

Zeno G. Lyon and son, Harlee, spent the Fourth of July holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Zeno Lyon, Jr. in Atlanta, Ga. Young Zeno is attending Georgia Institute of Technology where he is working on his master's degree in electrical engineering. He received his bachelor's degree at N. C. State in 1950. He worked with a Winston-Salem firm before enrolling at Tech. He is married to the former Miss Alice Elaine Newsome of Winston-Salem. She is teaching in Atlanta City Schools now. Zeno will finish his studies September 11 and four days later the couple will leave for New York where Mr. Lyon has accepted a position.

Thomas Peed, installation and service man, Bobby Perry and Gordon Warren, salesmen, recently joined the staff of Plymouth Television Center, Owner Jimmy Kitchings has announced. Peed and Perry are Plymouth men while Warren hails from Warrenton.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Barnhill returned home Monday night from Lafayette, Indiana, where Mr. Barnhill attended the Methodist Men's Conference held at Purdue University. Mr. Barnhill, president of the local Methodist Men's Club, was an official delegate to the conference, representing the Elizabeth City District. Sessions were held Friday, Saturday and Sunday and were attended by about 2,000 delegates from the 48 states, Puerto Rico and Cuba. The Barnhills report a most enjoyable trip.

John Forbes Davenport caught a 55-pound tarpon while on his vacation in Florida recently. Caught in Tampa Bay, the 4 1/2-foot fish was entered in the Tampa Tarpon Tournament by Mr. Davenport. He was fishing with Eugene Guice from a 16-foot boat powered by an outboard motor. Mr. Davenport said it required about 45 minutes to land the tarpon, which was released after being checked and weighed.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Marrow and son, Johnny, left Tuesday for a two-week vacation trip that will take them into Tennessee, Georgia, South Carolina and back to Wrightsville Beach while they are away. They planned to go first to the Fontana Dam region in the western part of the state, thence to Nashville, Tenn., and LaGrange, Ga., before returning by way of Wrightsville Beach, where they will spend a few days.

Lewis Mahlon Sexton, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sol J. Sexton, of Roper, caught a small-mouth bass weighing one pound and nine ounces Friday afternoon while fishing with hook and line from the Plymouth docks. The youngster said he was using shrimp for bait. The catch measured fifteen inches in length.

Volume Increases On Local Market

The volume of peppers is increasing steadily on the Plymouth Produce Market, operators declared yesterday. Volume of tomatoes was said light and a negligible amount of cukes is being received.

All good peppers are bringing from \$3 to \$4, it was said. Some immature peppers are still being received and operators of the market are still urging producers to pick good quality in order to insure top prices.

Peppers were coming in this week from Pitt, Martin, Beaufort, Tyrrell, Edgemore, Hyde and Washington Counties and tomatoes from Martin, Tyrrell, Beaufort, Hyde and Washington.

The price for tomatoes was running about \$1.50, it was said. According to Wednesday market quotations, prices on the local market were as good as any in the state, W. T. Freeman, one of the owners and operators, declared.

The peak in volume of peppers is expected to be reached next week.

Six Stills Taken In County Raids

Six illicit whiskey stills were seized by officers during raids in this county in the month of June, according to a report submitted by Robert Sawyer, of Roper, chief ABC enforcement officer for Washington County.

One of the stills was of 150 gallon capacity, four were of 60 gallon capacity and the smallest one, 50 gallons.

Besides the stills, other equipment and utensils confiscated included 6 50-gallon barrels, 3,400 gallons of mash, two vats, six worms, seven coolers and 15 gallons of whiskey.

Assisting Officer Sawyer were State ABC and Federal ATU officers.

Nathan Thomas Gets 23-26 Years In Double Killing

More Than Inch Rainfall Helps

According to observers' reports, the 1.28 inches total rainfall in this county since Thursday of last week has done a great deal of good to parched crops. It also brought somewhat cooler temperatures for a few days. The mercury dropped as low as 57 degrees Tuesday night, according to information from the weather station at Tide Water Test Farm near here.

Precipitation was recorded as .02 inches July 8, .70 July 9, .51 July 10 and .05 July 12. High temperature readings were 90, 84, 81, 81 and 91 last Thursday through Monday, respectively.

County Winners In 4-H Contest Held Last Week

Washington County String Band and Two Individual Competitors Placed in Blue Ribbon Class

Washington County 4-H Clubs had a team and two individuals to place in the Blue Ribbon class in the talent contest held as part of the Eastern District 4-H Elimination Contest at Washington High School last Thursday.

The Washington County String Band, composed of Johnny Clifton, Creswell Club, Ted Simpson, Plymouth Club, and Harlan Van Horn, Creswell Club, were placed in the Blue Ribbon class for their rendition of "Y'all Come."

The individuals so honored were Daphne Snell, soloist, and Linda Lou Norman, tap dancer, both of the Roper Club. Accompanying the girls at the piano was Mrs. Dan Marrow, of Roper.

Mary Lou Davenport, of the Roper Club, took part in the speaking contest, using the subject, "Making the Farm and Home Safe."

Margie Brown and Mary Virginia Dixon, of the Plymouth Club, gave a dairy foods demonstration, "Lemon Milk Sherbert."

The complete list of categories in which competition was held: Dairy Foods (team); Dairy Foods (individual); Farm and Home Electric; Vegetable Use; Beekeeping Demonstration; Vegetable Production and Marketing; Soil and Water Conservation; Public Speaking; Livestock Conservation; Forestry; Talent.

The meeting was presided over by Gloria Osborne, president of the Beaufort County 4-H County Council. Adjournment for lunch was at 12:45 and the afternoon session began at 2 o'clock. Winners are now eligible to compete with winners in six districts in the State at Raleigh.

SERIOUS BUSINESS, THIS LEARNING TO SWIM



Little Doug Gurkin, Jr., 3 1/2, was making sure he doesn't get any water in his eyes, ears, nose or mouth as he got his first swimming lesson at the country club pool here last week. That's Miss Cornelia Edmundson giving the lesson. Miss Edmundson is home for the summer from Gainesville, Fla., where she teaches at the University of Florida during the regular school term.—Photo by Jewel Hardison.

Jaycee President Urges Attendance At Meeting Here

Lt. Gordon Jackie To Present Film Friday Night And Map Training Schedule at Vets Club

Dr. A. L. Whitehurst, president of the Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce, has announced that an important meeting will be held Friday night of this week at the Veterans Club at which time Lt. Gordon Jackie, of Durham, representing the Durham Air Defense Filter Center of the Ground Observer Corps, will set up a training schedule here.

Dr. Whitehurst said that Lt. Jackie would also show a film on training procedures.

The meeting is scheduled for 8:30 o'clock and the Jaycee president emphasized that everyone is welcome to attend. All local clubs and organizations are urged to be represented at the meeting as well as all individuals interested in civil defense.

A similar meeting held here two weeks ago was very poorly attended and the Jaycees, who are sponsoring the meetings, are anxious to have a large, representative crowd at the meeting.

Dr. Whitehurst pointed out that perhaps many persons are not acquainted with the work of the ground Observer Corps which is the civilian component of the Air Defense Command of the United States Air Force. Its function, he stated, is to help the Air Force in its vast and complex job of guarding against surprise air attack.

Duties of Grand Jury Reviewed by Judge Carr Here

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Colored Citizens Present Petitions For Improvement

Council Asked for Consideration When Street Surfacing and Sewer Extensions Are Planned

Consideration for colored sections of the town when additional street surfacing and sewer extensions are planned was requested at the city council meeting Monday night by a delegation of Negro citizens. Joe Wingate acted as spokesman for the group, submitting a formal petition signed by officials of several colored organizations.

The petition pointed out that several older sections of the town, largely inhabited by colored citizens, had no sidewalks and little street surfacing and sewer lines, while numerous new white developments had been furnished these facilities within the past few years. Madison and Fourth Streets and White City were cited as older areas which had not been improved, while street surfacing and sewer extensions have been provided in recent years for the Country Club Village, Little Richard, Winesett Circle, Brinkley Forest and Stillacres, among others, all relatively new white residential developments.

Mayor A. J. Riddle told the delegation their requests would be given consideration, although he said the council had made no definite plans along these lines at the present time. He declined to be pinned down as to any exact date for considering the requests but said the committee would be notified after the council had taken action.

The petition asked city officials (1) to finish surfacing of Adams Street; (2) to close "pest-infested" ditches along Fourth Street and surface Fourth Street, "so badly needed by school children" and to surface the short block in front of the colored school.

Officers of three colored organizations had signed the petition, and it was suggested that numerous other colored organizations also supported the movement. Groups listed on the petition were: Young Men's Civic and Business Association; Carthagena Lodge, No. 38, A.F. & M.; Albemarle Local, No. 113, International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers.

COUNTY 4-H CLUB MEMBERS IN DISTRICT ELIMINATION CONTEST



In the above photo are the county winners among 4-H Club members who took part in the district eliminations held at Washington High School Thursday of last week, together with their sponsors, County Agent W. H. Pruden and Home Agent Mrs. Frances M. Darden. Front row, left to right, are Linda Lou Norman and Daphne Snell, of the Roper Club, Margie Brown and Mary Virginia Dixon, of the Plymouth Club, and Mary Lou Davenport, of the Roper Club. Back row, same order, are Mr. Pruden, Johnny Clifton, Creswell Club, Ted Simpson, Plymouth Club, Harlan Van Horn, Creswell Club, and Mrs. Darden. Miss Norman, tap dancer, Miss Snell soloist, and the three boys composing the Washington County String Band, were placed in the Blue Ribbon class at the event.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

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Town Council Hears Delegations Monday

Accept Bid for Tile in New Fire Department Building; Action on Other Matters Deferred

Several individuals and delegations were heard by the Plymouth City Council at its July meeting Monday night, but there were few concrete developments during the two-hour session. The meeting was postponed from the first Monday night on account of the Fourth of July holiday last week.

Roland Gaylord was first given a hearing by the council. He detailed difficulties he has had with state barber board officials relative to opening a barber shop here. Some months ago, according to his story, he completed construction and equipping a two-chair shop at his home on Wilson Street. He then wrote state officials requesting that the shop be inspected to see if it came up to the standards required, but received no answer.

Later he had several barbers to apply for licenses on the shop, but they did not have or were unable to get state permits. One of the barbers was present at the council meeting and said he was treated very discourteously when he went to the office of the barber examiners in Raleigh to apply for license.

One-Third 1954 Taxes Collected

Town tax collections for the fiscal year 1954-55 got off to a good start last month, when more than a third of the total levy was collected, according to Chief of Police F. W. Brown, who is also tax collector. Approximately 330,000 has already been received, against a total levy of some \$80,000, he said.

Pre-payment of taxes during the month of June was subject to a discount of 2%; while July payments are discounted 1 1/2%. A great many corporations pay their taxes early in order to save the discount, Brown said, and this year a number of individuals also paid early to earn the 2%.

Agent Warns Of New Weevil Crop

Stating that boll weevil infestation appears spotty in county cotton fields, County Agent W. H. Pruden this week urged that farmers make daily checks in their fields.

Mr. Pruden advised that farmers should pick 100 square from each field and examine for punctures. If as much as ten per cent are found punctured, the county agent stated, then dusting activity is recommended.

Some cotton farmers in the county have already made four dusting applications, Pruden said, while some have not begun to dust.

The agent stated that for control of boll weevils and boll worms dust of 2 1/2 per cent Aldrin and 5 per cent DDT, 2 1/2 per cent Dieldrin and 5 per cent DDT or 2 1/2 per cent Heptachlor and 5 per cent DDT are recommended. Also, the use of 20 per cent Toxaphene or 3 per cent BHC and 5 per cent DDT is recommended except where the land will be planted next season in peanuts or tobacco.

It is important, Pruden said, that farmers who expect any substantial yield this Fall from their cotton crop keep up dusting.

Postponed Board Meetings Being Held Here Today

Representative of Architectural Firm To Present Preliminary Plans For Colored School Addition

Regular monthly meetings of the county board of commissioners and the county board of education, postponed earlier this month, are slated to be held Thursday of this week.

A representative of the architectural firm of Boney and Boney of Wilmington, will present the preliminary plans for the proposed addition to the Plymouth Colored School at the board of education meeting, County School Superintendent Roy F. Lowry stated Wednesday.

The meeting was to convene at 10:30 o'clock in the offices of the superintendent at the courthouse.

Mr. Lowry, who serves as secretary to the board, stated that the question of selling the house which the board recently bought from Mrs. Eleanor Hazelwood would come up at the meeting. The house and lot were purchased with the idea of selling the house and having it torn down or removed in order to give more room to the crowded campus at the school, it was stated.

The county commissioners will also convene their session at 10:30 a. m. in the commissioners room on the lower floor of the courthouse.

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

Attends Sessions of Bankers Conference

Gene Ange, of Jamesville, note taker at Planters National Bank and Trust Company here, attended Monday and Tuesday sessions of the Carolina Bankers Conference at Chapel Hill this week.

Wholesale Firm Is Robbed Here

A thief or thieves got away with \$600 to \$700 worth of cigarettes after breaking into the warehouse of the H. E. Harrison Wholesale Company here Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning. Town and county law enforcement officers and State Bureau of Investigation operatives were busy yesterday trying to run down clues to the robbery.

Entrance was effected by breaking a padlock off the warehouse door. The thieves also attempted to break into a safe in the office and badly damaged it although they were unable to get it open. Except for the cigarettes, nothing else was missed from the warehouse, according to local police.

Several fingerprints were obtained, and the SBI was called into the case. The robbery was discovered by Mr. Harrison about 7 o'clock yesterday morning, when he went down to open the warehouse.

Two Registrants Failed To Report

Two men ordered to be sent from the local board for pre-induction examination Monday of this week failed to report, Mrs. Lorraine Hunter, Board clerk, stated.

The men were listed by Mrs. Hunter as Fred Watson, of Roper, and John Henry McCormick, of Plymouth. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of these men should get in touch with the board, Mrs. Hunter stated.

If the board does not hear from them immediately the two registrants will be ordered for induction into the armed forces and if they fail to report for induction they will be processed as delinquents and their cases turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, it was said.

Twelve men left by special bus Monday for the reception center at Raleigh, six for pre-induction and six for induction, the board clerk revealed. Of the six who left for induction four were volunteers. These were listed by Mrs. Hunter as Willie Earl Skinner, Robert Jordan Hopkins, Melvin Lee Brooks and Edward Joseph Wesner. Others were John Downing and Joseph Walker, both regular inductees.

Mother of Local Woman Succumbs

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Frymier, of Plymouth, attended funeral services at Sutton, West Virginia, Wednesday of last week for Mrs. Frymier's mother, Mrs. Julia Ann Hosey Knight, of Richmond, West Virginia.

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Mrs. Knight was taken ill while on a visit to Miss Letha Knight, her daughter, at Geneva, Ohio, and died there Saturday, July 3. She was 89 years of age.

She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Frymier, Miss Knight, Mrs. Mollie Spencer, also of Geneva, and Mrs. A. B. Holcomb, of Richmond; by nine grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Services were held from Poplar Ridge Methodist Church, Sutton, of which she was a member, by her pastor, the Rev. Richard Wyatt. Burial was in Poplar Ridge Cemetery.

Overplanted Notices Are Mailed Farmers

Notices are being mailed this week to peanut and cotton farmers who have overplanted their acreage allotments for these respective crops, it was learned at the county ASC office.

Notices were mailed some time ago to tobacco farmers in the county who had overplanted and it was reported this week that most of them have satisfactorily disposed of excess plantings.

A tabulation of results of the recent crop measurement project in the county shows that of 291 tobacco farms, 67 were over the prescribed allotment. There are

547 peanut farms in the county and 141 are overplanted. Of the 310 cotton farms, 43 are overplanted.

Total acres planted to tobacco was listed at 1,282.3 acres. Totals for peanuts and cotton respectively, are 3,080 and 877.4 acres.

All county cropland was re-determined this year in connection with the measurement program and the figures show a total of 32,228 acres of cropland. It should be noted, however, that this figure does not include 288 minimum-acre farms or those which were too small to be included in the project.