

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. House and daughter, Jacque, returned home Friday from Miami, Florida, where they attended the showing of the new Oldsmobile. They were accompanied on the trip by Mr. and Mrs. Floyd West, of Homeville, Va.

T/Sgt. Byron H. Gasaway has returned to duty in Korea after enjoying a week's leave in Japan. Sgt. Gasaway is now assigned to the Marine All Weather Squadron in Kunson, Korea. He has been serving there since May of this year. His wife, the former Patricia Jean Spruill, of Roper, and son, Michael, are living with his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Konrad, of Sanford Heights, Oregon.

Ken Trowbridge, Plymouth High School tailback, received honorable mention last week when the Greensboro Daily News announced its annual All-State schoolboy football team. No class A high school had a player in the first-team selections, but four Albemarle Conference players were on the honorable mention list. In addition to Trowbridge, they included Howard Williams, Hertford fullback; Chet Rogerson, tackle and Dickie Newsome, quarterback, of the Ahoskie Indians.

Eight persons from Washington County attended a North Carolina State Employment Association meeting at the Marlin County courthouse in Williamston Tuesday night of this week. They were Herbert Allen, Bryan Harris, Elwood Allen, James L. Rea, Mrs. Lillian Bishop, Leonard Davenport, S. F. Darden and J. T. Terry. Mr. Terry was named second chairman of this district.

By proclamation of Governor Scott, all banks in the state will be closed Thursday and Friday, December 25 and 26, in observance of Christmas. All patrons of the local bank please note.

Principal J. S. Fleming, of Plymouth High School, announced this week that the high school band will perform at a Good Roads celebration to be held Thursday of this week at Sladesville, in Hyde County.

A 175-pound cow sturgeon was caught in Albemarle Sound last Saturday morning by the Griffin brothers, Mackeys fishermen. They had the big fish in a truck on the streets here about noon, attracting a large number of curious spectators. The sturgeon, which did not contain any roe, was caught in an ordinary gill net, and its value was estimated at about \$30 by Mr. Griffin.

Mentioning that Tarboro and Edenton, by invitation had recently joined the Albemarle High School Athletic Conference, Plymouth School Principal J. S. Fleming recalled that the conference had its birth in the office of the Superintendent of Bertie County Schools, Windsor, December 2, 1946. Plymouth was represented at the organization meeting by A. L. Owens, chairman of the Plymouth district school committee, and the high school principal. The conference today is rated as one of the strong ones in the state.

Longer Hours To Begin Next Week

Plymouth stores will begin observing longer shopping hours for the Christmas season on Friday, December 19, Thos. F. Hopkins, president of the Plymouth Merchants Association, announces.

Stores will remain open nightly until 9 o'clock from that time until Christmas, Mr. Hopkins said. Store will be closed Christmas Day and the following day—Friday, but will reopen for business Saturday morning at the usual hour, it was said.

At a recent meeting of the association it was voted to remain open to business on New Year's Day.

Announce Enrollment for Third Month at School

Total enrollment for the third month of the 1952-53 session at Plymouth schools has been announced as 935 by Principal J. S. Fleming.

Name PMA Delegates Friday Night

A community committee nomination meeting of the PMA will be held in the agriculture building here Friday evening of this week, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Purpose of the meeting is to nominate three members of each community PMA committee, two alternate members and a delegate and alternate delegates to the county convention which will

WHAT THE WELL-DRESSED CAR WILL WEAR

Advertisement for North Carolina license plates, showing various designs and numbers like 100-001, R-1001, W-1001, etc.

What the properly licensed motor vehicle and trailer will carry in 1953 is shown in this photo from the State Department of Motor Vehicles. Next year's tags, which went on sale December 1 throughout the state, are black with orange numerals and letters. Only one plate is required and it is to be attached to the rear of the vehicle. Licensing officials expect a record sale of 1,175,000 tags. They may be purchased in Plymouth at the office of the Carolina Motor Club located at The Etheridge Company.

Children Dependent On Christmas Fund

TO HOLD REVIVAL



Evangelist M. B. Elliston, of Greensboro, who will conduct revival services at the new Adventist Church on Washington Street in Plymouth, beginning Sunday, December 14.

Small Attendance At National Guard Meeting Held Here

Battalion Officers Meet with Small Group To Discuss Formation of Guard Unit in Plymouth

At a meeting of persons interested in forming a National Guard unit in Plymouth, held Monday night at the Washington County courthouse here, an informal discussion of the plan was held and some temporary assignments of key positions were made. Twelve persons attended the meeting.

If and when a unit is organized here, it will be known as Company C, 167th Military Police Battalion, North Carolina National Guard. A minimum of 40 men is needed to form the unit and 18 are now in sight, it was said. If organized, the unit would be under the command of Captain Chester Brewer.

At present, there are three companies of the 167th battalion in this section. They are Headquarters Company, Ahoskie; See GUARD, Page 5

Miss Ausbon Said That PMA Committee Would Be Called Upon to Work with Tobacco and Peanut Marketing Quotas, Conservation Practices, Farm Price Supports and to Assume Additional Duties Related to Farm Production Goals and Other Defense Problems.

Following the nomination meeting, farmers will vote Thursday, December 18.

Sale of TB Seals Far Below Quota; To Mail Reminder

Amount Now in Hand Reported To Be Under \$500; Reports from All County Schools Not In

Mrs. A. L. Jackson, chairman of the Washington County Christmas Seal Sale for 1952, said yesterday that reminder cards would soon be mailed to county residents who had not responded to the seal letters sent out some time ago.

The seal sale is being conducted in the county this year by the Washington County Tuberculosis Committee, under sponsorship of the Plymouth Woman's Club, Mrs. Jackson said.

Funds from the 1952 campaign will be used for the association's 1953 tuberculosis control project, including x-ray clinics, assisting tubercular patients and educational programs in the schools.

The quota for the county in the present campaign has been set at \$850, Mrs. Jackson reported. Toward this goal only \$480.92 has been reached thus far, the county chairman stated.

Mrs. Jackson said that reports have not come in from all schools in the county. She expressed the belief that the county will reach its quota before the drive is terminated.

The seal sale opened in the county on November 17 and is due to close December 25, the chairman said.

Beaufort, Martin Become Members Albemarle Group

Southern Albemarle Association Now Embraces Six Member Counties; Annual Dues To Be Asked

The Southern Albemarle Association, active for many years in an effort to secure bridges over the Alligator River and Croatan Sound, recently increased its member counties from four to six.

With the action of Beaufort and Martin County boards of commissioners to accept an invitation to join the group, those two counties were added to Washington, Tyrrell, Hyde and Dare as members of the bridge association.

For a number of years, the Southern Albemarle Association has not called on its member counties for any dues because there was no particular need other than the regular entertainment at annual and executive meetings. This year, however, with the prospects of introducing legislation and following it through, it is apparent that funds will be needed and the member counties will be called on for their annual dues in an amount that has been customary heretofore—\$250 from each county.

Already the counties of Beaufort and Martin, in accepting membership in the association, have agreed on the amount of dues that they will pay in principal. The officers will call on the remaining four boards of county commissioners personally in this regard at their next meeting, it was said.

Society Charter For School Here

A charter to establish a chapter of the National Honor Society at Plymouth High School has been granted by the national council, Principal J. S. Fleming announces.

The National Honor Society is the only national school organization which encourages and recognizes qualities of leadership, outstanding achievement and conscientious endeavor in American youth, it was said.

The engraved charter for the local chapter will be individually inscribed and sent to the school when it is completed, the principal has been notified.

Charter No. 4715 was awarded to the Plymouth school.

Local School Lunchroom Is Very Well Patronized

The Plymouth High School lunchroom, which is rated 97 per cent in sanitation, had an average number of 636 patrons for the third month of the present school year, Principal J. S. Fleming has announced.

New Induction Call Received

There will be no pre-induction call on Washington County for the month of January, Mrs. Lorraine Hunter, clerk to selective service board no. 95, reports, but a call for induction of five county registrants in January has been received.

The five men are scheduled to leave on the morning of Wednesday, January 7, for the reception center at Raleigh to be inducted into the armed forces.

Of the sixteen county registrants who left here Wednesday of last week for the reception center to be inducted, all passed, Mrs. Hunter reported. One registrant failed to report for the call. He is Claude A. Bains, of Plymouth.

Firemen Answer Two Calls Here Monday Evening

Dwelling Destroyed in Sand Hill Section; No Damage In Dust House Fire at Plywood Plant

Local firemen really had a busy night Monday.

Just as they were gathering up the hose at the scene of one fire, a call was received to go to another.

The first call came around 8 p. m. Firemen found a dwelling house in the Sand Hill section back of the Country Club golf course beyond saving. However, they successfully battled the blaze which had spread to nearby houses.

The razed building was owned by the A. L. Owens estate and was the residence of Eley Armstead, colored. No one was at home at the time of the fire. It is understood that all furniture and clothing in the house were lost in the fire. There was no injury to the property.

Plymouth Fire Chief I. Warren said origin of the fire is not known. Residents claimed they left no fire in the building. The chief commended the action of several youngsters who stamped out a grass fire near the burning house.

The second call of the evening was to a fire in the dust house at the Atlas Plywood plant at the opposite end of town. The fire was put out without any appreciable damage having been done, Chief Warren said. Firemen were out on the two calls for about an hour and a half.

Demonstration on Treatment Fence Posts To Be Held

Extension Specialists To Show Two Means of Treating Posts at Norman Farm Next Thursday

A practical demonstration on treating fence posts and constructing fences will be held on Dick Norman's farm near the Miller Warren Allis-Chalmers Garage located on the Mackeys road, one mile from Plymouth, Thursday afternoon, December 18th, at 2 o'clock.

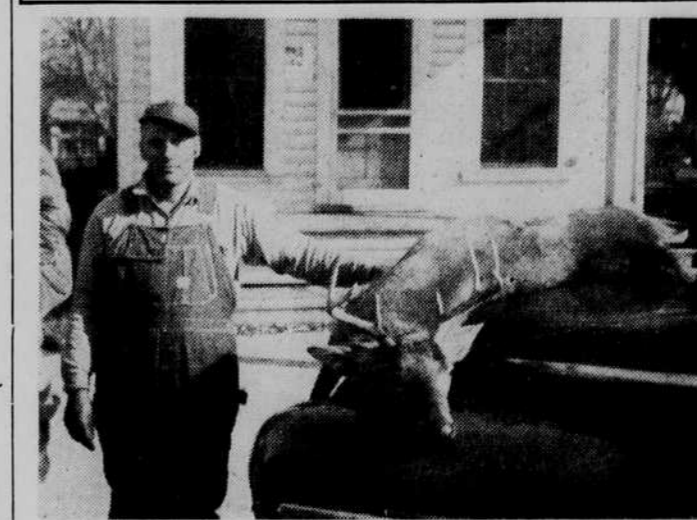
Howard M. Ellis, extension agriculture engineer, and W. T. Ellison, extension forestry specialist will be here to conduct the demonstration.

The demonstration will show exactly how to treat farm timber such as pine, sweet gum and other soft woods by a cold method using penta chlorophenol. Information will also be given regarding the treating of local timber for fence posts with creosote. The posts will be peeled by homemade equipment and placed in a homemade vat any farmer can construct on his farm. After the demonstration on treating fence posts is completed, Mr. Ellis will show the easiest and most practical way to construct a fence, set the corner posts, gate posts, brace the fence, and stretch the wire.

This is one of the best demonstrations that the extension service has to offer as it shows a process that is easy to do on every Washington County farm and is practical as well. Since there are between 500 and 750 new acres of improved pasture that were seeded in the fall of 1952, farmers have a need for new fences, the county agent, W. H. Pruden, points out. This demonstration can materially help them in planning their future fence systems. All farmers and other interested people are invited to attend.

Bloodmobile Here Friday; More Donors Are Needed

NOT ALL HUNTERS RETURN EMPTY-HANDED



Lewis Styons is posed above with a nice 8-point buck he shot last Saturday morning on a hunt in the "Wonderland" section near Vann Swamp, between Canals No. 5 and 6. The boys who carried the buck out two miles to the highway said he weighed not less than 200 pounds, but other experienced hunters in the group estimated the weight around 175 pounds. On the hunt with Styons were J. E. Adams, A. J. Hardison, Elmer, Marion and William Styons.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

Local Group Attends Phone Rate Hearing

Mayor Riddle Represents Town of Plymouth at Public Hearing of Telephone Case at Raleigh

Mayor A. J. Riddle, who represented the Town of Plymouth at the opening of a public hearing before the State Utilities Commission in Raleigh Tuesday concerning a rate increase asked by the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company, said that no action was taken at the meeting.

The telephone company's side of the issue was heard, Riddle said, and State Utilities Commissioner Stanley Winborne said that the case would be reopened at another meeting to be held sometime in January or February.

The telephone company has been granted five rate increases since 1945 and is now asking for a sixth, company officials declaring that it must charge its customers an additional \$2,283,844 a year in order to show a 7.5 per cent return on investment, which the company claims is necessary in order to attract capital and continue its expansion program.

Customers of the company in this part of the state, alarmed at prospects of further increases, have formed a special protest committee to fight the proposed rate increase.

The committee was formed by representatives of about 18 municipalities, two counties, various civic organizations, and three military installations within the 41-county area served by the telephone company.

Mayor Riddle said no local action has been taken concerning a committee proposal to levy 10 cents a telephone in each protesting community to raise funds to retain expert witnesses, make special studies and, if necessary, furnish court costs.

Since the proposed rate increase for the telephone company was first publicized in September, the Washington County Bar Association, the Plymouth Lions Club, the Roper Ruritan Club, the Plymouth City Council and possibly other county groups have gone on record as opposed to any increase.

Those from Plymouth who attended the Tuesday hearing, held in the Hall of the House of Representatives, besides Mayor Riddle were County Representative W. J. Woolard, Plymouth Town Councilman J. A. Holbrook and J. B. Parvin.

Explorer Scout Meeting Here Next Tuesday Night

An Explorer Scout meeting will be held at the Veterans Building here Tuesday evening of next week at 7:30 o'clock, Commander Joe Boone of Bosie Bateman Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, announces. The VFW sponsors the explorer scout troop here.

The meeting will be attended by Howard K. Hunter, district scout executive. Also, all VFW members in advisory offices are asked to be present.

Jack Pierce, scoutmaster, along with Hunter will outline various trips and activities which explorer scouts may undertake.

Explorer scouts are in the age group from 14 to 18 years.

Local Blood Bank Leaders Optimistic That Quota of 125 Pints Will Be Secured Friday

A Red Cross bloodmobile unit from the Tidewater Regional Blood Center, Norfolk, Virginia, will be in Plymouth all day Friday of this week 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, Ralph Hunter and Newman Allen, co-chairmen of recruitment, have announced.

A quota minimum of 125 pints has been announced and local blood bank leaders are hoping for a strong response to the urgent demand. Blood is much-needed at present, it has been pointed out, from the standpoint of both civilian and military uses.

The visit of the bloodmobile unit to Plymouth Friday is being sponsored jointly by the James E. Jethro Post of the American Legion and the Bosie Bateman Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, with the Plymouth Woman's Club responsible for serving refreshments to blood donors as in the past visits of the bloodmobile to this county.

Mrs. James H. Ward is in charge of pledge and appointment cards. Anyone desiring to volunteer to donate blood during the hours of the unit's visit may contact any one of several downtown firms. These are:

Plymouth Furniture Company, Davenport Hardware Company, Davenport Appliance Company, Norman Furniture Company, Economy Auto Supply Store, Jewel Shoppe, Leder Brothers and House Chevrolet Company.

It has been explained that the blood is good for only 18 days and that if it is not used within that time it is sent back to the blood center for immediate use before it becomes outdated.

Blood bank leaders said special thanks are due E. M. Leavitt and L. J. Darby, of North Carolina Pulp Company here, for their kindness in letting employees of the plant off without loss of time in order to give blood during the several visits of the unit to this county.

Leaders are urging the general public in this area not to overlook the unit visit here Friday. They point to the high casualty lists arising out of the Korean conflict and the urgent national demand for blood with which to save lives.

Transportation will be available for donors who desire it in order that everyone who wishes to donate blood may find it convenient to do so. A car equipped with loudspeaker will probably be used during the day to advertise the visit, as on past occasions.

Anyone desiring transportation to and from the bloodmobile unit should call 454-1.

The quota on the last previous visit of the bloodmobile to Plymouth—in September of this year—was 150 pints. This quota was reached. Local leaders urge that the same strong response be made on the visit Friday, despite the fact that the quota has been lowered somewhat. It is sincerely hoped that the fine record made by Plymouth and Washington County since inauguration of the bloodmobile program here will be maintained Friday.

Legion Meeting Friday Night at Vets Building

The regular meeting of the James E. Jethro Post of the American Legion will be held Friday night of this week at the Veterans Building here.

The meeting will open at 8 o'clock and a full attendance of the membership is urged. All veterans are invited.

Roper Firemen Seek Donations for Needy

The Roper Fire Department will again sponsor the Empty Stocking Fund in that community, it has been announced.

The firemen will assemble at the Fire Department Saturday night of this week at 7 o'clock for the purpose of making a house to house canvass for contributions to the fund. Money and articles collected will go into the Washington County Empty Stock-

ing Fund to bring cheer to needy county families.

At 7:15 p. m. Saturday the Roper church bells will be rung to notify citizens of the community to have donations ready for the house-to-house canvass which is scheduled to begin at that time.

Contributions of money, clothing and food will be accepted, it was said. Roper citizens are urged to have contributions ready that evening.