

Dr. B. W. Cutler, of Plymouth, president of the Northeastern District Optometric Society, presided over a dinner meeting of the group held Wednesday night of this week at the Plymouth Country Club. The society is joining in observance of national "Save Your Vision Week," March 7-13. Governor Umstead recently issued an official proclamation concerning its observance throughout the state.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Frith Winslow and daughter, Ellen, Mrs. Louise McGowan and Mrs. Ben A. Sumner spent Sunday in Raleigh and attended the exhibition of portraits by state artists at the State Art Gallery. Mr. Winslow is one of 48 North Carolina artists represented at the exhibit which he declared to be the most interesting. It is the first exclusively portrait exhibit held at the State gallery.

A Plymouth man, W. A. Roebuck, was on the special Scottish Rite consistory committee which recommended purchase of a deep-thermic x-ray unit. The unit has been purchased and located at Kafers Memorial Hospital, New Bern. The unit can be used to treat cancer and any skin disease where x-ray treatment is indicated, it was stated. Roebuck said the committee may later recommend purchase of other units for hospitals in the area served by the consistory.

Janice Somerville, a junior at the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va., has been elected to Pi Delta Phi, honorary French sorority. Miss Somerville is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Somerville, of Plymouth.

Francis R. Spencer, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Spencer, of Roper, made the dean's list at East Carolina College, Greenville, for the academic quarter ending February 27, it was announced last week by school officials. To be eligible for the dean's list a student must obtain an average grade of not below 1. Young Spencer is majoring in industrial arts.

Ottis Jackson, of Kings Mountain, arrived in Plymouth Monday night for an extended visit. A native of Plymouth, Mr. Jackson has made his home away from here for the past 25 years and for several years was an automobile dealer at Kings Mountain.

Geodetic Survey Erects Steel Towers in Section

The U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey has recently erected steel towers in this section in connection with a map survey, but few details are now available.

Among locations of the towers are sites here, at the junction of N. C. 32 and the Turnpike Road, Jamesville, Macedonia, Mackeys and Edenton.

The towers are placed so as to be in field glass view of each other along the line.

Telephone Service Bus Station Topics Of Roper Ruritan

Better telephone service for rural areas of Washington County and a bus station at Roper were topics for discussion at the March meeting of the Roper Ruritan Club last Thursday night. The meeting was held in the high school lunch room with 25 members present.

The business session centered around objectives of the rural utilities committee of the club. Members voted unanimously to support the committee in asking the Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company to provide better service in rural areas and also in asking Carolina Trailways to secure a bus station in the town of Roper. Tom W. Norman is chairman of the committee.

The rural church committee was in charge of the program. J. L. Rea, a committee member, introduced the speaker, the Rev. Dwight L. Fouts, pastor of Plymouth Methodist Church, who made an inspiring talk on the power of love, truth and other intangibles, pointing out that these were more important than the material things of life.

NEW SERVICE STATION AND BULK GASOLINE PLANT ON HIGHWAY 64



Pictured here are the new Amoco Service Station and bulk plant of Dallas G. Waters on Highway 64 by-pass, near the Plymouth Drive-In Theatre. The station recently opened for business, although a grand opening is planned for a later date. Mr. Waters is operating the station and will also distribute Amoco products in this immediate area.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

Pupils Leave Sunday For National Capital

Will March in Azalea Parade

The Plymouth High School band has received an invitation to take part in the 1954 Wilmington Azalea Parade to be held Saturday, March 27. The invitation came in the form of a letter from Fred J. Bouknight, chairman of the Band Committee, to Jack Horner, local Band Boosters president.

Principal J. S. Fleming Releases Names of 41 Students Registered for 3-Day Trip

Forty-one students from Plymouth schools will leave by chartered bus Sunday for a three-day sight-seeing trip to the nation's capital. Principal J. S. Fleming, director, has announced. Mrs. Helen W. Peale, of the faculty, will serve as chaperon.

Blood Program Is Pointed as Proof Of Red Cross Aid

Mrs. Woodrow Collins, Publicity Chairman for Annual Fund Drive Here, Issues Statement

Mrs. Woodrow Collins, publicity chairman for the annual Washington County Red Cross fund drive, this week issued a statement praising the activities of the Red Cross and its local blood project in particular.

List of Jurors Drawn For April Court Term

The list of jurors to serve during the April civil term of Washington County Superior Court was drawn by the county commissioners in regular session here and consists of 39 names.

ton McNair, Jack Harden Britt, L. W. Bowen, jr., and William T. Meadland; Scuppernon: A. J. Furlough, James T. Davenport, John G. Woodley, Irving Ambrose, Joseph A. Furlough, Mitchell E. Spear, J. R. Davenport, Leroy M. Comstock, Melton C. Phelps and Merritt Halsey, jr.; Lees Mill: H. G. Spruill, Albert Hufton, James H. Satterthwaite, T. H. Rosenthal, R. C. Chesson, Freeman Clark, William F. Allen and C. W. Pierce; Sinnersville: Albert Ross Holton, M. B. Davenport, J. J. Sawyer, J. W. Cahoon, J. H. Pritchard and Leamon Moore, jr.

Farmers Asked To Report Unplanted Acreage to ASC

Any Part of Cotton or Peanut Allotment May Be Released for Reapportionment, Committee Says

Those farmers who have cotton and peanut allotments and who do not plan to plant all or any part of their quotas are asked to report to the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation office in the Washington County agriculture building so that the acreage might be reapportioned to others who have been drastically reduced.

It was explained that the farmer who is willing to reapportion his allotment will not lose his quotas, but that they will be retained and returned to him at any time. It is understood that a farmer who does not plan to use any part or all his allotment will be in line for reduction next year if that portion he does not plant this year is not reapportioned.

The following statement relative to allotments was recently released by the ASC committee: Any part of your 1954 farm peanut acreage allotment on which peanuts will not be produced may be voluntarily released by you "for 1954 only" for reallocation by the county committee to other peanut farms in the county. If you intend to harvest in 1954 an acreage of peanuts less than your allotment, it is to your advantage, as well as to the advantage of other peanut farmers in the county, for you to contact the county committee immediately and release to the committee that part of the allotment for your farm that you do not intend to use in 1954.

The release for 1954 only of any part of the peanut allotment for your farm will not operate to reduce the allotment for the farm for 1955 from what it otherwise would be unless the farm becomes ineligible for an old farm allotment in 1955 because no peanuts were picked or threshed on the farm in 1952, 1953, or 1954.

Pre-School Survey Will Be Discussed

A discussion of the pre-school survey of children who will enter school here for the first time next fall will feature the regular meeting of the Plymouth Parent-Teacher Association next Tuesday afternoon at the high school. The meeting will be held in the auditorium and will open at 3:30 o'clock.

Another Bridge-Canasta Party Set for Club Here

The auxiliary of Bosie Bateman Post No. 4023, Veterans of Foreign Wars has yielded to popular demand and will stage another bridge-canasta party at the Veterans Club here, auxiliary officials announced this week.

Red Cross Drive for \$2,750 Opens in County Monday

Board of Equalization To Meet Here Monday

The Washington County Board of Commissioners will sit as a board of equalization and review Monday of next week for the purpose of examining and reviewing the tax listings of each township for the current year.

One-Week Whirlwind Campaign Planned Under Direction of Fund Chairman D. Marvin Weaver

The organization has been perfected for the annual Red Cross fund drive in Washington County and a whirlwind campaign will be opened Monday of next week, Fund Chairman D. Marvin Weaver announced today.

Commissioner Race Gets Another Entry

Philip M. Spruill, Farmer of Cherry Section, Enters Race for Board From Scuppernon

At least a three-way contest is assured in one local political race in the coming Democratic primary.

TO PREACH HERE



Mr. Robert J. Daniel, professor of Old Testament Interpretation and Hebrew at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, will preach at the morning and evening hours of worship in the Ludford Memorial Baptist Church next Sunday. The public is extended a very cordial invitation to come and hear this distinguished scholar and preacher.

Last Thursday Philip M. Spruill, farmer who lives in the Cherry section, came to town, paid his filing fee, and announced himself a candidate for county commissioner from Scuppernon Township.

The action made three hats in the ring for the post. Previously, Douglas W. Davenport, farmer of the Lake Phelps section, and incumbent Harry W. Pritchett, Creswell merchant, had announced for the post on the county board.

The newest candidate for the office is a native of the Creswell section where he has engaged in farming for several years. Mr. Spruill is a member and strong supporter of Phillips Church of Christ. So far as could be learned here, he is seeking public office for the first time. The Beacon has not received any statement from him to date.

Rumors this week were to the effect that at least one other candidate will file to make the race for county representative. Dr. J. M. Phelps, Creswell, physician and surgeon, and E. O. Arnold, merchant and farmer of the Pea Ridge section, have already announced for the office.

Unit Gets 174 Pints on Visit

Thirty-three first-time donors and what was described as "wonderful response" from the ladies aided materially in boosting the amount of blood donated on the bloodmobile unit visit here Wednesday to 174 pints, 24 pints over the quota.

Hail Insurance Rate on Tobacco Hiked in County

Per Acre Cost Increased From \$4 to \$4.50; Lower Rate in Beaufort County Of \$4.50 to \$4

Washington County is among the 22 counties in the state in which the cost of hail insurance on tobacco has been raised, pursuant to a filing made by the North Carolina Fire Insurance Rating Bureau with the Department of Insurance.

THESE CRESWELL SOLDIERS COMPLETING AIR FORCE BASIC TRAINING



Plymouth Girl Is County Winner in Speaking Contest

Miss Betty Davenport, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Davenport, of Plymouth, will represent Washington County in the Group I elimination at Greenville next Thursday of the speaking contest sponsored by the North Carolina Bankers' Association.

Everett Appointed To Roper School Committee

Henry Everett has been appointed by the county board of education to succeed Aubrey Phelps as a member of the Roper school committee, it has been announced.

Miss Betty Davenport To Represent County in the Group I Elimination at Greenville Next Thursday

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Counting prizes won in the various eliminations the State winner will receive a total of \$1,625 in prizes. The finals winner receives \$1,000 at Raleigh, while second prize is \$500, and third is \$250.

Winner in the group contest next week will compete with other Eastern group winners in the Division contest at Wilson March 24 and the winner at Wilson will go to the finals at Raleigh on March 31.

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Mr. Phelps resigned.