

Mrs. W. J. Woolard, of Plymouth, attended the furniture exposition at High Point early last week and spent the latter part of the week in Raleigh with her husband who is in the legislature there. While in Raleigh, Mrs. Woolard, with her husband, attended the reception for the legislators and their wives at the Executive Mansion, given by Governor and Mrs. Scott, from 8 until 11 o'clock Thursday evening.

Miller Warren, Plymouth fire chief and auto-supply store operator, left Sunday for a buying trip to New York City. He is expected to return to Plymouth sometime today.

W. A. (Bill) Roebuck, Plymouth city clerk, injured his hand and came down with pleurisy in his left side all in one day. Bill touched a hot stove while filling the tank with fuel and in hastily drawing back, cut the top of his right hand, requiring eight stitches. Later in the day, he was confined to his bed with pleurisy, his second attack in three years. He was resting rather comfortably yesterday.

The distinction of being first to break out in a new straw hat during 1951 goes to James Boyce, who was parading one during the height of last Saturday's snowstorm here. This news is going to make Lue Read mighty unhappy, because Lue usually claims pre-eminence in the straw bonnet department. John Brown beat Lue to it a few years ago, and he's never got over it. Now along comes Boyce and a mid-winter snowstorm to add to his misery. When last seen, Boyce was attracting a lot of attention—and snowballs.

Local supporters of the saying about the groundhog seeing his shadow are now gleefully pointing to last Saturday's snow and the bitter cold weather which followed. Of course, the old boy did see his shadow February 2nd at noon—unless he was blind, that is.

J. M. Willette To Leave Plymouth

J. Max Willette, employee of the North Carolina Pulp Company and member of the Plymouth City Council, is leaving this week-end to accept a position with the Navy Department at Arlington, Va. Mr. Willette, who has lived in Plymouth since April 1940, with the exception of four years while he was in the Navy during the war, is going with the Bureau of Yards and Docks at Arlington, and will move his family to that city within the next few weeks.

He was elected to the city council as one of two members from the third ward in 1948. In addition to his civic work, he has been a leading figure in labor circles here since returning from the service in June, 1946. He has served as secretary of Local No. 356, International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers, and also as secretary of the Plymouth Central Labor Union. He was a member of the grievance committee at the mill for three years and also served on the negotiating committee for the past three years. While in the service he received several promotions and now holds a reserve commission as lieutenant. He and his family have many friends in Plymouth who regret to learn that he is leaving.

Board of Education In Routine Session Monday

The Washington County board of education held its regular monthly session in the courthouse here Monday morning with the Chairman L. E. Hassell, of Roper, presiding. The other members of the board, J. W. Norman, of Plymouth, and P. B. Balanga, of Creswell, were present, along with County Superintendent of Schools Roy F. Lowry, of Plymouth. A few routine matters were discussed in the brief session, it was said.

Firemen Called Out Four Times in Week

Plymouth's volunteer firemen were called out twice during Saturday's cold snowfall and again early Monday afternoon, but very little damage resulted from any of the fires. Monday's fire was in the upstairs apartment at Horner Street. The apartment is occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Asby. Mrs. Asby was drying some baby clothes on a cardboard box before the stove. The box caught fire, it was said, and a gas heater was ruined by the blaze. The floor was blistered and smoke damage resulted to the walls.



Official Department Of Defense Photo SNOWBOUND—U. S. Marines, entrapped in Korean storm, wait on the roadside for signal to resume their march over icy terrain.

Representative and Board Members Talk Proposed Legislation

Close One Block Of Local Street

Plymouth Police Chief P. W. Brown announced today that traffic will be halted on one block of Washington Street, between Main and Third Streets, Monday morning if the weather is favorable. The street will be blocked off at those points until a spot can be determined which was recently torn up by town workmen while repairing a sewer. It is expected that the street will be closed to traffic between Main and Third for several days.

County Not To Be Represented At Bureau Meet

President Liverman of the County Farm Bureau Reports None to Attend State Convention at Asheville

The North Carolina Farm Bureau will hold its 15th annual Statewide convention in Asheville, February 11-14. E. H. Liverman, of Plymouth, president of the Washington County Farm Bureau, said late yesterday that he knew of no one from this county who planned to attend the convention.

A full program has been arranged, beginning with a vesper service Sunday which will be presided over by Mrs. B. B. Everett, of Palmyra, state chairman of Farm Bureau women. Monday night's program will include an address by Mrs. Charles W. Sewell, of Otterbein, Indian, former administrative director of the American Farm Bureau Associated Women. President Alonzo Edwards, of Hokeston, will give his annual message at Tuesday morning's program. The Tuesday morning session will also include an address by Governor Scott. The annual banquet is scheduled for Tuesday night. Wednesday will feature general business.

The first alarm Saturday occurred about 3:30 in the afternoon. The blaze was at a colored house on East Water Street. A sill adjoining the chimney had caught fire. Firemen chopped the burning sill away with axes. The second alarm was at a colored house on Wilson Street where a chimney fire caused practically no damage. The local firemen answered a call at about 7 o'clock Wednesday night when a wood heater got too hot at the home of Martha Bailey, colored, on Fourth Street. No damage resulted.

To Fix New Schedule of Fees for Register of Deeds; No Action on Several Other Matters

Representative W. J. Woolard and members of the Washington County Board of Commissioners discussed a wide variety of matters at the regular session of the board here Monday morning. Included in the discussion were some items of proposed local legislation which may be presented during the current session of the General Assembly.

One of the first matters to come up was legislation dealing with hunting dogs that are permitted to run at large during the closed season on game birds and animals. The county game protector, J. T. Terry, and representatives of the county wildlife club, headed by President E. H. Harrell, appeared at this time, and it was decided to look into present laws and determine if additional legislation would be needed to deal with owners of dogs permitted to run at large. The county commissioners explained that this was a matter of considerable concern to them, as they are called on practically every month to pay the damage caused by stray dogs killing sheep, poultry and other farm stock. The wildlife club feels that much game is destroyed by the same dogs, and it is indicated that a determined effort will be made to limit such depredation. The representative assured his cooperation to this end.

Mr. Woolard then explained to the commissioners that he had been approached by county citizens who wanted passage of various items of local legislation dealing with county affairs. He stated that he wished to work in cooperation with the commissioners, particularly in matters that call for expenditure of any county funds. The representative said he had been asked to present bills calling for salary raises for several county officers, but said he would be unwilling to present such matters unless they were recommended by the board. The commissioners then explained that they felt such matters should be presented to them when the budget was being made, indicating that they would look with favor on such proposals provided the budget would stand it. It was not felt that any special legislation would be needed to effect these increases.

The commissioners decided to have a new schedule of fees drawn up for work performed in the office of the register of deeds. It was pointed out that the present fees were fixed many years ago, and they are inadequate in many respects. (See LEGISLATION Page 10)

Waste Paper Collection By Sea Scouts Postponed

The scheduled canvass of Washington Street homes by the Sea Scouts last Saturday to collect waste paper was called off because of the snowfall. Dr. Alban Papineau, skipper of the Sea Scouts, explained this week. Barring bad weather again, the canvass of the same territory will be made this Saturday, Papineau said.

Aid Voted Down By Commissioners On Activities Fund

R. E. Bowen, Spokesman for Plymouth Lions Club, Asks \$600 for Athletic Activities

The Washington County Board of Commissioners turned down a request of R. E. Bowen, spokesman for the Plymouth Lions Club, for \$600 for the activities fund at Plymouth High School, in their regular monthly session here Monday.

Bowen appeared before the board at the request of the president of the Lions Club and presented the appeal on behalf of the Plymouth High School Activities Committee. He showed the need for funds there, explaining that in the past several years, these needs have been taken care of by the Lions, Rotary Club, Junior Chamber of Commerce, PTA and by money raised through school activities.

It was felt that the activities fund would take care of itself in 1951 and since the various local organizations which had helped in the past were not approached this time, they have undertaken other obligations and so are in no position to help now. Bowen said that since 1946 \$23,835 has been raised by school activities, PTA, JCs, Rotary and Lions Clubs, and has been used to salvage the gym and put it in useable condition, build dressing rooms, install showers, secure an athletic coach, home economics equipment, pavement at high school and grammar school, venetian blinds, flag pole, lights, new piano, heaters for the gym, band equipment and uniforms, and athletic equipment for the high school.

The commissioners recognized the merit of the request, but explained that they had been forced to raise property valuations in the county in an effort to secure needed revenues and could not vote the appropriation now.

W. J. Woolard, county representative, appeared before the board and he was requested to introduce and support a number of local bills in the legislature. A motion was passed to request the State Highway and Public Works Commission to eliminate a sharp curve on the new highway to Mackeys and also to improve the road at the south end of the old Mackeys bridge. A petition signed by 15 Washington County citizens was read and ordered forwarded to the Highway Commission, asking 1 1/2 miles of road from the Long Ridge Road in front of Elwood Wynn farm to Harnen Harrison line beyond Ausbon Station be graded and the bridge fixed. The petitioners agreed to furnish any help within reason if so requested by the Highway Commission. E. J. Spruill, county tax collector, reported \$29,445.03 collected in his office in January. Mrs. Frances M. Darden, home agent, read her report. H. E. Newland, (See BOARD Page 10)

Seek Low Lake Level

The Lake Phelps Flood Project Committee, formed at a meeting at Creswell last Friday, held its first meeting there Tuesday. Two resolutions were agreed upon. The first resolution was that gates be installed in six canals, the Moccasin, Western, Thirty Foot, Transportation, Magnolia and Bee Tree.

The committee agreed that the gates should be installed so that the water in Lake Phelps could be lowered three feet below its present level of 11 feet; that the openings of these gates should be cleaned out from the water's edge so that the water might drain down to the desired 8 foot level; that the farmers whose lands these canals traverse should regulate the opening and closing of the gates, so that the water in Lake Phelps can be lower at times when these canals are not carrying excessive farm water, and to have the lake at a level so that it can be used as a storage basin to hold flood rains.

Scout Parade Friday

Local scouting officials announced yesterday that the parade of various scouting units originally set for today (Thursday) has been postponed to Friday. The parade will begin at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and will include units of Boy Scouts, Sea Scouts, Cub Scouts and the local colored troop of Boy Scouts, as well as the Plymouth High School band, and possibly others. The annual Father-Son banquet will be held Friday evening at the Legion Hall here. It was announced that a 20 minute film, "The Making of a Yankee," would be shown. The film is of interest to scouts and their parents, also. It was said that about 125 persons are expected to attend the banquet. A court of honor for the scouts will be held at Ludford Memorial Baptist Church Sunday evening. Details of this program were not available. Sunday, the scouts will canvass Plymouth to collect old clothing which will be shipped overseas for the relief of unfortunate persons. This is part of a national drive and is also tied with the annual celebration of Boy Scout Week which is being observed this year from February 6th to 12th.

Three Inches of Snow Here Saturday

The first sizeable snow in nearly three years blanketed Washington County and other points in eastern Carolina last Saturday, when an official measurement of 3 inches was recorded at the Tidewater Test Farm, near Plymouth. The snowfall was coupled with the lowest temperatures to be recorded in the section this winter, creating hazardous driving conditions that continued until Sunday afternoon. The first flakes began to fall here about 4 o'clock Saturday morning, continuing with more or less intensity throughout the day. It was an exceptionally dry powdery snow, and the low temperature prevented any melting before noon Sunday. According to records at the Tidewater Farm, the mercury dropped to 6 degrees above zero early Sunday morning, the lowest recorded here in several years.

High School Boys May Be Enlisted Near End of Term

Same Regulation Recently Applied to College Students Extended to Youths in High School

National selective service officials this week finally got around to giving high-school students the same right to volunteer in the last 30 days of the school term that were granted recently to college students. Instructions to this end were received Monday by the office of the local draft board. Under the new regulation, students in high school who have received calls for pre-induction examination, but whose induction has been postponed at the student's request until the end of the school term, may have their cases opened for reclassification during the last 30 days of the school term. During that 30 days they may apply for enlistment in any branch of the armed forces which they prefer, subject to quotas in those branches not being previously filled. The order was received too late for some local high-school students, however, as several members of the senior class here have already volunteered for the Air Force. Two of them, Hugh Molden and Luther Hobbs, left Sunday for service in that branch. There is also another angle that affects this order, it was learned from the Air Force recruiting officer here Tuesday. He stated that Air Force quotas are limited at this time, and he has a lengthy waiting list. Volunteers with the highest educational qualifications are given first chance at the existing vacancies, the recruiter stated, and his waiting list includes quite a number of two, three and four year college men who probably would be given preference in filling quotas. The recruiting officer said he expected to have a big rush of volunteers as the end nears for college and school terms, and unless quotas are materially increased many students who prefer to enlist in the Air Force will (See SCHOOL BOYS Page 10)

Polio Campaign Now Near Quota

Washington County's \$3,000 March of Dimes quota had been so nearly reached by noon yesterday that the county director of the drive, Thomas F. Hopkins, of Plymouth, was confident that the campaign could be successfully terminated Saturday. The drive, originally scheduled to end January 31, was extended indefinitely when it was reported last Wednesday that slightly less than two-thirds the quota had been reached. As of yesterday noon, between \$2,850 and \$2,900 was in hand, Hopkins reported. He declared that he felt certain the annual Dimes' Birthday Ball would climax the campaign, as originally intended. The ball was originally set for last Saturday night but was postponed a week because of the bad weather. It will be held in the Plymouth High School gymnasium Saturday night, beginning at 9 o'clock, unless bad weather again forces a postponement. The J. J. Jennings High School orchestra of Roper is slated to furnish music for the dance. The proceeds will go into the county polio fund. During intermission, the coronation of the queen, Miss Shirley Daniels, of Plymouth, will take place. Miss Daniels won the honor in competition with several other contestants by collecting the largest amount of money for the March of Dimes. The amount turned in by her was \$100.50. Hopkins stated that Principal J. S. Fleming, members of the faculty, and the student body of the Plymouth schools, have merited much praise for their splendid efforts on behalf of the polio fund. He said that a total of \$904.89 has been raised through the school, this being almost one-third the county quota. The primary grades (1-3) raised \$163.37; the grammar grades and high school (4-12) contributed \$208.81; and the queen's contest netted \$532.71. A contest was held among the primary, grammar and high school groups and the winners have been announced as follows; primary group, Mrs. Harrison's room, \$27.46; grammar group, Mrs. Dinkins' room, \$30.10, and high school, Mrs. Hough's room, (including queen) \$179.37. Director Hopkins reported that the bake sale, held last Friday and Saturday, in the show windows of Norman Furniture Company on Water Street, netted \$80. The recent recital given by Mrs. Marie Newland and several young soloists at the First Christian Church swelled the fund by \$25.50. Hopkins also stated that the Plymouth Colored schools are expected to report around \$200 raised. He said that schools at Roper and Creswell have not turned in complete reports but they are expected by next week. With all these late returns, the county director stated he was confident that the county would net \$3,000 above all expenses for the fund. Hopkins wishes to thank every group and each individual that has helped to bring the campaign so near its goal.

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Funds for Party Day Now Raised

H. H. Allen, chairman of the Democratic executive committee of Washington County, announced today that the county has reached 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 in Raleigh. The money has already been sent in, Allen said. W. J. Woolard, Washington County representative, will attend the dinner and it is expected that two other persons from the county will go. Allen stated that he might attend.

Board Looks With Favor on County Group's Proposal

Four County Men Appear Before Commissioners in Interest of County Wildlife Resources

A group interested in the conservation and development of wildlife resources in Washington County appeared before the board of county commissioners in session here Monday and made two proposals which they would like to see enacted into law during the present session of the General Assembly. The group was composed of E. H. Harrell, president of the Washington County Wildlife Club, J. T. Terry, county game warden, and E. J. Spruill, all of Plymouth, and Marshall Spruill, of Mackeys. The first proposal was that Lake Phelps be opened for the operation of pound nets and traps, but no seines, by permission and under strict supervision of the State Wildlife Department. The purpose of permitting operation of pound nets and traps is to ferret out so-called "rough" fish, such as catfish, carp, gars and eels which destroy game fish, their food, and spawning grounds. It was emphasized that should such become law, those who fish nets should be accompanied by a game protector to see that game fish would not be taken. The second proposal was that Lake Phelps be excepted from the law which gives the State Department of Conservation and Development the power to charge for launching boats on the lake, inasmuch as no adequate facilities have been provided there by the department. The board of commissioners was favorable to the proposals and agreed to recommend their introduction and support in the form of local bills in the House of Representatives by County Representative W. J. Woolard.

Musical Program Sunday at Colored School in Creswell

Creswell.—The Golden Eagle Quartet, of Portsmouth, Va., will present a program of spiritual music at the Creswell Colored School on Sunday, February 11, at 3:30 p. m. It was announced this week by P. W. Littlejohn, principal. The event will be sponsored by the P. T. A. program committee. The public is invited to hear the quartet, one of the most famous of the tidewater area.

Plymouth Extends Generous Welcome To Polish Family

Destitute Displaced-Persons Family of Eight Given Food, Clothing, Furniture by Community Help

By JAMES L. BOND That the community of Plymouth has a generous heart was convincingly demonstrated last Friday. And because of that demonstration, a Polish family of eight persons—including a seven month old baby—was lifted out of a very real slough of despondency by being provided with necessities badly needed. The family, Mr. and Mrs. Jan Wesner and six sons ranging in age from 17 years to seven months, was moved last Wednesday to Plymouth from near Kinston by a Catholic priest, apparently in the hope that the father and oldest son could secure work here. The Wesners came to this country from East Germany in February, 1950, transportation being arranged through the Displaced Persons Bureau in New Jersey. A farmer near Kinston had agreed to take the family on his farm and so they came to North Carolina. It was stated by the oldest son, Eddie (the only one of the eight who speaks English) that the father was hired to work at \$3 a week and the son was to get \$2.50 per week. The family was not able to live on so meager an amount and the priest is said to have paid the farmer \$48 which the latter claimed the Wesners owed him when they left. The priest, so the boy said, rented a house next to the Bus Station here and moved the family in. He also gave the father \$10, the boy said. The Wesners had no clothing to speak of, aside from what was on their backs, there was no food, pitifully little furniture, insufficient bed cover, and the weather was bitterly cold. They had no cook stove, no table or chairs, and no heater with which to warm the house. Neighboring families brought a coal heater and some food. Then the Wesner boys helped to get the things into the house while their mother, holding the (See FAMILY Page 10)

Services Friday For L. H. Phelps

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Holly Neck Church for Lindsey H. Phelps, 73, of Roper, who died at 10:15 o'clock Wednesday morning at his home. Mr. Phelps had been in declining health for about a year. The son of the late Kirby and Betty Hopkins Phelps, he was born in Washington County February 18, 1877. He was married in Roper, February 9, 1901, to Miss Maggie Burgess, of Creswell. He was retired, having been employed by Atlas Plywood Corporation, of Plymouth. Mr. Phelps was a member of Holly Neck Church which he attended regularly. Surviving besides the widow are two sons, Nathan and Theodore Phelps, both of Roper; one daughter, Mrs. William Edwards, of Roper; 14 grandchildren; and one great grandchild; two brothers, Jim and Lonnie Phelps, both of Roper; and a sister, Mrs. Nan Everett, of Mackeys. Funeral services will be conducted by the Rev. Walter Armstrong, pastor of Holly Neck Church. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Fourth of Township Property Not Listed

The township list takers completed the job of tax listing Wednesday of last week, but there are a number of property owners throughout the county who failed to report their holdings, according to reports. The work proceeded about as usual, most list takers reported as they started on the job of tabulating returns on the scroll books. In Plymouth township, the response was not too good, with only three-fourths of property owners listing their property for 1951 taxes. C. L. Blount, list taker, reports that only 1,720 persons listed during the month of January, against a total of 2,310 names on the tax books. Of the 590 who failed to list, 245 are white and 345 colored. W. A. Roebuck, city clerk, who listed the property of residents for the town of Plymouth, said the percentage of those failing to list town taxes was considerably less than the township average, although he did not have the actual figures. All persons who failed to list are subject to the penalties provided by state law.