

Miss Treva Dickens, of Raleigh, Selective Service auditor, was in Plymouth Tuesday of this week and visited the office of the local board at the courthouse, Board Clerk Lorraine Hunter reports.

Mrs. Ralph Basnight said yesterday that she expected her husband to return home sometime next week after 17 months of overseas duty in Korea. Cpl. Basnight left Korea February 22 en route to the states via Panama and New York. It will really be a joyous reunion and also get acquainted time for the corporal and his son, nine-month-old Stephen Ralph, whom he has never seen.

City Clerk and Shriner W. A. Roebuck stated yesterday that he had just received a letter from Lt. Tom Brown, of Greenville, asking that Roebuck pass on to the Plymouth High School band an invitation to take part in the parade May 26 at Greenville during the Spring Jamboree and Ceremonial of Sudan Temple, New Bern. There is a possibility that the date will conflict with final examinations at the school, it is understood.

Lee Roy Singleton, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Singleton, of Plymouth, is in the U. S. Navy stationed on the island of Malta in the Mediterranean and is anxious to receive mail from his friends here. His address is Faser 104, Dept. 1, c/o FPO, New York, N. Y. Incidentally, Lee Roy's brother, Louis, is in the news. A junior at East Carolina College, Greenville, Louis will be a candidate for first vice president of the Student Government Association in the campus elections soon to be held.

When Charlie Franklin Carawan and Miss Shirley Haislip were united in marriage last Friday at the home of Justice of the Peace J. T. McNair, of Plymouth, it made the 170th time that Mr. McNair had tied such a knot. He has been a magistrate for 44 years. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Carawan, of Plymouth, and the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Haislip, of Roper. The ceremony took place in the presence of a few friends and relatives.

Republicans Set Meeting Monday

The Republican Executive committee will meet in Skippersville precinct on Monday of next week at 7:30 p. m. at Louis Bateman's garage, located one mile west of the Albemarle bridge road on Highway 64.

W. T. Love, of Elizabeth City, Republican candidate for congress in the first district, will be the guest speaker. The November election will be given consideration and all precinct committees are requested to attend this meeting with republicans wishing to be considered for county office.

Baseball Meeting Edenton Tonight

A baseball meeting has been scheduled for Thursday night of this week at Edenton for persons interested in reviving the old Albemarle League.

Purpose of the meeting will be to thoroughly discuss the proposed constitution and by-laws. The meeting is set for 7:30 o'clock at the Chowan County courthouse and all interested persons from Plymouth are urged to attend.

Gilbert Vaughan stated this week that any person interested in playing for the Plymouth club should contact him or Ted Pinner sometime within the next week.

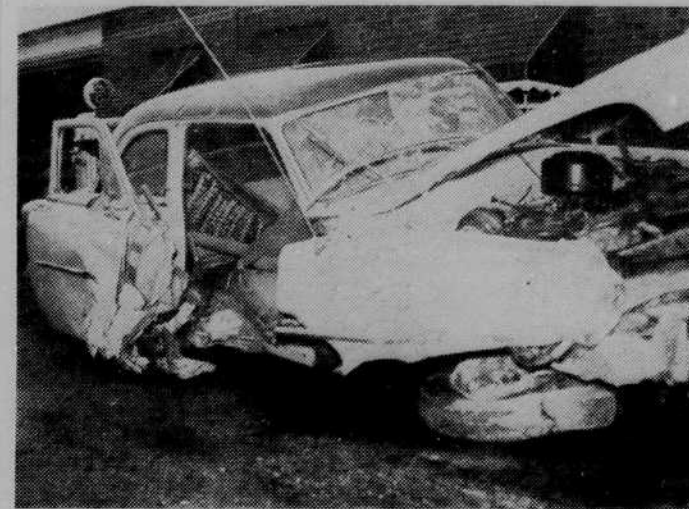
Present plans call for six amateur clubs—Elizabeth City, Hertford, Edenton, Colerain, Windsor and Plymouth. Williamston has made it known that if a league is organized they are interested in joining.

Veterans To Sponsor Queen Contest Entry

The Bosie Bateman Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the James E. Jethro Post of the American Legion will jointly sponsor a contest to select a county entrant to compete for Albemarle Potato Festival Queen at Elizabeth City in May, officials of the two local veterans posts have announced.

The queen to reign over the festival at Elizabeth City will be selected Saturday, May 15, it was stated. Washington County had the honor to furnish that queen in the contest last spring. Miss Betty Ann Burnham of Plymouth, was selected over beauties representing several other counties in Northeastern North Carolina.

THREE INJURED IN THIS CAR WRECK FRIDAY



The above photo shows a badly smashed 1953 Ford which went out of control and overturned on Highway 64 near here at 9 p. m. last Friday. The car was operated by Raymond K. Greenman and Edenton Base. The three passengers were rather seriously injured and hospitalized here. Estimated damage to the car was \$2,400.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

Hog Market Receipts More Than Expected

County Gets ASC Report in Early

Only one county in the state submitted its annual ASC report ahead of Washington County. That was Henderson County. Washington tied for second with Bertie. State ACP Program Specialist D. L. Hatch, jr., commended the local office in a letter addressed to County ASC Secretary Miriam Ausbon. Incidentally, the report involves many man-hours of work and Miss Ausbon states that much of the credit should go to her capable staff of workers.

To Seek Quota of \$1,200 in Annual Cancer Fund Drive

Mrs. Harry Browning, of Plymouth, Named Head of 1954 Campaign in Washington County

Mrs. Harry Browning, of Plymouth, has been appointed chairman of the Washington County unit, N. C. Division of the American Cancer Society's 1954 fund-raising crusade here, it was announced today. The drive will open in Washington County April 1, it was said. The crusade will combine an appeal for funds with an educational campaign to inform the public of the latest facts about cancer.

The national goal for 1954 is \$20,000,000, an increase of \$2,000,000 over last year's quota which was oversubscribed by more than a million dollars. The Washington County quota for this year has been set at \$1,200.

"In accepting this appointment," the chairman said, "I am deeply aware of the important responsibility it entails.

"I feel sure that everyone in this community will want to have a share in this vital enterprise which has the ultimate objective of banishing the spectre of cancer from the daily lives of future generations of Americans.

"Many can take a direct part in the campaign by responding when volunteers are called for to help in the fund-raising drive. All can participate by contributing even more generously than they did last year so that we can succeed in meeting our increased local quota."

Entrants must be residents of the county, single and between the ages of 15 and 20, and of good character, poise, personality, intelligence, charm and beauty of face and figure, it was said.

The county representative will also be required to be in Elizabeth City not later than 6 p. m., Friday, May 14, and remain in the city as guest of Festivals, Inc., through Saturday night, May 15. Entrant must participate in all events of the festival including beauty contest, parade and coronation ball.

Any eligible girl desiring to compete should contact W. J. Weaver for further details.

Owners Pleased With Opening Monday; 209 Head Received; Farmers Satisfied With Prices

The Plymouth Hog Market had a successful opening here Monday, with receipts being more than twice what the owners had anticipated, according to D. C. Morris, of Washington, who is here to help Manager Paul Gurganus during the first two weeks.

The first load of hogs is said to have arrived at 4:30 a. m. and this entitled Melvin Tetterton, of Plymouth RFD, to a special prize given for the first load brought in to the new market. Tetterton will receive an automatic hog waterer.

For the first three days' business at the market, a total of \$13,588.77 was paid out, according to figures released by Morris and Gurganus. Most of the hogs graded tops and it was said that farmers generally were well-pleased with receipts.

Jack Pugh, of Lake Landing, Hyde County, came the greatest distance to bring a load of hogs—96 miles—and will receive a roll of four-point barbed wire as a prize.

Other prizes at the opening went to J. Linwood Knowles, of Dardens, Herbert Sexton, of Jamesville, and John Askew, of Plymouth. These men brought the largest loads of hogs. Knowles brought 32 head, Sexton 25 head and Askew 24. Prizes were a fence control to Knowles, a hog catcher to Sexton, and an automatic hog waterer to Askew.

First day's receipts amounted to 209 head, it was stated.

The market is owned and operated by Williams Brothers, of Smithfield and Washington and is located on Highway 64 by-pass just east of Waters Amoco Station.

Buying hours are 7 a. m. to 5 p. m. Monday through Friday and 7 a. m. to 12 noon Saturday of each week.

Many Club Women Of County To Be At District Meet

Mrs. H. L. Harris, of Creswell, Vice President of District; Meeting Set for Engelhard

A strong delegation of club women from this county is expected to attend the meeting of home demonstration clubs for the 24th district to be held Wednesday, April 7, at Engelhard High School, Mrs. Frances M. Darden, home agent, announced this week.

The district embraces clubs in Beaufort, Hyde, Tyrrell and Washington Counties. Mrs. Charles Graham, state president, North Carolina Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs, will be the featured speaker.

In 1938, Mrs. Graham signed up as a member of a new home demonstration club in Linwood, and during these 15 years she has been so vitally interested in home demonstration work that she has not missed more than a total of 10 meetings. She has served as secretary and president of her local club, president of the county council, chairman of the district, and state chairman of the Jane S. McKimmon Loan Fund Committee.

Mrs. H. L. Harris, of Creswell, is vice president of the 24th district organization.

Stillman Seeking Renomination To Court Clerk Post

Pays Filing Fee and Announces as Candidate To Succeed Himself; Arnold, Davenport Candidates

Incumbent W. T. Stillman, of Plymouth, paid his filing fee Tuesday and announced his candidacy to succeed himself as clerk of Washington County Superior Court, subject to the Democratic primary May 29.

That was the only development on the local political front during the past week insofar as announcements are concerned. However, two other announced candidates officially filed during the period.

Douglas Davenport, young Creswell farmer who will attempt along with Philip Spruill to unseat Harry W. Pritchett as county commissioner from Scuppernon Township, paid his filing fee Thursday of last week. W. T. Freeman, chairman of the Washington County Board of Elections, reported.

E. O. Arnold, of Skippersville, filed with the county elections board Saturday morning as a candidate for Washington County Representative, opposing Dr. J. M. Phelps, of Creswell. Arnold and Davenport both had previously announced themselves as candidates for office in the coming primary.

In announcing for another term as court clerk, Mr. Stillman issued the following statement:

"At the request of friends and my desire to remain in office I hereby announce that I will be a candidate, to succeed myself, for the office of Clerk Superior Court in the coming Democratic primary on May 29, 1954.

"I wish to thank every citizen in the county for the support and cooperation given me in the past. I hope that my past service and record will merit your continued consideration and support. If elected I will continue to serve all people of the county to the very best of my ability. I will appreciate your support."

Local Speaker Is Loser in Contest

Miss Betty Davenport was eliminated in the Group I speaking contest on "The Big Change," sponsored by the North Carolina Bankers Association and held last Thursday at Greenville.

There were five contestants—from Williamston, Bath, Greenville, Aulander and Plymouth. The Aulander representative, a Miss Dorsey, was declared the winner and represented Group I in the divisional elimination held Wednesday this week at Wilson.

The finals will be held at Raleigh next Wednesday with three divisional winners competing.

Miss Davenport, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Davenport, of Plymouth, won the right to represent Washington County in the contest by defeating representatives from Roper and Creswell schools in a contest held recently at Roper.

Local Legion Post Will Meet Friday at Vets Club

James E. Jethro Post of the American Legion will hold its regular meeting at the Veterans Club here Friday night of this week, it is announced. The meeting will open at 8 o'clock.

SCENE IN CRESWELL SENIOR PLAY NEXT WEEK



"Now here we have an ordinary hat—and we have an ordinary egg." With these words, Jimmy Davenport goes into his "magic" act, which proves disastrous, in the Creswell senior play, "A Case of Springtime," to be presented Thursday night of next week, April 1, in the school auditorium there. Looking on, from left to right, are Gloria Phelps (the principal's daughter in the play), Patsy Liverman and Larry Woodley.

SCHOOL BAND MAJORETTES PRACTICE FOR AZALEA FESTIVAL PARADE



The six senior majorettes of the Plymouth High school Band have been practicing a lot recently in getting ready for the local unit's appearance in the Azalea Festival parade in Wilmington Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. Pictured above, left to right, are Gail Gaylor, Janice Johnson, Frankie Hobbs, Ann Vandiford, Ramona Spruill, and Phyllis Bagley. Traveling in two chartered Carolina Trailways busses, the band, majorettes and several school officials will leave here at 5:30 Saturday morning and return that night. Quite a number of local people also are planning to make the trip. More than a score of high school, college and military bands will be in the line of march for the big parade.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

County Tobacco Growers Urged To Treat Beds

County Agent W. H. Pruden Gives Information on Control of Blue Mold and Anthracnose

County Agent W. H. Pruden is urging that tobacco farmers guard against costly losses from blue mold and anthracnose by adopting the proper precautionary measures.

Anthracnose, a fungus disease first found in North Carolina tobacco plant beds about three years ago, has already spread over a large area, the county agent pointed out.

This disease, as well as blue mold, can kill out plants in a short time or make them unsuitable for transplanting. Indications are, Pruden says, that the chemicals recommended for blue mold control will also prove effective against anthracnose.

The recommended chemicals are fungicides containing zineb or ferbam. For spray treatments, use fungicides containing 65 per cent zineb or products containing 76 per cent ferbam. For dust treatment, use a prepared mixed dust containing six per cent zineb or 10 per cent ferbam for each 100 square yards for the season.

For spray treatments, the county agent recommends sprayers developing 100 pounds pressure or more. Barrel, wheelbarrow and bucket type sprayers are especially well-suited for spraying tobacco beds. For increased efficiency, sprayers should be equipped with 25 to 30 feet of pressure hose and a 7 to 9-foot spray rod extension.

For dust treatments, Pruden said that hand-powered crank-type dusters equipped with one to two extra joints of pipe are preferred. Either treatment is a preventative rather than a cure, the agent stressed, and should begin before disease appears in the plant bed. Make the first application when plants are about the size of a dime, he stated. Continue applications twice weekly until plants free of disease are assured for transplanting (usually 8 to 12 applications).

It is important, Pruden added, to repeat applications which are washed off by heavy rains, just as soon as weather will permit.

Several Streets Here Now Being Surfaced

Police Chief P. W. Brown Says 'Good Job' Being Done; Releases List of Projects

Some \$14,000 allotted the Town of Plymouth in Powell Bill funds is being used in paving and resurfacing projects now underway, Police Chief P. W. Brown stated late yesterday.

Chief Brown said that the laying of crushed rock or "screening" was nearing completion and that it is now expected that top-surfacing will commence next week.

All screening is completed, the chief said, except in Brinkley Forest where the equivalent of about three blocks is being laid. The projects should be completed somewhere around April 10, the chief estimated.

The work is being done by the state highway department under supervision of the local district engineer's office. The chief termed it "a good job" and said that it is being done at a much more reasonable figure than could be done otherwise.

Projects being paved include the following:

- Three blocks in the Brinkley Forest section, from Highway 32 to Highway 64;
- Adams Street, from Fourth to what is known as Seventh Street, but on the map really Eighth;
- Winesett Circle, from Monroe Street to Wilson Street;
- Darby Circle in Country Club Village, from Country Club Road to the Pulp Mill Road;
- Three blocks of Oakford Avenue in Little Richwood;
- One block of Logan Avenue in Stillacres.

Also included is resurfacing Golf Road from its northern intersection with Country Club Road west and south for .2 of a mile.

Accident Series Takes Property, Injury Toll Here

Three Marines From Edenton Base Hospitalized Here; Damage Total Estimated at \$3,355

A rash of highway accidents, three of them last Friday, took heavy toll in injuries and personal property damages in this county.

Three Marines from the Edenton Base were hospitalized here following an accident Friday night on Highway 64 near here when the 1953 Ford Tudor car in which they were riding left the road and overturned, doing an estimated \$2,400 property damage.

Altogether, the four wrecks did an estimated damage of \$3,365, according to reports submitted by Patrolman J. E. Morton, of Roper, the investigating officer.

Driver of the Ford which ran off the highway and turned over was Raymond K. Greenman. Henry R. Schichl received possible fractures and cuts, John R. Gordon suffered a fractured arm and leg, and Dallas Greenwalt received multiple fractures and cuts. They were rushed by ambulance to the Washington County Hospital here.

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Red Cross Drive Over \$500 Mark, Chairman Reports

Complete Reports Submitted By Seven Local Chairmen, Six in Excess of Quotas

As of Wednesday noon, the sum of \$533.64 had been collected in the annual Red Cross fund drive in Washington County.

The county quota announced for the 1954 campaign is \$2,750. The county fund chairman, D. Marvin Weaver, of Plymouth, stated this week that solicitations have been completed by seven local chairmen and full reports turned in. However, nothing has been heard from the others with the exception of the business and professional solicitation group, of which Mr. Weaver is chairman. This has submitted an incomplete report showing collections of \$290.70. A good bit of work remains to be done, Mr. Weaver declared.

Completed reports show that six of the seven so reporting to date have exceeded the established quota, only one failing to reach the quota.

A list of these, showing community, chairman, quota and amount raised, was released yesterday by Fund Chairman Weaver and is as follows:

- Brinkley Forest, Mrs. Walton Swain, chairman, quota \$25, amount raised \$29.22; East Main Street, Lyman Mayo, \$25, \$33.50; Winesett Circle, J. W. House, jr., \$25, \$29; Mackeys, Mrs. Cedric Davenport, \$75, \$70; Long Ridge, Mrs. Foster Ange, \$25, \$28.57; Wenona, Mrs. Glenn Furbee, \$25, \$26.55; Skippersville, Mrs. Vance Respass, \$25, \$26.10.

Mr. Weaver stated, "I'm well-pleased with the response so far and urge that all reports not yet turned in be submitted as soon as possible. I also urge that those persons who have not yet contributed to the fund make their donations as generously as possible. Funds are badly needed with which to carry on the work of the Red Cross throughout the nation."

Plymouth Man Is Buried on Sunday

Whit Harrison, 85, died at his home here Saturday morning at 5 a. m., following a brief illness. Mr. Harrison had been in declining health for the past two years but had been confined to his bed for only five days.

Services were held in the chapel of Horner's Funeral Home here Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with the Rev. J. D. Waters in charge, assisted by the Rev. C. N. Barnett. Burial was in the Harrison Cemetery near Plymouth.

Mr. Harrison was the son of the late W. J. and Mary Etheridge Harrison, of Tyrrell County. He was born in Washington County August 20, 1868, and spent his entire life here. He was a retired merchant and a member of Plymouth Christian Church.

Surviving are one brother, E. G. Harrison, of Plymouth; two grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

Anti-Rabies Vaccination Work Resumes Monday

The anti-rabies vaccination of dogs, suspended here sometime ago because of shortage of serum, has been rescheduled.

The new schedule was announced this week by the county board of commissioners and calls for vaccination work to resume Monday of next week and to continue through Friday, April 9.

The complete schedule appears in an advertisement in this issue of The Beacon.

The anti-rabies vaccinations are required by state law and dog-owners are asked to please cooperate.

No Draft Calls For Next Month

No induction and pre-induction calls for men will be made upon Selective Service Board No. 95 here, Mrs. Lorraine Hunter, board clerk, reported this week.

Word was recently received that no calls upon the local board for registrants would be forthcoming during April, Mrs. Hunter stated. Meanwhile, five men are scheduled to leave here Tuesday morning of next week to be inducted, the board clerk said.

Shares Preferred Stock Offered by Plymouth Concern

East Carolina Supply Company Issues Seven Per Cent Stock To Increase Working Capital

A Plymouth concern, East Carolina Supply Company, is currently offering 750 shares of 7 per cent preferred stock for the purpose of increasing its working capital. The offer is being made between the dates March 20-31.

Present stockholders are being given preference in the purchase of the stock issue, it was stated, and the balance—if oversubscribed—will be allotted in accordance with requests received.

The stock will have a par value of \$100 and a call value of from \$100 to \$106, depending on the length of time held. The corporation has in effect a sinking fund to retire the issue in ten years. Dividends of 7 per cent per annum will be paid semi-annually on June 15 and December 15.

Since moving into new and larger quarters located on Highway 64 east of Plymouth a 40 per cent increase in business has been noted by the firm, it was said. Officials explained that this additional business has necessitated an increase in inventory together with an increase in accounts receivable.

The gross business of the supply house last year is said to have been close to a million dollars and President W. E. Waters stated that business this year is running ahead of that for the corresponding period a year ago. The business was started in 1946.

Elections Board Sets Meeting for April 10

Personnel of the Washington County Board of Elections remains unchanged.

The State Board of Elections named local elections boards in each of the 100 counties last Saturday, Washington among them.

The members of the board will hold their organizational meeting Saturday, April 10, it is announced. It is expected that Mr. Freeman will again be named chairman of the body when its organization is perfected.

Precinct officials—registrars and judges of election—will be appointed by the board at the April 10 meeting also, and at that time any other necessary steps in preparing for the May 29 Democratic primary will be taken, it was said.