

County FHA Supervisor Willis Bowen is in Goldsboro this week assisting Lacey Coates, Wayne County supervisor, in issuing operating loans.

J. Richard Carr, of Plymouth, returned Sunday from a trip to Georgia and Florida where he attended the Georgia State Beekeepers meeting at Valdosta and the Southern States Beekeepers meeting at Orlando, Fla.

Plymouth folks visiting larger towns recently have not been making out any too well. Several weeks ago the Rev. C. N. Barnette and H. H. Allen were held up and robbed of some \$225 at a Miami, Fla., motel.

Pvt. Vernon R. Hassell arrived in this county Monday night to spend a two-week furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Hassell, of Roper, his brothers and sisters.

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3 Polling Places Named for County Cotton Balloting

The national referendum on cotton marketing quotas, to be held Tuesday of next week, will be the ninth such vote, Miss Mariam Ausbon, ASC county office manager, said today.

Three polling places have been announced for cotton growers in Washington County, as follows: Knowles Grocery, Roper, for Roper and Pleasant Grove farmers; C. N. Davenport Garage, Creswell, Cherry and Mt. Pleasant farmers; and County Agriculture Building, Plymouth and Long Acre farmers.

The first vote on cotton marketing quotas was held in March 1938, an 11th last previous cotton referendum was December 15, 1953. In the last vote, 95.3 percent of the State's farmers who voted expressed approval of using the quotas for the 1954 cotton crop.

The national vote last year was 94.1 percent in favor. At least two-thirds of the farmers voting must favor quotas before they may continue in effect.

of rain. Rain began falling early Sunday night but a sharp temperature drop during the night brought the first snowfall of the season here.

Highway workers were out early Monday scraping the highways but driving was treacherous on roads and streets early in the day.

High and low temperatures for December in this county, as recorded at the Test Farm, read as follows: 1st, 49 and 24 degrees; 2nd, 48 and 33; 3rd, 62 and 24; 4th, 52 and 19; 5th, 46 and 17; 6th, 55 and 21; 7th, 36 and 13.

Old Man Winter, beginning to assert himself noticeably right after Thanksgiving in these parts with a low reading of 21 degrees November 27, really made himself felt early this week.

Weather station figures at Tide Water Test Farm, near here, show that the mercury dipped to 13 degrees Tuesday and Wednesday of this week, which is really cold weather for this part of the county.

Snow which began to fall at 1 a. m. Monday continued intermittently with rain and sleet until 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. Precipitation was recorded at 2.60 inches, an inch of snow and 1.60

INSTALLATION OF CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPLETED LAST WEEK



There's a little more substance to the decorative lights installed in the business section here this year. Through the aid of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, which contributed half the cost, strings of evergreen were wrapped around the light lines placed across Water and Washington Streets in the main business area.

Construction Work Still Being Picketed

Heavy January Call On Board

Selective Service Board No. 95 here has received January induction and pre-induction calls for seven and 37 men, respectively, Mrs. Lorraine Hunter, board clerk, reports.

Two volunteers, William Ray (Billy) Stynes, of Plymouth, and Charles Bradford Marrow, of Roper, left Tuesday morning by bus for the Raleigh reception center, the clerk reported.

Funeral Services For J. L. Clifton

Funeral services for James Linwood Clifton, 77, who died at his home at Creswell Sunday, were conducted Tuesday at 2 p. m. from Mt. Tarboro Baptist Church by the Rev. Mark Woolard, assisted by the Rev. R. C. Ambrose.

Mr. Clifton, a native and lifelong resident of Washington County, was a member of Scuppernon Church of Christ. He leaves three sons, William T. and Cecil Clifton, of Plymouth, and Howard Clifton, of Creswell; four daughters, Mrs. Claud Phillips, of Creswell, Mrs. Lula Mae Holden and Mrs. Wilbur Wiseman, both of Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. G. O. Combs, of Elizabeth City; three brothers, Raymond, A. G. and Robert Clifton, all of Sreswell; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Fire Guts Storage House For Honey Here Saturday

A building near Winesett Circle in which Eli Winesett had extracting equipment and honey stored was gutted by fire shortly after 8 o'clock Saturday night.

Local firemen responded to the alarm and brought the flames under control shortly after arrival on the scene. It is understood that quite a bit of honey, equipment and some bees were lost in the blaze.

Movie Here Getting Wide Screen Today

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Christmas Fund Organization Is Perfected Here

Carl L. Bailey, Jr., of Plymouth, Named To Chairmanship of Annual Empty Stocking Campaign

Carl L. Bailey, Jr., young Plymouth attorney, was named last week to head the annual Empty Stocking Fund for 1954.

Election of officers and appointment of chairmen in the several communities of the county came at an organizational meeting held Thursday night at the courthouse.

Officers named in addition to Bailey were Mrs. James H. Ward, treasurer; James T. Boyce, toy collecting chairman, Carl L. Bailey, sr., general finance chairman; and James Bond, publicity chairman.

Other members of the finance committee are Tom Hampton and P. W. Littlejohn, Creswell white and colored drives, respectively; Aubrey Dixon, Roper white, and E. V. Wilkins, Roper colored; Mrs. Cedric Davenport, Mackeys; Leroy Ange, Plymouth white, and A. R. Lord, Plymouth colored.

A total of 93 white and colored citizens of the county was named to the executive committee as follows: Plymouth—W. H. Booker, Roanoke Beacon; J. S. Fleming, Plymouth White, and A. R. Lord, Plymouth Colored School; Rotarians, Arthur Lilly, H. H. Allen, R. F. Lowry, P. B. Bateman, and Carl L. Bailey; Fred Keyes, Lions Club; Dr. A. L. Whitehurst, Jaycees; Mrs. Durant Keel, Woman's Club; Donald Waters, American Legion; Melvin Boyd, VFW; Harvey Hobbs, Leroy Ange, Jesse Armistead, Ben Daniels, Louis Price, Edmund Johnson, James Hamilton, David Williams, Ed Ricks, Lloyd Mizell, Fred Small, Jack Latham and Newman Allen, labor unions; Thos. F. Hopkins, merchants association; churches—Rev. E. M. Spruill, Jim Ethridge, Mrs. Ruby Booth, Rev. J. H. Lanning, M. Leavitt, Mrs. Evelyn Woolard, J. Woolard, Mrs. L. S. Thompson, Rev. and Mrs. P. B. Nickens, E. E. Harrell, Mrs. Marjorie Lucas, Oliver Lucas, Rev. C. N. Barnette, W. B. Liverman, Robert Bowen, Mrs. Frances Lucas, Mrs. C. L.

Delegates From 15 Clubs Attend Ruritan Meeting

E. Y. Floyd, of Raleigh, Featured Speaker at Evening Session Closing Roanoke District Convention

A good-sized crowd of Ruritans and their guests heard commendation from E. Y. Floyd, of Raleigh, for the fine accomplishments and objectives of the organization in the feature address at the closing session of the Roanoke District convention at Roper Wednesday night.

Delegates from 15 clubs in the district registered for the event. Oak City, Roxobel-Kelford, Farm Life, Everetts, Aulander, Williamson, Rocky Mount, Severn-Pendleton, Bear Grass, Merry Hill, Winton, Jamesville, Creswell, Gum Neck and Roper were represented.

The two sessions — afternoon and evening — were held at Roper High School with the Roper club as host. The afternoon session was taken up with various reports and officer schools for presidents, vice presidents, secretaries and treasurers.

Fulton Stokes served as toastmaster for the evening session which opened at 6:30. After opening song and the invocation by T. R. Spruill, of Roper, T. C. Martus, district governor elect, of Roper, gave the welcome. Response was by M. L. Basnight, of the Gum Neck club.

Group singing was enjoyed and vocal solos were given by Miss Daphne Snell, of Roper, piano solos by Miss Elfrith Alexander, and tap dance numbers by Miss Linda Lou Norman, also of Roper.

Ken Stokes, of Severn, recognized President Bryan Harris, of the host club, National President Bill Brake, of Rocky Mount, presidents of nine clubs in the district present, and special guests.

Emmett Burden, of the Aulander club, presented awards to Farm Life for 1954 Ruritan Service.

Native of County Buried on Sunday

Graveside services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at Plymouth Methodist Church Cemetery for Frederick Herman Harrison, 57, of Tunstall, Va., with the Rev. J. H. Lanning, minister of the church, officiating.

Mr. Harrison, son of the late James Franklin Harrison and Martha V. Harrison, of Plymouth, died Friday at 8:30 a. m. at Tunstall after an illness of four months. He had been in declining health for more than a year.

He was a native of Plymouth, born October 24, 1897, and lived here until he reached the age of 13. He was a member of Corinth Baptist Church, New Kent County, Va., and was employed by the Union News Company.

Surviving are a sister, Ethel Caroline Barnes, of Norfolk, Va., and a brother, Emmett S. Harrison, of Huntington, W. Va.

Board Says No to Bid For Assistant Agents

Added Expense Now Decided Against by Commissioners, Spruill, Brinkley, Knowles Take Oath

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Mr. Pritchett said he would miss the association with the other members at future meetings and expressed the belief that Mr. Spruill would prove a worthy successor to the office.

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The board clerk, J. Robert Campbell, was instructed to write to Highway Commissioner J. Emmett Winslow asking that another investigation be made by the proper engineer and the board advised if the commission will agree to improve the road and bridge in Plymouth Township running from Long Ridge Road by the front of the Elwood Wynn farm and to the Harman Harrison line beyond Ausbon Station.

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Brother of Local Man Dies Sunday

Guy Sidney, Owens of Norfolk, brother of W. R. Owens, of Plymouth, died at his home there Sunday. He was 26.

Last rites were conducted Monday at 11 a. m. at the Ewell and Williamson Funeral Home, Norfolk, by the Rev. Benjamin Joyner, pastor of the Oak Grove Methodist Church. Burial was in Columbia Cemetery, in Tyrrell County.

Mr. Owens was a native of Columbia, the son of Walter C. and Fannie Godfrey Owens. He was the husband of Mrs. Ethlyn Wright Owens and had made his home at Norfolk for the past 13 years.

He leaves, besides the widow, and his mother, a daughter, Gale Elaine Owens; a son, David Owens, both of Norfolk; four brothers, W. R. Owens and R. C. Owens, both of Norfolk, W. R. Owens, and W. G. Owens, of Washington, D. C.

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Local Young Man Gets Commission

David T. Read, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Read, of Plymouth, completed his college work at East Carolina College on November 24 and received a commission as second lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force Reserve the same day. He was a member of the Air R. O. T. C. unit at East Carolina College and had completed that phase of his work at a summer training camp in Florida before the start of the fall term at the college.

David will receive his A.B. degree in business education at the college commencement next spring. He is scheduled to report for active duty with the Air Force on April 29, 1955, when he will be assigned to a flight school as a student officer. A graduate of Plymouth High School in the spring of 1950, Read entered East Carolina the following fall.

Santa Claus To Make His Annual Visit on Saturday

SANTA CLAUS TO BE HERE AGAIN SATURDAY



Old Man Santa Claus probably hasn't changed much, but the tots pictured above are a year older, which makes a lot of difference at their ages. The above picture was made last year when Santa visited Plymouth and drew the largest crowd ever seen on local streets, estimated up to 3,000. Anyway, the old gentleman will be back this coming Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, planning to remain at the Water and Washington Street intersection for upwards of an hour, giving out candy to the youngsters and listening to as many as possible outline their wants for his later visit on December 25th.—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

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Due to Arrive at 2 P. M., Accompanied by School Bands; Free Candy Will Be Given Children

Saturday is S-Day! Yezzir, it'll be S-Day in Plymouth, meaning of course, Santa Day. And, to jiggle the phrase slightly, every kid and his brother will be here—or so 'tis expected.

The day is expected to run a close second to Christmas morning for youngsters in Plymouth and adjoining areas. Christmas morning the kiddies will tickle their orbs on what the old boy from the North Pole left at their house on his routine Christmas Eve chimney invasion, but Saturday afternoon from 2 to 3 o'clock if they're on Water Street in Plymouth they will see the jolly old gent in person. That's something to look forward to, as any boy can tell you.

The annual visit is being sponsored by Plymouth merchants and Thos. F. Hopkins, spokesman for the group, stated today that it is assured Santa will come to town Saturday well-stocked with candy for Washington County's small fry set.

Santa has notified local sponsors that he will arrive 2 hours earlier than last year, due to a more expeditious working of his itinerary. This will mean that all the youngsters can get their gifts of candy before dusk.

The storied dispenser of good things to good folks is scheduled to arrive here in mid-afternoon and he will travel into the town business section by jeep. His arrival at the junction of Water and Washington Streets is set for 2 o'clock and he is expected to remain there for the space of an hour or so during which time he will give out free candy to the kiddies.

Again, it is emphasized, parents of children are asked to please instruct them on the necessity of maintaining orderly conduct while Santa is the town's guest. If children who are downtown for the parade and visit will line up and patiently await their turn, everyone will be given an equal opportunity to receive candy and it will no doubt make a much better impression on Mr. Claus than otherwise.

Also, all children are urged to bring their letters informing Santa of their wants for his later Christmas Eve visit.

Second in Series of Turkey Shoots Set for Saturday

Disappointing Turnout for First in Series of Lions-Sponsored Events Last Saturday

The second in a series of three turkey shoots being sponsored here by Plymouth Lions is scheduled for Saturday at the ACL depot.

Dr. A. L. Whitehurst, chairman of the project, said the turnout for the first event last Saturday was disappointing but points to the fact that no conflicting event is scheduled Saturday in expressing the belief that stronger support will be forthcoming this week and next.

The shoot is slated to begin at noon and continue until dark if interest justifies.

Ammunition and guns will be on hand for those who do not bring their own guns and ammunition to fit most types of shotguns will be available for those who bring guns. No rifles will be used. A turkey will be given to each winner and the birds range from 10 to 12 pounds.

Mercury Down To 13 Two Days This Week

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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.

TWO NATIVES OF COUNTY MEET IN AUSTRIA



Pfc. William M. Oliver (left) of Roper, N. C., greets a Mackeys neighbor in Austria, Colonel James C. Tarkenton. Oliver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest B. Oliver, used to buy gasoline at a filling station operated by the Tarkenton family at Pleasant Grove, near Mackeys. He met the colonel recently when he was selected as colonel's orderly for being the outstanding member of the guard detail for that day. Oliver is a rifleman in Company A of the 350th Regiment in Austria and Colonel Tarkenton commands the regiment.—U. S. Army photo.