

As busy as he's been serving as a witness in numerous cases during the past two weeks at the January term of Washington County Superior Court here, State Highway Patrolman Carl Gilchrist, of Plymouth, is mighty thankful the highway wrecks have been scarce.

Gilbert Vaughan, who does a little basketball officiating in addition to his big-game hunting when he can get away from the Beacon Linotype, received a pair of gold-rimmed spectacles in the mail last week. It seems that Gilbert recently "called" a game between the Creswell and Roper boys, decided in the last 5 seconds when a Roper player hit from mid-court on a desperation toss to win by a single point.

Jack Booker, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Booker, left this morning for Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, where he is to enter the Air Force for a two-year tour of duty. He is the second young Plymouth reserve officer to be called to active duty with the Air Force in the past two months.

Plymouth's volunteer firemen are in solid agreement that Wednesday morning was really a cold one for stirring early. And stir early they did. The alarm was at 7 o'clock for a burned out chimney in a colored residence on Chestnut Street. There was no damage.

The picture of Roy Swain, local barber, graces (?) a page in the current issue of Look magazine. Roy and Gilmer Ayers were at Myrtle Beach last summer and Roy happened to get in on the picture taking when a Look photographer posed him at a table in a local restaurant.

Dr. Wolverton To Give Lecture Here

The Rev. Wallace I. Wolverton, Ph.D., rector of St. Paul's Church, Greenville, and professor of Christian Ethics at East Carolina College, will deliver a lecture on "Communism and Christianity" at the parish house of Grace Episcopal Church, Plymouth Monday evening, January 18th, at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

1,278 License Plates Issued Here to Date

Sales of state motor vehicles license plates at the local branch of the Carolina Motor Club are about on a par with the pace generally maintained during past seasons here, it was reported this week. With the deadline drawing rapidly nearer, it appears that somewhat more than one third of the number of plates usually issued at the local office have been sold.

NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED AT PERSEVERANCE LODGE HERE LAST TUESDAY



New officers of Perseverance Lodge, No. 5, A.F. & M., are pictured above following their installation here Tuesday night of last week. They were installed by H. B. Carawan, of Washington, district deputy grand master, assisted by J. O. Jordan, also of Washington, as marshal.

Court Clears Docket And Quits Tuesday

Good Attendance At Farm Classes

Attendance has steadily increased at the series of special farm meetings or classes being held at the Agriculture Building here this week. Classes are being held in the auditorium with specialists in various fields of agriculture from the State College Extension Service on hand to bring the latest recommendations in many phases of farming.

Republicans Set Convention Date

The Washington County Republican Executive Committee has announced that the 1954 precinct conventions will be held Tuesday, January 26. The places will be announced next week. All Republicans are urged to keep the date open for the convention.

Examination Announced For Rural Carrier Here

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination to fill the position of rural carrier for the post office at Plymouth. Applicants for this examination must actually reside within the delivery of the above-mentioned post office and must have so resided for one year next preceding the closing date for receipt of applications.

Lizzie Patrick Convicted of Manslaughter and Sentenced To 10-Year Prison Term

Prison Camp Found in Good Condition, Jail Clean, and Courthouse Fair; Recommend Painting, Repairs

The jury returned a verdict of guilty of manslaughter in the Lizzie Patrick case at 5 p. m. Tuesday. Judge Chester Morris sentenced the defendant to a 10-year prison term and shortly thereafter, court expired by limitation. Defendant, through counsel, noted an appeal and bond was fixed at \$20,000.

Now Two Openings in County, Ranger Says

County Forest Ranger S. F. Darden stated this week that there are now two openings for men in fire protection work in the county. Mr. Darden said a smokechaser is needed at the Plymouth tower and that a towerman is needed at Scuppernon. Anyone desiring work of this nature should contact Mr. Darden at Plymouth.

NEW ROCHELLE SCOUTS ABOARD 'ALBEMARLE'

The group of Sea Scouts and their skipper from New Rochelle, N. Y., who recently visited the Plymouth Sea Scouts for a few days are shown here aboard the Sea Scout Ship Albemarle. Pictured are Howard Yeomans, Brad Yeomans, Peter Bade, Skipper Douglas Williams, Gordon Schlafer and Lou Vario. While here the scouts were handsomely entertained and reported an enjoyable visit.

Report of Grand Jury Asks Minor Building Repair

Bids Soon To Be Received For Roper Relocation Job

Washington County is among the 11 counties which will share in highway improvements on which bids have been advertised for by the State Highway Commission. Bids will be received in Raleigh January 26 and two days later the commission will meet to review the low bids received.

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Two County Men On Korean List 'Presumed Dead'

Pfc. John C. Blount, Jr., and Pfc. Eddie C. Baker Missing in Action Over Year In Korea. The names of two Washington County soldiers were included among personnel who have been missing in action for more than a year and in which cases a presumptive finding of dead has been made, announced January 8 by the Department of the Army.

Blount, second reported county casualty of the Korean fighting, enlisted in the service June 9, 1950, following his graduation in May from Plymouth Colored High School. In September of that year he was sent to Japan with the Third Infantry Division.

The last letter received by Blount's mother from him was on December 4, 1950, she said, and the letter was dated November 11. He stated in that letter that he was on a ship en route to Korea from Japan and he asked that his people back home pray for him. Blount's parents were notified January 2, 1951, by the War Department at Washington that the soldier had been missing in action since November 27.

Baker was the third county casualty officially reported from Korea and the second to be reported missing in action. His parents were notified January 10, 1951, that he had been missing in action since December 6, 1950. The young man was with a heavy artillery unit attached to the Seventh Infantry Division.

The youthful soldier, not quite 18, enlisted in the Army on September 29, 1949. Prior to that time he attended school in Plymouth. He left the east coast on August 6, 1950, arrived in Tokyo, Japan, on August 21, and went on to Korea early in September of that year.

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County Tax Supervisor Reports Fair Progress; Task in Plymouth Township One-Third Completed

About one-third of those expected to list taxes in Plymouth Township—based on last year's figures—had listed through Wednesday of this week, Township List Taker Clarence L. Blount, reported.

Mr. Blount said there were around 1,500 who listed in the township last year. Through Wednesday, the number listing had reached about the 500 mark.

W. A. Roebuck, who is working along with Mr. Blount in the commissioners' room at the courthouse and listing for the Town of Plymouth, termed listing to date as "slow."

Meanwhile, the job of listing which must be completed by February 1 is progressing well in the other townships of the county. Hubert L. Davenport, county tax supervisor, reported. Mr. Davenport stated that he did not have any definite figures but that the job was going nicely in the other townships, including Lees Mill, Scuppernon and Skinnerville.

Mr. Davenport urged the importance of early listing in order to avoid a last-minute rush as well as to save inconvenience to both persons listing and to the list takers who are usually hard-pressed as the deadline nears. He pointed out that listing is normally heaviest at the first and last of the week and said a good time to list would be in the middle of the week, during the slack period.

Schedules for various listers in the county have been submitted to Mr. Davenport as follows:

Lees Mill Township, R. W. Lewis, lister; January 5 and 18 at T. W. Tarkenton Store, Pleasant Grove; January 7 and 20 at W. B. Davenport Store, Mackeys; January 14 and 25 at T. R. Chesson Store, Westover; January 11 and 22 at Radcliffe Store, Wenona; all other dates in January and also February 1 at Knowles' Grocery, Roper.

Scuppernon Township, P. B. Belanga, lister; January 6, 13, 20 and 27 at Cherry; January 14 and 28 at Newland; all other dates in January and also February 1 at Creswell.

Skinnerville Township, W. W. White, lister; January 6 and 20 at Mrs. E. L. Cooper's Store; January 13 and 27 at W. E. Phelps Store; January 28 at Mrs. Mattie P. Harrington's store; all other dates in January and also February 1 at W. W. White's store.

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These may be obtained from the game protector or from any of the following: Blount's Hardware Store or Boyd's Firestone Store, in Plymouth; N. G. Chesson, Roper; H. W. Pritchett or Harry Barnes, Creswell.

The 1954 fishing licenses are on sale at the same places, it was said.

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A new boat pier is being constructed at the Lake Phelps end of 50-Foot Canal, brick walks are being replaced around the old Collins House, and roads are being changed to generally improve