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Friends of the Rev. J. C. Owens will be interested to learn that his sermon next Sunday at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Ahoskie, will be broadcast over the Ahoskie radio station. The station will feature a sermon by the rector the second Sunday of each month.

The Rev. D. L. Fouts is in Weldon this week where he is assisting the pastor, the Rev. P. O. Lee, in revival services at Weldon Methodist Church. N. M. White, charge lay leader, will direct the annual Layman's Day service Sunday morning at Plymouth Methodist Church, while Mrs. Fouts will deliver the evening sermon.

Miss Miriam Ausbon, county ASC office manager, Mrs. Phyllis Gauthier, peanut clerk, and Whitford Swain, county compliance supervisor, attended an agricultural meeting in Windsor Monday of this week.

Mrs. Lorraine Hunter, clerk to the local draft board, has received instructions to be in Federal Court in Raleigh Tuesday of next week for trial of a conscientious objector case. The board office will therefore be closed until Mrs. Hunter returns. She stated that she would have to remain in Raleigh until a decision is reached in the case.

Bill Pruden left early yesterday morning in company with four other county agents on an automobile trip to Salt Lake City, Utah, where they will attend a national convention of county farm agents. The meeting is scheduled to open Sunday and continue through Thursday of next week, so Bill and the other boys will have to hustle on out there. Bill expects to be back in Plymouth around the 19th or 20th of the month.

Induction Call For Next Month

No pre-induction call will be made upon the local draft board in November, Mrs. Lorraine Hunter, board clerk, said this week she had been informed. However, the board has received an induction call for two men to be filled November 18.

Twenty-one registrants of the board left by special bus Tuesday morning at 8:30 for the Raleigh Reception Center to take pre-induction examinations, Mrs. Hunter stated. A call had been issued for 27 men. Of these, there were two transfers to other boards and a request for transfer is anticipated from John Henry Smithwick.

Three others who were ordered to report failed to show up and their mail was returned marked unknown. They were listed by the clerk as Samuel David Cabarrus, James Garland Davenport and Wade Patrick.

Band Looks Good At Two Week-End Events, Reported

The Plymouth High School band acquitted itself well the past week-end, participating in the program at the Plymouth-Ahoskie football game last Friday night at Ahoskie and in the Boat Regatta parade at Elizabeth City Saturday night.

At half time at Ahoskie last Friday, the Plymouth band, preceded by a trumpet fanfare, marched onto the field, played "On Wisconsin," and then the Military Escort, lifting their feet high in rhythm. They then played "Big Brass Band From Brazil," doing new steps and marched down the field, reversed and stopped on the 50-yard line to play the Ahoskie alma mater, the band members forming an "A."

The formation was changed to a "P" while the song, "Plymouth High" was played. The Plymouth band headed the parade at Elizabeth City Saturday night. En route home the members stopped at the Elizabeth City Youth Center and at a Hertford Barbecue Stand.

Director Ed Taylor has announced that the band has been invited to play at the Hertford-Plymouth football game. Since Hertford has no band, the local aggregation will have the entire half in which to perform. It was also stated that for the first time in two years the band was unable to secure properly chaperoned automobiles for the Elizabeth City parade. The band would appreciate more cooperation along this line from band parents and other local citizens interested in the welfare of the band.



BEACON CARRIERS: Here are 13 of the 23 carriers who sell The Roanoke Beacon in Washington County each week. They were photographed in front of the Beacon office last Thursday afternoon when they came for their papers, prior to observance of Newspaper Carrier Day Friday, which also marked the start of National Newspaper Week. Each of them, plus the 10 not present when the photo was made, is completely independent, buying papers over the counter and reselling them to his or her own customers after working up their own routes. In all, more than 1,000 copies of the Beacon are distributed in this manner every week, plus about 1,100 to mail subscribers. Left to right in the photo above, with the number of papers sold by each, are: Sonny Bowen, 40; Mamie Cobb, 150; Samuel White, 32; Mike Bowen (5 years old), 20; Bobby Ange, 51; George Waters, 14; Emily Kay Bickerstaff, 43; Morgan Williams, 24; Eddie Overton, 42; Lowell Bowen, 30; Gene Waters, 30; John Ange, 51; and Elton Ange, 25.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

Election for Members Of Farm Committees

Deadline for Ballots To Be In County ASC Office Friday of Next Week, Announced

Nomination meetings for community and county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committees were held in seven communities of Washington County last week and ballots to be used in the subsequent election were mailed last Thursday.

At the meetings last week names were placed on the ballots which will be used by all eligible voters in the county and returned to the county ASC office by October 18, the election deadline.

Meetings were held for Mt. Pleasant, Cherry and Creswell communities at Creswell High School Tuesday of last week; for Pleasant Grove and Roper at Roper Wednesday; and Plymouth and Long Acre Friday at the Agriculture Building here. The election gives the eligible farmers in each community an opportunity to vote for the farm-committeemen they want to administer the programs of the ASC in 1955. Any farmer is eligible who as owner, tenant, operator or sharecropper is participating or is eligible to participate in any of the programs administered by the county ASC committee.

Small Crowd Hears First In Local Lecture Series

A small but interested audience Monday night heard the first in a series of lectures presented here by the Catholic Church. The topic, "Why Catholics Believe Jesus Christ Founded the Church" was presented at the county courthouse by the Rev. John Richardson, assistant pastor of the Catholic Church in Plymouth.

The lectures will be held each Monday night during the month of October at the courthouse, beginning at 8 o'clock, it was stated. The topic for Monday of next week is, "The Church Is One."

New Officers Named By County 4-H Clubs

Organization of 4-H clubs at Roper and Creswell was recently perfected for the year and officers named by each group. Roper has junior and senior clubs while at Creswell there are three clubs — elementary, junior and senior. Roper Senior Club named Barbara Spruill, president; Billy Knowles, vice president; Diane Gaylord, secretary-treasurer; and Tommy Brown, reporter; Nita Spruill and Robbie Tarkenton, song leaders. Roper Junior club: Emily Mizelle, president; Tony Chesson, vice president; Rachel Sawyer, secretary-treasurer; Eugene Bas-

Crop Tour Group Visits Tidewater Experiment Farm

Soil Conservation, Extension, Department of Agriculture Men Observe Pasture, Hay Crops

A party of 19 agricultural leaders on a pasture and forage crop tour which began Monday in Nash County visited Tidewater Test Farm near here Wednesday morning and had lunch at the Mayflower Restaurant before leaving to continue the tour in Beaufort, Hyde, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Camden and Currituck Counties. The tour will be concluded at the Bell Island farm in Currituck County Friday.

Those in the group included J. Frank Doggett, S. H. Dobson, W. W. Woodhouse, all of N. C. State College, Raleigh; Forrest Steele, W. W. Stevens, K. E. Graetz, John R. Herman, Raleigh, C. C. Abernathy, Lumberton, W. C. Eagles and S. L. Daughtridge, Greenville; R. L. Mohler, Washington, W. C. Young, Athens, Ga.; H. M. Stott, Greenville, and H. E. Newland, Plymouth, all of the Soil Conservation Service; W. L. McGahey, of the extension service, Washington; M. A. Hein, field crops branch, Beltsville, Md.; and P. R. Hanson, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Beltsville, Md.

In studying the pasture, hay and feed crops from Nashville east, members of the group commented on the pronounced change for the better in this section, which has been favored with more moisture and a better season. All different types of soil were also observed, from clay to muck.

Town Council in Routine Meeting

The Town Council held its regular monthly meeting Monday night with only routine items on the agenda.

There were two bids to replace the police car which was badly wrecked last week but since no definite price on the 1955 models is yet available, action on the matter was put off until a later date.

The matter of back taxes on a house on West Avenue owned by Paul Spencer was settled. The meeting was presided over by Mayor A. J. Riddle and all councilmen were present as follows: E. D. Keel and W. C. Hall, first ward; Jack B. Latham and George W. Harrison, second ward; J. F. Davenport and J. D. Cruickshank, third ward.

To Issue Hunting Permits For Roper Lands Tuesday

W. E. Phelps, superintendent of the property of Roper Lumber Company, has announced that permits to hunt on company lands will be available at the office at Roper House Tuesday of next week. The permits are for hunting on Saturdays only, Mr. Phelps stated, and he will be at the office from 8 a. m. to 10 p. m. next Tuesday.

Advance Facts on CCC Loan Plan on 1954 Peanut Crop

County Agent Makes Public Letter From Executive Secretary of Peanut Growers Association

County Agent W. H. Pruden made public this week a letter from Joe S. Sugg, of Rocky Mount, executive secretary of the North Carolina Peanut Growers Association, Inc., setting forth useful information on the Commodity Credit Corporation Loan Plan for the 1954 peanut crop.

Every county will have access to a conveniently located receiving point, which will be operated by the commercial buyers. The farmer in selling his peanuts shall designate whether or not he wishes the peanuts to be put in the Coop or sold into the commercial channels. Even though a commercial buyer is handling the receiving station, it does not lessen the participation by the Coop in the marketing of our peanuts.

Minimum Sale Policy: The minimum sales price at which peanuts will be sold by cooperatives for edible purposes on an in-grade in-weight basis during the loan period will be not less than the sum of: the advance to the grower plus \$12.50 per ton net weight basis plus for each month or fraction thereof beginning November 1, 1954, a monthly carrying charge of \$1.40 per month.

For example, on a ton of base grade Virginia type peanuts (out-grade, out-weight) delivered in January, 1955, the minimum price would be \$261.87 obtained as follows:

\$245 (price on price support schedule) less \$9.00 deduction by cooperative equals \$236 (advance to grower) . . . \$236 plus \$12.50 (advance by cooperative) plus \$4.20 (monthly carrying charges for three months) equals \$252.70 . . . \$252.70 divided by 96.5 per cent (guaranteed out-value for warehouse) for delivery in January, 1955 equals \$261.87 per ton for base grade peanuts delivered out in January, 1955.

It should be clearly understood that the foregoing represents "minimum prices" below which the cooperatives will not sell peanuts for edible use, but if the market moves above this minimum level, the cooperative will sell at the higher prices prevailing.

Option Arrangement: Cooperatives can make option arrangements with shellers storing peanuts under the regular warehouse storage contract. . . . Minimum amounts to be paid under options will vary. . . . Such payments will be determined by the relation the quantity bears to the quantity of the 1954 crop purchased by warehousemen from growers or in other regular commercial transactions.

Warehousemen will agree that if they fail to purchase the optioned peanuts, they will deliver them to the cooperative without "in" or "out" or "storage charges" . . . Quantities optioned cannot exceed commercial purchases. . . . Options may be made from the beginning of the marketing year but not later than January 31, 1955.

Options must be picked up, that is, transformed into sales contracts not later than April 15, 1955 or the warehouseman will forfeit his option and all payments made to the cooperative. . . . Delivery under sales contract must be made prior to the maturity date of the loan, May 31, 1955.

Services Here For Mrs. Bland

Mrs. Nora Gardner Bland, 88, of Jamesville, died at 3 a. m. last Friday at her home following a long illness. She had been in declining health for the past two years and confined to her bed for three months.

She was the widow of the late James Ellie Bland, of Jamesville, and the daughter of the late Harvey and Ellen Ange Gardner, of Martin County.

Mrs. Bland was born in Martin County May 16, 1866, and spent her entire life there. She was a member of Christian Hope Church.

Survivors include two sons, Monie Bland and Charlie Bland, both of Jamesville; five grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted from the chapel of Horner's Funeral Home here Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by the Rev. O. R. Lee, of Washington. Interment followed in Ange Cemetery near Jamesville.

Hunters Make Ready To Start 1954 Season

Judging by the rush to join hunting clubs there are quite a few expectant nimrods eagerly awaiting the green light to bang away at game in the woods of this county again. The season opens on bear, deer, opossum, raccoon and squirrel Friday, October 15, with open season on numerous other game to follow later.

The daily bag limit on squirrels is eight, possession limit is 16 and season limit is 100. Hunting of opossum and raccoon with gun and dogs has no limit imposed. The limits on bear and deer are one a day and two for the season. Many hunters who prefer quail, rabbits, or turkeys will have to wait until Thanksgiving when the season opens on these game animals.

Registration To Start Saturday for Election

Registration books will be open Saturday of this week and will remain open for a 15-day period during which all persons of voting age not already registered may do so. Those who have come of voting age but who have never registered and all persons who have changed their bona fide residence and have not registered in their present voting precinct must do so in order to be eligible to vote in the general election in November, it was pointed out by W. T. Freman, chairman of the Washington County Board of Elections.

Registrars will be at their respective places Saturday, October 9, 16 and 23 and persons desiring may register on those days. On other days of the week during the 15-day period the books will be at the homes of the respective registrars and persons may register there, it was said. C. L. Blount resigned as registrar in Plymouth No. 1, due to ill health, and W. H. Joyner was appointed to replace him.

Rolling places and registrars were announced by Mr. Freman as follows: Plymouth No. 1, courthouse; W. H. Joyner, registrar; Plymouth No. 2, high school building; Mrs. C. A. Cratch, registrar; Lees Mill, Roper Community Building; Mrs. T. W. Norman, registrar; Wenona, H. J. Furbee residence; H. J. Furbee, registrar; Skinnerville, Goodman's store; J. A. Goodman, registrar; Scuppernon, Creswell Tax Collector's office; John Combs, registrar.

Eight Stills Fall To Officers Here

Raiding officers seized eight illicit whiskey stills in this county during September, Chief ABC Officer Robert Sawyer, of Roper, reported this week. Sawyer said confiscated supplies and equipment included 43 barrels of mash, nine worms, 13 coolers, five 300-gallon vats. All of the stills were of 60-gallon capacity except one of 50 gallons, he stated.

Officers taking part in one or more of the raids included Sheriff J. K. Reid, Plymouth Policeman Paul Basnight, Chief Sawyer and state and federal agents.

Regular Legion Meeting Friday at Veterans Club

The regular meeting of the James E. Jethro Post of the American Legion is scheduled for Friday night at 8 o'clock at the Veterans Club here, Commander Ronald Waters has announced. It will be an important meeting, the post commander stated, in urging all members to attend.

Prominent Roper Man Dies Monday

Services were conducted Wednesday at 3 p. m. at Zion's Chapel Church of Christ near Roper for Melton Chesson, 72, of Roper. Officiating was the Rev. R. L. Gardner, pastor, assisted by the Rev. V. A. Hanna. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Chesson, a retired farmer, died at 10 a. m. Monday at the Washington County Hospital following an illness of three weeks. He had been in declining health for the past two years.

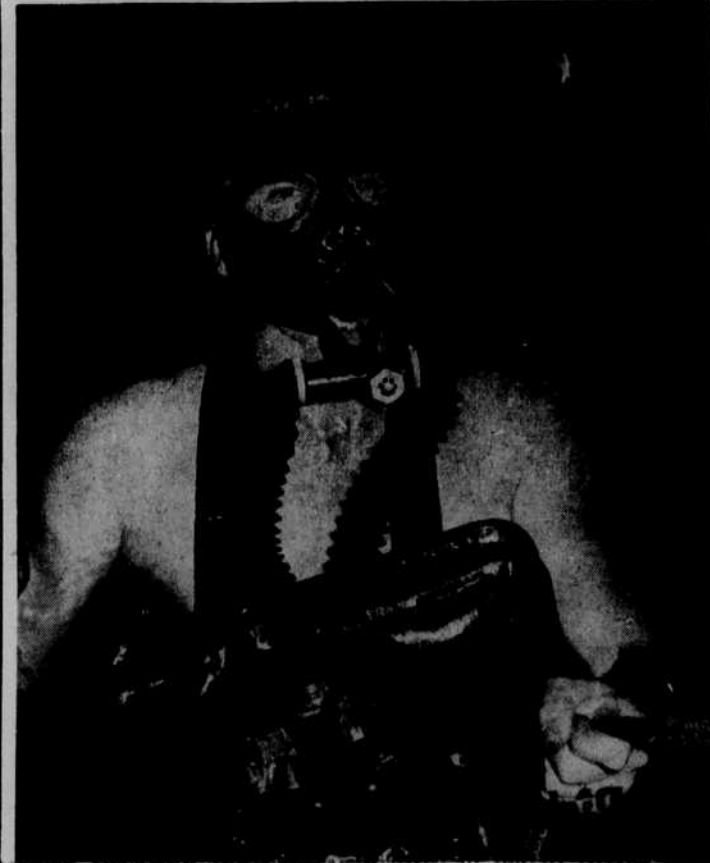
He was born in this county October 10, 1881, and lived in the county all his life. He was married at Roper December 21, 1904, to Miss Mattie Swain, of Roper, who survives. Mr. Chesson was a member of Zion's Chapel Church of which he was a deacon. He was a former councilman of the Town of Roper.

Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Mrs. Louise C. Kurter, of Richmond, Va.; four sons, Thomas L. Chesson, of Wilmington, Del., Russell Chesson, of Roper, and E. M. Chesson, Jr., and James Adolph Chesson, both of Richmond, Va.; a brother, R. L. Chesson, of Rocky Mount; a sister, Mrs. Eva Snell, of Henderson; and 11 grandchildren.

County Library Board Will Meet Next Week

The Washington County Library board will meet in the offices of the county superintendent of schools at the courthouse Tuesday of next week, Mrs. J. Robert Campbell has announced. The meeting, set for 3:30 p. m., is an important one, Mrs. Campbell stated, and all members of the board are urged to be present.

GAS MASK CONVERTED INTO DIVING EQUIPMENT



The above photo shows Billy Hopkins, mate of the Sea Scout Ship Albemarle, coming up out of the water after having worked under water for 45 minutes. He had to replace some brass bolts in the outboard bearing of the Albemarle at Belhaven. He is wearing a Navy surplus gas mask which Bradford Papineau, formerly an able sea boat, converted for use under water using compressed air. With this equipment use can be made underwater comfortably the hours if necessary. The Albemarle was brought back to Plymouth Sunday by Mate Hopkins and Lynn Mayo. Their wives also made the trip, as did Sea Scouts Neal Carter and Larry Watson. Skipper Alban Papineau says that since most of the scouts are playing football, regular meetings and a number of short cruises will not begin until later in the fall. The photo was taken by Dr. Papineau.