

W. Blount Rodman, of Plymouth, filed with the county board of elections Tuesday as a candidate to succeed himself as solicitor of county recorder's court, subject to the May 29 Democratic primary.

Miriam Dempsey, the Aulander High School senior who defeated Betty Davenport, of Plymouth, and three other student speakers in the "Big Change" contest at Greenville some time ago, went on to capture the Eastern regional contest last Wednesday at Wilson. Besides a \$500 scholarship Miss Dempsey also earned the right to compete in the state finals at Raleigh (held yesterday) with two other regionals winners.

Frith Winslow is doing for exhibition purposes an oil painting of the Plymouth High School band in action. Mr. Winslow is working from a smaller color sketch made during four recent band practice sessions at the school. With all the color and the various musical instruments the band makes an excellent subject and the completed painting should be quite interesting. The artist expects to complete the painting soon.

A. J. Byrd, former Plymouth business man now making his home at Indian Rock Beach, Fla., was in town briefly this week visiting relatives and friends. Mr. Byrd accompanied Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Ramsey and Mrs. Clarence Ainsley here as they returned from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Byrd. Mr. Byrd left Tuesday to return to Florida.

Mrs. J. W. Allen, jr., returned home Sunday from Wilkes Barre, Pa., where she visited her mother, Mrs. Luther Hummel. Mrs. Hummel recently lost both hands by amputation following a serious machinery accident in the plant where she was employed. Mrs. Allen said her mother appeared to be in good spirits at the time she left for home. Mrs. Hummel has visited here in the past and is known by many local persons. Those who would like to send a "get well" message to Mrs. Hummel should address it to Mercy Hospital, Third floor, Wilkes Barre, Pa.

Cancer Crusade Chairman Named For 1954 Drive

Campaign for Funds Opens Today With Parade and Speaking, Solicitation by Plymouth Cub Scout Pack

By MRS. B. O. BISHOP, Publicity Chairman

The American Cancer Society's nationwide 1954 crusade for \$20,000,000 will get off to a flying start in Washington County Thursday of this week. The drive will swing into action here with the following program:

Dr. Thomas P. Nash, director of Regional Cancer Detection Center, Elizabeth City, will speak on the cancer program in the Agricultural Building Thursday (tonight) at 8 o'clock. Dr. Nash has a message of vital importance to every man, woman and child in Washington County, it was said. The public is urged to attend this meeting.

There will be a parade in Plymouth Friday at 2:30 p. m. The Cub Scouts, carrying posters and banners will participate. The Plymouth High School Band will lead the parade.

The Club Scouts will solicit funds and contributions on Water Street Thursday, Friday and Saturday afternoons of this week. Appropriate cans will be placed in all public buildings for collection. See CRUSADE, Page 12

Plymouth To Host Albemarle Group

The first executive committee meeting of the year for the Southern Albemarle Association will be held at Plymouth Thursday, April 15. Dr. W. T. Ralph, of Belhaven, the association president, has announced.

Dr. Ralph was recently notified of the date by Washington County Vice President Harry W. Pritchett, of Creswell, who with Frank L. Brinkley, of Plymouth, is working up plans for the meeting.

Some 50 members of the committee, representing the six member counties of Beaufort, Dare, Hyde, Martin, Tyrrell and Washington, are expected to attend the meeting. They will be guests of Washington County at a dinner to be served at the Washington County Agriculture Building. The morning session will open at 10:30 o'clock and the public is invited.

"CANCER CONTROL MONTH" PROCLAMATION ISSUED BY MAYOR RIDDLE



With officials of the Washington County unit of the American Cancer Society as interested spectators, Mayor A. J. Riddle last Friday signed a proclamation designating April as "Cancer Control Month" in Plymouth. Surrounding the mayor as he affixes his signature are (left to right) Mrs. Harry Browning, campaign chairman; Mrs. Frances M. Darden, educational chairman; I. Miller Warren; and Mrs. Georgia Frost Barnes, commander of the county unit. Mrs. B. O. Bishop, publicity chairman for the month-long campaign for funds, which begins today, was unable to be present when this picture was made.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

Norman Heads Body On Industrial Survey

Four Men Sent For Induction

Four registrants of the local draft board left Plymouth by bus Tuesday morning for induction into the Armed Forces and another registrant was transferred to a local board in Philadelphia for induction. Mrs. Lorraine Hunter, board clerk, reports.

Those who left Tuesday were listed as Terry Oscar Cooper, Joseph Multz, Harry Gaylord and Dick Gaylord, all of Plymouth. Izel Freeman was transferred to a Philadelphia board.

Zone Meeting of Lions Clubs Here

The Lions Club zone embracing clubs at Edenton, Colerain, Hertford, Williamston and Plymouth will hold a supper meeting at the Episcopal Parish House here Thursday of this week at 7 p. m., Zone Chairman J. W. Marrow, of Plymouth, announces.

Two delegates from each club will attend besides the membership of the local club, it was said. Following the supper, the Plymouth club will hold its regular meeting with President Hubert M. Ange in charge. Preliminary developments in the efforts to establish a permanent industrial organization for Washington County will be discussed, it was stated.

After the local club completes its program for the evening, the zone meeting will begin.

Temporary Working Committee To Meet Here Friday Night To Lay Groundwork for Organization

Attorney Z. V. Norman, of Plymouth, has been named to head a temporary working committee to perpetuate some type of industrial organization for Washington County. The committee was appointed at an industrial workshop held at the county courthouse Wednesday night of last week.

Other members of the committee are A. J. Riddle, T. R. Spruill and C. N. Davenport, mayors, respectively of Plymouth, Roper and Creswell. The workshop was arranged as the result of a letter from E. E. Huffman, industrial analyst with the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, to John W. Darden, of Plymouth, asking that such a meeting be called to sound out interest in a local industrial survey.

Mr. Norman has called a meeting of the committee for Friday night of this week. The committee will meet in the law offices of Norman and Rodman here for the purpose of laying the groundwork to establish a permanent industrial organization in the county.

Some 25 or more persons attended the meeting here last Wednesday, including the mayors of the three towns in the county, representatives of the power company serving the county, the two railroads that serve the county, each of the local industries and other interested citizens from the various communities.

The meeting was informally held at the home of Mrs. Irby Walker, of Greensboro, who had served in that capacity on a temporary basis. See NORMAN, Page 7

Name Freeman as County Director On Peanut Board

Plymouth Man Is Reelected And Given Three-Year Term at Annual Meeting Last Week Scotland Neck

W. T. Freeman, of Plymouth, was reelected as director for Washington County of the North Carolina Peanut Growers Association, Inc., at the first annual meeting held Friday of last week at Scotland Neck. Mr. Freeman and Edward L. Owens, also of Plymouth, attended from this county. The association voted to amend the by-laws to provide staggered terms of office for directors, in order to forestall any possibility of an all-new group of directors in any one year.

Accordingly, directors were reelected for either one, two or three-year terms. Mr. Freeman was named to a three-year term, the staggered terms being handed out in alphabetical order, and his term will run until September, 1957. Terms expire at the annual meeting date and this date was moved up from March to September. The association agreed with the contention of J. Mayor Parker, of Ahoskie, and Paul F. Edmond, of Gatesville, that it would be unwise to wait until September of 1955 to hold the second annual meeting. Hence the second annual meeting will be held in September of this year.

The directors reelected C. Shields Alexander, of Scotland Neck, as president of the association, J. O. Jenkins, of Aulander, vice president, and Joseph S. Sugg, of Rocky Mount, executive secretary. Paul F. Edmond was named treasurer in place of Mrs. Irby Walker, of Greensboro, who had served in that capacity on a temporary basis. See PEANUT, Page 7

Dew Child Passes Here on Saturday

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from Ludford Memorial Baptist Church here for John R. Dew, seven-year-old son of Frank B. and Louise Doughtie Dew, of Plymouth.

The child died at home Saturday morning at 8:15 o'clock, after an illness of two years. He was born in Washington County June 1, 1946, and had lived with his parents here all his life. His father is originally from Cumberland County and his mother a native of Virginia.

Surviving, besides his parents, are three brothers, Loma E. Peal, of New Bern, Raymond A. Peal, jr., of Charlotte, and Frank G. Dew, of the home; and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Annie Doughtie.

Last rites were conducted by the Rev. P. B. Nickens, pastor of Ludford Memorial Church, assisted by the Rev. C. N. Barnett, the Rev. D. L. Fouts and the Rev. E. M. Spruill, of the local Christian, Methodist and Episcopal churches, respectively. Burial was in Windley Cemetery. Pictured is Lawrence D. Jones, jr., of Plymouth, being congratulated by T/Sgt. William P. Hall, of Pope Air Force Base, Fort Bragg, upon the former's enlistment in the U. S. Air Force as an aviation cadet earlier this month. Young Jones attended North Carolina State College, Raleigh, for two years after graduating from Plymouth High School in 1951. He was enlisted for pilot training, Young Jones, realizing that he had a military obligation, put it this way: "My country has given me freedom and with the U. S. Air Force, I can protect that freedom." He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Jones, of Plymouth.

Red Cross Drive Stands Far Short Of County Quota

Three Local Chairmen Submit Complete Reports in Past Week; \$1,010.59 Is Raised To Date

The annual Red Cross fund drive in Washington County was still far short of its goal Wednesday.

County Fund Chairman D. Marvin Weaver, of Plymouth, announced that the amount raised to that date was \$1,010.59, with some reports incomplete and others not yet heard from.

The county quota for 1954 is \$2,750.

Three community chairmen turned in complete reports since those reported in the last issue of The Beacon. These reports are as follows:

Stillacres, Mrs. C. McGowan, chairman, quota \$50, \$40.40 collected;

Red Hill, Mrs. Arthur Hardison, chairman, quota \$25, \$40.65 collected;

Pleasant Grove, Mrs. W. W. Phelps, chairman, quota \$25, \$12.50 collected.

Mr. Weaver stated that he hoped solicitations of funds would be completed by the end of this week. He again pointed to the urgent need of money with which to carry on the work of the Red Cross which, in addition to its regular programs, is always on the job when emergency relief is needed. Whenever and wherever calamity strikes, he said, the Red Cross can be found rendering every possible assistance. "In all probability Washington County will fall short of its assigned quota in this campaign," the county fund chairman warned, "unless all workers redouble their efforts to make the individual quotas."

Tentative Schedule for School Visits Announced

Monday of next week the county commissioners and members of the county board of education will visit all county schools.

A tentative schedule has been suggested by R. F. Lowry, superintendent of schools, as follows: Hampton School, Plymouth, 10:45 to 10:55 a. m.; Plymouth High School, 11 to 11:45 a. m.; Plymouth Colored School, 11:50 a. m. to 12:15 p. m.; Roper High School, 12:25 to 12:45 p. m.; lunch at Roper High School, 12:45 to 1:10 p. m.; Washington County Union School, Roper, 1:15 to 1:55 p. m.; Creswell High School, 2:15 to 3:45 p. m.; Creswell Colored School, 2:50 to 3:10 p. m.

Offering Four Surplus Buses For Sale Here

Four surplus Washington County school buses are being advertised for sale, according to R. F. Lowry, superintendent, Washington County schools.

Prices have been put on the buses as follows: Bus No. 2, \$200; Bus No. 3, \$200; Bus No. 4, \$350; Bus No. 17, \$200. The buses may be inspected at the county school bus garage, it was stated. See SCOUTS, Page 12

Town, County Boards Set Meetings Monday

Regular "first Monday" meetings for the county commissioners, the county board of education and the Plymouth Town Council are slated for Monday of next week here.

The commissioners and the education board are scheduled to meet in their respective quarters Monday morning at 10 o'clock, while the council meeting is set for 8 p. m.

Four persons are expected to be appointed by the board of commissioners as compilers of the 1954 county tax books, Board Clerk J. Robert Campbell stated. A few other routine matters will be taken up and regular monthly reports heard.

The members of the board of commissioners will accompany members of the county board of education on a tour of the various county school plants. The group will have lunch at the Roper school lunchroom at 12:45 p. m.

A strictly routine session is expected when the Plymouth city fathers get together Monday night at the Municipal Building, it was stated.

Mistakes About Soil Fumigants

County Agent W. H. Pruden wishes to call attention to a misinterpretation that large numbers of tobacco growers, especially in Eastern North Carolina, have made concerning information on relative merits of row application versus broadcast application of soil fumigants for control of nematodes.

Many growers have the idea that row treatment has been recommended over broadcast treatment without reservation as being "better, generally more satisfactory and cheaper," Pruden says. The agent quotes from a letter he received from Howard R. Garrison and C. J. Nusbaum, of the State College extension service, "So far as we know, such a recommendation has not been made. If so, the recommendation was in error." Growers should further details about soil fumigants.

Twenty or More Patrols From Eight Communities In Wasmarty District Expected for Camporee

Plymouth will be host to the Wasmarty District Camporee, East Carolina Council, Boy Scouts of America, this week-end.

The camporee, purpose of which is to prepare the scouts of the Wasmarty District for the coming East Carolina Council Camporee, will be held near the Plymouth Scout Hut Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The council camporee is scheduled for Rocky Mount April 30, May 1-2.

Carl Bailey, jr., scoutmaster of the host Plymouth troop, stated earlier this week that 20 or more patrols from eight communities were expected for the event. The Wasmarty District is made up of Washington, Martin and Tyrrell Counties.

Bailey said attendance should reach about 120. It is expected that two troops from Williamston will be represented, along with one from Jamesville, one from Bear Grass, two each from Creswell and Columbia, one each from Hamilton and Robersonville, and four patrols from Plymouth.

As scoutmaster of the host troop and also chairman of the district camping and activities committee, Bailey is busy with preparations for the camporee. Jerry Ashwill, of Williamston, district field representative, is in charge of events.

Phil Liverman, of Plymouth, is neighborhood commissioner, and Bob Howell is chairman of the local troop committee. Ralph Hunter is secretary, James H. Ward is treasurer, and other committee members are Douglas Gurkin, Paul Hardison, Walter Furlough and Roy Manning. Joe Latham is institutional representative for the Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce which sponsors the Plymouth troop.

B. W. Cutler is assistant scoutmaster; Bobby Ange is senior patrol leader; and Bruce Wright is troop scribe. Individual patrol leaders are Marion Allen, of the Flying Eagle patrol; Henry Turner, Rattlesnake patrol; John Jackson, Flaming Arrow patrol; and Darrell Kelly, Beaver patrol. Patrols are expected to arrive at the campsite at about 4:30 p. m. See SCOUTS, Page 12

Several Changes Made by Review Board Last Week

Commissioners Meet as Board of Equalization and Review and Order Valuation Reductions

Meeting of a board of equalization and review in an adjourned session here Thursday night of last week, the county commissioners approved certain changes and corrections on the 1954 tax books of the county.

It was agreed to make the following changes: Take off the books one acre of cleared land listed to Mrs. Joe Nowarah, sr., and reduce the valuation by \$65, also to reduce valuation on eight acres of woodland by \$48;

Take off one acre cleared land known as "Knowles Land" listed to Joe Nowarah, sr., estate, Lees Mill Township, and reduce valuation by \$72;

Take off books two acres of woodland valued at \$36; also allow reduction in valuation of woodland tract by \$162;

Relieve Mrs. C. E. Mizell, Lees Mill, of \$300 valuation on woodland;

Take off books 1/2 acre woodland and one acre cleared land listed to Mrs. B. F. Bailey, Lees Mill, and figure new valuation accordingly;

Take off books 1/2 acre of land listed to W. V. Gaylord estate, Lees Mill, and allowed reduction of \$60 in valuation;

Take off books three acres of cleared land listed to Mrs. Milley Boney, Lees Mill, and reduce valuation by \$160;

Tax compilers of 1954 books will be asked to check to see if all of Nowarah's property, both real and personal, has been transferred from 1953 to 1954 books. If it is found that the above property has not been transferred, compilers are to notify J. Robert Campbell, clerk to the board.

Local School Band Performs Well at Wilmington Event

Among 58 College and High School Bands Viewed by 200,000 at Azalea Festival Parade

The Plymouth High School band did itself proud before a crowd estimated at 200,000 at Wilmington last Saturday.

Add to that the number which cannot be estimated that viewed the band and 57 other college and high school musical aggregations via television. It has been learned here that the Azalea parade in which the local band took part was viewed over a national television network as far away as Boston.

Plymouth Band Director Ed Taylor reports that his charges gave a very creditable performance. The parade itself was approximately three miles long. A picture of the local band appeared in a Wilmington daily newspaper.

The band members, accompanied by band parents and friends, left Plymouth Saturday morning at 5:30 o'clock on two chartered buses and arrived in the port city at 10 o'clock. Rest stops were made going and returning at New Bern.

After the parade, the band members enjoyed free time until 3:30 p. m. during which they saw See SCHOOL BAND, Page 7

Plymouth Student Voted E C C Post

A Plymouth boy was elected first vice president of the Student Government Association at East Carolina College, Greenville, in campus elections last week.

He is Louis Singleton, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Singleton, of Washington Street. Young Singleton is a junior at the Greenville school.

Singleton emerged as winner in a run-off election held Tuesday at the school and at which James W. Alexander, of Columbia, was the successful candidate for the office of second vice president. Richard E. Ivey, of Roanoke Rapids, was elected first assistant.

In the general elections previously held, Wade Cooper, of Raleigh, was chosen as SGA president. Other student leaders for the coming year were also selected.

PROMINENT CITIZENS GATHER FOR CLUB DINNER MEETING



This group of leading citizens had just gathered for a regular dinner meeting of one of their clubs when a Beacon photographer happened on the scene. Few people will recognize themselves in the group but practically all will identify some friend or business associate. Before calling any names, it may be well to look at the date line of this issue of The Beacon: It's April 1st, you know. Actually this is one of the penals full of porkers received at the opening of the new hog market here last week. The photo was held over to coincide with the April 1 issue of The Beacon.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.