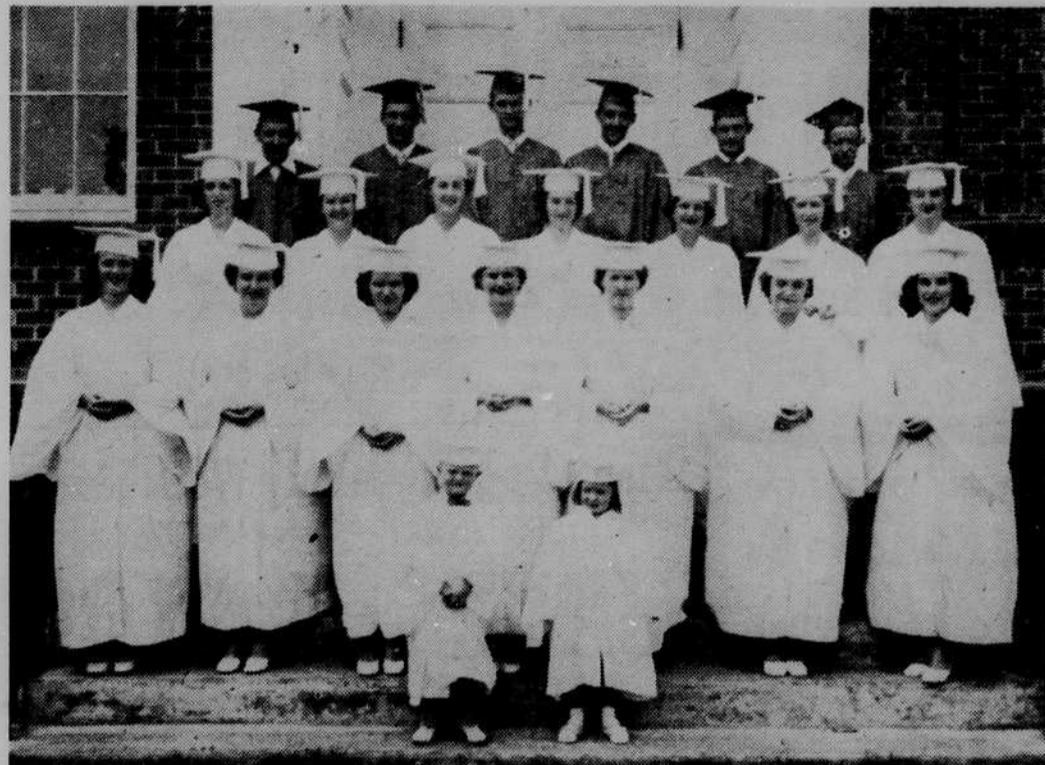


MEMBERS OF GRADUATING CLASS AT CRESWELL HIGH SCHOOL



Above are the 20 members of the Creswell High School senior class and the two mascots. Graduating exercises will be held in the school auditorium there Monday night at 8 o'clock...

Miss Marion J. Chesson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Chesson, of the Pleasant Grove section, graduated at East Carolina College Monday, receiving the degree of bachelor of science...

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Hohl and son, Donald, of Sylacauga, Ala., visited friends here for several days last week. Mr. Hohl was a tour foreman for the North Carolina Pulp Company here for a number of years before accepting a similar position with the Coosa River Paper Company in Sylacauga in 1949...

Washington County ABC store will be closed all day Saturday, since it is primary day, Manager W. C. Styons announced yesterday. He said, however, that the store would not be closed Monday in observance of National Memorial Day.

C. A. Fink, of Salisbury, president of the State Federation of Labor, was a visitor in Plymouth the first of the week. He spoke at meetings of several local unions Monday and Tuesday nights. Although he made no blanket endorsement of any candidates, he did say that the outlook was very favorable for candidates favored generally by labor in the primary Saturday.

Game Protector Tom Terry and Clarence Ainsley went fishing on Deep Creek down in Tyrrell County Monday. They caught a grand total of two bass and three bream, but the singular part of the yarn is that Mr. Terry caught both bass at one time on his fly rod. He was fishing two small bream flies when the two bass struck at the same time. One of them weighed a pound and eight ounces and the other a pound and 13 ounces. Trouble with Tom is he's associating with other fishermen too much.

New Records Set At Sale of Lambs Here on Tuesday

Growers Receive Over \$15,777 for 1,019 Animals Offered; Three Shipments Made to Buyers

The most successful lamb pool ever held in Plymouth was that on Tuesday, according to County Agent W. H. Pruden, who was in charge of arrangements. A total of 1,019 sheep weighing 78,040 pounds, brought the producers a total of \$15,777.52.

Prices ranged from \$26.75 per hundredweight for choice lambs down to \$3 for common ewes, only one of the latter weighing 95 pounds being shipped. Bulk of the offerings graded choice and good, there being 263 in the former and 240 in the latter categories.

Prices were somewhat lower than they were at the first sale last year, but this had been anticipated by most producers. The number offered for sale was by far the greatest ever at a lamb sale here, totaling 1,019 against 653 last year, which was a record to that time. Total amount received was also much greater this year, being \$15,777.52, against \$10,285.50 a year ago.

Livestock and marketing specialists from the State and Federal Departments of Agriculture and the State Extension Service helped to grade and inspect the animals at the sale Tuesday. Three shipments were made, two of them to the United Dressed Beef Company in Brooklyn, N. Y., and one to New England Dressed Meat & Wool Company, Somerville, Mass. All of the good and choice and many of the medium grade lambs were shipped to the Brooklyn concern.

County agents from surrounding counties cooperated in making plans for the sale.

Poppy Sale Planned Here Saturday

Plans have been completed for sale of poppies here Saturday, May 29 it was announced Tuesday by Mrs. Dallas Waters, president of the local American Legion Auxiliary. The little red artificial flowers, made by disabled veterans of World Wars I and II, will be worn in honor of the nation's war dead.

School Here To Start Finals Friday Night

Polls Will Open At 6:30 Saturday

Voters in the primary Saturday of this week will have exactly 12 hours in which to cast their ballots. The polls open at 6:30 in the morning and close at 6:30 that evening. Voters are reminded that the old voting hours of sunrise to sunset no longer apply, and the polls will close promptly at 6:30.

Registrars and judges of election are required to report to polling places at 6 a. m., in order to prepare the booths and arrange the voting space.

Polling places for the six county precincts are as follows: Plymouth No. 1, courthouse; Plymouth No. 2, high school building; Lees Mill, community building in Roper; Skimmersville, J. A. Goodman's store at the "Y"; Scuppernon, tax collector's office in Creswell; and Wenona, residence of H. J. Furbee.

Closing Programs At Roper School Now in Progress

Class Night Program Tonight, Followed by Graduation Exercises Friday; Sermon Last Sunday

The commencement sermon for the Roper High School graduating class was preached last Sunday morning by the Rev. James L. McAllister, Roper native and graduate of the Roper High School. Mr. McAllister is now a graduate student in the department of religion at Duke University, Durham, and his remarks were heard with interest by members of the class and an appreciative congregation in the school auditorium. "Know the truth and the truth will make you free" was the theme of his discourse.

Class night exercises will be held in the high school auditorium Thursday night of this week at 8:15. It is in the form of a play, "A Southern Rosary," to be presented in two acts, with all members of the senior class taking part.

Graduating exercises will be held Friday night at 8 o'clock. See ROPER, Page 5

Class Night Exercises First, Followed by Sermon Sunday and Graduation Program Monday Night

Commencement programs for Plymouth High School were announced complete this week by Principal J. S. Fleming. The exercises get underway Friday night program, followed by the commencement sermon on Sunday night and the graduating exercises Monday night. All programs will be presented in the high school auditorium and begin at 8 o'clock.

Class night exercises Friday night will be presented in the form of a playlet, "Between the Bookends." All members of the senior class take part, with leading roles as follows: Bookends, Jane Crofton and Lynette Barber; historian, Harlee Lyon; class president, Dwight Kelly; statistician, Jo Hobbs; poet, Harold Hart; prophet, Gail Hardison; gifforian, Frances Alexander; testator, Wells Rodgers; and lyric composer, Sandra Estep. Miss Beulah Cratch will be pianist.

Program for the commencement sermon Sunday night at 8 o'clock is as follows: Processional, "God of Our Fathers," glee club and congregation; Doxology, congregation; invocation, the Rev. J. H. Hodges; hymn, "Come Thou Almighty King," congregation; Scripture reading, the Rev. E. M. Spruill; anthem, glee club; prayer, the Rev. P. B. Nickless; introduction of minister, the Rev. C. N. Barnett; sermon by the Rev. Ross J. Allen, secretary North Carolina Christian Missionary Society, of Wilson; hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy," congregation; benediction, the Rev. D. L. Fouts; recessional, "Largo," Edward Taylor is music director.

Program for the graduation exercises Monday night follows: Processional, March on "Aida"; invocation, the Rev. C. N. Barnett; choral selections, glee club; salutatory, "The Frontiers of Tomorrow," Eugene Waters; "Courage for Freedom," Barbara McNair; "Our Future Lies Ahead," Harlee Lyon; presentation of diplomas, A. L. Owens, chairman school committee; school awards, R. F. Lowry, county school superintendent; American Legion awards, P. B. Bateman; valedictory, "Our National Symbol," Eleanor Ann Kinard; benediction, the Rev. E. M. Spruill; recessional, "Coronation March."

There are 41 members of the graduating class, 25 girls and 16 boys, who will receive their diplomas at the graduation exercises Monday night.

County Has First Highway Fatality Of Year Saturday

Johnny Stewart Myers, 30, Roper Colored Laborer, Victim; Driver Charged With Manslaughter

Johnny Stewart Myers, 30-year old colored laborer of Roper, became Washington County's first traffic fatality of 1954 about 12:30 last Saturday morning, when he was almost instantly killed in an automobile accident in the Skimmersville section. Myers, passenger in an automobile driven by Jesse Moore, 32, also of Roper, had his throat cut when he plunged into the windshield as the car hit another parked on the old Plymouth-Columbia highway in the Skimmersville section.

According to Highway Patrolman Earl Morton, of Roper, who investigated, the car in which Myers was riding ran into a parked car, occupied by James Moore, jr., and a colored girl who was not identified. The car of James Moore, jr., was knocked ahead into another car, also parked on the highway in front of the residence of James Moore, sr. Myers died within a few minutes from loss of blood.

Jesse Moore, driver of the death car, was arrested and charged with drunken driving and manslaughter. He entered pleas of guilty to both charges in record-keeping court here Tuesday. He was fined \$100 for drunken driving and ordered held for superior court on probable cause of manslaughter, with bond fixed at \$1,000.

Jesse Moore told the patrolman the car occupied by James Moore, jr., and the girl stopped suddenly without warning, but the officer said other witnesses testified the latter car was not moving.

The accident was the first this year on a Washington County highway and the first since 1952 to occur outside of town limits. There was one fatality last year, but it occurred inside the corporate limits of Roper. In 1952 there were four fatalities on county highways.

Lions Will Sell Brooms and Mats

The Plymouth Lions Club will sponsor a broom sale Thursday and Friday of this week to raise money for their blind fund. A house-to-house and store-to-store canvass is planned by the Lions, with teams of three being assigned to all part of the town, according to J. W. Allen, chairman of the broom sale committee.

Three types of brooms will be offered by the Lion canvassers: House brooms, which sell for \$1.50; a larger broom at \$1.75; and a mill broom at \$2.10. They will also have door mats that sell for \$2.10.

All brooms and mats were made by blind workers at Guilford Industries in Greensboro. After paying for the brooms and mats, all profit made by the Lions Club will go to the fund used by the club in blind work. Plymouth people are urged to buy a broom and mat from the Lions, that all profits will go to a worthy cause.

Voters Will Name Representative Saturday in Only County Contest

Number of District and State Races To Be Decided; Scott Apparently Ahead In Senate Contest

Contests for district and state offices are creating proportionately more interest this year than usual, due to the fact that there is only one strictly county race in the primary Saturday. However, all the interest put together is much less than usually displayed in this county, and it is believed that not more than 1,500 to 1,800 votes will be cast.

There are three candidates for two places as state senators from the second senatorial district, which is comprised of seven counties. Edward L. Owens, Plymouth attorney and landowner, is one of the candidates, lending some additional interest to the contest in this county. The other two are L. H. Ross, of Washington, and Martin Kellogg, jr., of Manteo, both lawyers.

Mr. Ross, being from the largest county in the district, is regarded as having the inside track, with Mr. Owens and Mr. Kellogg battling it out for the other position. Owens probably will lead in this county, as will Kellogg in Dare, but just how they stack up in the other counties of the district are not known. The other counties are Martin, Hyde, Tyrrell and Pamlico.

There are two candidates for solicitor of the second judicial district, Elbert S. Peel, of Williamson, and Hubert E. May, of Nashville. There are but five counties in the district, Washington, Martin, Edgecombe, Wilson and Nash. Peel, being from the neighboring county of Martin, is expected to pull a large vote here but he has a real battle ahead in this county.

Fire Here Saturday Does Little Damage Building

Local firemen were called out about 4 o'clock last Saturday afternoon, when a warehouse building at the old Bassinger Machine Shop caught fire. One corner of the building was ablaze when the firemen arrived but was quickly extinguished with relatively little damage being done.

Fire Chief Miller Warren said he was unable to determine origin of the fire.

Plan School on Combines Here Next Tuesday Night

The Miller Warren Implement Company is sponsoring a school on the care and maintenance of combines and tractors here next Tuesday night, June 1, at 8 o'clock. A representative of the Allis-Chalmers Company will be here to conduct the school, and all farmers are invited to attend.

Mr. Warren first announced the school would start at 7 p. m. Tuesday, and his ads so state in this paper. However, it was later decided not to start until 8 o'clock. The session will last for about an hour and a half, he said.

Final Parade of Year For High School Band

The Plymouth High School Band made its final appearance of the 1953-54 school year at the Shrine Ceremonial parade in Greenville yesterday morning. Band members left in a chartered bus yesterday morning and returned late that afternoon after parading at noon.

Band members last week enjoyed their trip to Washington, where they took part in the Jaycee Festival parade at 4 p. m. Friday afternoon. No other concerts or parades are planned before the end of the school term Monday.

Director Edward Taylor said yesterday that the band had made a lot of progress and he expects it to do even better next fall. Only four or five members of the group will be lost by graduation, he stated.

Mr. Taylor said the band still needed a lot of equipment, which he said they should be able to get in another year. Last fall the band had to have uniforms, which cost well up toward \$4,000. The director said he was well pleased with the cooperation he had received during his first year here.

Good Sales Expected For Market Opening

Crop Prospect Improve With Warmer Weather; Demand for Snap Beans Said Steady at Present

James H. Ward and W. T. Freeman, two of the operators of the Plymouth Auction Market, said yesterday they were looking for a sizeable amount of produce to be here next Monday for first sales on the local market. The auction is scheduled to begin at 10 a. m., with Joe Moye, of Robertsonville, veteran tobacco auctioneer, crying the sales.

Crop prospects in this section have improved materially in this section in the past few days with the advent of warmer weather, they said, and they expect a good volume of beans, with possibly some potatoes and cabbage, to be offered. The bean market in particular is said to be strong at this time, with producers getting about \$2.50 per bushel hamper and the demand steady.

Messrs. Ward and Freeman and W. M. Darden, third member of the firm, estimated yesterday that there are about 1,500 acres of beans in the 18-county territory to be served by the market. They also estimated cucumber acreage at 1,500, tomatoes at another 1,500, squash about 500, and peppers around 3,000 acres. They also expected to handle Irish potatoes, corn, lima beans, okra, some eggplant and watermelons and cantaloupes during the season.

Mr. Freeman said they were receiving many inquiries from buyers using new containers and packing them fully. They stated that bean hampers and other containers would be available at the market.

PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL TO HAVE 41 GRADUATES THIS YEAR



There are 41 members of the Plymouth High School Senior Class who will graduate this year and only one, Yvonne Smithwick, was absent when the photograph above was made last week. They will receive their diplomas at the final exercises to be held in the school auditorium next Monday night at 8 o'clock. Those in the picture above are, left to right, front row: Gail Hardison, Peggy Warwick, Phyllis Stotesberry, Sandra Estep, Jane Crofton, Lena Bennett; second row: Shirley Daniels, Joyce Jefferson, Frances Alexander, Louise Satterthwaite, Joyce Roberson, Polly Hamilton; third row: Lynette Barber, Jo Hobbs, Eleanor Ann Kinard, Gail Harrison, Alice Humphreys, Barbara Ann Oliver; fourth row: Gladys Adams, Lois Allen, Barbara McNair, Pat Ange, Ina Faye Wells, Ruby Lee; boys, fifth row: Richard Allen, William Earl Phelps, Dwight Kelly; sixth row: Billy Ray West, Tom Sawyer, Harlee Lyon, Eugene Waters, Joseph Hardison, Paul Ange; seventh row: Billy Sexton, Wayne Simpson, Wells Rodgers, Harlan Folkerts; eighth row: Harold Hart, Ken Trowbridge, Shelton Jethro.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

Scuppernon To Choose County Commissioner in Only Other Local Race; Light Vote Is Expected

A very light vote is expected to be cast in Washington County Saturday, when Democrats go to the polls to choose nominees for county, district and state offices. There is only one county-wide contest for a local office, three candidates being in the running for representative to the General Assembly, and consequently there has been very little interest displayed in the coming primary thus far.

In addition to the race for county representative, voters in Scuppernon Township will choose a county commissioner from among three aspirants; and there are a host of district and state offices for which nominees are to be selected. Candidates for six county offices who had no opposition have already been certified as Democratic nominees.

There are no Republican candidates for any of the county offices, and no contests among Republicans for state and district offices, so Republicans will have no part in the primary this year.

Main interest on a county-wide basis is centered in the race for representative. E. O. Arnold, of Skimmersville, and Ben A. Sumner, of Plymouth, are former representatives who are seeking to return to that office; with Dr. J. M. Phelps, of Creswell, who has never run for elective office before, the third candidate. W. J. Woolard, who served as representative in the 1953 General Assembly is not a candidate this year.

Mr. Sumner served in the 1943 legislature, while Mr. Arnold was representative in 1949. All three of the candidates have been working hard, especially during the past two or three weeks, and it is possible that they will get out more votes than was thought possible a few weeks ago.

In Scuppernon Township, See COUNTY, Page 8

Creswell School's Closing Programs Will Begin Friday

May Day Program and Class Night To Be Followed by Sermon Sunday and Graduation Monday Night

Commencement exercises at Creswell High School get underway Friday of this week, with an all-day May Day program followed by the senior class night exercises in the school auditorium at 8 p. m. The commencement sermon follows at 8 p. m. on Sunday, May 30; with graduation exercises scheduled for Monday night, May 31, also at 8 o'clock. All programs will be held in the school auditorium except for part of the May Day exercises tomorrow.

The class night exercises Friday. See CRESWELL, Page 5

Eight Injured, One Critically, in Car Wreck Last Week

Miss Gladys Bateman of Plymouth Most Seriously Hurt in Accident Near Here Last Week

Miss Gladys Bateman, 18, of Plymouth, was critically injured and seven other persons were seriously hurt in a head-on collision between two cars on the Folly Road about five miles from Plymouth during a driving rain last Thursday night. Miss Bateman, who received a compound fracture of the jaw and other injuries about the head, was removed from the Washington County Hospital to a Norfolk hospital Friday morning, and reports yesterday were that her condition was still considered critical.

Four of those injured, including the drivers of both cars, were Marines from the Edenton base, and they were taken to the base hospital Friday morning. Others injured were from Roper and included Miss Grace Trueblood, sprains and abrasions; her sister, Miss Pat Trueblood, broken arm, sprains and contusions; and Miss Ramona Barnes, sprains and bruises.

The injured Marines were Benjamin Louis Jenkins, driver of one car, lacerations and bruises; Richard Len Hoffman, driver of the other car, also lacerations and bruises; Richard C. Curfiss, fractured skull; and Alex Tomilo, who suffered minor injuries. They were brought to the county hospital here after the accident and removed to the base hospital at Edenton Friday morning.

According to Highway Patrolman Earl Morton, of Roper, who investigated the accident, the cars met head-on on a curve on the Folly Road about a mile off U. S. 64 at 11 o'clock Thursday night. Hoffman and Miss Barnes were in one car, with Jenkins driving, and the other six were in the other car, with Jenkins driving. It was said to have been raining hard at the time, and neither car was being operated at an excessive rate of speed.

Both drivers were cited to recorder's court, Jenkins for reckless driving and Hoffman because his windshield wiper was not in operating condition. Their cases were continued Tuesday, pending recovery from injuries of the drivers and witnesses.