

Sam Tarlton and T. F. Davenport, park ranger at Pettigrew Park, returned home recently after having attended the Conservation Congress in Raleigh.

'Tis said that Mack Marrow, staunch Tar Heel football fan, found a wreath on the door of his service station Sunday morning which bore the inscription: Carolina 0, Duke 34.

The 11th all-state check list of outstanding high school football players, prepared by Bill Gallagher and published recently in the Greensboro Daily News, included the name of Ken Trowbridge, Plymouth Panthers' star back, for his fine work in the Jamesville game.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Clyde Hardison and W. A. Roebuck, of Plymouth, are leaving Thursday of this week for Philadelphia where they will attend the annual Army-Navy football game on Saturday.

E. O. Arnold, chairman of the Pettigrew Park restoration committee, has announced that a meeting will be held at the park Thursday, December 4, at 2 p. m. with Thomas B. Morse, state director of parks.

Nominate Bailey For Scoutmaster For Local Troop

Plans Worked Out at Monday Meeting Here To Reactivate Plymouth Boy Scout Troop Very Soon

At a meeting held Monday night at the Plymouth Hotel, Carl L. Bailey, jr., was nominated for scoutmaster of the Plymouth Boy Scout troop which the Jaycees hope to reactivate.

The Jaycee scout troop committee and other interested persons met with Howard Hunter, chief scout executive of the East Carolina Council, Boy Scouts of America, to go over details of setting up a troop here.

Nominated at the meeting for the post of assistant scoutmaster were Dr. B. W. Cutler and James Hardison. Waldo Knott was named institutional representative. This officer holds the vote for the local troop at scout councils.

Douglas Gurkin is chairman of the scout committee, of which Bailey, Cutler, Hardison and Knott are members. Two other members are to be appointed. Harold Whitley, vice-chairman of the scout committee for the Wasmarty District, was also present at the Monday night meeting.

Mr. Bailey stated Tuesday that he hoped to meet and organize boys in the 11-13 year age group and, if possible, make application for a charter next week. It was explained that a charter may be applied for just as soon as at least five boys are organized.

Mr. Bailey also stated that all boys in the age group who are interested in scouting will be welcomed into the troop.

It is planned to hold meetings at the Scout Hut each Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock, following organization of the troop here.

Merchants Plan Holiday Schedule

Members of the Plymouth Merchants Association will be asked to meet Monday afternoon of next week at 2:30 o'clock at the Mayflower Restaurant here to work out special holiday arrangements.

It is expected that the merchants will decide at the meeting one a definite date on which stores will begin to observe special Christmas shopping hours, remaining open nightly until 9

Pre-Induction Group To Leave Next Week

The pre-induction call for ten men from this county to be sent to Raleigh Friday of this week has been postponed, Mrs. Lorraine Hunter, clerk to selective service board No. 95, reports. The men will be sent along with eight other county registrants on Wednesday morning, December 3, Mrs. Hunter said. Reason for the postponement was said to be the necessity for the men having to remain overnight if they were to go Friday. No appointment has yet been announced to fill the vacancy

created by the recent resignation of Dr. J. M. Phelps as a member of the local board. Dr. Phelps resigned because of the press of other duties. Mrs. Hunter said it is expected that the vacancy will be filled in the near future. A meeting of the board was held Tuesday night of this week at the selective service office in the courthouse here. Dallas Waters, of Plymouth, is board chairman and W. C. Spruill, of Roper, is the other member.

Z. V. Norman Speaks At Masonic Banquet

TAKES OFFICE MONDAY



W. Ronald Gaylord will succeed Edward L. Owens as judge of recorder's court Monday in the only change in Washington County's official family at the start of a new year. Several other county officers recently reelected will start new terms of office at that time. Gaylord is scheduled to hold the next Tuesday session of court.

Local Lodge Observes 141st Anniversary of Charter At 33rd Annual Past Masters' Banquet

A sizeable number of Masons and their ladies heard an inspirational address by Z. V. Norman, local attorney, on the subject, "The True Mason," at the Plymouth Methodist Church Banquet hall Tuesday night. The occasion was the 33rd annual past masters' and ladies night banquet of Perseverance Lodge No. 59, A. F. & A. M., and was presided over by W. R. Harden, lodge master. The banquet also commemorated the 141st anniversary of the lodge which was chartered in 1811.

The lodge members assembled at the lodge hall at 7 o'clock and went to the church in a body. The banquet began at 7:30 o'clock and went to the church in a body. The banquet began at 7:30 o'clock and a delicious ham dinner was served by ladies of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church here.

The address of welcome was given by G. R. Leggett, senior warden, and present officers of the lodge were recognized by the master. They are W. R. Harden, worshipful master; G. R. Leggett, senior warden; Harry Garrett, junior warden; B. G. Campbell, treasurer; H. H. Allen, secretary; Hilton Dunbar, senior deacon; Joseph Norman, junior deacon; L. E. Sullivan, steward; Ben R. Tucker, steward; and W. A. Roebuck, tiler. Tucker was not present.

H. H. Allen, secretary, called the roll of past masters. The Rev. R. H. Lucas, chaplain, gave the invocation and benediction.

Case at Windsor Ends in Mistrial

The trial in Bertie County Superior Court at Windsor involving J. Milton Clagon, former Plymouth merchant and Washington County commissioner, ended in a mistrial.

It was discovered that a witness in the case was related to a juror and Judge R. Hunt Parker ordered a mistrial. Both state and defense counsel were agreeable to the ruling.

Clagon, a State highway inspector, was being tried along with W. S. Murph, inspector-engineer for a Charlotte contractor, on a manslaughter charge growing out of the death of a Norfolk, Va., truck driver, Ernest C. Conner.

A tractor-trailer truck which Conner was operating broke through a temporary bridge over the Roanoke River near Scotland Neck May 17, 1951, and Conner drowned. Clagon was inspector for the highway commission on the project.

Clagon was in the clothing business here with L. S. Thompson from 1926 to 1929 and later was a member of the county board of commissioners. His home is at Roper.

It is not known when the case will again be called for trial.

Special Law Held Unconstitutional By Supreme Court

Jury Law Passed at 1951 Session of General Assembly Over Opposition Of Local Bar

The North Carolina Supreme Court has declared unconstitutional a special Washington County law automatically placing cases on the superior court docket when defendants in recorder's court cases request jury trial.

The law was passed at the 1951 session of the General Assembly, over the opposition of the Washington County Bar Association.

The ruling was handed down by the high tribunal recently in a case heard on appeal from Greene County where a similar law was placed on the statutes by special legislative act, also in 1951.

It is not known just what action now will be taken. When a defendant, booked for a misdemeanor, calls for a jury trial, his case cannot be legally placed on the superior court docket. However, it is possible to bring a formal indictment by the grand jury against the defendant, clearing the way for its appearance in the higher court. It is also possible to go ahead and try the defendant in the lower court, and let him go into superior court by way of an appeal if the lower court finding is adverse to his cause.

The Greene County law, enacted in 1951, says that when a defendant demands a jury trial in any criminal case in the county recorder's court, the judge shall send the case to Superior Court. There it shall be heard upon the warrant issued in the lower court.

"That law and others like it are 'repugnant to the declaration plainly inherent' in Section 13 of Article I of the State Constitution," said the court. That section says that a person charged with a misdemeanor cannot be put on trial in Superior Court upon a warrant from a lower court unless he has been tried upon that warrant in the lower court and has appealed.

For that reason, the court voided the road term given to Ransom Thomas of Greene County. Thomas had been accused of possessing non-taxpaid illegal liquor. He had demanded trial by jury in the Greene County Court and the judge had automatically transferred the case to Superior Court.

There the case was tried without an indictment ever being considered by the grand jury. Thomas was found guilty on the possession charge and given a road term.

He appealed to the Supreme Court. See SPECIAL LAW, Page 5

Mother of Local Woman Buried at Philadelphia

Funeral services were held Wednesday of this week for Mrs. Vera Rathway, 77, of Philadelphia, Pa. Mrs. Rathway was the mother of Mrs. E. F. Bagans, of Plymouth. Mrs. Bagans left for Philadelphia early Monday.

Mrs. Rathway died early Sunday night. She had been in declining health for sometime. Services were conducted at 2 o'clock Wednesday from Bowen's Funeral Home, 50 Catherine Street, Philadelphia. No other details were available.

Plymouth Woman Buried on Monday

Mrs. Debra Allen Harrison, 80, died at her home here Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock following an illness of two weeks. She had been in declining health for the past year.

Mrs. Harrison was the wife of Whitmual J. Harrison, who survives, and was the daughter of the late George Allen and Leveney Freeman Allen, of this county.

She was born in the county October 1, 1872, and spent her entire life here. She was a member of the Baptist Church. Surviving besides Mr. Harrison, are a sister, Mrs. Nellie Harris, of Pinetown; a brother, Edgar Allen, of Plymouth; two grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services were conducted at Horner's Funeral Chapel here Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by the Rev. P. B. Nickens, pastor of Ludford Memorial Baptist Church, assisted by the Rev. C. N. Barnette, minister of the Plymouth Christian Church. Burial was in Harrison Cemetery, near Plymouth.

Town, County Boards Meet Monday

The governing bodies of town and county, as well as the county board of education, will hold their usual monthly meetings here Monday of next week. The county commissioners and the board of education will meet in their respective quarters at the courthouse Monday morning, while the Plymouth Town Council will meet in the Municipal Building here that night at 8 o'clock. It is thought that a main item

of business for the county commissioners will be to make arrangements for beginning the annual task of tax listing on January 1, 1953. The county tax supervisor and tax listers for the several townships are usually appointed at the December meeting and arrangements made for a meeting of the supervisor and list takers sometime in the month to set up a uniform schedule of values to be used in listing personal property and livestock. Routine business is on the

agenda for the board of education, it is understood. The board will probably take action on the bids received Saturday at the sale of the Deep Bottom and Backwoods school property. The high bidder for the Deep Bottom property was Leroy Mitchell with a bid of \$1,600. E. L. Owens bid \$75 for the Backwoods property. A routine meeting is in prospect Monday night for Plymouth's city fathers, according to City Clerk W. A. Roebuck.

Begin New Term Of Office Here

Several members of Washington County's official family will begin new terms of office next Monday. Among those recently elected to new 4-year terms are W. Blount Rodman, solicitor of recorder's court; J. Robert Campbell, register of deeds; A. R. Latham and Hubert L. Davenport, county commissioners. W. A. Everett will begin a new term as constable of Lees Mill Township. W. J. Woolard was reelected as Washington County Representative in the General Assembly but will not take oath of office until that body convenes early in January at Raleigh. One change will be made—that in the office of judge of recorder's court. W. Ronald Gaylord will begin his term of office Monday, replacing Edward L. Owens. The job will not be new to Gaylord as he held the post for several years previously.

Business Closing To Mark Thanksgiving Observance Locally

Offices, Stores and Shops Closing for Day with Few Exceptions; Schools To Be Closed Until Monday

A general cessation of business for the day will mark the observance of the Thanksgiving holiday in Plymouth, according to a check made here yesterday. The one-day closing will include banks, all offices—county and federal—in the courthouse, professional offices and the post offices of the county. Exceptions to the closing for Thursday will be eating places, drug stores and service stations. Restaurants will open for the day, and drug stores will remain open certain hours of the day. Most service stations are expected to remain open for regular hours, but a few may close for a short while around the noon hour or in the early afternoon.

Local industrial plants will observe the holiday, at least in part. Atlas Plywood Corporation and the True Temper plant will cease operations for the day, while the office force at the North Carolina Pulp Company plant here will have a half day. The mill itself, however, will be operated as usual. All county schools, white and colored, will observe the holiday. They will close Wednesday at the usual hour and resume classes Monday of next week.

Holiday Lights Being Installed

Chief of Police P. W. Brown has had his town crew at work several days this week stringing the holiday lights in the business section. He said yesterday that the work should be completed this week, and it is possible that the lights will be turned on for the first time Saturday night. As in the past, the lights are being installed on two blocks of Water Street between Jefferson and Adams, and the one block of Washington Street between Main and Water. The strings of lights, arched across the streets are spaced about 50 feet apart. They will remain up until New Years. Cost of the work and the current is divided about 50-50 between the merchants association and the town.

Special Services For Thanksgiving Day at Churches

Services Announced by Several Town and County Churches for Thursday of This Week

Special services have been announced for Thursday of this week in observance of Thanksgiving Day at several churches of this county. The Ludford Memorial Baptist Church and Grace Episcopal Church of Plymouth, St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Roper and Saints Delight Christian Church, near Westover, will have special programs for the day. The special Thanksgiving services at Ludford Memorial Church will begin at 10 a. m. Special music will be rendered by the choir and the pastor, the Rev. Paul B. Nickens, will deliver the message. At the close of the service, a special offering will be taken on behalf of the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville.

Morning prayer and sermon will be given at Grace Church here Thursday morning at 11 o'clock. A similar service will be held at St. Luke's, Roper, beginning at 9 a. m. Sermons at both churches will be delivered by the pastor, the Rev. Edward M. Spruill. At each service, an offering will be taken for the benefit of the Thompson Orphanage at Charlotte.

The special Thanksgiving program at Saints Delight Church will be held Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock, with sermon by the pastor, the Rev. Walker Perry. Some of the churches featured Thanksgiving observance on Sunday programs.

Creswell Woman's Club Hears Brown

The November meeting of the Creswell Woman's Club was held at the home of Mrs. W. D. Peal, with Mrs. C. A. Swain as co-hostess. Miss Matilda Alexander presented Harold F. Brown, principal of the Roper High School, who gave an entertaining and inspirational talk on the subject, "Education."

Mr. Brown challenged teachers and patrons to know what our changing educational needs are and to meet those needs, pointing out the fact that a highly professional job is being done by the majority of our teachers. He stressed the fact that the process of education involves a sharing of experiences, that information should be presented in an inviting atmosphere, and that modern audio-visual aids facilitate the teaching and learning process.

Leroy Ange Heads Cheer Fund Here; Next Meeting Set

All Interested Organizations Asked To Be Represented at Meeting Here Next Wednesday Night.

Leroy Ange, of Plymouth, was named chairman of the Empty Stocking Fund at the meeting of interested persons held in the auditorium of the Agriculture Building here Friday night. Mrs. James H. Ward, also of Plymouth, was named treasurer of the fund.

Many organizations were not represented at the meeting. In view of the small number present, it was decided not to perfect organization of an administrative council at the meeting. Instead, another meeting was called at which it is hoped that all interested organizations will be represented.

The next meeting has been set for Wednesday evening, December 3, at 8 o'clock, at the Agriculture Building here.

The Empty Stocking Fund has for several years been an annual event here. For the past several years it has been sponsored by the Plymouth Rotary Club, with the assistance of other groups. The Rotarians are again sponsoring the event this year as a club project.

The purpose is to bring holiday cheer to needy families in the county and solicitations are made for used toys, clothing, food and cash donations. The items are assembled and boxed for distribution at Christmas time to needy families, a list of which is generally supplied by the county welfare department. Mr. Ange has announced that anyone having clothing to donate may either deliver it to the welfare department at the courthouse here or call him to have the clothing picked up.

The fund chairman also urges that all interested organizations be represented at the meeting next Wednesday in order that the campaign can be mapped and an organizational set-up perfected. Those present at the Friday night meeting were Joe Boone, representing the Bosie Bateman Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars; Ralph Hunter, of the Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce; Leroy Ange and Jack Latham, representing local labor union no. 356; Mrs. Ursula Spruill, of the county welfare department; Mrs. James H. Ward, Plymouth Woman's Club; Bruce Bateman, Rotary Club; Mrs. W. H. Thomas, See FUND DRIVE, Page 5

Attend Funeral Rites For Brother-in-Law

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Prevette, of Plymouth, attended funeral services at Somerset Memorial in Salisbury Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock for his sister's husband, James R. Ellum, jr., 40. Mr. Ellum is said to have fatally shot himself in the head at his home in Salisbury Sunday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. He had been dependent over poor health. He had been an employee of the Southern Railway for many years.

County Records Show Gradual Change in Frequency of Names

By JAMES L. BOND

With the passing of time come many changes, not the least of which is a gradual change of names as family names die out or their owners move away. This is a familiar story in any locality as county records will attest. Washington County is no exception, a somewhat cursory search of old books in the courthouse here reveals.

found bearing that name only for the period from 1816 to 1833. The name Calhoun does not appear in the records after 1849. Whether or not that fact has any connection with the California gold rush is purely conjecture. The records do not bear the name of Christopher after 1810, Carnal after 1815, nor Fessenden after 1860.

It is interesting to note the change of fashion with the passing years as to the spelling of some names. Perhaps a change of personnel in the register of deeds office may have accounted for it. At any rate, the surname Cabarrus appears in the records from 1822 down to 1924 and only on two occasions is it spelled the same. Indentures recorded in 1882 and again in 1913 bear the name "Cabaras." In 1909 it was spelled "Cabarrus." Under date of 1911 the name appears "Cabarras." Nine years later, the fashion of spelling seemed to have swung to "Cabarrus," the familiar spelling of today. But in 1924, whether there was any Latin influence or not, it appeared as "Cabarias."

Other surnames had a habit of appearing in more than one form, also. For instance, from the year 1876 down to 1920 the name De Shield (if that is really the cor-

rect one) appeared with five separate spellings, viz: De Shield, DeShields, De Shell, DeShield and Dashiels. The familiar name Roberson also appears "Robason" and "Robarson."

Both William A. and Samuel Dickinson and Dickerson are also found, appearing first one way and then the other. Dorsey is sometimes spelled with a "c" rather than an "s", while "Dozier" occurs as often as "Dosier." From 1799 to 1833 it was either "Harramond" or "Harrimond."

Interesting things crop up in a perusal of musty tomes. History is reflected in a power of attorney executed by one Cornelie Le Diot and others in the parish of Ville aux Moines, Department of Mortier, France and recorded here in 1848. Power of attorney was executed to Louis Picot, of Plymouth, and at the first of the paper the phrase, "in the Kingdom of France" is used, while at the close it becomes "in the Republic of France." A revolution in the year 1848 brought about a change in the French government from that of the so-called July Monarchy of Louis Philippe to a republican form of government, history records.

Although time, with its inevitable changes, has effected the

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