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A sure sign of spring: The appearance of baby strollers that are showing an increase each day upon Plymouth sidewalks.

Can you beat it department: The way some of the menfolks around Plymouth use the Twentieth Century gyping posts (parking meters, to those slow on the uptake) for a prop.

Touchy subject department: The numerous bits of trash and paper marring the appearance of Plymouth streets and sidewalks.

A period of 67 years has elapsed between the dates on which a deed for the transfer of land in Washington County was signed and registered.

Who was the woman down on her knees on Water street in Plymouth Friday? She was trying to rescue a hat the wind had blown under a car parked on the street.

Here's what I want you to give me for Mother's Day, the mother told her small son as they gazed into the window of a Plymouth store.

Azar Craddock Passes Monday

Funeral services for Azar Craddock, 65, of Plymouth were conducted Tuesday, April 11, at 3 o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Herbert Ange, in Plymouth.

Superior Court Begins Monday

With Judge Q. K. Nimocks, jr. presiding the civil term of Washington County Superior Court will open in the court room in Plymouth April 17.

PMA Calls Meet Of Committeemen

There will be a special joint meeting of the county and community PMA committeemen next Wednesday, April 19, at 2 p. m. in the agriculture building.

Workers in Cancer Drive to Meet Tonight at Courthouse

A cancer education meeting for workers in the 1950 Cancer Drive and the general public tonight at eight o'clock in the courthouse.

Census Nearing End In Few County Areas

Another member of the army of census takers in Washington County has resigned, according to W. T. Freeman, crew leader.

Mrs. Edna Chesson Mizelle, of Roper has resigned, according to Freeman, and the first enumerator to complete an assigned territory will be offered the territory previously assigned to Mrs. Mizelle.

TO TOUR COUNTY NEXT WEEK



Gifts, sent by the French people in token of their appreciation for the Friendship Trains sent them from this country, will be exhibited at various points in the county next week.

Gratitude Trailer in County Next Week

Gets Right Name But Wrong Place

Getting the right name but the wrong county and the wrong state was the result of a bit of research on the part of Herbert S. Taylor, who will open a Western Auto Associate store in Plymouth next month.

Taylor, who comes to Plymouth from Norfolk, was interested in obtaining information on business activities in Washington county. He wrote to the Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, in Washington, D. C., for the statistics.

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Reports Not in on Easter Seal Sale

Mrs. Henry Harrison, chairman of the 1950 Easter Seal Sale in Washington County, expressed belief this week that the county had reached its quota.

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Roper Merchants Close Wednesdays

Roper merchants, acting upon an agreement reached recently, will begin Wednesday afternoon closing next week, according to an announcement of Wade S. Hardison, of Roper.

Rural Telephone Line Extension Is Not Set This Year

Washington Highway Residents Informed by Carolina Official That Project Not Possible in 1950

Telephone service for more than 39 families living on the Washington highway was excluded from the 1950 schedule of projects outlined by the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph company of Tarboro, according to information received recently by W. M. Darden of Plymouth.

According to the letter received by Darden from W. C. Darrow, commercial manager of the telephone company, the proposed telephone line from Plymouth to extend a distance of approximately 13 miles beyond the city limits on the Washington highway, was given consideration but deferred until later.

Wrote Darrow: "Our situation is much the same as it was when I wrote you in July, 1949. Since that time, we have made up a schedule of projects to be engineered during the year 1950 and although every consideration possible was given to the project to which you refer, it could not be included in our plans for 1950."

The Plymouth man has been working on the project since 1948 in the interest of home owners on the highway, and the project has been discussed by the Alba and the Monticello Home Demonstration clubs. Darden said that officials of the telephone company would possibly realize more readily the need for the service if individuals living in the area to be serviced, as well as the members of the home demonstration clubs, would write directly to the company in Tarboro.

In the letter Darrow stated that an attempt would be made to include the local project in the next schedule. He advised those living in the affected area not to make applications through the State REA in view of the location of the homes. He added that the State REA would merely turn the project over to the company.

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Stuart Saunders was appointed chairman of a committee to investigate the possibilities of providing a recreational park for the children of Plymouth. Saunders and his committee were asked to study the project after members discussed the matter at length.

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One Negro Dead, Another Held on Charge of Murder

Preston Moore Fatally Shot By Richard Walker Here Tuesday Night; Hearing Set April 25

A Plymouth Negro is in the Washington County jail today awaiting trial in Recorder's court on a charge of murder.

Richard Walker, 58 year old Negro of Plymouth, is charged with the murder of Preston Moore, West Main street Negro about 55 years old. According to Sheriff J. K. Reid, Walker came to his home at approximately 11:30 Tuesday night, shortly after the shooting had occurred on Brinkley avenue, and told the sheriff that he had shot Moore.

"I shot Preston Moore. I shot him through the door," Walker is quoted as saying by Sheriff Reid.

Walker stated that he broke in to the home of Viola Gerald, Negro who lives on Brinkley avenue, shortly after 11 p. m. The Plymouth Negro said that he entered the home through the back door and went into the kitchen and Walker is reported to have shot the man through the door.

In the home at the time, besides Moore and Viola Gerald were Viola's daughter and a couple of children, according to Sheriff Reid.

According to Coroner Jack Horner, he was called to the scene of the shooting, and found Moore to be still alive at the time. Horner said that Moore was taken to Dr. E. W. Furgurson. Dr. Furgurson could not be reached Wednesday for details of the dead man's injuries.

Scout Camporee To Be Held Here Friday-Sunday

Around 100 Scouts from troops at Columbia, Roper, Williamston, Jamestown, Robersonville and the host troop, Plymouth, are expected to converge on the town Friday for a Scout Pre-Camporee, to begin at 4 o'clock in the afternoon and continue until Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock, it was announced this week by F. M. Bowers, of Plymouth, district chairman. Mr. Bowers said that the Plymouth assemblage is being held in preparation for the camporee to be held in the near future at Kinston.

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Saturday Is Last Day for Filing for County Offices

Most Local Stores To Close on Wednesdays

Next Wednesday, April 19, is the date designated by the Plymouth Merchants Association for member stores to begin closing at noon on Wednesday during the spring and summer months.

There will be exceptions to the closing rule as in the past. Restaurants, drug stores and service stations will not observe the half-day closing each Wednesday and it is likely that most garages will remain open also. However, it could not be learned for certain late yesterday just what garages will remain open and which will close on Wednesday.

For the convenience of Easter shoppers the merchants decided not to begin closing until after the holiday season and since Easter Monday was observed

Surfacing Due for 5 More County Roads

Second Phase of Bond Program Calls for 17.7 Miles To Be Improved in Creswell-Cherry Area

A total of 17.7 miles of roads in Washington County is due to get a face-lifting under the second phase of the \$200,000,000 secondary road program, according to information released this week by the State Highway Commission.

This road mileage is included in five projects, all located in the eastern end of the county, around Creswell and Cherry. The projects were listed to be hard-surfaced along with other similar projects in the 12-county second district from proceeds of road bonds sold last month, Commissioner W. Guy Hargett of Richlands said.

Selection of roads for improvement was based on such factors as traffic count, school bus and mail routes, relation of the road to the highway system, and the commercial and residential development of the area served by the road, the commissioner added.

Officers for VFW Elected Thursday

Officers to serve for the coming year were elected Thursday night by the Bosie Bateman Post No. 4023 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, meeting at the courthouse here. The new slate of officers is headed by Jack Weaver, commander, Bill Ruffin was elected senior vice commander and John F. Davenport is the new junior vice commander. Other posts will be filled as follows.

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Twelve Candidates in Running Thus Far; Precinct Officials Named by Elections Board

With the filing deadline for candidates running for office in the May Primary only two days away, L. S. Brey, chairman of the Washington County Board of Elections, has announced that a total of 12 candidates for county offices have filed and paid their fees.

Registrars and poll holders of the precincts in Washington County were named at the meeting of the board in Plymouth last Saturday. Brey said at the meeting that new registration books have been provided for the county free of charge by the state.

These books will replace the 3 books previously used in primaries. Brey explained that the new consolidated book will take the place of the general election registration book, the Democratic primary registration book and the Republican primary book.

The new consolidated registration book will contain the following information on each voter: Name, party affiliation, race, date registered, residence and place of birth. Space is provided to show whether the voter cast a ballot in each primary and general election for every referendum from 1950 through 1970. The book will also include information involving all changes in the registration of a voter, Brey pointed out.

In Washington county, Brey said that no new registration will be required when the new books are placed into use. The books will be delivered to the registrars of the various precincts two weeks before the first date of registration which is on April 29. Registrars will be responsible for

Arrants' Garage Is Guttled by Flames In Early Morning

Fire of undetermined origin gutted the Arrants Garage on Wilson street in the early hours this morning. The total damage had not been estimated as this issue of the Beacon went to press but Plymouth Fire Chief Miller Warren declared it was easily the costliest fire in or around Plymouth since the Bob Cola Bottling Plant fire of some two years ago.

Costliest Fire in Plymouth Since Bottling Plant Fire, Chief Says; Origin Undetermined

The local fire department received the alarm at 1:20 o'clock this morning and when the trucks arrived at the scene the roof of the building was already caving in and the parapet on the front wall had fallen, Warren said.

Around 3,000 feet of hose was laid by the fireman and the fire chief estimated this morning that between 30,000 and 40,000 gallons of water were poured upon the blaze in a successful effort to confine the flames to the building. The fire was fought until 4:45 a. m. by which time the fire had burned itself out and completely gutted the large brick building. Windows were smashed and the place was a shambles.

Although W. T. Arrants, owner and operator of the business—a Kaiser-Frazier dealership and repair shop—was not contacted, it is understood that the last new car at the garage was sold prior to the fire but there were several used cars in the garage. Warren said the building was insured but it is not known if equipment and other things were covered.

Albamarle Schoolmasters Club Will Meet April 17

The Albamarle School Master's Club will conduct its meeting on April 17, it has been announced by R. F. Lowry, superintendent of Washington County schools. The meeting will be in the Columbia high school cafeteria, and will begin at 6:30 p. m.

Pre-School Clinics To Begin Tomorrow

Parents of children in Washington county are reminded today that pre-school clinics will be conducted through-out the county between April 14 and May 12. It is requested that all parents with children planning to attend school next fall bring them to the places at which the examinations will be given.

Dr. Cladius McGowan, county health doctor, and Miss Elizabeth Wood, county health nurse, will be in charge of the examinations. All white doctors in Plymouth will assist on the date for the Plymouth white children to report.

Clinics will be at Creswell colored school on April 14; Roper colored school on April 17; Roper white school on April 24; Plymouth colored school on April 26; Creswell high school for the Plymouth white children on May 8; and the health department for the Plymouth white children on May 12. All clinics are slated to begin at 10 o'clock, Miss Wood stated.

ENGLEHARD SPEAKER



Miss Iris Davenport will speak at the 24th District meeting of Home Demonstration club women in Englehard, April 19. Approximately 60 women from Washington county will attend to hear Miss Davenport address the meeting.

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