

STUDENT COUNCIL MAKING REAL CONTRIBUTION AT CRESWELL SCHOOL



The Creswell Student Council and sponsor, Miss Matilda Alexander—this organization is making a real contribution to the morale and welfare of the entire student body. Reading from left to right: Miss Matilda Alexander, Jerry Smith, Larry Woodley, Geraldine Davenport, Doral Collins, Faye Phelps, Floyd Phelps, Mildred Davenport, Regie Davenport, Barbara Davenport, Norman Furlough, Vance Clifton, Douglas Day, Larry Davenport and Lonell Davenport.

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 observance of Thanksgiving holiday in Plymouth according to a check made here yesterday.

The one-day closing will include bank, 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 probably observe the usual Sunday hours for the holiday.

Local industrial plants will observe the holiday, at least in part. Atlas Plywood Corporation and True Temper Corporation plants here plan to close at the end of the day Wednesday and remain closed until the regular opening hour next Monday, according to the respective plant managers.

All county schools, white and colored, will observe the holiday. They will close Wednesday at the usual hour and resume classes Monday morning of next week.

This holiday must last students until Christmas when the big holiday of the school year will come.

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BUYING TAGS MAY NOT BE SO BAD AT THAT



Posing prettily with a new 1954 State license plate in front of the Carolina Motor Club office on Washington Street here are Miss Betty Ann Burnham, Plymouth's reigning beauty of the Albe-Marie, and Mrs. L. M. Edwards, office clerk. The agency has been located during past seasons at The Etheridge Company but was moved up town this year to the Ward Insurance Company office. Licenses for autos, private and farm trucks, commercial and private trailers and motorcycles go on sale at the office December 1.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

Farm Bureau Unit Here Scolded by State Bureau Head

Maddrey Scores Laxity of County Group; Creswell Man Named To Head Bureau Here

C. Gordon Maddrey, president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation, scored the Washington County unit of the Farm Bureau for its laxity in an address that highlighted the annual meeting of the unit here last Friday night.

Maddrey said that during his days as a school principal his favorite room to visit was that of the first grade because there was a sincerity and frankness to be found there that is hard to find anywhere else.

He said he could recall such a visit when some little first grader had made a crude drawing on the blackboard and under the picture the teacher had written the word "horse." That was so a stranger would know what animal the drawing was supposed to represent.

He applied the illustration to the Washington County Farm Bureau and noted that it had failed to send any resolutions to the State Farm Bureau convention recently. "Your Farm Bureau unit here didn't help to shape Farm Bureau policy," Maddrey scolded, "and I don't think one of you should complain if the policy adopted by the convention fails to meet with your approval."

Using as his subject, "Who Shall Speak for the Farmer?" the state president pointed out that the manufacturers, the labor unions and the politicians all would like to speak for the farmer.

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Barbecue Supper For Bus Project

The Roper Ruritan Club will sponsor a barbecue supper to be served Friday, December 4, at the school lunchroom, beginning at 6 p. m., it is announced.

A charge of \$1.25 per plate will be made with the proceeds to go to the fund for an activity bus for Roper High School.

A basketball double-header will follow the supper, with the Ruritan club members opposing the high school boys in one game and the wives of Ruritan members versus the high school girls in the other tilt.

The Roper Parent-Teacher Association is taking an active part, also, in the movement to secure a bus to transport Roper school teams and already has about \$2,000 on hand, it is said. Very little more is needed to assure the bus and it is hoped that a good response will be had for the coming projects.

Young Girl Suffers Third Degree Burns at School

Martha Satterthwaite, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vance Satterthwaite, of Plymouth, suffered third-degree burns on both forearms and hands when she lost her balance and fell into a trash fire on the Plymouth High School grounds last Thursday afternoon.

The young girl was treated at the Plymouth Clinic and is reported as well as could be expected at her home. Nearby children pulled the girl from the fire to prevent more serious injury.

Special Services at Local Churches for Thanksgiving Day

Several Town and County Churches Announce Special Services 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.

Ludford Memorial Baptist Church and Grace Episcopal Church, Plymouth, and St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Roper, have announced special services to mark the day.

Services at Ludford Memorial Church will begin at 10 a. m. An offering will be taken at that time for orphanage work. The pastor, the Rev. P. B. Nickens, will bring a brief message apropos the occasion and the choir will render a special Thanksgiving anthem.

Morning prayer and sermon will be featured at services set for 9 a. m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Roper, the rector, the Rev. Edward M. Spruill, of Plymouth, has announced.

A special service with morning prayer and sermon is scheduled for Grace Episcopal Church at Plymouth, to begin at 11 a. m.

At both services the churches will be decorated with fruits of the earth. Afterwards, these will be distributed to the needy of the community. The special offering to be taken at the services will go to the Thompson Orphanage, Charlotte.

A special week-end revival series will begin on Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock at the Church of the Nazarene here. The pastor, the Rev. J. H. Hodges, has announced that a 19-year-old student from Trevecca Nazarene College, Nashville, Tenn., will do the preaching. The young student, Harry Welch, roommate of a 20-month student at the college, Eugene Campbell, who will make the trip here with young Welch.

The regular Fifth Sunday union service among the four downtown churches here will be held Sunday night at the Plymouth Methodist Church, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. It is customary for the members of Perseverance Lodge to attend this service in a body.

Among the colored churches, Spring Green Disciple Church of Christ has announced that the Gospel Singers, of Portsmouth, Va., will conduct a special song service Thanksgiving night, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Services Tuesday For Beaufort Man

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Wenona, for F. Holland Allen, 53, officiating were J. B. Chandler, pastor, and the Rev. Ralph Osborn, of Pinetown. Burial was in Windley Cemetery, near Plymouth.

Mr. Allen died Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock at his home in the Wenona community, following an illness of two weeks.

He was associated with the N. C. State Forestry Service, was a member of Trinity Church, an elder in the church and had served for several years as superintendent of the Sunday School.

Mr. Allen was a native of Beaufort County and spent his entire life in this section. He was born June 18, 1900, to John B. and Iola Smith Allen, of Pungo, who survive. He was married November 11, 1925, at Pantego to Miss Olga Davis, of Pungo, who also survives.

Other survivors include a daughter, Louise Allen, of Plymouth; a son, Billy Allen, of Kinston; one grandchild; and a sister, Mrs. Daffie Manning, of Pungo.

The remains were left at Horner's Funeral Home until an hour prior to the service and then carried to the church.

Lions Will Conduct Light Bulb Sale in December Here

At a board of directors meeting of the Plymouth Lions Club last Thursday night at the banquet hall of Plymouth Methodist Church it was decided to conduct a Christmas light bulb sale here Tuesday and Wednesday, December 10 and 11.

Gordon Chesson was named to head the drive and it was said that the town would be divided into districts with club members assigned to canvass these.

Proceeds will go to the club's Community Development fund.

Name Leaders in County For Christmas Fund Drive

James T. Boyce Is Chairman; 52 Persons in Various Parts of County on Executive Committee

James T. Boyce was named Thursday night to head the annual Empty Stocking Fund campaign in the county this Christmas season.

At the same time, the campaign planning committee, meeting at the courthouse, named 52 county persons to the Executive Committee for the drive. Included on the executive committee were 33 persons at large from Plymouth, eight from the various labor unions here, five from Creswell, three from Roper, two from Mackeys and one from Columbia.

A committee meeting has been set for Monday night of next week at the courthouse here, beginning at 8 o'clock. Mr. Boyce is urging that all members be present for this important meeting.

It was agreed at the meeting Thursday night that the Agriculture Building be designed as the collection point for all usable goods collected in the drive. Anything usable in the way of clothes, food or toys will be accepted, it was stated. It was emphasized, however, that only usable toys will be accepted since there is no facility available for mending toys.

It is also urged that donors of clothing get the articles in as soon as possible in order to allow time for the clothes to be properly cleaned before distribution to the needy families of the county.

December 15 was established as the deadline for donations of food, clothing and toys. Efforts will also be made to get all contributions of money in by that date.

The names of people in the county who need assistance should be sent to Mrs. Ursula Spruill, superintendent of the Washington County Welfare Department.

It is hoped that all persons who plan to lend assistance to the needy will contribute through the Empty Stocking Fund, a project which has proven successful in the past. The fund has been an annual project here for many years and has brought a great measure of relief and holiday cheer to countless families.

The Plymouth Rotary Club annually sponsors the fund with the able support of various other civic, social and religious organizations. The county welfare department acts in an advisory capacity and furnishes a list of the indigent families needing assistance.

Below are listed by communities the members of the Executive committee:

Creswell: Tom Hampton, Creswell Ruritan Club; Mrs. M. J. Davenport, Creswell PTA; Mrs. Harry Pritchard, Creswell Merchants Association; Mrs. Tom Hampton, Creswell Woman's Club; George Wilson, Creswell FFA.

Roper: Mrs. Cordula Hassell, Roper PTA; Ralph Hughes, Roper Ruritan Club; Henry Everett, Roper Fire Department.

Columbia: Father Williams; Labor: Leroy Ange, labor unions; See FUND DRIVE, Page 7

State Tags Go On Sale December 1

The 1954 State license plates will go on sale Tuesday of next week at 9 a. m. at the Carolina Motor Club office, 116 Washington Street, here, James H. Ward, office manager, announced today.

Motorists are urged by Mr. Ward to buy their licenses well in advance of the January 31 deadline and avoid the perennial last-minute rush which always finds hundreds of persons in long queues at license bureaus throughout the state.

This year the license plates are black on orange, reversing the 1953 color scheme.

Certain changes were made by the 1953 legislature with regard to licensing of trucks, Mr. Ward pointed out. In general, licenses will be issued on the basis of the driver's declaration as to the empty weight and maximum load of his vehicle.

Mr. Ward recently attended a Carolina Motor Club license school held at Greenville. During the all-day meeting, club managers were instructed by State officials in the application of new licensing regulations.

During the license season the hours at the office here will be from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m., the manager stated.

Bloodmobile Returns Next on December 14

Monday, December 14, has been announced as the date for the next visit of the Red Cross bloodmobile unit to this county.

The bloodmobile from Tidewater Regional Blood Center, Norfolk, Va., will be in Plymouth all 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 11 a. m. to 5 p. m. if the new schedule tried on the last visit September 2 is followed. Prior to that time, the hours in vogue here were from 9:30 a. m. to 4 p. m. A definite announcement on this is expected next week.

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

The quota will remain at 150 pints, it was said. No recruitment chairman has been announced.

The condition of James Hardison, young Plymouth businessman who is hospitalized here with what his doctor termed "the old-fashioned 1918 flue pneumonia," took an upward turn Tuesday and he is reportedly taking nourishment. The doctor stated that he is a very sick man, however.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Jones, of Buzzards Bay, Mass., are spending the Thanksgiving holidays with their daughter, Mrs. E. W. Furgurson, and family.

The Rev. P. B. Nickens is an accomplished speaker and frequently fills engagements of various kinds other than his pastoral duties as minister at Ludford Memorial Baptist Church here. Last Thursday Mr. Nickens delivered an address to the Plymouth Lions Club via tape recording. Mr. Nickens was unable to be present but he arranged to have his voice on hand anyway. The talk was well-received, it is reported.

John Picot, of Littleton, great grandson of Julian Picot, a political exile from France who practiced medicine in Plymouth years and years ago, was planning to attend the meeting of the Washington County Historical Association here Monday night, John Darden reports, but an injury sustained in a recent automobile accident prevented it.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Darby have returned from Newark, N. J., after attending funeral services for Mr. Darby's father, Greenleaf Shotwell Darby, 89. Darby died Sunday morning, November 15, at his home in Newark.

Over at the Massey Hill-Perquimans eastern championship game in Wilson last Friday night, no spectators were allowed along the sidelines. However, there were a few newsmen following the line sticks to cover the game, so "Snooks" Burnham found himself a scrap of paper and a pencil and got right in the middle of them, industriously writing something down after each play. Following the game someone asked to see his notes. They proved to be illegible scribbling for the most part, and the portion that was intelligible was unprintable. Anyway, no one had a better view of the game than "Snooks," unless it was the officials.

Pounding Given Here Last Week

The Rev. E. M. Spruill, rector of Grace Episcopal Church, Plymouth, and St. Luke's Church of Roper, was agreeably surprised when the congregation of St. Luke's Church last Wednesday night was present to greet the rector with a pounding as he returned home from a visit at 8:30 p. m. The group was led by Miss Gussie Carstarphen, of Roper, the oldest member of the parish.

The pounding included many useful gifts which were open in the living room in the presence of the donors. Mr. Spruill expressed his deep appreciation to the Roper congregation for their thoughtfulness.

Darby's Father Is Buried Last Week

Funeral services for Greenleaf Shotwell Darby, 89, of Newark, N. J., were conducted from Colonial Funeral Home, East Orange, N. J., Wednesday afternoon of last week by Dr. Weiler, rector of the Episcopal Church, Newark. Interment was in the family plot at Evergreen Cemetery, Elizabeth, N. J. Mr. Darby was a native of Elizabeth.

Mr. Darby died at his home in Newark early Sunday morning, November 15. He had not been ill but enjoyed unusually good health to the end.

Mr. Darby was an artist and photographer until his retirement some 20 years ago. Since that time he had built and raced sailboats and was described by his son, L. J. Darby, here, as a racing enthusiast.

Roper Ruritan Officers To Be Installed January

The new slate of officers elected recently to serve the Roper Ruritan Club for the coming year will be installed at the January meeting of the club, it is announced.

Officers to be installed are Ralph Hughes, president; Bryan Harris, vice president; J. L. Rea, treasurer; Ted Martus, secretary; and Jesse Rawls, seargent-at-arms.