

Tuesday Is Last Day To Use 1949 Licenses

Sales of 1950 state license plates picked up somewhat during the past week at the branch office of the Carolina Motor Club at the Etheridge Company here, according to figures released late yesterday by F. G. Jordan, jr., manager of the office.

trucks; 29 sets for farm trucks; 89 sets for small commercial trailers; and 12 sets for large commercial trailers. Sales of Plymouth town tags for motor vehicles have now reached 424, City Clerk W. A. Roebuck reported yesterday afternoon.

Nominate Members For Board Elections Here February 11th

Funds for Party Day Not Raised

H. H. Allen, chairman of the Democratic executive committee of Washington County, announced yesterday that the county had not yet raised its quota of \$150 set by state party leaders as its share of funds being raised in the state in connection with the Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner to be held Saturday night at Raleigh.

Appointments Are Made by State Board From Names Furnished by County Executive Committees

A meeting of the Washington County Democratic Executive Committee will be held at 2 p.m., on Saturday, February 11, in the courthouse here for the purpose of making three nominations for Democratic members of the county board of elections. The three names will be forwarded to B. E. Jordan, chairman of the state Democratic executive committee, who will certify two of them to the state board of elections for appointment. The Republican executive committees of the county and state will follow the same procedure in selecting the name of the Republican member of the county board of elections.

Building and Loan Statement Reflects Increase in Assets

Increase Also Shown in Full-Paid Stock Issuance, Mortgage Loans, Undivided Profits

Progress made by the Plymouth Building and Loan Association during the past year is reflected in the financial statement published this week, as compared with the statement issued about this time a year ago. Total assets were increased during the 12-month period from \$267,245.83 to \$318,218.25, or more than 20 per cent.

Most of the increase is due to the growth of mortgage loans executed during the past 12 months. A year ago, the association had loans aggregating \$253,070 outstanding, while this year the amount has advanced to \$292,370. All of this money was loaned to shareholders to enable them to buy, build or improve their homes. Stock loans amounted to \$11,928 last year, and have increased to \$13,435 this year.

Seven Burned in Work Bus Blaze

Seven Negro men were painfully burned about the face and hands Thursday morning when the bus in which they were riding to work caught fire from some gasoline in the back. The bus belonged to the Mengel Corporation.

Car Overturns Near Roper Monday; No One Injured

An automobile accident of a minor nature occurred about 1:30 o'clock Monday morning on U. S. Highway 64 east of Roper. A 1931 Model A Ford driven by Zenas M. Davis of the Edenton Marine Base turned over, damaging the fenders and top of the car. There were 5 other Marines riding in the car but none was injured enough to require medical attention.

Quarters Renovated By Fire Department

The Plymouth Fire Department is giving a barbecue supper with all the trimmings tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock at the firehouse here, by way of celebrating the extensive renovations to the building which are scheduled to be finished by them.

Members of the department have cooperated in painting the building inside and out. New doors were installed, floors, walls and ceilings were painted, three new lounges were secured for the lounge room upstairs, along with new pictures, mirrors, and an attractive Slimline lighting fixture. The lighting fixture was a gift to the department from R. L. Howell, manager of the local Belk-Tyler store.

Queen To Be Named at Dance Saturday Night

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Mass Chest X-Ray Survey To Begin Here February 17

Five Units To Be Located in Washington and Tyrrell Counties; Steering Committees Named

Plans are being made for publicizing the mass chest X-Ray survey to be held in Washington and Tyrrell Counties February 17 through March 1, according to an announcement from Dr. Claudius McGowan, district health officer here.

At a recent meeting in Plymouth, Mrs. W. R. Klass, jr., of Plymouth, 1949 Christmas Seal Sale chairman, was named co-chairman with Miss Elizabeth Wood, public health nurse, of the steering committee for the survey. Other members of this committee are: Mrs. Joe Snell, president of the American Legion Auxiliary and active Home Demonstration Club leader; Mrs. Frances M. Darden, Home Demonstration Agent; Miss Ida Davis, officer in the Cherry Home Demonstration Club; A. R. Lord, principal of Plymouth Colored School; the Rev. P. B. Nickens, pastor of Ludford Memorial Baptist Church; and Dr. Alban Papineau of Plymouth.

Mrs. Snell has accepted the responsibility for contacting civic and women's clubs in Plymouth to schedule speakers for the survey. Mrs. Darden will enlist the assistance of Home Demonstration Club members throughout the county.

Three workers from the Division of Tuberculosis Control of the State Board of Health at Raleigh arrived Tuesday to begin organization work. They are: Miss Lula Belle Highsmith, senior health educator; Miss Iris Turlington, clerk; and Mrs. Mildred O. Page, colored junior health educator.

Alfred G. Chiswell, chief technician of the tuberculosis control division, is expected to arrive here today (Thursday) from Raleigh to work with the health department.

Nickens Speaker At Ruritan Meet

The regular monthly meeting of the Creswell Ruritan Club was held Monday night at the high school luncheon.

In the absence of the president and vice president who are attending the Ruritan National Convention at Myrtle Beach, S. C., H. W. Pritchett presided.

Routine Business was dispatched and major committee appointments were made and their duties outlined.

The guest speaker of the evening was the Rev. P. B. Nickens, Baptist minister of Plymouth, who gave an inspiring address on "The Three Ways of Life." Rev. Richard Lucas of Plymouth was a visitor.

A delightful supper was served by the ladies of the Methodist Church.

Linwood Hassell To Be Candidate For Clerk Court

Contest Is Assured For Office, as W. H. Peele Announced Last Week; Other Entries Rumored

W. Linwood Hassell, of Plymouth, former county treasurer, announced Tuesday that he would be a candidate for the office of Clerk of the Washington County Superior Court in the Democratic primary on May 27. Mr. Hassell's announcement assures a contest for the office, as former County Representative W. H. (Jack) Peele announced last week that he would be a candidate for the same office.

Mr. Hassell is a veteran of World War I and for the past several years has been a clothing salesman and representative of a Greenville roofing firm in Plymouth. He served two terms as county treasurer, from 1938 until 1942, before that office was abolished in 1944. He has been active in Democratic political affairs in the county for a number of years and has a sizeable following in the section.

W. M. Darden, the incumbent clerk of Superior court, has made no definite statement thus far as to whether or not he will be a candidate for the office again. Mr. Darden was appointed to the office on March 1, 1942, following the resignation of the late C. V. W. Ausbon, who held the post for many years. He was elected in November, 1942, and later was granted a leave of absence for services in the armed forces. After the war he returned to the job and was reelected in the 1946 election.

Thus far most of the political talk heard in the county has centered around the clerk's office, and it is reported that there will be several other candidates for the position in the May primary.

No Bookmobile Tour Is Scheduled for Next Week

The Washington County bookmobile will not make its usual tour of the county next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, because it will be the fifth week of the month, according to Mrs. Jack Bradley, county librarian.

Storage Shed Being Built By Local Wholesale Firm

Work was begun this week on a storage shed for East Carolina Supply Company, local wholesale firm. The shed is to be 90 feet by 26 feet and is being constructed near its establishment on Water Street. The building will be erected between the spur tracks and the river and it was necessary to fill in the site with many truckloads of dirt. One end of the shed will be left open and it is hoped later to add about thirty feet onto the end and to obtain a loading crane for loading and unloading supplies.

Few Refund Checks Are Received Here

Not more than 3 or 4 GI insurance checks have been cashed at the Branch Banking & Trust Company here, according to H. E. Beam, cashier.

The first checks were mailed by the government January 16 and Mr. Beam said that the first check cashed by the local bank was on the 18th. The largest check was in the amount of \$126 and the smallest was for just \$3.98.

The Veterans Administration hopes to have the dividend payments in the hands of 16,000,000 veterans throughout the nation by June 30, the VA announced recently.

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Only Four Days Remain For Tax Listing in County

FAMOUS CHORUS TO BE IN COUNTY NEXT WEEK



The Utah Centennial Chorus, composed of missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, will make four appearances in the county next week, singing at the Plymouth High School Wednesday morning; at the Plymouth Lions Club meeting Thursday evening; at the Roper High School Thursday morning; and at the Roper Ruritan meeting Thursday night after their appearance before the Lions Club here.

About 1,100 Have Listed Here; Total Valuation in Plymouth Township Expected to Show Increase

With only four listing days remaining and hardly more than half the property owners of Washington County having already listed their holdings for taxes so far, it seems inevitable that there will be some property owners in the county penalized for tardiness in listing.

That was the picture this week according to information from H. L. Davenport, County Tax Supervisor. Mr. Davenport said that listing had been very slow in all of the four townships of the county but that a noticeable spurt occurred Saturday.

Clarence L. Blount, list taker for Plymouth Township, and W. A. Roebuck, City Clerk who serves as list taker for the town of Plymouth, stated this week that around 1100 persons had listed their property for taxes during the month.

There are around 2,500 property owners in the area, so they are hardly half through with just Friday and Saturday of this week and Monday and Tuesday of next remaining in which to list without incurring a penalty. In view of the situation, list takers are expecting a terrific rush in the remaining time of grace as property owners seek to get in under the wire and avoid penalties.

Real valuation remains at the same level as last year, except where improvements have been made or losses sustained. The total valuation in Plymouth Township will undoubtedly show a substantial gain, as many new homes have been built during the year, as well as a few new business houses. Due to purchases of new automobiles by residents during the year, personal property holdings may also show a slight increase.

Other personal property will probably remain about the same, which is very low. It is an extremely rare thing for anyone to list more than \$300 worth of household and kitchen furniture, that being the maximum amount exempted from taxation. Radios and sewing machines are seldom reported to be worth more than \$100.

Less Than One-Third Polio Quota Reached

Plymouth Collections Total \$654, Director Bill Ruffin Reports; Collections in County Slow

A total of \$654 had been raised in Plymouth for the March of Dimes as this newspaper went to press. That was the latest report from Bill Ruffin of Plymouth, director of the drive in Washington County. The county quota is \$2,400.

Ruffin stated that \$256 had been collected from Plymouth merchants and business men and that the Boy Scout Troop had raised \$27.60 for the polio fund in a canvass Saturday. The cake sale held here last Friday afternoon netted another \$60. Another cake sale is planned for tomorrow (Friday) under the supervision of Mrs. Harry Barnhill.

Director Ruffin said that Mackeys had reported \$7 collected but that the Roper, Creswell and Weno communities had not yet turned in reports.

A complete organization for the campaign has been effected at Creswell with Mrs. J. M. Phelps as chairman. Other leaders are: theater chairman, George Davenport; colored chairman, Melton Bryant; Lake Phelps, Adlyette Morris; and house-to-house canvassers, Mesdames Clyde Smithson, Hal Furr, Tom Woodley and Robert Johnson.

The Creswell collections are said to have been rather slow thus far but it is hoped that with the complete organization at work that community will turn in a fine report as was the case last year when the Creswell collections totaled \$700.

Final Rites Held For W. E. Phelps

Funeral services for William Elmer Phelps, sr., 55 year old Roper farmer who died at 11:15 p.m. Wednesday night, January 18, were held at Holly Neck Christian Church at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Services were conducted by the Rev. J. D. Waters of Plymouth, assisted by the Rev. R. L. Gardner of Roper. Graveside services were in charge of Masons of Perseverance Lodge, No. 59, A. F. & A. M., of Plymouth. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Phelps died at Chowan Hospital, Edenton, following an illness of three and a half weeks. He was born in Washington County December 10, 1894, the son of W. D. Phelps and the late Mrs. Phelps, and had lived in the county all his life.

Mr. Phelps was married in Elizabeth City in 1915 to Miss Judy Davenport who survives him. He was a member of Holly Neck Christian Church and of Davie Lodge, No. 39, A. F. & A. M., of Norfolk, Va.

Surviving besides his widow are 6 sons, William E. of Portsmouth, Va., Lomer Chester and James Henry of Greensboro, Paul Everett of Norfolk, Va., and Harrell and Phillip of the home; 2 daughters, Mrs. Margaret Vaughn and Miss Frances Phelps of Norfolk; his father, W. D. Phelps of Roper; 2 sisters, Mrs. Lula Davenport of Plymouth and Mrs. Vera Phelps of Norfolk; and one half brother, S. M. Woodley of Norfolk.

Interest Mounts On 1949 Taxes

County and town tax collectors are reminding citizens who have not paid their 1949 taxes that the state schedule of interest becomes effective after Wednesday, February 1, on all unpaid tax accounts. The interest starts off in February at 1 per cent, increases to 2 per cent on March 1st, and then goes up 1/2 of 1 per cent each month thereafter on unpaid taxes.

Taxpayers who settle their last year's accounts by next Tuesday can save the 1 per cent interest. There can be no exceptions, as the interest charge is required by the state law.

Local Youth Goes To Semi-Finals of Program of Safety

Billy Winesett To Be Heard Over Radio Sunday; Competes With 30 Other High School Seniors

Billy Winesett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Winesett of Plymouth and a student at Plymouth High School, is among 30 high school seniors competing in the semi-finals of the Student Forum for Safety over three radio stations in North Carolina, according to an announcement from Jeff B. Wilson, director of the Highway Safety Division of the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles.

The semi-finalists were winners in 10 weekly contests over the 3 radio stations, WPTF, Raleigh; WBIG, Greensboro; and WBT, Charlotte. Five of the contestants will appear on each station Sunday, January 29. Five appeared on each station the past Sunday. The finals will be held Sunday, February 5.

Following is a list of the semi-finalists according to stations: WPTF, William Carmon Snipes, Fayetteville; Marie Russel, Fairmont; Michael Hinton, Rocky Mount; Thomas Mitchell Byrd, Mt. Olive; Juliane Leimone, Burgaw; Billy Winesett, Plymouth; Leroy White, Bethel; Glen Holt, Smithfield; Jeanna Hart, Durham; Lyell K. Jones, Durham.

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Funeral for Mrs. A. P. Alexander

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Pleasant Grove M. E. Church for Mrs. Mary J. Alexander who died Sunday morning at 5 o'clock at the home of a son, R. B. Alexander of Roper.

Mrs. Alexander was 80 years of age and had been ill for more than a year. She had been confined to her bed for two weeks. She was born in Washington County January 7, 1870 and had lived in the county all her life. She was the widow of the late Albert P. Alexander of Washington County. Mrs. Alexander was one of the oldest members of Pleasant Grove M. E. Church.

Services were conducted by the Rev. B. E. Bingham of Roper assisted by the Rev. D. L. Fouts of Plymouth. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Alexander is survived by 2 sons, L. E. Alexander of Norfolk, Va., and R. B. Alexander of Roper; 4 daughters, Mrs. Inos Overton and Mrs. Dock Green of Charlotte and Mrs. John Swain and Mrs. W. W. White of Roper; 3 sisters, Mrs. Caleb Ambrose of Roper, Mrs. C. F. Hassell of Plymouth and Mrs. Anna Deshields of Norfolk; 13 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren.

Equipment Arriving For County Hospital

Contracts have been awarded for equipping the newly constructed Washington County Hospital here and equipment has already begun to arrive but it is too early to know definitely just when the hospital will be opened to the public, according to W. Blount Rodman, Plymouth attorney who is a member of the board of trustees of the hospital.

Contracts have been let to the following firms: office equipment, Owen G. Dunn, New Bern; linen equipment, A. S. Aloe Co., St. Louis, Mo.; maintenance and

housekeeping equipment, Selig Company, Atlanta, Ga.; dietary equipment, M. B. Steinberg, Inc., Raleigh; medical and surgical laboratory equipment, Carolina Surgical Supply Company, Raleigh.

No contract has yet been awarded for X-Ray equipment as approval is awaited from the Medical Care Commission. As soon as the hospital is completely equipped and in readiness for opening, an open house is expected to be held for the benefit of the public before actual operation of the hospital begins.