

Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce meeting tentatively scheduled for Friday night, has been called off altogether, according to Thomas F. Hopkins, president of the group. Mr. Hopkins said that every member of the local Jaycees should be busy enough working on some phase of the Sesqui-Centennial Celebration and at the ball park too, and a meeting was not deemed necessary. He urges all members of the Jaycees to make arrangements to work every night at the ball park during the play-off games.

Merle J. Bowen, who, with his family, is home on vacation from his job in the Philippine Islands, was puzzled by all the bearded men when he walked down town Saturday evening. He said some of his friends he grew up with here were hard to recognize because they had received several copies of the Beacon before they left Manila containing information about the sesqui-centennial celebration being planned, but they hadn't gotten news of the beard-growing business.

Walter F. Williams, director of the Sesqui-Centennial historical spectacle, "Carolina Cavalcade of Washington County," is seeking a surry, two covered wagons, a mule, and five persons who won horses and can ride them, for the spectacle to be performed here next month. Persons who can furnish any of the above are asked to get in touch with Mr. Williams at celebration headquarters in the Leggett Building here.

Thomas H. Davenport, of Creswell, was among the graduates receiving diplomas at Norfolk Business University on August 19. He received a certificate in junior accounting and has accepted a position with a Norfolk firm. Mr. Davenport is a nephew of the former Miss Susie Mae Davenport, of Creswell.

American Legion Meet Planned Friday Night

A formal meeting for members of the James E. Jethro Post No. 164 has been scheduled for Friday night at 8 o'clock in their hall, according to an announcement made by Dallas Waters, post commander.

W. Ronald Gaylor, county veteran's service officer is expected to be the featured speaker of the meeting.

Creswell Youth Receives Degree

Aubrey Davenport, of Creswell, was one of the 133 members of the State Future Farmers of America Association who received the Carolina Farmer Degree at the 21st annual convention of the organization held at State College, Raleigh, last Thursday. The degree was awarded for meritorious service rendered in farm and home improvement.

Draft Board's Office Here to Close Friday

The Washington County Selective Service Board No. 95, located in the courthouse here, will close Friday at 12 noon and its records will be moved to a sub-depot in Elizabeth City, Robert L. Tetterton, chairman of the board, announced yesterday.

Mr. Tetterton said that youths are still required to register when they attain their 18th birthday, and that they should register with W. Ronald Gaylor in the clerk of courts office in the courthouse in Plymouth. Mr. Gaylor has been appointed the official registrar for this county.

Leaf Prices Lower at Opening of Markets

Will Use County Home for Classes

Two rooms at the county home will be used as classrooms for Plymouth elementary school pupils this year. This was decided at a special joint meeting of the boards of county commissioners and education held here last night to work out at least a temporary solution for the acute housing problem faced by the local school this year.

J. S. Fleming, principal of the Plymouth schools, said that two sections of the third grade would be assigned to the county home classrooms.

District Lawyers In Meet at Beach

Despite the bad weather, about 40 lawyers attended the annual meeting of the Second Judicial District Bar Association held at Albemarle Beach last Saturday. State Senator John C. Rodman, of Washington, made the principal address at the gathering.

Z. V. Norman, of Plymouth, counselor for the second district bar, made his annual report. Another speaker on the program was Frank S. Spruill, of Rocky Mount, a member of the permanent judicial council, the function of which is improvement of the administration of the courts.

At the annual election of officers, George M. Fountain, of Tarboro, solicitor for the second district, was named president of the association; and Clarence Griffin, of Williamston, was elected vice president. W. L. Whitley, of Plymouth, was named a member of the executive committee.

Schedule Outlined For Lunch Periods At Local Schools

Registration was largely taken care of last spring and students will receive their schedule of classes in the home room period Thursday morning. Only the new students will have to register the first day of school.

The school lunch room will be open on the first day of school again under the management of Miss Carolyn Brinkley and Miss Blanche Davis, both of Plymouth. The lunch period will be staggered to take care of the expected increase in attendance as was the case last year. The schedule is as follows: 11:15 to 11:45 a. m., grades 1, 2 and 3; 11:45 a. m. to 12:10 p. m., grades 4, 5 and 6; 12:10 to 12:35 p. m., grades 6, 7 and 8; and 12:35 to 1:05 p. m., grades 9, 10, 11 and 12.

School officials emphasized there is nothing compulsory about patronizing the lunch room. Students who desire may bring their lunches or they may go home to lunch if requested by their parents and if they have sufficient time.

An activity period for all the students in the school is scheduled from 2:05 to 2:35 each day. On Mondays, during that period, the schedule calls for guidance instruction; Tuesday and Thursdays, physical education; Wednesdays, an auditorium program and Fridays, club meetings.

Thursday, being the opening day of school, a chapel program will be held in the auditorium, instead of physical education during the activity period. Mr. Fleming said that a speaker from outside the school would give a short talk, but he didn't know who it would be. School announcements will be given at the time also.

Final arrangements will be made at meeting of the teachers in the high school auditorium next Tuesday at 10 a. m.

Change Set-Up of Farm and Home Agents' Districts

Verona Joyner Langford, of Greenville, and C. S. Mintz, of Goldsboro, New District Agents

Effective September 1, Washington County, along with 15 other counties in this area, will be under a new administrative district, known as the eastern district of farm and home agents, according to announcement made Monday by John W. Goodman, assistant director of the State College Extension Service, Raleigh.

The formation of the new district was necessitated by expansion of the extension program and employment of increased personnel, Mr. Goodman said.

Mrs. Verona Joyner Langford, of Greenville, will assume the duties of district home agent and Colon S. Mintz, of Goldsboro, will take the position of district farm agent director.

Counties in this district besides Washington are: Beaufort, Camden, Carteret, Chowan, Craven, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hyde, Jones, Onslow, Pamlico, Pasquotank, Perquimans and Tyrrell.

Want Information On Flood Control

W. M. Darden, president of the Washington County Farm Bureau, and W. V. Hays, urge all farmers in the southeast section of the county to see them and get flood control questionnaires. The questionnaires should be filled out and returned to Mr. Hays or Mr. Darden.

Representative Herbert C. Bonner, of the First Congressional District, recently secured authorization for an Army investigation into the need for flood control and drainage in the Pantego and Cuckold Creek basins.

As soon as Messrs. Hays and Darden receive the information called for in the questionnaires, it will be sent to Army engineers in Wilmington for consideration.

No Program Planned for Opening Here; Registration Largely Taken Care of Last Spring

J. S. Fleming, principal of Plymouth High School, said that no special program had been planned for the first day of school here next Thursday, other than getting down to the business of regular school work.

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Military Funeral For Rex Harrison

A firing squad from the Edenton Marine Base, a bugler from the Cherry Point Marine Base, and pall-bearers from the local posts of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars assisted in the military burial of W. Rex Harrison, who was interred in the Vail Cemetery near Plymouth last Friday afternoon.

Install New Lights In Grace Church

Workers have been installing new lighting fixtures in Grace Episcopal Church here this week and are expected to finish Saturday, according to the Rev. Edward M. Spruill.

The eight new light fixtures are memorials, each being a separate memorial. A complete list of all persons commemorated and the donors of the lights will be disclosed later. Rev. Spruill said. A dedication service in the church is being planned early in the fall.

Eight lanterns will be hung in the nave of the church and spotlights will be placed on each side of the chancel. A New York concern designed the new lights.

Series to Open With Colerain Here Saturday

The Plymouth Rams will open the Albemarle League post-season series in the local ball park Saturday night at 8:30, when they meet the Colerain Trappers in the first of a four-out-of-seven-game series, with the winner advancing to the finals. League directors, meeting in Edenton Tuesday afternoon, decided to make arrangements for the series, and Plymouth drew Colerain for the opener, with the first game to be played here. Edenton will play the team finishing in fourth place at Edenton Saturday night.

It was ruled that all regular season games not played before Saturday night would be canceled, but games which have a bearing on the final stands of the clubs may be played as late as Saturday afternoon. The Plymouth club had four games to play as of yesterday afternoon, one with Elizabeth City and three with Hertford. Some of the other teams had as many as six games remaining in their season schedule.

Yesterday afternoon Plymouth was sure of finishing the regular playing season at least in second place. The Rams were only one and a half games out of first place at that time and will be trying to finish on top, despite the fact that

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A Proclamation

THE ROBIN HOOD HAT

"Let it be known that we, in our official capacities as Mayors of Creswell, Roper and Plymouth, in Washington County, respectively, do hereby proclaim that the official headwear for the Sesqui-Centennial Celebration shall be the Robin Hood Hat. Any citizen, male or female, young or old, when appearing in public in Washington County, will depart from the usual staid chapeaux by bedecking themselves in the gaily feathered Robin Hood Hats.

"We further decree that the members of all clubs, civic, fraternal, social, patriotic, as well as all organizations in Washington County, when conducting meetings or luncheons, shall don themselves in the Sesqui-Centennial Celebration hats. Also, wherever there is a gathering of one or more people, the same shall apply.

"Those failing to adhere to this order will be subject to the tender mercies, whims, fancies and punishments of the Kangaroo Court. The Court is presided over by an "over-a-barrell" judge, backed by a staff of secret police, which meets at its own convenience and very much to the inconvenience of all those citizens not complying with this gentle proclamation.

"We herewith affix our names this 25th day of August, 1949."

(Signed) WILLIAM ALEXANDER, Mayor of Creswell. REYNOLD SPRUILL, Mayor of Roper. A. J. RIDDLE, Mayor of Plymouth.

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Larger Enrollment Expected in Most Localities; Books and Supplies Distributed

Schools throughout the county will open for the 1949-50 fall term next Thursday morning, September 1.

Increased enrollments in the first grades is expected to up the anticipated total enrollment by a considerable sum, according to Roy F. Lowry, superintendent of county schools.

Books and supplies have nearly all been delivered to the various schools.

Final arrangements for school openings are being made in meetings of principals and teachers. White principals met in the office of the county superintendent yesterday afternoon. Colored principals met in the same office this morning. A county-wide meeting of white teachers is scheduled for next Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock in the Plymouth High School auditorium. All county colored teachers are planning to meet next Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Plymouth Colored School.

Plymouth white school teachers are expected to meet next Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock in the Plymouth High School auditorium. Creswell white and Roper white teachers plan to meet in their respective schools next Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Creswell High School is expected to receive 10 typewriters soon to begin a commercial course. More typewriters will be ordered as the need arises, the county superintendent said. There are hopes of adding shorthand and bookkeeping to the course later on.

Painting was the biggest item on the summer program of school building repairs. Five rooms were painted in the Plymouth Colored school building, two in the Roper school, two in J. J. Clemmons at Roper and the entrance ways of the Plymouth High School building were painted.

Lavatories at the J. J. Clemmons School were repaired. Plymouth Colored School had 24 windows painted.

S. R. Davenport Funeral Monday

Stewart R. Davenport, retired rural mail carrier and farmer of the Creswell section, died in a Norfolk hospital last Sunday morning at 5:30, following an operation. Mr. Davenport, 77 years of age, had been ill for about three weeks.

Son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jim Davenport, Mr. Davenport had lived in the Creswell section for most of his life. He retired in 1936 after serving as rural mail carrier for more than 29 years. Since that time he had engaged in farming. He was an active member of Philippi Church of Christ for many years.

Funeral services were held from the Philippi Church of Christ Monday afternoon at 2:30, conducted by the Rev. G. C. Bland, pastor, and interment followed in the family cemetery. Pall-bearers were Jim Davis, Hardy Craddock, Phillip Spruill, Jennings Davenport and Landie Davenport.

Mr. Davenport is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Woodley Ambrose, of Creswell; and five sons, H. R. Davenport, McCoy Davenport, Earl Davenport, Ernest Davenport, all of Creswell; and J. D. Davenport, of Portsmouth, Va. He also leaves one brother, Alva Davenport, of Norfolk, Va.; one sister, Mrs. Ella Stillman, of Roper; 27 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

AN OPEN LETTER

To All the Citizens of Washington County:

We are just before taking part in the largest celebration in the history of Washington County, which was founded in 1799. The Sesqui-Centennial Celebration of the formation of the county will begin September 18 and continue through the 22nd. There will be parades every day, addresses by noted men, historical displays in local stores, crowning of the queen of Washington County to reign over the festivities, a huge street ball in all its gaiety, a square dance, and a pageant to be presented each night, portraying some feature in the history of Washington County, on a 250-foot stage located in the Plymouth baseball park.

All the history you have ever heard of, and then more which will amaze you, will be reproduced in action. You must not miss a single performance if you wish to gain knowledge of what our fondling fathers wrought 150 years ago—through their blood and the sweat of their brows—to make possible the many good things we are enjoying today.

Patriotism is a blessing to all mankind, and right here in Washington County we are beginning to celebrate the blessings that were bestowed upon us by our forefathers—the passing parade of 150 years of existence.

If you are civic-minded, and surely you are patriotic, then you cannot afford to let anything pass you by when it comes to helping put on the largest celebration ever with a bang.

If you have not been assigned to a committee or have not been given a part in the pageant, you still are a part of the celebration, and you can help spread the news. Let your tongue sound out; do not be afraid to talk, because we have something to talk about. When the celebration is over, and everyone has settled down to normal life again, you just will not be able to keep that mouth of yours closed, because you will have so many pleasant memories to talk about.

At this very moment, it is time for all our good civic-minded citizens to show their willing efforts when a committeeman asks you to take part in the Sesqui-Centennial and have your name go down in the history of the celebration. Remember the dates: September 18-22—and do your full part to help put it over.

Thank you, WASHINGTON COUNTY SESQUI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION COMMITTEEMEN.