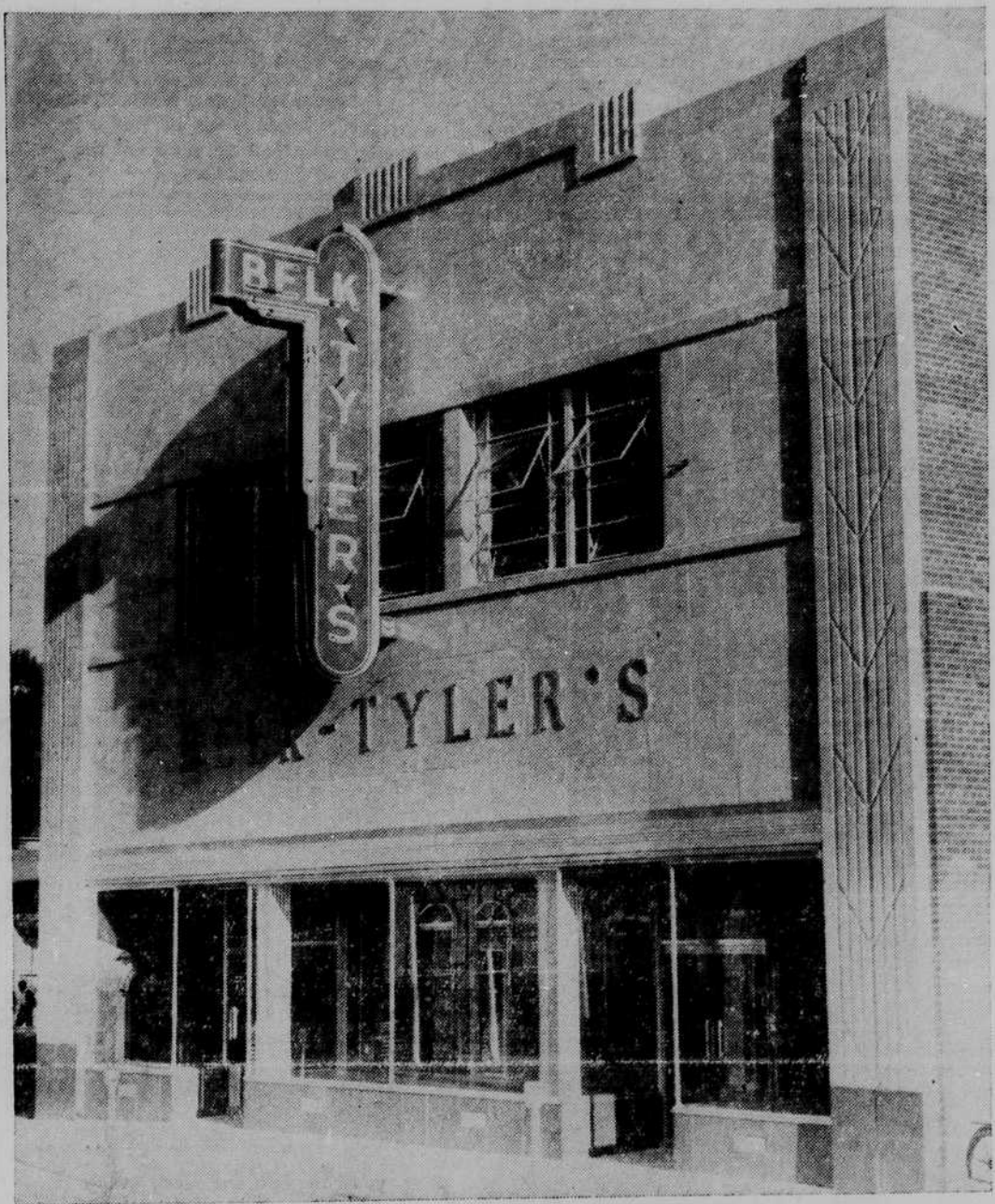


**BELK-TYLER'S NEW STORE IN PLYMOUTH WILL OPEN TOMORROW**



Pictured above is the new Belk-Tyler store in Plymouth, which will have its formal opening Friday morning at 9 o'clock. The attractive new structure is located on the old Hampton lot on East Water Street and adds considerably to the business section of Plymouth. Since the photo was taken the windows have been attractively decorated and the store filled with new and timely merchandise for the opening tomorrow morning. Complete details concerning the new store and opening plans are to be found in Section 2 of this paper.—Photo by Weaver's Studio.

J. Richard Carr, jr., and Roger Carr, sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. Richard Carr, of Plymouth, left last week to resume their studies at the University of North Carolina. Richard, jr., is starting his junior year there, while Roger is a sophomore.

Leder Brothers, Margolis Brothers and Ganderson's Quality Shop will be closed all day Monday in observance of the Jewish religious holiday, Yom Kippur, the day of atonement for all peoples of the Jewish faith. Memorial services for the deceased will be held in all temples and synagogues.

W. J. Weaver, proprietor of Weaver's Studio, has made up a large number of photographs in sets of various events connected with the Sesqui-Centennial celebration last week. He has numerous scenes of the parades, characters in the spectacle, bush growers, speakers, etc., many of which are on display in the window of Womble's Drug Store. Weaver was one of the most active boosters and hardest workers for the celebration, serving as judge of the kangaroo court and having programs, celebration hats, etc., until his voice finally gave completely out on him.

Today being the fifth Thursday in September, there will be no meeting of the Lions Club tonight. However, a 100 per cent attendance contest is on among Lions Clubs in this district, and officials of the local club are hopeful of having every member on hand for the meeting on Thursday night of next week, October 6.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Davenport returned Sunday from New York City, where they went to take their daughter, Betty Blount Davenport, 10, for an operation. The little girl is at the Hospital for Special Surgery, where she will remain for about two months before undergoing an operation for spinal curvature. She will probably remain there for about four months altogether.

A school survey committee composed of Doctors Leo W. Jenkins and A. S. Hurlburt, of East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville, and O. F. Johnson, superintendent of schools of Duplin County, visited every school in the county yesterday to help the county board of education determine where state-allocated funds can be used to best advantage in the construction of additional facilities for schools.

Willie Lloyd, who operates the Beacon presses, folder, and sundry other articles of printing equipment and who is widely known as a baseball umpire for local colored games, has a brand new son, born Sunday, September 25. Willie is a Boston Red Sox fan, and he has a brother named Melvin; so when Melvin Lloyd Parnell pitched the Sox to victory over the Yanks last Sunday, Willie honored them both by naming his new baby Melvin Parnell Lloyd.

**New Examiner of Drivers Is Here**

J. B. Parvin, of Washington, assumed the duties of driver's license examiner here Monday, replacing James Boyce, of Plymouth, who has resigned.

Mr. Parvin was transferred from the examiner's job in Wilson. He plans to work in Plymouth all day Mondays and Tuesdays and one-half day on Saturdays. The other three days he works in Williamston and Columbia.

Mr. Parvin is married to the former Miss Velma E. Edwards, of Washington. They plan to move here when they can get a house. He is very fond of Plymouth already, especially the "kindness and friendliness of the people," and hopes he can serve them satisfactorily. The license examiner has his eyes on the hunting and fishing in this section, his main form of recreation.

As to his business, Examiner Parvin says that his mornings are quite full, but license seekers slack off in the afternoon. He urges all whose last names begin with L or M to apply in the afternoon.

**Urge Countians to Attend Williamston Peanut Meet**

All county peanut growers, buyers, shellers and pickers are urged to attend a special peanut meeting in the high school building in Williamston Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the 1949 peanut marketing quota, regulations, price support program, the grading of peanuts, and reports and records to be made, and submitted by the buyers.

**Objectives Outlined By Parent-Teachers**

Members of the Plymouth Parent-Teacher Association voted to complete the sidewalk construction at the high school building and the Hampton Building and beautify the grounds as their main project for the school year in their first meeting this fall held in the high school lunch room last night.

Plans are to raise the middle concrete walk to the front entrance of the high school building to the level of the walks leading to the side entrances put in last spring. A sidewalk from the corridor between the high school building and the home economics building to the entrance of the gymnasium is also being planned. Plans also call for a sidewalk from the front door of the Hampton Building to the main street walk.

Mrs. H. C. Carter and Mrs. W. J. Mayo were named to organize a "County Fair Day," festival October 31st in the vacant lot next to the home economics building. The program is to last most of the day with the annual Halloween Carnival to be held in the gymnasium at night. Association members voted to feed the local Lions Club every fourth Thursday night.

Plans are underway for a short but effective PTA membership drive from October 10th through the 19th. Mrs. Henry Harrison (See PTA MEET, Page 12)

**Begin Measuring In Corn Contest**

County vocational teachers, veteran instructors and qualified veteran students began measuring yields of corn per acre this week to determine the winners in the county's 100-bushel contest. W. V. Hays, county farm agent, said yesterday.

He said that this task would probably take several weeks, because uncertain weather conditions, some immature corn; and the designated winners' yields will have to be measured a second time by a different group of examiners.

**Squirrel Season Opens Saturday**

The season for hunting squirrel begins Saturday, October 1, and a good many local hunters are planning to take to the river and woods on opening day. County Game Protector J. T. Terry wishes to remind sportsmen, however, that the season is open on squirrel only, and the deer season does not begin until the 15th.

Heretofore, the squirrel season and deer season have always begun on the same date. This year, the Wildlife Resources Commission moved the squirrel season up 15 days, but left the deer season the same as usual.

**Need Someone To Drive Bookmobile**

The Washington County library board is interested in securing someone to drive the bookmobile through the county Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week. If any person desires to accept this job, he or she is asked to see Mrs. C. E. Ayers, in Plymouth, chairman of the county library board, or Mrs. Jack Bradley, county librarian at the courthouse.

Mrs. Bryan Harris, who has been driving the bookmobile, has resigned because of illness in her family. However she will drive next week's schedule and is interested in taking the new driver with her and explain the route and all the necessary tasks that the job requires.

**Glen Davis Joins Leder Employees**

Glen Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Davis, of Jamesville, has become manager of the shoe department in Leder Brothers Department Store in Plymouth, according to J. J. Segerman, manager of the store.

Mr. Davis has worked in shoe department and companies for seven years in Washington, Durham and Washington, D. C. He spent three years in the infantry of the U. S. Army. He served 31 months overseas in the European Theatre of Operations and was discharged as a staff sergeant.

He graduated from Jamesville High School and attended Elon College. Mr. Davis is married to the former Miss Marjorie Lilley, of Jamesville. They have a 10-months old daughter, Linda Gail, and are living at 102 W. Third Street here.

**Homecoming Day Next Sunday at Mount Zion**

Homecoming Day will be observed next Sunday, October 2, at Mount Zion Church, with all former pastors, members and their friends cordially invited. Dinner will be served on the grounds.

Present pastor of the church, the Rev. W. H. F. Ivey, of Selma, will close four years of work with the church on that day. He has made many friends in the community who regret that he is leaving. The new pastor, Rev. E. E. Edwards, of Chocowinity, expects to be present and will be introduced to the congregation.

**Sesqui-Centennial Ended With Program Thursday**

**Bible Schools To Meet October 9th At Roper Church**

Washington and Tyrrell County Churches Comprise Membership; Program Is Outlined

An interesting program has been arranged for the Washington and Tyrrell County Bible School Convention of Christian Churches, which will be held at Zion's Chapel Church of Christ, near Roper, Sunday, October 9, starting at 2:30 p.m. Wade Hardison, of Roper, is president of the convention; the Rev. G. C. Bland is song leader and Miss Florence Parrisher is the pianist.

Theme of the convention will be "Glorifying Christ Through the Bible School." Following the opening songs, the devotional period will be led by Harry Pritchett, of Creswell, after which Bible choruses will be led by G. C. Bland. A poem will be recited by Margaret Davenport, of Columbia, and a special number will be sung by the Albemarle Quartet. The business session will be in charge of Leonard Spruill, of the Philippi Church, and a special selection will be given by Edith Harris, of the Christian Hope Church.

Main address of the convention will be delivered by the Rev. J. D. Waters, of the Plymouth church, following which the invitation will be extended, the theme song sung, and the benediction pronounced by Joe Davenport, of the Holly Neck Church. The public is invited to attend.

**Plan Trips for Local Students**

Four trips are being planned for Plymouth School students within the next 10 months, according to J. S. Fleming, local high school principal, as part of the school's visual education program.

A one-day trip to Raleigh during the State Fair is being worked out. Later in the fall a group of students will take an overnight excursion to Williamsburg, Va., spending the night at Williamsburg Lodge. A full day journey to Washington, D. C. is planned sometime in the spring.

Plans call for a 10 to 12 day trip to Canada next summer. The tentative schedule would take the students through the New England states, to Quebec and Toronto in Canada, down the St. Lawrence River to Montreal, and back past Niagara Falls and Buffalo, N. Y.

During the past school year students journeyed to Williamsburg, Va., Washington, D. C., Raleigh and last summer took a six-day trip to New York City. All the trips are made by chartered busses.

**Plan Roper PTA Meeting Tuesday**

The Roper Parent-Teacher Association is scheduled to have its first meeting of the school year in the Roper school auditorium next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock. All Roper parents and teachers, whether members of the association or not, are invited to attend the meeting. Mrs. Dorothy Knowles, president, announced Tuesday.

The main topic of discussion during the business meeting will be ways and means to raise money for recreation equipment for the grammar grades.

**Bury Infant Pierce Here Monday Morning**

Graveside services for Hugh David Pierce, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pierce, of Plymouth, were held in the Methodist Church cemetery here Monday morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. J. O. Long was in charge of the services.

The son was born dead to Mrs. Pierce, the former Miss Gwendolyn Hurley, Sunday morning in a hospital at Washington.

**CELEBRATION HEAD**



Thomas F. Hopkins, whose work as executive chairman of the Washington County Sesqui-Centennial Celebration Committee was largely responsible for the measure of success that attended the event last week.—Photo by Weaver Studio.

**County Officials Bury Capsule of Historical Paper**

Time Capsule Buried on Courthouse Lawn Last Thursday as Part of Celebration

A time capsule was buried on the north front lawn of the courthouse here last Thursday afternoon as part of another event in the county's Sesqui-Centennial Celebration held in Plymouth last week.

The capsule contained replies from personal invitations sent to national personalities all over the nation, souvenir program booklet of the celebration and other articles pertaining to current history of the county.

The ceremony was staged by officials of Horner's Funeral Home. E. O. Arnold, county representative, of Skinnerville, officiated at the services.

Pall-bearers were J. K. Reid, sheriff; W. R. Gaylord, judge of the recorder's court; L. E. Hassell, member of the county board of education; and Harry Pritchett, county commissioner.

**Plans to Check County Pastures**

Edward Craft, assistant in the county soil conservation office here, is scheduled to visit 20 farms in the county next week, to urge and instruct farmers about preparing for a permanent pasture.

Another farmer who wants pasture instruction and is not on the list is asked to see Mr. Craft. According to the soil conservation assistant, a permanent pasture will likely return as great an income per acre as any cultivated crop, when properly seeded, limed, fertilized and cared for. He says that good permanent pasture has yielded, in experimental trials, the equivalent of 75 bushels of corn per acre by feeding stock that grazes on it. He says that the soil conservation service is interested in establishing permanent pastures as a help to better farming. Ladino clover and vetch are recommended seed for this county by the soil conservation service.

**PICTURES LATE**

The Beacon had several photographs made of the Sesqui-Centennial Celebration parade last week, but the plates for printing were delayed and did not reach the office in time for publication this week. The pictures will be published in our next issue.

**Largest and Most Successful Entertainment Event in County's History; Attended By Several Thousand**

The biggest celebration in the 150-year history of Washington County came to a close about 10:30 last Thursday night with an impressive fireworks display following the fourth and final presentation of "Carolina Cavalcade," the Sesqui-Centennial spectacle, at the baseball park.

Practically everyone agrees that the celebration was an unqualified success. It brought hundreds of visitors to the county, and the spectacle, presented each night from Monday through Thursday, was viewed by thousands of county people and visitors. Attendance at the final presentation was somewhat disappointing, being estimated at about 800, in contrast to the more than 1,200 present Wednesday night.

From the time Dr. Sankey L. Blanton, dean of the Wake Forest College School of Religion, opened the celebration with a county-wide union service in the baseball park Sunday night until the last fireworks display died out Thursday night, there was seldom a dull moment. Parades, addresses by outstanding national figures, special events of various kinds, and four presentations of the mammoth historical spectacle, followed one another in quick succession throughout the week.

Featuring addresses were made by United States Senators Clyde R. Hoey and Frank P. Graham Monday and Tuesday; Representative Herbert Bonner, the speaker on Wednesday, homecoming day; and Brig. Gen. Vernon E. Megee, of the U. S. Marine Corps, was the guest of honor on Thursday.

Other features of the celebration included the music provided by the Plymouth J. J. Clemmons High School Bands from this county, the Tarboro High School Band, the Edenton High School Band, and the Marines' Second Division Band from Camp Lejeune. The parade Wednesday was upwards of two miles in length, including numerous floats, pageant characters, children, pets, four bands, automobile and farm machinery displays.

Special events included the firemen's demonstration on Monday; coronation of Miss Betty Riddle of Washington County queen Monday night by Carl Goerch, editor of State magazine; "swearing in" of youth day officials on Tuesday; outdoor motor boat races on Wednesday; celebration dance Wednesday night, with beard judging and other features; and burial of the time capsule on the courthouse lawn Thursday afternoon. The crowning event each day was presentation of "Carolina Cavalcade," with a cast of more than 250 persons, followed by elaborate fireworks displays that delighted young and old.

Number of people attending the celebration increased steadily from the opening program thru Wednesday, when the peak was reached. More than 3,000 saw the historical spectacle, the largest in the county's history. (See CELEBRATION, Page 12)

**Seed Reports Are Due November 1st**

County farmers who plant winter cover crops of small grain for credit as a soil-building practice must obtain a good stand, good growth and leave them on the land or turn them under, according to information released by the local AAA office.

The crop may not be harvested for grain or cut for hay. All seeding must be completed and the report of the acreage filed in the AAA office by November 1st.

The following recommendations of the state experimental stations and extension service should be followed with respect to seeding rates per acre: Barley, drill 2 bushels or broadcast 3 bushels; oats, drill 3 bushels, broadcast 4 bushels; rye, drill 1 1-2 bushels, broadcast 2 bushels; wheat, drill 1 1-2 bushels, broadcast 2 bushels; oats and wheat, drill two bushels of oats, broadcast 3 bushels of oats, and drill 1 bushel of wheat or broadcast 1 1-2 bushels of wheat.

Credit rates for the seed are: \$2 per acre for rye or wheat or a mixture of both, and \$1.50 per acre for oats or barley or a mixture of both.