



Willis Bowen, Farmers Home Administration supervisor for Washington County, and Mrs. Ernestine Basnight, county office clerk, attended a district meeting in Wilson Tuesday and Wednesday of this week.

R. W. Lewis, of Roper, brought a full-grown sweet potato to The Beacon office last week. The specimen weighs four pounds, nine ounces and measures 12 1/2 inches from stem to stem.

Representative Herbert C. Bonner, of Washington, was in Plymouth for a short while Tuesday morning. He was on his way to Elizabeth City to complete arrangements for the First Congressional District Democratic rally, to be held at the John L. Sheep High School auditorium Thursday, starting at 5 p. m.

Washington County Farm Agent Bill Pruden was back at his desk Wednesday morning after an absence of two weeks and viewing with alarm the accumulation of mail. Bill, along with four fellow county agents in this section, took a trip to Salt Lake City, Utah, to attend the National Association of County Agricultural Agents convention at Hotel Utah, October 10-14.

Mrs. Frances Lucas, Mrs. Arthur Herdison, H. H. Allen, the Rev. and Mrs. C. N. Barnette will leave Saturday morning for Miami, Fla., to attend the international convention of the Disciples of Christ. They expect to return to Plymouth about the first of November.

David Hudson, 58, of Plymouth, died at 6:40 a. m. Monday in a Durham hospital following an illness of one and a half months. He had been confined to his bed for three weeks.

Mr. Hudson was born in Pitt County September 19, 1896, the son of the late Joseph and Fannie Edwards Hudson. He had made his home here for 17 years, moving to Plymouth from Washington, D. C. He was a crane operator at N. C. Pulp Company.

He was married July 2, 1927, at Boydton, Va., to Miss Mary L. Clark, of Tarboro, who survives. Mr. Hudson was a member of the Baptist Church, the American Legion, Masonic Lodge and Order of the Eastern Star. He was a World War I veteran, serving two years, nine months of that time in France.

Besides his widow, he leaves a daughter, Mrs. Betty Hudson Six, of Fresno, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. Charlie Evans, of Grimesland, and Mrs. Lucy Haddock, of Paeolus; a brother, Fenner Hudson, of Kinston.

Last rites were conducted from Ludford Memorial Baptist Church Wednesday at 2 p. m. by the pastor, the Rev. P. B. Nickens. Burial was in Greenwood Cemetery, Tarboro, with masons in charge of graveside rites.

November Draft Call Filled by Volunteers

Registrants of the local draft board won't have to worry about possible induction in November. A call for two men to be sent for induction November 18 has been received, Mrs. Lorraine Hunter, board clerk, explained, but two volunteers who wanted to go in October but who could not be accommodated, will fill the call.

COUPLE OF LOCAL SCENES FOLLOWING THE BIG BLOW LAST FRIDAY



Damage was heavy to trees, roofs, television aeriels, glass windows, electric power and telephone lines during Hurricane "Hazel," which swept East Carolina last Friday. Top photo shows a portion of Brinkley Avenue Saturday, typical of most tree-lined streets in Plymouth the morning after the big blow. Much of the debris had been collected in piles by homeowners and town street crews when this photo was made.

Saturday Is Last Day To Register in County

Hurricane Hazel Harries Hunters

There was practically no damage to deer and squirrel from shooting irons on the opening day of the new hunting season last Friday but thanks to Hurricane Hazel the game animals were just as nervous as though there had been shooting aplenty, according to County Game Protector J. T. Terry, of Plymouth.

Rites Wednesday For David Hudson

Funeral services will be held Thursday at 2 p. m. from Ludford Memorial Baptist Church for Mrs. Eloise Ralph, 86, of Plymouth. The pastor, the Rev. P. B. Nickens, will officiate, assisted by the Rev. D. L. Fouts, local Methodist minister, and the Rev. C. N. Barnett, of Plymouth Christian Church. Interment will be in Windley Cemetery.

Aged Local Woman Passes Tuesday

Mrs. Ralph died at 5:30 p. m. Tuesday at an Ahsokie hospital after an illness of three weeks. She had been in declining health for the past four years. She was a native and lifelong resident of this county, born October 5, 1868, the daughter of the late John and Ann Alexander Woodard. She was married twice, first to the late Ed Ayers and later to the late Henry Ralph, both of Plymouth. Mrs. Ralph was the oldest member of Ludford Memorial Church.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Hilda Ralph Swain, of Plymouth, Mrs. Myrtle Ralph Richardson and Mrs. Katie Ralph Flanagan, both of Norfolk, Va.; two sons, Raymond Ralph, of Ahsokie, and Ed Ayers, of Plymouth; 24 grandchildren and 26 great grandchildren.

Exceedingly Light Activity Reported by Precinct Registrars on Two Previous Saturdays

Deadline for registering in order to become eligible to vote in the November election is sunset Saturday of this week. W. T. Freeman, chairman of the Washington County Board of Elections, today reminded the public that all persons who have recently come of voting age and who have never registered as well as all persons who have moved from one voting precinct to another and have not registered where they are now bona fide residents, must do so not later than Saturday in order to be allowed to vote in November.

Transferred To Durham Hospital

Suzanne Owens, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward I. Owens, of Plymouth, was painfully hurt late Thursday afternoon while riding her pony near her home on East Main Street. The pony ran into a guy wire, knocking the young girl to the ground. She hurt her back in the fall and was rushed to the Washington County Hospital where she was treated by Dr. T. L. Bray. Tuesday the diagnosis of a possible kidney rupture was reached and the girl was transferred to a Durham hospital.

Youth Killed in Korea Gets Award for Valor

Corporal Clyde L. Norman, of Pea Ridge Section previously reported missing in action.

A Washington County soldier, Corporal Clyde L. Norman, son of Mrs. Minnie W. Norman and the late J. A. Norman of the Pea Ridge section, has been awarded posthumously the Bronze Star Medal with letter "V" device for heroic achievement in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States.

Mrs. Norman received notification last week of the award and that her son, reported missing in action in Korea in July, 1953, was presumed dead as of July 10, 1954.

The notification, by command of Major General McGarr, read in part: "Corporal Clyde L. Norman, Co. C, 17th Infantry, distinguished himself by heroic achievement near Sokkogae, Korea, on 9 July, 1953. Corporal Norman and his comrades took part in a counter attack against heavily entrenched enemy forces. Moving unhesitatingly through the firestorm area, Corporal Norman reached the top of the crest and stood completely exposed to enemy small-arms fire while delivering devastating fire into the hostile positions. Corporal Norman personally accounted for several of the enemy and his actions made it possible for other elements of the assault force to advance. Corporal Norman was last seen standing over the enemy held trenches, firing his weapon with deadly accuracy. The heroic actions of Corporal Norman reflect great credit on himself and the military service. Entered the Federal service from North Carolina."

Corporal Norman was inducted into the Army on December 3, 1952. He received his basic training at Camp Rucker, Alabama, and was at home in April, 1953,

Damage Reported High in County From Hurricane Winds Last Week

Name Roper Man To Head County A S C Committee

Roy C. Chesson Elected Chairman; Local Committees Named for Seven County Communities

County committeemen and officers and local committees for seven communities in the county were elected in Agricultural Stabilization Conservation balloting by mail which ended Monday of this week. The chairman and vice chairman of each local committee were automatically named delegate and alternate, respectively, to the county convention which was held Tuesday at the Agriculture Building here. The officers and committees will go into effect November 1 for the coming year.

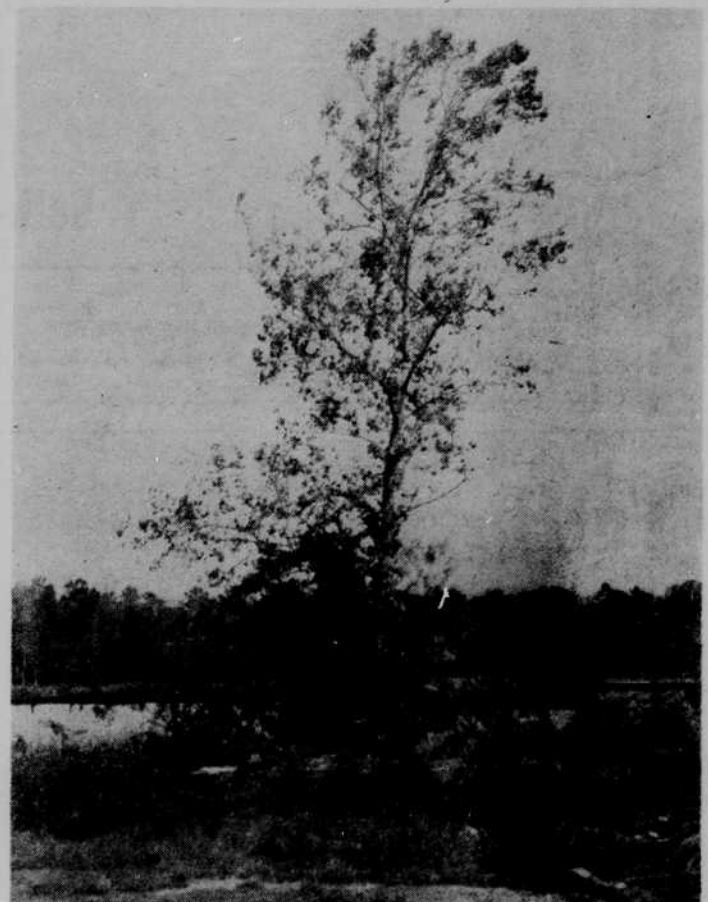
Of the total of 679 eligible voters in the county, 211 voted in the elections, a participation of only 31 per cent.

County committeemen and officers named were: Roy C. Chesson, Roper, chairman; J. C. Snell, Plymouth, vice chairman; L. L. Davenport, Creswell, regular member; L. L. Mizell, Roper, first alternate; C. N. Davenport, jr., Creswell, second alternate; county office manager and secretary, Miriam Ausben; treasurer, Mrs. Florence P. Oliver.

Community committees: Pleasant Grove — Raymond Davenport, chairman; Carlton Phelps, vice chairman; J. W. Furlough, regular member; Earl Swan, first alternate; M. J. Spruill, second alternate.

Roper (same order, chairman, vice chairman, etc.) — Herbert R. Chesson, L. E. Hassell, jr., L. L. Mizell, Roy C. Chesson and R. C. Pennypacker. Plymouth — E. T. Garganus, Oliver Lucas, Melvin Tetterton, W. H. Gurkin and Lloyd Owens; Long Acre — Robert W. Bowen, Russell Askew, Coral Age, Paul T. Swain and Howard Furber; Creswell — C. L. Hopkins, Z. H. Phelps, jr., C. N. Davenport, James T. Davis and John Barnes; Mt. Pleasant — H. E. Ambrose, D. H. Furlough, Archie Craddock, C. S. Hufton and L. V. Liverman; Cherry — J. M. Davenport, W. B. Cahoon, Henry Phelps, W. P. Davenport and J. A. Morris.

HERE'S A TALE TO END ALL HURRICANE STORIES



The big sycamore tree pictured here has had its share of hurricane experiences. Located on Roanoke River at the rear of a vacant lot adjacent to the Plymouth post office, it was blown down by Hurricane "Barbara," which came in from the northeast here in August of last year. The tree fell across the big log in the foreground, but its roots remained in the ground and it continued to live for more than a year. Then, last Friday, along came Hurricane "Hazel," blowing from the other direction, and set it right back up again. While the tree was down several limbs on the right side were broken off or cut away to provide passage to a landing for outboard motorboats, accounting for its somewhat top-sided appearance. Apparently, it is up to stay until another nor'easter comes along. — Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

Industrial Sites Here Are Listed in Survey

Total of 896 Acres Believed Potentially Available for Locating Diversified Industries Here

Eight available sites, totaling 896 acres, are listed in an industrial site survey of Plymouth, compiled by the Area Development department of Virginia Electric and Power Company, and distributed recently to the Town of Plymouth, the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, the University of North Carolina library, and the industrial departments of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway and the Norfolk Southern Railway.

The survey, which was first suggested by Mayor A. J. Riddle and other town officials by Archie W. McLean, president of The Planters National Bank and Trust Company, will serve as a reference of basic economic information and a listing of representative potential industrial sites in and adjacent to Plymouth.

Included in the report are general economic data for the Plymouth area, population tables, an index map of industrial sites, and individual sites sketches. Field work for the survey was completed by representatives of the power company and town officials.

Listed sites included a 400-acre tract north from East Main Street to the Roanoke River; a 400-acre tract south of the Mackeys Road adjacent to the Norfolk Southern Railroad and east of the town limits; five acres between Norfolk Southern Railroad and US 64 and between Washington Street and Conab Creek in the town limits; six acres between the Atlantic Coast Line and Norfolk Southern Railroad extending from Madison Street to Union Station in town; 25 acres south of US 64 and east of the intersection with West Avenue; 30 acres between US 64 and Norfolk Southern Railroad at southern end of US 64; and five acres on the south side of the Atlantic Coast Line just east of the Wilson Street crossing.

The survey estimated the labor market in Plymouth would produce a potential labor force 14 years of age and over of 1,872 white, 49 per cent female and 51 per cent male, and 1,213 non-white, 48 per cent male and 52 per cent female. The conclusion was stated that Plymouth can as-

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Observers Say Plymouth Hardest Hit, But Creswell, Roper Take Heavy Blows From Storm

Caribbean-spawned Hurricane Hazel hit Washington County early last Friday afternoon with winds of up to an estimated 100-mile-per-hour velocity and although the county was on the fringe the big blow left widespread damage practically impossible to estimate.

Observers who have covered most of the county since the storm expressed the opinion that Plymouth was hardest hit, but Roper and Creswell were also dealt heavy blows. The Pea Ridge section is reported to have escaped with but light damage. Brinkley Forest, a Plymouth residential section, was shielded by the woods and fared better than most other sections of the town.

Chief of Police P. W. Brown expressed the opinion that the True Temper Corporation plant here which was unroofed suffered the heaviest damage in town. The Plymouth Drive-In Theatre was also particularly hard-hit. Owner J. Shepherd Brinkley stated Wednesday that the theatre might not be reopened until next Spring. However, a Williamston contractor is slated to begin work on renovating it next week, Mr. Brinkley said.

At least five Plymouth businesses suffered damage to large plate-glass windows—Williams 5 and 10, Plymouth Furniture Company, Manning Motor Company, Miller Warren Implement Company and W. J. Woolard Furniture Company. At Quality Cleaners employees literally held a large front window glass in during the worst of the winds.

The roof was swept off at Roanoke Electrical Appliance store on West Water Street, a warehouse at Farmers Cotton & Peanut Company was unroofed, signs at many places of business and most large outdoor signs on the outskirts of town were victims of the winds, as were many canvass awnings. The great majority of houses suffered some damage to roofs. The storm was not without its freaks—a large sycamore tree blown down near the post office by Hurricane Barbara last year was put back in business again. It was still standing nearly upright late Wednesday.

Power was off in the county from about noon Friday until 6:30 that night, and was off twice again for briefer intervals. Telephone communications were also badly disrupted as poles were snapped in many places, trees and large limbs were blown across the lines. M. E. Turner, local manager for the Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company, announced Wednesday that

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Obtain Funds To Secure Incubator

The bread sale sponsored here last week by the local VFW post to secure an incubator for the Washington County Hospital was a big success.

A large group of veterans sold 570 loaves for about \$400 and the incubator will be ordered and turned over to the local hospital as soon as it arrives, Melvin Boyd, commander of the post, said.

Plymouth homes were canvassed and 500 loaves sold in one and a half hours last Thursday night. An additional 70 loaves were ordered and sold to homes between Plymouth and Roper Tuesday night of this week to get the needed amount to purchase the much-needed incubator. Mr. Boyd extended the thanks of the post to workers and especially to the people for their generous support of the project.

Unanimous Vote In Referendum

Washington County farmers joined those throughout the state to give an estimated 92 per cent margin of approval to continuation of the Nickels for Know-How program for another three years in the referendum held Friday of last week.

The county vote was unanimously in favor of the program, 253 for and none against. Hurricane Hazel, which hit the eastern part of the State Friday as farmers were voting in the special referendum, held the vote down considerably.

Renamed To Head Building and Loan

Officers and directors were re-elected at the annual meeting of the stockholders of Plymouth Building and Loan Association Thursday night of last week. The meeting was held in the association office on Water Street and a report on the growth and status of the association was heard.

Officers reelected were Z. V. Norman, president; P. W. Brown, vice president; I. Miller Warren, secretary-treasurer; and Matilda B. Phelps, assistant secretary. The reelected board of directors is composed of Norman and Brown, L. S. Thompson, E. G. Arps, J. W. Marrow, W. L. Mayo, C. O. Kelly, J. L. Rea and W. M. Darden.

Wind Brings Reports Of Freakish Incidents

There are always a number of freak incidents connected with severe windstorms, and Hurricane Hazel last Friday was no exception. One of them was a sycamore tree being blown back up again after it was blown down by another hurricane over a year ago, as pictured on the front page of this paper. At least two others have been reported.

Mrs. Ed L. Ayers, whose home is on Washington Street, heard a crash in her kitchen at the height of the storm and

went to investigate. She found an entire window sash had been blown to the floor with not a single pane of glass even cracked.

Out at the country club, the television aerial was blown off the roof. The supporting pipe fell to the ground, while the aerial itself lodged upside down in a big oak tree with the wires unbroken. When the set was turned on, reception of the Greenville station was as good as ever, although it was impossible to get the Norfolk station.