

Three Plymouth students at East Carolina College, Greenville, have organized intramural basketball teams and all three teams are reported to have a good chance to cop the intramural championship on the campus.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Early, jr., and boys, David and Joe, of Plymouth, were among the dinner guests of Mr. Early's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Early, sr., of Lewiston, Sunday, December 26, when the latter celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary.

Willis Bowen, county supervisor for the Farmers Home Administration, and H. E. Newland, work unit conservationist, will present the soil and water conservation loan program over the Greenville television station Saturday of this week, beginning at 1:30 p. m.

Dr. Felix Barker, director of special education, Department of Public Instruction, Raleigh, visited Plymouth Wednesday of this week in connection with his duties. While here, Dr. Barker visited the county superintendent's office and both white and colored schools.

Police Chief P. W. Brown stated Wednesday that he will be able to get out of the house and ride around a bit just as soon as the weather permits. The chief

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Former Resident of Peru To Address PTA Meeting

Mrs. Carl Hackbart, a former resident of Peru, will be the featured speaker at the regular meeting of the Plymouth Parent-Teacher Association Tuesday of next week.

Ask Cooperation Of Public During Fire Alarms Here

Fire Chief Warns Against Cars Racing Fire Trucks; Citizens Asked Not To Phone Police

Plymouth Fire Chief I. Miller Warren issued this week another statement urging that automobile drivers refrain from racing after the fire trucks when the latter are answering alarms.

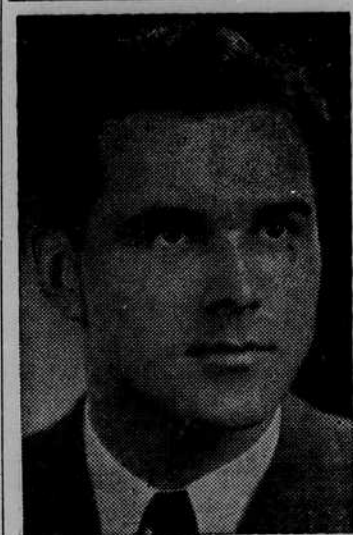
In this regard, Chief Warren calls attention to a recent opinion given by North Carolina Attorney General Harry McMullan as follows:

"Upon the approach of any police or fire department vehicle giving an audible signal, the driver of every other vehicle shall immediately drive the same to the right-hand edge or curb, clear of any intersection of highway, and shall remain in such position unless otherwise directed by a police or fire department vehicle shall have passed. It is unlawful for any driver of any vehicle other than one on official business to follow any fire apparatus traveling in response to a fire alarm closer than one block or park such vehicle within one block of where fire apparatus has stopped in answer to a fire alarm."

Chief Warren warns that anyone violating this law, regardless of who he or she is, will be dealt with as the law directs. Also, local police officials have called attention to the practice of residents telephoning the police department for information concerning the whereabouts of fires.

Less Than Third Get Taxes Listed

GETS PROMOTION



D. MARVIN WEAVER

D. Marvin Weaver Promoted at Meet Of Bank Officials

Now Assistant Vice President of Planters National Bank; Will Continue To Manage Local Unit

D. Marvin Weaver has been promoted to assistant vice president of the Planters National Bank & Trust Company, it was announced this week. Mr. Weaver has been manager of the Plymouth branch of the Planters National since it was established here in December, 1953, and it was stated he would continue in that capacity with the title of assistant vice president and manager of the Plymouth office.

The announcement was made Tuesday following the annual meeting of the bank's stockholders and directors at the main office in Rocky Mount. Several other promotions were made in the executive personnel of the institution, including that of Carroll C. Colston from assistant vice president to vice president.

During the annual meeting of stockholders, President Archie W. McLean made his annual report, reviewing the operations of the Planters National during the past year. He stated the bank had just completed the best year in its history and said operations at the Plymouth and Ahoskie branches had exceeded expectations.

Two new directors were elected by the stockholders, J. Holt Evans of Enfield, and Wythe D. Quarles, jr., of Rocky Mount. At the directors' meeting later, present officers were reelected and promotions announced.

NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED AT PERSEVERANCE LODGE HERE LAST WEEK



New officers of Perseverance Lodge, No. 59, A. F. & A. M., are pictured above following their installation here Tuesday night of last week.

Faith Expressed In Local Produce Auction Market

Group of Agricultural Leaders, Bankers, Businessmen Meet in Dinner Session Here

Strong faith in the local produce auction market, started last year, was expressed unanimously at a dinner meeting of interested persons held Wednesday night in the banquet room of the Mayflower Restaurant.

Among those present were local agricultural leaders, farmers and businessmen, the operators of the market, Hugh Martin, of the Agriculture Department's marketing division, Raleigh, and D. Marvin Weaver, manager of the Plymouth branch of Planters National Bank & Trust Co.

W. M. Darden, one of the market operators, served as chairman and called on his fellow operators, James H. Ward and W. T. Freeman, for brief remarks, as well as Mr. Martin, Plymouth Mayor A. J. Riddle, L. E. Hassell, of Roper, Thos. F. Hopkins, president of the Plymouth Merchants Association, County Agent W. H. Pruden and County FHA Supervisor Willis Bowen.

Martin told the gathering, "You can develop one of the finest pepper and cucumber markets right here... the season is ideal in this section, right between the South Carolina and Eastern Shore seasons."

Pruden reminded that commercial vegetable allotments are a future possibility and hinted strongly that to build up a history of such crops would be wise against such an eventuality. He promised his full cooperation with information to aid production.

Mr. Martin listed Tenderlong beans, Early Marketer and Sanatee cukes and California Wonder and Yolo Wonder peppers as good varieties.

Last Rites Held for Atamanchuk Baby

Funeral services for the infant son of Leon and Margaret Stotesberry Atamanchuk of Plymouth, were conducted from the chapel of Horner's Funeral Home here Sunday at 2:30 p. m. by the Rev. Cary Danely, minister of Plymouth Church of Christ. Burial was in the Allen Cemetery near Wenaona.

The infant, born in Washington County Hospital Thursday of last week, died in a Wilmington hospital Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. Surviving, besides the parents, are three sisters, Donald Rae, Pat Ann and Darleen Atamanchuk; a brother, Steve Atamanchuk, all of the home; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe L. Stotesberry, of Wenaona; and his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Helen Kochell, of Plymouth.

ACTIVITY BUS FOR ROPER HIGH SCHOOL DELIVERED LAST WEEK



Principal T. A. Hood (left), of Roper High School, is shown above receiving ignition keys to the new 48-passenger activity bus delivered to the school last Friday by George T. Barden (right) of House Chevrolet Company here, while Roper Agriculture Teacher Mitchiner Banks looks on.

Tobacco Growers Of County Hear Todd Last Week

Extension Specialist Discusses Diseases, Production, New Varieties; Color Slides Shown

County tobacco growers attending the tobacco school at the Agriculture Building here last Thursday night saw color slides stressing good practices in tobacco production and heard an interesting discussion on diseases peculiar to the golden weed, new varieties, etc., by F. A. Todd, Extension tobacco specialist from State College, Raleigh.

Growers were told that tree-plant beds with methyl bromide is the cheapest way to grow plants. The treatment kills weeds, grass, nematodes and insects and plants grow sturdier when this practice is used, it was pointed out.

A three-year rotation using such non-susceptible crops as corn, oats, peanuts and a weed crop which land lies fallow can be effective for control of nematodes, Todd stated. He cautioned against use of crops such as peppers, tobacco, etc.

Jaycees Observing Special Week Here

County Library Board To Meet Next Tuesday Night

The Washington County Library board will meet Tuesday of next week in the offices of the county superintendent of schools, at the courthouse, Mrs. J. Robert Campbell, chairman of the board, announces.

Junior Chamber of Commerce Week To Culminate in Banquet Honoring 'Young Man of Year'

"The communities of the nation are proud to have junior chambers of commerce because it is realized that Jaycee members are young men of action who do things to improve their community and help everyone in it," Dr. A. L. Whitehurst, president of the Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce, declared this week in referring to "Junior Chamber of Commerce Week," now being observed nationally.

Local observance of Jaycee Week will culminate in a Birthday Banquet to be held at the Mayflower Restaurant Friday night of next week at which presentation of a Distinguished Service Award key will be made to the person voted by a committee the young "man of the year" in Plymouth.

"So effectively have most junior chambers integrated their program with the needs of their respective communities that they have been accorded the enthusiastic approval of all citizens and civic and governmental leaders," President Whitehurst declared. In many communities, he pointed out, the Jaycees have led in organizing extensive youth programs to combat juvenile delinquency, or to launch effective safety and fire prevention campaigns. Also, Whitehurst continued, in many places vigorous Jaycee-sponsored educational programs about accidents and disease have led to improved industrial and public health.

Lot of Work Done In Superior Court

Criminal Calendar Disposed Of With Dispatch and Court Recesses To Reconvene Today

The January term of Washington County Superior Court opened here Monday morning before Judge Malcolm C. Paul, of Washington, and got right down to business, getting far enough along on the criminal docket to recess at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. No court was held Tuesday and Wednesday but Judge Paul will reconvene the court Thursday morning of this week to sign some court orders. The Thursday session is expected to be brief.

The court will reopen Monday of next week at 10 a. m. with Judge Q. K. Nimocks, jr., of Fayetteville presiding to hear civil actions. It is expected that the civil calendar will require more time than was needed at the criminal term this week.

Seal Sale Lags Chairman Says

Christmas Seal Sale returns in Washington County are running far under those of last year's campaign, Mrs. Lillian Shugar, of Plymouth, revealed this week.

Mrs. Shugar, who is serving as county chairman for the second successive year, said that as of Tuesday the total stood at \$876.25. The total raised in the drive a year ago was \$1239.04.

The grand jury, sworn in here Monday with P. H. Darden, of Plymouth, named foreman, reported public institutions and property in good condition following a personal inspection.

The grand jury report, addressed to the court and signed by the foreman, stated that all indictments and presentments coming to the attention of the body had been considered and that every effort had been made to dispose of them in a just manner.

Grand Jury Finds Conditions 'Good'

Council Approves Hiring of Morton

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Regular Meeting of Legion Post at Vets Club Friday

The regular meeting of James E. Jethro Post of the American Legion is scheduled for Friday night of this week at the Veterans Club, Commander Ronald Waters announces. Time of the meeting is 8 o'clock. Commander Waters is urging that all members of the post attend.

Social Security Topic at Farm Meet

Two State College Extension specialists will be present to discuss the Social Security program as it affects the farmer when the Washington County Farm Bureau meets Friday of this week here, President T. R. Spruill, of Roper, has announced.

Charles Williams and W. L. Turner will discuss the Social Security program and Gerald Johnston, Social Security Administrator, Rocky Mount, will also attend. The men will be able to answer any questions concerning how the program affects the farmer. All farmers will be under Social Security from this year on, it is pointed out, and so the meeting will be an important one.

The meeting is scheduled for the Agriculture Building, beginning at 7:30 p. m. Mr. Spruill stated, "If you have anything that you would like the Farm Bureau do during 1955 we would appreciate your suggestions at this meeting."

March of Dimes Organization Is Announced Here

County Director Thos. F. Hopkins Releases List of Committees of Volunteer Workers

Washington County March of Dimes Director Thos. F. Hopkins announced this week perfection of a county-wide organization to carry on the current drive for funds with which to fight polio. The goal for the county has been set at \$3,500.

The director stated that he was particularly pleased at the cooperative spirit shown by the people of the county who have willingly accepted the call for volunteer help in putting the drive across.

Mr. Hopkins, in addition to heading the fund drive, is also chairman of the Washington County Chapter, National Infantile Paralysis Foundation. Other workers were listed as follows: Nick Ange, treasurer; James Bond, publicity; Mrs. Gladys Davenport, Creswell chairman; Mrs. Bonnie Coburn, Roper chairman; Mrs. Herbert Chesson, Mackeys chairman; Mrs. Rachel Stokesberry, Wenaona chairman; Prof. P. W. Littlejohn, Creswell colored chairman; Prof. E. V. Wilkins, Roper colored chairman; Prof. A. R. Lord, Plymouth colored chairman.

Plymouth business solicitation committee: D. Marvin Weaver, Melvin Boyd, Robert Howell and Ronald Waters;

Distribution committee: A. J. Ange, jr., Steve Hopkins, Julian Carr, Piggy Dew, Larry Hopkins and Lowes Moore;

Special Events committee: J. S. Fleming, Mrs. Dick Norman, Ed Taylor and Plymouth High School orchestra;

Mothers' house-to-house committee: Mrs. Tom Hopkins, chairman; Mesdames E. M. Leavitt, Lloyd Owens, Henry Harrison, W. L. Mayo, Blount Rodman, Gordon Chesson, H. C. Carter, Ben Ganderon, Ed Ach, W. W. Collins, Mahlon Graham, John Davenport, A. L. Jackson, Bill Ruffin, Billy Hopkins, Colon Bowen, David Williams, Frank Dew, R. M. Daniels, Cecil Clifton, Leslie Manning, W. R. Gardner, Woodrow Dixon, William Phelps, Johnnie Pridden, Robert Johnson, Bryan Chesson, Curtis Johnson, Henry Simpson, Robert Swain, C. J. Doughtie;

Roy Swain, Benton Liverman, Charlie Bratten, Carl Modlin, C. E. Bowen, Mabel Jeffrey, Charles Steeley, Hillary Terterton, A. R. Latham, Perry Turner, Bennie Hardison and Mrs. Hal Ange.

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Mr. Morton assumed his duties as a policeman January 1. He had resigned his position with the North Carolina State Highway Patrol, effective December 31 of last year. He had been a member of the highway patrol for three years and four months.

Mr. Morton and family will continue to make their home at Roper for the remainder of the winter, according to present plans, but expect to move to Plymouth in the spring.

The council session had been postponed from the previous Monday, due to the illness of Mayor A. J. Riddle. Mayor Riddle presided over the meeting, lasting only about an hour, and councilmen were present as follows:

E. D. Keel and W. C. Hall, first ward; J. B. Latham and Ralph Hunter, second ward; and J. D. Crubshank, third ward. John Forbes Davenport, of the third ward, did not attend.