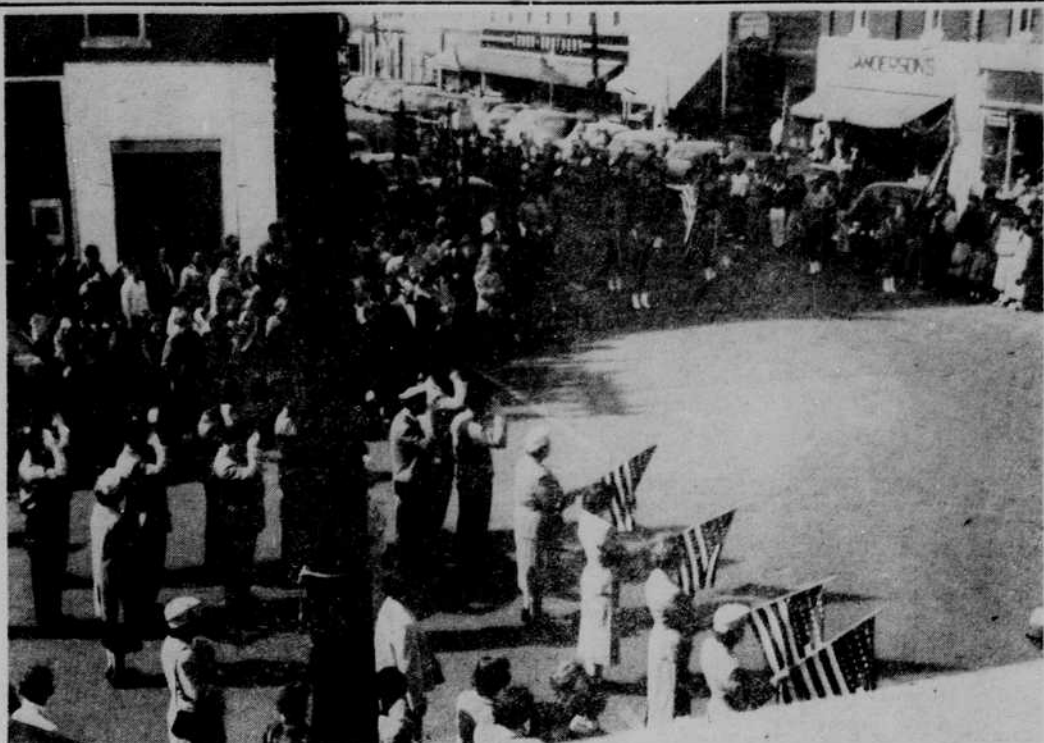


VETERANS' DAY OBSERVED FOR FIRST TIME HERE LAST THURSDAY



Shown above is part of the crowd of more than 400 persons gathered at the intersection of Water and Washington Streets here last Thursday morning to take part in the observance of Veterans' Day.

Warn Motorists For Trailing Fire Trucks

New Town Tags Go On Sale Here

Concert Tuesday For New Band

Legion Auxiliary Will Meet Tuesday Next Week

Officers of Plymouth High Student Council

Damage Negligible Sunday In Fire at Lewis Residence

Suffers Broken Hip in Fall at Home on Friday

Parade, Program Mark Observance Of Veterans Day

Roper Plans Organize Troop of Cub Scouts

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Buddy Poppy Day, sponsored last Saturday in Plymouth by the Veterans of Foreign Wars organization here, brought in \$179.05, it was announced early this week. Proceeds will go to the disabled veterans.

The ladies of the VFW auxiliary had charge of the sale and children of veterans offered the poppies for sale on downtown streets all day. The poppies were shipped here from High Point and were made by disabled veterans.

Thirteen children participated in the sale and they will be given a wiener roast in the near future by the VFW in appreciation of their efforts. The event will be held at the Veterans Club and at that time prizes to first, second and third place winners will be given.

Diane Weaver, whose sales amounted to \$26.46 finished in first place. Second place winner was Mary Gardner, \$15.71, and there was a tie for third between Bobbie Lovic and Bobbie Mobley, with \$15.61 each.

Other participants and the amount collected were listed as follows: Marilyn Smith, \$12.40; Tommy Gardner, \$10.99; Billy Warren, \$10.10; Hal Mobley, \$9.85; Rebecca Long, \$9.06; Diane Phelps, \$8.45; Robin Long, \$8.08; Buddy Harrison, \$8.07; Pattie Johnson, \$2.65; VFW and auxiliary, \$26.01.

A crowd estimated at about 400 persons gathered Thursday last week at the confluence of Water and Washington Streets and heard the Rev. E. M. Spruill give a brief talk and prayer for world peace.

The occasion was Plymouth's formal celebration of Veterans Day, formerly known as Armistice Day but changed by action of the 83rd Congress of the United States.

Business houses of the town closed their doors to business from 10:30 a. m. until 12 noon in marking the observance of Veterans Day.

A one-minute blast from the fire whistle on the stroke of 11 served as the signal to gather and in a matter of moments the street junction was ringed with a sizeable crowd, although the number of veterans present was said to be disappointing.

The Plymouth High School band led a parade which formed at the high school and marched downtown, the band taking up a position facing east on West Water Street. The sons and daughters of the county veterans, units of the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts faced west on East Water Street, while American Legion and VFW veterans and auxiliaries faced the speaker's platform from Washington Street. The veterans' color guard stood in front of the platform.

Following prayer by Mr. Spruill, taps were sounded with echo. The ceremony lasted about half an hour, after which a dinner attended by about 50 persons was held at the Veterans Club.

About 80 American flags were sold in connection with the observance of Veterans Day and many homes, particularly on Washington Street, displayed the flag.

The Roper Parent-Teacher Association will meet Tuesday of next week at 7:30 p. m. at the high school to discuss the organization of a Cub Scout troop for the community.

Also, plans will be perfected for the minstrel which is to be held Wednesday, December 8.

Mrs. John Dawson is president of the PTA.

About 60 persons attended the farewell supper given by people of the Siloam community last Tuesday for the Rev. V. A. Lewis, former pastor of the Roper Methodist charge, who is now pastor at Efland.

The minister was presented several articles of wearing apparel as tokens of the esteem in which he is held in the community.

The supper was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Whittington.

Spokesmen for the local posts of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, sponsors of the talent show to be held at Plymouth High School Friday night of this week, said Wednesday that several acts from out of town which have won prizes at shows elsewhere will be presented.

Talent has been secured from Columbia, Creswell, Plymouth and several other communities, it was stated, and a good show is assured.

Music will be furnished by Ed Taylor and his high school orchestra. Three majorettes from the local high school band will also do baton twirling acts.

Judges for the contest for talent winners will be Mrs. Ben Ganderason, president of the Plymouth Parent-Teacher Association; R. F. Lowry, superintendent of Washington County schools; and W. S. Davenport, minister.

Dr. Dean W. Colvard, dean of agriculture at North Carolina State College, Raleigh, discussed the problems that face farmers today in the feature address at the annual meeting of the Washington Farm Bureau Friday night of last week at the courthouse here.

Dr. Colvard was presented by County Agent W. H. Pruden. There were about 100 farmers and farm leaders of the county in the audience.

Earlier at the Agriculture Building next door an estimated 150 persons had gathered for the annual Farm Bureau barbecue dinner. It was served by a local caterer.

During the business session at the courthouse, presided over by outgoing president J. A. Morris, of Creswell, reports were heard from the secretary on the year's work and the treasurer of the county unit.

T. R. Spruill was elected to head the county unit for the coming year. W. H. Thompson was named president, W. W. Bowen, secretary and Miss Louise Allen, treasurer.

Directors named to serve next year were Vance Respass, Dallas Barnes, J. R. Respass, David Craddock and Mr. Morris, retiring president.

The slate of officers and directors had been placed in nomination before the meeting by James H. Ward, former president of the county unit and chairman of the nominating committee. W. M. Darden made the motion for election and it was seconded by L. E. Hassell, sr., of Roper.

Mr. Morris was named as delegate from the county bureau to the State Farm Bureau Federation convention to be held at Asheville and Rudolph Respass was selected to accompany him. Mr. Morris' name was placed in nomination by Mr. Pruden, and it was seconded by Bill Stotesbury.

Mr. Respass asked that a resolution be drawn for presentation.

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NEW MINISTER OF METHODIST CHURCH AND WIFE



Pictured above at the door of the Methodist parsonage in Plymouth are the Rev. and Mrs. Jesse H. Lanning, recently assigned to the local church by the North Carolina Conference. Mr. and Mrs. Lanning moved to Plymouth last week from Graham, and he was greeted by a large congregation at his first service in the church here Sunday morning.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

Two young Creswell brothers are out on bond awaiting trial at the January term of Superior Court here on charges of secret assault on Walter Peal, jr., also of Creswell.

In a preliminary hearing given the pair here Tuesday, Judge W. Ronald Gaylord found probable cause and set bond at \$1,000 each for Jack and Ira Patrick.

The assault is alleged to have taken place just over the Tyrrell County line Saturday night, November 6, minutes after Peal had closed his soda shop at Creswell and started to Columbia in company with Miss Mollie Jane Riddick, a clerk at the shop.

Although the actual fight took place in Tyrrell it is considered a continuous assault from the time the Patrick car came up to the Peal car, and so could be tried in either county, it was explained.

Private Prosecutor Carl L. Bailey, of Plymouth, put six witnesses on the stand at the hearing. According to the testimony, Peal came to a stop at the intersection of Sixth Street and US 64 and noticed a car stopped there in a slight turn indicating that it would proceed west on US 64. Peal turned east toward Columbia and noticed that the other car turned to follow him.

On the stand, young Peal stated See ASSAULT, Page 8

Damage of \$1,925 Results of Three Wrecks in County

Patrolman J. E. Morton, of Roper, Investigates Accidents, All Happening on Sunday

No injuries were reported but property damage was estimated at \$1,925 in three automobile accidents on county roads Sunday.

The wrecks were investigated by State Highway Patrolman J. E. Morton, of Roper, and one man, Paul Hermon Williamson, of Williamsburg, Va., was charged with operating to the left of the highway center line.

At 1 a. m. a 1954 Chevrolet operated west on the Mill Pond Road by Edward Brown, colored, of Washington, D. C., ran off the asphalt onto the dirt shoulder, went out of control and overturned, doing an estimated \$1,000 damage. Morton's report stated that the driver was not familiar with the road, that a sharp curve was not marked, causing the accident.

At 1:05 a. m. the second wreck happened. A 1941 Oldsmobile operated north on NC 32 came into collision with a 1952 White truck driven south by Bonnie William Coburn, of Roper. Damage to the left side of the Olds was placed at \$100 and to the left side of the truck \$25. The auto is owned by Williamson's father, G. A. Williamson, of Beaufort County, while owner of the truck was listed as N. C. Pulp Co.

According to Morton's report the driver of the car said his windshield fogged up suddenly, obscuring his vision. Neither driver was hurt.

At 1:30 p. m. a 1951 Plymouth ran off the road on US 64 at Roper, doing damage estimated at \$800. The driver, Joe Nathan Swain, of Roper, escaped injury. He told the patrolman, the report showed, that the left front tire blew out, causing him to lose control of the machine.

Loses Right Hand in Corn Picker Accident

Sel. J. Sexton, who works on the Bill Thompson farm back of Tidewater Test Farm between Plymouth and Roper, is reported recovering from an operation to remove part of his right hand.

Sexton was working on the farm Saturday before last and caught his hand in a corn picker, badly crushing it. He was rushed to a Columbia hospital where he was admitted for treatment and most of the hand taken off. He lost all four fingers but the thumb was saved, it is reported.

After the accident, Sexton, who was alone at the time, managed to extract his hand from the machine and drove a tractor all the way to Roper for help, it was said.