Year, Number of Deaths/Injuries. Includes rows for July 12 through July 18, 1948, and July 18, 1949.

July Court Ended Here Last Friday With Clean Docket

Four Criminal and Six Civil Actions Disposed Of During Last Three Days of Term

Four criminal cases and six civil cases were disposed of in the last three days of the July term of Washington County Superior Court, which ended Friday.

The court found Cary Brown, jr., colored, of Plymouth, guilty of assault on a female. He was (See JULY COURT, Page 7)

Airplane and Six Radio Patrol Cars Used in Spotting Violators in Section Last Week-End

A large number of arrests were effected, three in Washington County, and a number of other game-law violators were routed in four counties of this section last week-end, when local game protectors, with the aid of the law enforcement division of the Wildlife Resources Commission, started a determined "crack-down" to reduce the amount of illegal hunting in the region.

An airplane and six patrol cars, all equipped with two-way radios, were used in making the raids on a wide scale in Washington, Tyrrell, Hyde and Beaufort Counties. At least three persons were cited in Tyrrell County, and several others in Beaufort and Hyde, in addition to the three caught in Washington County.

The first round-up was made Friday night on the Beech Ridge road, near Pantego, where two men were caught fire-lighting deer. They were to be tried in Beaufort County Recorder's Court this week.

Sunday morning the officers arrested two men near Roper, William Davis and John Rhodes, and charged them with hunting on Sunday and out of season. They were fined \$10 each on the first charge and \$25 for the second in recorder's court Tuesday, in addition to the court costs.

Ronnie Sawyer, of Holly Neck, also was cited for being out with a gun on Sunday, and was let off upon payment of the costs in court here Tuesday.

The airplane was used for spotting violators, while the radio called up the patrol cars to make arrests. In addition to those caught, several others got away before one of the cars could get to them, according to officials.

Hugh Hines, of Wilmington, was pilot of the airplane used, and District Protector Ben James, of Williamston, served as radio operator for him. The patrols were made under the supervision of Warren Lupton, of Raleigh, chief law enforcement officer for the commission. County Game Protector J. T. Terry and Bill (See DRIVE MADE, Page 7)

New Teacher Is Signed for Roper

Miss Elizabeth Worthington, of Winterville, has been signed to teach in the grammar grades at the Roper High School next fall, according to information from the office of the county superintendent of schools.

Miss Worthington received a bachelor of arts degree from East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville, in 1947. She has taught the fifth grade in Grifton and Winterville Schools, both in Pitt County.

This far in the county, 1,816 houses have been sprayed with DDT to combat insect pests. Householders in 319 houses refused to use the spray. Vacant dwellings have numbered 21. The crew has found 237 houses/locked upon arrival for work.

South Albemarle Homecoming Set For August 10th

Will Be Held at Manns Harbor; Invitations Being Sent to All Former Residents of Section

The Southern Albemarle Association last week began working on plans for a Southern Albemarle homecoming celebration to be held at Manns Harbor on Wednesday, August 10. The homecoming committee met in Manteo Wednesday of last week to make tentative arrangements for the event. Melvin R. Daniels, chairman of the committee, presided.

It is hoped to make the celebration the largest event of its kind ever held by the association since it was organized in 1935. A special program is being developed, to be followed by a picnic dinner. Music is to be provided by the Elizabeth City and Plymouth High School bands, it was stated. The annual business meeting of the association will be held in the afternoon, and there will be a number of entertainment features in addition.

Invitations are to be sent to all former residents of the four counties which are members of the association, urging them to return for the celebration. Those who have addresses of former residents who should be invited are requested to furnish the addresses to the vice president of the association for their respective counties. Everyone in the member counties of Dare, Washington, Hyde and Tyrrell Counties is invited to attend and bring a basket picnic dinner.

Members of the homecoming committee are: Melvin R. Daniels, of Dare, chairman; H. W. Pritchett, of Creswell; W. S. White, of Manns Harbor; W. W. Watson, of Lake Landing; and Paul Liverman, of Columbia.

Book Circulation Is Up in County

Circulation of free library books in Washington County jumped from 15,205 in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1948, to 21,600 for the year ending June 30, 1949, according to the annual North Carolina Public Library Report made out by Mrs. Jack Bradley, county librarian.

The county bookmobile, which started service in the county during February, has helped the circulation greatly. Mrs. Bradley said. Persons who were unable to get to the library in Plymouth or the book stations in Roper and Creswell in previous years are now regular library patrons, as the bookmobile brings books to them.

Of the books circulated throughout the county during the past year, 10,907 were adult fiction; 1,226 adult non-fiction; 8,593 juvenile fiction and 874 juvenile non-fiction.

Total number of books in the library at this time is 6,757 as compared to 5,929 last year. The list includes 2,947 adult fiction books, 1,566 adult non-fiction, 1,694 juvenile fiction and 550 juvenile non-fiction.

Book borrowers, who register for a three year period, reached the total of 1,309 this year as compared to 870 last year. Adults registered number 745. There are 564 juveniles registered.

DDT Crew Works In Scuppernon

Scuppernon Community is the scene of operations this week for the DDT sprayer unit crew of the Washington-Tyrrell District Health Department, Delbert Allen, sanitation officer, reported yesterday.

Thus far in the county, 1,816 houses have been sprayed with DDT to combat insect pests. Householders in 319 houses refused to use the spray. Vacant dwellings have numbered 21. The crew has found 237 houses/locked upon arrival for work.

Local Legion Post to Meet at 7:15 Friday

Members of the James E. Jethro Post No. 164 of the American Legion are scheduled to have a short business meeting Friday night in their hall at 7:15, according to Dallas Waters, local commander.

The meeting will begin 45 minutes earlier than usual to allow those who have other engagements to make them on time, Commander Waters said.

Stamp Sales Up at Post Office; Money Orders on Decline

Report Is Made on First Six Months Business at Office Here by Postmaster J. C. Swain

Stamp sales at the Plymouth post office showed a slight increase in the first six months of 1949 over the corresponding period of 1948, it was learned this week from Postmaster J. Corbett Swain. Money orders showed a substantial decline during the same period, the postmaster stated.

During the first quarter of the year, both stamp sales and money orders showed a decrease. However, the increase during the second quarter was sufficient for the stamp sales to pick up the difference and show a slight gain, although money orders continued to show a drop.

Last year, February and March were the big months in stamp sales, while this year the largest months were March and May. March was the best month for money orders in both years.

Total stamp sales for the first six months of 1949 were \$10,053.31, against \$9,840.76 last year, a gain of \$212.55 this year. Money orders amounted to \$180,391.65 this year, against \$190,729.23 last year, reflecting a decrease of \$9,337.50.

Small Crowd at Tobacco Meeting

Due to the storm, only about 20 persons attended the organization meeting for the tobacco referendum held at the agricultural building here last Friday night, but enthusiasm was said to have been high among those present. J. L. Kelton, of the state AAA office, was in charge of the session, and W. W. Eagles made the principal talk.

Committeemen who attended were urged to get out the vote at the referendum to be held on Saturday of this week, when the fate of the tobacco control program will be decided for another three years. It is felt that a big majority of county farmers will vote for quotas for another three years if they go to the polls, but there is some apathy and a light vote is forecast.

W. M. Darden, president of the Washington County Farm Bureau Federation, was present and volunteered to get out cards to all members of that organization urging those eligible to vote Saturday.

Revival Services At Wenona Church

The Rev. G. C. Bland, pastor of Philippi and Scuppernon Churches of Christ began a series of revival services at the Wenona Church of Christ Monday of this week, July 18, and will continue it through Wednesday, July 27. The public is cordially invited to attend all services.

Young peoples' meetings, under the direction of Miss Millie Woodley and Mr. Bland, begin each night at 7 o'clock, and worship services follow at 8 p. m. Attendance thus far has been good, according to reports, and Mr. Bland is anticipating a great revival.

'Youth for Christ' Rally Set Sunday

The next "Youth for Christ" rally in Washington County will be held next Sunday, July 24, at Scuppernon Church of Christ, starting at 3 p. m., according to the Rev. G. C. Bland, adult supervisor. Dallas Ayers, student at Johnson Bible College, Kimberlin Heights, Tenn., will be the principal speaker.

Features of the rally include a Bible quiz, Bible IQ test, solos, and quartet singing. "The old are invited and the young are urged to attend," Mr. Bland said Monday in announcing the rally.

Library To Close for Week, Starting Aug. 1

The Washington County public library in Plymouth will be closed the week of August 1-6, while Mrs. Jack Bradley, county librarian, takes her annual vacation. Mrs. Bradley announced yesterday. During the week the county bookmobile will continue its regular schedule of stops.

Farmers Vote on Tobacco Quota Program Saturday

Power To Be Cut Off Several Hours Sunday

S. P. Woolford, manager of the Williamson district of the Virginia Electric & Power company, announced yesterday that the power in this section would be turned off Sunday morning, July 24, between the hours of 4:30 a. m. and 8 a. m.

Due to the increasing demands for electric power, the company has found it necessary to make certain changes to increase the capacity of the 110,000-volt sub-station at Tarboro. The current will be turned off

Sunday morning for the safety of men working in the sub-station. In case of bad weather Sunday, the work will be postponed until the following Sunday, at the same hours.

The following towns and surrounding areas served by the VE&P Company will be affected: Plymouth, Roper, Creswell, Columbia, Scotland Neck, Leggett, Lawrence, Speed, Conetoe, Bethel, Robersonville, Hamilton, Williamston and Jamesville.

Hoey To Be Speaker At Sesqui-Centennial

Accepts Invitation to Make Initial Speech at Celebration Here September 19th

United States Senator Clyde R. Hoey, has accepted an invitation to speak here during the Sesqui-Centennial Celebration this fall, according to W. Roy Hampton, chairman of the speaker's committee.

He joins Senator Frank P. Graham, Representative Herbert C. Bonner and Carl Goerch, editor of the State Magazine, Raleigh, who previously accepted to speak on separate days during the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the county. The big birthday party will be held in Plymouth, September 18 through the 22nd.

Senator Hoey is scheduled to speak at the opening exercises of the celebration on Monday, September 19, designated as "Dignitary Day."

Plans call for Mr. Goerch to speak Monday night, September 19, prior to the raising of the curtain on the first of four spectacles to be presented on consecutive nights at the baseball park. Senator Graham will be the speaker on the "Youth Day" program, Tuesday, September 20; and Representative Bonner will give the main address on "Homecoming Day," Wednesday, September 21. The principal speaker for "Veterans and Patriots Day" Thursday, September 22, the last day of the celebration, has not been named, according to Chairman Hampton, but the engagement will be filled soon.

Dance for 'Bush Growers' Aug. 5

A dance will be given at Albemarle Beach on Friday night, August 5, honoring the bearded brothers of the Washington County Bush Growers' League and "Sisters of the Swish," according to announcement this week by L. W. Gurkin, owner of the beach.

Details of the dance have not been worked out, but Mr. Gurkin is endeavoring to secure an orchestra for the event, and prizes will be offered for the couple most authentically portraying the styles of 1799, when the county was organized. The "bush growers" and "swish sisters" are readying themselves for the Washington County Sesqui-Centennial Celebration that will be held in the county September 18-22.

Those who are not taking part in the "bush-growing" and "swishing" will be admitted, but likely at a higher rate. Special sections will be reserved for spectators, including the "hen-pecked and B-I's." All the proceeds from the dance, above actual expenses, will be turned over to the celebration fund, Mr. Gurkin stated.

Begin Revival Sunday At Piney Grove Church

Announcement was made this week that an "old-time revival" would begin next Sunday, July 24, at the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church. The Rev. J. R. Forrest, of New Bern, will bring the message each evening, beginning at 8 o'clock, assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Richard Ambrose, of Creswell. The meeting will run through the fifth Sunday night, July 31.

The public is cordially invited to attend all services.

Two-Third Majority Will Be Required To Keep Quotas in Effect; Light Vote Forecast

Washington County tobacco growers, along with those of all flue-cured tobacco-producing areas, will go to the polls Saturday of this week to vote on continuance of two programs considered by many to be vital to profitable production of the "golden leaf." While the two programs are entirely separate, they are being held on the same date, at the same polling places and using the same officials.

First, and generally considered most important is the vote on continuance of tobacco quotas. Growers will have three alternatives: They may vote for quotas for three years, 1950, 1951 and 1952; they may vote for allotments for the one year of 1950; or they may vote against any quotas.

The second referendum is on continuance of the 10 cents per acre levy for the Tobacco Associates export program. Purpose of this assessment is to raise the farmers' portion of funds necessary to maintain an export program for flue-cured tobacco being operated through Tobacco Associates, Inc.

Owners and operators of tobacco farms, landlords, tenants, share-croppers or any others who have a direct interest in the proceeds of the 1949 tobacco crop are entitled to vote in the referendum.

Farm leaders in this section are seriously concerned over the lack of interest in the referendum, and it is feared a light vote will be cast in this county. Unless the quotas are favored by two-thirds of the participating growers, the control will be abandoned after this year, which means the price support program also will be abandoned.

There are 297 farms in Washington County on which tobacco is grown, and there are an estimated 400 to 500 persons eligible to vote. In the last election on the same question, in 1946, farmers of the county supported the quotas by a vote of 313 to 1, with 3 votes favoring one-year quotas.

Every effort is being made by community committeemen and others who realize the importance of the price-support program to have a sizeable vote cast in the county. Except for 1939, when quotas were disapproved by the farmers and tobacco prices dropped to an alarming extent, marketing quotas have been in effect on flue-cured tobacco every year since enactment of the 1938 AAA act.

There are two polling places in the county, at the agricultural building in Plymouth for farmers of the Plymouth and Long Acre (See TOBACCO, Page 7)

Marketing Cards Being Prepared

The local Triple-A office force is busy right now preparing marketing cards for tobacco for the coming season, and they should be ready for delivery to farmers by the latter part of next week. Growers will be notified and requested to call at the office for the cards as soon as they are made out.

Tobacco markets in the local belt will not open until August 18, but a few farmers in this section usually sell some tobacco on the border markets, which will open on August 2. It is expected that less tobacco than usual will be carried that far this year, however, due to the short crop in this section.

Polls Open From 8 To 6 Saturday

Polls for the tobacco referendum Saturday of this week, July 23, will be open from 8 a. m. until 6 p. m., it was announced last week by the county AAA committee. Polling places and officials have been appointed as follows:

For growers in the Roper, Pleasant Grove, Cherry, Creswell and Mount Pleasant communities: At Knowles' Grocery in Roper. F. C. Tarkenton, W. C. Spruill and R. W. Lewis, pollholders.

For growers of the Plymouth and Long Acre sections: at the Agricultural Building in Plymouth. H. G. Simpson, Joe Snell and Wilson Bowen are pollholders.

Very Poor Season For Cucumbers Is Drawing to Close

Local Plant Has Received About 35,000 Bushels; Growers Paid Total of About \$70,000

One of the poorest cucumber seasons in recent years is coming to a close, it was learned yesterday from C. W. Dinkins, manager of the C. C. Lang & Sons plant here on Brinkley Avenue. Mr. Dinkins said that deliveries had about come to a standstill, and it is expected that few will be received during the remainder of the current week.

Heavy rains starting about two or three weeks ago just about ruined the crop in this section, but, despite that, the local plant had paid out upwards of \$70,000 to farmers at what is ordinarily a very dull season for them. The local plant had about 600 acres of cucumbers under contract with about 475 growers.

The season started off very well, but a great many growers never made more than one delivery, as the rains started about the time harvesting began, making it difficult to gather the cucumbers at the most advantageous time. A few growers did very well, one farmer reporting a gross income of \$800 from two acres of cukes.

Mr. Dinkins stated that about one third of the 35,000 bushels received (See CUCUMBERS, Page 7)

Wedding at Baseball Game Here July 27

Benjamin Streeter Tugwell, popular young right fielder for the Plymouth Rams, and Miss Helen Marie Sturgeon, of Glendale, Ky., will be married at home plate in the baseball park here next Wednesday night, July 27, between the first and second halves of the fifth inning of a baseball game between Plymouth and Hertford, it was announced here yesterday. The Rev. J. D. Waters, pastor of the First Christian Church, will perform the ceremony.

It is expected that a record crowd will be on hand for both the ball game and the wedding ceremony, as Tugwell is one of

the most popular members of the local team and has hundreds of friends throughout the section. Members of the two baseball clubs will serve as attendants during the ceremony.

Miss Sturgeon is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Sturgeon, of Glendale, Ky., but has been living in Wilson for the past several months. Mr. Tugwell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Tugwell, of Walstonburg. He has played baseball here for the past two seasons, and in the off-season is employed at the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company. The young couple plan to make their home in Plymouth.