

FOUR COUNTY STUDENTS AT WAKE FOREST



Shown above are six of the eight students from Washington and Tyrrell Counties enrolled at Wake Forest College. They are, front row: James F. Porter, of Plymouth; Ann Carolyn Williams and M. Sherwood Jones, of Columbia; back row: Alton D. Harris, of Creswell; Jerome R. Byrd, Plymouth; William C. White, Roper. Two others, George T. Staley and Edward C. Hamilton, of Columbia, were not present when the photo was made.

Sheriff J. K. Reid received notice from his son's wife in Goldsboro yesterday that his son, Joe Reid, Jr., was in Mobile, Ala., awaiting flight to Camp Lejeune, N.C., in the Marine Corps, has been in Korea since January 1. The sheriff said there was a possibility the boy would be home soon on a 30-day leave.

The springlike weather of the past couple of weeks (up to Tuesday) brought a sharp rise in sport fishing. No extra large catches have been reported thus far, although several nice "messes" of "speckles" have been caught. According to the fishing calendars this week-end should see conditions about "right," and just about everybody who owns or can beg, borrow or otherwise get hold of a fishing pole will be on the creeks. Of course, a few die-hards, or hard-heads—like Luther Nobles, et al.—have been fishing all winter, and ever and anon they come up with something that has scales on it to provide plenty of conversation, if not food.

It was learned this morning from a reliable source that workers at the John L. Roper Lumber Company in Roper have gone on strike. Exactly when the action took place, what the workers are demanding and other facts of the strike could not be learned as the Beacon went to press.

The Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce will hold its regular dinner meeting Friday night at the Legion Hall, according to an announcement made early this week. All Jaycees are urged to be present, of course.

A postponement of the regular weekly session of recorder's court was necessitated here Tuesday, due to the absence of the Judge, Edward L. Owens. Mr. Owens was away on a trip to Hot Springs, Ark., and it could not be learned whether he is expected to be back in time for court next Tuesday or not.

Car Overtakes, Driver Escapes

Although his car was practically demolished, James Kenneth Comer, 19 year old youth of Roper, Rt. 1, escaped injury late Sunday night when the 1947 Chevrolet sedan he was driving south on the Pea Ridge Road over turned. The accident caused damage to the car estimated at \$700 by State Highway Patrolman R. W. Young, of Plymouth, who investigated.

The wreck occurred at about 10:45 Sunday night a quarter-mile south on N. C. Highway 32, in front of the Howard Simpson residence. According to Young's report, the car ran off the highway while travelling about 50 miles per hour and when the driver attempted to pull the car back onto the pavement it skidded and overturned. No arrest was made.

Ed Davenport Is Attending Ford School at Dearborn

R. Ed Davenport, jr., of Manning Motor Company, Ford dealership in Plymouth, is attending the Ford Motor Company's merchandising school in Dearborn, Mich. He began classes March 5 in a one-month intensified training course in sales and service methods. He was appointed to the school by Emerson Plank, sales manager of the Norfolk Ford District.

Committee Approves Peanut Acreage Hike

Commercial growers of edible peanuts in Washington County, along with other areas of the state and other states where the goobers are produced, had cause for at least some rejoicing Tuesday when the Senate Agriculture Committee unanimously approved North Carolina Senator Clyde Hoyer's bill that would authorize an increase in plantings of about 63,000 acres in this state. Washington County would get its prorated share of this increase, should the bill become law.

Seek Oil on Holdings Of Roper Lumber Co.

Norfolk, Va.—The vast holdings of the John L. Roper Lumber Company, at one time a major producer of timber on the Eastern Seaboard, will be explored for oil and gas deposits under provisions of leases organizations which were announced here last week. Some of the present holdings are in Virginia, but most are in North Carolina.

Review Board Meets Monday

Next Monday the Washington County board of commissioners and the county tax supervisor will meet in the commissioners' room at the courthouse here as a board of equalization and review. The meeting will begin at 10 o'clock.

Leary's Condition Is Said Improved

The condition of Iris Leary, 23 year old faculty member and basketball coach at Plymouth High School, has improved, according to the attending physician, Dr. T. L. Bray, of Plymouth. Leary, a veteran of World War II, was admitted to the Washington County Hospital early Saturday morning, suffering from what Dr. Bray described as an "acute dilatation with strong coronary symptoms." The young man suffered another attack shortly after being admitted and was placed under an oxygen tent. He was later taken out from under the tent, placed back again, and is now able to be out from under the tent, the doctor said.

March Business Said Good Here

Several merchants of Plymouth commented this week that business was good despite the fact that the income tax deadline occurs Thursday. Of course, a high percentage of persons here, about no doubt pay their income tax in the form of withholding tax, taken from their pay checks each payday. Nevertheless, the merchants were encouraged by the way business is holding up and were eagerly looking forward to the special Dollar Day trading event which is being sponsored here by the Plymouth Merchants Association. Dollar Days have been planned for Friday and Saturday, April 6 and 7.

Bill to Eliminate Overflow at Lake Phelps Presented

Introduced jointly by Representatives W. J. Woolard, of Washington County, and Lewis L. Combs, of Tyrrell County, a bill calling for the state to put up \$25,000 to help stop crop damage by the overflow from Lake Phelps was presented to the North Carolina General Assembly Tuesday. It was referred to the house committee on drainage.

A critical drainage problem has existed for several years at the state-owned 16,000-acre lake, which often overflows and damages crops on nearby farms. Several complete crop failures have been reported in the last two or three years on account of the high water level maintained in the lake.

The reasons, outlined in the bill, are that the gates controlling the flow from the lake are in poor condition, and canals leading from it to the Scuppernon River badly need cleaning and dredging to carry off surplus water in wet seasons. Experts agree that work can save thousands of dollars in crop damages. Some 20,000 acres of state-owned lands are affected by the overflow, along with about 20,000 acres of private property.

The measure, HB 612, proposes that a \$25,000 state allocation be matched dollar for dollar by the affected landowners. As soon as all the money is available, the state conservation director would move to carry out provisions of the project.

Three Local Bills Enacted So Far by General Assembly

There are several bills pending in the General Assembly applying to Washington County, in addition to at least three local measures that have already been enacted. All of them were introduced or co-sponsored by W. J. Woolard, county representative.

The bills that have been passed by houses and ratified are as follows: HB 253, introduced February 8; passed house February 13; passed senate and ratified February 23. This bill provided for turning the proceeds from delinquent tax collections into the county general fund instead of pro-rating the money collected to the various county funds according to the tax levy.

HB 283, introduced February 12; passed house February 16; passed senate February 23; ratified February 28. This bill provided a new schedule of fees to be charged by the register of deeds, and is effective April 1, 1951.

HB 416, introduced February 23; passed house March 1; passed senate and ratified March 9. This bill sets filing deadline and fees for candidates seeking office in the Town of Plymouth municipal elections.

Other bills introduced or co-sponsored by Mr. Woolard, with their current status, are as follows: HB 314, providing for automatic transfer of criminal cases from county recorder's court to the superior court when jury trials are demanded; introduced February 14; passed house March 9; now in hands of senate committee on courts and judicial districts.

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Trade Days Planned; Holidays Set

Plymouth merchants voted to hold a special Dollar Days trade event Friday and Saturday, April 6-7 and took action on Wednesday afternoon closing for the summer months and on Independence Day and Labor Day, at a called session of the merchants' Thursday afternoon in the Legion Hall Thursday afternoon.

The president of the organization, R. L. Hollowell, proposed that Dollar Days be held and also called for a discussion on the possibility of staging a Band Festival in Plymouth sometime in May, with high school bands from several schools in this area invited.

Thomas F. Hopkins moved that the dates April 6 and 7 be adopted for the trade event, the motion was seconded and passed. Hollowell named a planning committee to begin work on preparations for the promotion. Those named to the committee were Nyal Womble, Benton Liverman, Thomas F. Hopkins, H. H. Allen and James L. Bond.

It was agreed to postpone action on the Band Festival until a later date. There were several expressions of approval of the idea during the discussion period.

Monday evening, April 9, was agreed upon as the date for a dutch dinner for the association, with the purpose of stimulating interest in the group among all businessmen of the community.

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Less Than Half Quota Raised in Red Cross Drive

With the normal campaign period about half gone, Washington County's annual Red Cross Fund Drive has progressed less than half way toward the county goal of \$2,470 by Wednesday noon, according to a report from the county chairman, Roy Manning, jr., of Plymouth. The total amount reported in hand was given by Manning as \$1,093.65.

Results of the first two weeks of the campaign show that not a single unit in the county organization has yet reached its quota for the drive, although one—Plymouth Business and Professional—has pledged sufficient to go over its goal, and a few others have made good starts toward the quota. The drive opened in the county on Tuesday, March 1.

Out of the 14 units into which the county organization was divided, six have not yet turned in a report to the county chairman. These six units are Country Club Village, Pleasant Grove, Creswell, Cherry, Roper and County colored. Chairman and quotas of these units are as follows: Country Club Village, Joe Peele, \$115; Pleasant Grove, Mrs. T. W. Tarkenton, \$35; Creswell, Mrs. Gladys Davenport, \$150; Cherry, Mrs. Harry Barnes, \$60; Roper, Mrs. Myrla Marrow, \$200, and County colored, A. R. Winborne, \$400.

Reports have been received as follows: Plymouth business and professional, \$487 as against quota of \$500. Chairman Roy Manning, jr., stated that pledges already made will boost this total above the quota. Plymouth industrial, \$255 against a quota of \$400. Robert M. Bruce is chairman. Plymouth residential, \$197, 10 against a quota of \$375. Mrs. L. D. Jones is chairman. Mackeys, \$56.20 as against a quota of \$65. Mrs. Otis Chesson, chairman.

Skinner'sville Township, \$29.15 as against a quota of \$50. Mrs. Walter W. White, chairman. Wilson Street Extended, \$23.95 as against a quota of \$75. Miss Ida Davis, chairman. Little Richmond, \$18.05, (no quota given). Wenona, \$32 as against a quota of \$50. Mrs. Glenn Furbee, chairman.

The county chairman pointed out that 12 individual workers in the Plymouth residential unit have not turned in their reports to the unit chairman, Mrs. Jones.

Surviving, besides the widow, are one daughter, Mrs. Clyde Briscoe, of Norfolk, Va.; one son, J. W. Davenport, of Norfolk; one grandchild, Mrs. Alice Woodley, of Norfolk; one brother, Jordan Davenport, and a sister, Mrs. J. W. Haire, both of Creswell.

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Induction Call Is Received for Five To Report April 4

Five more Washington County young men will leave on Wednesday, April 4, for induction into the armed forces. A call for this number was received this week by the local selective service board from state headquarters. This will bring to 85 the total number of men inducted since reactivation of the local board late last summer.

The call for 5 men next month falls closely on the heels of the call for 25 men who left here Monday of this week for induction. This was the largest single group to leave the county since drafting was resumed. A call for 15 was made on the county in February. Notices were sent out recently to 30 men to report here for induction this week, but postponements and transfers reduced the number to 25 Monday, the exact number specified in the call.

The group which left here Monday was described as one of the most considerate and most orderly she had ever handled by Miss Virginia Bock, of Durham, acting secretary to the draft board while Mrs. Lorraine Hunter, regular clerk, is on sick leave. The group left on a special bus at 9:50 for the induction center at Raleigh and were assigned from there to various training camps in the country.

Twelve county registrars were found acceptable out of the 19 which went from here Monday of last week for their pre-induction physical and mental tests, the local board has been informed. The percentage of those found acceptable, 62, while not high is much better than that of a contingent of Hertford County which went about the same time. The Hertford board sent 50 men, and only 6 were accepted, setting a new high record for rejections. Durham County had the highest percentage of acceptances reported lately, sending 121 registrants and having only 10 rejected.

Other officers elected at the meeting are as follows: first vice-commander, W. P. Boyd; second vice-commander, Howard M. Ange; third vice-commander, E. O. Arnold; finance officer, T. W. Snell; service officer, Douglas W. Davenport; sergeant at arms, Harold Holton, athletic officer, Leroy Davenport; membership officer, H. P. Barnes; and chairman of the oratorical contest, Robert M. Johnson.

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