

Stores Will Stay Open Until 9 for Shoppers

A majority of Plymouth business houses will begin keeping late hours for the convenience of Christmas shoppers Friday of this week.

The stores generally will remain open until 9 p. m. Friday of this week and next, then on Friday, December 17, will put the 9 p. m. closing into effect for the remainder of the pre-Christmas shopping period.

That will mean that shoppers will have an extra three hours

each day during Christmas week. This should prove especially popular to those who have to work during the day and who are unable to get their shopping done within regular daytime hours.

There will be a few departures from the general rule. At least one business firm has announced it will observe the 9 p. m. closing each Thursday and Friday, effective tonight, until Christmas.

110 Pints Blood Goal Of Bloodmobile Unit

TO SPEAK HERE



Lewis S. Styons, Jr., county native and Roanoke Rapids minister, will speak at the first installation and ordination service of the Plymouth Church of Christ Sunday night in the A F of L Union Hall here. Three elders and six deacons will be installed for the new congregation.

Red Cross Unit From Regional Blood Center To Make Last Appearance Of 1954 Here

A minimum of 110 pints of blood will be sought here Wednesday of next week when the Red Cross bloodmobile from the Tidewater Regional Blood Center, Norfolk, Va., makes its last quarterly visit of 1954 to Plymouth and Washington County.

The bloodmobile will set up for operations at the Veterans Club near the Washington County Hospital and donors will be received from 10:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m., it has been announced.

The visit of the unit is again being sponsored jointly by James E. Jethro, Post No. 164, of the American Legion and Vester Bateman Post, No. 4023, Veterans of Foreign Wars. Refreshments will be furnished the blood donors by the auxiliary of the local American Legion post.

Attention has been called to the continued need for whole blood plasma for the gamma globulin program and for the use of civilians. Part of the blood collected during the visit here next Wednesday will go into the local blood bank.

Blood donations Wednesday should put the total given in this county since inauguration of the program here in December, 1950, well past the 2,000 pint mark. In the 12 unit visits prior to this year a total of 1,549 pints was collected. The three visits this year have added 382 pints, with 174 pints given March 12, 112 pints June 23 and 96 pints September 8. The total for the program now stands at 1,931.

It is hoped that a large number of persons, both white and colored, who have not given blood time after time, will respond with blood on this visit in order to relieve those who have borne the brunt on past occasions.

A \$10 prize is being offered to the grade in Plymouth School which turns in the most blood blanks. The contest will work the same as that last year when grades 1 through 12 were supplied slips and the parents or other adults were requested to bring these slips to the door when giving blood in order that the pupil's room might receive the credit.

Darden Grocery Gunned In Sunday Morning Fire

The P. H. Darden grocery store on Jefferson Street was gutted by fire which broke out in the back of the store sometime Saturday night.

The blaze was discovered and the alarm sounded at 6 a. m. Sunday and firemen sped to the scene and soon brought the fire under control.

Mr. Darden estimated that the fire burned for at least three hours. He said damage was extremely heavy in the rear of the building and that the front was badly smoked up.

The cause of the blaze is undetermined and no estimate of the damage was available Wednesday.

143rd Anniversary Of Local Masonic Lodge Is Observed

Lester H. Gilliken, of Goldsboro, Principal Speaker; 16 Receive 25-Year Certificates

There was a record crowd in attendance Tuesday night at a banquet marking the 143rd anniversary of Perseverance Lodge No. 59, A.F. & A.M., and the 35th annual pastmasters' and ladies night. Held in the Parish House of Grace Episcopal Church, there were approximately 160 Masons, their wives and guests present.

Lester H. Gilliken, of Goldsboro, past potentate of Sudan Temple, was the principal speaker. His subject was "Freemasonry Has Justified Its Right To Live Through The Years," and he described in detail some of the charitable undertakings of the various branches of Masonry.

Prior to Mr. Gilliken's address, 16 certificates denoting 25 years' membership in the order were presented by Z. V. Norman, local attorney and a past master of the lodge. Mr. Norman also presented a 50-year pin to John J. Hassell, of Roper, oldest member of the local lodge. Those receiving 25-year certificates were S. F. Garrett, R. E. Bentham, F. M. Bowers, A. A. Bryant, W. L. Daniels, W. M. Darden, R. L. Edwards, J. W. Francis, W. V. Hays, H. J. Furbee, W. H. Johnson, E. L. Owens, C. S. Smithson, B. A. Sumner, Q. C. Upton and H. W. Ward.

Harry Garrett, master of the lodge, presided over the program which included a song, the invocation by Grand Chaplain R. H. Lucas, welcome address by Hilton Dunbar, senior warden, prior to the delicious turkey dinner, prepared and served by ladies of the Episcopal Church.

Following the banquet, present officers of Perseverance Lodge were recognized by the Master; with H. H. Allen calling the roll of past masters and recognizing those who were present. Mr. Gilliken was introduced by the Rev. R. H. Lucas, and several visitors made brief remarks, followed by the benediction by W. C. Chescon.

Ruritans of District Will Meet in Roper

Roper Club To Be Host To Roanoke District Convention Wednesday of Next Week

Some 125 delegates from 15 clubs are expected to attend the Roanoke District Ruritan Convention to be held at Roper Wednesday of next week.

The meeting will be held in the high school auditorium with the Roper club as host. Afternoon and evening sessions will be held.

Registration of delegates, at 3:30 o'clock, will be in charge of T. C. Mactus, of the Roper club. The convention will be called to order at 4 o'clock by Ken Stokes, district governor.

The afternoon session will feature a message from Ruritan National, brought by National President William H. (Bill) Brake, of Rocky Mount. Club and committee reports will also be made at the opening session and at 5 o'clock individual officers' schedules will be held as follows:

Presidents, V. B. Harr, Jacksonville; Vice-Presidents, Ken Stokes of Severn; Secretaries, H. M. Ainsley, Oak City; and Treasurers, O. W. Hamilton, Farm Life.

The session will recess at 6 o'clock and the evening session and banquet will begin at 6:30 with Fulton Stokes, of White Oak serving as toastmaster. Elfred Alexander and Worth Chesson, of Roper, pianist and song leader, respectively.

The invocation will be pronounced by T. R. Spruill, president of the host club, and Mr. Mactus will deliver the address of welcome. Response will be made by M. L. Basnight, of the Gum Neck club.

The guest speaker of the evening, E. Y. Floyd, director of the Plant Food Institute, Raleigh, will be presented by Mr. Brake. An address by the district governor-elect is also slated for the session.

Recognition of guests and national officers by Mr. Stokes, and presentation of awards by Edward V. Blanchard will be interspersed with a piano solo by Miss Alexander. Other entertainment features of the program will include songs by the well-known Bear Grass Trio, a dance

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Construction Dispute at Pulp Mill Nearly Forces Shutdown of Plant

Farm Conference Here Next Week, Agent Announces

Third Annual Outlook Meeting To Discuss Price Prospects for Next Year's Farm Operations

The third annual Outlook conference, where latest information on next year's prices for farming and family living will be given, will be held at 9:30 a. m., Wednesday of next week, at the Agriculture Building in Plymouth, announces County Agent W. H. Pruden.

Attending the meeting will be representatives of local farm and home organizations, businessmen and agricultural workers and farm people interested in a "look into the future." "We believe this conference will be of benefit to all Washington County people," Mr. Pruden declared, "and anyone interested is cordially invited to meet with us."

State College agricultural specialists and home economists will be on hand to present the most up-to-date information available on the factors expected to effect prices and outlook for the year ahead. A discussion of the general economic outlook for 1955 will be followed by more specific information relating to Washington County farm product prices and anticipated prices for family living items.

One of the features of the conference will be an opportunity for those in attendance to make their best guess of price trends expected for each farm commodity next year.

The material available at the meeting will be helpful in allowing more intelligent planning of individual farm or business activities for the coming year. Price expectations are important to farmers in deciding what to produce, and how much to produce.

BOY AND GIRL WINNERS ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



J. R. Respass, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Respass, of Wenoona, and Barbara Spruill, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Spruill, of Roper, won 4-H club achievement awards in county competition this year. Young Respass completed projects in corn, oats, soybeans, health and tractor maintenance. He represented the county clubs at 4-H Club Week and made an outstanding record in local club activities. Miss Spruill is president of Roper Senior Club, county dress revue winner, attended State 4-H Club Week and had a part on the program when 4-H Club Sunday was observed.

Christmas Stocking Fund Meet Tonight

Representatives of Various Town and County Organizations Asked To Be Present

Members of the Washington County Empty Stocking committee will meet Thursday night of this week to perfect plans for the annual Christmas Stocking fund drive. The project is again being sponsored by the Plymouth Rotary Club, with the assistance of other groups and individuals.

The meeting is set for the county courthouse, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Spokesmen for the Rotary Club have expressed the opinion that everyone in the community believes in the importance of the project which attempts to bring Christmas cheer to those persons in Washington County who need assistance. Through the Empty Stocking Fund, it was explained, all agencies and individuals have an opportunity to participate in a most worthy and gratifying undertaking during the Christmas season.

The Thursday night meeting will officially launch the drive to collect funds, clothing and toys for distribution on or before Christmas Day. Last Christmas, about 300 needy families were given packages of food, clothing and toys by volunteer workers.

Mr. Ursula Spruill, county welfare superintendent, stated at the time that 735 persons were materially aided by the fund.

The Empty Stocking project is of long standing in this community and has been sponsored for the past several years by the Rotarians with the active assistance of the county welfare department and various other local organizations and individuals.

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Funeral Services Set for Joe Ange

Funeral services will be held from the chapel of Horners Funeral Home here Thursday afternoon (today) at 3 o'clock for Joe Ange, 55, of Plymouth. Mr. Ange was stricken while at Golf Road Service Station at 5 p. m. Tuesday and was rushed to the Plymouth Clinic where he was pronounced dead immediately after arrival.

Mr. Ange was born in Martin County September 8, 1899, the son of the late John T. and Betty Bland Ange, and moved to Plymouth about 32 years ago. He was a sawyer at the local True Temper Corporation plant and a member of Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church, near here. Mr. Ange was married at Plymouth April 23, 1922, to Miss Clara Ange, of Plymouth, who survives.

The deceased also leaves a daughter, Mrs. Nellie Bostick, of Venice, California; a son, John Wayne Ange, of the home; and three brothers, Elmer Ange, of Decatur, Ala., Carlisle Ange, of Washington, and Julius Ange, of Norfolk, Va.

Last rites will be conducted by the Rev. J. D. Waters, assisted by the Rev. J. L. Furgurson. Interment will be in Windley Cemetery.

Holiday Lights Going Up Here

Town workmen under the supervision of Officer Paul Basnight started putting up Christmas lights and decorations on Water and Washington Streets Monday of this week. The work had not been completed Wednesday but was expected to be finished by Friday.

Some 100 yards of evergreen wrapping for light wires is being put up this season, with Town and Junior Chamber of Commerce footing the bill 50-50. The merchants' association and the town are dividing the cost of installation and current equally. The lights will remain up until after New Year's.

New Wide Screen To Be Installed

J. Shepherd Brinkley, local theatre owner and manager, has announced that a new 15 by 31 foot Cinemascope screen will be installed at the Plymouth Theatre in time for the December 12 shows.

Mr. Brinkley said the new, wide screen would give local theatre patrons a service unsurpassed in this part of the state, with the possible exception of Greenville. He said the Plymouth, due to its width, is ideally suited for use of new screen which is being installed by a Charlotte theatre supply firm. The best lens obtainable, made by the internationally known Bausch and Lomb, have been secured.

Installation of the new screen will necessitate some rearrangement of theatre seats, the owner said. Several rows of seats nearest the stage will be removed.

Christmas Program Set For Roper PTA Meeting

A Christmas program will be presented at the regular meeting of the Roper Parent-Teacher Association Tuesday of next week, it is announced.

The meeting will be held in the high school auditorium, beginning at 7:30 p. m.

All members are urged to be present.

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Turkey Shoots To Be Staged by Lions Club

The turkey shoot which was to have been held here Saturday, November 20, was postponed due to inclement weather but has been rescheduled, Dr. A. L. Whitehurst, chairman of the Lions Club-sponsored project, announced this week.

The shoot will be held on three successive Saturdays, December 4, 11 and 18. Dr. Whitehurst announced. The event will begin at about noon and continue until dark if interest justifies, it was stated.

Picket Lines Set Up Yesterday by Construction Workers Move to Special Gate in Time for Afternoon Shift Change

A complete shutdown of the North Carolina Pulp Company plant was narrowly averted here yesterday afternoon as the result of a complex labor dispute. Pickets representing construction workers formerly employed at the plant were removed from the two main gates shortly after 3 o'clock, and production workers began streaming into the mill immediately afterwards to relieve other shift workers, some of whom had been on duty continuously for 16 hours.

Although production workers and the company itself were claimed not to be directly involved in the dispute, several hundred members of production workers' unions hesitated to cross the picket lines as time for the shift change neared between 3 and 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The picket lines had been set up early Wednesday, turning back an undetermined number of workmen when the day shift reported between 7 and 8 o'clock yesterday morning. Workmen in the plant not relieved at that time, including most or all members of the operating engineers and electricians unions then on duty, were required to remain on the job for an extra shift while efforts were being made to work out a solution. A company official said at noon yesterday that unless engineers reported for duty on the 4 o'clock shift it would be necessary to shut down the plant, throwing more than 1,000 people out of work.

As the result of a series of conferences held during the day, the company agreed to admit construction workers only at a special gate, and shortly after 3 o'clock the pickets were moved from the two main gates to the special gate several hundred yards west of the main employees' entrance. The pickets bore signs reading "Construction Dispute Is Over Wages and Working Conditions."

The labor dispute originated about two weeks ago, following attempts to organize construction workers engaged in building some additions to the local plant. Although no official announcement has been made by the company, it is generally understood that an extensive expansion program is being started here, with several firms of contractors and sub-contractors engaged for the actual construction work.

Paul Askew, of Norfolk, Va., chairman of an American Federation of Labor organizing committee, representing 10 building trade craft unions, said yesterday that approximately 70 men were employed in construction work at the plant here prior to November 17. Following notice that a meeting to discuss organizing would be held on Tuesday, November 16, Askew said the men were warned not to attend the meeting and that about 68 of them were fired the next day after they had attended.

No official statement could be secured yesterday from the general contracting firm, S. S. Jacobs Company, of Jacksonville, Fla., but it is understood the contractors claim that construction work was discontinued on November 17 and the men were laid off for that reason. The pulp company's attitude is that the dispute is between the contracting firms and that the company is not directly involved.

However, it has been learned that charges of "unfair labor practices" have been lodged against the pulp company, as well as the contracting firms. Two representatives of the National

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Kitchens and family, of Plymouth, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with Mr. Kitchens' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Kitchens, of Charleston, S. C. While there, Mr. Kitchens joined his father and several friends on a fishing trip to Isle of Palms. Jimmy reports the party made a nice catch of sea bass, something like 35, but Jimmy's luck was as usual. "Nuff sed!"

The all-Albemarle Conference football team selected at a meeting of conference coaches in Ahoskie last night includes five players from Edenton, two each from Tarboro and Hertford, and one each from Plymouth, Ahoskie and Williamston. The extra man was chosen as the result of a tie between Odum of Ahoskie and Carver of Hertford for an end position. Mike Estep was the only Plymouth player on the first team, making one of the half-back spots; but the Panthers placed three, George Painter, Leroy Simpson and Raymond Styons on the second team. First-team selections, in addition to Estep, were Riggs of Tarboro, Holland and Stiley of Edenton in the backfield; Rogerson of Edenton at end, with Odum of Ahoskie and Carver of Hertford tied for the other end position; Proctor of Tarboro and Williams of Hertford, tackles; Bond of Edenton and Chesson, of Williamston, guards; and Hardison of Edenton, center.

James Harry Barnhill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Barnhill, of Plymouth, has won the distinction of being included in the list to be initiated into Phi Beta Kappa on Dec. 3, 1954, at the University of North Carolina. This is the highest scholastic honor that can come to an undergraduate. Young Barnhill is majoring in mathematics.

Good Crowd Here For Bank Party

A good-sized crowd attended the Christmas party at Planters National Bank and Trust Company here Friday night from 7 to 9:30 o'clock. About 50 persons joined the bank's 1955 Christmas Club during the evening. Manager D. Marvin Weaver reports.

The bank interior was decorated in the Christmas motif and elicited much admiration and comment. Lime punch, mints and nuts were served by Mrs. Frances Ange, assisted by several directors' wives, Mesdames H. E. Harrison, A. J. Riddle, L. N. Womble and R. M. Bruce.

Out-of-town guests included A. W. McLean, Planters president, Wiley W. Meares, executive vice president, Richard S. Atkinson, Jr., cashier and W. Carlyle Gay, public relations officer, all of Rocky Mount, and C. W. Parker and Joel Lee, manager and assistant manager, respectively, of the Ahoskie branch.

Santa Claus To Be Here Next Week

Santa Claus has scheduled his Plymouth visit for December 11 again this year, but this time the date falls on Saturday. Also, he will appear a bit earlier in the day than on previous annual visits.

The jolly old gentleman will be downtown from 2 to 3 p. m., according to information received from North Pole headquarters by Thos. F. Hopkins, spokesman for the Plymouth merchants sponsoring the visit.

Arrangements have been made for white and colored school bands in the county to take part

in a parade in Santa's honor which will form at the high school and march downtown where a position will be taken up in front of the Legion Hall.

As usual on such occasions, free candy will be given out to the kiddies. Plans are being worked out to control the crowd so that the children can go up to Santa in a single file and receive their gift of candy in an orderly fashion.

This method was used last year and proved much better than passing out the candy among children in the crowd in the manner of previous occasions.

It will be appreciated by the sponsors and by Saint Nick himself if parents will instruct their children on the necessity of orderly conduct in order to give all present an equal opportunity.

Also, all children are urged to bring their letters to Santa requesting toys they desire for Christmas. Due to the large crowd anticipated, it will be impossible for the children to talk to the old gentleman about what they want him to bring them so they are asked to please bring their letters.

The kiddies won't forget—its Saturday of next week, 2 to 3.