

Town Topics

Miss Janice Somerville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Somerville, of Plymouth, was named to the second semester dean's list of women students at the College of William and Mary at Williamsburg, Va., according to recent announcement by Dean of Women Dorothea Wyatt. Dean Wyatt said that only 173 out of the 787 women students enrolled at the college during the second semester acquired dean's list distinction.

A/C Thomas H. Davenport, jr., who has served a year in North Africa at Sidi Slimane Air Base with the 1975th AACF Squadron, as a senior control tower operator, has been home on a 30-day vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Davenport, Roper Rt. 2. His next assignment is with the 1919-9 AACF at Greenville Air Force Base, Mississippi.

Think it has been hot around here, lately — Walton Allen, of Plymouth, who with his family just returned Tuesday night from a trip to California, says it was 107 degrees in Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Allen and family spent some time with Mrs. Allen's parents in Los Angeles. Mrs. Allen's mother underwent a serious operation sometime ago and her condition is reported somewhat improved.

City Councilman and Mrs. John Forbes Davenport will leave Sunday for Florida and Alabama to visit relatives for two weeks. They are going first to St. Petersburg, Fla., to visit Mrs. Davenport's aunt, Mrs. S. I. Nix, after which they will visit Mrs. Davenport's mother, Mrs. M. B. Vann, in Columbus, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Davenport, their son, Bill, and daughter, Jackie, will leave Tuesday of next week to spend their vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Davenport's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davenport at West Orange, N. J. Mr. Davenport says this will be his first vacation in 28 years. En route the family will stop at various places of interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Kitchens and family are expected home today from Charleston, S. C., where they visited Jimmy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kitchens, sr. Jimmy used Father's Day as a excuse to get away from his business for a brief vacation and visit to his parents all rolled into one. Employees report that business was mighty good while Jimmy was away.

Mrs. W. O. Norman Buried Wednesday

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from Roper Methodist Church for Mrs. Delcie Walker Norman, 69, of Roper. Mrs. Norman, widow of the late Wiley O. Norman, died at 5:30 a. m. Tuesday at an Edenton hospital, following a lengthy illness.

Daughter of the late Thomas and Louise Gaylord Walker, of this county, Mrs. Norman was born here October 11, 1884, and was a lifelong resident of the county. She was a member and regular attendant of Roper Methodist Church.

Services were in charge of the minister, the Rev. V. A. Lewis, assisted by the Rev. E. M. Spruill, rector of Episcopal Churches at Plymouth and Roper. Burial was in Walker Cemetery, Roper. The remains were left at Horners Funeral Home until an hour prior to the service and then taken to the church.

The deceased leaves a son, Thomas W. Norman, of Roper, and three grandchildren.

Truck Heavily Damaged In Accident Wednesday

Patrolman J. E. Morton, of Roper, reported a 1951 Chevrolet pickup a total loss as a result of an accident last Wednesday night on the Sound Beach Road.

According to the report, the driver of the vehicle, Ernest Eugene Lee, of Merry Hill, stated that he was blinded by the lights of an approaching car, lost control of the truck which ran off the roadway into deep sand and overturned. The driver was unhurt.

The truck was listed to D. H. Lee, of Merry Hill.

Schedule 'B' License Tax Is Due July 1st

The Town of Plymouth's Schedule "B" license taxes become due on July 1st. Tax Collector P. W. Brown reminded local business operators this week. Practically all business and professional firms are required to purchase and display such licenses. The licenses are issued for the town's fiscal year, beginning July 1, 1954, and ending June 30, 1955. The tax may be paid and license secured at the office of the city clerk, it was stated.

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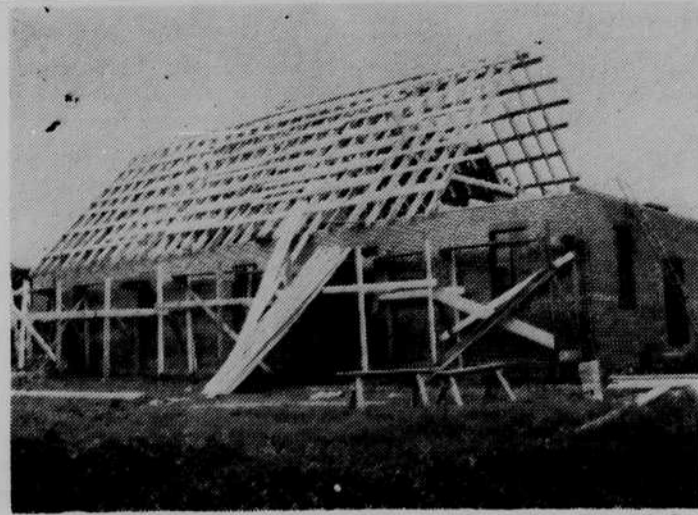
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WORK PROGRESSING ON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The Presbyterian church building on East Main Street is beginning to take shape, as shown by the above photograph, made last week-end. Members of the congregation hope to begin holding services there sometime in the early fall. Formally organized about a year ago, the Presbyterian group here now numbers about 30 members. Charles S. Schism, of Tennessee, a student minister at Columbia Seminary, is serving as supply pastor during the summer months.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

Ordination Service Here Next Tuesday

HERE NEXT WEEK



Bishop Wright of the Diocese of East Carolina will serve as Ordinant at Grace Church Tuesday

The Rt. Rev. Thomas H. Wright, of Wilmington, Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, will make his regular visit for confirmation and sermon to Grace Church, Plymouth, and St. Luke's, Roper, Sunday, with services here at 11 a. m. and at Roper at 8 p. m. Bishop Wright also will return to Plymouth Tuesday of next week for the ordination service.

Native of County Dies at Richmond

Mrs. Stella Blount Hyman, widow of Henry Haywood Hyman and sister of Ted Blount, of Plymouth, passed away Monday of this week in a Richmond, Va., hospital after a brief illness.

Mrs. Hyman had lived in Scotland Neck until two months ago when she moved to Richmond to be near her two sons who live there.

The deceased was the only daughter of the late James E. and Claudia Stewart Johnston Blount of this county. Their farm home, "Oakland," was eight miles from Plymouth.

A graduate of Woman's College in Greensboro, Mrs. Hyman taught school at Roper, Plymouth and Scotland Neck for many years. During the past several years she had engaged in short story writing and was at work on a full-length novel at the time of her death. She had sold several stories.

Surviving are two sons, Edward and Hayward Hyman, both of Richmond; one brother, Ted Blount, of Plymouth; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held from Trinity Episcopal Church, Scotland Neck, of which she was a member, Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with the rector, the Rev. Robert E. Davis, officiating. Burial was in Episcopal Cemetery near Scotland Neck.

Get 112 Pints Blood Here Yesterday

Blood bank workers included Mrs. Harold Nelson and Mrs. P. B. Nickens, clerical; Mrs. Lillian Shugar, Mrs. Durand Keel, Mrs. John Williams, Mrs. J. S. Fleming and Mrs. W. R. Collins, other; and Mrs. J. A. Murray and Miss Elizabeth Wood, nurses.

Refreshments for blood donors were given this time by individuals and served by the volunteer workers, according to Mrs. W. R. Collins, who listed donors of food and refreshments as follows:

Machinery Here Will Grade, Wash And Wax Produce

Expected To Be Completely Installed by Friday of This Week, Market Manager States

Work was begun Wednesday morning on installation of machinery to wash, wax and grade peppers, cucumbers and tomatoes on the Plymouth Produce Market.

The machinery is being installed and will be operated by workmen under the direction of Buck Welch, of Florida. About 20 persons will be employed in the operation, half of them local, according to W. M. Darden, market manager. The machinery will be operated by an experienced crew from Florida. Darden explained, with some local men and women employed.

Use of the machinery, expected to be ready by Friday of this week, will mean a better market for the produce, Darden said, since most of the produce which goes into the retail trade is handled by chain stores which cannot use produce not properly washed, waxed and graded.

Darden also stated that proper harvesting of the crops is vital to a better market. Growers, new at the game, who do not know proper methods of harvesting and handling the produce would do well to consult someone who does, the manager stressed. Improper harvesting can mean that such produce will find no ready market.

The local market handled cucumbers in rather good volume this week with prices ranging from \$1.75 to \$2.50. Quality was described as poor, largely the effect of dry weather which is also curtailing yield.

Green tomatoes came in this week in light volume and 85 bushels of good quality peppers were brought in from Swansboro, in Onslow County, making 10 counties now from which produce of the market has been received. "A peak of the pepper season is two weeks of more away, it was said."

Bible School at Philippi Church

The annual vacation Bible school at Philippi Church of Christ near Creswell will begin Monday, June 28, and continue through Friday, July 2. Phillip M. Spruill will be the director, it was announced this week.

Classes and assembly will begin at 9 a. m. each day and continue through 11:30 a. m. During this time there will be class and recreation periods.

Teachers for the week will be M. L. Ambrose, D. S. Spruill, Mrs. C. L. Barnes, George Sawyer, Mrs. Marvin Spruill and Mrs. Hoyt Davenport. Devotional services will be under the direction of Wilton Spear and Hardie Craddock. Mrs. Woodley Ambrose will be music director during the week, and the refreshment committee is to be composed of Henry Phelps, Alton Spear and Jim Davis. The recreation committee is headed by Mrs. William T. Woodley and Mrs. Theodore Ambrose.

Children are especially urged to attend.

Prize Winner Had Just Made Substantial Buy

Manager Thos. F. Hopkins stated Monday that the winner of first prize in the weekly drawing at Norman Furniture Company, Nicey Nixon, colored, of Mackeys, had made a substantial purchase just a few minutes before the drawing. A stub was deposited in the box and although it was well shaken that stub was drawn first. The winner got \$25 in trade. Other winners were: second, \$15 in trade, Alice Clagon, colored, Roper, and third, \$10 in trade, Lloyd Mizelle, Plymouth Rt. 2.

County Superintendent At Chapel Hill Meet

County Superintendent Roy F. Lowry is attending a meeting of the state committee on elementary education being held in Chapel Hill Thursday of this week. This is a committee of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools which was set up to promote a program for improvement of elementary schools. Superintendents and principals of county school units which are taking part in the program are attending the Chapel Hill sessions.

Polls Will Open At 6:30 Saturday

Voters in the primary Saturday of this week will have from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m. in which to cast their ballots. The old voting hours, sunrise to sunset, no longer apply and the polls will close promptly at 6:30 p. m. Registrars and judges of election are required to report to polling places at 6 a. m. in order to prepare booths and arrange voting space.

County ABC Stores will be closed for the day, according to regulation, and will again be closed Monday, July 5, since the July 4 holiday falls this year on Sunday.

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

Announce Change In Rules of ASC Program Recently

Would Limit Consecutive Terms of County and Community Committee-men To Three

Miss Miriam Ausbon, county ASC secretary, stated Wednesday that the governing changes in regulations and duties of county and community ASC committees, recently announced by Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson would appear to work well with the possible exception of one point.

Among changes announced is a regulation to limit to three the number of consecutive terms a farmer may serve as county or community committee member, except that all three members of the county committee have already served three consecutive terms one member shall be eligible for election to one additional term.

Miss Ausbon pointed out that it takes about three years on the committee for a new member to master the intricacies of the set-up to where he is quite valuable to the committee and the county he serves. Also, she said, farmers generally take little interest in the affairs of the ASC and it would be difficult oftentimes to replace good men on the committee.

Other changes in regulations would (1) create county and community election boards which would conduct annual elections of committees; (2) prohibit officials of general farm organizations from serving as members of county ASC committees; (3) prohibit a committee member from acting (a) as sales agent or employee of Federal Crop Insurance Corp., (b) market quota review committee member, or (c) as employee of own county office.

Special Services At Pleasant Grove

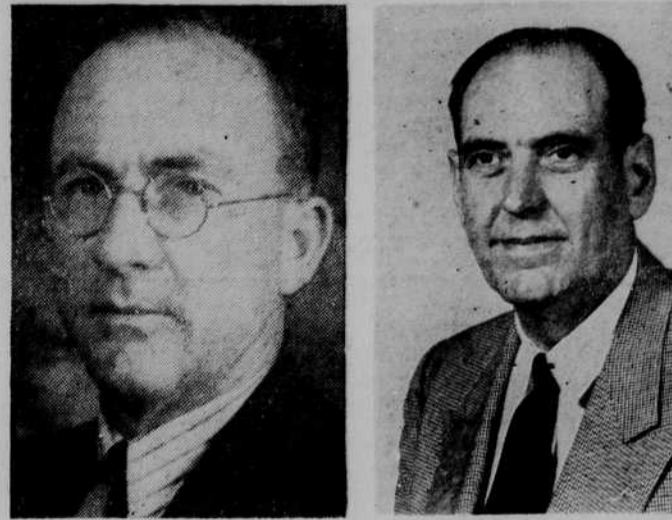
Evangelistic services will begin at Pleasant Grove Methodist Church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock and continue through the week, it is announced. The closing service will be held at 11 a. m. Sunday, July 4.

Guest preacher for the special series of meetings will be the Rev. L. A. Lewis, pastor of the Atlantic charge in the New Bern district. Mr. Lewis is now in the tenth year of his Carteret County pastorate.

One of the features of the meeting series will be hymns by guest soloist from several neighboring churches, it is stated. Several denominations are cooperating in this phase of the program. The public is cordially invited to attend and worship at all services.

Interest at Very Low Ebb In 2nd Primary Saturday

CANDIDATES FOR COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE



E. O. Arnold (left), Skinnerville merchant and farmer, and Dr. J. M. Phelps (right), Creswell physician, are candidates in the only county-wide contest to be decided in the second primary Saturday of this week. They are candidates for county representative at the next session of the North Carolina General Assembly. The other contest in the second primary Saturday is between Phillip M. Spruill and Harry W. Pritchett for county commissioner from Scuppernon Township and is limited to that township only.

County To Have 109 Teachers Next Year

County White Schools Will Have 59 Teachers, With 50 on Colored School Facilities

Washington County schools have been allotted 109 teachers for the 1954-55 term, according to information from the office of County Superintendent of Schools Roy F. Lowry here. The allocations were received recently from the office of the state superintendent of public instruction, Raleigh.

In addition to the allotted teachers, there will also be a special education teacher in the white schools, but this letter is not based on the average daily attendance as are those allotted through the state superintendent office.

The white schools will have 42 elementary teachers and 17 high school teachers (not including the special education teacher) while the colored schools will have 41 elementary teachers and nine high school teachers.

Plymouth was allotted 22 elementary teachers, same as last year. In the high school the allotted number is eight, one less than a year ago.

At Roper the number of elementary teachers remains the same, 8; in the high school there is an increase from three to four.

At Creswell the number remains the same as last year, 12 elementary and five high school teachers.

In the colored schools, Plymouth and Washington County Union School, Roper, each gained an elementary teacher. Plymouth was allotted 17 and Roper school 17, with nine in the high school. Creswell Elementary remains the same at seven.

Several teacher resignations were listed by Mr. Lowry. At Plymouth, J. E. Carr has resigned to teach at Clinton, Norman L. Clark to teach at Morehead City.

JUNIOR MAJORETTES WINNERS OF TOP HONORS



The three junior majorettes of Plymouth's High School Band finished one-two-three for top honors in the juvenile division at the Dixie National Baton Twirling Institute held last week at the University of Mississippi. Robin Horner (center above) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack L. Horner, received a trophy for first prize; while Jannett Bruce (right), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Bruce, and Jean Tetterton (left), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Tetterton, were second and third, respectively, in a field of 40 contestants and received medals.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

Voters To Choose Between Four Candidates for Two County Offices; A Light Vote Is Expected

Democratic nominations for two county offices will be decided in the second primary Saturday, when Washington County voters will go to the polls to choose a representative and member of the county board of commissioners from Scuppernon Township. The nominations are tantamount to election, since there is no Republican opposition for either office in the November general election.

Only one of the two contests Saturday will be decided on a county-wide basis. That is for representative to the next General Assembly, with E. O. Arnold, of Skinnerville, and Dr. J. M. Phelps, of Creswell, as the contenders. The other contest is limited to Scuppernon Township, where Phillip M. Spruill and Harry W. Pritchett are candidates for county commissioner from that township.

The two run-offs were called as the result of close votes in the first primary on June 29. Arnold, Skinnerville merchant and farmer, was high man in a three-way race for representative in the first primary. He received 827 votes to 845 by Phelps, with Ben A. Sumner, of Plymouth, trailing with 340 votes. Dr. Phelps, Creswell physician and property owner, immediately called for a second primary. Arnold represented the county in the legislature in 1948, while Phelps is making his first campaign for elective office.

In the race for county commissioner from Scuppernon Township, Phillip M. Spruill led in the first primary with 167 votes. Pritchett was a close second with 151 votes, while Douglas W. Davenport, third man in the race, polled 129. Pritchett, Creswell hardware merchant who has been a member of the county board of commissioners for a number of years, called for the run-off. Spruill is a prominent Scuppernon Township farmer who is making his first run for public office.

So far there is little evidence of much interest in the second primary, and a light vote is forecast. As a rule, Washington County casts more votes in second primaries than in first ones, but this year there are no state races which will serve to hold the vote down.

There was a relatively light vote in the first primary last month, only a little more than 1,800 votes being cast. All the candidates have been working hard during the past few weeks, and the size of Saturday's vote will largely depend on the amount of "hauling," according to observers. A record vote was cast in Scuppernon Township on May 29, due to the large number of candidates from that section, and voters there probably will respond in large numbers again Saturday, but interest in other sections of the county is at a very low ebb.

Rules Stated for Crop Disposition

The producer must pay the entire estimated cost of visiting the farm for the purpose of checking disposition of excess acreage on all crops under acreage allotment control, a statement issued at the local ASC office says.

The information on rates for disposing of excess tobacco, cotton and peanuts, given out by the local office, will be of interest to all growers of these crops in the county.

The rate for tobacco is \$1 for each one-tenth of an acre of excess, with a minimum of \$3 per farm. However, no minimum charge per acre will be made if the excess is disposed of at the time the farm is visited for the purpose of remeasuring the tobacco acreage at the request of the producer.

The rate for cotton and peanuts is 50 cents per acre of excess planting, with a minimum of \$3 per farm.

In the case of peanuts the maximum charge will be limited to \$12 per farm, it was said.

County FHA Supervisor And Clerk at Meeting

W. Willis Bowen, county FHA supervisor, and Mrs. Ernestine Basnight, county office clerk, are in Rocky Mount attending a district FHA training program meeting at Ricks Hotel. The meeting will last through Friday.