

A Creswell correspondent reports that in spite of the muddy roads in the vicinity, a large number of persons visited Pettigrew Park Sunday, a majority of whom attended the celebration of the golden wedding anniversary of Park Ranger and Mrs. T. F. Davenport.

The first herrings caught in Washington County this season was reportedly taken by Onley Swain last Saturday at Bee Tree Canal, Lake Phelps. Reports of herring catches have also come from Jamesville, in Martin County.

Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Furgurson returned home Tuesday night from Winston-Salem where Dr. Furgurson has been hospitalized. Mrs. Furgurson had been visiting her parents at Buzzards Bay, Mass., and flew down to Winston-Salem to be with her husband. Dr. Furgurson said Wednesday that he was much improved and that he will resume his duties at the Plymouth Clinic Monday after next.

Several local people are known to have observed that total eclipse of the moon Monday night. The eclipse reached its total period between 9:17 and 9:47 o'clock. This was briefest in some lunar eclipses because this time the moon passed through a low sector of the earth's deepest shadow rather than through the mid-line.

K. S. Trowbridge, of the Wood and Land Department at North Carolina Pulp Company here, was on the program Wednesday of this week at the annual meeting of the Southern Pulwood Conservation Association, meeting Tuesday and Wednesday at the Atlanta Biltmore Hotel, Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Trowbridge discussed "North Carolina Pulp Company's Seedling Program" at the afternoon session.

Plymouth Boosted By N. Y. Scouts

Dr. Alban Papineau, skipper of the Plymouth Sea Scouts, reported this week that the sea scouts from New Rochelle, N. Y., who recently visited here, really carried home glowing reports of Plymouth's hospitality.

Dr. Papineau made public a letter which he received from the New Rochelle skipper, Douglas F. S. Williams. Mr. Williams wrote in part:

"As I told you when we were down there, I have been Scouting in 12 different countries and met all sorts of people, but this trip I think will always stay in my mind as being one of the most enjoyable I have ever undertaken. As one of my boys said to me when we arrived back in New York, 'Skipper, when can we go back down South where the people seem to put friendship before anything else?'"

"I know that the boys who were fortunate enough to make this trip with me really know now what being a good citizen means, and for the rest of their lives not one of them will forget you and your boys in Plymouth. All I can say for all of us is a very humble thanks; thanks a lot."

"I do sincerely hope that someday, somehow, you all will be able to visit this part of the world so that we may in some small measure try to repay you all for what you did for us."

Attendance Record Good At Plymouth Past Month

With an enrollment of 938 students, Plymouth Schools made an outstanding record during the past month, Principal J. S. Fleming reports.

Mr. Fleming said that the average elementary school attendance for the month was 97 per cent and that of the high school 96 per cent. This is above the requirement for honor schools, he stated.

The latest sanitary rating given the school cafeteria was also outstanding, Mr. Fleming said. The cafeteria received a rating of 97.5.

Republican Precinct Meets Next Tuesday

County Republican leaders this week announced sites for the 1954 precinct conventions which will be held Tuesday evening of next week at 7:30 o'clock.

Plymouth No. 1 and No. 2 will meet at the county courthouse, Lees Mill at the Roper Community Building, Skinnerville at the Lewis Bateman's Filling Station, Scuppernon at the American Legion Building at Cherry and Wenona at Community Center.

PERFECT SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE CITED



These eight members of the junior class of Christian Hope Church Sunday School, Long Ridge Road, set perfect attendance records for the past twelve months. They are, left to right, front row: Gracie Davis, Fay Davis, Jerry Hardison and Mary Alice Simpson. Back row, same order: Margaret Simpson, Ray Davis, Jimmy Browning and Tommy Hardison. Class teacher is Mrs. Eva Mae Alford.

Plymouth Produce Market To Be Best On Seaboard, Said

Local Auction Market for Truck Crops Expected To Serve 18 - County East Carolina Area

When the Plymouth Produce Auction Market opens here in May it will give this section the benefit of what sponsors have described as "the largest and most efficient such market on the Atlantic seaboard."

The market is expected to serve as many as 18 coastal counties and offer Eastern Carolina farmers an opportunity for extra income to make up for loss of income from cash crop acreage curtailment.

Farmers in Currituck, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Chowan, Bertie, Northampton, Edgecombe, Martin, Pitt, Craven, Carteret, Pamlico, Beaufort, Hyde, Tyrrell, Camden and Washington Counties will be asked to grow such truck crops as tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, snap beans and squash in support of the market. It was also said that other commodities might be added to the list.

Warehouse facilities already are available for the market and it is now planned to construct additional facilities on the old Brinkley Ball Park site at Wilson Street and Brinkley Avenue, according to James H. Ward, W. M. Darden and W. T. Freeman, who will operate the market.

Mr. Freeman, who has had long experience in buying and selling produce, has stated that a number of large produce buyers have promised to support the market if sufficient volume can be maintained. Among such buyers mentioned were the Atlantic Commission Company — said to be the world's largest, Army Market Center, of Richmond, Va., and Colonial Stores, huge grocery chain.

Local banks and other lending agencies have already pledged support to farmers who wish to grow vegetables for the market. Also, the State Department of Agriculture and the State College Extension Service have pledged their cooperation. Inspection service will be made available by the department and it will also render valuable service in informing buyers of the local market.

Sponsors of the market say that recommended varieties of seed will be available locally, as well as needed insecticides and the most suitable types of containers for produce.

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1954 License Tag Sales Still Slow

With little over a week to go before the deadline for displaying old license plates, sale of state motor vehicle licenses continues slow at the branch license bureau on Washington Street here. Sales through Monday of this week totaled 1,483 in all categories which is a little better than for the corresponding period a year ago.

It seems that lagging sales represent a trend of long standing here. Sales for the past two years have been roughly at the same pace. However, in 1951 for the comparable period more than 2,000 plates had been sold at the local bureau. This year's sales thus far have been for automobiles, 1,070; motorcycles, 2; private trucks, 242; farm trucks, 47; Class Z (small) trailers, 109; Class C (large) trailers, 22. The period of grace for displaying old license plates will expire January 31, and owners will be cited to court for failure to display the new tags beginning February 1.

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Born in Chatham County, he was the son of J. B. Ingle, of the Silk Hope community, and the late Mrs. Ingle. A graduate of the Silk Hope High School, he received his A. B. degree from High Point College and the M. A. degree from East Carolina College at Greenville.

At the time of his death Mr. Ingle was chairman of the board of stewards of the Jonesville Methodist Church and teacher of the adult class. He was also a member of the Jonesville Lions Club and Masonic Lodge. Survivors include his widow, the former Gladys Gaston, of Greenville; two children, Oje and Kay Ingle, of the home; his father; three brothers and three sisters.

Funeral services were held Monday morning in the Jonesville school gymnasium by the Rev. J. M. Barber, pastor of the Jonesville Methodist Church. Interment followed in the Mount Vernon Methodist Church cemetery near Siler City.

County at Bottom Of List in Value Increase of Farms

Washington County Farm Land Shows 59 Per Cent Increase in Value in 10-Year Period

Washington County ranked at the bottom among the 100 counties of North Carolina in per cent increase of farm real estate value per acre during the period 1940-50, figures published by "North Carolina Facts" show.

The increase in value of farm land in this county during the period was listed as 59 per cent, whereas Scotland County—ranking next above Washington—showed an increase of 80 per cent. At the top was Brunswick County which showed an increase of 230 per cent.

Farm real estate value per acre in Washington County in 1950 was listed as \$64.87, good for a ranking of 84th in the state. At the top was tobacco-growing Wilson County with a per acre value of \$238.34. Greene County stood second with a value of \$198.20 an acre. Third was Pitt, \$197.56.

The state as a whole leads all other states in the nation in the rate of increase in its farm real estate values and also can take pride in its low total farm mortgage debt, standing second behind South Carolina in this regard.

The per capita farm debt in the state in 1953 stood at \$101, while South Carolina had the only better figure, \$80. Nevada had the highest per capita debt, \$1,286.

Services Tuesday For Mrs. Bateman

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Plymouth Christian Church for Mrs. Annie Bateman, 87, of Plymouth.

Mrs. Bateman, widow of the late Reddin Bateman, died at Washington County Hospital here Sunday at 6 a. m. after an illness of one week. She had been in declining health for the past two years.

Mrs. Bateman was the daughter of the late William and Hester Sennett Bateman, of Martin County, where she was born December 1, 1866. She was a member of the Plymouth Christian Church.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Alma Brown, of Lexington, Mrs. Addie Craddock, of Roper, and Mrs. Lucille Jones, of Norfolk, Va.; two sons, William Bateman, of Washington, D. C., and Owens Bateman, of Plymouth; 20 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren and six great great grandchildren.

Services were in charge of the pastor, the Rev. C. N. Barnett, assisted by the Rev. Mark Woolard, of Washington. Interment was in Albemarle Christian Cemetery.

RECOGNITION FOR OUTSTANDING SALES RECORD



Leroy Bateman, of Plymouth, is shown as he was presented "Sammy" statuette in recognition of his outstanding sales record during the past year with Panther Oil & Grease Manufacturing Company, of Fort Worth, Texas. The presentation was made by A. M. Pate, jr., banquet chairman, at the 25th annual Distinguished Salesmen's Award banquet at Hotel Texas in Fort Worth. Bateman has been volume leader in his division for six years in a row.

JAMES T. BOYCE GETS 'MAN OF YEAR' AWARD AT FRIDAY DINNER



James T. Boyce, president of the Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce and who headed the recent Empty Stocking Fund drive here, is shown with Mrs. Boyce as he was presented an award as "Young Man of the Year" in Plymouth at a dinner held Friday night at the Plymouth Country Club. Presenting the award is a former winner, Thos. F. Hopkins, who is also a former president of the local Jaycee organization. Looking on at the left is State Jaycee President Gene Ochsenreiter, of Asheville. Other notables attending included the district vice president, Edgar Gurganus, of Williamston.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

James T. Boyce Is Named 'Man of Year' by Jaycees

Award Presented by Thos. F. Hopkins at Dinner Meeting at Club Friday Night

James T. Boyce, president of the Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce, was given an award in recognition of being chosen "Young Man of the Year" in Plymouth, at a dinner meeting at the Plymouth Country Club last Friday night.

The award was presented by Thos. F. Hopkins, himself a former winner of the award and also former head of the local Jaycees.

The award goes to the man between the ages of 21 and 35 who is deemed to have rendered the most distinguished service to his community during the preceding year. Selection was by committee and is believed to have been based chiefly on the success of the Empty Stocking Fund which Boyce headed for 1953. Personal leadership and outstanding cooperation in civic affairs, club work, etc., had a bearing on the selection—a popular one.

District Jaycee Vice President Edgar Gurganus, of Williamston, made brief remarks and introduced the state Jaycee president, Gene Ochsenreiter, of Asheville, who made the principal address.

About 30 Jaycees and their ladies were present and enjoyed a delicious ham dinner.

Over \$3,500 Sought In County Polio Drive

One Man Leaves For Induction

One registrant of Selective Service Board No. 95 here was sent to Raleigh Wednesday morning for induction into the Armed Forces. He is Harry Lewis Horton, jr.

Mrs. Lorraine Hunter, board clerk, reported that a call has been received by the local board for five men to be sent to Raleigh for pre-induction examination on Tuesday, February 9. An induction call has also been received for three men to be sent on Wednesday, February 24, as previously reported.

Students Present Program at PTA Meeting Tuesday

Functions of Honor Society And Student Council Explained; New Teacher for School

At the January meeting of the Plymouth Parent-Teacher Association, held on Tuesday afternoon in the high school auditorium, a number of high school students presented a program which described the organization and activities of the honor society and the student council in the local high school. Both are affiliated with national organizations. Mrs. Margie Lucas is faculty advisor for the honor society, and Mrs. Ida Ruth Norman for the student council.

The devotional, with its theme "Prayer," was led by Jane Crofton. Gail Harrison, accompanied by her sister, Narcissa, sang "The Lord's Prayer." Barbara McNair, president of the National Honor Society, stated that it gives recognition to outstanding all-round students, and cooperates with the school administration and the student body in helping to keep the local school on a high ethical and scholastic level. The local chapter sponsors the school paper, "The Panther," and the other officers are: vice president, Joe Hardison; secretary, Alice Humphries; treasurer, Ruby Lee. There are 12 charter members, with 5 additional ones who have been tapped during the year.

Eugene Waters, president of the student council, stated that its purpose was the promotion of knowledge and the practice of the principles of good government. Its personnel is composed of two representatives from each home room. Officers are elected in a student-wide election, with a senior serving as president, a junior as vice president, a sophomore as secretary, and a freshman as treasurer. The student council cooperates with the principal and teachers and backs civic activities.

The business session of the PTA

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Strong Corps of Volunteer Workers Begins House-to-House Solicitation Today

House-to-house solicitations in Plymouth will begin Thursday of this week in the annual Washington County March of Dimes campaign, it is announced.

A large corps of volunteer workers under the direction of Mrs. Thos. F. Hopkins will canvass homes in Plymouth Thursday and Saturday.

County Chairman Thos. F. Hopkins pointed to the great need for funds with which to fight polio and asked that contributions be as liberal as possible.

The county chairman stated that much enthusiasm has been displayed by the chairmen of the various functions and the organization is optimistic. The county organization will endeavor to raise more than \$3,500.

Mr. Hopkins also stated that he is deeply appreciative of the efforts and interest of the people of Washington County in the annual fund-raising program for polio and extends his thanks for their fine participation in past campaigns.

"We are looking for the same response that this worthy undertaking has met with in past years in this county," Mr. Hopkins declared.

MYF Meet Held at Columbia Church

The Washington-Tyrrell Sub-District of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, met on Monday evening, January 11, at 7:00 o'clock at the Columbia Church.

The theme for the evening was presented, including a playlet given by the Columbia youth people, entitled "Where Are The Other Three?" The churches represented were, Mount Hermon, Creswell, Woodley's Chapel, Wesley Memorial, Pleasant Grove Wesley Chapel, Plymouth and Roper. Creswell was awarded the banner for largest per cent of youth present.

After the business meeting, over which the president, Miss Mary Meekins, presided, group singing and recreation were enjoyed by all.

Band To Be in Shrine Parade at New Bern

The Plymouth High School band will be among some 15 or 20 bands which will participate in the Shrine ceremonial parade at New Bern Thursday of next week, Band Director Edward Taylor announced.

The parade will begin at 12:30 and Taylor said the local band had been asked to be at Kafir Park where the bands will assemble by 11:30 a. m.

Two buses have been chartered to transport the band, cheerleaders and chaperones, 70 persons being expected to make the trip

Listing Over Half Done in Plymouth; Slower in County

Nearly 900 Have Listed in Plymouth Township, Reports Show; Job About 35 Per Cent Done

Reports this week indicate that the job of tax listing is proceeding at a faster pace in Plymouth Township than elsewhere in the county.

Plymouth Township Lister Clarence L. Blount reported late Tuesday that between 850 and 900 persons had already listed to put the task past the halfway mark here.

Meanwhile, County Tax Supervisor Hubert L. Davenport said that listing has slowed considerably in other parts of the county. He estimated that the job was 35 per cent complete in Lees Mill, Scuppernon and Skinnerville Townships. It is thought that progress was slowed considerably by the bad weather of last week.

The remainder of the schedules of various listers is as follows:

Lees Mill Township: R. W. Lewis, lister—January 25 at T. R. Chesson Store, Westover; January 22 at Radcliffe Store, Wenona; all other dates at Knowles Grocery, Roper.

Scuppernon Township, P. B. Belanga, lister—January 27 at Cherry; January 28 at Newland; all other dates at Creswell.

Skinnerville Township, W. W. White, lister—January 27 at W. E. Phelps Store; January 28 at Mrs. Mattie P. Harrington's store; all other dates at W. W. White's store.

Plymouth Township, Clarence L. Blount, lister—all week days during listing period in commissioners' room on first floor of courthouses here.

House Destroyed In Sunday Blaze

Fire which broke out at about 11 o'clock Sunday morning practically destroyed a frame dwelling house at the foot of West Water Street, with the occupants losing all furniture and personal effects. The only thing recovered was some money cached between mattresses and in a bureau drawer, it is reported.

The progress of the flames was so sudden that a young boy was trapped upstairs and had to jump to safety. No one was hurt, however.

The Plymouth Fire Department promptly answered the alarm and soon brought the fire under control but the house was gutted and Fire Chief I. Miller Warren estimated that the house was a 90 per cent loss.

It is the property of Owens Brothers and was the residence of Christine Smith, colored.

Origin of the blaze has not been determined but Chief Warren said it might have been an overheated stove. It is understood that there was no insurance on the building but that the contents of the house were insured.

Chief Warren said that not a house was lost here last year by fire and that the house burned Sunday was the first in about two years.

Local Banks To Observe Half-Holiday Wednesdays

Both local banks, the Branch Banking & Trust Company and the Planters National Bank & Trust Company, will begin closing each Wednesday at 12 noon next week, it was announced Monday. Other local business houses started observance of the mid-week half-holiday this week, but the banks are waiting until next week since they were closed Tuesday in observance of Lee's Birthday.