

Frank C. Bickerstaff, sr., was painfully hurt in a fall at the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company Tuesday afternoon. He fell about 9 feet from a tank when a water line he was working on suddenly spouted a stream of water that knocked him to the concrete floor. Given first aid at the plant, he was removed later to the Washington County hospital, where x-rays showed he had a broken left knee cap. He was also bruised and cut about the head, hands and on his other knee. He was reported to be getting along very well at the hospital yesterday.

Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Furgurson and Dr. and Mrs. Claudius McGowan, of Plymouth, will be among the many doctors and their ladies who will attend the meeting of the State Medical Society at Pinehurst a few days next week. At the Pinehurst meeting, Dr. Furgurson will give a paper entitled, "The Use of Rectal Penothal Anesthesia in Obstetrics—700 Cases." Dr. and Mrs. Furgurson plan to leave Sunday and return to Plymouth Thursday of next week. Dr. and Mrs. McGowan will sandwich a few days at Charlotte in connection with the medical meeting and return to Pinehurst so the doc can take in the Southern Seniors golfing event at Pinehurst later next week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Terry have been notified that their son, Seaman J. T. Terry, jr., is expected to arrive in Norfolk, on Sunday, May 2. He is a member of the crew of the USS Wisconsin, one of the two remaining battleships in active service, which has been in far eastern waters since early last fall. Lt. Com. W. E. Wadsworth, USN, invited Mr. and Mrs. Terry to the Norfolk Naval Base Sunday to witness the homecoming of the Wisconsin, and they plan to do so.

Friends of J. Shepherd Brinkley, owner of the Plymouth, Daly and Drive-In Theatres here, will be delighted to learn that he is improving steadily from his recent serious illness. Shep was confined to his bed for a long time, but he is now able to get up for several hours each day. Sunday and Monday, he made his first trips uptown in several months, and greeted a number of his friends.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Byrd arrived in Plymouth last Friday after living in Indian Rock Beach, Fla., for the past two years. Mr. Byrd, who was in business here as a merchant for a number of years, is planning to make his home here again, he said this week, provided he could "find something to do."

Tomorrow night will be a "big night" in the lives of Plymouth High School juniors and seniors. The annual junior-senior banquet is being held in the school cafeteria at 7 o'clock, followed by the junior-senior prom in the high school gym starting at 9 o'clock. The juniors have been busy for several weeks making plans for the two big events, and all the

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Plan Art Exhibit For Schools Here

Washington County white schools will hold their annual art exhibit this year from Wednesday, May 12, through Friday, May 14, it was announced this week by Mrs. Georgia Frost Barnes, who is in charge of arrangements. The exhibit will be held in the Plymouth High School gymnasium, and the public is cordially invited to view the displays.

All schools in the county have been urged to participate, and Mrs. Barnes says it will be appreciated if its exhibits can be placed in the gym on Friday, May 7, after school. Special projects may be brought in Tuesday morning. Teachers are asked to assist in rearranging the exhibits Tuesday afternoon, May 11.

Exhibits will be shown in two divisions. The first division includes drawings and paintings of all kinds, as well as cutwork and similar exhibits. The second division will be crafts and includes modeling in clays, sculpture, carvings, paper mache, basketry, weaving, needlework of all kinds, taxidermy and similar projects.

Town, County Boards Meet Monday

Next Monday, county governing bodies and the Plymouth Town Council will hold their regular monthly meetings, the Washington County Board of Commissioners and Board of Education meeting in the morning at the courthouse, and the town body at the municipal building that night. It is expected that the board of education will begin consideration of the budget for the coming

TOWN GETS CERTIFICATE FOR TRAFFIC SAFETY



Chief of Police P. W. Brown and Mayor A. J. Riddle (right) are shown above accepting a certificate of merit "for outstanding accomplishment in traffic safety," awarded to the town of Plymouth by the N. C. State Automobile Association. The presentation was made last Friday by Lewis B. Scruggs (left) of Charlotte, and Jess Wilson of Edenton, division and district sales managers of the association, respectively.—Polaroid 1-Minute taff photo.

Voluntary Check-Up For Cars and Trucks

TO PREACH HERE



The Rev. D. D. Holt, of Greensboro, will be visiting preacher for a series of revival services at the local Methodist Church starting Sunday and continuing for one week.

Plans Being Made For Operation of Vegetable Market

Specialists From Extension Service and State Department Confer With Local Group Yesterday

Several marketing specialists from the State College Extension Service and the State Department of Agriculture were in Plymouth yesterday to assist operators of the Plymouth Auction Market in working out plans for operation of that market here this year.

W. T. Freeman, James H. Ward and W. M. Darden will operate the market here. They conferred yesterday with Dr. G. S. Abshier and A. A. Bonadyga, of the State College Extension Service, and Hugh Martin, of the marketing division of the State Department of Agriculture.

Plans were discussed for an inspection service and other details connected with actual operation of the local market. It is now thought the market will open for

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Service Offered Free to Owners by Garages Here; Sponsored by Auto Dealers in State

Three Plymouth automobile firms — Walker-Darden Motors, Manning Motor Company and House Chevrolet Company—have signed up to take part in the voluntary car inspection program, which is being sponsored by the Carolina Safety League and the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association.

Starting last Monday, they are conducting safety inspections on automobiles without cost to the owners. There is no obligation of any kind, and any repairs shown to be needed by the inspection may be made by the owners or by any garage or mechanic they may choose.

There is nothing compulsory about the inspection program on the part of the vehicle owner, but the driver may obtain a lot of satisfaction in knowing that his auto or truck is in good mechanical condition and by having his vehicle inspected he has acted in the name of increased safety on the highways.

Such important items as brakes, steering mechanism, lights, horn, windshield wiper, tires, etc., will be thoroughly checked for defects that need attention. Owners of all types and makes are cordially invited to take advantage of the inspection service without cost or obligation.

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Guest Preachers For Roper Charge

Pulpits of the three Methodist Churches of the Roper charge will be occupied Sunday, May 2, by guest speakers, it was announced this week.

The Rev. William Eason, of Elizabeth City, will preach at Mackeys at the 10 o'clock morning service and at Pleasant Grove at 11:15 a. m. Speaker for the evening service at 8 o'clock in the Roper church will be Aubrey Dixon. Mr. Dixon is lay speaker for the Roper charge. He will talk on the subject, "The Methodist Program in the Local Church."

The public is cordially invited to worship with the local congregations and hear these speakers.

Jaycee Officers To Be Installed At Meet Tonight

Ladies' Night Banquet and Installation To Be Held at County Club; Gurganus Guest Speaker

Plans have been perfected for the seventh annual installation of officers and ladies' night banquet of the Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce, it was announced this week by the retiring president, James Boyce.

The banquet will be held at the Plymouth Country Club here on Thursday night of this week, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Guest speaker for the occasion will be "Red" Gurganus, of Williamston, 10th district vice president, who will also install officers elected on March 5 for the coming year. Other features of the program include reading the Jaycee Creed by Carl Bailey, jr.; invocation by James Parvin; welcome address by Roy Manning; introduction of the guest speaker by Joe Peel; installation of new members by Marvin Weaver; remarks by the incoming president and presentation of the past-president pin by Douglas Gurkin. James Ward will be master of ceremonies.

Following the banquet and program, dancing will be enjoyed by the Jaycees and their guests.

Officers to be installed are Dr. A. L. Whitehurst, president; Paul Hardison, first vice president; Bill McCombs, second vice president; Charles Walker, secretary; Carl Bailey, jr., treasurer; Hayward Casteen, sergeant at arms; Joseph Latham, James Parvin and John Lilley, directors; James Boyce, state director.

Retiring officers are James Boyce, president; Douglas Gurkin first vice president; Paul Hardison, second vice president; Walton Swain, secretary; Bob Howell, treasurer; B. W. Cutler, state director; and Jerome Polk, sergeant at arms.

Town Gets Award For Achievements In Traffic Safety

Certificate of Merit Presented to Mayor in Ceremony Last Friday; State Auto Club Is Sponsor

The town of Plymouth was presented a certificate of merit last Friday for "outstanding accomplishments in traffic safety" by the North Carolina State Automobile Association. The certificate was only the 23rd to be awarded in the whole state for the past year, it was stated.

The framed parchment certificate was presented to Mayor A. J. Riddle and Police Chief P. W. Brown by Lewis B. Scruggs, division manager of the motor club, on behalf of the company itself and T. Chalmer Bryant, president of the National Automobile Association, with which the N. C. State A. A. is affiliated. Jess Wilson is the company district manager for Tyrrell, Washington, Chowan and Hyde counties and participated in the ceremony, which took place in the municipal building here.

"It is a real privilege," said Mr. Scruggs, "to have this opportunity to present the City of Plymouth with this certificate for the great record in traffic safety that has been accomplished here. This award is based on the fact that Plymouth had no automobile fatalities from January, 1952, to April 1, 1954."

"It takes real team work on the part of city officials, police authorities, and the public generally to accomplish such a record," Mr. Scruggs said.

The city officials, although complimented by the certificate of merit, said they were not content to rest on their laurels. "We must be conscious of the fact," they said, "that dangers are always present. We hope to maintain a good record for years to come."

Warden Says Fishing Better in Lake Area

Fishing at Lake Phelps materially improved during the past week, according to County Game Protector J. T. Terry. Prior to last week-end sportsmen were having very poor luck, but the game warden said there were many catches of the limit of bass on Saturday and Sunday. Practically everyone checked in that area had good catches of bass, but crappie or "speckled perch" are still scarce.

Parent-Teacher Meet at Roper

W. S. Tarlton, researcher at Lake Phelps, will show slides of the Lake Phelps homes and region; and next year's officers will be installed at the final Roper High School PTA meeting of the year in Roper High School auditorium next Tuesday night, May 4, at 7:30.

Next year's officers are Mrs. John Dawson, president; Mrs. Roger Chesson, vice president; Mrs. Mayo Modlin, secretary, and Mrs. Arthur Marriner, treasurer.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Easter Seal Sale Exceeds Last Year Chairman Reports

Mrs. Mayme W. Davenport Says \$566.84 Raise Up To This Week; Report Is Just About Complete

The Easter seal sale this year exceeded the amount raised last year by more than \$100, according to a report made the first of this week by Mrs. Mayme W. Davenport, of Creswell, chairman of this year's drive. Up to Monday a total of \$566.84 had been realized, with the report of the Plymouth chairman still to be received, she stated. The sale last year fell short of \$500.

Funds from the Easter seal sale are used for braces, wheel chairs, transportation to clinics, hospitals and treatment centers; hospitalization for corrective and preventive procedures; and special equipment for crippled children.

Mrs. Davenport expressed her appreciation for the liberal support of the movement in the county. She was especially grateful for the cooperation of the schools in the county and several churches. Most of the money raised came from the schools and the seal letters handled through the mails.

The appeal letters brought in \$201.03. Contributions through the white schools were as follows: Plymouth \$149.54, Creswell \$102.28, and Roper \$27. Colored school contributions follow: Plymouth \$17.84; Creswell \$26.63, and union school at Roper \$11.61.

Churches in the Creswell area raised the following amounts: Phillippi \$15, Mount Hermon Methodist \$10.91, and Creswell Methodist \$5.

Mrs. H. E. Harrison, chairman for the Plymouth area, had not reported when the above summary was given, according to Mrs. Davenport.

Revival Services To Begin Sunday

Revival services will begin at the Plymouth Methodist Church next Monday evening, May 3, at 8 o'clock and continue through Sunday, May 9, with Rev. D. D. Holt, of Greensboro, as visiting preacher.

Mr. Holt is a member of the North Carolina Annual Conference. He served a six-year pastorate at Trinity Methodist Church, Durham, before going to Greensboro two years ago as director of the Methodist College Foundation of North Carolina.

Mr. Holt is in great demand as preacher and speaker. The local church considers itself most fortunate to secure him.

The public is cordially invited to hear him.

Absentee Ballots For Service Men

Members of the military forces of the nation may register and vote by absentee ballot in the primary this year, W. T. Freeman, chairman of the county board of elections, this week reminded relatives of service men and women.

Application to register must be made by the service man himself, on forms which may be secured from the chairman of the board of elections. If the voter is already registered, application for the absentee ballot may be made by the voter's wife, husband, brother, sister, parent or child.

Up to this week, no applications had been received by Mr. Freeman. Applicants are advised to fill out the forms very carefully in order to be sure of getting the ballots on time.

Registration Books Open Saturday for New Voters

MEMBERS OF COLOR GUARD FOR LOCAL VFW POST



Members of the color guard for the Bosie Bateman Post, No. 4023, Veterans of Foreign Wars, are shown here following the recent installation of new officers. Left to right are Arthur Marriner, officer of the day; Bosie Owens, color guard; Shelton McNair and Walton Swain, color bearers; and Merrit Browning, jr., color guard.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

Little Interest Being Displayed in Politics

Fact That There Is But One County-Wide Contest Is Factor; Candidates Reported To Be Working

So far, very little political interest has been shown in this county in the Democratic primary to be held May 29th. Candidates for the various offices, of course, are interested and are busy trying to create enthusiasm among their supporters, but so far as can be observed on the surface they are meeting with only mediocre success at best. It applies to local, district and state offices.

One reason for lack of surface interest is the fact that there is only one county-wide contest for a local office this year. That is the three-way race for representative. Candidates are Dr. J. M. Phelps of Creswell, former representatives E. O. Arnold of Skippersville and Ben A. Sumner, of Plymouth.

Each of the three candidates has a substantial block of personal supporters, and they are circulating among voters in the county to build up their strength. However, at this time, there is little indication as to who may be considered out in front; and there is a strong possibility that a second primary may be necessary to decide the nominee.

The other local contest is limited to Scuppernon Township where three men are seeking the post of county commissioner. They are Harry W. Pritchett, Creswell hardware merchant and incumbent; Douglas W. Davenport and Phillip M. Spruill, both of the latter being farmers. No reports have been received here as to the progress made by any of them.

On the district level, there are three candidates for two places as state senator from the second district. Edward L. Owens of Plymouth, Lemuel H. Ross of Washington and Martin B. Kellogg of Manteo are the contenders. The fact that Washington County has a candidate in the person of Owens lends some interest to this race.

Elbert S. Peel, of Williamston, and Hubert E. May, of Nashville, are seeking the post of solicitor for the second judicial district, which is creating some interest in the county. Mr. Peel now holds the office, having been appointed by Governor Umstead last November when former solicitor George M. Fountain of Tarboro was elevated to special judge of superior court.

Main interest in state contests is centered on the contest between W. Kerr Scott, former governor, and Alton Lennon, of Wilmington, or United States Senator. Senator Lennon now holds the office by appointment of Governor Umstead to succeed the late Willis Smith. There are five other candidates for this office, but the main contest is expected to be between Scott and Lennon.

Church Supper Planned In Roper Next Tuesday

The men of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Roper, will serve a supper in the Roper Community House, Tuesday night, May 4th, beginning at 8 o'clock. The public is invited. Proceeds will go for the new Episcopal camp and conference center now being constructed at Bogue Sound.

Precinct Registrars Will Be At Six Polling Places in County for Three Consecutive Saturdays

Registration books will open Saturday morning at 9 o'clock at polling places in the six Washington County precincts and will remain open until sunset on Saturday, May 15, it was announced this week by W. T. Freeman, chairman of the county board of elections. Registrars will attend the polling places on the three Saturdays during the period; and on other days before the deadline, May 17, they may register those who apply to them at their residences or places of business.

No new registration is required for the primary to be held on Saturday, May 29. The only persons required to register are those who have become qualified since the last election through age and residence requirements. Those who have moved from one precinct to another since the last election must apply to their new polling place to transfer their registration. The county chairman emphasized that previous registration for municipal elections does not qualify voters for the primary, as separate books are kept by the county and towns.

A person seeking to register and vote in the primaries must show that he is: A citizen (native or naturalized) of the United States; 21 years of age, or will become 21 by the date of the general election November 4, 1954; of sound mind; able to read and write any section of the state constitution in the English language to the satisfaction of the registrar; and that he has not been convicted of a felony, unless his citizenship rights have been restored. If he desires to vote in the primary, he must certify that he is a member in good faith of the party in whose primary he wishes to vote.

Residence requirements at one year in the state and four months in the precinct where the applicant desires to vote. If a person has moved from one county to another within four months of the primary he cannot vote.

Precincts, polling places, registrars and judges of election for the coming primary are as follows:

Plymouth Precinct No. 1: Polling place, Washington County courthouse; C. L. Blount, registrar; W. C. Stynons and E. A. Harrison, judges of election;

Plymouth Precinct No. 2: Polling place, Plymouth High School building; Mrs. C. A. Cratch, registrar; Clarence Spruill and T. D. Somerville, judges of election;

Lees Mill: Polling place, community building in Roper; Mrs. T. W. Norman, registrar; H. S. Everett and Marvin Spencer, judges;

Skippersville: Polling place, Brownie Goodman's store; Brownie Goodman, registrar; Delbert Patrick and Louis Bateman, judges;

Scuppernon: Polling place, tax collector's office in Creswell; H. W. Norman, registrar; Mrs. Mabel Harris and W. T. Phelps, judges;

Wenona: Polling place, H. J. Furbee's residence; H. J. Furbee, registrar; T. H. Rosenthal and Carl Heynen, judges.

Methodists Plan District Conference Here May 5

The Elizabeth City District conference will be held at the Plymouth Methodist Church next Tuesday, May 4, beginning at 9:30 a. m. The district is composed of 36 pastoral charges and about 100 churches.

Official delegates include the pastors and several representatives from each church. Others attending the conference will be a number of persons representing the various interests of the church on a conference-wide basis.

Local visitors are invited.

IN QUEEN CONTEST



Miss Jane Carol Crofton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Crofton, of Plymouth, will represent Washington County in the selection of "Miss WTAR-TV" in Norfolk, Va., Friday.

Miss Jane Crofton Represents County In Queens Contest

35 Contestants in Event at Norfolk Television Station Friday; Winner Gets New York Trip

Miss Jane Crofton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Crofton, of Plymouth, will represent Washington County in the selection of "Miss WTAR-TV" in Norfolk, Va., tomorrow. She is one of 35 contestants representing various counties and towns in eastern North Carolina and Virginia from which the television queen is to be selected.

Miss Crofton was selected several weeks ago to represent this county in the Potato Festival at Elizabeth City next month. Her entry was sponsored by the local veterans' posts, which made the selection from a number of county contestants.

In the contest Friday, all of the 35 contestants will promenade before the television cameras on a program being televised at 12:30 p. m. Friday. Judges will decide who will reign as Miss WTAR-TV and queen of the May Day festivities at the site of

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Blue Mold Appearing In County Plant Beds

There is some blue mold in tobacco plant beds in the county, but the infestation is scattered, W. H. Pruden, county agent, said yesterday. Very little real damage is expected, as the blue mold is very light, due almost entirely to spots missed when the beds were dusted.

The agent said DDT should be added when the plant beds are given their final dusting. This will protect the young

plants from flea beetle infestation after they are set out. Practically all farmers dusted their plant beds this year, and it was very effective in keeping down the mold, according to the agent.

Mr. Pruden said transplanting was in full blast throughout the county the first of this week, and the peak of the planting season is expected to be reached by the end of the week.