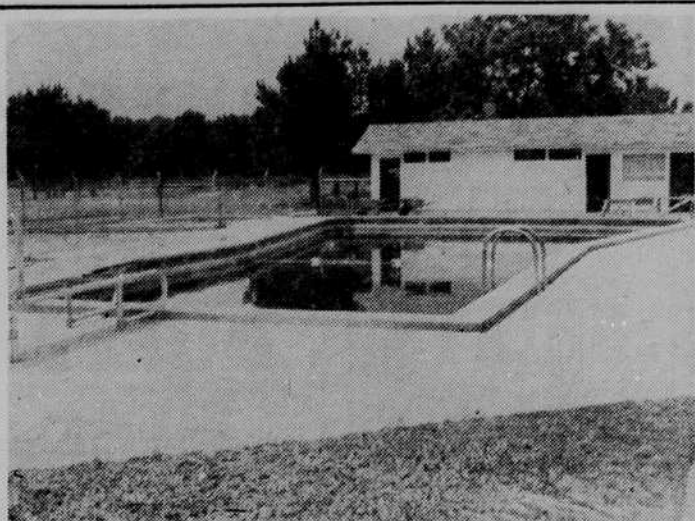


COUNTRY CLUB POOL JUST ABOUT COMPLETED



Although all the filtering and chlorinating equipment has not been received and installed, the new swimming pool at the Country Club of Plymouth has been "tried out" by a number of members already. It is expected to be ready for formal opening about June 15. Practically all construction work, including the concession stand and shower rooms in the background, has been completed.

1954 Town Tax Rate Is \$2, Same as Before

HERE NEXT WEEK



Dr. R. T. Daniel, professor of Old Testament interpretation at Southeastern Theological Seminary, will preach in revival services at the Ludford Memorial Baptist Church all next week. Dr. Daniel is recognized as one of the foremost scholars of the Old Testament.

Young Farmer To Get Instructions

Billy Sexton, of Plymouth, has been chosen to represent Washington County at the short course in modern farming to be held at N. C. State College, Raleigh, on June 21-27.

The course will be conducted by the School of Agriculture at N. C. State College and is sponsored by the Agricultural committee of the North Carolina Bankers Association, of which both Plymouth banks are members.

County Agent W. H. Pruden, of Plymouth, in commenting on the selection of young Sexton to take the course, stated his belief that the young man would profit greatly by the instruction offered.

Call for Eleven Men for July 12

Both pre-induction and induction calls on Local Board No. 95 here are slated for July 12. Mrs. Lorraine Hunter, board clerk, reports. Eight registrants of the board are due to be sent by bus to the Raleigh Reception Center at that time for their pre-induction examinations, and three men have been called for induction on that date.

Official Returns Certified After Canvass Monday

Scott Had Clear Majority for Senator; Owens and Ross Nominated as Second District Senators

Official returns for the primary on May 29 were certified Monday following a canvass by the state board of elections in Raleigh. The figures showed that W. Kerr Scott had a majority over six opponents for the regular term of U. S. Senator, although he failed by a small margin of receiving a majority for the short term, which lasts only from the time of the election in November until Congress convenes in January, a period of about two months.

Although Scott failed of a majority for the short term, it is understood that Senator Alton Lennon will not exercise his right to call for a second primary for the two-month term. Thus Scott is expected to go to Washington shortly after the election in November.

The final official vote showed Scott received 312,053 votes for the regular term. Senator Lennon received 286,730 and the vote of the other five candidates was as follows: Alvin Wingfield, jr., 7,999; Henry L. Sprinkle, 2,548; W. M. Bostick, 1,293; A. E. Turner, 2,361; and Olla Ray Boyd, 1,674.

For the short term Scott received 274,674 votes to 264,265 for Lennon, 12,312 for Wingfield and 5,013 for Sprinkle. Turner, Bostick and Boyd did not file for the short term.

The state canvass also showed that Solicitor Elbert S. Peel, of Williamston, received a majority of 4,101 in the race for second district solicitor; and also that Edward L. Owens, of Plymouth, and L. H. Ross, of Washington, were winners in the race for second district state senators.

The vote for second district solicitor was as follows: Peel, 15,355; Hubert E. May, of Nashville, 11,254. In the second senatorial district the official vote was: Ross, 8,130; Owens, 5,916; and Martin Kellogg, jr., of Manteo, 4,296. Since there are two senators from the second district, Ross and Owens were nominated.

Father of Local Woman Passes in Kinston Hospital

Funeral services were held from Deep Run First Baptist Church, near Kinston, last Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. for Mark N. Smith, father of Mrs. Carlyle Hall, of Plymouth.

Two From County Graduate at UNC

Two Washington County young people were among the 1600 who received degrees at the 160th commencement exercises at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill Monday night. They are Miss Constance Williford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Williford, of Plymouth, who received the degree of bachelor of arts in history.

Mr. Smith was engaged in extensive farming operations and maintained an active interest in civic and church affairs as long as his health permitted. Among his several positions of trust were listed that of county commissioner for a period of 12 years and membership on the Deep Run school committee. He was a member of Pleasant Hill Lodge of the Masonic Order, former deacon of Bethel Baptist Church and one of the founders as well as a charter member and active deacon of Deep Run Church.

Graduation exercises were held in Kenan stadium, with Dr. Andrew J. Warren, director of the Rockefeller Foundation's division of medicine and public health, as the principal speaker. Mr. and Mrs. Pritchett, of Creswell, and Mr. and Mrs. Williford, of Plymouth, were among those in attendance at the finals program.

Board Agrees To Erect Classrooms At Colored School

Education Board Takes Action Monday for Four New Classrooms and Lunch-room "Soon as Possible"

After discussion concerning the need for classrooms at Plymouth Colored School to replace the old, dilapidated wooden building, the county education board, in regular session here Monday, voted unanimously that construction of four classrooms and a lunchroom on the campus of the school be carried out "as soon as possible."

Motion was offered by Board Member J. W. Norman, of Plymouth, and seconded by Plymouth's other representative on the five-man board, Mrs. K. S. Trowbridge. A special survey committee had reported March 10th of this year that this was an immediate need for the school.

The education board also authorized confirming of the sale of the much-auctioned Macedonia School property which finally went to A. M. Kochelis on the sixth auction date, May 22, for \$3,300. Kochelis had been the successful high bidder on three other previous occasions but each time the bid was upset by the Macedonia A. M. E. Zion Church.

Twice prior to that, the property had been auctioned. W. T. Freeman being the high bidder each time, but his bid was upset first by D. R. Satterthwaite and later by the church group.

Also settled at the meeting was the matter of a boundary contradiction in the deed for the Brooks School property, sold to Mrs. Mabel Griffin. The board invited both Mrs. Griffin and M. T. Sitterton, who owns land on two sides of the school, to attend the board meeting in order to resolve the difference. The exact present boundaries were then agreed to.

The board members voted to reluctantly accept the resignation of Mrs. Georgie Frost Barnes as supervisor of county schools and to extend profound thanks to the splendid work accomplished during her tenure. Mrs. Barnes resigned effective June 15 to return to her home at Lucama, because of illness in the family.

Can Volunteer at Local Board Office, Courthouse

Any person of draft age who would like to volunteer for the Armed Forces may do so at the Selective Service Board office in the basement of the courthouse here, Mrs. Lorraine Hunter, clerk to the board, advises.

Mrs. Hunter stated this week that she is allowed to send only 10 per cent of any given call in volunteers and that consequently she now has two volunteers who have not had opportunity to be sent.

Joint Meeting of Posts, Auxiliaries Here Friday

The James E. Jethro post of the American Legion, the Bosie Bate-man post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and auxiliaries of the two posts will hold a joint meeting at the Veterans Club here Friday night of this week, it is announced.

The announcement came from the commanders of the posts, Ronald Waters of the Legion and Melvin Boyd of the VFW.

A discussion on the current building fund is on the agenda, it was said, and it is hoped that a full attendance of the membership will be realized. Both commanders stressed the importance of the meeting, set to begin at 8 o'clock.

County Budget Approved; Tax Rate Remains at \$1.70

Vaccination Schedule In County Is Outlined

The complete schedule for typhoid, smallpox, whooping cough and diphtheria vaccinations in Washington County was announced this week by the County Health Department.

Vaccinations will be given each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon at the Health Department in Plymouth—located at the County Home—from 1 p. m. to 4:30 p. m., according to Miss Elizabeth Wood, county health nurse.

The county-wide schedule was released as follows: Thursday, June 17, 24 and July 1—Macedonia Colored School, 9:

9:30 a. m.; Dick Chesson Store, Westover, 10-10:45 a. m.; Will Davenport Store, Mackeys, 11-11:20 a. m.; T. W. Tarkenton Store, Pleasant Grove, 11:30 a. m. to 12 noon; Friday, June 18, 25 and July 2—Wiley Radcliffe Store, Wenona, 9-9:30 a. m.; Free Will Baptist Church, Long Ridge Road, 9-4:15-10:15 a. m.; Roper Community House, 10:45 a. m. to 12:15 p. m.; Johnson Spruill Store, Newland Road, 1-1:30 p. m.; Creswell Sandwich Shop, 1:45-2:30 p. m.; Seapernong Christian Church, 2-4:30-3:15 p. m.; A. R. Patrick Store, 3:30-4 p. m.

In Regular Monthly Session Commissioners Pass on Budget Matters, Hear Reports

The county commissioners approved budgets for the Division of Forestry, farm and home agents, welfare assistance to the blind, old age assistance and the general county budget during their regular monthly session here Monday, and voted that the county tax rate remain at \$1.70 on the \$100 valuation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1955. The rate has remained unchanged for the past nine years.

Both the budget and tax rate are subject to review and approval of the Local Government Commission at Raleigh, but this is expected to be a mere formality.

The tax rate is set on the basis of .10 for general county fund; .15 for poor fund; .10 for health fund; .075 for the county's share of farm and home demonstration agents' salaries; .055 for fire protection; .08 for property revaluation; .035 for old age assistance; .02 for aid to dependent children; .035 for aid to P.T.D. Fund; .36 for current school expense; .09 for school capital outlay; and .60 for debt service.

Changes were made in seven categories. The rate for general county fund was reduced from .20 the preceding year; rate for county's share of farm and home demonstration agents' salaries was raised from .07; fire protection rate lowered from .06; revaluation rate lowered from .10; school current expense raised from .325; school capital outlay lowered from .125; and debt service raised from .48.

Estimated property valuation is \$10,500,000 and the amount of tax levy is listed as \$178,500. Total budget requirements are listed in the estimate at \$271,381.56, while estimated revenue other than the tax levy is put at \$128,561.56, leaving \$142,800 tax levy needed to balance the budget. The estimated amount uncollectible taxes and discount is \$35,700, bringing the total levy to the amount of \$178,500.

The county's outstanding debt as of July 1 of this year is listed at \$469,000.

On motion of Commissioner H. L. Davenport, seconded by A. R. Latham, it was voted to reject the bid of Arthur R. Spruill made at public auction May 10th for a 160 acre tract of land—Register—See BUDGET, Page 12

William K. Ach Receives Degree at Belmont Abbey

William K. Ach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward K. Ach, 40 Linden Street, Plymouth, received his A.B. degree at the 76th commencement exercises at Belmont Abbey College, Belmont, Tuesday of last week.

Earlier in the year, young Mr. Ach was elected to "Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges," and also was elected to Alpha Omega Sigma honor society of the college.

Presiding at the graduation exercises last week was the Most Rev. Paul Yu-Pin, archbishop of Nanking, China. The Hon. James A. Farley, of New York City, former Postmaster General of the United States, gave the address to the graduates.

Beam Given Pin For Bond Sales

H. E. Beam, vice president of the Branch Banking & Trust Company here, was honored last Thursday night for about 14 years' service as Washington County chairman of the war and savings bond program. At the request of the state chairman of the bond program for the U. S. Treasury Department, the Plymouth Lions Club presented Mr. Beam with a lapel pin denoting his lengthy service.

The presentation was made by Z. V. Norman, Mr. Beam, in responding, reviewed the bond program in this county, from its inception in the early 40's up to the present time. He said people of Washington County met their quota in all war bond drives except one, and that there were more than a million and a half in bonds outstanding at this time.

Hubert M. Ange, Lions Club president, presided at the meeting, which was held at the Mayflower Restaurant. It was announced that new officers of the club would be installed at the next meeting, on June 17.

The county farm agent, W. H. Pruden, and the home agent, Mrs. Frances M. Darden, both of whom have been away from their offices this week attending the annual Farm and Home Week at State College, Raleigh, are expected to return sometime Friday of this week.

During a recent campaign to raise money for some improvements at his church, Raymond Smith pledged \$100,000, stipulating it was to be paid off at the rate of 25 cents per week. He said Tuesday he still hadn't figured out how old he would be before the pledge was paid in full but he had a sneaking suspicion Methuselah's lifetime wouldn't hardly give him a running start.

Local Youngster Suffers Bad Cut in Fall on Boat

George Smith, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Smith, received a serious cut on his left leg just below the knee last Friday. He was taking an outboard motor off a boat when he slipped and fell, his knee being cut on a glass bottle in the boat.

The accident occurred at Germantown Bay, near Leechville, where Mr. Smith and two of his sons had been fishing. The youngster was brought back to the hospital here, where Dr. E. W. Furgerson took more than a dozen stitches to close the cut. George remained in the hospital over the week-end, but was said yesterday to be about ready to return home.

Plymouth Young Man Is Graduate at Fishburne

Cadet Sgt. Donald H. Somerville, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Somerville, of Plymouth, was graduated May 30 at Fishburne Military School at Waynesboro, Va. Diplomas were presented to cadets following the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday.

During his senior year Cadet Somerville was football manager and a member of the fencing, basketball and track teams, the YMCA and glee club. His escort for the concluding exercises was Miss Dolly Stover, of Waynesboro, who presented him formally with his Fishburne class ring at the final ball on Saturday night.

Crop Measurements Now Half Complete

Two additional rotometer operators were added this week to the clerical staff in the county performance work now at the halfway mark in this county. Deadline for completion of the big acreage-measurement project is June 30. Secretary Miriam Ausbon of the county ASC office here stated Wednesday that the job should be finished by the 25th.

Misses Louise Spruill, of Creswell, and Marianna Respass, of Wenona, assumed their duties Monday, joining the staff already

W.C.U.N.C. GRADUATE



MISS DOLLY JOANNE DAVENPORT, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Davenport, jr., of Creswell, received the degree of bachelor of science in secretarial administration at the Women's College of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro Monday of last week. She has accepted a government position in Washington, D. C., and will enter upon her work there next week.

Last Rites Today For Roper Woman

Services will be held at the home Thursday afternoon of this week at 2:30 o'clock for Mrs. Lenora Chesson Taylor, of near Roper.

Widow of the late John S. Taylor of this county, Mrs. Taylor died at 1:45 a. m. Tuesday following a long illness. She had been confined to her bed for four weeks. She was 83.

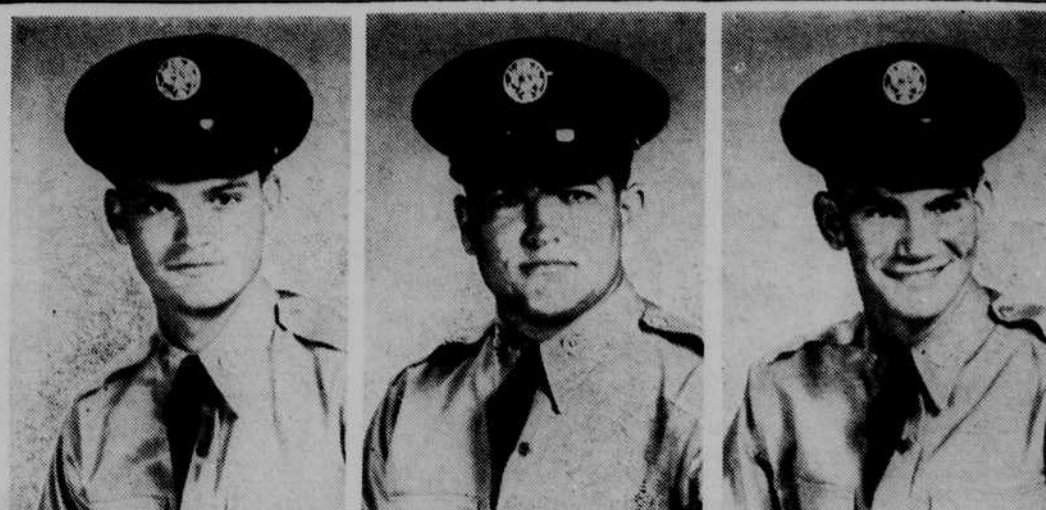
Mrs. Taylor was born in Washington County March 30, 1871, daughter of the late Richard B. and Mary Frances Woodley Chesson. She was a lifelong resident of the county and a member of Zion's Chapel Church of Christ.

She leaves six sons, John Richard, Herbert and Willie Taylor, all of Roper, Elex Taylor, of Pensacola, Florida, Jimmie Taylor, of Hertford, and Stark Taylor, of Hamilton, Virginia; 13 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services will be in charge of the Rev. V. A. Lewis, Roper Methodist minister, assisted by the Rev. H. F. Brown, also of Roper.

Burial will be in Chesson Cemetery near the home.

THREE LOCAL YOUNG MEN COMPLETE BASIC AIR FORCE TRAINING



The three Plymouth youngsters pictured above have completed their Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas. They are, left to right: Exil D. Harper, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Holbrook, 51 Park Avenue; Robert H. Gurganus, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Gurganus, 18 Cranberry Street; and Hugh B. Nash, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Nash, 25 Oakford Avenue. All three were sports stars during their high school days here. Young Harper was an outstanding golfer; while Bobby Gurganus and Hugh Nash were mainstays on Plymouth High School football teams for several years. They will now go into Air Force technical training for assignment in specialized work.—(USAF photos.)