

Mercury at 98 Friday for 2nd Time

If you were one of those persons who complained about the heat or who wore that about-to-give-up look last Friday you had a perfect right. The official high reading of the day, according to figures released at the Tide Water Test Farm weather station near here was 98. The low reading for the 24-hour period was 63.

That 98 equalled the hottest weather recorded for July at the station, 98 on Saturday, the third. The temperature has hit 90 or above on 14 days during the month through Tuesday, the station record shows. Seven of these came during the first eight days of July, high readings for the 1st through the 8th running as follows: 95, 95, 93, 96, 93, 86, 94, 90.

Monday and then dropped back to 88 Tuesday. The minimum reading of 57 degrees Tuesday was the lowest since the 18th. Total rainfall recorded through Tuesday was 5.22 inches, with 3.11 inches of this falling on the 16th. Other precipitation was recorded as follows: 4th, .25 of an inch; 5th, .06 of an inch; 6th, .11 of an inch; 8th, .02 of an inch; 9th, .70 of an inch; 10th, .50 of an inch; 12th, .05 of an inch; 15th, .35 of an inch; 19th, .04 of an inch; 22nd, .03 of an inch.

METHODIST MINISTER AND WIFE OBSERVE SILVER ANNIVERSARY



Above are pictured members of the receiving line at the benefit reception given in honor of the 25th wedding anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. Dwight L. Fouts in the Fellowship Hall of the new Methodist educational building here recently. Silver contributions were accepted for finishing the ladies' parlor in the educational building and hundreds of guests called during the evening to extend congratulations to the popular pastor and his wife. Those in the photo are, left to right, front row: Mrs. E. W. Furgurson, Mrs. George Barden, Mrs. Lyman Mayo, Miss Betty Riddle, Mrs. L. S. Thompson, Mrs. A. J. Riddle, Mrs. W. C. Jones, Mrs. Cecil Carter, Mrs. Harry Barnhill, Mrs. Fouts, Miss Betsy Barnhill, Mrs. Fouts, Miss Dorothy Thompson, Miss Eleanor Sanderson, Mrs. Blanche Midgett, Mrs. C. T. Robbins, Mrs. Miller Warren, Mrs. E. M. Leavitt, Mrs. Robert Campbell, Miss Laura Jo Quinn and Miss Sue Riddle; back row: Cecil Carter, Fred Keyes, Lyman Mayo, E. M. Leavitt, George Barden, Miller Warren, L. D. Jones, Tom Sanderson, Miss Betty Davenport, Dr. E. W. Furgurson, Z. V. Norman, L. S. Thompson, Harry Barnhill, Robert Campbell, B. G. Campbell and C. J. Norman.—Photo by Weaver Studio.

Post Office Showing Upswing in Business

Increases in Practically All Categories for Year Ending June 30 Over Previous Year

Business showed an increase in most categories at the Plymouth Post Office during the four quarters ending June 30, over the corresponding period preceding, according to figures just released by Postmaster J. C. Swain.

The largest single increase came in the stamp requisition bracket with a figure of \$43,212.66 for the fiscal year 1954 as compared with the 1953 figure of \$27,544.25, or an increase of \$15,668.41.

Money orders sold during the fiscal year ending June 30 amounted to \$379,720.05 as compared with \$374,745.73 for the previous year, or an increase of \$4,974.32. Heaviest month during the year, naturally, was December with a total money order sale of \$102,753.73. Next in size was September with a total of \$92,439.36.

Figures for the quarter ending June 30 showed by months, April: money orders, \$30,973.81; fees, \$361.95; special request envelopes \$212.52; stamp requisition, \$1,376.96; second class, \$18.45; non-metered, \$116.76; metered, \$100; box rent, \$46.78; May: money orders, \$29,963.97; fees, \$348.55; special request envelopes, \$278.16; stamp requisition, \$1,825.25; second class, \$15.13; non-metered, \$184.98; metered, \$150; box rent, \$4.28; June: money orders, \$28,651.63; fees, \$346; special request envelopes, \$1,215.98; stamp requisition, \$1,966.63; second class, \$14.29; non-metered, \$65.10; permit bulk mailing, \$10; metered, \$100; box rent, \$310.44.

Attendance Figures for Pettigrew Park Released

Park Ranger Paul E. Bannerman, of Pettigrew State Park, near Creswell, reports that during the week ending July 25 a total of 531 visited the area. This was a decrease of 23 over attendance of the previous week.

The number included 117 picnickers, four tent campers, 70 fishing, 274 visitors to the museum, 44 hikers and 28 boaters.

July Rainfall More Than 1953

Total rainfall for July through Tuesday of this week had already surpassed that for the month of July 1953 with an inch and .20 to spare, according to records for this county kept at the Tide Water Test Farm weather station near here.

County and Town Board Meets Set

County and town governing bodies, with the probable exception of the Washington County Board of Education, will hold their regular monthly meetings here Monday of next week.

The county commissioners will meet at the courthouse Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock while the Plymouth Town Council will meet in the municipal building Monday night at 8 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Nooney Visit Son in Georgia

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Nooney visited their son, Wesley P. Nooney, in Jesup, Ga., last week, while Mr. Nooney was on his vacation from Liverman's store here. Young Nooney is woodyard and chip plant superintendent at the new multi-million dollar chemical cellulose plant recently established there by Rayonier, Incorporated.

More than 5,000 people attended dedication of the new plant there on Wednesday, June 23rd, when Governor Herman Tambradge was the main speaker. The plant has a capacity of 87,000 tons of cellulose annually.

Control on Wheat Carries By Slim Margin on Friday

County's Six Eligible Voters For Control of 1955 Crop; Strictest Control Ever for Next Year

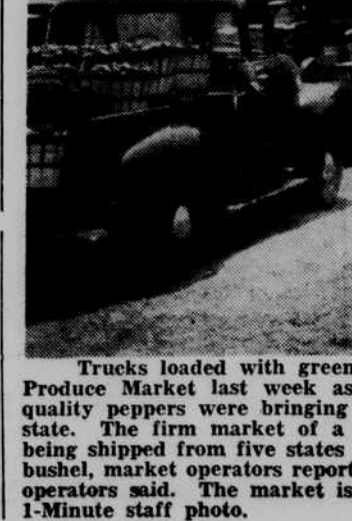
The six eligible voters in Washington County for the wheat referendum held last Friday all cast "yes" votes to go along with the majority as the nation's wheat growers once again voted to accept controls on their next year's crop. The margin, however, was the thinnest ever.

But it also means that, in Secretary of Agriculture Benson's own terms, controls on wheat the farmer can plant in 1955 will be the toughest ever. Growers supporting controls cast 73.3 per cent of the vote in Friday's referendum, the Agricultural Department calculated. Since a favorable vote of 66.7 per cent was needed to continue controls the margin was thin indeed—much slimmer than was expected from advance indications.

Large Warehouse

The main warehouse at the State Dock in Wilmington is 86,000 square feet large.

Busy Scene at Plymouth Produce Market as Prices Hit Peak



Trucks loaded with green peppers waited their turn under the auction shed at the Plymouth Produce Market last week as prices ranged from \$2 to \$4 a bushel, reports stating that good quality peppers were bringing better average prices on the local market than anywhere in the state. The firm market of a week ago had become dull this week, however, as peppers were being shipped from five states and prices here Wednesday were ranging from 95 cents to \$1.25 a bushel, market operators reported. A stronger market is expected within the next few days, the operators said. The market is planning to handle red peppers within a few days, also.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

Vets Building Is Expected Site of Air Spotter Post

Tentatively Selected Subject To Approval of Veterans Organizations; Dr. Whitehurst Supervisor

The Veterans Building here has tentatively been selected as the site for the local Ground Observer Corps observation post.

The action came at the third in a series of meetings held Friday night at the Veterans Building, before a disappointing crowd.

At the same time, Dr. A. L. Whitehurst was named supervisor of the post and Charles Gardner and Carl L. Bailey, jr., chief observers. A complete roster will be announced later, Dr. Whitehurst said.

The site must be officially okayed and it will then take 30 days to get the telephone system set up before the post can officially function and participate in alerts, the supervisor explained.

Before the site can be finally approved its selection must be passed upon by house rules committees of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts, commanders of those organizations pointed out. This is expected to be a mere formality, however.

The project to establish a Ground Observer Corps post here is being sponsored by the Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce of which Dr. Whitehurst is president.

A film of the explosion of an atomic bomb was shown by Lt. Gordon Jackie, of Durham, of the Durham Air Defense Filter Center of the Ground Observer Corps, at the meeting.

The regular meeting of James E. Jethro Post No. 164 of the American Legion was held prior to the meeting.

Funeral Services For Mrs. Ambrose

Funeral services were held from the home Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock for Mrs. Eseneath Craddock Ambrose, of near Roper. Mrs. Ambrose died at her home at 9:15 p. m. Saturday after a brief illness. She had been in declining health for many years.

Mrs. Ambrose was a native of Washington County, born August 25, 1876, to the late Isaac and Nancy Jane Overton Furlough, of this county. She was a member of Concord Primitive Baptist Church, Creswell.

Surviving are four daughters, Miss Martha Craddock, of Roper, Mrs. Ethel Bagley, of Plymouth, Mrs. Nettie Skittleharpe, of Roper, and Mrs. Claudia Harpe, of Norfolk, Va.; two sons, DeWard Craddock, of Roper, and Roy Craddock, of Norfolk; a brother, Thomas Furlough, of Roper; one adopted daughter, Mrs. Annie Oliver, of Roper; 13 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

Services were conducted by Elder A. B. Ayers, of Williamston, assisted by Elder Ross, of Greenville. Burial was in the family cemetery at the home.

Principal Sought For Roper School

A new principal is being sought for Roper High School. H. F. Brown, who has served several years as principal at Roper, tendered his resignation last week in a letter to County Superintendent R. F. Lowry. The resignation was reluctantly accepted and Mr. Lowry is now negotiating with several persons who are interested in the position.

Mr. Lowry said the local school committee must pass on any selection made for the post, subject to approval of the county board of education.

Cotton Growers Urged To Dust

County Agent W. H. Pruden declared this week that dusting activity should continue on cotton farms of the county in order to control the new crop of boll weevils.

Pruden advised that growers should dust this week and next, at least, and that fields should also be watched carefully for red spider infestation.

Snap Theft Ring With Arrests at Norfolk of Trio

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SBI Director James Powell identified the three men, all colored, as James McGone, Bernie Frank Tyson and Harry Barry Whitaker. Powell said the trio would steal an automobile in the Norfolk area, use it in the robbery excursions into this state and then abandon the machine upon their return to Virginia.

PRICES DOWN AS LOCAL MELONS HIT MARKET



The pickup truckload of melons shown in the above photo were grown on a new ground patch of one and a half acres near Roper belonging to Barton Swain. The tenant, shown on the left at the rear of the truck is Robert Morris. Others in the picture, from left to right, are Bob Winesett, local grocer, Billy Harden and Willis Jethro, of Plymouth. The truck was parked near Winesett's store on West Water Street when the picture was made. Some of the smaller cantaloupes were selling as low as five cents each, a far cry from the prices prevailing here earlier before the local crop hit the market. The dry weather cut the yield considerably, Morris reported.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

Murder and Suicide Ruled in Deaths Here Of Brothers Tuesday

Romulus Tetterton, 67, and Bruce Tetterton, 50, Dead As Tragedy Strikes Tuesday

Tragedy struck a double blow to a Plymouth family late Tuesday afternoon.

Dead are Romulus "Captain Rome" Tetterton, 67, and his brother, Bruce Tetterton, 50.

Coroner Jack Horner ruled that the facts clearly indicated homicide and suicide and deemed an inquest unnecessary.

Coroner Horner stated that late Tuesday afternoon Bill and Worth Tetterton came to the funeral home and told him that Romulus Tetterton was dead, asking that he send an ambulance and that he notify Dr. Claudius McGowan and Sheriff J. K. Reid.

Horner hurried to the home just beyond Windley Cemetery on the old Washington road at the outskirts of Plymouth and went in from the back porch where he found an empty 12-gauge shotgun shell. Horner said Romulus Tetterton was lying on his back in the hall with a 12-gauge short single barrel shotgun lying beside the body. The man's face was practically blown off, brains were scattered about the hall and stairway and there were powder burns on Tetterton's chin, the coroner stated. The gun contained an empty shell.

Three brothers, Romulus, Bill and Bruce—none of them married, lived together at the homeplace. Bill had gone to Plymouth to buy some fish and it was upon his return that he discovered the body of Romulus in the hall. He thought that Bruce was in the bedroom asleep and the fact that he had been killed was not discovered until Dr. McGowan arrived at the home shortly after the coroner got there. The doctor went into the bedroom and discovered Bruce Tetterton fully dressed but for his shoes which were beside the bed and lying on his back with an arm folded across his chest. He had been shot in the region of the heart and apparently bled internally, there being only two small spots of blood on the bed, Coroner Horner stated. Indications were that death was instantaneous, the coroner said, and the time of death was placed at about 4:30 p. m.

Romulus Tetterton had been in poor health for some time and is said to have been dependent over the state of his health.

The Tettertons were the sons of the late Augustus T. and Pat Sexton Tetterton, of Plymouth. Romulus was born in Washington County February 15, 1887, and had lived here all his life. He was a retired railroad worker and a member of Plymouth Christian Church.

Bruce Tetterton was born January 5, 1904, and had spent his

Safety Awards To Drivers of Buses Distributed Here

Safety award certificates are in the process of being distributed in this county to school bus drivers who successfully completed the 1953-54 term by conforming to prescribed safety rules and regulations.

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Automobile Seat Found by Plymouth Officer Near Scene of Local Break-in Plays Part

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While Norfolk police worked on the wave of car thefts SBI agents and sheriffs' departments in Halifax, Northampton, Gates, Hertford, and Washington counties probed the break-ins.

The case broke when Norfolk police picked up several suspects in the car thefts. The car seat found by Officer Basnight here proved to be from a 1951 model Chevrolet and it was found that the car was stolen July 13 at Norfolk. Recovered in the Virginia city, South Carolina license plates found in the car led to the apprehension of Whitaker, it was said.

Fingerprints taken from the arrested men matched prints taken by SBI agents at the scene of the store break-ins, it was reported.

Powell said none of the stolen merchandise has been recovered but that "efforts are being made." The three arrested Negroes have criminal records for breaking and entering, he stated. It was indicated that the three, possibly with accomplices, might be linked with 14 other robberies in this state.

Powell listed three SBI agents who had taken part in the investigation as Walter Spence, Clyde Pentress and L. E. Allen.

Certificates From Motor Vehicles Department and Automobile Association To 25 in County

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Congratulations were offered the winners by John G. Frazier, jr., president of the automobile association, and Edward Scheidt, commissioner of motor vehicles.

Winners in the county include William E. Phelps, Geraldine M. Davenport, Kenneth L. Spruill, Reginald G. Davenport, Douglas C. Day, Harlin D. Patrick, Billy A. Sawyer, Paul D. Ange, Norman Williams, Evans White, Bill Comer, Gerald Brabble, Richard Allen, Sterling Davenport, Billy Davenport, Pernel Belcher, Robert L. Fuller, Russell Rouson, Valon E. Lucas, Edmond E. Johnson, Russell R. Nixon, Hubert Jones, Sherwood Satterthwaite, Christopher C. Cherry, Larry Woodley.

CORRECTION

An error appeared in the ad for Tetterton's Dairy Bar in the last issue of The Beacon. A gallon of ice cream was advertised for 95 cents when it should have been one half gallon. Also, milk shakes are served in two sizes, 20 and 25 cents.

The Beacon regrets the error.

The office of Selective Service Board No. 95 here will be closed all day Thursday of this week, Mrs. Lorraine Hunter, board clerk, has announced. The office, located in the basement of the county courthouse, will reopen Friday at the usual hour. Patrons of the office should please note.

While visiting relatives here Saturday, Steve Cayton, nine-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Cayton, jr., of College Park, Maryland, went down to the Turnpike Canals to try his luck at fishing. As it turned out his luck was pretty good and he caught a two pound, 11 ounce large mouth bass. The fish measured 17 inches in length, according to Gilbert Vaughan, the young fisherman's uncle. It was the biggest catch made so far by the little fisherman. He was using worms for bait.

Jesse Parks, who served as student pastor of the Plymouth Presbyterian Church for some months, was one of four young ministers examined by Granville Presbytery which met Tuesday at the Ernest Myatt Presbyterian Church, Raleigh. Following their examination, the presbytery appointed a commission to ordain and install the candidates as Presbyterian pastors. The ordination services and installation will be held in August and September. Parks has been assigned to the Willow Springs and the Fellowship Presbyterian Churches. He recently graduated from Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va.

Julian Weaver, of Little Rock, Ark., arrived the first of last week to spend his two weeks' vacation here with his father, W. J. Weaver, Young Weaver, who received his degree in mechanical engineering at the Missouri School of Mines & Metallurgy, at Rolla, Mo., in 1951, is now employed by the Westinghouse Electric Company at Little Rock. He plans to leave Friday for his home.

Eugene F. Still, former mayor of Plymouth who now lives in Blytheville, Ark., spent several days here the first of the week, attending to business matters and calling on some of his many friends. Mr. Still, who headed the Plymouth Box & Panel Company as president for a number of years before the plant was purchased by the Atlas Plywood Corporation, is now engaged in the automobile business at Blytheville.

16-Year-Old Boy, Former Resident Slain in Virginia

Harvey Kulman Said Unintentionally Shot Saturday Night by 14-Year-Old Girl Companion

Harvey Kulman, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Kulman, former Plymouth residents, was wounded fatally by a .22-caliber bullet fired from a miniature pistol by his 14-year-old girl companion while the two sat in a car at a Hampton, Va., drive-in theater last Saturday night, according to a Norfolk, Va., newspaper report Monday. Police there think the shooting was unintentional, according to the reports.

The boy's father, Dave Kulman, operated a clothing store in Plymouth for about seven or eight years, leaving in 1947 to buy a store in Newport News, where the family have lived since. Harvey is remembered here as a talented musician, while his mother was active in the Eastern Star, serving as matron of the local chapter.

Hampton police said young Kulman died within a few minutes.

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