



Mr. and Mrs. James H. Ward and Carl Bailey, jr., really got their money's worth of thrilling basketball at the Coliseum in Raleigh Saturday night of last week. All Wake Forest fans, the trio watched State's Wolfpack eke out a 75-73 win in overtime, but the contest was easily one of the best ever reeled off at the Coliseum and what is more, the Deacons led with precious little time remaining. It remained for Carolina to knock off State Tuesday night with Rosenbluth contributing a fine performance for the winning quint.

Wage earners in Washington County averaged \$62.64 per week in 1954, according to a recent issue of "North Carolina Facts," weekly publication of the North Carolina Research Institute. This county was fourth in the state, being topped only by Haywood with \$73.70; Transylvania with \$64.44 and Mecklenburg with \$63.52. There were only 13 counties with earnings above the state average of \$53.94. Lowest was Pamlico County, with \$25.54. Averages for other counties in this section were: Martin, \$44.07; Beaufort, \$39.92; Tyrrell, \$31.51; Chowan, \$40.05; Bertie, \$39.94.

The Plymouth High School basketball barn is improving with age. Under the direction of County Superintendent Roy F. Lowry, workmen recently installed plywood panels over heavy insulating paper in the interior, helping to make it a lot more comfortable on cold nights for players and spectators alike. Steam heat was installed during the past year, but the porous walls made it impossible to retain heat in the structure until the recent ceiling job. Some big games are coming up here in the next week or two, and local fans are assured the building is much more comfortable than heretofore.

E. E. Harrell plans to leave Sunday for Winston-Salem where he will undergo a physical check-up at Bowman Gray Hospital. Mr. Harrell expects, while away, to attend the Southern Furniture Market at High Point Wednesday and Thursday of next week. He plans to return to Plymouth the following Monday.

VFW, American Legion and Auxiliaries to Meet Here

A joint meeting of the local American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars posts and the auxiliaries of each is scheduled to be held at the Veterans Club here Friday of this week. Time of the meeting has been announced as 8 p. m.

Registrants of Board Urged To Observe Rules

Mrs. Lorraine Hunter, clerk of Selective Service Board No. 95 here, is still having her troubles. Mrs. Hunter says the registration certificate of one registrant has been sent back twice with the notation "unknown" on it, while a questionnaire addressed to another registrant of the board was returned lately also marked "unknown."

Local Draft Board Should Be Notified of Change of Address, Marital or Family Status

Registrants generally are prone to neglect notifying the board of any change of address, it was noted by the clerk. Also, change in marital or family status too often is not reported promptly. Births not reported prior to August 24th of last year do not entitle the registrant to a 3-A classification, Mrs. Hunter pointed out. Many times in the past people have read in The Beacon a list of delinquents released by the board and subsequently the board has received important information concerning the whereabouts of those listed. The clerk hopes that such will be the case this time. Anyone knowing the address of either registrant listed above will do a service to both registrant and board by notifying the clerk.

COUNTY HOSPITAL HERE NOW HAS INCUBATOR



Melvin Boyd, commander of the Besie Bateman Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Dr. Claudius McGowan are shown flanking the new incubator which has been installed at Washington County Hospital here, in fulfillment of a long-standing need. Raising money with which to make the purchase was adopted as a VFW project and at a benefit bread sale conducted here about six weeks ago more than enough money for the incubator was secured. A total of \$61.50 left in hand after purchase of the incubator was donated to the 1954 Washington County Empty Stomach Fund, so every penny went for a good cause.—Photo by Weaver Studio.

Over 100 County Workers Engaged 1954 Polio Drive

Part of National Effort To Raise \$64 Million Said Badly Needed; Local Response Good Thus Far

More than 100 persons have volunteered their services in this county to prosecute the annual March of Dimes drive for funds to aid polio patients to build new and useful lives and to help the program of research and education designed to lick the dread disease.

The local campaign is part of the national effort to raise \$64,000,000 which is declared badly needed to continue the fight. The goal in Washington County is over \$3,500.

"The possibility of a polio vaccine serves to intensify our concern for the thousands still suffering from the effects of the disease. We are determined to see that there are no 'forgotten' polio victims in our community," Tom Hopkins, county campaign director, declared.

At present several polio patients in Washington County, including two who contracted the disease in 1954, are receiving help from the Washington County chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

"The mending of lives continues to be our active dedication," Mr. Hopkins stated.

Approximately 74,000 persons throughout the nation received direct financial aid from the March of Dimes during the past year alone, he disclosed.

"An evaluation of last summer's polio vaccine field trials will be completed this spring," Hopkins continued. "Then we will know whether future generations are to be spared the scourge of polio. But even if the report is encouraging, we must continue to help patients for

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Jaycees' Service Award Set Friday

W. B. "Billy" Harrison, prominent Rocky Mount businessman, will make the feature address at the Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce's Distinguished Service Award Banquet at the Mayflower Restaurant Friday night of this week, it is announced.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7 o'clock.

For several years Mr. Harrison has been prominent in civic affairs in Rocky Mount. He is a past president of the Rocky Mount Junior Chamber of Commerce,

North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce and a past president of the Young Democratic Club. He has also served as an alderman on the Rocky Mount board and is a former winner of the Distinguished Service Award given by the Rocky Mount Jaycees.

The banquet Friday night will honor Plymouth's "Young Man of the Year" for 1954. The recipient of this honor has been selected by a committee of prominent businessmen for his outstanding work and leadership in civic affairs during the past year. His identity will not be revealed until the night of the banquet, however.

The award presentation will be made by Henry C. Stokes, Jr., of Hertford. Mr. Stokes is 10th district vice president, N. C. Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Invited guests include all the past presidents of the local club and Plymouth Mayor A. J. Riddle.

R. M. Byrd To Be Business Manager At Hospital Here

Announced Following Board Meeting Last Thursday; Expected To Begin Duties February 15

R. M. Byrd, of Plymouth, is expected to assume his new duties as business manager of the Washington County Hospital here "probably" February 15, it was learned yesterday.

Announcement of the hiring of Mr. Byrd for the position was made following a meeting of the hospital board here last Thursday. Mrs. Tex Lindsey, nurse who has served as business manager at the hospital, will continue there, it was stated.

Mr. Byrd will also continue his duties in the tax office, Frank L. Brinkley, chairman of the board of county commissioners, stated Wednesday.

Details of the new arrangement at the hospital are expected to be worked out at subsequent joint meeting of the commissioners and the hospital board with Mrs. Lindsey and Mr. Byrd present, it was said.

Byrd, who has headed the reorganization project in this county since about the last of last year, will be retained by the county to keep the new tax system installed here up to date, working part time in this capacity and devoting the remainder of his time to the business administration of the hospital.

E. H. Liverman, of Plymouth, is chairman of the hospital board.

Judgment of \$10,000 Issued in Court Here

Awarded to Miss Gladys Bateman, of Plymouth, In Suit Arising Out of Wreck Last May

A consent judgment awarding \$10,000 to Miss Gladys Bateman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Bateman, of Plymouth, was approved by the court here Tuesday. W. L. Whitley, of Plymouth, was counsel for the plaintiff, Miss Bateman, who by her next friend, H. D. Bateman, and Bateman and his wife in their own right, sued Richard L. Hoffman, Guy Brown and Benjamin Lewis Jenkins, to recover damages as the result of a two-car collision in this county May 20th of last year.

The Plymouth law firm of Norman and Rodman represented the defendant Jenkins. By the judgment, Hoffman and Brown are to pay \$3,000 of the amount and Jenkins the other \$7,000. The owner of each car involved in the wreck carried liability insurance to cover, it was said.

The collision, head-on in a driving rain, happened Thursday night, May 20th, on the Polly Road about five miles from Plymouth. Both cars driven by Jenkins and Brown involved. Both are Marines from the Edenton Base. Eight persons were injured, Miss Bateman critically. She received a compound fracture of the jaw and other injuries about the head and face and was treated at the Washington County Hospital here and later removed to a Norfolk, Va., hospital for treatment. Other injured persons included Misses Grace Trueblood, Pat Trueblood, and Romona Barnes, Jenkins, Hoffman, Richard C. Curtis and Alex Tomillo, all of Plymouth, and Miss Barnes were in one car and the other six persons in the Jenkins car.

State Highway Patrolman Earl Morton, of Roper, cited to Washington County Recorder's Court Jenkins for reckless driving and Hoffman because his windshield wiper was not in operating condition. The cases were continued pending recovery from injuries of drivers and other witnesses, then later tried and both found guilty.

The money awarded in the case is to be applied to hospital and doctor bills, attorney's fee, ambulance fee and repayment to Miss Bateman's parents for expenses incurred as a direct result of the wreck.

Miss Bateman allegedly suffered much pain and inconvenience as a result of injuries sustained in the wreck, suffered a slight nasal disfigurement and will have to have further treatment to her lower jaw.

Benefit Barbecue Friday At Jamesville Nets \$114

A net profit of \$114 was reported realized at the benefit barbecue supper given Friday of last week at the Jamesville High School luncheon.

The event was sponsored by the Youth Fellowship of Jamesville Methodist Church and proceeds will be used to complete the Sunday School rooms at the church, it was said.

Get Wintery Look Here Wednesday

Plymouth and Washington County got that "wintery look" Wednesday of this week. It began to snow at about midnight and by 4 a. m. the fall was probably more than 2 inches. The ground was well covered early but snow changed to rain and sleet and partly melted the white, fluffy carpet.

Precipitation of one kind or another fell off and on most of the morning and an icy, biting north wind helped to make the outdoors uncomfortable during the day. No wrecks had been reported on county roads late Wednesday but a Plymouth Negro who teaches school at Oak City reportedly wrecked his late-model car, doing over \$500 damage. The wreck happened at Hamilton. The driver was not hurt, a meagre report said. The vehicle was towed by wrecker to a Plymouth garage.

Sale of City Tags Here Reaches 417 Wednesday

City Clerk W. A. "Bill" Roebuck does not know the state of business in Plymouth generally but if it is similar to the sale of town license plates for motor vehicles then it's definitely slow, he declared late yesterday.

Roebuck said 417 town tags were sold through business of Wednesday. This is only about half the number of plates expected to be sold here.

Listing Over Third Done in Plymouth; Better in County

About 700 Have Listed in Plymouth Township, 575 In Town; Progress in Skippersville Good

With three-fifths of the listing time gone the job of listing property for taxes in this county is between a third and a half completed, according to information available this week.

Plymouth Township Lister Paul Swain reported at noon Wednesday that about 700 persons had listed out of an expected 1,800 or so. Mrs. Wade Adams, Plymouth Town List Taker, said about 575 had listed through the same period.

Progress was reported good in Skippersville Township by County Tax Supervisor Hubert L. Davenport, although no definite figures were available from Township List Taker W. W. White.

Other townships report progress in listing as average or better, it was said. The best day to date here was Monday of this week when about 100 persons came in to list. The list takers stated that they had all they could do and those listing were considerably inconvenienced by having to wait their turn.

Less than 20 persons listed here Wednesday morning and those who did had to brave rain, sleet and snow to get to the office in the Agriculture Building where Mr. Swain and Mrs. Adams are working.

Hours are being maintained here from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Monday through Saturday. The deadline for listing is Monday, January 31, at 5 p. m. A 10 per cent penalty will be invoked in the case of late listers and positively no extension of time will be given, it has been emphasized.

Remaining schedules of list takers in the other townships of the county are as follows:

- Lees Mill Township, R. W. Lewis, lister; January 23, Davenport Store, Mackeys; all other listing days at Knowles Grocery, Roper.
- Skippersville Township, W. W. White, lister; January 27, W. E. Phelps Store; January 27, W. H. Goodman's Store; all other listing days at W. W. White's Store.
- Scuppernon Township, P. B. Belanga, lister; January 26, Sprull's Store, Newland; January 27, Harry Barnes Store, Cherry; all other listing days at Creswell.

Six Committee Assignments to Owens and Ross

Second District Senators, Both Freshmen, Get Vice Chairmanship of One Committee Each

Second District Senators Edward L. Owens, of Plymouth, and L. H. Ross, of Washington, received the vice chairmanship of one Senate committee each when Senate President Luther Barnhardt made assignments last week.

Of the 27 committees named, Owens is on six and Ross is a member of six, also. Owens was named vice chairman of the Committee on Salaries and Fees, while Ross was named to the vice chairmanship of the Committee on Education.

Senator Owens was also named to the important Appropriations Committee, Committee on Counties, Cities, and Towns, Committee on Journal, Engrossing, Enrolling and Printing, Judiciary No. 1, and Committee on Mental Institutions.

Other committees to which Senator Ross was named are Appropriations; Counties, Cities and Towns; Courts and Judicial Districts; Judiciary II; Manufacturing, Labor and Commerce.

Both Senators are serving their first term.

Attendance Increase Is Noted at Ware's Chapel

Attendance at the newly-organized Sunday School at Ware's Chapel, Dardens, reached 27 Sunday, it is reported. This is an increase of seven persons over the attendance of the previous Sunday.

Walter Furlough, of Plymouth, is acting superintendent, pending election of officers, and Mrs. Ralph Hunter, also of Plymouth, heads the children's division.

Farm Social Security Discussed at Meeting

Should Turn In Marketing Cards

All Washington County farmers who have marketing cards for crops under acreage control should turn them in to the county ASC office at once, it was announced this week.

The information on the cards is needed at the county office and those who have tobacco, peanut, cotton or wheat cards that have not been turned in should do so right away.

Small Number at Livestock School

About 15 farmers attended the livestock school held in the auditorium of the county agriculture building here Wednesday morning of this week.

J. S. Buchanan, extension livestock specialist in charge of beef cattle and sheep, J. K. Butler, extension swine specialist, and Guy Cassel, livestock marketing specialist, all from State College, Raleigh, lectured and showed colored slides to the gathering.

The meeting opened at 10 o'clock and continued until noon. Mr. Cassel pointed out the outlook for marketing livestock is fully as favorable as it was a year ago, with the outlook for sheep more favorable than for beef cattle or swine. He also stated that the better grades of beef cattle will have a more favorable market than a year ago, while the poorer grades will face a less favorable market.

It is predicted that the leaner, meat-type hogs will come more into the picture this year. It was pointed out that the packers have little market for lard and therefore do not want to buy it. The trend is definitely toward leaner hogs, it was stated.

Car Stolen Here Not Yet Recovered, Officer Says

The 1951 Chevrolet owned by Phil Ayers, of Plymouth, and reported stolen from its parking place on Jefferson Street here week before last has not been recovered, Plymouth Policeman Paul Basnight stated Wednesday. The car is a green two-door sedan. Officers are still working on the case.

Vegetable School Slated Wednesday

All interested persons are invited to attend the vegetable school to be held at the Agriculture Building here Wednesday night of next week, County Agent W. H. Pruden said.

H. Eldon Scott, extension entomologist, Al Banadyga and H. M. Covington, extension horticulture specialist, from State College, Raleigh, will be present to answer any questions concerning fruit trees, home gardens, etc., the county agent stated.

All county farmers who plan to grow produce for the local auction market this year are particularly urged to attend the meeting. Pruden said the three principal crops to be handled on the produce market will be snap beans, cucumbers and peppers and that all of these would be thoroughly discussed during the meeting.

Bid Is Hiked on School Property

The bid on one of the two obsolete school properties sold at public auction in this county January 8th of this year has been raised, County School Superintendent R. F. Lowry reports.

The bid of \$500 for the Mt. Delane building by Owens Brothers, of Plymouth, has been raised to \$550 by A. M. Kochell, also of Plymouth, Mr. Lowry stated.

W. H. Mizell, of Plymouth, was high bidder at \$105 for the lot which is the former site of the old Kelly School, 10 miles southwest of Plymouth on the Pine-Town Road. This bid has not been raised. The 10-day limit during which the bid remained open expired Tuesday of this week.

Superior Court May Continue Through Friday

Indications yesterday were that the January term of superior court would not be completed before late Thursday or possibly Friday.

Court convened at 10 a. m. Monday for the second week, with Judge Q. K. Nimocks, jr., of Fayetteville, presiding. After recessing late Monday of last week, the criminal term reconvened Thursday at 9:30 a. m. with Judge Malcolm C. Paul, of Washington, on the bench.

The judgment of Ni Sci against the bondsman previously entered was rescinded and stricken from the record in the case of George Alfred Hardison, charged with careless and reckless driving. Two motions by Solicitor Elbert Peel, of Williamston, were continued, to be heard at the January term of Nash County Superior Court.

Cases disposed of Monday and Tuesday of this week (civil actions only) included the following: Waldo Ransome was granted an absolute divorce from Mabel Ransome; Harry Halsey, defendant, paid

Jesse W. Rodgers vs. Burke Staton and wife, Mrs. Burke Staton, Nathan Staton and wife, Mrs. Nathan Staton, and Rosie Staton Sheppard and husband, — Sheppard, defendants agreed to pay plaintiff \$1,000 in full compromise and settlement of a previous court judgment of October 23, 1953, and settlement was approved by the court. Defendants were taxed with court costs and execution of judgment is not to issue before 10 days from the signing of judgment.

Gladys Bateman, a minor appearing by her next friend, H. D. Bateman and H. D. Bateman and wife, Pauline Bateman, in their own right, vs. Richard L. Hoffman, Guy Brown and Benjamin Lewis Jenkins, consent judgment of \$10,000 to Gladys Bateman, \$3,000 to be paid by Hoffman and Brown and \$7,000 by Jenkins.