

LOCAL PERSONS SEE WORLD'S SMALLEST PAPER-MAKING MACHINE



Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Leavitt and Robert E. Bowen, of Plymouth, were among the thousands who witnessed the first public showing of the 10-foot-long Midget Fourdrinier, world's smallest paper-making machine.

R. F. Lowry, Washington County school superintendent, returned to Plymouth last Thursday night from Atlantic City where he attended the convention of the American Association of School Administrators.

J. L. Kelton, of Edenton, ASC field representative, was in Plymouth a few days this week, in connection with his duties.

A2/c Clarence W. Alexander, jr., of the U. S. Air Force, is en route to Korea, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Alexander, of Plymouth, have been notified.

Among 93 students on the current Dean's list at Meredith College is Ann Lee Mayo, of Plymouth.

Scoutmaster Carl Bailey, jr., and eight patrol leaders and assistants of the Plymouth scout troop attended the Junior Leader training course at Camp Croatan, near New Bern, last Friday and Saturday.

World Prayer Day To Be Observed At Local Church

Plymouth Council of Church Women Sponsoring Program at Grace Church Friday of Next Week

Grace Episcopal Church will serve as host for the local observance of World Day of Prayer, the program for which will be held at 3:30 o'clock Friday afternoon of next week, it is announced.

The special prayer day is being sponsored locally by the Plymouth Council of Church Women which is made up of women from Episcopal, Baptist, Methodist, Christian and Presbyterian Churches.

The purpose of the observance is to unite in prayer Christians around the world and to make an offering to support interdenominational missions at home and abroad.

The observance began in 1887 when Mrs. Darwin R. James called on all Presbyterian women in the United States to gather in their own communities on a specified date to pray for home missions.

The response was so great that a day was set apart annually. Then, in the early nineties under the leadership of two Baptist women, a day was designated for foreign missions.

For many years home and foreign mission groups observed days of prayer separately, but in 1919 they came together. In 1920 the women of Canada joined with them.

The Plymouth Council of Church Women is extending an invitation to everyone to join in the observance Friday of next week.

Red Cross Campaign Group Being Formed

A small group of interested citizens met in the conference room of Planters National Bank & Trust Company here Wednesday night of this week to formulate a list of prospective local chairmen in the coming annual Red Cross fund drive in this county.

It is expected that the campaign organization will be perfected next week.

Bank Manager Marvin Weaver will serve as fund chairman for the drive this year, and Ralph Hunter, county Red Cross chairman, and W. J. Woodard, a former

Local Board To Send Five Men

Five registrants of Selective Service Board No. 95 here are scheduled to be sent for pre-induction Wednesday of next week, Mrs. Lorraine Hunter, clerk to the board, reports.

An induction call must also be filled during the month of March by the local board, it was said. A call has been received by the board for five men to be sent for induction on Tuesday, March 30.

County NCEA Unit Hears Skretting

Dr. J. W. Skretting, instructor of social studies teachers at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, was the featured speaker at the banquet meeting of the Washington County Unit, North Carolina Educational Association, at Roper Monday night.

The banquet was held in the school lunchroom and the program followed in the auditorium. Dr. Skretting spoke on ways teachers may inject home industry into the curriculum, especially for the benefit of students who will not get college training.

The meeting was well attended by members of the county unit and by about 25 special guests including members of the local school committees, the county board of education, the county board of commissioners, mayors of Roper and Plymouth, and others.

Bridge and Canasta Party Attended by Nearly 100

The bridge and canasta party sponsored by the local VFW auxiliary Tuesday night at the Veterans Club was a grand success, Mrs. Lorraine Hunter, auxiliary president, reports.

Nearly 100 persons attended, er chairman, will assist Mr. Weaver.

Washington County will strive to obtain a goal of \$2,750 during the 1954 drive, Mr. Weaver said. The goal last year was \$2,800, the previous goal of \$2,655 in 1952 having been increased by \$160 due to disastrous tornadoes which struck in seven states.

It will be necessary to contact persons listed at the Wednesday night meeting to learn if they will accept appointments to serve as local chairmen before the fund-raising organization can be perfected, it was explained.

Williams Brothers, of Smithfield and Washington, To Begin Construction Next Week

Plymouth, already set for a produce auction market slated to open in May, will get a hog market by the middle of next month, it was learned this week.

J. Noah Williams, of Smithfield, made the announcement Wednesday that he and his brother, Jacob Williams, of Washington, would operate the business, to be known as the Plymouth Hog Market.

The market will be located on the by-pass stretch of U. S. Highway 64 on land purchased from Owens Brothers, of Plymouth, it was said. The land lies on the north side of the highway just east of the new Amoco station.

Mr. Williams told a Beacon reporter in a telephone conversation Wednesday that work will begin next week on constructing cemented loading pens and an office and installing scales.

He stated that present plans call for opening of the market for business Monday, March 15. The market will be for slaughter hogs only—no feeder pigs—and Mr. Williams said hogs bought on the market would be sold to Kingan's, one of the large packers. He expects capacity of the market to be about 1,000 hogs a day and estimated that the new market might handle half a million dollars' worth of hogs annually.

"It will mean a lot of money to the community," Williams declared.

It is understood that J. Noah Williams operates 12 hog-buying stations at present, including one at Smithfield at which business is said to run between four and five million dollars a year.

Jacob Williams has markets at Washington and Jacksonville. The county agent's office has been working for some time to secure a top hog-buying station here. W. H. Pruden, county agent, was enthusiastic concerning the new venture.

Heynen Named District Officer

A Washington County man—C. F. Heynen, of Wenona—was elected secretary-treasurer of the Pamlico Soil Conservation District at the district meeting held here last Thursday.

The meeting was held in the auditorium of the county Agriculture Building and opened at 10 a. m. A luncheon was held in the banquet room of the Mayflower Restaurant.

Allen Swindell, of Beaufort County, was reelected to head the group as chairman for another year, while Leon Ballance, of Hyde County, was named vice-chairman.

The district is composed of Tyrell, Beaufort, Hyde and Washington Counties. Supervisors for Washington County are Mr. Heynen, J. A. Morris, of Creswell, and Joe Snell, of Plymouth.

The annual report for 1953 was submitted at the meeting.

Testing Division Taxed With Soil Samples, Delayed

County Agent W. H. Pruden this week made public a letter which he received from Director J. W. Fitts of the Soil Testing Division of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, relative to soil samples sent in by farmers.

The Soil Testing Division is swamped with samples at present and this will mean that it will require from 8 to 10 weeks to test the samples now on hand. So farmers should not become anxious if they do not hear from samples soon after they are sent, it was explained.

The letter, explaining the situation in detail, follows: "During the past few weeks, all records have been broken for the number of soil samples submitted to our laboratory for testing. During the first half of February, over 25,000 samples were received. At the maximum speed of testing, it will require from 8 to 10 weeks to test the samples we now have (February 15). Farmers sending samples now will not receive a report until almost May 1. Of course, mailing cartons marked 'time only' on the outside will be processed soon after they are received.

"The taking of soil samples is closely related to climatic conditions. The rains and snow the latter part of January curtailed soil sampling so we were able to catch up with samples submitted earlier in the month. Reports being mailed at present are for samples received about February 1, which is not far off the regular schedule of 10 to 15 days required for testing. From now on, however, it will be 8 to 10 weeks."

Joint ASC Committee Meet Held Here on Wednesday

Members of the Washington County ASC committee and local communities of the county met in the auditorium of the Agriculture Building here Wednesday of this week to adjust corn acreage.

The meeting was conducted by J. L. Kelton, of Edenton, ASC field man.

The case history of each corn operator in the county was reviewed for the years 1951-2-3. The county figures were adjusted in relation to soybean acreage to correspond with Bureau of Agriculture Economics figures.

STATE TAX DEPUTY POINTS TO FILING DEADLINE

Pointing grimly to March 15, the deadline for filing income tax returns, is State Tax Deputy E. Ross Froneberger, of Williamsport. Also circled on the calendar are the three days on which Mr. Froneberger will be in Plymouth to offer assistance to taxpayers in filing their returns.

He will be at the courtroom of the county courthouse here Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.



Two Announce for Representative And One for County Commissioner

D. W. Davenport Is First to Announce For County Board

Well-Known Lake Phelps Farmer Seeks Nomination for Post Now Held by Harry W. Pritchett

Douglas W. Davenport, widely known farmer of the Lake Phelps section, Tuesday afternoon announced that he was a candidate for the office of county commissioner from Scuppernon Township, subject to the Democratic primary on May 29. Mr. Davenport is the first to announce for any of the three positions on the county board of commissioners to be filled in the general election this year.

Harry W. Pritchett, Creswell hardware merchant, who has been commissioner from Scuppernon Township for about 12 years, has made no public announcement of his intentions but it is generally understood that he plans to be a candidate for reelection. Only three of the five commissioners are to be chosen this year, the other two, Al Latham of Plymouth and Hubert L. Davenport, of Skimmersville, having been reelected in 1952 for a four-year term. In addition to Scuppernon, Plymouth and Lees Mill Townships are to name commissioners this year.

Mr. Davenport, 34 years of age, is a native of Cherry, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Davenport. He is a graduate of Creswell High School and attended George Washington University in 1936-37, transferring to Columbia University, which he attended from 1938 until 1941, when he entered the U. S. Air Force as a pilot. He was overseas for more than a year in the China-Burma-India theater, making 34 combat missions over Burma as pilot of B-25 bombers.

Honorably discharged as a captain in 1946, Mr. Davenport returned to the Lake Phelps area to engage in farming. Since that time he has been active in community and veterans' activities and at the present time is a member of the Washington County Selective Service Board.

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TO PERFORM IN CONCERT HERE NEXT TUESDAY



These sharp little junior majorettes of the Plymouth High School band will be among those participating in the band concert to be given here next Tuesday night. The photo was made shortly after they appeared in concert at Jameville last week and shows, left to right, Jean Tetterton, Robin Horner and Jannet Bruce. It looks as though ample material for future senior majorettes is coming along here.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

Bloodmobile Return Visit Set March 10th

Goal of 150 Pints Announced for Quarterly Visit; Blood Bank Leaders To Meet Friday

A Red Cross bloodmobile unit from the Tidewater Regional Blood Center, Norfolk, Va., will make a regular quarterly visit to Plymouth Wednesday, March 10, local blood bank leaders have announced.

The bloodmobile will be located at the Veterans Building, near the Washington County Hospital, and efforts will be made to fill an announced quota of 150 pints during the day.

The unit 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, and Auxiliaries of the two posts. Donors will be received between the hours of 11 a. m. and 5 p. m., it was stated. Again, an effort will be made to secure donors from new sources—people who have not heretofore given blood regularly—in order to relieve those who have supported the program time after time since its inauguration in this county.

In this regard, blood bank leadership pointed out that credit is due the management of North Carolina Pulp Company here for the fine cooperation with the program in the past. Mentioned were L. J. Darby, E. M. Leavitt and H. B. Gaylord. The management of the mill has advised local leaders that the company will continue full support to the blood bank program.

To stimulate securing of new donors, a \$10 prize is being offered to the student in any of the 12 grades in the local schools who secures the greatest number of donors. Students will begin securing donor pledges next week.

Dr. E. W. Furgurson this week called attention to the fact that a marked shortage of blood has been noted at all blood centers during the past month; so much so that a request was made that

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Funeral Monday For Peter Simon

Peter C. Simon, of near Plymouth, died Saturday at 10 p. m. at the Washington County Hospital following an illness of about a month. He had been in declining health for about six weeks and had been confined to his bed for four weeks.

Funeral services were conducted at the chapel of Horner's Funeral Home here Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock by the Rev. D. L. Fouts, Plymouth Methodist minister. Interment was in Weede Cemetery, near here.

Mr. Simon was the son of the late Albert A. and Mary Gets Simon, of Reading, Pa., where he was born April 7, 1875. He had lived in this county for the past 33 years, coming here from Reading. He was a member of Acre Chapel Church, near Plymouth.

He leaves a son, Albert Ayers Simon, of Norfolk, Va.; a sister, Mary Simon, of Reading; and three grandchildren.

Interest Goes Up On Unpaid Taxes

Taxpayers in the town are reminded that the rate of interest on unpaid 1953 taxes advanced 1 to 2 per cent after March 1, next Monday. The interest rate is fixed by State law, and local units do not have the right to reduce the extra charge, according to the collectors.

Interest on delinquent taxes is fixed at 1 per cent during the month of February; 2 per cent during the month of March; and 1/2 of 1 per cent for each month thereafter until the tax sale is held. Property is supposed to be advertised in May and sold on the first Monday in June.

Baseball Meeting Here on Saturday

Gilbert Vaughan and Ted Pinner have called a baseball meeting for Saturday night of this week to determine whether or not a club can be organized here.

Efforts are being made to reorganize the Albemarle League and Plymouth has been represented at recent meetings held in Edenton to line up enough interested communities to insure a semi-pro loop for the coming season.

If the league is revived, Edenton, Hertford, Elizabeth City, Colerain, Plymouth and possibly Windsor are expected to have franchises.

The meeting here Saturday night will be held at the Municipal Building on East Water Street and will open at 7:30 o'clock. Players, fans and all persons interested in baseball are urged to attend.

Variety Show Will Be Presented Here Tonight

A variety show made up of skits, dancing and musical numbers will be presented in the high school auditorium here Thursday night of this week at 8 o'clock.

The entertainment is sponsored by the Plymouth Woman's Club, with proceeds to go to the club's building fund.

Added Playground Equipment Ordered

James Boyce, president of the Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce, announced this week that two more sets of playground equipment have been ordered in connection with the Jaycees' recreation project.

Equipment ordered includes eight swings, eight see-saws, two merry-go-rounds and two stainless steel bamboo slides. The equipment is expected sometime next month.

Dr. J. M. Phelps and E. O. Arnold in House Contest; Douglas Davenport for County Board

Interest in the local political scene took a decided upturn this week by announcements of three candidates for county offices, subject to action of the Democratic primary on May 29. As a result of the announcements a contest was assured for the office of county representative in the next General Assembly, and there is a strong probability of a contest for county commissioner in Scuppernon Township.

Dr. J. M. Phelps, Creswell physician and surgeon, announced Tuesday afternoon he was a candidate for representative. Shortly afterwards, Douglas W. Davenport, farmer of the Lake Phelps section, announced he would be a candidate for county commissioner; and, on Wednesday morning, former representative E. O. Arnold, merchant and farmer of the Pea Ridge section, came to Plymouth to formally announce he was a candidate for representative.

W. J. Woodard, Plymouth furniture man, who has represented the county at the last two sessions of the legislature, has made no statement thus far as to whether or not he will be a candidate. Harry W. Pritchett, Creswell hardware merchant, who has been the Scuppernon Township member of the county board of commissioners for a number of years, likewise has made no statement as to his intentions this year, but it is generally understood he will be a candidate for reelection.

In his statement yesterday, Mr. Arnold declared he was unequivocally opposed to the so-called "tax cut" plan.

Band Concert Is Set for Tuesday Evening, March 2

Guest Baton Twirler From Roanoke Rapids To Be Featured; Two Performances Scheduled

Mrs. Shirley Crutchfield, of Roanoke Rapids, will be featured at the band concert to be given in the high school auditorium here Tuesday night of next week, Band Director Edward Taylor announces.

Mrs. Crutchfield will twirl a regular baton, flash baton and fire baton (fire on each end of baton) during two performances next Tuesday night.

She is a former chief majorette of Rocky Mount and Roanoke Rapids High School bands, has taught classes in baton twirling in Rocky Mount, Roanoke Rapids, New Bern, Scotland Neck, Plymouth and Richmond, Va.

She is a member of the National Baton Twirling Association and the National Baton Twirling Judges Association. Mrs. Crutchfield has been a baton twirler for more than 10 years and is now employed by the Roanoke Rapids Recreation Department as Women's and Teen Age supervisor.

She graduated from Roanoke Rapids High School and attended Richmond Professional Institute, Richmond, Va. She is married to John E. Crutchfield, of Roanoke Rapids, a commercial illustrator.

Two performances will be given since a large crowd is expected. The first performance will begin at 7:30 o'clock and the second at 9 o'clock. Beginners, junior and senior bands and the boys' chorus will take part. This will mark the first time that the boys' chorus has participated in the annual concert.