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Earl Smith, local merchant, is spending his vacation this week on his dad's farm near Edenton. Mr. Smith's father became ill last week and the son was called home to help with the chores. He expects to be back at work in Plymouth on Monday.

Mrs. Katherine Harrison has returned to Plymouth after attending a six-week summer school course at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Mrs. Harrison is a member of the local school faculty, teaching one section of the third grade at the Hampton Building.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Holbrook returned week before last after a two-week visit with Mrs. Holbrook's sister, Mrs. W. K. Nixon, at Walla Walla, Wash. Mr. and Mrs. Holbrook flew out to Washington and back and reported a very enjoyable trip. They were favorably impressed with the country around Walla Walla, which is in the heart of the Northwestern apple-growing section. Mr. Holbrook said that about 6 inches of snow fell on some of the mountains near Walla Walla while he was there, and the weather was pleasant throughout his stay.

D. D. Allen, sanitarian for the Washington-Tyrrrell District Health Department attended a quarterly meeting of sanitarians for the northeastern section of the state at Elizabeth City Monday. Officers were elected and there was a round-table discussion of a number of problems, including drainage, rural sanitation, DDT programs, rodent control, and plumbing codes.

Miss Marian Brinkley underwent an operation for a throat ailment in a Norfolk hospital last Sunday. She is reported to be improving steadily and expects to be released from the hospital to return home some time today.

## J. F. Bateman, Sr., Passes at Creswell

Final rites were held yesterday for Joseph Franklin Bateman, sr., 62, of Creswell, who died Monday at 7:45 a. m. at the home of his son Ed Bateman. Mr. Bateman was bedfast the last two months of his life.

Funeral services were held at the Sound Side Missionary Baptist Church at 3 p. m. yesterday by the Rev. W. R. Stephens. Burial was made in the church cemetery.

Mr. Bateman was the son of the late Enoch and Emma Davenport Bateman, of Tyrrrell County. He was born in that county on October 16, 1886. He came from Tyrrrell County to Washington County about three years ago. Mr. Bateman was engaged in farming. He was a member of the Sound Side Missionary Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Bessie Alexander Bateman, of Creswell; two sons, Ed Bateman, of Creswell, and Joseph Franklin Bateman, jr., of Cherry Point; two daughters, Mrs. L. E. Hicks, of Long Beach, Calif and Miss Lillie Mae Bateman, of Newport News, Va.; four brothers, W. E. Warren and John Bateman, all of Columbia; Ema Nuell Bateman, of Portsmouth, Va.; and one sister, Mrs. Emma Phelps, of Roanoke Rapids.

## Need Photos for County Pamphlet

For the past several months Benton Liverman has been gathering material together for the Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce to publish a pamphlet about the opportunities for work, play and rest that can be found in Washington County.

The pamphlet is nearly ready to be sent to the publishers, but it lacks good photographs of the county, according to Mr. Liverman. He asks any person who has a recent picture of some scene in the county and would like to donate it for use in the pamphlet send it to him in Plymouth.

## Ray Cole To Play for 'Bush-Grower' Dance

The dance at Albemarle Beach in honor of "bush growers" and "sisters of the wish" will be held on Saturday night of next week, August 6th, instead of Friday night, August 5th, as reported last week, according to L. W. Gurkin, owner of the beach.

Ray Cole and his orchestra, of Richmond, Va., have been booked to furnish music for the dance, which should be one of the high spots of the preliminaries to the Sesqui-Centennial Celebration here September 18-22. Proceeds

## County, Town Boards Meet Monday

County and town governing boards will hold their regular August meetings next Monday. The county commissioners and board of education meeting in the courthouse at 11 o'clock Monday morning, while the Plymouth City Council has its session set for 3 p. m. Monday night in the municipal building.

County board of education members will take up routine matters in connection with the opening of schools in about a month or so. The county commissioners do not have anything special on their agenda, although

they probably will officially adopt the budget and tax rate, which were considered and tentatively approved at their July meeting. They may also begin consideration of the secondary road problem, which will come to the fore as the state-wide road-building program gets underway next year.

The city council members may get tangled up over the trash and garbage removal question. This is a problem that has been hanging fire for several months, and it is likely that definite action

will be taken at their meeting Monday night.

It has been suggested that more efficient trash removal be had by requiring householders to place their trash and garbage cans at the edge of the streets in front of their homes at designated times. This would eliminate the present costly system of driving into back yards and dumping the garbage cans into the truck. Some of the councilmen favor one plan, some another, and it is probable that the matter will be given a full airing at the meeting Monday.

## Opening in Georgia Averages About \$50

Conflicting reports received from opening sales; price little lower than last year

Conflicting reports came out of Georgia yesterday, following the opening sales of flue-cured tobacco for this season. Market operators generally claimed that prices were about the same as last year, while Department of Agriculture officials and some other private reports indicated the average prices were from one to three cents under the opening last year.

Last year, the opening day average for the Georgia-Florida Belt was a record \$53.20. It is fairly generally agreed that the average this year will be around the \$50 mark. Farmers in that section are reported to have a record crop of unusually good quality. Prices were said to be satisfactory to most of the growers. It was estimated there were more than 30,000,000 pounds of tobacco on the 80 warehouse floors of the 21 markets of the belt.

As of July 1, the U. S. Crop Reporting Board estimated the 1949 crop of Georgia and Florida flue-cured tobacco to be 131,708,000 pounds. If this production is realized the crop would exceed the 111,634,000 pounds produced last year by almost 18 per cent. Also, it would be the second largest of this type in history being surpassed only by the 1947 harvest. Production in all flue-cured types this year is expected to be 1,155,058,000 pounds as against 1,089,584,000 pounds in 1948.

The United States Department of Agriculture reports that producers' sales in the Georgia and Florida flue-cured belt last year amounted to 120,690,013 pounds averaging \$47.48 a hundred. Total flue-cured sales were 1,082,197,987 pounds for a \$50.01 average.

Quality of the Georgia and Florida crop is reported to be good—better than last year. Production of the crop got off to an early start with an ample supply of healthy plants. Heavier applications of fertilizer were made this year than ever before. Yield per acre is estimated to be the greatest on record. The crop has ripened fast and an unusual large amount of tobacco is ready for sale. Volume of sales is expected to be very heavy when the markets open.

Loan rates of the Commodity Credit Corporation for the 1949 crop of flue-cured tobacco have been lowered in many instances. Decreases from last year range from \$1 to \$4 per hundred pounds with the great majority of reductions amounting to \$2. The rates of unlied tobacco range from \$5 for best nondescript to \$66 for choice lemon wrappers. Around 42 per cent of the grades remain at the same levels as for the previous year. The grade price loan rates for the 1949 crop of flue-cured tobacco average 42.5 cents per pound, which is 90 per cent of the June 15 parity price. For unlied offering the rate for each grade is 4 cents per pound below the rate for tied tobacco of the same grade. Georgia and Florida tobacco is marketed untied. Last season loans were made on 4,654,174 pounds in the Georgia and Florida area, or 3.9 per cent of net sales. Total deliveries in all flue-cured types in 1948 were 105,720,565 pounds—9.8 per cent of net sales.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Blount, co-chairman of the reception committee, report there will be a meeting of their committee next week. However, the date, time and place have not been decided. They are beginning to compile a list of relatives of all Washington County residents who live out of the county and former residents who have moved away. The co-chairmen would appreciate help in gathering this list, so that invitations to the celebration may be sent out immediately.

## Public Library Will Be Closed All Next Week

The Washington County public library will be closed all next week, while Mrs. Jack Bradley, county librarian, takes her annual vacation, according to an announcement made by Mrs. Bradley. The county bookmobile will follow its regular schedule next week.

## Housing Project at Winesett Property Includes 28 Homes

First House To Be Ready In 30 Days; Plan to Finish Project Within Four Months

Construction began Monday morning on 28 new bungalow type houses to be erected on six acres of the Eli Winesett property here. The new settlement to be known as Plymouth Court, will be bounded by Fourth Street, Monroe Street, the Norfolk and Southern Railroad and Wilson Street, old U. S. Highway No. 64. The houses are being built by the Moore-Johnson Corporation, of Raleigh.

All of the houses are of frame structure. They will each contain four rooms and a bath, hardwood floors and inlaid linoleum. The first house will be completed and ready for occupancy within 30 days, Robert Wright, construction engineer, stated. The others will be completed at intervals thereafter, with a possibility that the entire project may be completed in three or four months.

The houses are being sold by the corporation. Arrangements have been made to finance the houses through the FHA and GI loans. A definite down payment would take care of the purchase, with monthly payments worked out to suit the buyer.

All the houses will be built on lots with 50 or 60 feet frontage and with depth up to 167 feet. The houses will be laid off so as to face the roadway in the center known as "Winesett Circle."

This is the second housing project to start in Plymouth within a month. The first one was at a County Club estates. The "Brinkley Woods" section is being considered as a site for a housing development, but no plans have been announced recently.

## Creswell Ruritans Back Celebration

Thomas F. Hopkins, executive chairman of the Washington County Sesqui-Centennial Celebration, spoke before members of the Creswell Ruritan Club Monday night in the Galilee Mission community building near Lake Phelps about the 150th anniversary event of the founding of the county to be held in Plymouth September 18-22.

The Creswell Ruritans voted to help work on the celebration in any way they are able. J. W. Seward, of Smithfield, a district officer of Ruritan National, gave a short address on Ruritanism.

The women of Galilee Mission served the dinner.

## Prospects Not Too Good For Peanuts

Prospects for a good peanut yield in the northeastern section of North Carolina are not too good at this time, according to the latest report of the United States Department of Agriculture.

The crop got off to a late start. Considerable replanting was necessary and earlier this month there was too much rain, which hampered cultivating operations. Some fields are reported to be very grassy, and plants in a few fields have turned yellow while some low spots have been completely drowned out.

The demand for peanuts for edible purposes has been good during the past week, according to the report, especially for jumbo, fancy, extra large and No. 1 grades, which are in scarce supply. The market was slightly stronger.

## Joint Picnic for Ruritan Clubs

Plans are about complete for members of the Roper and Creswell Ruritan Clubs and their wives to hold a joint meeting and picnic at Albemarle Beach next Thursday night, August 4, beginning at 6 o'clock.

Curtis Olds, of Virginia, vice president of Ruritan National is scheduled to be the featured speaker of the evening.

## BLOODSHED BOX SCORE

From midnight Monday of last week through midnight Monday of this week, 14 persons were killed in North Carolina highway accidents and 136 were injured, the State Highway Patrol has reported. Following is the box score for this year, as compared with the same period last year:

Killed July 19 through July 25	14
Injured July 19 through July 25	136
Killed through July 25, this year	424
Killed through July 25, 1948	361
Injured through July 25, this year	4,796
Injured through July 25, 1948	3,926

## Committees Work on Plans for Celebration

The reception, housing and window display committees of the Washington County Sesqui-Centennial Celebration were reported ready to swing into action this week by the chairmen, who are charged with part of the responsibility for making a success of the county's 150th anniversary celebration to be held in Plymouth September 18-22.

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## DISTRICT HEAD



The Rev. Stewart B. Simms, pastor of Memorial Baptist Church, Williamston, who will serve as district supervisor in Washington, Beaufort, Greene, Martin and Pitt counties for the 1949 North Carolina CROP Friendship Train.

## Weather Not Yet As Hot as It Was Here Last August

Average High for Past 5 Days 95.3, According to Readings Taken by Officials at Test Farm

The heat is on in Plymouth, literally, that is. Since last Friday and through yesterday, local residents have been cussin' and discussing the hot weather at length and with emphasis. Some have said it's never been hotter in this vicinity, while others say it has been hotter.

J. L. Rea, at the Tidewater Experimental Station, near Plymouth, is one of the latter. He says that the average temperature for five days, from last Saturday through yesterday, was 95.3 degrees. The high daily temperatures for the five days were as follows: Saturday, 96 degrees; Sunday, 92 degrees; Monday, 97 degrees; Tuesday, 96.5 degrees; and Wednesday, 95 degrees.

Mr. Rea also said that the record high figure was set some years ago at 101 degrees. Last August 29th the mercury reached an even 100 degrees. Over a three-day period, August 27, 28 and 29, 1948, the temperature averaged 98.6 degrees.

According to the records at the experiment station, Monday may have been the hottest day, but Earl Bowen here puts in a claim for Tuesday. At noon the thermometer in front of the Bowen Grocery at Water and Washington Streets registered 106 degrees—but, of course, that was in the sun. Other readings for the past five days by various residents have ranged from 95 to 103 degrees—depending upon the location and various correlated factors, including, at times, the disposition of the person doing the talking.

## Mrs. C. S. Davis Rites Tuesday

Funeral services were held Tuesday for Mrs. Cottie Spencer Davis, 71, of Roper, who died Sunday at 10:30 a. m. in a hospital in Washington. Her health had declined for the past six years. She was confined to the bed for the last two weeks.

The Rev. W. A. Armstrong, of Columbia, conducted the final rites in the Holly Neck Disciples Church Tuesday at 3 p. m. Interment was made in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Davis was the daughter of the late William Spencer, of Washington County and the late Sarah Armstrong Spencer, of Tyrrrell County. She was born in Tyrrrell County on June 7, 1878. She married W. D. Davis, of Columbia, on May 9, 1899. She came to this county from Tyrrrell County about three years ago. Mrs. Davis was a member of the Holly Neck Disciple Church for 28 years and was a regular attendant.

She is survived by her husband, W. D. Davis; two sons, Robert and William Davis, of Roper; a daughter, Mrs. Vivian Comer, of Roper; three half sisters, Mrs. Minnie Volivar, Mrs. Ardine Volivar, and Mrs. Mellon Volivar, all of Columbia; two brothers, Neise Spencer, of Columbia, and Eddie Spencer, of Deep Creek, Va.

## Legionnaires Talk Veterans Building

R. L. Tetterton, in charge of building the Plymouth veteran's clubhouse, pointed out the present needs to further the construction of the building to fellow comrades in a local American Legion post meeting in their hall last Friday night.

A report from the building committee indicated that window sashes and other materials will be purchased soon. A plan for the purpose of raising additional funds was discussed. The plans for the fund raising campaign will be announced as soon as details are worked out, Dallas G. Waters, legion commander, said.

## W. H. Peele Seriously Ill In Rocky Mount Hospital

W. H. (Jack) Peele, former Washington County representative, was said to be "holding his own" in a Rocky Mount hospital yesterday afternoon after undergoing an emergency operation for removal of a bursted appendix there last Friday afternoon. His condition was reported critical following the operation, and he has shown only slight improvement since.

## County Growers Vote Heavily for Tobacco Quotas

### Marketing Cards Being Made Out

Marketing cards for tobacco farmers who planted within their allotments this year are now being made out at the county AAA office. Any producer who wishes to sell on the border markets, which open next Tuesday, August 2, may get his marketing card by going to the office and asking for it, Miss Miriam Ausbon said yesterday.

Tobacco markets on the Eastern Carolina Bright Belt will open on Thursday, August 18. Marketing cards may be called for by county farmers at any time after August 1.

### Vote Was 203 For and 2 Against 3-Year Program; Two Votes for One-Year Plan

Washington County farmers last Saturday voted overwhelmingly in favor of continuation of tobacco quotas for the next three years, and also voted for continuation of the 10 cents per acre levy for carrying on the Tobacco Associates, Inc., export program. Two out of 207 voters favored quotas for one year, and two others voted against any quotas.

While the vote in this county favored continuation of the tobacco control program by better than 100-to-1 majority, the vote throughout the flue-cured tobacco producing areas was about 73 to 1, according to reports Monday. A two-thirds majority of the participating growers was required to keep the allotments in effect, and the total is considerably larger than was necessary. This means that tobacco quotas will continue to be in effect for the crop year 1950, 1951 and 1952. It also means a continuation of the price-support program, which has meant millions of extra dollars to growers during the past decade.

Opposition to the program, what little there was, was centered in the Plymouth and Long Acre sections. Both votes against quotas came from the Plymouth community, while there was one compromise vote for one-year quotas in each of the Plymouth and Long Acre sections.

The single disappointing feature about the referendum, according to farm leaders, was the small vote cast. With about 350 growers eligible in the county, only 207 votes were cast. Not a single vote was cast from the Creswell, Cherry and Mount Pleasant communities.

The Roper polling place reported 80 votes, all in favor of three-year quotas. Sixty-four of the number were from Roper and 16 from Pleasant Grove. One hundred and twenty-three votes for the three-year program were cast in the box at the agriculture building here, 64 from the Plymouth community and 59 from the Long Acre section. There was one vote from Plymouth for the one-year program and two votes against any quotas. Long Acre reported one vote for one-year quotas and none against. The county totals were as follows: For three-year quotas, 203; for one-year quotas, 2; against quotas, 2.

The vote for the Tobacco Associates levy of 10 cents per acre for the export program was 199 for; 1 against.

## Another Speaker For Celebration

Dr. Sankey L. Blanton, dean of the school of religion at Wake Forest College, has accepted an invitation to speak in Plymouth during the Sesqui-Centennial Celebration in September, according to the Rev. P. B. Nickens, chairman of the committee on religious activities.

United States Senators Clyde R. Hoey and Frank P. Graham, Representative Herbert C. Bonner and Carl Goerch, editor of the State Gazette, Raleigh, have already accepted to speak on separate days during the celebration of the 150th anniversary of Washington County.

Dr. Blanton plans to speak Sunday night, September 18 at 8 p. m. in the baseball park here during a joint union service of all the churches in the county.

## Fire of Incendiary Origin Does Little Damage Last Week

Inspectors From State Fire Marshal's Office Investigate Blaze at "4251" Here Friday

The fire which damaged 4251 local restaurant and soft-drink establishment, located on West Water Street next to the Daily Theatre, early last Friday morning, was reported by Fire Chief Miller Warren to have been of incendiary origin. Inspectors from the State Fire Marshal's office and the State Bureau of Investigation have been here since the fire occurred, but no reports have been received locally as to the results of their investigation.

Night Policeman Foy Davenport smelled smoke and discovered the fire about 5:30 last Friday morning. The alarm was turned in and firemen responded quickly, extinguishing several small fires set at various places in the building. The building and equipment are owned by J. S. Brinkley, who said yesterday that the damage would not exceed \$350, mostly caused by smoke. The establishment has been operated under lease for the past several weeks by Mrs. Jack D. Frank.

One of the inspectors said while here that he believed the fire was started by a teen-age "firebug," but he gave no reasons for his supposition. There are several outstanding keys to the building, Mr. Brinkley said, as he and several operators of the place in the past have had duplicate keys made. The locks have been changed since the fire.

Repairs to the restaurant were about completed today, and it is expected to be open for business again by tomorrow or Saturday.

## Hold Services at Nags Head Church

The Rev. Edward M. Spruill, of Plymouth is scheduled to conduct services at the St. Andrews-By-the-Sea Episcopal Church at Nags Head Sunday morning.

Throughout the summer different clergymen from the mission of the Diocese of eastern North Carolina take turns in directing the services at that church.

Reverend Spruill plans to lead a communion service there at 8 a. m. Sunday morning and the morning prayer and sermon at 11 o'clock.

## Dollar Days at Local Stores on August 5-6

Plymouth stores were getting ready this week for "Dollar Days" here Friday and Saturday of next week, August 5 and 6. While the event is being sponsored by the Plymouth Merchants Association, all business establishments in town are being invited to take part in the two-day trade event, and several non-members of the association have already indicated they would take part.

It is proposed to offer outstanding values in all local stores to encourage trading here during the "Dollar Days". Town authorities have indicated they would cooperate by allowing free parking during the two days. It is planned to cover the parking meters with paper bags advertising the event.

Special \$1 values will be offered in most of the local mercantile establishments, with all lines of business represented. Drug stores, grocery stores, furniture and 5 and 10 cent stores, department and clothing stores, auto supply and similar stores have all indicated their willingness to cooperate, and it is expected that really outstanding values will be offered.