

Mr. and Mrs. William (Billy) Bateman arrived in Plymouth's Sunday from Manila, P. I. It was Mrs. Bateman's first trip to the States. Her maiden name was Liwanag Caravana, and she is a native Filipino. Mr. and Mrs. Bateman are staying with Mr. Bateman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Bateman.

Jaycees Call for Volunteer Help In Polio Drive

Children of school age throughout Washington County forsook Christmas toys in favor of school books as all schools in the county resumed regular schedules of classes Tuesday morning, after enjoying a holiday closing which began at the end of classes December 21.

John W. Outen, of 117 East Main Street, Plymouth, graduated from the Franklin School of Science and Arts in Philadelphia, Pa., on Tuesday, December 19. Diplomas and certificates were presented by Dr. I. Zarnost, president of the school. Graduates serve as medical technicians, X-ray technicians and medical secretaries.

Plymouth Postmaster J. C. Swain stated yesterday that sales of Federal Migratory Bird Stamps were way below those of a year ago, and cited as the likely reason the scarcity of birds in the Western section of the county, where practically all of the hunting of migratory birds is done. For some reason, the birds failed to come to that section this year.

Since Clarence Blount, list taker for Plymouth Township, is located in the city clerk's office, Chief of Police P. W. Brown and City Clerk W. A. Roebuck pointed out this week that people can now make one trip do for everything; they can list town and county taxes, buy automobile town tags, pay the water bill, and if they have a parking ticket, pay that also.

Jerry L. Hayes Buried Monday

Funeral services were conducted at Horner's Funeral Home here Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock for Jerry L. Hayes, who died Sunday afternoon following an illness of two months. Death came at 4:10 o'clock.

Mr. Hayes, a native of Bertie County, had made his home in Plymouth for the last 35 years and was widely known in the county. He was 68 years of age, and had been in declining health for about a year. He had received treatment for some time at a local hospital recently.

Mr. Hayes was the son of the late Walter Hayes and Florence Brown Hayes, of Gatesville, and was born April 6, 1882. He came to Plymouth from his native Bertie in 1915 and was married here December 23, 1923, to the former Genevieve Beasley, of Plymouth, who survives.

The deceased was a member of the Plymouth Methodist Church. Services were conducted by his pastor, the Rev. D. L. Fouts, assisted by the Rev. P. B. Nickens, of Ludford Memorial Baptist Church, here. Burial was in the Baptist cemetery.

Farm Bureau Will Hold Meet Here Friday Night

The Washington County Farm Bureau will hold its regular meeting Friday night of this week, at 7:30 in the agricultural building at Plymouth. It was announced Tuesday by E. H. Liverman, president.

An instructive and entertaining film, "Tractor Care," made jointly by the army and a farm machinery firm, will be shown.

Scouts to Gather Clothes for Needy

Ralph Mozo, of Wilson, who is chief scout executive of the East Carolina Council, Boy Scouts of America, and Howard K. Hunter, field scout executive, were in Plymouth Wednesday conferring with local scouting leaders concerning the setting up of the anniversary week program.

The program is on a nationwide basis and will seek to raise clothing to be sent to the needy persons of other lands who cannot help themselves. A quota of 170,000 pounds of clothing, used or otherwise, has been established for the East Carolina Council, composed of 20 counties in this part of the state — Washington County among them.

Mozo said a meeting of the Albemarle District Scout committee would be held next Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Scout Hut in Plymouth. Mr. Hunter, the new field scout executive, will be present, Mozo said.

Hunter replaces George Brown, of Roanoke Rapids, who has been transferred to Florida. Hunter comes to the East Carolina Council

The Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce is again sponsoring the March of Dimes drive in Washington County, club officials announced this week. The drive will get underway Monday, January 15 and is slated to continue throughout the rest of the month, it was said.

An urgent call for volunteers to participate in the campaign for 1951 was issued today by Thomas F. Hopkins, of Plymouth, director of the polio fund-raising program in the county.

"The fight against infantile paralysis is everybody's fight," Mr. Hopkins declared. "The March of Dimes is the arsenal from which we draw the weapons to win that fight. Right now, due to unprecedented costs of care for a record number of patients, that arsenal is depleted. In fact, the National Foundation still owes millions today for 1950 care. Consequently, I urge all public-spirited citizens of Washington County to sign up now for volunteer work during the period of the drive."

Help is needed for a score of tasks, the director explained, and there is a job suited to everyone, addressing March of Dimes cards, distributing coin collectors, or ringing doorbells.

"Remember, we all have a stake in this drive," Mr. Hopkins continued. "Our stake is to wipe out polio. It is up to us to see that the fight against infantile paralysis goes on this year. A hard-hitting volunteer force is needed right now for the home-front battle."

Hopkins feels a keen personal stake in the drive this year, for his own son, young Kenneth Hopkins, was stricken in 1950 and is now recovering at home following a long period of hospitalization at a Portsmouth, Virginia, hospital.

Aged Resident of Plymouth Passes

Mrs. Lizzie Barrington Brinson, of Plymouth, died Saturday evening at 9:30 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. O. Horton, here. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Centenary Methodist Church, New Bern, of which she was a member.

Services were conducted by the pastor, the Rev. H. H. King, assisted by the Rev. Edward M. Spruill, rector of Grace Episcopal Church, of Plymouth. Burial was in Cedar Grove Cemetery, New Bern.

Mrs. Brinson was the widow of the late L. L. Brinson, sr., of New Bern, and had made her home here with her daughter for the past two years. She was the daughter of the late A. H. Barrington and Emily Hall Barrington, of Pamlico County, where she was born April 22, 1865.

Mrs. Brinson had been in declining health for a year and had been confined to her bed for three weeks.

Surviving her, besides her daughter, are two sons, Albert W. and Lesley L. Brinson, both of New Bern; a nephew, Edward M. Brinson, of New Bern, whom Mrs. Brinson reared from infancy; 2 grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. S. E. Harris, of Oriental; several nieces and nephews.

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Building & Loan New Series of Stock on Sale

A new series of installment stock was placed on sale this week by the Plymouth Building & Loan Association. Purchase is open to anyone who wishes to take advantage of the systematic plan of savings offered by the association, and it is expected that upwards of 500 shares will be sold in the new series.

The current series is the 53rd offered to the public since its organization here in 1937. A new series is opened every three months, on January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1 each year. All deposits in the association are insured through the Federal Savings & Loan Association.

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Holiday Business Keeps Local Post Office Crew Busy

Local post office employees are having a collective sigh of relief now that the annual Christmas rush is history again. Postmaster J. C. Swain said Tuesday that almost twice as many pieces of mail were cancelled in the 12 days before Christmas than were handled in the same time the preceding year.

Although records are not immediately available on parcel post packages handled during the recent Christmas season, the postmaster estimated that the amount was considerably ahead of that of the year before, since all other indices were at a higher figure for the same relative periods.

Mr. Swain also said that more Christmas cards were mailed as first-class matter, with 3-cent stamps, than has been the case in the past. During the 12-day period 102,900 2-cent stamps were sold at the local office, as compared with 69,600 for the previous year. Sales of 3-cent stamps totaled 18,300, against 10,300 for the year before.

Fewer manhours of labor were required to handle the big job this year than last, the postmaster stated. Despite higher rates of pay, clerk hire was less for the 1950 Christmas period than it was in 1949; while pay for carriers amounted to slightly more, although fewer hours were worked. All employees had received a raise in pay previous to the start of the Christmas rush.

For the last three months of 1950, stamp sales at the local office aggregated \$8,798.01; against \$8,338.52 for the same period in 1949. December, 1950, stamp sales totaled \$4,556.03, while it was \$4,270.36 for December, 1949.

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Two Hardison Boys In Korean Fighting

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Hardison, of Roper, this week received letters from their two sons, who are serving with Army combat units in Korea. It was the first word from one of them in eight weeks, while it had been eleven weeks since they had heard from the other; and their letters did much to relieve the anxiety felt for them since Chinese Red troops had intervened in the Korean fighting.

Both youngsters, Sgt. Wade Hardison, jr., and Pfc. James H. Hardison, reported that they were well and getting along all right, although they expressed a per-

fectly natural desire to be back home. Sergeant Wade, jr., is serving with the 17th Regimental Combat Team, while Pfc. James is with the 46th Infantry Division. James recently was awarded the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service in the presence of an armed enemy.

The two Hardison boys enlisted together in the Army nearly three years ago, and have been overseas in the Far East for two years and seven months. They were with the occupation forces in Japan until the fighting broke out in South Korea last June, and they went into the fighting zone shortly afterwards.

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Buy New Car for Police Department At Council Session

Purchase of a new car for use by the police department was about all the business transacted by the Plymouth city council at its regular meeting Monday night. Starting off the new year "right," the council discussed a few other matters and adjourned by 9 o'clock, almost a record.

Four sealed bids were opened for the new car, and by unanimous vote councilmen accepted the bid by Manning Motor Company for a four-door Ford 8-cylinder sedan. The low bid was \$903.50, plus the old police car—described as in bad condition. A few extras, leather upholstery, heater, heavy-duty seats and front springs, were to be added to the base price.

Councilman Max Willette, of the third ward, asked that the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company be requested to install automatic warning signals at the crossing of the main road to the country club village leading from west Main Street. Extended. The mayor and clerk agreed to make the request. It was pointed out that the railroad company is using this spur frequently at night about time for the shift change at the pulp mill, and several workmen living in the village have had "close calls" at the crossing recently.

It also was ordered that 20-mile speed limit signs be placed on the main road leading through the country club village. Councilmen present were E. D. Keel, of the first ward; H. H. Allen, of the second ward; Max Willette and J. A. Holbrook, of the third ward. Mayor A. J. Riddle presided, and Clerk W. A. Roebuck and Police Chief P. W. Brown also were on hand.

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County Negro Youth Is Missing In Action

The second reported Washington County casualty of the Korean fighting is an 18 year old Negro, Pvt. John Clinton Blount, of Plymouth, Rt. 1, whose parents were notified Tuesday by the War Department at Washington, D. C., that he has been missing in action since November 27. No details were given.

Blount is the son of John and Alice Blount, farmers who live about two miles from Plymouth, and is the eldest of six children. He enlisted in service June 9, 1950, following graduation in May from Plymouth Colored

Court Term Here To Start Monday

Total of 37 Cases, 19 Criminal and 18 Civil, Set for Trial; Judge Walter J. Bone to Preside

A total of 37 cases—19 criminal actions and 18 civil actions—are on the calendar for the January term of Washington County Superior Court to convene here next Monday, with Judge Walter J. Bone, of Nashville, presiding. Judge Bone is the resident judge of this district.

According to the calendar, made public by the clerk of court's office here yesterday, the first three days will be reserved for the trial of criminal cases while Thursday and Friday of the first week's sessions will be for trial of civil actions as will the following Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Only two cases have been set for Wednesday, January 17, the last day of the term, and it is anticipated that court will adjourn before noon that day, if not earlier in the week.

Assault, trespass, forgery, non-support and driving cases practically comprise the criminal calendar for the two-week term of court, with six assault cases scheduled for hearing the first day.

The complete criminal calendar is as follows: Monday, January 4—State versus Ike Pailin, assault on female; state versus Joseph Patrick alias Jim Dick Patrick, assault on female; state versus James Bell, jr., assault with deadly weapon; state versus Doris Ruffin, trespass;

State versus Hugh Josh Downs, driving drunk; State versus Ned Yount, assault and nuisance; State versus Robert Green, assault with deadly weapon; State versus Curtis McNair, forcible trespass; State versus Curtis McNair, assault; and State versus Bennie Hufton, reckless driving. Tuesday, January 9—State versus Curtis McNair, forcible trespass; State versus Curtis McNair, assault; and State versus Bennie Hufton, reckless driving. See COURT, Page 10

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Last-Minute Rush For Auto Licenses Is Now in Making

791 Sets of 1951 Tags Sold Up to Yesterday Afternoon; Expect to Sell Over 2,000 More

Car and truck owners of this section are very slow in buying 1951 state license plates, it was learned yesterday afternoon from Ernest Etheridge, manager of the local branch of the license bureau. Only 791 sets of plates had been issued at that time.

Last year approximately 2,970 license were issued by the local bureau, which means that over 2,000 car owners of this section either have not bought new tags so far or have gotten them from some other source. It is believed that there are more cars on the road now, so the present outlook is for a grand last-minute rush in the latter part of January. New plates must be installed on all cars and trucks before the 1st day of February, when patrolmen will start citing delinquent car owners to the courts if they are caught on the highways.

Board Meetings Are Set Monday

Due to the New Year holiday, neither the Washington County commissioners nor board of education held their customary meetings on the first Monday, but they will hold forth at their usual meeting places in the courthouse here next Monday, January 9. The Plymouth City Council disregarded the holiday and held its meeting last Monday night.

Routine sessions are scheduled by the two county boards, but it is possible that the commissioners will hear some protests against the horizontal increase of 20 per cent in real estate valuations ordered last month. Considerable opposition to the increase has been expressed, and some of the critics have indicated they planned to carry their protests to the board.

Services Today For Local Man

Funeral services for William Andrew Windley, 78, of Plymouth, will be conducted this afternoon (Thursday) at 2 o'clock at Sidney Free Will Baptist Church by the Rev. Walter Huddell, of Roper. Burial will be in the Linton cemetery near Sidney.

Mr. Windley died at 7 o'clock Wednesday morning at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Johnson Bateman, of Plymouth. He had been in declining health for the past five years and was confined to his bed for the last week.

Mr. Windley was the son of the late Jacob Windley and Henrietta Flynn Windley, of Beaufort County, where he was born December 26, 1872. He came to Washington County 35 years ago and had lived in Plymouth the past two years, coming here from Roper. He was a retired farmer and a member of Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church, near Roper.

Funeral Today for Wife of Local Resident's Brother

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock at Cox Funeral Home, Norfolk, Va., for Mrs. Helen Burgess, 62, wife of W. B. Burgess, of Norfolk. Mr. Burgess is a brother of T. C. Burgess, of Plymouth.

Mrs. Burgess was stricken ill Monday night, immediately after having returned home from Wilson, where she attended a family get-together. She died Tuesday morning at about 8 o'clock.

Highlights of Local News Articles During 1950

Reviewing the year 1950 by way of the files of The Roanoke Beacon, substance is ample to refute those who say that nothing ever happens in a small town. Of course, some may not like to feel that Plymouth falls in this category. Truth is, the 1950 census showed a population of 4,471 souls. Not too small, you say. And not too large, either. Must be just right.

But we digress. In the news reflected in the pages of the local weekly chronicle during the past twelve months there is much,

naturally, of a routine or commonplace nature. But mingled with the everyday news there is also a good share of the out-of-the-ordinary, more spectacular events.

During the year, the town was saddened by the death from drowning of one of its citizens and his little son. Two children, both well known and loved in the community, were stricken with diphtheria. One Negro man was killed when struck by a train, and another was shot to death by another Negro man. Ply-

mouth's fine athletic team, the Panthers football eleven, fell to arch-rival Williamston in the title game played in the Martin County capital.

But there was a bright side, too. Billy Winesett did himself, the school and the town proud by going to the state semi-finals in a program sponsored by the Highway Safety Division. Dollar Days, and later, Trade Days, were successfully staged by Plymouth merchants. Enrollment records were set at the local schools. The various civic-sponsored drives,

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Many of the Christmas Seal Sale letters were reported yet unanswered. The first baby born in Washington County in 1950 was a girl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Pierce, of Roper, RFD. At a meeting of baseball fans \$1,800 was pledged toward keeping the Plymouth franchise in the Albemarle League.

W. Guy Hargett and other highway officials had met with the county board of commissioners to discuss progress made on road work already committed in the county. The school bus in-

spection had given local busses a clean bill of health. Fred Ellison was convicted in Superior Court of larceny of whiskey at Creswell ABC store and of the theft of a car belonging to P. W. Littlejohn, of Creswell, and was given five years at State Prison by Judge Q. K. Nimocks, jr., of Fayetteville. Madison Boone was killed when struck by a train while lying on the tracks in Plymouth.

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