

Dr. A. L. Whitehurst, of Plymouth, attended the Parker chiropractic research seminar held in Atlanta, Ga., last week. Dr. Whitehurst devoted four days to the study of the latest developments in chiropractic technique and x-ray diagnosis. The seminar was conducted by Dr. James W. Parker, founder and developer of the Parker Research Foundation, a Texas organization which operates 18 chiropractic clinics.

Charles T. Robbins, sr., returned to Plymouth this week after being engaged in a construction project at Pensacola, Fla., for more than a year and a half. He was a foreman on the \$90,000,000 nylon plant built there by the Dupont Corporation, work on which has been completed. He said yesterday he was glad to get back home and hopes his next job with the Dupont organization will be closer to Plymouth.

Mrs. Dwight L. Fouts will leave Friday for Milwaukee, Wis., to attend the assembly of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist Church. The assembly, which is held every four years, will be in session from May 25 through the 28th. Mrs. Fouts expects to return to Plymouth on June 1.

A number of Washington County Democrats are in Raleigh today for the biennial state convention. Fourteen delegates and an equal number of alternates were elected delegates last Saturday at the county convention, but not all of them are attending. Carl L. Bailey, chairman of the county executive committee, and Ben A. Sumner, candidate for representative, each planned to drive up yesterday in time for caucuses last night.

Mrs. Frances M. Darden, home demonstration agent, and W. H. Pruden, farm agent, are attending a conference of State Extension Service agents in Winston-Salem this week. They left Tuesday and expect to return after Friday's session.

Local Band Has Two More Trips

The Plymouth High School Band has two more parades on its program before the end of the school term. Principal J. S. Fleming said yesterday afternoon. It also has several invitations for events during the summer, but will be unable to accept them, Mr. Fleming stated.

Friday afternoon of this week at 4 o'clock, the band will go to Washington to take part in the Jaycee Festival parade. Then on Wednesday of next week, May 26, the band is to be in the Shrine Ceremonial parade in Greenville, starting at 12 noon. Busses are being provided as transportation to both events, according to Mr. Fleming.

Despite a drizzling rain that fell intermittently last Saturday, the band took part in the Potato Festival parade at Elizabeth City making quite a good showing according to those who went over. The parade started at 11 a. m. and lasted about an hour and a half, with several showers pretty thoroughly wetting the paraders and onlookers.

Legion Auxiliary Meet Will Be Held Tuesday

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold its monthly meeting next Tuesday, May 25 at 8 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Golden Simpson. Plans for Poppy Day to be held on Saturday, May 29, will be discussed and new officers for the coming year are to be elected. Mrs. Dallas Waters, president, urges all members to be present.

Market Experts To Hold Meeting

Grading and packaging vegetable crops for the auction market here May 31st will be discussed at length at a meeting of vegetable growers to be held here next Tuesday night, May 25, at 8 o'clock, according to County Agent W. H. Pruden.

A. A. Banadyga, extension horticulture specialist, and George Abshire, extension vegetable marketing specialist, both of Raleigh, will be in charge of the meeting, to which all vegetable growers are invited. They will discuss especially snap beans and squash, as those will be the first of the crop to be handled by the local market, Mr. Pruden stated.

The information will be presented in a practical manner and will actually show how the job should be done. The two specialists will also be available to answer any questions about vegetable production that may be raised. Growers are urged to attend by the county agent.

ROPER VALEDICTORIAN AND SALUTATORIAN



Valedictorian of the Roper High School graduating class this year is Miss Evelyn Chesson (left), who has a four-year average of 95.58 for all subjects. She was given a close race for top honors by Miss Carole Chesson (right), whose four-year average was 95.32. Evelyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Chesson, of Roper, plans to attend business school after graduating on May 31; while Carole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Chesson, of Cross Roads, plans to enter East Carolina College next fall.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

Bailey Again Heads Democrats of County

Street Surfacing Projects Finished In Past Few Days

Total of 18 Blocks or More Here Improved by Use of Powell Bill Funds; Work Done by State

Street surfacing projects in Plymouth contracted with the State Highway & Public Works Commission earlier this year have been completed within the past few days. In all about 18 blocks were either surfaced or resurfaced by state highway crews, at a cost of approximately \$14,200, which was the town's share of Powell Bill Funds for last year.

There were six surfacing projects and resurfacing jobs completed. The surfacing included one block of Logan Avenue in Stillacres, 3 blocks on Adams Street, between Fourth and Seventh Streets; all of Brinkley Forest, about 2 1/2 blocks; all of Winsett Circle, about 3 blocks; all of Darby Circle, about 2 blocks; and Oakford Avenue in Little Richmond from Pine Street to the old railroad right of way, about 3 blocks. Resurfacing included one block on Madison Street, between Water and Main; and about 3 blocks on Golf Road in the Country Club Village.

Town officials are pleased with the amount of work secured for the funds available. They stated the cost was much less than similar work performed by a private contracting firm here about a year ago. Mayor Riddle believes the town's share of Powell Bill funds for this year will enable the town to get practically all its streets surfaced.

MEMBERS OF THE GRADUATING CLASS AT ROPER HIGH SCHOOL



Thirteen of the fifteen members of the graduating class at Roper High School were present last Thursday, when the above photo was made. They will receive their diplomas Friday night of next week at graduation exercises in the high school auditorium. Misses Terry Lewis and Peggy Gray were absent when the photo was made. Left to right in the front row are: Sterling Davenport, Anson Knowles, Lloyd Jones, Jr., Benny Harrison, Donald Davenport, Horace Edwards and A. J. Edwards, Jr.; back row: Misses Carole Chesson, Rebecca Gaylord, Iris Jean Davenport, Evelyn Chesson, Mary Elizabeth Hassell and Rebecca Riddick.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

Over 130 Register For May Primary While Books Open

Registration Period Ended Saturday; Scuppernon Leads With 74 New Voters, 14 Party Changes

Interest in the Democratic primary on May 29 is evidently running higher than generally supposed, judging from the number of persons registered during the last week of the registration period, which ended at sundown Saturday. More than 130 new voters had their names added to the books, a summary shows, with quite a number transferring their voting place from one precinct to another, and some 20 or more changing their party affiliation.

There was a big rush to register in Scuppernon Township last Saturday, according to the register there. New registrations totaled 74 for the two-week period, most of them coming the last day, and 14 persons changed their party affiliation from Republican to Democratic as well as 2 Democrats changing to the Republican party. Scuppernon has a three-way battle for county commissioner and one of the three candidates for county representative is from that precinct, probably accounting for the interest being shown there.

Registration at other precincts in the county have been reported as follows:

Plymouth No. 1: 17 new registrations, several transfers and 2 changes of party affiliation.

Plymouth No. 2: Mrs. C. A. Cratch, registrar, was out of town yesterday and could not be reached, but prior to last week-end, 8 persons had registered, several others had transferred from other precincts and one person changed his party affiliation.

Lees Mill: Mrs. T. W. Norman, registrar, said yesterday that she had 11 new registrations, 5 transfer and one change of party affiliation.

Skinnerville: Registrar J. A. Goodman reports 15 new registrations, a few transfers and 3 changes in party affiliation.

Wenona: H. J. Furbee reported 2 new registrations, 2 transferred out of the precinct and a total registration of 57 in that precinct at the time the books closed Saturday.

Bids Announced For Wool Sale

A top price of nearly 60 cents per pound was bid last Saturday for wool to be offered at the wool pool to be held in Washington on Monday and Tuesday, June 21 and 22, County Agent W. H. Pruden was advised this week. Since independent buyers have been paying only 45 to 50 cents per pound, county agents cooperating in the pool feel that it will pay producers to deliver their wool at the Washington pool.

Bids were received last Saturday, National Spinning Company, of Washington, submitting highest bids as follows: Clear wool, 5930, light burry, 5230, medium burry, 4730, heavy burry, 4330, stained, 5230, coarse, 5230, rejects and black, 4230, lambs, 4330 and tags, 0900. Producers will receive on the day their wool is delivered the above prices, less 2 cents per pound for handling.

Two Doe Deer Come To Town

Two doe deer, heavy with fawn, came across the Roanoke River and literally "took over" the west end of the Water Street business district about 6 o'clock Friday morning. They were observed playing around Allen's Service Station, House Chevrolet Company and the Roanoke Beacon office and County Game Protector J. T. Terry was called.

He ran one of them back across the river. The other got tangled up in a wire fence and was captured by the game warden and a couple of helpers. Mr. Terry put the captured doe in his car and carried her up toward the Warren Neck swamp, where she was released. It is believed the deer were driven from their habitat by the high northeast winds which started backing the water up in the swamp.

Produce Auction Market Here To Open on May 31st

Snap Beans, Some Cabbage And Potatoes Expected First; Joe Moyer Employed as Auctioneer

The Plymouth Produce Auction Market will open for business on Monday, May 31, it was announced this week by W. T. Freeman, one of the operators. The opening date was definitely set after a survey of the district to be served indicated that snap beans, some cabbage and Irish potatoes could be expected to be ready for marketing by that time.

The three operators of the market, James H. Ward, W. M. Darden and Mr. Freeman, have worked out plans for handling the sales. Mr. Ward will be in charge of the office, Mr. Darden will see that marketing rules are observed by sellers and buyers, and Mr. Freeman will be in charge of the container warehouse, located across Brinkley Avenue from the C. C. Lang plant.

Two government inspectors and graders will be on hand opening day, and additional graders will be secured later as they are needed as the season progresses, it was stated. A number of buyers are expected to be here on opening day, and about 40 to 50 firms have indicated they will be represented on the market during the season.

Signs are to be erected on all highways leading into Plymouth directing produce sellers to follow a definite route to the market. Produce carriers will use the truck lane, leaving Highway 64 at the end of Monroe Street. They will proceed north to Brinkley Avenue, turning left on that

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Father of Roper Patrolman Dies

Irving L. Morton, retired horticulturist and resident of Williamston for the past three years, died suddenly from a heart attack at the Roper home of his son, Patrolman Earl Morton, Sunday morning. Although he had been in poor health for some time, he was fairly active until last Saturday, when a heart condition from which he suffered was aggravated by the injury of a 5-year-old grandchild in an accident in Williamston.

He was born in Newport, Carteret County, 81 years ago on February 18, 1873. He lived in Wilson for about 45 years before locating in Williamston with another son, W. Edward Morton, about three years ago. His wife, the former Miss Ellen Johnson, died in 1949.

He was a member of the First Christian Church in Wilson for many years. Funeral services were conducted in Wilson Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Dr. Cecil Jarman, pastor of the Christian Church, and interment followed in Maplewood Cemetery there.

Mr. Morton is survived by eight sons, Charles Morton, of Raleigh, Luther Morton of Greenville, I. L. Morton of Washington, D. C., "Red" Morton of Florence, S. C., Otis Morton of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Earl Morton, of Roper, Vernon Morton of Wilson, and Edward Morton of Williamston; one daughter, Miss Louise Morton of Wilson; a brother, Clim Manly Morton of Fort Lauderdale; a sister, Mrs. Annie Tugwell of Charlotte; 16 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

County Schools To Close Current Term on May 31st

SECTION OF SCHOOL ART EXHIBIT HERE



This shows the Wildlife section of the Washington County Schools art exhibition held in the Plymouth High School gymnasium Wednesday and Thursday of last week. Hundreds of drawings, paintings, articles of cutwork, sculpture, carvings, modeling and handicraft were displayed and viewed by students, parents and other friends of the schools. There were a number of exhibits showing exceptional ability, and several of the better ones were selected to remain in the office of the county superintendent.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

Court Decision Halts Planning for Schools

No New Buildings in County Likely Until Full Import of Supreme Court's Decision Is Assessed

So far as Washington County school officials are concerned, the principal immediate effect of the U. S. Supreme Court's momentous decision Monday in ruling out segregation will be to suspend all plans for construction of additional school buildings in the county. County officials are waiting for state school authorities to outline policies to be followed, it was stated here early this week, and it is doubtful that any changes will be made in plans for the school term beginning next fall.

Principals and teachers have already been elected for the next term in most schools, it was explained; and unless they are otherwise notified county officials will go ahead with plans for operating the school the same as in the past. Formal decrees for putting into effect the supreme court's ruling will not even be argued until next October, and opinion generally is that a period of years will be required to make adjustments, reorganize districts and remodel the school system to conform to any orders that may be enforced.

Washington County has made considerable progress in the past few years in its aim to provide "separate but equal" facilities for the two races. County colored high schools were consolidated only at the start of the present term, when the new union school at Roper was used for the first time. This plant is the most modern in the county, and colored

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First Lamb Sale To Be Held Here Tuesday, May 25

Grading and Weighing Will Start at 7 A. M.; County Agent Should Be Notified By Friday

The first county lamb pool of the season will be held here next Tuesday, May 25, at the Atlantic Coast Line pens on East Water Street. Grading and weighing of lambs will begin at 7 o'clock that morning, under supervision of specialists from the extension service and state department of agriculture.

Lambs are expected to be brought here from Tyrrell, Chowan, Washington, Martin, Beaufort, Bertie, Pamlico and possibly some others. County Agent W. H. Pruden is in charge of arrangements for the sale, and those who intend to offer lambs for sale must advise him by tomorrow, May 21, in order that cars may be ordered for shipping the animals.

Last year 634 lambs were sold at the first sale held here, and the agent says he has already been advised that the offerings this year should be about equally as large. Top price last year was \$29 per 100 pounds.

Producers have been advised to sell all the lambs possible at the first sale. Animals held over usually do not thrive after the first of June, and later prices general-

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WASHINGTON COUNTY QUEEN AND RUNNERS-UP



Miss Jane Crofton, who came in second in the queen's contest at the Potato Festival in Elizabeth City last Friday and Saturday, is shown above flanked by runners-up in the contest for Washington County queen, Miss Marguerite Latham (left) and Miss Mary Eleanor Sanderson (right). Miss Crofton is wearing the potato-sack gown with the official emblem of the festival. Miss Betty Ann Burnham, who won the festival queen's contest last year, reigned over the festivities Friday until the new queen Miss Peggy Harrell of Hertford, was selected.—Weaver Studio photo.

Programs and Speakers for Closing Exercises Announced for Both White and Colored Schools

Washington County school children and teachers are in the midst of preparations for commencement exercises at the four county high schools. Monday, May 31, is the final day of the current school term, and more than 3,200 children, white and colored, are looking forward to the start of their summer vacation period after that date.

First of the commencement programs will be held at Roper High School Sunday, May 23, when the Rev. James L. McAllister, jr., a Roper native will preach the annual sermon for the graduating class in the school auditorium at 11 a. m. They continue through May 31 when all the schools except Roper will hold their graduating exercises. Diplomas will be awarded Roper graduates on Friday night, May 28.

Briefly outlined, commencement programs as announced by principals at the various schools this week are as follows:

Plymouth High School: Class night exercises, Friday, May 28, high school auditorium, 8 p. m., presented in form of a play, "Between the Bookends"; commencement sermon, Sunday, May 30, 8 p. m., high school auditorium, by the Rev. Ross J. Allen, secretary of the North Carolina Christian Missionary Society, of Wilson; graduation exercises, Monday, May 31, 8 p. m., in school auditorium.

Roper High School: Commencement sermon, Sunday, May 23, high school auditorium, 11 a. m., by the Rev. James L. McAllister, jr., graduate student in the Department of Religion of Duke University; senior class night program, "A Southern Rosary," Thursday, May 27, 8:15 p. m., school auditorium; graduation exercises and commencement address by the Rev. John Goff, minister of the Williamston Christian Church, Friday, May 28, 8 p. m., in the high school auditorium.

Creswell High School: May Day program and exercises all day Friday, May 28, at high school building; senior class night exercises, Friday, May 28, 8 p. m., in the high school auditorium; annual sermon, Sunday May 30, 8 p. m., in school auditorium, by the Rev. Lewis Styons, pastor of the Roanoke Rapids First Christian Church; graduating exercises and commencement address by Dr. F. Oracion Mixon, president of

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Reunion Sunday Of Allen Family

The descendants of Thomas Respass Allen will hold their annual family reunion at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Allen, 8 miles from Plymouth on Highway 32, next Sunday. The meeting will convene promptly at 11 a. m. There will be plenty of food, a short speech and a general renewing of fellowship and family ties. All relatives and descendants of Thomas Respass Allen are invited to attend.

Leon Whitehurst, of Smithfield, is president of the Allen Reunion.

Driver Is Killed In Auto Accident

Bernice Columbus Halsey, 31-year-old Creswell colored man, was killed in an automobile accident just over the Tyrrell county line early last Saturday morning. Henry Edward Halsey, his cousin and a passenger in the car, was hospitalized with bruises and contusions, but was not seriously hurt, according to Carl Gilchrist, of the State Highway Patrol, who investigated the accident.

According to the patrolman, Columbus Halsey was driver of the car, which ran off the highway into a tree and ricocheted into a canal. The accident happened about 12:30 Saturday morning, one-half mile east of the Tyrrell-Washington County line. The driver died about two hours later in the hospital at Columbia. Henry Halsey, the passenger, said he was asleep on the back seat and could give no details as to the cause.

A coroner's inquest is to be held as soon as Henry Halsey is able to attend and testify. Patrolman Gilchrist said it was the first traffic fatality in Tyrrell County in three years.