

SERVING TIME IN "KANGAROO STOCKS"



Harry Barnes, of Creswell, tickles Henry Hardison, of Plymouth, with a feather while the latter is serving a sentence in the "kangaroo stocks" in Plymouth recently. Frank Sawyer, a "kangaroo cop" stands by. Judge W. J. "Eager Beaver" Weaver said he was pleased that Mr. Hardison was wearing a beard for the Sesqui-Centennial, but sentenced him for not wearing a Robin Hood hat.—Photo by Weaver's Studio.

Carolyn Ayers Leads In Contest for Queen

Don't Forget to Dim Headlights

Orders coming to local highway patrolmen from troop headquarters in the past few days require them to issue citations to motorists who fail to dim their headlights when meeting other cars or trucks at night. Arrests can be expected, and violators will be prosecuted in the courts, it was pointed out.

Bush Growers and Band Paraded in Section Saturday

Winslow Returns From Art Studies

W. Frith Winslow and Mrs. Winslow returned to Plymouth last week after spending two months in Nowak, Conn., seven miles east of New London on Black Sound, where Mr. Winslow resumed art studies under noted painters.

County Schools Get Shipment of Apples

Washington County schools received 301 boxes of apples for lunch room use from the marketing division of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, last week, according to information from the office of the county superintendent of schools.

Name Class Officers At School This Week

Plymouth High School class officers were elected for the 1949-50 school term in meeting of senior, junior, sophomore and freshman classes Monday.

Contest Ends Monday; Winner to Reign Over Celebration Festivities and Get Free Trip

Carolyn Ayers, of Plymouth, this week took over the lead from Betty Riddle, also of Plymouth, in the "Miss Washington County" contest, according to an official count of votes at the close of the second period of the contest Tuesday evening. Miss Ayers had 102,749 votes to 99,919 votes for Miss Riddle at that time.

Other contestants and their standings follow: Peggy Darden, Plymouth, 61,350; Anita Sawyer, Plymouth, 61,297; Elsie Nooney, Plymouth, 46,275; Betty Jo Davenport, Creswell, 38,750; Sarah Jackson, Plymouth, 35,872; Betty Walker, Plymouth, 30,389; Frances Bickel, Plymouth, 29,900; Lillian Watson, Plymouth, 26,252; Millie Woodley, Creswell, 1,216; and Mary Lou Vairoi, Plymouth, 1,048. All other contestants have 1,000 votes each.

The contest closes at 5 p. m. next Monday. No votes will be counted after that time. All votes in the ballot box in celebration headquarters at the close of the contest or mailed and postmarked not later than 5 p. m. Monday will receive a 10 per cent bonus. All votes must be brought in or mailed to the "Miss Washington County" contest, Sesqui-Centennial Celebration headquarters, Plymouth, N. C.

"Miss Washington County" will be the contestant who receives the greatest number of votes. She will reign as queen during all festivities of the celebration. The next 10 contestants receiving the most votes will serve as princesses in the court of "Miss Washington County." All 11 winners will have a prominent part in the historical spectacle, "Carolina Cavalcade," presented four nights of the celebration.

The girl who is named "Miss Washington County" will also receive her choice of a week-end in Washington, D. C. with all expenses paid or \$50 in cash. The runner-up in the contest will receive \$35 in cash; third place, \$25; fourth, \$20; fifth, \$15; and sixth, \$5.

B. W. Tarkenton Buried Saturday

Funeral services were held for Benton Warren Tarkenton, of the Pleasant Grove section, at 3 p. m. Saturday in the family plot of the Methodist Church cemetery there. Services were conducted by the pastor, the Rev. B. E. Bingham.

Highway Meeting To Be Held Here Saturday Morning

Hope To Set Up Organization for Promotion of U. S. 64 as "History's Highway"

Formation of an association to advertise U. S. No. 64 as "History's Highway," connecting Manteo and Murphy under a continuous route number is the object of a meeting that has been called at Plymouth at 10:30 Saturday morning of this week, September 10.

R. Mayne Albright, of Raleigh, will preside at the meeting, to be held at the country club here, at the insistence of a number of public officials and business men of Washington, Martin, Tyrrell and Dare Counties.

The meeting will be followed by a "dutch" luncheon in the country club dining room. Letters have been mailed to a number of officials of Nash, Edgecombe, Martin, Washington, Tyrrell and Dare Counties calling attention to the meeting, but any others interested are urged to attend, and arrangements may be made for the luncheon by notifying Roy Manning, jr., of the Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce, before Saturday.

Rep. D. L. Hayman, of Dare County, said yesterday that there would be more than a dozen people from his county, which is interested in the Manteo-Murphy route and seeks to have it extended to Cape Hatteras.

Arnold, of Washington County, will head a delegation from the east end of the county; and Representative C. W. Tatem, of Tyrrell, is rounding up delegates from Columbia and vicinity.

Need More Blanks On Flood Control

Twenty questionnaires containing information about the need for flood control, filled in by land owners living in the southeastern section of the county have been forwarded to U. S. Army engineers in Wilmington, it was learned yesterday from W. M. Darden, president of the Washington County Farm Bureau.

Mr. Darden says there are a few more land owners in that section, where work is considered most urgent, who have not filled in questionnaires, and he urges them to do so at once. He or W. V. Hays, county agent, will send them to Wilmington.

Enrollment Figures For County Schools

The following table of figures, from the office of the county superintendent of schools, shows the enrollment in all Washington County school units on the third day of the 1949-50 term, in comparison with the terms of 1947-48 and 1948-49 for the same relative day:

Table with enrollment figures for various schools including Plymouth White, Roper White, Creswell White, Plymouth Colored, J. J. Clemmons Colored (Roper), Creswell Colored, and Other Colored Elementary Schools. Columns include 1947-48, 1948-49, and 1949-50 enrollment counts.

42 New Houses Are Being Built

Work is underway at present on three housing developments in Plymouth, with a total of 42 new homes under construction. Good progress is being reported, and a good many of the new homes have already been contracted for by purchasers.

Work is nearing completion on most of the 16 houses being built at the site of the old baseball park by the Plymouth Housing Corporation, headed by Reynolds May, of Greenville. Construction of six houses got underway last week in the "Brinkley Woods" development by David L. Strain, of Raleigh, who is said to be planning 16 other homes in that section.

Full Schedule at Local Schools on Term's First Day

Walter F. Williams Spoke To Students; Schedule and Fees Outlined by Principal

The new school year began in the Plymouth white schools last Thursday with a full day's schedule being followed and an increased enrollment reported over the opening day for the past two years in both elementary and high school departments.

Walter F. Williams, director of the historical spectacle to be presented during the county's sesquicentennial celebration, talked to members of the student body during chapel in the morning.

A schedule card was handed to each student who registered last spring when he reported to school. The card listed subjects and hours of each class. New-comers were the only ones to register opening day.

Books were distributed and lesson assignments given out. The year's work began with hardly any delay. The lunch room was open for students.

The daily schedule in effect calls for classes to begin at 8:30 a. m.; activity period from 10:30 to 11:25 a. m.; lunch period from 11:25 to 1:05, which is divided into four sections and staggered; and the school closes at 3 p. m. for the day.

The same schedule is in effect at the Hampton Building and the Hampton Annex, which houses two grade sections, although primary students who live in town and do not have to wait for the school buses are dismissed a little earlier.

The schedule of book fees announced by Principal J. S. Flemming.

Schools in County Open With Record Enrollment

Town, County Boards Are to Meet Monday

Governing boards of the town and county will hold their regular September meetings, postponed Monday on account of the Labor Day holiday, next Monday, September 12. The county board of commissioners and board of education will meet in the courthouse at 10:30 a. m., and the city council will meet in the municipal building at 8 o'clock Monday night.

Routine business matters are scheduled for attention by the several boards, it is understood. The city council is to take up the proposed purchase of the country club village water and sewer systems with J. A. Auchter, general manager of the North Carolina Pulp Company; and it is possible further attention will be given to the new trash and garbage pickup service being inaugurated in the town.

High Schools Show Largest Gain, With Plymouth Leading Way; Total Enrolled 3,027

Total enrollment in Washington County schools three days after opening of the term this year was the highest of any year on record at that time, it was learned yesterday from a study of figures from the office of the county superintendent. Third-day enrollment in all schools totaled 3,027, as compared with 2,992 a year ago and 2,872 three days after the opening of the 1947-48 term.

The increase seems to be centered in the three white schools of the county, with Plymouth leading the way. Colored schools as a whole showed a small decline in number enrolled. This may be due to crop conditions, which usually affect colored enrollment and attendance more than in the white schools. Colored elementary schools showed a drop of 61 students, as compared with last year, while colored high schools gained 27, leaving a net loss of 34 in the colored school system.

General of Marines Celebration Speaker

Acceptance of General Meger Completes List; Graham, Hoey, Bonner And Goerch Others

General Vernon E. Meger, of the division of U. S. Marine Corps Aviation, Washington, D. C., has accepted an invitation to speak here on September 22, "Veterans and Patriotic Day" of the Sesqui-Centennial Celebration, according to W. R. Hampton, chairman of the speaker's committee. His acceptance completes the schedule of nationally known speakers.

He joins United States Senators Frank P. Graham and Clyde R. Hoey; Representative Herbert C. Bonner; Dr. Sankey L. Blanton, dean of the school of religion at Wake Forest College; and Carl Goerch, editor of the State Magazine, Raleigh, who previously accepted invitations to speak on separate days of the founding of the county to be held in Plymouth, September 18-22.

General Meger is scheduled to speak at noon Thursday, September 22, from the reviewing stand at the conclusion of that day's parade.

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

Senator Hoey is scheduled to speak at the opening exercises of the celebration at noon, Monday, September 19, from the reviewing stand immediately after the parade. Plans call for Mr. Goerch to speak Monday night, September 19, at 7:30 o'clock, prior to the raising of the curtain on the premiere performance of the historical spectacle, "Carolina Cavalcade." He will crown "Miss Washington County," queen of the celebration, during the coronation ceremonies.

Senator Graham will be the speaker on the "Youth Day," program, Tuesday, September 20, at noon from the reviewing stand after the parade. Representative Bonner will give the main address on "Homecoming Day," Wednesday, September 21, at 11:30 a. m., from the reviewing stand, immediately after the parade.

Executive Board Of PTA to Meet

Members of the executive board of the Plymouth Parent-Teacher Association are scheduled to meet next Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock in the office of the Plymouth High School principal, according to an announcement yesterday by Mrs. K. S. Trowbridge, president of the organization.

The date of the first parent-teacher association meeting will be decided upon at that time. Plans for the coming year are to be under discussion too. All members of the executive board are urged to make arrangements to attend the meeting.

Trash Collection Schedule Will Be Ready Next Week

Chief Says Putting New System Into Effect Unavoidably Delayed for Few More Days

Chief of Police P. W. Brown said yesterday that he had not been able to work out a schedule for the trash and garbage trucks so far, but that he would have it ready for publication next week. Days and approximate hours the trucks will be in sections of the town will be designated, and all householders will be expected to have their garbage cans within 50 feet of the street at that time.

The police chief warns that the new pick-up system will go into effect next week. Covered garbage cans of not more than 30 gallons capacity are required, and the trash crews will not handle barrels or other similar containers used in the past. The new system is expected to be in full effect by September 15, according to the chief.

Garbage should be placed in the covered containers and left within 50 feet of the street. Trash, limbs and other such refuse matter must be cut so that it can be handled without difficulty and placed between the curb and sidewalk on the days the trash crew is due.

Want Members for Baptist Junior Choir

The Ludford Memorial Baptist Church junior choir is seeking more members, according to announcement by Mrs. R. L. Mohn, choir director.

Any person between 10 and 20 years of age is welcome to try out for the choir at the Baptist Church here Friday at 5:30 p. m.

Distribute Wooden Nickels in County

Wooden nickels have been distributed to merchants in Washington County as souvenirs to advertise the Sesqui-Centennial Celebration to be held September 18-22 in Plymouth.

The souvenir nickels are being accepted by the merchants in making purchases and being given in change to people making purchases. Persons desiring to exchange the wooden variety for the conventional United States nickel can do so by taking them to the bank here until 1 p. m. September 20th. However, the sesqui-centennial committee hopes that most people will keep the wooden nickel as a souvenir of the county's big birthday party of 1949.

Revival Begins Monday At Oak Grove Church

A series of revival services will begin Monday night, at 7:30 o'clock, at the Oak Grove Baptist Church. The Rev. W. R. Stephens, pastor, will do the preaching, with services being held each evening at 7:30 through Friday, September 16.

All members of the church are urged to attend, and visitors are cordially invited.

More than 800 of the county's 1,500 veterans, white and colored, have applied for rebates from national service life insurance and 500 former servicemen have applied for claims on the veterans service survey, according to W. Ronald Gaylor, county veterans' service officer.

Members of the local post of the American Legion helped prepare questionnaires every night in their hall last week, but this has been discontinued because not enough servicemen showed up to warrant the legionnaires to keep a staff there, officials of the local post said. However members of the post plan to be of service to veterans from 7 p. m. to 8 p. m. Friday night in their hall before the post's regular meeting.

The insurance and survey forms may be obtained from the local post office, veteran's organization or from Mr. Gaylor in the clerk of court's office in the courthouse here.

Kangaroo Court in Creswell Saturday

The kangaroo court is on the move again. The judge, policemen, deputies, jail house, stocks and barrel will be transported to Creswell to hold court there Saturday afternoon. The court convenes about 2 p. m.

Creswell was to have its own kangaroo jail and other necessary paraphernalia, but Harry Barnes, instigator of the plan, has been ill since last Friday and he called on his Plymouth friends to help. Several weeks ago when Harry Barnes and other Creswell citizens were hauled into kangaroo court here, they had so much fun, despite the fact that they were fined for not possessing shaver's permits, cosmetic permits or celebration hats, that they decided to have a court of their own.

800 County Veterans Apply for Dividends

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