

The local draft office will not be open tomorrow, Friday, as the board members and clerk will be attending a meeting in Edenton of draft personnel from this and 12 other counties.

Mrs. Florence Wats, of Raleigh, sister of Miss Martha Hornthal, of Plymouth, was married last Sunday afternoon to Douglas Clyde (Peahead) Walker, head football coach at Wake Forest College. The groom's Demon Deacons presented him with a wedding present the day before in the form of a 43-0 win over Richmond University.

Former Plymouth High School footballers are doing all right for themselves at college this year. Bobby Gene West, one of the Panthers' principal ground gainers at a halfback spot last year, kicked the two extra points that spelled the difference between winning and losing when the Brevard College Tornado edged Presbyterian Junior College, 14-13, last Friday night at Brevard. Hugh "Junior" Pierce, all-Albamarle Conference center for three years, was outstanding in the State Freshmen's 66-6 victory over Campbell College last Thursday at Raleigh. Pierce, acting captain for the State, hurt his ankle in the second half and had to be relieved, but the injury was not believed serious. Clarence Alexander, at end, Herman Hooker at tackle, and "Red" Browning, at guard, are just about half of the Chowan College line, and all three starred in Chowan's recent 14-12 upset win over Campbell College.

The twenty-eighth annual convention of the Northeastern District of the North Carolina Education Association held in Greenville Tuesday was well attended by Washington County teachers. County Superintendent R. F. Lowry participated in a panel discussion on counseling problems.

Television sets and the opening game of the 1950 World Series between the New York Yankees and the Philadelphia Phillies at Philadelphia's Shibe Park yesterday made City Service Company, Poman Furniture Company and Roanoke Electrical Appliance very popular Plymouth spots.

In town yesterday morning to visit Winslow's Art Gallery were Mrs. J. H. B. Moore, Mrs. George Hearne and Mr. Walker, and several others, all from Greenville. Mrs. Moore is chiefly responsible for the development of Greenville as an art center, while Mrs. Hearne is a portrait painter and Mr. Walker is an art instructor in the Greenville schools.

Drive For Paper Planned Saturday

Plymouth Troop 84, of the Boy Scouts of America, will hold a second drive for waste paper this coming Saturday, October 7. Scoutmaster John Davis, of Plymouth, has announced. Scouts will make a house-to-house collection of paper to add to a stockpile of more than a ton gathered in the first drive, which was held August 23. When enough paper is collected, it will be sold to a Roanoke Rapids paper mill and the proceeds used to repair the troop hut and purchase scouting equipment.

Citizens are asked to place their contribution on their porch or doorsteps for collection during the day. Anyone with paper to offer who may be overlooked Saturday is asked to notify Scoutmaster Davis, who will see that the paper is collected.

The troop joined scouts from Martin County and the town of Windsor last week-end for a camporee in Williamson. Tim Malone, of Williamson, was the leader of the camporee, which included a parade through Williamson Saturday morning, and a court of honor in the Williamson ball park Saturday night.

Troop 84 is planning a similar camporee for Plymouth October 13, but plans are as yet incomplete. Scoutmaster Davis said yesterday.

Name Committee for Fire Prevention Days

In order to promote the observance of National Fire Prevention Week, which will be observed locally under the sponsorship of the Plymouth Rotary Club from October 8 through October 14, a representative committee of civic and industrial leaders has been formed.

Following are the names of those appointed and the organizations or firms they represent: Commander W. J. Weaver, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Z. V. Norman, Plymouth Lions Club; P. W. Brown, American Legion; Hubert Britton, Atlas Plywood Corporation; Fred Keyes, North Carolina Pulp Company; Mrs.

Traffic Hazards at Schools Cited

Relief of dangerous traffic congestion in front of Plymouth High School and Hampton Academy was sought Monday night by the Plymouth Town Council meeting in regular October session in the Municipal Building.

Chief of Police P. W. Brown pointed out the danger caused in the early morning and at noon by traffic snarls near the schools. West Main Street, in front of Hampton Academy, is often impassable due to a congestion of

automobiles, school busses and heavy log trucks, the chief said. A similar situation is often encountered on Washington Street, in front of the high school, he added.

Upon a motion by Councilman W. H. Joyner, the men decided to have warning signs painted on the streets approaching the two schools. The signs are to be painted on the road itself in elongated letters accentuated by diagonal lines.

Elsewhere on the short council agenda, a report was given by Fire Chief I. Miller Warren on his recent attendance at a convention of the fire chiefs held in San Francisco, Calif. The trip covered 7,885 miles, Warren said. The business session was featured by five days of lectures on fire fighting methods and fire prevention, the chief said, and added that he feels he learned many things applicable to his local job.

87 Per Cent 1949 County Tax Levy Collected So Far

Local Youth Is Korean Casualty

The first Washington County casualty of the Korean fighting is back in the States, less than five weeks after shipping overseas. He is 19 year old Pvt. Benjamin Westley Bailey, Jr., colored, son of Mr. and Mrs. Westley Bailey, of Plymouth. Private Bailey entered the service in April, 1950, and shipped overseas with the Infantry on Labor Day, September 4. In a letter to his father, he reported that he was wounded in the right knee, suffering a fracture, and was flown home by way of Tokyo, Honolulu, San Francisco and Alabama, finally arriving at Camp Lejeune, where he is now hospitalized.

Pvt. Bailey's parents plan to visit him at Camp Lejeune soon.

Order Firms Get Great Volume of Postal Payments

Figures From Local Post Office Show That About \$10,000 Goes Monthly to Mail Order Houses

A breakdown of the recipients of postal money orders issued by the Plymouth Post Office for the specimen month of November, 1949, shows that approximately \$10,000 is lost to Plymouth merchants each month through payments to mail order houses.

Money orders in the amount of \$28,270.22 were issued during the month under consideration, and \$10,445.41 of this, or almost 37 per cent, was addressed to mail order firms, according to Postmaster J. C. Swain. November is notably an average month, being characterized by neither rush nor slack business, Swain added.

Finance corporations, through payments on automobiles, refrigerators and other durable appliances, collected \$5,379.82 of the amount, for 19 per cent. Money orders of a personal nature came third, amounting to \$4,224.44. Miscellaneous payment, including numerous remittances to utility companies, totaled \$2,895.14. Next in line were the insurance companies, who collected \$2,779.76 in premiums through money orders.

Payments on industrial bank loans showed a total of \$1,611, sixth highest of the addresses. State and Internal Revenue payments totaled \$517.84, while remittances for periodicals and book club memberships brought up the rear at \$396.81. Fees of \$379.50 were collected by the post office to cover the \$28,270.22 total.

Report Shows \$136,431.05 Paid Out of \$156,095.57 Levied; Other Matters Before County Board

A report submitted to the Washington County Board of Commissioners at its monthly meeting here Monday morning shows that approximately 87 per cent of the 1949 county tax levy has been collected.

As of noon Monday, \$136,431.05 had been collected on a total charge of \$156,095.57. Tax Collector E. J. Spruill reported. This leaves \$19,664.52 to be credited. The original charge was only \$154,683.99, but additional listing and collections for penalty and interest brought the total charge up to the \$156,095.57 figure, the report indicated.

Continuing on the subject of taxes, the board put on the tax books 18 houses and 4 lots in Brinkley Forest, which did not come under the January listing. A letter from Mrs. T. G. Moore, of Washington, was read, asking for an adjustment in the evaluation of her farm property in this county due to loss of acreage and other damages caused by the building of the new Plymouth-Hayes road. The board decided, however, that the decision of the case must await the January, 1951 tax listing.

The commissioners agreed to appropriate up to \$120 to the Southern Albamarle Association to pay the expense of dinner for guests at the group's coming meeting at Creswell. Such cost is borne in rotation by this county and the three other counties within the association.

County Attorney W. L. Whitely, of Plymouth, cleared up the question of the disposition of a county road near Roper, which was tabled at the September 11 meeting of the board. D. O. Patrick earlier asked the county to convey to him the deed to a 20-foot strip of road leading to his farm so that he may make repairs to the road. Attorney Whitely has discovered, however, that although the county may abandon the road, it cannot transfer its ownership.

Three petitions for roadwork in the county were read to the board, but it was found that the petitions had not been properly filled out. Thus, they were returned to the petitioners for completion, and set for consideration at a later board meeting. Clerk Robert Campbell was instructed to write Highway Engineer D. M. Bridgeman, of Columbia, relative to securing clear access and unobstructed vision for school busses on Newberry Lane. Brush obstructs the view of bus drivers and the busses themselves are impeded by trucks engaged in highway work, the complaint states.

Vets' Minstrel Closing Tonight

The final scheduled presentation of Carolina Minstrels, a benefit program of Plymouth's two veterans organization in the interest of their building fund, will be given tonight, Thursday, at 8 o'clock in the Plymouth High School auditorium.

The first performance was given last night before a near-capacity crowd. It has been the plan of the sponsors to give a third presentation if attendance warrants, but at press time this morning it could not be determined if the extra show will be staged.

Due to the collaboration of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 4023 with James E. Jethro Post No. 164 of the American Legion in sponsoring Carolina Minstrels, the VFW post will not meet tonight as scheduled, according to Commander W. J. Weaver. Proceeds from the show will go toward the completion of the veterans building under construction on Washington Street.

District Meeting Of VFW Posts Staged Sunday

State Commander Knauff Lauds Work of Plymouth Post; Ralph Humes Elected to State Office

Approximately 55 members of Veterans of Foreign Wars posts in North Carolina District 1 turned out last Sunday afternoon for a quarterly meeting held at Juniper Lodge. Acting as host was Plymouth Post No. 4023.

Heading the guest list at the highly successful gathering, the first ever held in Plymouth, was State Commander Earl D. Knauff. Commander Knauff gave to the group his opinions on the preservation of world peace, once it is attained. He expressed congratulations to Post 4023 for its large representation at the meeting. Of the 55 in attendance, 45 were from Plymouth.

A fried chicken dinner was served prior to the business session. After each post submitted its activity report and list of future plans, the group elected Ralph Humes, of Post 4023, to the position of State Junior Vice-Commander. It was decided that the next meeting of the district will be held in Ahoskie in January, 1951. Other than the host post, those towns represented at the meeting Sunday were Edenton, Elizabeth City and Manteo.

A feature of the meeting was the veterans building going up on Washington Street through the joint efforts of Post No. 164, of the American Legion. The visit prompted State Commander Knauff to express pleasure in the mutual cooperation prevalent among members of the two organizations in Plymouth. The host commander, W. J. Weaver, would like to thank members of his post for their attendance and cooperation in the event.

1st District Rally Set October 18

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner, of Washington, in a visit to Plymouth last Thursday afternoon, called upon all Democrats in the county to turn out for the First District Congressional Rally to be held in Greenville Wednesday, October 18. Bonner will be the host congressman for the occasion.

Proceedings will get underway at 5 p. m., when Congressman Bonner will greet District 1 Democrats in a gathering of forces preparatory to the General Elections set for November 7. A number of members of the Council of State and other state officials are expected to be on hand.

This rally will be very important from the standpoint of the Democratic Party, in that top speakers are expected to bring to the front the major issues on which the campaign for votes will be waged. Bonner said here last Thursday. District 1's rally will be the sixth in a series which started Tuesday.

Ground Will Be Broken Sunday

The Plymouth Methodist Church will break ground Sunday morning October 8 at 11:45 for its new religious educational building, for which a contract for construction was let recently.

The celebration will be a continuation of the 11 o'clock service Sunday morning. At the appointed time, the congregation will follow the pastor, the Rev. D. L. Fouts, leader of the building program and the choir to the ground-breaking location to the rear of the church, where a brief ground-breaking service will be held. The two-story building will include facilities for a completely departmentalized school for all age groups.

County School Buildings Voted More Coverage

Insurance to be Raised on Every Structure; Total Will be 18 Per Cent Above That of 1949

Insurance on Washington County's 24 school buildings and their contents was increased by 18 per cent here Monday morning by the county board of education meeting in regular October session.

The board members voted to raise insurance coverage on all buildings in the county, with the result that a total increase of \$107,950 over the 1949-50 figure was approved. Whereas the buildings carried \$602,050 in insurance last year, they now are protected by \$710,000.

White school buildings are now insured for \$435,000, and their contents for \$35,000, giving a total of \$470,000. Buildings at the colored schools are insured for \$202,000, and their contents for \$18,000, for a total of \$220,000.

Following is a breakdown of the insurance approved for each school building, with their contents included in the figure: Plymouth High School, \$176,000; Principal J. S. Fleming's home, \$3,000; Hampton School, \$17,800; Plymouth H. S. Gymnasium, \$11,000; Roper High School, \$117,000; Roper Agriculture Building, \$3,200; Roper Cannery, \$1,900; Creswell School, \$135,000; Creswell Agriculture Building, \$3,200; Creswell Cannery, \$1,900.

Plymouth Colored School, \$80,000; Plymouth Colored Classroom, \$3,800; Moratock Colored School, \$2,500; Brooks Colored School, \$2,500; Deep Bottom Colored School, \$2,500; J. J. Clemmons Colored School, \$23,000; J. J. Clemmons Colored Agriculture Building, \$3,400; Macedonia Colored School, \$6,000; Mount Delane Colored School, \$2,500; Backwoods Colored School, \$2,500; Sound Side Colored School, \$3,300; Creswell Colored School, \$88,000; Washington County Storage Building, \$10,000; Washington County Repair Shop, \$10,000.

New Minister Arrives to Serve Creswell Charge

The Rev. Reese Turner, for four years pastor of the Christian Church at Water Valley, Miss., has accepted the pastorate of the Suppernoon - Phillips churches near Creswell.

The former pastor, the Rev. G. C. Bland, recently resigned to accept a call to the Christian Church at Sadesville, Ky. Rev. Turner is a graduate of Atlanta Christian College, Atlanta, Ga. He and his family arrived in Creswell early Saturday morning.

Roper Ruritans Holding Dinner Meeting Tonight

There will be a dinner meeting of the Roper Ruritan Club tonight at 7:30 o'clock in the Roper Community Building. Dinner will be served by a woman's group of the Roper Methodist Church.

Miss Faye Boahn Winner of Contest

Miss Faye Boahn, niece of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Collins, of Mackeys, was crowned Miss Wildlife of Washington County at the Plymouth Theatre last Thursday night, in a beauty contest sponsored by the Washington County Wildlife Club.

Miss Boahn, a 15-year-old blonde, won out over 10 other contestants, thereby earning the right to participate in Wildlife District 1's contest in Edenton sometime over the week-end. She was also presented an engraved wrist watch. Semifinalists in the judging were Misses Betty Riddle, of Plymouth, and Pat Marrow, of Roper. Others entered in the contest were Misses Frances Freeman, Joyce Hassell and Evelyn Chesson, of Roper; Viola Everett, of Mackeys; Virginia Heynen, of Wenona; and Margaret Bagley, Peggy Wayne Darden and Jane Crofton, of Plymouth.

Club President E. E. Harrell, of Plymouth, served as master of ceremonies, while Mrs. Bernice B. Hammons and Miss Marion R. Brinkley, of Plymouth, assisted backstage. Judges were Mrs. Polly Smith and W. L. Whitely, of Plymouth; Mrs. Mitchener Banks, of Roper; Jim Davenport, of Mackeys; and Nathaniel Holton, of Wenona. Officials of the wildlife club had not been informed this morning of the exact date of the district contest, but is scheduled for one day this week.

Ten County Men In Induction Call On October 30th

Three White and Seven Colored Men in First Induction Call; 30 To Be Examined Next Thursday

Ten Washington County men will leave Plymouth October 30 for Raleigh and induction into the Army. Local Board No. 95 received the call Monday, its first since the resumption of Selective Service operations in July.

The men will depart by special bus at 9:50 on the morning of October 30, arriving in Raleigh at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The group will be composed of three white men and seven colored, the oldest of which was born August 4, 1926, the youngest February 23, 1928.

The ten men, who were mailed induction notices Tuesday, are part of a 35-man group sent to Raleigh for physical examination September 30. Fifteen of the 30, six white and nine colored, passed the physical tests, leaving five to go in the next induction call. The ten to be inducted are the oldest of the 15 found acceptable.

The group to leave October 30 will have a second physical examination in Raleigh, and it is not known to what Army installation they will be sent for basic training, as they will leave for camp from Raleigh. Each is advised to carry clothing sufficient to last three days.

Following are those men to see Army service, provided they pass the second examination: William Edward Spruill, Howard Richard Davenport and Aubrey Rudolph Woodley, white, of Roper; James William Morgan, Clifton Freiley Winborne, Josephus Belcher, William Ernest Hammie, Daniel Belcher, Jr. and Edison Louis Towe, Jr., colored, of Plymouth; and Haywood Edward Rogers, colored, of Creswell.

Thirty more county men will leave next Thursday, October 12, for pre-induction examination in Raleigh, but their names are not yet available for publication. This group will be composed of 20- and 21-year-olds, and will bring the total of county men examined for the draft to 65. They will leave at 9:50 a. m. October 12, arriving in Raleigh at 2:30 in the afternoon.

The names of four delinquents, carried on the local board's books for some time, have been sent into state draft headquarters. They are: John Benjamin Harris, Lloyd Graham McNair, Henry Horton, Jr. and Richard K. Williams, all white, of Plymouth.

Band Will Play At Martin Fair

The second annual Jamesville Community Fair, sponsored as a community project by the Jamesville Ruritan Club, will be held this year on Friday and Saturday, October 6 and 7. Events will get underway at noon Friday, when the Plymouth High School Band will lead the fair parade.

Representative Harold Cooley is slated to speak at 1 p. m. on opening day, but in the event that Cooley, who is now on a trip, is unable to attend, the address will be given by Congressman Herbert C. Bonner, of Washington. There will be entertainment, composed of games and horse-riding tricks, from 2:30 until 6 o'clock Friday.

Saturday's program will include a band concert, possibly by the Plymouth High School Band, at 10:30 a. m., following which will be an address by L. Y. Balentine, state commissioner of agriculture, set for 11 o'clock. The fair will conclude with a purebred hog sale at 1:30 in the afternoon. Educational exhibits, including canned goods, clothing, forestry and livestock will be featured. The Jamesville Woman's Club will serve lunch.

Band Parents' Group Is Organized

Parents of Plymouth High School band members met in the school library last Friday morning and formed the Band Parents' Association, an organization designed to work for the improvement and expansion of the band. The charter president of the association is Mrs. Ray Brown. Other officers elected were Mrs. W. Leary, vice-president, and Mrs. Charles Painter, secretary-treasurer. Association meetings were set for the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p. m. in the high school.

ALUMNI SPEAKER



Dr. William E. Colwell, head of the Agronomy Department at North Carolina State College, who was the principal speaker here last night at a meeting of the Washington County State College Club.

Over 10 Miles Of Road Work Done in County

Highway Commission Report Summarizes Completed Projects; Additional Jobs Still Underway

An October 3 summary by the North Carolina State Highway Commission shows that the commission has just finished 10.19 miles of road improvement work in Washington County. Other highway work is also underway in the county, according to Highway Commissioner W. Guy Hargett, and most of it will be finished before the end of the 1950 paving season.

The widely varied work includes a 4.6-mile paving project under the \$200,000,000 bond issue program from Roper to Albemarle Beach; resurfacing of 1.8 miles of streets inside Plymouth; and two other paving projects, one from Creek Bridge, near Cherry, to Creswell (3.41 miles) and the other an 0.5-mile stretch of road near the old Mackeys Creek Bridge.

The 4.46 miles completed lies on the Plymouth-Mackeys Road, a road 9.9 miles long. The remaining 5.5 miles has for the most part been paved, but is not yet open to traffic, according to construction officials of the Nello L. Teer Company here. Resurfacing of 15 blocks in the town of Plymouth at a cost of \$14,880 was started July the Fourth and completed by month's end.

Dr. Henry W. Jordan, chairman of the highway commission, reports more road work under construction at this time than ever before in the history of the commission. Numerous primary and secondary projects will be finished before the end of the 1950 construction season. As of September 10, the commission had spent \$49,874,221.50 and allocated \$96,067,744.27 of the first \$125,000,000 in bond funds.

PTA Executive Board to Meet Wednesday, Oct. 11

A meeting of the executive board of the Plymouth PTA will be held at the home of Mrs. K. S. Trowbridge Wednesday morning, October 11, at 10 o'clock. The matter of delegates to attend the district PTA meeting to be held at Perquimans High School, Hertford, Thursday, October 19, is expected to come up. A regular meeting of the local PTA will be held on the 18th of October, Mrs. Trowbridge said.

Decision of High Court Overrules Clerk's Act Here

Order for Imprisonment in Bowser Case Held Invalid; Hall's Appearance Bond Not Forfeited

The Supreme Court of North Carolina, in a judgment rendered last week but not yet certified to the Washington County Clerk of Superior Court, reportedly held that Clerk W. M. Darden and his deputies over-stepped their jurisdiction recently in the arrest and imprisonment of Z. T. Bowser, Plymouth Negro.

As a result of the Supreme Court's decision, it is probable that Bowser, convicted of non-support, will not have to serve a road sentence and that John Hall, of Plymouth, will not have to pay an appearance bond given in the case. Bowser was convicted in Washington County Superior Court January 11, 1949, of non-support of an illegitimate child, after appealing a decision of Recorder W. Ronald Gaylord. The superior court upheld Judge Gaylord's imposition of a six-months suspended sentence, but increased the weekly payments required of Bowser for support of the child to \$6.50. Bowser again appealed.

The state supreme court upheld the superior court decision in April, 1949. Shortly afterwards, at the insistence of W. L. Whitely, representing private prosecution, the deputy county clerk issued a mittimus (an order) for Bowser to begin the road sentence, due to the fact that he was not paying the required \$6.50 per week. Bowser appealed. Bowser's attorney, P. H. Bell, Negro, of Plymouth, then made a motion that the case be held open, following which the mittimus was rescinded and a \$500 bond was taken from John Hall, Plymouth Negro, guaranteeing Bowser's appearance in superior court.

Bowser was called and failed, however, and Hall and Jack Frank, of Plymouth, who gave an earlier bond, were notified to appear at the January, 1950 term of superior court to show cause why their bonds should not be forfeited. Judge J. J. Burney held both bonds to be liable for payment, but Hall appealed to the supreme court.

Hall thus will not have to pay the bond. As to the imprisonment of Bowser, the court held that the mittimus was invalid, in that only the trial judge, Judge Burney, has the authority to say whether or not Bowser has been complying with the suspended sentence. Whether the case will be re-opened in superior court was not known here early this week.

Native of County Buried Tuesday

Funeral services for William Simon Chesson, 83, a native of Washington County but a resident of Elizabeth City for a number of years, were held Tuesday afternoon in the chapel of the Twiford Funeral Home in Elizabeth City, with the Rev. Robert W. Kicklighter, pastor of Elizabeth City's Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in New Hollywood Cemetery in Elizabeth City.

A retired building contractor, Chesson died at his home last Sunday night after an illness of 18 months. The son of the late Thomas and Anne Ward Chesson, he was an honorary deacon of the Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Claudia Peacock Chesson, of Elizabeth City; three sons, William S. Chesson, Jr. and Harrell Chesson, of Elizabeth City, and Wesley Earl Chesson, of Miami, Fla.; one daughter, Mrs. Lloyd Halstead, of Weaverville; two brothers, John Chesson, of Roper, and Richard Chesson, of Plymouth; one sister, Mrs. Emma Swindell, of Arlington, Va.; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The BPA readily approved the invitations extended the band by Scotland Neck and Jamesville for appearances during October. The band will participate in the Harvest Festival at Scotland Neck October 13 and at Jamesville on an unannounced date. An invitation to Williamson's Peanut Festival October 18 was reluctantly turned down by the association, due to the fact that the festival will conflict with plans for the band to journey to Raleigh for the North Carolina State Fair.