

James L. Lee, of the Manning Motor Company, attended the second annual truck-sales training council held in Philadelphia, Pa., Thursday of last week.

Dr. A. L. Whitehurst attended the regular quarterly meeting of the Eastern district, North Carolina Chiropractic Association, at Edenton Wednesday.

It isn't known whether Register of Deeds J. Robert Campbell hoped to escape the terrific heat this section has been sweating under or not when he planned his vacation, but at any rate he, Mrs. Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Campbell, of Wilmington, left last Friday for a motor trip through Florida.

Some child has lost his or her doggie, according to L. S. Skiles, who says a nice little dog, with a dark back, brown sides and white feet, "took up" at his home on Wilson Street about two weeks ago and has been there since.

County School Superintendent Roy F. Lowry attended a Resource Youth Education meeting in Chapel Hill Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

Woodrow Collins, Robert E. Bowen, W. J. Woyard, Mack W. Marrow and J. Roy Fleming, sr., are leaving today for Linville where they will spend 10 days.

Amvets May Try To Organize Here

It is understood that an attempt will be made to organize a local chapter of American Veterans of World War II (Amvets) here next week.

Mr. Gaylord said he had no further information about the meeting, and it could not be learned if the Amvets had gotten in touch with any local veterans about the matter.

Announce Employment of Mechanic at Local Firm

Moye W. Spruill, owner of the recently opened Spruill Wash Motors here, announced this week the employment of D. M. Ballance, of Belhaven, as mechanic.

Intangible Tax Share For County, 3 Towns

Washington County and the three towns in the county will receive a total of \$5,361.34 next week as their share of intangible taxes collected by the state during the fiscal year which ended last June 30.

Town, County Boards Will Meet on Monday

County and town governing bodies will hold their regular monthly meetings here next Monday. The county commissioners and county board of education will meet in the courthouse Monday morning.

Voters Here Approve Choice of Stevenson

No Hogs Allowed In Town Limits

Chief of Police P. W. Brown said yesterday that he had received a number of complaints about hogs being kept inside the city limits, in violation of a town ordinance.

Local Sea Scouts On Summer Cruise Due Back Friday

Left Last Week for Trip To Charleston, S. C.; Seven From Greenville With Group From Here

Plymouth and Greenville Sea Scouts are having a delightful trip on the Plymouth Sea Scout ship "Albemarle," according to messages received this week from the group.

The party is made up of six sea scouts from Plymouth and seven from Greenville, in addition to the two skippers and two mates.

The six scouts from Plymouth are Eddie Ricks, Peter Leavitt, Mack Graham, Billie Browning, Bill Ange and George Painter.

Mr. Ballance comes to the local firm with good recommendations, having a number of years of experience in automotive repair work.

The boys are enjoying sight-seeing trips at points of interest along the way. They spent one night at Morehead City on the way south.

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the board of education probably will have some new teacher contracts to review and also will consider the building projects now in progress, as well as plans for opening of all county schools on September 3.

Most of Those Questioned Believe Nominee Will Lead Democrats to Victory in November

Judging by opinions of a few Washington County Democrats solicited at random Wednesday morning by the writer of this article, it would seem that the next president of these United States will be none other than Governor Adlai Stevenson, of Illinois.

"What do you think of the Democratic presidential ticket?" all were asked. The answers ranged from "OK" to "good" to "fine," but one person interviewed expressed the candid opinion that the ticket of Stevenson and Sparkman was not quite so strong as might have come out of the recent Chicago convention.

"Russell would have been stronger," was heard. Some said that the selection of Sparkman as Stevenson's running mate on the Democratic ticket was a sort of "healing balm" for the South.

Of all those questioned, only one person heard Governor Stevenson's speech accepting the nomination. Mrs. Bernice Hammons, who, along with her sister, is proprietor of Town & Country Shop here, stated that she heard the speech and that she concluded from it that the Democratic presidential nominee is a "down-to-earth fellow."

E. H. Browning, a Plymouth clothing merchant, declared he thought the Stevenson-Sparkman ticket was a good one with a fine chance of victory in November in a "nip and tuck" fight. The Republican slate will be no push-over, in Mr. Browning's opinion.

Nyal Womble, a local pharmacist, foresees a Democratic victory in November in a hard fight, but thinks a Democratic ticket headed by Senator Russell, of Georgia, would have been stronger than the Stevenson-Sparkman combine.

Packhouse Burns With Heavy Loss

Heavy damage was suffered by Linwood Knowles on the Dr. White farm about a mile east of Plymouth early Wednesday night when lightning is reported to have struck a tobacco packhouse, setting it afire.

The fire completely destroyed the packhouse, a large two-story frame structure, and an adjoining shed, and with it three barns of cured tobacco, all of the first three pullings from the crop on that farm.

Tobacco Prices Up Monday as Border Marts Begin Sales

Official Average \$56.29, as Compared With \$52.05 at Start of Selling Season Last Year

Local tobacco growers, some of them planning to sell on the Border Belt markets when they open next Monday, were encouraged this week by reports from the South Carolina markets which opened Monday of this week.

Reports were that the average price paid growers on the markets in South Carolina for opening day sales Monday was \$56.29 per hundred pounds. This was \$4.24 cents per hundredweight above the opening average on the markets there a year ago, according to U. S. and N. C. Department of Agriculture reports.

The total poundage auctioned on the South Carolina markets Monday was 3,521,359 pounds. The agriculture department reports stated that the increase in the average price paid growers for the leaf was due chiefly to the fact that better quality tobacco was offered Monday than was sold on opening day a year ago.

Averages by individual markets in the state on opening day sales ranged from a low of \$51.75 a hundred to a high of \$59.54.

Prices by grades remained fairly steady on Tuesday's sales also, according to the agriculture department reports. Some priming grades were said to be up by as much as from \$2 to \$4 per hundred on Tuesday's sales. Offerings for that day were light, however, and quality was below that of opening day.

Averages on a limited number of U. S. grades were listed for Tuesday's sales as follows: Cutters: Fair lemon, \$70, low lemon, \$68.

Lugs: Choice lemon, \$70, fine lemon, \$69, fair lemon, \$61, fair orange, \$57, low orange, \$44.

Prunings: Good lemon, \$63, fair lemon, \$59, fair orange, \$47, low orange, \$37.

Non-descript: Best thin, \$24. Meanwhile, the Georgia-Florida Belt, which opened earlier, reported mildly-fluctuating prices, with decreases in average prices on some grades from \$2 to \$4 per hundred pounds.

A general average on the 22 markets in the two states of \$54.54 Monday was the highest of the season. This was a near-record average, according to reports.

Foundations Being Poured for School Project This Week

Work Started on Additions Here; Hope To Complete One Building in Time for School Opening

Construction work got underway this week on the county school-building projects. Foundations were being dug and concrete poured for the two additions to the school here, and a considerable portion of the materials needed have already been placed on the lot.

The small building to house the band room and industrial arts department at the high school here is to be the first project undertaken, according to officials of the Hunt Construction Company, of Durham, which has the general construction contract for all three projects.

The recent steel strike may slow up work on the other school projects in the county, although officials of the construction firm plan to go ahead as rapidly as the materials can be obtained. It is hoped to have the Creswell gymnasium completed around the first of the year so that it may be used during the basketball season.

In the meantime, a force of workmen are about half through the job of dividing up the auditorium at J. J. Clemmons school in Roper to provide three additional classrooms. This work is being done by the county maintenance force, under the supervision of Clyde Davis.

J. P. West, president of the Whiteville Plumbing & Heating Company, was here Tuesday making arrangements for delivery of pipe to be used for the plumbing work. His firm was successful bidder for the plumbing contract on all three of the county projects.

WHERE NEW EDUCATIONAL BUILDING IS TO BE DEDICATED AUGUST 10



The new educational building of Hebron Methodist Church at Roper will be dedicated on Sunday, August 10, with Bishop Paul N. Garber, of Richmond, Va., in charge of the service, assisted by District Superintendent F. S. Love, of Elizabeth City, and the Rev. B. E. Bingham, pastor. All former members and former pastors of the church have been invited, and it is expected a record-breaking congregation will be on hand for the services.—Photo by Charles E. Mizelle.

Hornworms Now Found in County; Threat To Crops

Airplane Services Called in To Spray Golden Weed Fields in County; Some Fields Stripped

Several prominent farmers of the county, along with County Agent W. H. Pruden, have reported that the heaviest infestation of tobacco hornworms ever to threaten the crops of Washington County is now being combated from the air.

Dick Norman and Lewis Gurganus, who farm on neighboring places near Plymouth, reported to Pruden last Wednesday morning that their tobacco was heavily infested with the hornworms and asked that he call in an air service firm to spray the crops with an insecticide.

An Elizabeth City outfit was summoned and this week other farmers were called in as the infestation became general throughout fields of the county. It was reported Wednesday morning of this week that at least three planes were at work spraying tobacco fields in the county.

Pruden reported late Wednesday that he had seen some fields where priming and tip leaves had been stripped by the worms. The pests are especially bad this time of year and strip the unpulled leaves from the stalks if left unchecked.

It would seem that the tobacco farmers generally have been unusually hard hit this season, after experiencing little trouble with plant beds in the spring. Plants were generally more plentiful this spring than for several seasons past and most farmers did not experience any trouble in "setting out."

However, since that time, just about everything—including prolonged dry spells and record-breaking heat waves—has happened which is calculated to cut short the golden weed harvest.

Records at the Washington County Hospital here show that the following persons were admitted and/or discharged from Thursday of last week through Wednesday noon: Admitted, white: Percy Ashby, Melvin Tetterton, Mrs. Audrey Everett, Mrs. C. A. Browning, Mrs. Irma Tetterton, David Moore, and Howard McClure, all of Plymouth; Robert Dail, of Jamesville; William Brown, of Raleigh; and Barbara Woodley, of Creswell.

Tobacco Barn on Gurkin Farm Destroyed by Fire

A tobacco barn, together with oil curers and around 750 stalks of tobacco, was destroyed by fire on the Will Gurkin farm near here Saturday night. Trucks from the Plymouth Fire Department sped to the farm but the barn was beyond saving when they arrived. Mr. Gurkin expressed the opinion that the barn could not have been saved, had the trucks been there when the fire was first discovered.

Plan Special Service At Roper Church 10th

Bishop Paul N. Garber To Dedicate New Educational Building at Hebron Methodist Church

Dedication of the new educational building of the Hebron Methodist Church in Roper is being planned for Sunday, August 10, with several distinguished members of the Methodist denomination taking part in the service.

Bishop Paul Neff Garber, of the Richmond, Va., area, will conduct the dedication service and deliver the main address. Assisting him will be Dr. F. S. Love, superintendent of the Elizabeth City district, and the Rev. B. E. Bingham, pastor. Mr. Bingham has been pastor of the church for the past five years, during which the building project was completed. It was started back in the thirties.

Reynold Spruill, chairman of the board of Christian education, will present the education building for education. Other members of the board are Mrs. Robert Armstrong, Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Chesnut, Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Chesnut, W. A. Dixon, Mrs. L. E. Hassell, sr., Mrs. L. E. Hassell, jr., Mrs. A. R. Hooker, Miss Pat Marrow, Mrs. J. L. McAllister, Mr. and Mrs. Jack McAllister.

All former pastors and former members of the church have been invited to return for this occasion, which will also serve as a homecoming service. Others who have shown special interest in the building program have been invited, with about 300 invitations being sent to out-of-town guests. A general invitation is likewise extended to the public.

Besides the address by Bishop Garber, the program also includes a solo, "Bless This House," by Mrs. Jack Leary; an anthem, "Hark, Hark, My Soul," by the choir; and dinner on the grounds served by members of the church to members and guests.

Admissions and Discharges At Hospital in Past Week

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Admitted, colored: Martha Rhodes, Addie McNair, Erma Lee Frazier, Malatha Armstrong, William Cherry, Richard Goodman, Esau Armstrong, Jr., and Agnes Moore, all of Plymouth; Delphia Young, of Roper.

Discharged, white: Mr. Ashby, Mr. Tetterton, Mrs. Everett, Mrs. Browning, Mrs. Tetterton, Mr. Dail, Mr. Moore, Mr. Brown; Warren Allen, Mrs. Georgia Mae Wells, both of Plymouth; Mrs. Inez Downs, of Roper. Discharged, colored: Martha Rhodes, Addie McNair, William Cherry, Richard Goodman; Milton Armistead, Vester Moore, Aileen Heath, all of Plymouth; Bonnie Ellison, of Jamesville; and Essie Nixon, of Roper.

Enough Cuke To 'Meal' a Family

Several weeks ago Hugh B. Allen displayed upturn a "granddaddy cucumber" which measured 13 3/8 inches in length and 9 1/2 inches in circumference. He also reported the weight of the oversized cuke was not determined.

Now, Jimmy Carpenter, 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Carpenter, has come up with a cuke which is larger around its girth if not quite so long as the Allen mastodon. Young Carpenter's cuke measured 10 1/8 inches in circumference and weighed exactly 28 ounces. It measured 11 3/4 inches in length.

Soil Conservation District Meeting Will Be Held Here

Business Session To Open Thursday, August 7, at 10 A. M. at Agriculture Building; Farm Tours Set

The Soil Conservation supervisors of the Pamlico Soil Conservation District will meet at Plymouth, Thursday of next week, it has been announced.

The meeting will open at 10 o'clock Thursday morning at the Agriculture Building here. The regular business session will be held in the morning and a tour of the Test Farm near here will be held in the afternoon.

Other farms will also be visited by the group, among them the Dismal farms of E. H. Liverman, Edward L. Owens and Tom Harrison.

A special guest for the occasion will be Herbert D. Bateman, of Wilson, president of the district.

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Order Surplus Foods For County Schools

County school authorities have started placing orders for surplus foods to be used in the six school lunch rooms during the coming term. The foods are available without cost through the surplus commodities buying program of the federal government.

Mercury Is Lower But Heat Still On In Entire Section

Two Treated for Heat Exhaustion at Hospital here Tuesday; High for Past Week 99 Degrees

According to the official temperature records at the Tidewater Test Farm, it was not as hot this week as it was during the previous two hot spells. Nevertheless, there were plenty of people who thought Monday and Tuesday of this week were as hot as any days the section has had this year, and at least two cases of heat exhaustion were treated at the hospital here Tuesday.

William Brown, a senior at State College has been doing some research work at Tidewater Test Farm on a soybean project, "fell out" while in a field there Tuesday afternoon and required emergency treatment at the Washington County Hospital. Brown, whose home is at Rich Square, was in a serious condition when he reached the hospital and a local physician said he could not have lived 10 minutes longer if he had not been gotten into an oxygen tent in time.

J. L. Rea, manager of the test farm, said that the temperature of the soil where Brown was working was taken after the young man "fell out," and the thermometer registered 130 degrees. Given a saline solution and placed in an oxygen tent, it is reported that the young man is now getting along all right.

Richard Goodman, colored tobacco farmer on the farm of Will Gurkin near here, also was treated for heat prostration at the local hospital Tuesday afternoon.

According to official records at the Tidewater Farm, the latest heat wave started building up last Saturday, when a high of 90 degrees was reached. Sunday's high was 94, and the minimum 88; Monday the maximum was 98, with a minimum of 75; and Tuesday the thermometer went up to 99, with a low of 76 for the day. Tuesday night's thunder-shower cooled things off somewhat, and at 1 p. m. yesterday the reading was only 91 degrees.

Tuesday of last week, the all-time high of 102 was equalled for the third time this year, the other two days at that figure being June 26 and 27. Any way you slice it, this has been about the hottest summer ever recorded in this section, and there is still more than a month and a half to go. Whew!

Cotton Support Price Increased

The United States Department of Agriculture announced Tuesday that it would support the price of middling 7/8 inch cotton from this year's crop at an average price of 30.91 cents a pound. This figure is higher than last year's loan rate of 30.46 cents.

The support level is based on 90 per cent of parity as of August 1. The parity price is \$34.35 cents per pound. (Parity is the figure for farm products in proportion to that of other commodities.)

The department said that the average support rate for middling 15/16 inch cotton will be 1.05 cents a pound higher than that announced for middling 7/8 inch cotton, or 31.96 cents a pound. Premiums and discounts for various grades and staple length combinations under the 1951 price support program will be calculated in relation to the price support rate announced for middling 15/16 inch cotton, the report said. Support rates will vary according to the location, it was pointed out. Also, loans and purchase agreements on the crop will be available to producers through April 30, 1953.

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