

W. Willis Bowen, Washington County FHA supervisor and acting supervisor for Hyde County, was master of ceremonies at the special "Open House" program at Mattamuskeet Lodge recently in honor of visiting agricultural experts from 10 foreign countries.

Patrolman Carl Gilchrist, of Plymouth, will leave Sunday for Chapel Hill where he plans to attend the patrol school sponsored by the Institute of Government Monday and Tuesday.

Recently promoted from private to corporal, Dillon S. (Jap) Harris arrived in Plymouth yesterday from Fort Lewis, Wash., to spend a couple of weeks at home. Jap and four other boys from the eastern part of the United States, all presently assigned to the 44th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, bought a second-hand car for \$600 when they got their annual leave recently and proceeded to drive the more than 3,000 miles home in a little over 3 1/2 days.

2nd Lt. and Mrs. James Polk Spruill left Tuesday morning for Fort Benning, Ga., after spending several weeks here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Nobles. Lieutenant Spruill graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in June and has been assigned to the Infantry School at Fort Benning for ranger training before he gets his permanent assignment in the Army.

Plymouth Band Director Ed Taylor has announced that band practice will begin Monday night of next week in the high school band room. Time is 7 o'clock and all members of the Senior Band are requested to be present.

Darden Family To Hold Annual Meeting Near Here Sunday

David Darden Descendants Association Will Convene At Late D. G. Darden Homestead

The David Darden Descendants Association will meet Sunday at the plantation home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bateman, the homestead of the late D. G. Darden, five miles south of Plymouth.

The association was formed several years ago for the purpose of keeping alive fraternal contacts and to learn something of the family genealogy.

A formal program has been announced for the occasion as follows:

Call to order by the president, 11 a. m.; song, "America"; invocation, Rev. T. F. Davenport; welcome, Mrs. R. L. Bateman; response, Mrs. R. M. Porter; reading of minutes by secretary, motions and resolutions, election of officers and selection of place for 1955 meeting.

Darden genealogy and David Darden Descendants by Mrs. W. J. Highsmith; address, "Families and What They Have Meant to This Section," Hon. Raymond A. Stone, of Charlotte, speaker to be introduced by Alphonso D. Hall; Memorial Service, Resolution: Martha Hornthal, Mrs. W. M. Darden; Resolution: Joseph P. (Buck) Darden, Mrs. Raymond Riddick; prayer, the Rev. J. D. Waters; song, "Blest Be the Tie"; recognition of members and visitors, president; thanks expressed to host and hostess, president; song, "God Be With You"; closing prayer, M. G. Darden; picnic lunch and social hour to follow.

Officers of the association are John W. Darden, president; Alphonso D. Hall, vice president; M. G. Darden, historian; Mrs. William J. Grimes, secretary; Mrs. Charles E. Davis, treasurer.

The finance committee is composed of Mrs. Richard Thompson and Mrs. Woodrow Dixon.

Regular VFW Meeting Tonight at Vets Club

Commander Melvin Boyd announces that the regular meeting of Bosie Bateman Post No. 4023, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will be held at the Veterans Club here Thursday night of this week.

The meeting will open promptly at 8 o'clock, Commander Boyd stated, and he urges a full attendance of the post membership.

Announce Hike in Support Price of Peanuts, Cotton

Department of Agriculture Makes Adjustment Due to Rise in Parity Price of Commodities

An announcement affecting Washington County farmers was made over the week-end by the United States Department of Agriculture. Support prices for both peanuts and upland cotton were adjusted upward from supports previously announced. The adjustments were made because of a rise in parity price of the two commodities.

The support level on the 1954 crop of peanuts was raised \$1.80 per ton to a national average of \$244.80. The minimum national support level announced by the department April 7 was on the basis of parity at that time before planting. Since then the parity price has increased and the new national average minimum support is based on July 15 parity prices.

At the same time the average loan rate for 1954 upland cotton grading middling 7-8th inch staple was raised from 31.25 cents a pound to 31.58 cents. This is based on a July 15 parity price of 35.09 cents per pound in contrast to the preplanting parity of 34.72 cents per pound. Department officials said the 33/100ths cents a pound could mean "several million dollars" additional to the cotton farmer.

Support price for extra long staple cotton remains at the 65.53 cents a pound rate announced in March because of a decline in parity price for this staple.

The average rate for middling 15/16ths inch cotton will be 1.65 cents a pound above the average rate for middling 7-8 inch of 33.33 cents a pound, the department said. The rate for middling 15/16 inch will vary from 34.26 cents a pound in the concentrated mill area of the Carolinas to a low of 32.48 cents a pound in California and Arizona.

Seven Stills Fall To County Raiders

Seven illicit whiskey stills fell to raiding officers in the county during July, according to a report submitted by Chief ABC Officer Robert Sawyer, of Roper.

Three men, Johnnie Johnson, Ted Austin and Wiley Moore, were caught at a still during a raid staged July 22, the report shows, and the men were subsequently given a hearing before a United States Commissioner and bond set at \$300 each.

The largest still taken during the period was of 150 gallon capacity, there were two of 100 gallon capacity and two 60, two 50 and one 10.

Included in confiscated materials and equipment were 1,550 gallons of mash, 26 gallons of whiskey, eight worms, seven 50-gallon coolers and 31 50-gallon barrels.

Miss Jane Crofton Queen At East Carolina College

Miss Jane Crofton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Crofton, a library science major at East Carolina College, Greenville, has been chosen Miss East Carolina College Summer School of 1954.

Voted the campus queen by the student body, Miss Crofton was crowned at ceremonies during the Summer School Dance, with Kitty Brison, East Carolina's 1954 May Queen and Miss Summer School of 1953, handling the coronation program.

The new summer school campus queen was presented by President Louis Singleton, also of Plymouth, of the ECC Summer School Student Government Association. Miss Crofton entered summer school, following her graduation from Plymouth High School, in May 1954. Miss Crofton is taking a course leading to a career as a librarian.

Market Still Handles Some Green Peppers

Although there are now no buyers on the market, the Plymouth Produce Auction Market here is still handling some green peppers on order, James H. Ward, one of the owners and operators, reports.

About 500 bushels of peppers were handled on the local market this week, Ward stated late Wednesday. Prices, he said, have ranged from 75 cents to \$1.25.

HAPPY CHILDREN LEAVING FOR ANNUAL PICNIC



Several hundred persons attended the annual Sunday School picnic of Ludford Memorial Baptist Church at Albemarle Beach last Thursday, but none enjoyed it more than this group of youngsters, pictured in front of the church just before leaving. A large part of the fun on any picnic is getting a crowd together for singing, laughing and shouting on a truck trip to the beach. Raymond Smith, on the right, was the driver; and the pastor, the Rev. P. B. Nickens, is in the group somewhere. Others are Frederick Allen Hill, Stevie Walker, Wingate Kinbrough, Burl Walker, John Wayne Walker, Claudia Walker, Jean Walker, Doris Price, Jimmy Swain, Sandra McNair, Brenda Walker and Judy Walker. —Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

Employ Supervisor For County Schools

Name Principal At Roper School

T. A. Hood, a native of Wayne County, will be the new principal at Roper High School, filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of H. F. Brown recently, it was learned this week.

Mr. Hood holds an AB degree from Wake Forest College and an MA degree from East Carolina College. For the past three years he has served as principal at Walsenburg and at one time was principal at Swan Quarter High School.

Miss Sue Underhill, of Roanoke Rapids, Employed To Fill Vacancy for Tyrrell-Washington Post

Miss Sue H. Underhill, of Roanoke Rapids, has been employed as Washington-Tyrrell school supervisor, it was announced this week. Employment of Miss Underhill fills the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. George Frost Barnes last spring. Mrs. Barnes resigned to return to her home in Lucama because of illness in the family.

Miss Underhill is well qualified to fill her new position. She is a graduate of Asheville High School and Woman's College, Greensboro, and holds an MA degree from George Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn. In addition Miss Underhill has had courses in high school administration and in educational sociology at Woman's College and in audio-visual aids at the University of Virginia.

Teaching experience enjoyed by Miss Underhill includes tenures at Asheville, Lumberton and Miami, Florida. She has served as student counselor at Woman's College, as Tri-City supervisor for Lumberton, Fairmont and Red Springs and instructed teachers this summer at the University of Virginia in how to teach reading, working in the extension department of the Charlottesville school.

Dr. Mohn Moving To Fayetteville

Dr. Robert L. Mohn and family are planning to move to Fayetteville on September 1, it was learned here last week-end. He is giving up his practice here to become associated with two prominent Fayetteville dentists, Drs. Robert and Clarence Olive.

Dr. Mohn located in Plymouth for the practice of dentistry shortly after graduating from the University of Maryland Dental College in 1947. Prior to his entry into the dental college he had taught school for several years after graduating from Wake Forest College in 1940.

He practiced here from 1947 until January, 1952, when he entered military service for a two-year tour of duty. He returned around the first of this year after completing his military service.

Dr. and Mrs. Mohn have two daughters, Linda Gay and Betty Carole. They have many friends in the community who will regret to learn of their leaving Plymouth.

Revival Meetings Open At Scuppernon Church

A special series of revival meetings has been announced for Scuppernon Church of Christ by the pastor, the Rev. Mark Woolard.

The series will open on Wednesday of next week and continue through Sunday, August 22. The evangelist will be the Rev. Walker Perry, of Elizabeth City.

Plenty of old-time singing and preaching is promised and the public is cordially invited. The church is located near Creswell.

Group of Negroes Again Ask Council For Improvements

Told Some of Street Surfacing Projects Requested Are Already Being Given Consideration

A delegation of Negro citizens returned to the Plymouth City Council meeting Monday night to again ask for consideration in securing street surfacing and water and sewer extensions in colored sections of the town. The group, headed by the Rev. J. T. Wingate, was substantially the same as the one which presented a similar petition to the council last month.

Wingate read an open letter Monday night, stating that the group, representing several civic and fraternal organizations, were not satisfied with the response at the first meeting. After listening to the letter, members of the council entered into a discussion with the delegation, during which it was brought out that some of the things requested were being considered by the council.

The delegation asked that streets leading to the colored school be surfaced. They were told the council was considering surfacing one block of Andrew Jackson Avenue, between Third and Fourth Streets, and one block of Fourth Street, between Madison and Andrew Jackson, which would take care of this request. Another project being considered is surfacing Madison Street from the Fagan store corner out to the ACL Railroad, and Seventh Street from Madison to Adams.

It was emphasized there was nothing definite about the street surfacing projects as yet, as they are dependent upon the amount of money received by the town from Powell Bill Funds, and also upon satisfactory arrangements being made with state highway officials to have the work done.

So far as extending water and sewer lines in colored residential sections, members of the council indicated this was not under consideration at this time. It was pointed out there were few colored customers in sections which already had access to sewer lines. Members of the colored delegation then said the ordinance requiring connection with sewer lines should be enforced in those sections, but members of the council declared they had received many protests from colored citizens when enforcement was tried in the past.

It was brought out that few, if any, of the delegation present owned any real estate in the town. One of the councilmen told the group that he would not vote for any water-sewer extensions until he was assured more of the "substantial" colored people were ready to cooperate in such an undertaking. The discussion ended. See COUNCIL, Page 12

Creswell Cannery Open Tuesday of Each Week

The Creswell Community Cannery will be open each Tuesday until the end of the vegetable and fruit season, or as long as necessary, it was announced this week.

Mr. Wilson, manager of the cannery, said this week he would appreciate it if all fruits and vegetables for canning were brought to the cannery by 12 o'clock each Tuesday, in order that the work may be finished before nightfall.

New Hunting, Fishing Licenses Now On Sale

All new hunting, fishing and combination licenses are now on sale in the county, Game Protector J. T. Terry, of Plymouth, reports.

Licenses may be secured at advertised places in each community through the county or from the game protector, it was stated.

Commissioners Hold Quiet Meet Monday

Very little business was transacted at the regular monthly session of the Washington County Board of Commissioners here Monday.

The meeting was held in the commissioners' room at the courthouse and opened at 10:45 a. m. with the following members present: Frank L. Brinkley, of Plymouth, chairman; H. L. Davenport, Skinnerville; J. C. Knowles, Roper; and H. W. Pritchett, Creswell.

R. M. Byrd, jr., met with the board and discussed some matters pertaining to the revaluation project which he is carrying out in the county. Mr. Byrd reported that good progress is being made in the work, that work in Ply-

Local Postal Service Is Ordered Curtailed

Four of Present Seven Daily Dispatches Slated To Be Cut Out Effective Monday, August 16

Sharply curtailed mail service is in immediate prospect for patrons of the Plymouth Post Office, it was learned this week.

Postmaster J. C. Swain said Wednesday that according to his best information there will be only three dispatches per day from the local office effective Monday, August 16. There now are seven dispatches daily from the office, Swain stated.

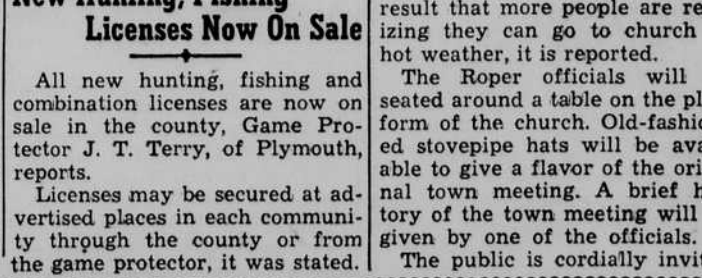
The postmaster added, however, that he had been promised by the chief clerk of the Railway Mail Service out of Greensboro that if the new schedule proves unsatisfactory every effort will be made to secure better service here.

Stating that he expected more definite information concerning the change next week, Postmaster Swain said that under the new arrangements the first mail daily at the local office would be the Highway Post Office at 6 a. m., bringing first class mail and parcel post. The present star route out of Plymouth to Rocky Mount at 8 a. m. will continue as at present, he said. The next outgoing mail will be the return of the Highway Post Office going west at 5:45 p. m.

Mr. Swain listed the four dispatches to be omitted from the schedule as the Highway Post Office going west at 10 a. m., the star route going north and west at 1:40 p. m., the Highway Post Office going north at 2 p. m. and the star route going west at 2:40 p. m.

The large Highway Post Office mail trucks which have been government-operated ever since their establishment will be privately operated under contract with the government beginning August 16, Mr. Swain stated. The trucks will carry a postal clerk besides the drivers.

Participants in Recent Swimming Meet at Local Pool



Above are pictured most of the contestants in the swimming meet held in the Plymouth Country Club pool recently. There were individual and team diving and swimming events for both boys and girls in various age groups under the supervision of Miss Cornelia Edmundson, swimming instructor, and Ed Taylor, manager of the pool; and all the young people had a wonderful time. Those in the photo above are, left to right, front row: Doris Jackson, Bobby Ladd, Charles Bowen, Ed Womble, Gene Hollowell, Bubba Hopkins, Bobby Ange and Lloyd Owens; second row: Billy Bowen, Betty Ladd, Buddy Harrison, Billy Hall, Suzanne Owens, Kathy Keel, Mary Stuart Joyner, Gloria Roberson, Sandy Williams; back row: Colon Bowen, Jr., and Harvey Hill.—Photo by Jewel Hardison.

Select 8 Polling Places for 'Know How' Referendum

Action Comes at Meeting Of County Agricultural Workers Here Wednesday Afternoon

Eight polling places in Washington County for the "Nickels for Know-How" referendum to be held October 15 were selected at a meeting of county agricultural workers in the auditorium of the Agricultural Building here Wednesday afternoon.

Polling places named were Agriculture Building, Plymouth, Wade Hardison Store, Roper, Mike Davenport Garage, Creswell, J. C. Tankington Store, Pleasant Grove, Harry Barnes Store, Cherry, Wiley Ratcliff Store, Wenona, Cedric Davenport Store, Mackeys Road, and Jackson Store, Long Ridge Road. These are subject, of course, to final approval.

W. H. Pruden presided over the meeting and explained that it was necessary to notify the public of the polling places at least 60 days before the date of the referendum. The farmers will vote whether or not to tax themselves five cents a ton on all feed and fertilizer they buy, the accruing funds to be used to further research and education in agriculture in North Carolina. The program was first voted in 1951 when farmers overwhelmingly voted the program in for a three-year period. During that time about \$140,000 a year has been raised and has enabled the extension program to be greatly strengthened and the people made more conscious of the program.

Every county has a director who serves on the committee to decide how the money shall be spent. J. L. Rea, superintendent of Tide Water Test Farm near here, is Washington County director.

It was explained that anyone who buys feed or fertilizer will be eligible to vote October 15. During the meeting Mr. Pruden read a letter from E. Y. Floyd, secretary of the Nickels for Know-How Committee, setting forth the importance of the program.

Diseases Playing Havoc in Tobacco

Nematodes together with black shank are playing havoc with several tobacco fields in this county, W. H. Pruden, county farm agent, reported this week. Pruden said that several farms in the Millpond section near Roper are particularly hard hit.

The county agent stated that it will pay tobacco growers with disease in their fields to find out just what the trouble is in order to know what steps to take for another season.

Another Man Arrested In Robbery Case Here

Walter McCoy, young Negro apprehended at Norfolk, Va., was brought to Plymouth Friday of last week and jailed in connection with the recent robbery of H. E. Harrison Wholesale Company here.

McCoy's arrest brought to four the number of apprehended in connection with the case and numerous other break-ins in several Northeastern North Carolina counties.

Previously arrested at Norfolk were James McGlone, Bernie Frank Tyson and Harry Barry Whitaker. Local police reported that the three men were jailed elsewhere, two of them at Jackson and one at Norfolk. All are Negroes.

No Emergency Drive in County

Thos. F. Hopkins, who has managed the March of Dimes campaign in this county for the past several years, stated Wednesday that he had received no notification from headquarters concerning an emergency drive for funds to be held this month.

National Headquarters of the Polio Fund have announced that a serious shortage exists of funds with which to combat the disease and several counties in this section have been asked to conduct an emergency drive. However, Mr. Hopkins said he was of the opinion that this is being done only in the counties which made a poor showing in the regular March of Dimes drive earlier in the year.