

RESULTS OF ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL DEER HUNT IN THE COUNTY



As soon as he saw last week's Beacon picture of Louis Styons' deer, Charlie Mizelle, of Roper came right in to tell about another successful deer hunt held in the county last month.

S/Sgt. and Mrs. R. E. Dunning, jr., arrived this week to spend the holidays with the sergeant's parents...

Mrs. C. E. Ayers, librarian, has announced that the Washington County Public Library here will be closed in observance of the Christmas holidays...

Double-headers are not confined to trains and ball games. Harold Spruill, who farms about five miles from Plymouth...

Overheard on Water Street—One little boy, looking wistfully in store window at toys: "I think they have a better selection this year, don't you?"

Twice within a week this reporter could thank his lucky stars for having almost miraculously escaped hitting children who darted unexpectedly in front of his car...

County Native Is Buried on Sunday

Services were held at Horner's Funeral Chapel here Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock for Stewart Lewis, 56, of Roper.

Mr. Lewis, an employee of North Carolina Pulp Company here, died at his home in Roper Saturday morning at 12:15 o'clock, following an illness of six weeks.

A native of the county, Mr. Lewis was born December 10, 1896, the son of Mrs. Mary Virginia Lewis and the late Samuel H. Lewis, of Roper.

Mr. Lewis was married July 25, 1920, at Columbia to Miss Lillian Peacock, of Roper, who survives. Other survivors include his mother; three daughters, Mrs. Edith Harrison, of Williamston, Mrs. Marcia Lewis Garnett, of Kansas, and Mrs. Jacqueline Hopkins, of Plymouth; three sisters, Mrs. Olene Brickhouse, of Columbia, Mrs. Janice Nowarah, of Roper, and Miss Emma Lewis, of Kinston; three brothers, Harry and Harold Lewis, both of Roper, and Harold Lewis, of Bridgeton.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. E. M. Spruill, rector of Grace Church, Plymouth, and St. Luke Church, Roper. Burial was in Windley Cemetery.

No Bookmobile Schedule During Christmas Week

The Washington County Bookmobile will not make its regular run next week because of the Christmas holidays, Mrs. C. E. Ayers, county librarian, announced this week.

The following week the bookmobile will make the same run which was postponed in observance of the Christmas holidays, it was said.

This schedule will be published in the next issue of The Beacon.

Santa Claus To Parade Here Friday

Santa Claus is coming to Plymouth in a jeep!

That was the word from a spokesman of the Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce, the organization which sponsors the annual visit of Santa to Plymouth.

The Jaycee spokesman said he had been notified that the merry old gentleman, a resident of the North Pole, expects to arrive here late Friday afternoon of this week. A big parade has been planned in his honor.

Santa's usual mode of travel is by sleigh pulled by reindeer, it was explained, but he resorts to the use of a jeep in emergencies.

Local Holiday Mail Steadily Picking Up

Holiday Closing For Draft Board

Registrants and other persons who might have business at the local selective service board No. 95, located in the basement of the courthouse here, are asked to please note that the office will remain closed throughout the week of December 21.

The announcement was made by Mrs. Lorraine Hunter, board clerk, who stated that the office would reopen on Monday, December 22, at the usual hour.

Brother-in-Law Of Local Woman Receives Award

M/Sgt. Leon DeVillier Given Distinguished Flying Cross Posthumously For Heroic Action

The brother-in-law of a local resident was recently awarded posthumously the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism against the enemy in Korea.

The award was made by the commanding general of the 1st Marine Air Wing to M/Sgt. Leon F. DeVillier, whose wife is the sister of Mrs. William Folkerts, of Plymouth. Mrs. DeVillier and son recently spent some time with the Folkerts, before moving to their new home in Kentucky.

The citation, signed by Clayton C. Jerome, brigadier general, U. S. Marine Corps, reads:

For heroism while participating in aerial flight during operations against the enemy in Korea, Master Sergeant DeVillier, serving as an airborne intercept operator attached to a Marine All-Weather Fighter Squadron, engaged in a search for a downed pilot in the Singosan area of Northern Korea on the morning of October 22, 1951.

Assuming an active and vital role in the search from the onset, Master Sergeant DeVillier was the first to observe signals which revealed the location of the downed pilot. When his pilot proceeded to meet and escort a rescue helicopter to the site, he rendered invaluable aid by locating the sources of anti-aircraft fire and by maintaining contact with the helicopter while his pilot maneuvered.

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Stamp Sales Running Close To Record Sales of Last Year, Postmaster J. C. Swain Reports

Judging by business at the Plymouth Post Office through Tuesday of this week, stamp sales, money orders and other special Christmas business are expected to move as orderly as at anytime during similar periods heretofore, Postmaster J. C. Swain reported yesterday.

Sale of the two cent stamps used in mailing Christmas cards reached record proportions here a year ago, Mr. Swain said, and possibly even higher sales are anticipated this season.

Taking two comparable days last year with which to compare sales this week, Mr. Swain showed that stamp sales are slightly better now. For December 15 and 16 of this year, total sale of the two cent stamps was \$957.56, whereas for December 15 and 17 (the 16th fell on Sunday) of 1951, sales for the two days amounted to \$944.70. Sales for Monday, December 17, 1951 amounted to \$604.70, a record.

Mr. Swain said that was the heaviest single day of sales during the Christmas period last year and he pointed out that the heaviest is expected this year on Monday of next week.

A total of 26,800 two cent stamps were sold to date during last year's Christmas rush. For the comparable period this year, the figure stands at 22,900. He said the local office began the period in 1951 with an inventory

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Daly Theatre Now On Full Schedule

The Daly Theatre here, which normally schedules week-end attractions only, has booked engagements throughout the week to run for several weeks during and after the holiday season, owner J. Shepherd Brinkley has announced.

Mr. Brinkley states that he has made a great effort to secure outstanding movie attractions to play at the theatre during this period. An announcement of coming attractions at the theatre is made elsewhere in this paper.

Mr. Brinkley, who also operates the Plymouth Theatre here, as well as the local Drive-In Theatre, says he has some unusual attractions at the former theatre as well. The Drive-In closed for the present season with Sunday night's shows.

Annual Report of County PMA Gives A C P Highlights

Sixty Per Cent of Farms In County Participate in Agricultural Conservation Program for Year

The 1952 annual report of the Washington County Production Administration, released this week by the local office, reveals highlights of accomplishments under the Agricultural Conservation Program in the county during the year.

Figures given show that 14,366 cubic yards of dirt were moved in constructing open drainage ditches; 1,289 acres of pasture and range were seeded with 2,578 pounds of Ladino clover, 3,885 pounds of Fescue and 2,900 pounds of orchard grass.

There were 3,220 acres devoted to green manure and cover crop practices, which included 25,800 pounds of Ryegrass, 8,000 pounds of crimson clover, 23,000 pounds of Australian winter peas and 22,900 pounds of vetch. There were 2,167 tons of liming materials applied on 2,350 acres.

Of non-conservation materials used, there were 1,240 tons of liming material; 15,376 pounds of phosphate; 18,855 pounds of potash; 518 acres of oats, rye, wheat, and barley; 200 pounds of crimson clover; 200 pounds of Ryegrass; 51 pounds of Ladino Clover and 40 pounds of Fescue.

Total performance in dollars and cents was listed as \$21,407.03 payment by the government for conservation material services, and \$6,707.55 payment by the government for non-conservation materials.

A break-down of these items was listed as follows: Conservation Material Services—\$2,991.80 for Ladino Clover; \$1,389.50 for Fescue; \$1,806 for Ryegrass; \$1,280 for Crimson Clover; \$1,190 for Austrian Winter Peas; \$3,206 for Vetch; \$208.53 for Orchard grass; \$1,436.60 for Open Ditch Drainage; \$5,493.25 for bagged lime; \$2,405.35 for bulk lime.

Non-conservation Materials—\$4,526 for Lime; \$538.17 for Phosphate; \$622.23 for Potash; \$404 for Rye and Wheat; \$474 for Oats and Barley; \$28 for Vetch; \$53.35 for Ladino; \$17.60 for Fescue; \$48 for Crimson Clover; \$14 for Ryegrass.

Under the 1952 Agricultural Conservation program there were 532 producers participating and farms on which ACP practices were carried out during the year included about 60 per cent of farms in the county.

Weather Boon to Farmer, Shopper

Christmas shoppers and farmers alike were taking advantage of the beautiful weather this week to get their respective jobs done.

Business here appeared brisk at times, but many local merchants have expressed the opinion that the holiday season business this year will not come up to that of a year ago.

Farmers who had not previously completed their harvest of soybeans and peanuts, due to a siege of bad weather, were busy getting crops out of the fields.

Jurors Named for Court Term Here By County Board

List of 72 Names Drawn by Commissioners at December Two-Week January Court

The Washington County Board of Commissioners drew the jury list for the January term of Superior Court at their regular December meeting here. The court term will open on Monday, January 5.

The list is composed of the names of 72 county citizens, 42 of them named to serve during the first week of the two-week court term.

Thirty-seven of those selected are from Plymouth Township, 25 to serve for the first week. Eleven are from Lees Mill Township, with five to serve the first week. Scuppernon Township lists 14, with eight to serve the first week. Skippersville Township lists ten, with four selected for first week duty.

The jury list follows: First week: Plymouth Township: O. G. Mizell, Charles Fowler, G. Wesley Ange, Jack P. Ragland, Carl Waters, Jr., W. A. Davidson, C. A. Cratch, W. L. Phelps, James Richard Cole, Mayo Wynn, Otis M. Davis, R. R. Alexander, G. R. Strickland, Dallas G. Waters, Robert S. Swain, Gregory Ivanchev, Benton Tetterton, Vance Harrison, H. S. Harris, H. G. Ward, Mrs. Lillian Shugar, P. B. Cerena, K. S. Trowbridge, Tom West and E. E. Harrell.

Lees Mill Township: Myrle Marrow, William W. Spruill, John W. Sawyer, J. W. Griffin and W. H. Davis.

Scuppernon Township: Edwin A. Norman, M. L. McKeel, W. Trimmer Holmes, Hubert Leroy Davenport, Jr., Godfrey E. Phelps, W. P. Boyd, Charlie Purcell and R. E. Sexton.

Skippersville Township: Hugh Patrick, Charlie Phelps, Wardell Spruill and Ernest Spruill.

Second Week: Plymouth Township: Thomas Cunningham, S. I. Hopkins, Jr., Carl Modlin, H. P. Pierce, W. W. Ayers, W. T. Clifton, Eugene McCombs, Charles H. Painter, Jr., Joseph Langford, Dorothy H. Smith, Opal E. Ambrose and I. P. Leary.

Lees Mill Township: Charles E. Mizell, Woodrow Phelps, Robert Thomas, Morris Hutton, L. L. Phelps and T. E. Furlough.

Scuppernon Township: Dennis H. Phelps, Chester Alston Davenport, Clyde Davenport, R. A. Phelps, Sr., Fred B. Smith and Thomas Norman.

Skippersville Township: Elwood Spruill, Harold Patrick, B. Reynolds, J. C. Spruill, J. Whitford Swain and Joe H. Snell.

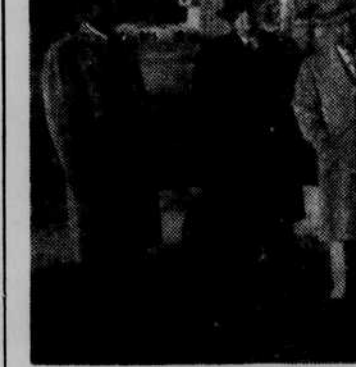
Local Church To Present Cantata

The choir of the First Christian Church, under the direction of Mrs. Marie Newland, will present the sacred cantata "A Child is Born," by Noel Bentzen, on Sunday evening, December 21, at 7:30 p. m.

The melody from Brahms' "Lullaby" occurs frequently throughout the entire cantata and will be sung by a girls' two part chorus consisting of Miss Jane Crofton, Myrtle Jackson, Betty Jean Jackson, Alva Rose Hardison, Beulah A. Cratch and Mrs. Frances Lucas.

The public is cordially invited.

ANOTHER 'FIRST' FOR COUNTY NEGRO SCHOOL



J. J. Clemmons High School, at Roper, is said to be the first school in the state to secure a tractor and equipment for use by its vocational agriculture department in cultivating crops. The department secured the equipment through a rental agreement with a farm machinery manufacturer and it will be used to tend 7.2 acres of soybeans and truck crops for cafeteria use at the school. Shown, left to right, are Dr. S. E. Duncan, of Raleigh, state supervisor of Negro High Schools; County Superintendent of Schools R. F. Lowry, of Plymouth; Clemmons Principal E. V. Wilkins; S. E. Simmons, of Greensboro, supervisor of agriculture in N. C. Negro High Schools; James Berry, president, and Willie McCray, jr., vice president of the Roper chapter, New Farmers of America.—Polarrad 1-Minute staff photo.

Appeal for Contributions To Empty Stocking Fund

Copy for Next Beacon Must Be in Saturday

In order to give employees a longer holiday The Beacon's Christmas issue, as usual, will carry the greetings of our advertisers to their patrons. For a cheery message that will serve to make the holidays more than just a couple of days off from work, read these greetings ads.

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Need at Least \$300 More To Meet Requirements for Distribution Next Week, Spokesmen Say

An urgent appeal was issued here this week by Leroy Ange and H. E. Newland, co-chairmen of the Empty Stocking Fund, for last-minute contributions.

With the time for distribution of gifts to the needy families of the county rapidly approaching, the fund is still about \$300 short of the amount estimated needed to adequately cover the expense of bringing a measure of Christmas cheer to the indigent persons of Washington County.

There are between 250 and 300 such families to be supplied with Christmas gifts of food, clothing and toys and it has been conservatively estimated that approximately \$1,500 will be required if all these persons are to have some measure of Christmas joy.

About \$1,200 is now in hand, together with contributed articles of food, clothing and toys, it was said.

The Empty Stocking Fund is an annual project in the county and down through the years of its sponsorship here it has been singularly successful. Much cheer has been brought to the poor through the generosity of those county citizens enjoying sufficient prosperity to enable them to contribute to the worthy undertaking.

This year, as in the past several seasons, the Empty Stocking Fund is under sponsorship of the Plymouth Rotary Club.

The Washington County Welfare Department cooperates with the sponsoring organization, together with other interested local and county groups and individuals.

Volunteer workers are now busy packaging the articles donated for gift items and those purchased through contributions of cash to get the gifts ready for distribution to the needy by Christmas.

The co-chairmen stated that the Roper community had reported a successful campaign for the Empty Stocking Fund and had exceeded last year's effort. A good report is also expected from the colored citizens of Roper and Creswell, spokesmen said.

Pointing out that it will be a much more enjoyable Christmas for everyone when secure in the knowledge that no one in the county need go lacking, fund leaders strongly urged a good last-minute response to put the Empty Stocking Fund over the top and maintain the splendid record of past years.

Lake Phelps Post To Sponsor Dance Soon

The Lake Phelps Post No. 391 of the American Legion will sponsor a dance at the Legion Building Wednesday, December 24, beginning at 9 p. m.

Music for the occasion will be furnished by Earl Zirkle and his orchestra, of Rocky Mount. Tickets are on sale at Bill's Soda Shop in Creswell and at H. P. Barnes Store in Cherry.

Anyone wishing to obtain tickets by mail should contact H. S. Woodley, Creswell.

Valuable Equipment Added To Local School Recently

Two valuable pieces of equipment have been added this month to the Visual Education Department at Plymouth High School, Principal J. S. Fleming has announced.

A Spencer MC Delinescope was donated by the Parent-Teacher Association here at a cost of \$99.50, and 7 by 9 foot radiant screen for the auditorium was paid for by the school. The cost of the screen was \$90.90.

Longer Hours at Stores in Effect

Local Christmas shoppers are reminded that, starting Friday of this week, Plymouth stores will remain open each evening until 9 o'clock for the convenience of those who are unable to do their gift buying during the usual hours.

The longer period of store hours will continue through Christmas Eve. Shopkeepers and clerks alike will then be treated to a two-day holiday, observing Christmas Day and Friday. Stores will reopen for business as usual on Saturday morning. The extra hours from noon to 9 o'clock will make for more leisurely shopping even during the last-minute rush which is getting underway.

Plymouth stores still have thousands of appropriate gifts of all kinds, with prices comparing favorably with similar merchandise available anywhere.

Local blood bank leaders were disappointed at results of Friday visit; Get Over 91 Pints of Blood

The eighth visit of the bloodmobile unit from the Tidewater Regional Blood Center, Norfolk, Va., to Washington County wound up 29 pints short of the quota, but the total amount of blood donated since inauguration of the program here passed the 1,000 pint mark.

A total of 91 pints was secured here Friday against a quota of 120 pints. It was the sixth visit to Plymouth since the first one back in December of 1950. Two visits of the unit have been made to Creswell.

Local blood bank leaders were disappointed at the results of the Friday visit here, the second to be located at the Veterans Club. Previously, the bloodmobile had located at the high school gymnasium on its visits to the community.

Co-chairmen of recruitment Ralph Hunter and Luther N. Allen said that the greater number of donors were those faithful ones who have repeatedly given blood on the several occasions in the past, and that there were very few newcomers. Many of those who gave blood Friday here became six-time donors, the co-chairmen said.

Mrs. Bertie O. Lilly was in charge of appointment cards and other similar volunteer services. Nurses who assisted were Mrs. Violet Phillips and Miss Elizabeth Wood, county health nurse.

Other volunteer assistants included Mesdames Jane Murray, Frances Klug, Mildred Keel, Lillian Shugar, Jean McCombs, Ross Wood, Tommie Tarkington, Vivian Williams.

Local leaders stated that thanks are due the Plymouth Woman's Club for preparing and serving delicious refreshments to blood donors. The James E. Jethro Post of the American Legion, the Bosie Bateman Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars—sponsors of the visit—along with the local chapter of the American Red Cross, also came in for special thanks.

The most successful visit of the

Farmers Vote Today On PMA Committees

Washington County farmers are voting today at five polling places in the county to select community Production and Marketing Administration committees to serve for the coming year.

Delegates selected from each community will meet at the Agriculture Building here tomorrow to select the county committee to serve for the next year.

Voting began this morning at 8 o'clock and is scheduled to continue until 5 o'clock this afternoon at the following places: Pleasant Grove, Mrs. J. C. Tar-

leton's Store; Roper, Knowles Grocery; Plymouth and Long Acre, Agriculture Building; Mt. Pleasant, Ernest Phelps' Store; Creswell and Cherry, C. N. Davenport's garage, Creswell.

The present county committee is made up of C. W. Bowen, Plymouth, chairman; W. C. Spruill, Roper, vice chairman; L. L. Davenport, Creswell, regular member; R. C. Peacock, Roper, first alternate; J. C. Snell, Plymouth, second alternate; Miriam Ausbon, Plymouth, secretary; and Mrs. Florence Oliver, Roper, treasurer.