

Dr. A. L. Whitehurst will attend the meeting of the Eastern District North Carolina Chiropractic Association at Morehead City Wednesday of next week. Dr. Hal Pittard, of Oxford, will be the principal speaker. Mrs. Whitehurst and little daughter plan to accompany Dr. Whitehurst on the trip.

Frank C. Bickerstaff, jr., left Monday morning for Raleigh to take the Air Force entrance examination. He expected to return home that same night, so he didn't even take his toothbrush with him. However, he was unable to be examined until Tuesday morning, when things really started happening fast to him. He was accepted and flown out of Raleigh at 4 p. m. for Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, where he will receive basic training. He managed to telephone his worried folks about noon Tuesday, telling them he was already on his way, although he hadn't expected to leave for several days yet.

The first of the 1954 Washington County tobacco crop moved to market early this week, according to reports here. Chester Askew, of the Long Acre section, is reported to have carried a big load of lugs to one of the Georgia-Florida markets, receiving an average of about 53 cents per pound.

Those from Plymouth attending the furniture market at High Point last week included Mr. and Mrs. Thos. F. Hopkins, Mrs. Evelyn D. Woolard and E. E. Harrell. D. J. Woolard is attending the market this week.

A young Negro girl was on the witness stand in recorder's court Tuesday in a case charging her husband — living separate and apart from her — with non-support. There had been testimony that he had beat his wife over the head with a rifle. She was hesitant to testify against him. Lawyer Pete Bell asked her if she would want to go back to her husband and she replied that she didn't know. "You don't know?" Bell pressed. "That would depend on whether he's going to beat her up again," Solicitor Rodman remarked.

**Air Force Cadet Leaving Saturday**

David Read, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tayloe Read, of Plymouth, will leave Saturday for four weeks of summer training at McDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Fla. Read is a senior at East Carolina College in Greenville and has already completed the advanced ROTC training course there. The summer training course at McDill Air Force Base is part of his reserve officer training, and while there he will observe and actually participate in Air Force operations. Following his graduation at East Carolina College in November, Cadet Read will be eligible for appointment as a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force Reserve.

**Tobacco Prices Said Higher on Georgia Market**

Prices for first two days of season average higher than for same period last year.

Tobacco prices on the Georgia-Florida flue-cured belt which opened sales for the 1954 season last Thursday are reported somewhat higher than prices on the belt at the same time a year ago, with offerings a bit lighter. The U. S. Department of Agriculture reported gross sales for Thursday and Friday amounted to 14,285,653 pounds and averaged \$52.84 per hundred. This was \$1.69 a hundred higher than the average for 17,414,351 pounds sold the first two days of last season on the belt.

Demand was reported as exceptionally good for lower quality lugs, primings and nondescript. These offerings reportedly were bringing from \$3 to \$11.50 a hundred more than the same grades commanded at last year's opening. Other grades held about even with prices of 1953. The practical top was said to be \$64 per hundred, although some baskets of choice leaf sold higher. Predominant offerings were said to be fair and good lugs and low to good primings. A smaller proportion of the early offerings consisted of cutters and lugs. The Flue-Cured Stabilization Corporation received 6.2 per cent of the opening day's sales on the belt under government loan. Last year, receipts for the first two sales days by the corporation represented 8.9 per cent of total gross sales.

**SEA SCOUT SHIP TO BEGIN ANNUAL SUMMER CRUISE THIS WEEK-END**



The "Albemarle," Plymouth Sea Scouts' motorship, was given several new coats of paint last week in preparation for its annual summer cruise. Neil Carter, Mack Graham and Jewel Hardison were wielding the paint brushes when this photo was made last Friday. The "Albemarle" is due to leave Saturday morning on the first leg of its journey to Morehead City, with eight Sea Scouts, Skipper A. Papineau, Mate H. O. Lovis and Photographer Jewel Hardison aboard. Hardison is to do a photographic story of the cruise for the Raleigh News & Observer.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

**To Select Site Friday For Air Spotter Post**

**Quick Results; Men Are Found**

The Beacon carried a news story in its last issue stating that two men ordered for pre-induction examination last Monday.

Yesterday, Mrs. Lorraine Hunter, board clerk, reported that both men had been located. She said readers of the paper notified her promptly of the men's whereabouts. John Henry McCormick is in Baltimore and Fred Watson is in Philadelphia. Mrs. Hunter stated. She said both men will transfer to local boards in the respective cities.

**Represent County At Health Event**

Henry Turner, of Plymouth, and Diane Gaylord, of Roper, will represent Washington County as county health king and queen, respectively, Thursday night of this week in the Health Pageant which is an annual feature of 4-H Club Week at Raleigh. W. H. Pruden, county agent, has announced.

Young Turner and Miss Gaylord are two of the four club members from this county who are attending the annual club week festivities, Pruden said. The others are Barbara Spruill, also of the Roper Club, and J. R. Respess, jr., of Wenona, a member of the Plymouth Club.

A full four-day program of instruction, speeches, demonstrations and recreation is being enjoyed by the county club members along with some 1,200 of their fellow members from all parts of the state.

**Creswell Party Gets 55 Fish Off Cape Hatteras**

A Creswell group had excellent luck on a fishing trip to the Gulf Stream about 40 miles off Cape Hatteras recently. The party was composed of Jimmy and Joseph Hopkins, Bill and Walter Peal and they were accompanied by Tom McKinney, of Nags Head. The party caught 53 dolphins and 2 bonita. The largest dolphin weighed in at 29 pounds, others ranging down to 5 pounds. The party was fishing from "The Ranger," piloted by Omley Tillet.

**Jaycees Favor War On Stray Dogs Here**

The Plymouth Jaycees are planning to declare war on stray dogs in Plymouth. At their regular meeting last Friday night, a committee was appointed to visit the next meeting of the town council and ask that steps be taken to eliminate the unusually large number of disease-ridden stray canines which at times constitute a public nuisance here. The Jaycees advocate establishing a public pound and rounding up all dogs running at large. After a reasonable waiting period

**Disaster Strikes Former Home City Of Local Persons**

**Richwood, West Virginia, Hard Hit by Flash Flood From Rain-Swollen Cherry River Monday**

Richwood, W. Va., former home of several Plymouth persons, was hard hit by a flash flood Monday of this week as the rain-swollen Cherry River overflowed its banks, causing the death of at least one person and enormous damage to property.

The flood hit the Central West Virginia town in the wake of a torrential rain and thunderstorm which struck the area Sunday night.

The crest of the Cherry River at Richwood was said by officials to be 25 feet above flood stage. The water was reported up to 20 feet deep in some of the streets of the town of 5,300 population but had begun to subside late Monday.

The damage estimate was placed as high as a million dollars by Don Crisp, editor of the Richwood Republican, while Editor Jim Comstock of the Richwood News Leader estimated that some 200 Richwood homes were flooded.

The lone death reported was that of a man who died of a heart attack in the excitement and confusion that resulted as he attempted to flee his flooded home.

The disaster struck four counties, Nicholas, Webster, Braxton and Fayette. At Gauley Bridge the Gauley River reportedly rose five feet within ten minutes at 1 p. m. Monday.

Disaster headquarters were established at Richwood and the Second Army at Fort Meade, Md., dispatched helicopters, cots, and blankets and generators for emergency power. The Red Cross sent aid from Charleston, W. Va., Washington, D. C., Norfolk, Va., and other points. Two Coast Guard helicopters from Elizabeth City arrived on the scene Sunday to transport water and food and for evacuation of personnel in isolated areas, if necessary. Motorboats from Chincoteague, Virginia Beach and Little Creek lifeboat stations were dispatched by trailer to the flooded town, also.

**To Return Saturday From Week's Stay at Croatan**

Eleven members of Plymouth Boy Scout Troop No. 284 are expected to return home Saturday of this week from Camp Croatan where they are camping the week. Plymouth Scoutmaster Carl L. Bailey, jr., reports.

The boys left here Sunday for the camp which is located on the Neuse River near New Bern. Those from the troop at the camp were listed by Scoutmaster Bailey as follows:

Joe Ezzell, Larry Allen, Morgan Williams, John Andrews, Buster Long, John Jackson, Darrell Kelly, Monty Hardison, Golden Simpson, Lowell Bowen and Melvin Stalls.

**Superior Court Completes Term Here on Friday**

**Moore Gets From Three To Five Years and Skinner From Two to Three Years For Manslaughter**

Ordering several cases continued for the term, the court completed its business last Friday and adjourned. Judge Leo Carr pronounced sentence against two defendants whose cases were reported last week.

George Skinner, convicted of involuntary manslaughter, was sentenced to from two to three years in State Prison, while Jesse Moore drew from three to five years upon conviction of the same offense.

Skinner was found guilty in the fatal beating of Calvin Wynne, white logwoods worker in an affray at the place of business of Lorenzo Norman at Skinnersville last Spring. Moore's case grew out of the highway accident death of Johnny Stewart Myers, 30-years-old Roper Negro, on May 22.

David M. Roberson, of Williamston, was found guilty of reckless driving and given a 30-day sentence suspended upon payment of court costs and \$250 for the use of D. O. Patrick on or before October 1.

Both Skinner and Roberson gave notice in open court of appeal to the State Supreme Court, further notice being waived in each case. Appeal bond for Skinner was set at \$100 and the defendant was allowed 20 days from July 15 to serve a statement of the case on appeal and the solicitor was allowed eight days thereafter in which to serve counter case or exception. Appearance bond was fixed at \$2,000. Appeal bond for Roberson was set at \$100 and defendant was allowed 30 days in which to serve statement of case on appeal. The solicitor was given 30 days thereafter in which to serve counter case or exception.

Other court action is briefly summed up as follows: Chester Lee Fuller, non-support, nol pro; Luke Daniels, issuing worthless check, continued for the term; Jackie Cooper, assault with a deadly weapon, continued; Frank Moore, malicious damage to personal property, continued; R. L. Chesson, sale of mortgaged property, continued; Wesley Harrell, larceny of money, nol guilty; Lena Skinner, assault with a deadly weapon, nol guilty; The motion docket case of Edward Louis Nelson, judgment, was remanded to Washington County Recorder's Court.

**Charles Marriner Passes at Roper**

Charles Edward Marriner, 69, a resident of the Millpond section near Roper, passed away at his home at 6:30 p. m. Wednesday, after an illness of about three months. He had been in failing health for a year.

Mr. Marriner was the son of the late Benjamin R. and Leah Chesson Marriner and was born near Roper September 8, 1884. He spent his entire life in the county and was a farmer and beekeeper. He was married January 2, 1907, to Dorcas Barnes of this county. The deceased was a member of Zion's Chapel Church of Christ.

Surviving are four children, Mrs. Z. B. Bergeron, Washington, Charles Morton Marriner, Plymouth, James Edward Marriner, Hickory, Va., and Mrs. John Richard Taylor, Roper; two brothers, Richard M. Marriner, Portsmouth, Va., and B. F. Marriner Peacock, Jacksonville, Fla.; a sister, Mrs. Isolind Taylor, Norfolk, Va.; and five grandchildren. One son, Pvt. Henry Clayton Marriner, was killed in action at Anzio Beachhead, Italy, January 30, 1944.

Funeral services were incomplete but services will probably be held Friday afternoon at Mt. Tabor Free Will Baptist Church, with interment in Chesson family cemetery.

**Attendance Figures for Pettigrew Park Released**

Park Ranger Paul E. Bannerman, of Pettigrew State Park, near Creswell, reports that during the week ending July 18 a total of 554 persons visited the area. This was an increase of 95 persons over the previous week. The number included 53 picnickers, 96 fishing, 307 visitors to the museum, 28 hikers and 18 boaters.

**Pepper Season Nears Peak at Market Here**

Operators of the Plymouth Produce Auction Market reported this week that volume of peppers was increasing daily with the market firm on the commodity and prices ranging from \$2 to \$4. The better quality peppers in new baskets and with a full pack were bringing highest prices, it was stated. Reports said good quality peppers were bringing better average prices on the local market than anywhere in the state, operators declared. Volume of tomatoes was light with prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$2.50. Receipts of cukes was negligible, the price hovering at \$1.50 to \$1.60. The volume of peppers is expected to reach a peak next week, it was said. Ample buyers are on the market and the demand is good, buyers desiring a larger quantity of peppers than the market is now receiving. Growers are urged to pick only mature peppers and to observe care in packing in order to get fancy prices.

**Addition Approved For Colored School**

Construction of four classrooms, lunchroom, kitchen, storage space here called for.

Preliminary plans for an addition to Plymouth Union School, presented to the county board of education last Thursday by W. J. Boney, representing the architectural firm of L. N. Boney and Son, Wilmington, were unanimously approved by the board.

The plans call for construction of four classrooms, lunchroom, kitchen, storage rooms for band, books and kitchen and a small porch, with overall dimensions of 31 feet, 8 inches by 103 feet, or 8220 square feet of space.

The board also agreed to sell the house purchased sometime ago from Eleanor Hazelwood on Adams Street and to allow successful bidder 30 days after the sale in which to remove the house from the lot.

A suggested calendar of events for the 1954-55 school year was adopted which calls for opening of county schools September 1. Closing date is listed as May 31, 1955. Holiday closings were listed as follows:

Labor Day, September 6; district teachers meeting, white schools closed, November 5; Thanksgiving, all schools closed, November 25-26; Christmas, all schools closed December 18 through January 2; state teachers meeting, Negro schools closed, April 1; Easter Monday, all schools closed, April 11.

Teacher contracts were approved for the following: A. J. Holliday, jr., Mrs. Bruce M. Davenport and Julian R. Rawls, Plymouth; Mrs. Joanne Stillman Stout, Roper; Miss India Estelle Wright, Creswell; Miss Martha Lee Blanks, Washington County Union School; Miss Evelyn Christine McCoy, Plymouth Colored School.

**REA Loans Up**

REA loans in 1952 totaled \$181.1 million, compared with \$157.6 for 1951.

**County Tax Rate, Budget Approved By County Board**

The county commissioners formally approved the general county budget and the county tax rate of \$1.70 on the \$100 valuation at their regular monthly meeting held Thursday at the courthouse here. The meeting had been postponed earlier in the month because of the July Fourth holiday. The budget and tax rate had been tentatively approved by the board June 8. Total budget requirements were listed at \$271,381.56. The motion for final approval was made by Commissioner J. C. Knowles, of Roper, and seconded by Commissioner A. R. Latham, of Plymouth.

The meeting opened at 10:30 a. m. in the commissioners' room with all members present as follows: Chairman, Frank L. Brinkley and A. R. Latham, Plymouth; J. C. Knowles, Roper; H. L. Dayenport, Skinnersville; and H. W. Pritchett, Creswell.

**Agent Warns of New Weevil Crop**

The new crop of boll weevils have emerged and it is very important that farmers who expect any substantial yield of lint this fall from their cotton crop keep up dusting activity. County Agent W. H. Pruden emphasized this week.

The agent advises against the use of Benzene Hexachloride where peanuts or potatoes will follow the cotton crop and he also states that farmers using toxaphene should not allow it to drift or be blown toward tobacco fields.

**Disease Reported In Some Tobacco**

County Agent W. H. Pruden stated Wednesday that he had received a report from State College on a sample of diseased tobacco from the field of Julian Adams on the Long Road, saying that it was an unidentified kind of leafspot caused by hot, dry weather.

The diseased leaves had big, brown spots on them without the usual halo around them, Pruden said.

The county agent also reported that Atwood Tetterton who farms on Red Hill at the edge of Plymouth has a bad case of black shank in his tobacco. Pruden stated that Tetterton did not have a plant bed and that he got tobacco from two different sources, some from Martin County which he didn't know anything about. He said that the tobacco was about a 50 per cent loss from the disease.

Pruden stated that if any farmer has diseased tobacco in the field and will notify him he will be glad to go to the farm and try to identify the disease and also advise what variety to plant another year.

**Small Number of Growers Eligible To Vote on Wheat**

Referendum To Be Held Friday of This Week; Polls At ASC Office Open From 8 to 5

On Friday of this week eligible wheat growers of Washington County will join others over the State and nation to vote for or against a marketing quota program for the 1955 crop.

As required by law, the Secretary of Agriculture proclaimed wheat quotas, subject to a grower referendum. At least two-thirds of the eligible farmers who vote must approve quotas before they can be put into effect.

If the vote is affirmative then marketing quotas will be in effect for all farms where the wheat acreage maturing for grain is more than 15 acres. Accordingly, only those farmers with allotments of 15 acres or more will be eligible to participate in the referendum. County ASC Secretary Miriam Ausbon said that of 27 wheat growers in Washington County only six are eligible. The 1955 wheat allotment for the county is 314 acres, she stated.

If the referendum carries marketing penalties will apply to all excess wheat produced on individual farms. Price support at the effective level will be available to all farmers who comply with their wheat acreage allotments, provided they also comply with any other crop allotments and total acreage allotments established for their farms.

If the referendum fails to carry there will be no marketing quotas and no marketing penalties on excess wheat. Price support, under legislative provisions, will be 50 per cent of parity.

Also, any producers who fail to comply with their wheat or other crop allotment, or with a total acreage allotment if one is in effect, will be liable for a total acreage allotment if one is in effect.

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Mary Elizabeth Dinkins, four-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Dinkins, just about has her hands full with this oversized ice cream cone. It was just about right, however, for the weather we've been having, and Mary Elizabeth had no trouble at all in disposing of it.—Photo by Jewel Hardison.