

Col. James C. Tarkenton, jr., and family left Sunday for the New York port of embarkation...

To hear Judge W. Ronald Gaylord talk there is definitely a super-abundance of cats at his home...

The Washington County Library will be closed all next week, Monday through Friday...

The cosmopolitan nature of Plymouth's population is well illustrated by an incident related yesterday by Principal J. S. Fleming...

Tom Hopkins scored a hole-in-one on the 135-yard No. 3 hole at Greenville Country Club Sunday...

After three days of school Washington County students will get their first holiday...

Escapes Fury of Hurricane Carol

Except for the cornfields blown askew and a sweeping job to clear up debris of limbs, leaves and twigs...

According to reports, the hurricane went on up the coast to lash with all its fury at the New England states...

Rains which fell before, during and after the storm were welcome as were the lower temperatures...

No More Peppers Here Until Further Notice

W. M. Darden, market manager at Plymouth Produce Auction Market here, announced that after today (Thursday) no more peppers will be handled...

Band Booster Meeting Tuesday of Next Week

An important meeting of Band Boosters and other parents of school children and all interested persons is slated to be held Tuesday night of next week here...

The meeting will be held in the high school auditorium and is scheduled to open at 8 o'clock...

PLANNING COMMITTEE OF LOCAL FHA CHAPTER OUTLINES WORK



Members of the planning committee of the Future Homemakers of America chapter at Plymouth High School met in the home economics department here last Thursday to work out plans for their club during the coming school year...

Labor Day Program Is Planned by Unions

Arrangements Being Made To Secure Out-of-Town Speaker for Occasion, Committee Says

In recognition of Labor Day and also the eve of the 14th anniversary of the Paper Makers Union charter, a free dinner will be given at the North Carolina Pulp Company pavilion Monday afternoon at 1 o'clock...

Only members with adequate proof of their membership and their families will be permitted to participate unless by special invitation from the proper committee...

All members and their families are urged to attend the affair. Let's make a big day of it, a union spokesman urged...

Members of the committee of Cherry River Local No. 423 are Harvey Hobbs, James F. Humphreys, jr., and James M. Hamilton.

Little Damage as Auto Overturns, No Injuries

A 1954 Plymouth operated by Mrs. Iva Spruill, of Creswell, overturned on the Newland Road about a mile east of Roper Tuesday morning at 9:30 o'clock...

Mrs. Spruill was not hurt and very little damage resulted to the car, the report stated. Mrs. Spruill is said to have been meeting a car, pulled off on the soft shoulder, hit the ditch and overturned.

ROPER COACH AT NAVY MOBILIZATION SEMINAR



Lt. Theodore C. Martus, U. S. Naval Reserve, teacher and coach at Roper High School, pays a call on Captain J. B. Azer, USN, Fifth Naval District Director of Training, between classes at the two-week mobilization seminar held recently at the Norfolk Naval Base...

County Schools Off To Smooth Start for Year

Openings Mostly Informal As Schools Get Down to Business for 1954-55 Session

According to County Superintendent of Schools Roy F. Lowry, Washington County schools got off to a good start Wednesday of this week on the 1954-55 term.

No figures were available Wednesday afternoon on opening day attendance but it was expected to be around 3,230. Figures for the first three days' attendance and a comparison with the like period a year ago will be available next week, it was stated.

Mr. Lowry said he had received no reports of any unusual difficulties up to yesterday afternoon from any of the principals. Arrangements for the opening were completed well in advance, buildings, buses and equipment were put in good condition, and final instructions were given teachers and principals at meetings held the first of this week.

So far as could be learned here, there was little formality attached to the opening yesterday, although chapel programs were held in most of the schools and some are understood to have had outside speakers for the occasion.

Board Office Will Be Closed 3 Days

The office of Selective Service Board No. 95 in the county courthouse here will be closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, Mrs. Lorraine Hunter, clerk to the board, has announced.

The board will observe the Labor Day holiday Monday, Mrs. Hunter said, and a directive from State headquarters orders that the offices of all local boards be closed next Tuesday and Wednesday.

The board office will reopen Thursday morning of next week at the usual hour, it was stated. Mrs. Hunter also released the names of registrants from the board who were inducted into the armed services Thursday of last week. They are: Robert Ward Davenport, William Lorenza Downing, Enoch Spencer Reid, Wade Henry Johnson (volunteer) and Ulysses Arnold Wills, transferred to a Baltimore board.

There will be no preinduction and induction calls made upon the local board during this month, Mrs. Hunter stated.

Creswell Church To Have Revival

The Rev. L. J. Rainey, pastor announced this week that the Creswell Baptist Church would begin its fall revival meeting next Monday night, September 6, at 8 p. m. The Rev. R. T. Greene, of Concord, will be the guest speaker.

Farm Bureau Lays Plans for Annual Membership Drive

County Unit To Strive for Quota of 300 Members Under Chairmanship of Whitford Swain

J. A. Morris, of Creswell, president of the Washington County Farm Bureau, announced today that Whitford Swain, of Roper Route 1, has been elected chairman of this year's county membership campaign by the organization's board of directors.

President Morris said the board has accepted the county quota of 300 members this year which will go to make up the state Farm Bureau quota of 70,000 members. Morris said the board is making plans to conduct a one-week membership drive this year in the county, which has proven highly successful in the past in other counties.

The Farm Bureau leader urged the women of the organization to accept a greater responsibility in this year's membership drive. "In the past, the Farm Bureau women of our county have been of untold value in the membership work and we will have to rely heavily on them again this year," Morris stated.

He pointed out that the North Carolina Farm Bureau has a good chance of leading the South in membership this year if all county quotas are reached.

Kick-Off Meet For 'Challenge' Program Slated

All Committeemen and Over 100 Farm and Business Leaders To Meet Friday Of Next Week

An important kick-off meeting for the Washington County Challenge program has been scheduled for Friday night of next week, County Agent W. H. Pruden reports.

The meeting will be held at the county courthouse here, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, Pruden said, and all committeemen who have worked on the Challenge program will be invited. Additionally, some 115 farm and business leaders of the County will be personally invited to attend the meeting, the county agent stated.

A series of color slides will be used to show how the overall program for agriculture in Washington County can be practically applied to the individual farms in the county.

A handbook, 'Steps To Progress in Washington County,' has been compiled and published containing a complete program for agriculture with increasing the income of every farmer in the county as the primary objective.

At the meeting, suggestions will be received from county farm and business leaders for carrying this program to virtually every farmer in the county through a series of 13 community meetings to be held in almost every neighborhood of the county.

This program was developed by the people of Washington County for their own good and if carried out is estimated to increase county income from agriculture by from 20 to 25 per cent, or approximately one half-million dollars a year.

The meeting will be open to the public and anyone interested is urged to attend.

A complete schedule of subsequent community meetings will be released after September 10.

Republicans Set Kick-Off Dinner

A kick-off dinner in support of the candidacy of W. T. Love III, of Elizabeth City, for Congress from the First District on the Republican ticket will be held at the Mayflower Restaurant in Plymouth Wednesday evening of next week, Washington County Republican leaders have announced.

Report Record Enrollment At School Here Yesterday

Overall Gain of 19 Students Over Last Year First Day; Record Lunchroom Patronage



Plymouth firemen are presently engaged in finishing the interior of the new fire department building completed here some time ago. Several of them were installing the cypress paneling in the main clubroom when this photo was made last Thursday. That's Bud Lovic at the left doing some wiring, while Tom Sanderson, Harry Gurkin and Lawrence Jones (back of the ladder) are working on the walls.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

Next Wednesday Is Date for Bloodmobile

Quota Cut From 150 to 110 Pints But Local Leaders Urge Full Response Next Wednesday

With blood needs said to be increasing, an all-out effort will be made here next Wednesday to secure and if possible surpass the quota set for the regular quarterly bloodmobile unit visit to Plymouth and Washington County.

The bloodmobile will be located at the Veterans Club, near the Washington County hospital. The unit visit is again being sponsored jointly by the James E. Jethro Post of the American Legion and the Bosie Bateman Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Auxiliaries of the two posts.

Donors will be received between the hours of 10:30 a. m. and 5 p. m., blood bank leaders here have stated. Also, on this visit the operation will be supervised by local doctors, it was stated.

In the past a doctor has been sent with the bloodmobile unit.

The Plymouth Woman's Club will furnish refreshments for blood donors and also the necessary clerical help.

Again, an effort will be made to secure donors who have not heretofore given blood regularly, in order to bolster the support of those who have given blood time after time since inauguration of the program in this county.

To stimulate securing of new donors the local schools are cooperating and a prize will be offered the student in any of the 12 grades who secures the greatest number of donors. Parents are reminded that the same rules will be in effect as on previous occasions when there was competition among the students. A parent having children in several grades may be counted by each if he donates blood, it was explained.

The visit will be the third to the county this year and the 15th since inauguration of the program back in December of 1950. In 14 visits, a total of 1,835 pints has been donated in the county, or an average of 131 pints per visit. This is regarded as a splendid record. During the two previous visits this year 286 pints were donated, 174 in March and 112 in June.

Local Business To Halt For Labor Day Holiday

Following the custom of recent years, practically all stores and places of business in Plymouth will be closed all day next Monday, September 6, in observance of Labor Day, a national legal holiday.

Enrollment figures for the first day of school at Plymouth, released by Principal J. S. Fleming, show a gain of 19 students in elementary grades and high school over the number on the first day of school for the 1953-54 term.

Wednesday's attendance totaled 931-700 elementary and 231 high school, as compared with 912 opening day a year ago. Last year's elementary attendance on opening day was given at 678 while the high school attendance was listed as 234.

The opening of school for the new year was smoothly effected, with everything proceeding pretty much as planned. Only formal note in opening day schedules was a fine inspirational talk on "Life's Extra Values" by the Rev. E. M. Spruill, Plymouth rector.

Mr. Fleming reported that a record 840 students patronized the school lunchroom opening day—840 out of a total attendance at school of 931 students, and lunchroom patronage, of course, is optional.

Opening attendance of other schools reporting was Roper, 327; Plymouth Colored, 500; and Washington County Union School, Roper, 666, according to County Superintendent R. F. Lowry.

Teaching assignments were listed by Principal Fleming as follows: Hampton School—Miss Ethel Perry building principal, first grade; Mrs. Etta B. Hardison, treasurer, first grade; Mrs. Selma B. Chesson, first grade.

High School Building — Mrs. Selma B. Crofton, Mrs. Mary Lowry and Mrs. Kathryn E. Owens, second grade; Mrs. Katherine Harrison and Mrs. Essie J. Lassiter, third grade; Miss Isaac Davenport, third and fourth grades; Mrs. Janice C. Dunning and Mrs. Eva N. Wainwright, fourth grade; Mrs. Mary S. Dinkins, Mrs. Helen W. Peele and Miss Nellie Tarkenton, fifth grade; Mrs. Bruce M. Davenport, Mrs. A.

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Only One Board Meeting Monday

Two of three board meetings normally held here the first Monday of each month will not be held next Monday, it was learned this week.

Because of Labor Day falling on that date, the county commissioners had earlier set the September meeting for Monday, the 13th.

The board of education is expected to have a called meeting sometime during the month in lieu of the regular monthly sessions, R. F. Lowry, who as county superintendent of schools serves as secretary to the county education board, reported late Tuesday after conferring with Board Chairman L. E. Hassell, sr., of Roper. Wednesday it was reported Monday, September 13, had been chosen as a tentative date on which to meet.

Building next Monday night at 8 o'clock as usual, according to City Clerk W. A. Roebuck. A routine meeting is expected.

The commissioners will draw names for jury duty at the October term of Superior Court at their meeting September 13, J. Robert Campbell, board clerk, reports. The board will also conduct some unfinished business in relation to the county property revaluation project at that time, it was stated.

Eight Firms Vote No Half Holidays

Some dissatisfaction existing over the continuation of Wednesday half-holidays through September here, a petition was circulated among downtown places of business this week with the result that eight firms voted to discontinue the afternoon closing, effective Wednesday, September 8.

These were B & W Super Market, Belk-Tyler's, Ganderson's, Quality Shop, Leder Bros., Allen's Market, Norman Furniture Co., Inc., Evelyn D. Woolard Furniture Company and Town & Country Shop.

A total of 21 other firms voted to continue the closings through the month of September, pursuant to such action taken at a meeting of the merchants association earlier this year.