

Willis Bowen, county FHA supervisor, said he passed the Carl Bailey residence last Friday about noon and saw such a crowd congregated in the front yard he thought something terrible had happened. Upon stopping to inquire he found it was a case of breaking and entering...

Youngsters around Plymouth probably got their fill of wading, an activity dear to the heart of most juveniles, following the heavy rains that were a part of last week's storm. There were plenty of places in town where they could find ample water to satisfy their desire.

J. R. Duffus, of Baltimore, Md., a representative of the C. C. Lang & Son firm, and John Elliott, of Brevard, were business visitors here Wednesday. Mr. Elliott is a representative of Associated Seed Growers, Inc. of Atlanta, Ga., and travels North and South Carolina for that concern.

The special meeting of the Plymouth City Council scheduled last Monday night was called off, due to absence from town of several council members. The session was ordered early this month to consider bids for a new police car and for work on the new fire department building. Mayor A. J. Riddle said Tuesday that action on these matters probably would be delayed until the regular September meeting, as a full attendance of the council was desired.

J. S. Fleming, principal of Plymouth High School, announced this week that his office at the school is now open and he stands ready to render every possible service to school patrons.

Besides all the damage to property and crops, the "Big Blow" last week cut Benton Liverman's vacation short by a day, but Benton isn't bemoaning the fact. He was just glad to get home. Benton and family, along with two of his sisters, Misses Neva and Mable Liverman, were vacationing at Carolina Beach, Wilmington, when Gale Barbara got underway. They left the beach at noon last Thursday and got home at 8 o'clock that night after a slow journey. The wind was so stiff that driving had to be limited to a speed of 35 miles an hour, Benton reports.

Cover Crop and Pasture Seeds Soon Available

Fair Prices From Seed Vendors Must Be Approved By State PMA Office First, Said

Miss Miriam Ausbon, county PMA secretary, stated Wednesday that the local office will probably be able to start issuing purchase orders for winter cover crop and permanent pasture seeds next week.

Miss Ausbon said that fair prices have already been submitted by the seed vendors but that before purchase orders can be issued to farmers of the county these prices must be approved in the local office by a PMA field representative and then sent to the state PMA office at Raleigh for approval.

The field representative is expected to visit the office here Friday, it was said. When his approval is obtained, the fair prices will immediately be sent to the state office and approval should be forthcoming by Monday of next week or soon thereafter, the secretary stated.

Winter cover crops which have been committee-approved for use in this county are crimson clover, hairy vetch, Austrian winter peas and Italian rye grass. Permanent pasture seed so approved include fescue, Ladino clover and orchard grass.

Votes Unanimous For Crop Quotas

Eight farmers in Washington County participated in the wheat referendum held last Friday and voted unanimously for the imposition of marketing quotas on the 1954 crop. Miss Miriam Ausbon, county PMA secretary, reports.

Although final national figures on the referendum will not be available for some time, early reports indicated an overwhelming vote in favor of the marketing quotas. The vote was heavy in such wheat states as Kansas, Nebraska and the Dakotas but light in others. Eligible to vote in the referendum were all wheat farmers who were subject to quotas.

BEACH HOMES AND PACKHOUSES IN COUNTY HARD HIT BY HURRICANE



Summer homes along Albemarle Sound belonging to a number of Plymouth people were badly damaged by the hurricane last week, and the roofs were blown off several pack barns in the county, as shown in the accompanying photos. Top photo shows two cottages owned by George Sexton at Albemarle Beach that were almost totally destroyed. The shoreline of the sound formerly was located about where the post shows at extreme right, about 25 or 30 feet of the ground having been cut away by wave action during the storm. Several other homes at Albemarle Beach were badly damaged, as well as others located farther to the east. Roof of the pack barn on the left, located on the farm of Mrs. Mattie Swain between Plymouth and Mackeys, was blown across the road and an undetermined amount of damage was done to 6,000 sticks of tobacco stored there.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photos.

Expect Heavy Sales; Markets Open Today

Home Invaded By Deer Here

A young deer, apparently driven from its natural habitat by high water, jumped through a breakfast-room window into the Carl L. Bailey residence on East Main Street here near noon Friday.

No one was at home at the time, Mr. Bailey being uptown and Mrs. Bailey and Carl jr. having left earlier in the day for Danville, Va., to attend the wedding of Mr. Bailey's nephew.

County Game Protector J. T. Terry, who lives in an adjoining house, heard the noise and went to investigate. He got Police Chief P. W. Brown and together the two men went in and found the deer trying frantically to get out. It had cut its nose on the way in through the window and had bloodied curtains, walls, floors, rugs and furniture while it enjoyed the run of the house. Also, its hoofs had badly scuffed the floors. Other damage included broken dishes, a bedroom lamp and brie-a-brac.

The deer was brought out and released by Mr. Terry and it fled from sight within a matter of moments. Ladies in the neighborhood came in to tidy up the house.

J. O. Highsmith Buried on Friday

Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock from Roper Methodist Church for John O. Highsmith, 81, of Roper. The Rev. V. A. Lewis, minister of the church, and the Rev. E. M. Spruill, of Plymouth, officiated. Burial was in Robersonville Cemetery.

Mr. Highsmith, a retired merchant, died Thursday morning at 7:30 o'clock at his home following a long illness. He had been in declining health for 12 years and had been confined to his bed for the past four years.

The son of the late John H. Highsmith and Mahala Ward Highsmith, of Pitt County, Mr. Highsmith was born in Martin County May 31, 1862. He had lived at Roper for about 42 years, moving to this county from Rocky Mount. He was married October 21, 1894, at Bethel to Miss Allie Andrews, of that place. Mr. Highsmith was a member of Roper Methodist Church.

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Many County Growers Have Tobacco on Floors for Opening of Bright Leaf Belt Today

It is expected that quite a bit of tobacco grown in Washington County will be among the leaf that is auctioned on warehouse floors of the Bright Leaf Belt at the 1953 season swings into action today.

Many farmers of this county annually market their tobacco on nearby markets in Williamston, Washington and Robersonville while some patronize markets in larger, more distant cities such as Greenville, Wilson and Rocky Mount.

Also, quite a number of local growers have sold some of their crop already on markets of the Border Belt and even farther south.

Tobacco started to rolling into the warehouses in volume early Tuesday and reports were for good opening day breaks. It was reported that the Williamston market, all set to launch its 52nd

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Marking Time in Contract Parleys

Time is being marked in contract negotiations at North Carolina Pulp Company here while information relative to an insurance program is awaited. Lewis Price, international representative of the Pulp, Paper Mill and Sulphite Workers, stated Wednesday morning.

The anniversary date of the old contract between the plant management and the Engineer, Paper Makers, Pulp and Sulphite Workers unions was August 1 but the contract is self-renewing and automatically continues in force until 10-day formal notice of termination is given.

Mr. Price said contract negotiations will begin at Atlas Plywood Corporation's local plant during the week of September 1st, the anniversary date of the self-renewing contract there. Representatives of Engineer and Pulp Workers unions and company representatives will participate in the negotiations.

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Much Damage Reported in County Last Week in Wake of Hurricane

Next Blood Unit Visit To County On September 2nd

Red Cross Bloodmobile To Locate at Veterans Club Here; Blood Bank Leaders Hope to Get 150 Pints

The Red Cross bloodmobile from the Tidewater Regional Blood Center, Norfolk, Va., will pay its next visit to Plymouth on Wednesday, September 2.

As usual for the past several visits, the set-up will be made at the Veterans Building near the Washington County Hospital. Hours will be changed as an experiment, it was said. Blood may be donated from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m. on this visit, rather than from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m. as in the past.

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

The quota has again been set at 150 pints. On the two previous visits of the bloodmobile to this county this year 127 pints were collected March 19 and 123 pints June 12. The bloodmobile regularly visits the county once each quarter under the blood bank program established here several years ago.

The Plymouth Woman's Club, which has been in charge of arrangements for refreshments for blood donors and for securing the necessary nursing and clerical help on previous occasions, will again serve in this capacity.

It is hoped that the response from both white and colored citizens will be such that the bloodmobile will realize the 150 pint quota on the coming visit.

Scout Rally Set For Next Month

Plymouth Scoutmaster Carl L. Bailey, jr., announced this week that the District Rally and Fall Round-up for Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of the Wasmarty District will be held in Williamston Wednesday, September 30.

The rally will be open to all Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of troops in Washington, Martin and Tyrrell Counties, comprising the Wasmarty District. The affair will be held at the Williamston ball park and will open at 7:30 p. m. There will be competition between the various patrols of both Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts and about 45 boys from Plymouth are expected to participate, it was estimated.

Phil Liverman, of Plymouth, is serving as Camping and Activities chairman and K. P. Lindley, of Williamston, is in charge of arrangements for the event.

SMALLEST TOBACCO BARN IN WORLD—MAYBE



The tobacco barn pictured above may not be the smallest in the world, but it will do until somebody comes along and proves he has one smaller. Six by six feet in size, with a capacity of about 35 sticks, it is located here at the plant of the Soil Tone Corporation, and is used by that firm in curing tobacco raised on its test plots. That's Bill Booth, plant foreman, at the door, and the barn was built and is operated under his supervision. Heat is provided by an electric radiant heating panel, dimly seen through the door. About 75 sticks of tobacco have been cured in the barn this season, an additional 25 or 30 having been lost due to the hurricane last week, which just about wrecked the company's test plot at Roper. The barn is insulated with rock wool and is lined with heat-reflecting aluminum foil.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

Officials Designated For Peanut Levy Vote

Tentative List of Pollholders Announced by County Farm Bureau President This Week

Tentative pollholders for the peanut referendum to be held Saturday, August 29, were announced this week by James H. Ward, of Plymouth, president of the Washington County Farm Bureau.

Mr. Ward said there would be three polling places in the county—the regular PMA polling places at Plymouth, Roper and Creswell. These, respectively, are the Agriculture Building, Knowledge Grocery and Mike Davenport's garage.

Tentatively named as pollholders were L. J. Beddard and Eli Phelps, for Plymouth, Wade Hardison and Roy Chesson, Roper, and Mrs. C. N. Davenport, Jr., and Leon Davenport, Creswell.

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Name Baby Here After Big Storm

The hurricane "Barbara," which ripped through this section late Thursday night and Friday morning, gave a stormy welcome to a newcomer here and left a namesake in its wake. A daughter born at 4:12 Friday morning to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gurganus, who live in Winesett Circle, was named Barbara Gale Gurganus.

Mr. Gurganus is an employee of the North Carolina Pulp Company. Their baby was born at the Washington County Hospital shortly after the peak of the storm here.

The code name "Barbara" was given to the hurricane by weather bureau officials. Winesett Circle, where the Gurganus live, was hit hard by the storm. A tree was blown down across the power line, putting the area in darkness and high water flooded some of the streets.

Mrs. Waters Dies At Hospital Here

Funeral services were conducted from Christian Hope Church of Christ Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock for Mrs. Kitty Browning Waters, 64, of the Long Ridge section near Plymouth. Mrs. Waters died at 12 p. m. Monday at the Washington County Hospital after a brief illness. She had been in declining health, however, for the past five years. She was confined to her bed for two days.

Mrs. Waters was the daughter of the late John and Odilia Swinson Browning, of Martin County, and was born in Washington County September 3, 1888. She was a lifelong resident of this county and was married at Jamesville May 15, 1910, to Lloyd C. Waters, of Plymouth, who survives.

Mrs. Waters was a member and faithful attendant of Christian Hope Church. She leaves, besides her husband, four sons, Clarence and L. Ronald, both of Plymouth, Hubert F., of Elizabeth City, and James R. Waters, of Spencer; eight grandchildren and two brothers, W. W. Browning and John Browning, both of Plymouth.

Services were in charge of the Rev. Robert Lee, of Washington, assisted by W. C. Chesson, of Plymouth. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Rough Estimate of Field Crop Damage Placed at \$160,000; Albemarle Beach Hard Hit

The hurricane which struck this section with such fury last Thursday night left in its wake damage to field crops believed to be about \$160,000.

Hardest hit of all crops was corn, an important source of farm income in this county with nearly 10,000 acres devoted to the grain crop.

Other crops which suffered from the storm were listed by County Agent W. H. Pruden as tobacco and cotton. The large soybean crop came through without appreciable damage, Pruden stated.

Emphasizing that any estimate of crop damage which anyone might make would be at best a wild guess since the extent of damage, especially to corn, depends to a great degree on the weather from now until harvest—as well as certain other factors, Mr. Pruden said he estimated damage to the corn and cotton crops roughly at 20 per cent and tobacco about five per cent.

Just last week, The Beacon published an estimate released by the county agent of total value of all farm crops and other sources of farm income for the year. The overall figure was placed at \$3,557,891. The value of the tobacco, corn and cotton crops in the county was placed at \$845,000, \$545,398 and \$50,000, respectively.

On the basis of this estimate, damage to the corn crop would approximate \$100,000. Damage to tobacco would figure roughly \$50,000 and to cotton, \$10,000.

Corn was flattened by the force of the wind and rain and many stalks were blown off the cotton bolls, Mr. Pruden stated. In some fields, tobacco leaves were badly shredded, also, and some were stripped from the stalk.

Untold damage resulted to home orchards, too, with most fruit blown off trees, the county agent continued.

Damage to the important tobacco crop, highest in total value of all county crops, would have been quite a bit higher except for the fact that a high percentage of the crop had already been harvested. Even so, it was reported that at least two farmers suffered heavy damage to tobacco stored in packhouses when the storm lifted roofs from the structures.

The roof was blown off a packhouse belonging to John West near Plymouth and another pack barn suffered similarly on the west side of the county.

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Books Will Open On September 5th In Bond Election

Those Already Properly Registered on General Election Books Not Required to Register

Registration books will open Saturday, September 5, for the special bond election to be held on Saturday, October 3, W. T. Freeman, chairman of the Washington County Board of Elections, announced this week.

The books will be opened for registration at the polling places at 9 a. m. on the fifth and will remain open until sunset on Saturday, September 19, it was said. The various registrars in the county will be at their respective polling places for registering voters on three successive Saturdays, September 5, 12 and 19.

Since it is not a special registration, all persons who are now registered on the general election registration books will not have to register again in order to vote in the special bond election, it was pointed out.

Persons not registered on the general election books in their resident precinct will have to register in order to qualify to vote, however. Those who are not certain that they are now properly registered are advised to check with their precinct registrar on one of the three Saturdays in September mentioned above.

Two questions of whether the State of North Carolina shall issue \$50,000,000 in school plant construction and improvement bonds and \$22,000,000 in mental institution bonds will be settled in the special election called by Governor Umstead.

PLYMOUTH SCENES LAST FRIDAY MORNING, FOLLOWING THE BIG BLOW THURSDAY NIGHT



Plymouth streets were littered with broken limbs and twigs, a number of television acrials were blown down, numerous trees were uprooted, and some sections of the town were flooded by the Hurricane Barbara, which struck this area late Thursday night and early Friday morning. Fort Williams Street, left above, was typical of the scene that greeted the town's street cleaning crew when it reported for work. Top right shows a big tree uprooted in the yards of Sonny Williford and Tom Hopkins on Main Street, with TV acrials down in the background. Bottom right shows Winesett Circle, where the drainage system was unable to take care of the rain that accompanied the big blow. Falling trees broke electric lines in several parts of the town, but VEP crews had service restored within 24 hours. A few houses were damaged by broken limbs and uprooted trees.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photos.