

H. E. Beam, J. W. Allen, jr., and Mrs. Blanche Midgett attended the banquet meeting of Group I of the North Carolina Bankers' Association...

Plymouth Artist W. Frith Winslow will be represented at the exhibition of oil portraits by North Carolina artists opening Sunday at the State Art Gallery in Raleigh.

Patrolman Carl Gilchrist was looking hale and hearty Tuesday afternoon when he returned with his family from a visit to Lillington, his home town.

Glen Davis, formerly assistant manager of Leder Brothers Department Store here, recently resigned as manager of the Leder store at Marion, S. C.

Mrs. John Lilly resumed her duties at the Washington County Register of Deeds office here Monday, following a five-month leave of absence.

Several teachers and school officials from this county are expected to attend the meeting of the Albemarle Schoolmasters Club at Columbia High School cafeteria Monday night of next week.

A native of this county, the Rev. Lewis Styons, of Roanoke Rapids, officiated at the funeral Tuesday of Lewis Walker, a 30-year-old man who was found lying wounded in a mule stable near the Halifax town.

Grading Work Started on Lot for New Hog Market

Preparations for the new hog market here were going forward this week. Work has begun on bulldozing the lot and construction materials have been hauled in.

J. Noah Williams, of Smithfield, and his brother, Jacob Williams, of Washington, made the announcement last week of plans for the market here, to be located on the by-pass Highway 64, near the new Amoco station.

Present plans call for opening of the market Monday, March 15.

Lions To Hold "Teachers Night" Meeting Tonight

The Plymouth Lions Club will hold "Teachers Night" at the high school Thursday night of this week, beginning at 7 o'clock, it is announced.

President Hubert Ange is urging a good attendance and promises that a most interesting program has been arranged for the evening.

Report Asby Girl Showing Progress

Joanne Asby, eight-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd W. Asby, of Plymouth, is reported in good condition following surgery at a Norfolk, Va., hospital for a shotgun wound in the left shoulder.

The little girl was wounded last Saturday when a shotgun in the hands of her 11-year-old brother was accidentally discharged.

The girl was placed in an automobile which sped her on a police escorted journey to Norfolk in an hour and a quarter. The distance is about 100 miles.

Ernest Whitley, a friend of the family and an ambulance driver, drove the little girl and her parents to the Virginia city, behind an escort of North Carolina and Virginia State Police. Norfolk Police met the car as it entered the city.

The father of the girl commented that it was "quite a ride."

County Clubs To Observe 4-H Week

Washington County club members will join the more than two million members throughout the United States in observance of National 4-H Club Week, March 6-14.

Ten guideposts of club activity were listed as follows: 1. Developing talents for greater usefulness; 2. joining with

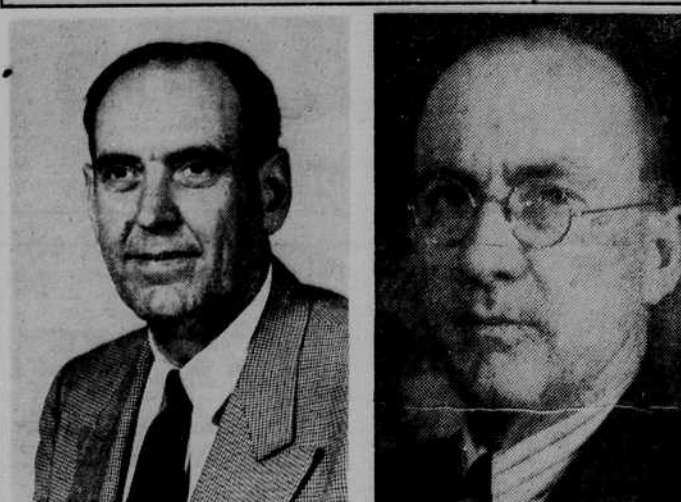
friends for work, fun, fellowship; 3. learning to live in a changing world; 4. choosing a way to earn a living; 5. producing food and fiber for home and market; 6. creating better homes for better living; 7. conserving nature's resources for security and happiness; 8. building health for a strong America; 9. sharing responsibilities for community improvement; and 10. serving as

citizens in maintaining world peace.

Parents of club members have a special invitation to attend recreation meetings planned as follows to celebrate the national club week:

Tuesday night, March 9, Roper High School auditorium; Wednesday night, March 10, Creswell High School auditorium; Thursday night, March 11, Agriculture Building, Plymouth.

CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES



Dr. J. M. Phelps, Creswell physician and surgeon, and E. O. Arnold, merchant and farmer of the Pea Ridge section, announced last week for the office of Washington County representative to the General Assembly.

New Bus Service In Section Takes Effect This Week

Revised Time-Tables and New Through Service Announced by Trailways System

Carolina Trailways, which took over the operations of Norfolk Southern Bus System on March 1, has announced revised time-tables and new thru services which became effective on that date.

There are to be five daily bus departures for Norfolk each day from cities and communities that lie on route US 17 south of Elizabeth City—such as Washington, Williamston, Windsor, Edenton and Hertford.

Another thru bus to Philadelphia and New York, via Norfolk and the eastern shore route, has been added from US 17 points.

Humphrey also announced, effective March 1, a thru bus service between Columbia, Plymouth and Raleigh via Williamston and Rocky Mount.

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Pritchett Announces Candidacy for Board

New Supply of Town Tags Here

Town Clerk W. A. Roebuck stated Monday that an additional supply of town license plates had arrived and it is urged that all motorists living within the city limits who have not yet purchased 1954 tags do so at once.

The clerk stated that to his knowledge quite a few motorists had not purchased new tags and he warned that the penalties provided by law would be invoked if they fail to display new plates.

Greensboro Man To Preach At Revival Services Here

The Rev. D. D. Holt, of Greensboro, will be the guest preacher in a series of revival services at the Plymouth Methodist Church, May 2-9.

OPENS SWIMMING SEASON IN ALBEMARLE SOUND



Calvin Matheny (center, above), a Duke University student from Bluefield, W. Va., really proved that the Mountaineers are a hardy lot by taking a dip in Albemarle Sound at the beach near here on Sunday, February 21.

Rounding Out 12 Years Service as Commissioner; Will Be Opposed by Douglas W. Davenport

The pace of Washington County local politics slowed down a bit this week, with only one candidate announcing, in contrast with last week when three persons announced for county offices.

Services Held for Claude E. Jones

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Horner's Funeral Chapel for Claude E. Jones, 69.

Mr. Jones was suddenly stricken ill and died at the Washington County Hospital Sunday. He was a native of Pitt County but had made his home here for the past 17 years, coming here from Greenville.

He was the son of the late William A. and Margaret Ward Jones and was born April 8, 1884.

Surviving besides his widow, Mrs. Louise Pelle Jones, are four daughters, Mrs. George Jackson, Mrs. Joseph B. Duck and Mrs. Herman J. Powers, all of Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. J. Malcolm Joyner, of Portsmouth, Va.; a son, Claude E. Jones, jr., of Plymouth; two sisters, Mrs. Herman Worthington and Mrs. Anna Jones, both of Greenville; two brothers, J. E. Jones, of Winterville, and Ernest Jones, of Grimesland; and five grandchildren.

Milk Commission Extends Regulations To County

The State Milk Commission has extended marketing regulations to Washington County.

The county was listed along with 21 other eastern counties in "Milkshed No. 9," Tuesday of this week. Others in the group included the nearby counties of Bertie, Martin, Beaufort, Hyde, Tyrrell and Chowan.

The commission acted after requests from dairy industry officials in the affected areas to extend producer price regulations and other controls with which the commission was empowered by the 1953 Legislature.

There are very few dairies in the county but some of the local milk production is sold to larger dairy concerns.

Education Board Approves Hiring 2 New Teachers

Miss Lena Kite Teaching Speech Therapy at Plymouth; Fill Vacancy by Resignation at Creswell

Applications of two new teachers were approved by the county education board at its regular monthly meeting here Monday.

One of the teachers has already assumed her duties while the other will begin work next Monday. Plymouth school was awarded a special education teacher (over and above regular teacher allotment). She is Miss Lena E. Kite, of Vanceboro, who is teaching speech therapy. She is a graduate of East Carolina College, Greenville.

Miss Elizabeth Ann Duke, who attended Greensboro College and holds a BS degree from East Carolina College, will replace Miss Alma Rose Platkin, resigned, as second grade teacher in the Creswell school. Miss Duke will assume her duties next Monday.

County School Superintendent R. F. Lowry reported to the board on the status of the obsolete school property ordered sold.

The property consists of Moratock, Brooks, Macedonia and Sound Side schools not now being used since the consolidation of Negro high schools at Roper and of elementary schools at Plymouth and Creswell.

The separate properties have been bid off and subsequently the bids upset or raised several times. At the last sale, held last Saturday, the following were high bids:

Brooks School, Mrs. Mabel E. Griffin, \$1,110.00; Macedonia School, A. M. Kochelis, \$2,600.00; Sound Side School, Otis Norman, \$1,467.50 (successful bid at sale January 30, and not subsequently raised); Moratock School, Edward J. Owens, \$1,275.00 (successful bid January 30, not subsequently raised).

Successful bids on the Brooks and Macedonia properties may be raised during a ten-day period ending March 9. If they are not raised, it is expected that the board will approve sale of the several properties as bid off.

All members of the board were present for the meeting, held in the offices of the county superintendent at the courthouse. L. E. Hassell, of Roper, is chairman of the board and other members are J. Whitford Swain, of Roper, J. W. Norman and Mrs. K. S. Trowbridge, of Plymouth, and P. B. Belanga, of Creswell.

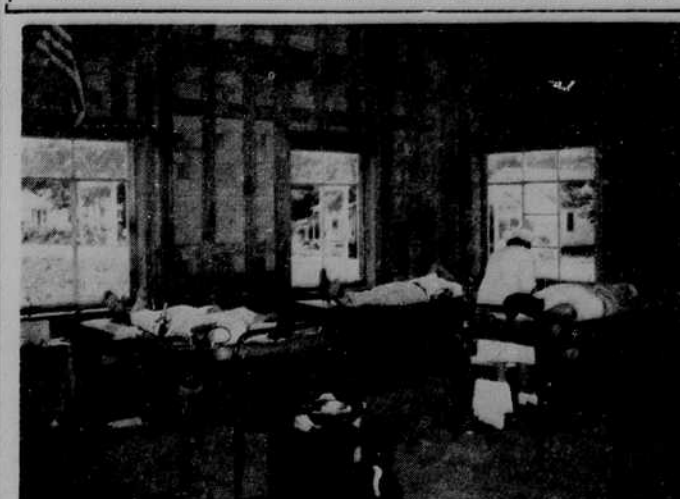
Tax Deputy Here This Week To Assist Filing Returns

E. R. Froneberger, of Williamston, deputy tax collector with the North Carolina Department of Revenue, was here Wednesday to assist taxpayers in filing state income tax returns.

Mr. Froneberger will also be here today (Thursday) and Friday to assist filers. He may be found in the courtroom on the second floor of the county courthouse on Adams Street. Filing deadline is Monday, March 15.

A single person with an income of \$1,000 per year or more, or a married person with income of \$2,000 or more, is required by state law to file.

SCENE TO BE REPEATED HERE NEXT WEEK



The above photo was made during a recent visit of the Red Cross bloodmobile unit to the Veterans Club here. The scene will be repeated Wednesday of next week when the bloodmobile returns for its regular quarterly visit to the county.

Fate Blood Program Hinges on Response To Bloodmobile Visit

Local Blood Bank Leaders Declare County Faces Loss of Program Unless Response Improves

Washington County will face loss of its blood program unless more response is shown than on the last visit of the Red Cross bloodmobile unit, local blood bank leaders have declared.

At the fourth quarterly visit to the county of the bloodmobile unit from the Tidewater Regional Blood Center, Norfolk, Va., Friday, December 11, 1953, only 106 pints of blood were secured. The quota was 150 pints.

A minimum of 150 pints of blood will be sought here Wednesday of next week when the bloodmobile returns for its quarterly visit of 1954 to Plymouth and Washington County.

The bloodmobile will set up for operations at the Veterans Building near the Washington County Hospital and donors will be received between the hours of 11 a. m. and 5 p. m., it has been announced.

The visit is again being sponsored jointly by the local VFW and American Legion posts. Attention has been called to the continued urgent need for whole blood and blood plasma for

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Siren Signals Set To Sound

Roper Fire Commissioner Aubrey Dixon wishes to call attention of Roper citizens to a practice session to be held by the Roper Fire Department Tuesday night of next week.

From 7:30 to 8:30 o'clock the firemen will be practicing signals for the various zones, and no one should be alarmed.

In the future, the siren will be sounded one long blast at 7:30 each Tuesday night to mark opening of the firemen's regular weekly meeting. Citizens are asked to keep this in mind.

FOR COMMISSIONER



Douglas W. Davenport, farmer of the Lake Phelps section, is a candidate for county commissioner from Supperrong Township. His announcement last week was followed Monday by a statement from Harry W. Pritchett, Creswell hardware man and county commissioner for the past 12 years, stating that he was a candidate for reelection.

Band Concert Here Tuesday Enthusiastically Received

The annual Plymouth High School band concert Tuesday night was reported a big success, with the first performance at 7:30 playing to a capacity audience. The second performance at 9 o'clock was also well attended, it was reported.

Mrs. Shirley Crutchfield, of Roanoke Rapids, was featured in regular baton, flash baton and fire baton acts and was well received. The boys' glee club also "went over big," it was said.

The band performed many outstanding numbers and the program as a whole was enthusiastically received. The performances were under the direction of Edward Taylor, band instructor.

Commissioners in Routine Session Here on Monday

Board Rejects Bids on Wenona Lands; Vote Increase in ADC and OAA Grants; Hear Reports

Several matters of a minor nature were transacted at routine monthly session of the Washington County Board of Commissioners here Monday.

The meeting, in the commissioners' room on the first floor of the courthouse, opened at 11 a. m. with all members of the body present as follows:

Frank L. Brinkley, chairman, and Commissioner A. R. Latham, both of Plymouth; Commissioner J. C. Knowles, of Roper; Commissioner H. W. Pritchett, of Creswell; and Commissioner H. L. Davenport, of Skippersville.

The commissioners rejected bids on certain parcels of county land in the Wenona section and scheduled a special meeting for Monday, March 15, at 10:30 a. m. for the purpose of hearing any offers that anyone may wish to make on all or part of the property. The lots are specified in an advertisement appearing in this issue of The Beacon.

The board voted to increase by 10 per cent the county welfare board grant to ADC (aid to dependent children) and by five per cent the OAA (old age assistance) grant.

Mrs. H. L. Harris, of Creswell, and Mrs. J. E. Davenport, of Mackeys, were appointed to two year terms on the county library board.

The commissioners invited the county board of education members to accompany them on a visit to the schools of the county on Monday, April 5, the regular monthly meeting date.

A road petition was heard, approved and forwarded to the highway department requesting that the State Highway and Public Works Commission take over and maintain a one-half mile stretch of road in Skippersville Township. The road runs from the Holley Neck Road to the Holton and Snell farms.

A list of 39 jurors was drawn to serve during the April term of Superior Court here. Judge Chester Morris, Currituck County, is scheduled to preside over the court.

Routine reports were submitted by County Agent W. H. Pruden and County Tax Collector E. J. Spruill. Mr. Pruden reported on work done during the month of February by his department, and Mr. Spruill reported the sum of \$12,624.45 collected by his office during the past month.

Five Stills Seized in County Raids Last Week

Five whiskey stills, up to 100 gallons in capacity, fell to raiding officers in the Skippersville section last Thursday, Sheriff J. K. Reid reports.

Participating in the raids were Robert Sawyer, of Roper, and Jack Gaskill, federal Alcoholic Tax Unit officer from Elizabeth City.

No one was caught at any of the stills but a considerable quantity of mash and equipment was confiscated.

The bootleggers have been catching it hot and heavy in the county lately, the sheriff stated.

Library Board To Meet Tuesday at Courthouse

The Washington County Library Board will meet next Tuesday at 3:30 p. m. at the courthouse. Mrs. J. R. Campbell will preside.

Job Underway on Clinic Addition

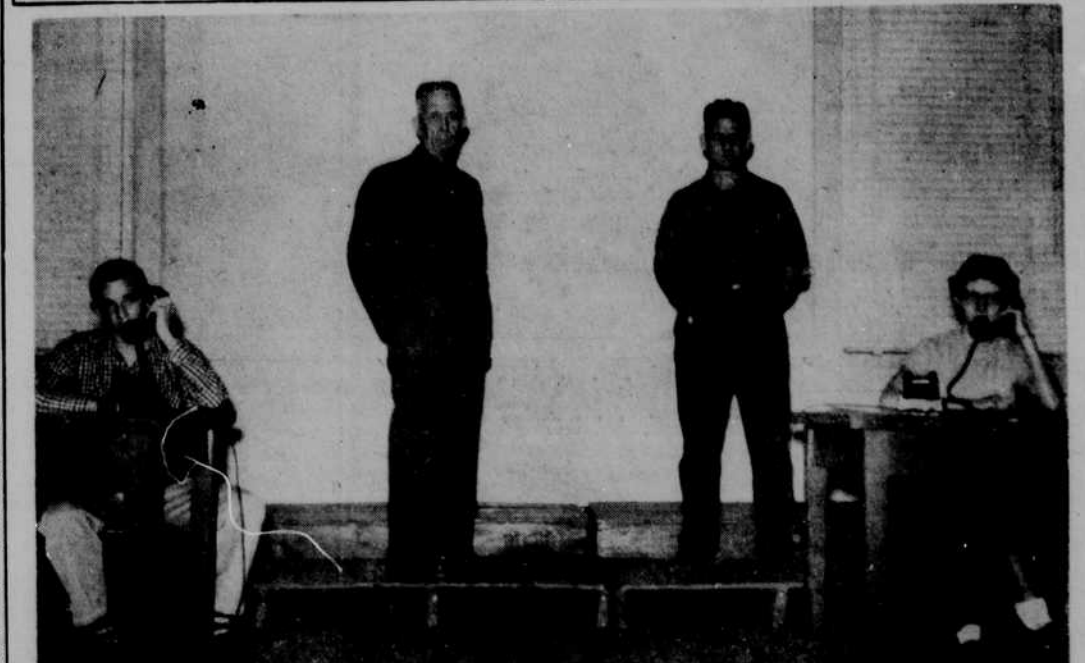
Work on construction of an addition to the Plymouth Clinic is now well underway, under the supervision of Contractor Robert L. Tetterton, of Plymouth.

The foundation and first floor of an overall 23 foot, eight inch by 26 foot, six inch structure have been laid and standing timbers are now going up.

The addition is being erected to provide space needed since Dr. Mohn's return and occupancy of dental offices in the clinic, and will provide for an x-ray room, dressing room, fluoroscopic room, secretary's office, utility room and bedroom.

The addition will also provide more room needed for tonsil patients during the summer. The annex will be of matching brick veneer construction.

STUDENTS LEARN BY DOING IN PROPER USE OF THE TELEPHONE



Lynda Harrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Harrell, and Joe Hardison, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hardison, get practice in the use of the telephone in making both local and long-distance calls as M. E. Turner, local Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company representative, and Principal J. S. Fleming look on. The scene is the stage of the high school auditorium where the phones were recently installed through courtesy of the telephone company.