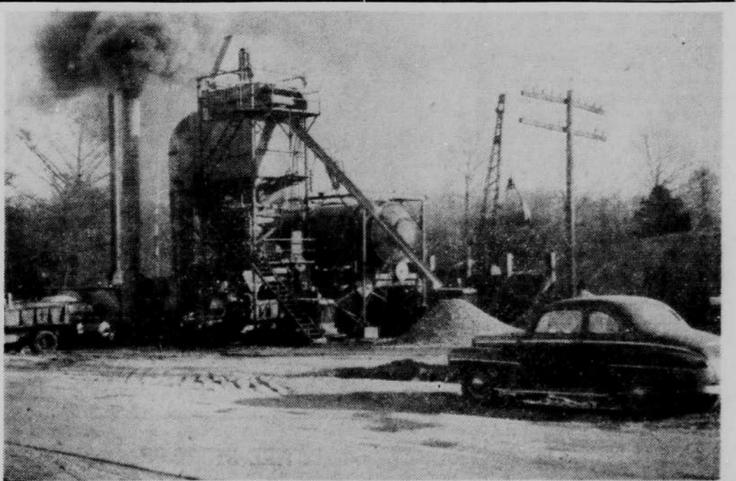


THIS IS REALLY A BUSY SPOT ON WORKING DAYS



Shown here is the huge asphalt mixing plant which is operated by the Nello L. Teer Company, of Durham, in connection with the work of widening, relocating and resurfacing U. S. Highway 64 between Williamston and the Washington County line. The plant is located near Welch's Creek Bridge just across the line in Martin County. It employs 12 men, has a capacity of 100 tons an hour and keeps about fifteen trucks busy hauling. The plant is powered by three Diesel engines, all well over 110 horsepower. With an all-out effort being made to complete widening work on the road project by December 20, the plant is really a busy place these days. R. L. Bean, of Elizabeth City, is the superintendent in charge of the plant.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

Miss Elizabeth House, of Raleigh, secretary and director of the North Carolina Library Commission, was a visitor at the Washington County Library here Tuesday morning, en route from Columbia to Raleigh. While here, Miss House also visited the Negro branch of the library.

R. F. Lowry, County Superintendent of Schools, left early Wednesday for High Point where he is attending the winter meeting of the Division of Superintendents, North Carolina Education Association. The meeting is being held Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at the Sheraton Hotel. Mr. Lowry will be back at his office Saturday.

Mrs. Arthur Marriner, secretary to the county superintendent of schools here, left Wednesday afternoon for Ulster, Pa., to attend the funeral of her grand mother, Mrs. Vernie L. Merrill. Mrs. Merrill died at her home in Ulster Wednesday morning at 7 o'clock. Mrs. Marriner will return home Tuesday of next week.

Jack Horner and Roland Davis, of Plymouth, attended the annual meeting of the Third District, North Carolina Funeral Directors and Burial Association, held at the Knotty Pine Inn, in Washington. Horner was elected director of the district which embraces the counties of Beaufort, Carteret, Craven, Hyde, Jones, Lenoir, Pamlico, Tyrrell and Washington. His election will be confirmed at the annual state meeting of the association in Raleigh next May.

Idea recently advanced for reducing the national debt; but the bathing suit designers to work on the national budget.

Sgt. Joseph (Buddy) Collins, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Collins, of Mackeys, has notified his parents of his safe arrival in the states after serving overseas for the past eighteen months. He will be discharged, along with several other boys from this county, later this week at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

Christmas Savings Clubs Membership Pace Ahead of '52

H. E. Beams Reports Total Of 188 Members for 1953 Club Through Monday; Goal of 500

An excellent start has been made in enrolling members for the 1953 Christmas Savings Club sponsored by Branch Banking & Trust Company here, H. E. Beams reports.

Mr. Beams said that through Monday of this week, a total of 188 members had been signed for the club. This already tops the number who joined the first club here, sponsored for 1952 by the local bank.

If all these membership are paid up for the year, it will mean that \$22,100 will be released in time for Christmas shopping next November, Mr. Beams stated.

The number signed to date is twice as great as the number who had become members of the club by the corresponding time a year ago. It represents an encouraging start toward the goal of 500 members for which the club is striving, Mr. Beams pointed out. He added that there is still time for prospective new members to join the savings club.

In joining the club, there is a choice of four denominations. Payments may be made at the weekly rate of 50 cents, \$1, \$2 or \$5 and will earn checks next November of \$25, \$50, \$100 and \$250, respectively.

About \$18,000 in Christmas Savings Club checks were mailed out here last week.

Negro Injured in Accident Dies in Raleigh Hospital

William Bell, Plymouth Negro who was critically injured when struck by an automobile while walking home from work in October, died Sunday at a Raleigh hospital. He had been transferred there from the Washington County Hospital, Plymouth.

Pepper Acreage Again Sought

The C. C. Lang and Son Pickle Plant here will again contract for bell peppers next season, with prices the same as the past season, it was announced this week by C. W. Dinkins, local plant manager.

It is expected that approximately 150 acres will be devoted to the crop in this section, Mr. Dinkins said. There were 45 acres of peppers grown in Washington County last season.

According to Mr. Dinkins, one farmer in the county sold over

Prepare for Visit Of Bloodmobile Friday, Dec. 12th

Pettigrew Park Meeting Today

A meeting for the purpose of discussing plans to preserve the history and develop recreational facilities at Pettigrew Park has been announced by Thomas Morse, superintendent of State Parks.

The meeting is scheduled to be held Thursday afternoon of this week at the Community House in Tyrrell County. Time of the meeting is 2 o'clock. Any person in the State who is interested in this meeting is invited to attend. The officers of all organizations in Washington and Tyrrell Counties, as well as those in all nearby counties, are urged to be present, it was said.

Honor Washington County Native at Special Services

Dave Arnold Day Announced for Sunday at Macedonia Church; District Churches Invited

Dave Arnold Day will be observed Sunday at Macedonia Christian Church, near Williamston, and church officials are asking that all churches of the Roanoke District take part in the service.

The occasion will honor a native of Washington County. Mr. Arnold was born at Creswell March 20, 1870. He worked on a farm until he was 18 and had the benefit of no formal schooling until he was 15. He entered Elizabeth City Academy at 18 and was prepared for college by Prof. S. L. Sheep. Mr. Arnold taught school for 40 years.

Mr. Arnold was ordained for the ministry October 30, 1900, although he has been preaching for more than ten years prior to that time. He entered Atlantic Christian College in 1904 and Bethany College, Bethany, W. Va. in 1910. He is now 82 and has been preaching for 64 years. During

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First Visit To County Since September; To Locate at Veterans Building as on Last Visit

Friday, December 12, has been announced as the date for the next visit of the bloodmobile to this county.

A Red Cross bloodmobile unit from the Tidewater Regional Blood Center, Norfolk, Virginia, will be in Plymouth that day in an effort to obtain blood for civilian and military use, part of which will go into the local blood bank.

The unit will be located at the Veterans Building near the Washington County Hospital and blood donors will be received from 9:30 o'clock in the morning to 4 o'clock in the afternoon, it has been announced.

No quota has yet been announced, Ralph Hunter reports, but it is hoped that it will be available for publication next week. Hunter is serving along with Newman Allen as co-chairman of recruitment for the bloodmobile visit.

Transportation will be available for donors who desire it and a telephone will be installed for the convenience of those who wish to call. The number will be announced next week if it is available.

The visit of the bloodmobile to Plymouth is being sponsored jointly by the James E. Jethro Post of the American Legion and the Bosie Bateman Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The bloodmobile visits here have been the result of untiring work by several local groups and individuals, chief among whom can be cited the Junior Chamber of Commerce which first adopted the bloodmobile program as a club project.

The Plymouth Woman's Club and the veterans' organizations have also contributed invaluable work toward the success of the program in this county, as have many individuals who, as given unselfishly of time and energy.

The results in the county have proved gratifying and have elicited warm commendation from regional leaders and bloodmobile personnel. The first visit to the county was on December 15, 1950, and brought high praise from blood program leaders who pointed out that towns many times the size of Plymouth had failed.

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Seventeen County Registrants Sent Up for Induction

Group Leaves Wednesday Morning for Reception Center at Raleigh; One Delinquent Sent

Seventeen men from this county left Plymouth by special bus Wednesday morning for Raleigh to be inducted into the armed forces.

Of the number, one—William Charlie Jones, of Roper—was a delinquent, 13 were regular registrants and three were sent for induction under board memorandum No. 42.

Two other men previously scheduled to go in the call did not go. They are Claude Albert Blair, of Plymouth, delinquent for whom a transfer is anticipated, and William Bell, jr., who received a postponement due to the death of his father.

Regular registrants who were in the group which left Wednesday include William Henry McCray, Roger Wesley Miller, Robert Lee McNair, Marvin James Beddard, Robert Gene West and Floyd Ulysses Jordan, all of Plymouth; Edgar Alexander, jr., Zealon E. Halsey, Albert Howard, jr., and Aubrey Gerald Phelps, all of Creswell; Alvin Vincent Grimes, Dale Vernon Swain and Clyde Lawrence Norman, all of Roper.

Those sent under board memorandum no. 42 were Richard Downing and James Thomas Johnson, of Plymouth, and Isaac Roosevelt Wilkins, of Roper.

Washington County will have a pre-induction call for 37 men on Tuesday, December 16. Fifty per cent of this call will be made up of registrants who failed to pass their mental test on a previous call and who are being returned for examination.

City Fathers in Brief Meet Here

A brief meeting of the Plymouth Town Council was held at the Municipal Building Monday night, with very little in the way of business coming up for discussion.

Mayor A. J. Riddle presided over the session, attended by four of the six councilmen as follows: E. D. Keel and P. R. Ashby, of the first ward; Ralph Hunter and H. H. Allen, of the second ward. About the only business matter to be discussed at the short session was concerning pavement of some of the city streets. It is hoped to have this work done by the Nello L. Teer Company.

Government Fund Awarded For Rural Phone Project

Government funds in the amount of \$225,000 have been awarded for a rural telephone co-op project which would serve some areas in this county, it was learned recently.

Chairman Ralph Tyer, of Pine-town, was notified of the award to the proposed Tri-County Telephone Co-op. The co-op would serve the Ransomville-Pamlico Beach area, Sidney Cross Roads, Pinetown, Pungo, Wenona, and areas near Belhaven in Washington, Hyde and Beaufort Counties.

State Auto Tags Now on Sale at Plymouth Branch

New Orange and Black License Plates Available Through Bureau at Etheridge Company Here

State automobile license plates for 1953 went on sale at the Carolina Motor Club branch at the Etheridge Company here on Monday, as well as at all other outlets throughout the state.

The license bureau here is under the management of Mrs. Avis Harrison who has announced the following hours:

Monday through Friday, 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.; Saturday, 9 a. m. to 12 noon.

Mrs. Harrison states that the Department of Motor Vehicles requires that all licensees are to be reported the day they are sold and that it is necessary that she comply with the hours set up by the department in order to get reports in on time.

In view of the fact that motor vehicle owners have two months in which to purchase license plates, Mrs. Harrison feels that everyone should be able to find the hours maintained by the bureau convenient.

The color scheme of the new plates is orange numerals and letters on a black background. Officials explained that a tiny slot was put in the lower right hand corner of the plates in order that a date tab, like those used during World War II, might be attached to the plate in the event of a steel shortage or other emergency.

Current plates are valid until midnight January 31, 1953, but officials urge owners to buy early and avoid the usual last minute rush. Truck and trailer owners again will be asked to check their vehicle's body type, tank capacity and fuel used. This information is requested for the Department of Defense which seeks a reliable estimate of the nation's total transport capabilities.

Registration officials of the Department of Motor Vehicles said that 1,275,000 license renewal cards had been mailed to vehicle owners in the state.

None Injured But Damage Four Cars In Sunday Wrecks

Accidents at Mackeys and On U. S. Highway 64 Take Property Toll Estimated at \$750

Two highway accidents were reported in the county Sunday, one at Mackeys and the other on U. S. Highway 64 between Plymouth and Roper.

No one was injured but damage to four vehicles involved amounted to approximately \$750, according to reports of state highway patrolmen who investigated.

A 1949 Chevrolet and 1949 Ford were involved in the wreck on Highway 64, which happened at 5:30 o'clock in the afternoon in front of the Honey Dripper Club about six miles east of Plymouth.

The Chevrolet was driven by Marion Lee Green, colored, of Washington, and the Ford was operated by Lloyd Lee Howell, Roper Negro. Both vehicles were traveling west, the Chevrolet coming up behind the Ford. Green said he sounded the horn and was attempting to pass when the car in front made a left turn directly across his path, giving no signal. The left front of the Ford was damaged about \$175 and the right side of the Chevrolet an estimated \$150. Howell was charged with failure to give a hand signal before making a turn, by State Highway Patrolman Carl Gilchrist, of Plymouth.

The Mackeys wreck involved a 1939 Chevrolet and 1939 Ford. The Chevrolet was parked at Mackeys and the Ford was traveling east on the Mackeys Road. The driver of the latter vehicle, Eugene Webb, colored, of Mackeys, is said to have attempted to pass another vehicle at a high rate of speed. The Ford ran off the road on the left hand side, struck the parked Chevrolet, and turned over, according to the report of Patrolman J. E. Morton, of Roper.

Driver of the Chevrolet was Bobby Ray Spruill, of Mackeys. Damage to the rear of the Chevrolet was estimated at \$125 and to the Ford, \$300.

Webb was charged with careless and reckless driving and with operating a vehicle without a driver's license. The accident happened at 7:05 p. m.

Brinkley Is Again Elected Chairman County Board

Officers Seize 11 Stills In Period of 55 Days

Eleven illegal whiskey stills were seized in this county by raiding officers in a period of 55 days ending November 24, L. L. Basnight, chief ABC officer in Washington County, reports.

A total of 21 raids were made during the period, resulting in the seizure of approximately 11,000 gallons of mash, as well as a quantity of liquor and a great assortment of equipment such as barrels, oil burners, compressor tanks, tubs, buckets, jugs, etc.

Among the stills seized, most

of them copper, were several large outfits, it was reported. Raids were made up the Long Ridge Road, near the Dismal Road, Mackeys Road, near the Sound Bridge, in the Pea Ridge section, Macedonia, Backwoods Road, Middle Neck Road, Skinnerville and near Roper.

Officers taking part in one or more of the raids were Basnight, Robert Sawyer, Paul Basnight, Sheriff J. K. Reid, W. S. Ainsley, W. D. Peel, E. H. Basnight, and federal men from Elizabeth City.

Prepare for January Tax Listing; Draw Jury List; Consider Various Other Matters

Various matters were discussed and acted upon by the Washington County Board of Commissioners during their regular monthly meeting here Monday.

The commissioners met at 11 a. m. for what turned out to be a busy session. Present were Frank L. Brinkley, chairman; A. R. Latham, H. L. Davenport, H. W. Pritchett and J. C. Knowles.

W. J. Woolard, county representative, sat with the board during the morning session and discussed some of the matters he felt would come up before the next General Assembly. He said he wanted the board's reaction and also expressed the desire to cooperate with the county governing body pertaining to legislation affecting the county.

In motion of J. C. Knowles, seconded by H. W. Pritchett, Frank L. Brinkley was named board chairman. W. L. Whitley was reappointed county attorney for a term of two years. The motion was offered by Commissioner Latham and second by Mr. Pritchett.

Clerk of Superior Court W. T. Stillman administered the oath of office for new terms to H. L. Davenport, of Skinnerville Township, and A. R. Latham, of Plymouth Township, commissioner, and to J. Robert Campbell, registrar of deeds.

E. J. Spruill was reappointed Washington County tax collector and auditor for four years on the same terms and conditions under which he was appointed to those offices. Motion was offered by J. C. Knowles and second by Commissioner Pritchett.

The sum of \$35 was voted to be sent to Caswell Training School, Kinston, for Christmas Santa Clause use.

On motion of H. L. Davenport, seconded by Mr. Pritchett, the board voted for the county to pay the cost of dinners estimated to be from 30 to 40 when the executive of the Southern Albemarle Association meets in Roper next July.

E. J. Spruill was authorized to sell surplus coal in the courthouse basement to the best advantage of the county. The courthouse is now being heated with oil.

H. L. Davenport was reappointed county tax supervisor. Two tax listers were also named, with others expected to be named momentarily. Paul B. Belanga was named for Seppernong Township and W. W. White for Skinnerville.

The tax supervisor and tax listers will be sworn in at a special meeting of the board on Monday, December 22, at 7:30 p. m., at which time prices for listing livestock, etc., will be determined. E. J. Spruill reported \$16,340.21 collected in taxes during November.

Mrs. Frances M. Darden, home agent, read a report of work done during November. Jurors were drawn to serve during the Superior Court term opening here January 5.

Seeking Information on Acreage, Yield of Cotton

The Production and Marketing Administration wants information from cotton growers in the county on acreage and yield of the 1952 crop just as soon as it is available. Miss Miriam Ausbon, FMA clerk, announces.

Information should be brought or forwarded to the office in the Agriculture Building here.

Meeting Set Monday To Consider Forming National Guard Unit

Plans Being Laid To Organize Military Police Battalion Unit; Meeting Set For Courthouse

Plymouth is slated to get a newly-organized National Guard unit, it was learned this week.

The new unit will be designated Company C, 167th Military Police Battalion, North Carolina National Guard.

The information came in the form of an announcement from Captain Chester Brewer, who will command the unit. Captain Brewer said a meeting has been scheduled for Monday night, December 8, at the Washington County Courthouse here. The meeting will open at eight o'clock.

All young white men between the ages of 17 and 35 years (older if they have had prior service) who are interested in seeing a National Guard unit here are urged to be present at the meeting. Parents of young men of draft age are especially invited to learn how membership in the Guard will affect registrants' draft status.

It is a certainty, Captain Brewer pointed out, that most healthy young men today have a military obligation to fulfill. Under certain circumstances, he said, this obligation may be discharged through the National Guard while living at home and pursuing a normal course of livelihood.

Those men who have recently been separated from the service with a reserve obligation will be interested in knowing how they can retire this obligation through the National Guard in an even shorter period of time and at the same time earn points toward retirement, pay and promotions.

Men of prior service will be interested in finding a place of responsibility in the training of the young men in this vicinity who must inevitably learn the ways of the military, Captain Brewer declared.

There are three more companies of the 167th battalion organized in this section at present. They are Headquarters Company, See **GUARD UNIT**, Page 8

Conference Comes To County Church

The first quarterly conference of the present conference year for the Roper Charge of the Methodist Church will be held at Pleasant Grove Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, the Rev. Vance A. Lewis, minister, has announced.

Dr. F. S. Love, superintendent of the Elizabeth City district of which the Roper charge is a part, will preside. The Roper charge is composed of Siloam, Jamesville, Roper, Mackeys and Pleasant Grove churches.

The conference will hear reports from the several churches dealing with their activities during the past quarter, as well as the pastor's report on the general state of the church.

There will be a discussion of the program of the Charge for the year, and the annual budget of the several churches will be approved.

The Roper Charge is one of the smaller of the 33 charges of the Elizabeth City district, having a membership of slightly over 500 and a property valuation of approximately \$100,000.

Safe in Garage, Reported Stolen

Mrs. Robert Darden Swain drives a green 1950 model Studebaker exactly like one owned by Manning Motor Company here, and, as Shakespeare was wont to say, thereby hangs a tale.

Mrs. Swain parked her car across the street from the motor company early Tuesday evening and went to Winslow's Studios for an art lesson.

Meantime, Service Manager Jimmy Prevette saw the car and told another employee to drive it inside the garage before closing for the night. Then, art lesson over, Mrs. Swain came out to where she left her car—but no car. She immediately notified the Plymouth Police Department and the State Highway Patrol. Bright and early Wednesday morning the mistake was discovered at the garage and Mrs. Swain and the police were notified. It is rumored that Mr. Prevette is now agitating for fool-proof identification tags to be placed on all company cars.

Statement Made By Gaylord Upon Assuming Duties

Judge of Recorder's Court, W. R. Gaylord, Gives Formal Public Statement of Purpose after Oath

After subscribing to the oath of office before Court Clerk W. T. Stillman in the courtroom here Tuesday morning, Judge W. Ronald Gaylord made a formal public statement before convening court.

At the conclusion of the statement, Attorney W. L. Whitley made the motion that the statement be turned over to the press for publication.

The statement is printed below: As I commence a new term as recorder's judge, I am deeply mindful of the duties and responsibilities of the office.

As your recorder's judge, there are certain rules of law, of evidence and procedure which I will see **GAYLORD**, Page 8

Added \$900 Sought For Christmas Fund

Ways and means of raising needed funds and gift items to make the Empty Stocking program a success were discussed at a meeting of representatives of various groups held at the agriculture building Wednesday evening.

The meeting was presided over by Leroy Ange, chairman of the project which is being sponsored by the Plymouth Rotary Club. H. E. Newland was appointed co-chairman.

It was determined that about \$1,500 would be needed to make the project a success, with only about \$600 of that amount in sight. It was stressed that both

money and clothing are badly needed to insure a cheerful Christmas for the indigent families of the county.

A number of volunteer workers will solicit individual contributions in Plymouth and throughout the county. A committee composed of Ange, Newland and P. B. Bateman will collect toys from local merchants. Toys may be used or new, whatever the merchants care to donate, it was said.

It was again urged that anyone having clothing or other usable articles to donate either deliver them to the welfare department at the courthouse here or call Mr. Ange to have the articles picked up.