

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Whitley, jr., and children, Wilford III and Ronald, will return to their home in Haddonfield, N. J., Sunday after a brief visit here with Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Whitley. Young Whitley is now serving at the Philadelphia branch of the Anti-Trafficking Division of the Department of Justice.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert R. Hartung and children, Linda and David, of Plymouth, Ind., are visiting Mr. Hartung's uncle, F. I. Hartung, and Mrs. Hartung in Wenona. This is the Indiana Hartung's second visit to this section and he said while here Tuesday that he would move to the Wenona section if he could arrange to dispose of his property in the Hoosier state. He is a rural mail carrier and also operates a shoe repair and shoe store in Plymouth, Ind.

T. H. Rosenthal, of Wenona, and his son-in-law, Sgt. Denny Jackson, who is stationed at Donaldson Air Force Base, Greenville, S. C., recently made a trip to Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul, Ill., to visit Mr. Rosenthal's son, Airman Third Class T. H. Rosenthal, jr. They carried young Rosenthal's car to him and then visited friends for a few days in Chicago before returning home, driving some 2,600 miles on the trip.

Johnny Marrow is attending the Christian Adventure Camp at Camp Don-Lee this week. Four Plymouth girls, Mary Stuart Joyner, Kathryn Keel, Wynne Lindner and Brenda Warren, spent last week at the camp. Ten weeks of camping are being held at Camp Don-Lee this summer.

Light Volume on Market Reported

The Plymouth Produce Market reported receipts this week of cukes, tomatoes and peppers, with volume light on cukes, fair on tomatoes and light on peppers. The cuke season is about over and the crop was a big disappointment due to weather conditions. Although the volume of green packing tomatoes was reported as fair it was said that the quality was not so good, prices ranging from \$1 to \$2.90.

Pepper prices ranged from \$1 to \$2.50 with most of the offerings picked prematurely and too small in size. Baskets were not full, it was stated.

Market operators are urging that if growers want to receive top prices for their peppers they include nothing but sound, firm, mature peppers, dark green in color and measuring three inches or so in length and about three inches across. Baskets should be well-filled.

"The low prices are partially due to dry weather," W. T. Freeman, one of the owners and operators of the market stated Wednesday, "but more due to sorry packing — not separating good from poor quality."

Softball League Opens Next Week

Play in the newly-formed softball league is slated to begin Monday night of next week, according to Hugh Midyette.

There will be four teams competing, three sponsored by organizations and one independent. Roper Firemen, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce will have teams while Walt Hurry has organized an independent club, expected to be managed by Richard Ayers.

It is thought that Melvin Boyd will manage the VFW entry but it is not known at this time who will manage the other entries.

A schedule will be drawn up by Joe Foster and Hugh Midyette in time for play to begin Monday. Games will be played Monday and Tuesday night of each week with a two-night doubleheader each night — all teams participating it was stated.

Each team is requested to submit a player roster to Midyette by Monday. No umpires have been secured yet.

Holiday Observance Reported Quiet Here

The holiday period was marked quietly in the county, officers declaring it to be one of the quietest in memory.

No violence of any kind was reported and no injuries or fatalities, although there was considerable damage as the result of two highway accidents, each involving just one vehicle. Also, Dick Mallory, of Plymouth, lost his car when it caught fire and burned while he was driving alone on N. C. 32 near Plymouth time now.

AMONG DIGNITARIES ATTENDING ORDINATION SERVICE AT GRACE CHURCH



The above photo was made just prior to the ordination service in Grace Episcopal Church Tuesday of last week at which John Crisp Owens, of Plymouth, was ordained to the sacred order of deacons, the first order of the apostolic ministry of the church. The service was largely attended, including a number of clergymen, among them a former rector of the church, the Rev. William B. Daniels, jr., of Wyoming, Ohio. Two members of the clergy who were present, took part in the procession but were not in the picture, were the Rev. Gordon D. Bennett, of Edenton, and the Rev. Guthrie Brown, of Morehead City. Those in the picture, left to right, are: the Rev. Sidney Matthews, Winton; L. W. Hewett, Bath; the Rev. Douglas E. Wolfe, Portsmouth, Va.; the Rev. George F. Hill, Elizabeth City; the Rev. Gardner D. Underhill, Windsor; the Rev. Mr. Daniels; the Rev. Charles F. Wulf, Hertford; the Rev. Fred I. E. Ferris, Chocowinity; the Rev. Stanleigh Jenkins, Wilmington; the Rev. E. M. Spruill, Plymouth; John Crisp Owens; the Rev. William L. Hicks, Southport; the Rev. Wallace I. Wolverton, Greenville; the Rev. Daniel W. Allen, Wilmington; the Rt. Rev. Thomas H. Wright, Wilmington; the Rev. Edwin F. Moseley, Kinston; and the Rev. James P. Dees, Beaufort.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

Few Changes Shown In New Town Budget

August Calls by Board - 15 Men

Pre-induction and induction calls have been received by the local draft board and were announced this week by Mrs. Loraine Hunter, board clerk. On Thursday, August 26, 10 registrants will be sent for pre-induction and five for induction all by chartered bus, Mrs. Hunter stated. She said that these registrants will be ordered to report to the board on that morning at 7:45 o'clock and she asks that none be late since the bus will leave at the appointed time regardless.

Farm Safety Will Be Stressed Soon

Farmers of this county are asked to note that the week of July 25 has been proclaimed as National Farm Safety Week by President Eisenhower.

The president states that three major reasons for observing this week are that there are more accidental deaths occurring in farming than in any other industry in the nation, a disabling injury strikes some farm person in America every 26 seconds on an average, as the result of an avoidable accident, and this appalling loss can be greatly reduced by the exercise of care and caution on the part of farm people.

It is not known whether any special program will be observed in the county during the week as no announcement has yet been made concerning it. However, the subject of Farm Safety will be used in a 4-H speaking contest at Washington Thursday of this week in which at least one county 4-H Club member will take part.

Attendance Figures For Pettigrew Park Released

Park Ranger Paul E. Bannerman, of Pettigrew State Park, reports that during the week ending July 4 a total of 358 persons visited the area. The number included 54 picnickers, 98 visitors to the museum, 93 fishing, 42 hikers and 19 boaters, Bannerman said.

Compete Today in Washington Event

A group of Washington County 4-H Club members are competing Thursday of this week at Washington in various contests with 4-Hers from 16 counties of the district. Mary Lou Davenport, of the Roper club, will take part in the speaking contest, using the subject, "Making the Farm and Home Safe." Margie Brown and Mary Virginia Dixon, of the Plymouth club, will give a dairy foods demonstration, "Lemon Milk Sherbet." Daphne Snell, of the Roper club, will sing a popular number in the vocal music contest, while Linda Lou Norman, also of the Roper club, will do a tap dance number. Mrs. Dan Marrow, of Roper, will accompany both girls at the piano. Johnny Clifton, of Creswell club, and Ted Simpson, Plymouth club, each will present a guitar team. Possibly other boys will be entered in the various contests to be held at Washington High School, according to County Agent W. H. Pruden who with Mrs. Frances M. Darden, home agent, supervises the county 4-H program. Mrs. Darden and Mr. Pruden will accompany the club members to Washington.

Figures for 1954-55 Fiscal Year Higher by Nearly \$5,000; Slight Property Valuation Hike

There is less than \$5,000 difference in the Town of Plymouth budget estimate for the fiscal year 1954-55, beginning July 1, and that of the preceding year, a review of the figures shows. The budget was approved exactly as submitted by the city council at its regular monthly conclave last week, with the tax rate again tentatively set at \$2 on each \$100 worth of property valuation. The rate has remained constant for several years.

Both budget and tax rate are subject to review by the Local Government Commission. The amount of revenue to be raised by property taxes next fiscal year is somewhat higher than it was for the current fiscal year, due to a hike in valuation from \$4,036,116 to \$4,177,392. During the current year property and poll taxes amounted to \$76,648.21, while for the coming year it is estimated at \$79,370.45.

There is a difference of exactly \$4,847.23 in total budget requirements for the two years, with the coming year's figures higher. The sum of \$125,910.45 is the estimated requirement for 1954-55 while for the present fiscal year the figure was given as \$121,063.21. The revenue estimates show changes for eight items, with gains in six of these and losses in the other two. The town gains \$75 on auto tags, up to \$750 from \$675; net sale of water, \$1,000, up to \$22,000 from \$21,000; \$250 on intangible tax, up to \$1,500 from \$1,250; \$750 on the beer and wine

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Penalty For Excess Flue-Cured Tobacco

The penalty which will apply on the marketing of excess flue-cured tobacco during the 1954 marketing year is 21 cents per pound, tobacco farmers are reminded. Opening dates in 1953 by belts were Georgia-Florida, July 16; South Carolina, July 30; Border, August 3; Eastern North Carolina, August 20; Middle, September 8; Old Belt, September 21. Meanwhile, burning of tobacco is underway in Washington County, although County Agent W. H. Pruden stated Wednesday that he would not term it general just yet. The crop is quite spotty with some sections, notably around Roper, hard hit by the dry weather and most all crops reported suffering badly. Some spots where rain has been more plentiful boast just about a normal crop.

Subdistrict Meet Is Scheduled Monday

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Tobacco Markets Of Belt Expected To Open August 17

Tentative Date, Subject to Future Crop Conditions, Announced by Bright Belt Warehouse Association

Unless future crop conditions warrant a change, tobacco auction markets of the Eastern Belt will open for the 1954 season on Tuesday, August 17, three days earlier than the 1953 opening.

The announcement came from the Board of Governors of the Bright Belt Warehouse Association, Inc., after dates were set at a meeting in Raleigh Friday. The group at the same time announced that it would again meet on August 7 and set dates for the Middle and Old Belts and make any necessary changes in announced dates.

The auction season will open in the Georgia-Florida Belt on July 15. South Carolina-North Carolina Border Belt markets will begin selling on August 2.

Fred S. Royster, of Henderson, president of the Bright Belt Association, stated that "this is the most unusual year we have seen on July 1 and the most difficult year we have seen to set opening dates, due to the unusual weather conditions." The crop in the Georgia-Florida areas was reported somewhat later than usual while in the Middle and Old Belts tobacco is said to be more advanced than normal.

Independent markets in South Carolina and the North Carolina Sandhills group act their opening dates as August 2 and 25, respectively.

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Small Crowd Here Friday for Ground Corps Discussion

Only 25 Persons Attend Meeting at Veterans Club; Film, 'One Bomb,' Shown By Lt. Gordon Jackie

A disappointing crowd was on hand at the Veterans Club here last Friday night for the program to discuss formation of an air spotter group in Plymouth.

There were about 25 persons present, most of them members of the Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Lt. Gordon Jackie, of Durham, represented the Durham Air Defense Filter Center of the Ground Observer Corps. He showed the group a film, "One Bomb," which showed a bomb brought from a foreign nation and dropped on a major U. S. city.

The Air Defense Filter Center, it was explained, is a vital part of the Air Defense program. Reports of aircraft activity are received, consolidated, and relayed to the Air Force for necessary action. These calls originate from volunteer Ground Observers who visually detect aircraft of all type and by means of telephone report the activity to the local Filter Center. Filter Centers are located in strategic communication centers throughout the country so that Ground Observer reports are received rapidly and passed on to the Combat Operations Center, Headquarters 35th Air Division (Defense) Dobbins Air Force Base, Marietta, Georgia.

One thousand volunteer men and women are urgently needed to provide teams of trained people ready to operate local Filter Centers 24 hours a day and to serve as Ground Observers at this time, it was said.

The so-called radar screen does not completely encompass our shores. Our economy would be bankrupted by an attempt to have it do so. Further, radar does not penetrate mountains and a radar set is a hundred times more subject to maintenance troubles than a television set which works on the same principle.

It was pointed out that we are in a dangerous position. Every would-be aggressor knows he can't get by unless he defeats us first, for already in two world wars—the tide of aggression has been turned by the weight of our industrial production. The next time an aggressor will try to eliminate us first by striking at our production plants and the people who man them. Today the Russians possess long range bombers capable of striking anywhere in the United States. A single plane carrying an atomic bomb can now wipe out an entire city.

Lt. Jackie will return to Plymouth Friday of next week to give training and get the program organized. The meeting is slated for the Veterans Club at 8:30 p. m.

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Docket for Superior Court Has Three Murder Cases

EVERYBODY WORKS DURING TOBACCO HARVEST



The above scene is typical of that taking place about this time of year on practically all Washington County farms where tobacco is grown. It was taken on one of the Owens Brothers farms near here Monday last week, when the first barn of tobacco was being "put in." Tobacco harvesting is one job in which everybody on the farm takes part. The menfolk usually do the priming or "breaking" and hauling the green tobacco leaves to the looping shed, where the womenfolk and children tie the "hands" of tobacco on sticks for hanging in the curing barn. It is back-breaking, dirty work and everybody heaves a sigh of relief when the last barn is "put in" and the job is complete for another year.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

Town, County Board Meetings Next Week

Town Council Meets Monday Night, County Commissioners Thursday, Education Board Indefinite

The Plymouth Town Council will hold its regular monthly meeting Monday night of next week at 8 o'clock at the Municipal Building on East Water Street, Mayor A. J. Riddle has announced. The meeting, ordinarily held the first Monday of each month, was postponed due to the Fourth of July holiday.

The mayor said the matters of a contract with the State Highway Department for more street paving in the town and the sewer problem in the Village are expected to be major items on the agenda. The mayor said he could not list the streets to be paved. The county governing bodies also postponed their respective regular monthly sessions. The county commissioners will hold their meeting at 10 a. m. Thursday of next week in the usual meeting place at the courthouse.

J. Robert Campbell, clerk of the board of commissioners, stated that he knew of no special matters to come before the board other than finally approving the budget. This is expected to be a mere formality as the budget has been tentatively approved already by the county governing body.

The county education board has been advised by the firm of architects, Boney and Boney, of Wilmington, that preliminary

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Suggest Send Soil Samples

Washington County farmers are reminded that now is a good time to send soil samples in order to be lined up for ACP assistance on fall practices.

Boxes to contain the soil and information sheets may be obtained at the county ASC office located in the Agriculture Building on Adams Street, Plymouth.

Duties Assumed By New Engineer

Francis Sessoms, of Elizabeth City, has assumed his duties as district highway engineer here, replacing J. J. Gilbert who has been promoted to assistant division engineer, with offices at Aoshkie. Mr. Gilbert will remain here a few days before assuming his new duties.

Mr. Sessoms, a native of Windsor, has been resident engineer at Elizabeth City for the past five years. He and Mrs. Sessoms moved to Plymouth this week and are at home at 209 East Main Street. They have no children.

Mrs. Sessoms has been quite active in civic, church and music circles in Elizabeth City and was named "Woman of the Year" by civic clubs there this year.

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Murder, Manslaughter and Kidnapping Cases Top Criminal Calendar; Judge Leo Carr To Preside

Considerable interest is certain to be shown at the regular July mixed term of Washington County Superior Court which opens here Monday morning of next week with Judge Leo Carr, of Burlington, presiding.

The criminal calendar includes three murder cases, two of them against a single defendant; a manslaughter case; kidnapping; seduction; embezzlement; besides a number of other cases of lesser importance.

The civil calendar consists entirely of divorce cases, there being nine, and these are all scheduled to be heard Monday.

Probably the case that will attract the greatest interest among white spectators is that charging Charles Craddock and Irving Ambrose with kidnapping H. R. Stillman, middle-aged former Creswell merchant. The alleged offense occurred Friday, May 28, when Stillman was accosted on the streets of Creswell as he was heading toward his residence, he allegedly was forced into a waiting car and driven around to several places against his will and humiliated on at least one occasion. It is also alleged that Stillman's life was threatened by one of the two defendants the following night in Deputy Sheriff Peal's place of business at Creswell.

At a preliminary hearing given Craddock and Ambrose before Judge W. Ronald Gaylord at Plymouth Tuesday, June 1, probable cause on a charge of "kidnapping one H. R. Stillman" was found. Appearance bond for each of the two young white men was set at \$4,000 and in addition each was placed under a \$1,000 peace bond. Appeal bond for each was fixed at \$100, making the total amount under bond for each defendant \$5,100.

George Skinner, colored, is charged with the fatal beating of Calvin Wynne, 37-year-old white logwoods worker, at a colored place of business in Skippersville Saturday night, April 10. Wynne's death was attributed to a ruptured spleen, it was said.

Nathan Thomas, colored, faces two counts of murder in the pistol slayings of Aline Moore and Violet Chesson, Mackeys Negresses, Saturday night, April 3. Thomas fled the scene of the killings and was captured in Philadelphia, Pa., the following Monday. He did not fight extradition and was returned to the county the week after the shooting.

At the subsequent hearing before Recorder's Court Judge W. Ronald Gaylord it was directed that Thomas be held for first degree murder without privilege of bond.

In the preliminary hearing for Skinner the State presented evidence that Skinner and Wynne engaged in an affray outside a colored store in Skippersville April 10, during which Wynne was knocked to the ground and allegedly kicked by Skinner. Wynne went to his home where he died early the following morning.

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Rites for Mother Of Plymouth Man

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock from the home for Mrs. Sarah Louise (Lula) Hardison, 72, mother of Bennie Hardison, of Plymouth, who died in a Williamson hospital at 7:30 p. m. Friday. She had been in declining health for a long period and had been in the hospital for a week.

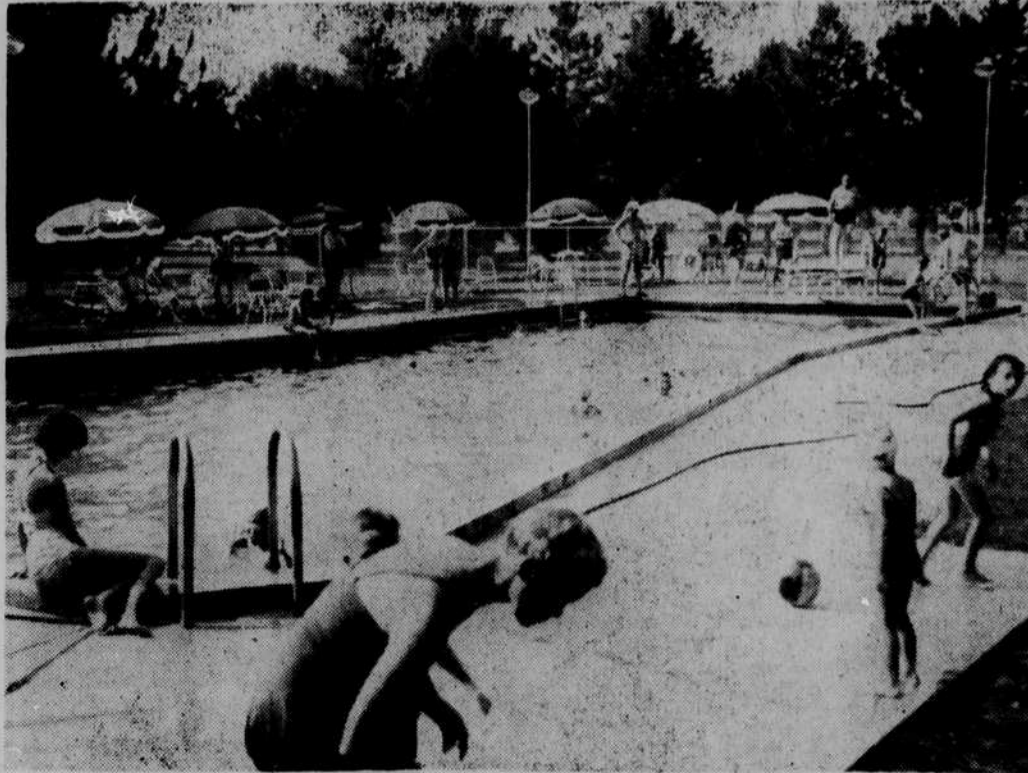
Mrs. Hardison was born in Jamesville Township November 8, 1881, the daughter of the late Theodore and Annie Elizabeth Roberson. She was married to J. Leonard Hardison November 15, 1903. He died in 1935.

Mrs. Hardison was a member of Cedar Branch Baptist Church. She spent her life in her native township.

Surviving, besides the son in Plymouth, are five other sons, Otis, Humbert and Robert Hardison, all of Jamesville, Archie Hardison, of Williamson, and Everett Hardison, of Hampton, Va.; a daughter, Mrs. Rufus Coltrain, of Oak City; one brother, Andrew Long, of Jamesville; and 15 grandchildren.

Services were conducted by her pastor, the Rev. W. B. Harrington. Interment was in the family cemetery near the home.

ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR PLACES IN TOWN THESE HOT DAYS



The new swimming pool at the Plymouth Country Club is one of the most popular places in town during the hot weather that has been prevailing recently. It was especially popular during the hot July Fourth week-end, when the above photo was taken. It shows the pool, with one corner of the kiddie wading pool in the foreground. Miss Cornelia Edmondson started giving swimming lessons for both children and adults this week. With the exception of Friday, when the pool is closed for cleaning, it is open each week-day from 2 to 8 p. m. Edward W. Taylor is in charge of the pool.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.