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AT ENGINEERS UNION STEAK SUPPER LAST WEEK



Speakers and union officials are pictured above at the steak supper served here last week by Local No. 415, International Union of Operating Engineers...

Warden Cites Law On Burning Permits

Order Canceled For Local Board

Good news for registrants of the local draft board came in a double dose this week...

The order for pre-induction of 37 men scheduled for the 23rd of this month has been cancelled by State Selective Service headquarters...

Honor Football Team Monday

Arrangements are being made for a dinner next Monday night at which members of the Plymouth High School football squad...

Backfield Coach Jack Michaels, of the N. C. State Wolfpack, will be the principal speaker...

Phelps Named To Eight Committees

Dr. J. M. Phelps, of Creswell, Washington County representative in the General Assembly...

Smoke Chaser Needed at Plymouth Fire Tower, Said

County Forest Ranger S. F. Darden, of Plymouth, announced this week that there is a vacancy to be filled by February 15...

Dinner, Open House at Vets' Club

The local veterans' organizations will sponsor a barbecue dinner and Open House Saturday of this week from 11 a. m. to 12 p. m....

Now in Prospect; Routine Meetings Of Boards Monday

Mayor A. J. Riddle Says Meeting of True Temper Engineer, Town Officials, Others Set Monday

Regular first Monday board meetings are slated here next week, the county commissioners and the county board of education to meet Monday morning...

According to latest information available, strictly routine sessions are in prospect in each case...

Mayor A. J. Riddle said Wednesday he knew of no out-of-the-ordinary business to be considered by the city fathers Monday night.

The mayor said another meeting of the True Temper Corporation engineer, a sanitary engineer representing the State Health Department...

County Forest Ranger S. F. Darden this week called attention of the public to the brush burning law now in force for the second year.

The law, which was rewritten by the 1953 General Assembly, makes it unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to start or cause to be started any fire or ignite any material...

Permits are issued without charge and are easily obtained, Ranger Darden stated. Permits may be obtained upon request from Mr. Darden...

No permits are necessary for brush or debris burning if such burnings are started between 4 p. m. and ending at midnight when winds are usually not high and brush fires are less likely to be spread by gusts of wind.

During periods of hazardous forest fires, Darden said, the State forester is authorized under the brush burning law to cancel all permits and prohibit the starting of any fires...

Conviction for violating the law is punishable by fine of up to \$50 or imprisonment for not more than 30 days...

Mr. Darden pointed out that the law does not apply to fires started or caused to be started within 100 feet of an occupied dwelling house...

Campers, hikers, hunters, fishermen, motorists all are urged to be sure to douse all campfires, crush out all lighted cigarettes and cigars...

Progress Reported Made at Ware's Chapel at Dardens

A new flue has been run and a new roof has been put on the building at Ware's Chapel Church, Dardens, the pastor, the Rev. W. S. Davenport...

Two From Here On Honors List

Two of the 29 students at East Carolina College receiving special attention on the honors list issued last week are from Plymouth...

TRAFFIC FROM BOTH DIRECTIONS MUST STOP FOR SCHOOL BUS



The photo above illustrates a requirement of the state motor vehicle laws that apparently is not thoroughly understood by some motorists. The law requires traffic from both directions to halt for a school bus that has stopped to take on or discharge passengers...

Church Now Being Moved for Third Time, Is Reported

Church of God in Christ Building Once Housed The Plymouth Missionary Baptist Church

The Church of God in Christ building, which is being moved from Adams Street to Madison Street in order to make room for additional playground at Plymouth High School...

According to J. T. McNair, the Madison Street site will be the fourth for the building. It housed the original Plymouth Missionary Baptist Church, organized in 1866...

In 1908 the building was moved to the spot now occupied by the bus station. After the Ludford Memorial Baptist Church plant was built in 1915...

The members of this church, using only manpower, spent several weeks moving the church down Monroe Street to Brinkley Avenue and then across Jefferson and Washington Streets...

More modern equipment is being used this time by Contractor H. D. Craddock.

Lake Phelps Legion Post Will Meet Monday Night

A meeting of the Lake Phelps Post, No. 391, American Legion, will be held at the regular meeting place next Monday night, February 7, at 7:30 p. m.

Sandra Leggett March of Dimes Queen This Year

Miss Sandra Leggett, of the eighth grade, was winner of the March of Dimes' queen's contest which ended Friday last week.

Runner-up was Beulah Cratch, 11th grade student, who turned in \$75.04.

Other princesses in the contest, by grades, were listed as follows: Flossie Nooney, Judy Boone and Ann Harrison, eighth grade;

Phyllis Bagley, Jean Bennett, Gail Gaylord and Joyce Boone, tenth grade;

Linda Harrell, and Mary Eleanor Sanderson, 11th grade; Lynette Modlin and Sarah Bowen, twelfth grade.

Polio Drive Lags; \$2,500 Has Been Raised in County

Thos. F. Hopkins, county March of Dimes director, issued an appeal this week to persons who have not yet made their contribution to the 1955 fund for fighting polio...

Mr. Hopkins said the drive now stands at \$2,500 and that a concerted effort is needed in the remaining days of the campaign to put it over the top.

The drive put on by the Plymouth Schools resulted in a total contribution of \$868.11, Mr. Hopkins said. He praised the effort along with that of the mothers in the community.

The various classes at school raised \$455.34 while \$412.77 has been reported in the princess contest to select a queen to rule over the annual ball Saturday night of next week.

Other reports released this week by the director included Roper Schools (white), \$93.51; Mackeys community, under chairmanship of Mrs. Herbert Cheson, \$97; and Wenona, Mrs. Rachel Stotesberry, chairman, \$46.

Committees yet to report include the Plymouth business solicitation group, Creswell (Mrs. Gladys Davenport, chairman), Creswell colored (Prof. P. W. Littlejohn, chairman), Roper colored (Prof. E. V. Wilkins, chairman), Plymouth colored (Prof. A. R. Lord, chairman.)

Firemen Answer Alarm at Bal-Gra Farm Wednesday

The local fire department sent a truck to the Bal-Gra farm near Jamesville Wednesday morning in answer to an alarm, but the fire was out when the firemen arrived.

Little damage was done, reports stated.

A safety patrol, manned by students and sponsored by the Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce, will begin functioning next week, Ed Taylor and Charles Inabnett report.

A trial run will be held Friday of this week. Taylor said eight posts will be maintained during hours of the day when students are going to and from school.

Two posts in front of the school grounds; and one each at the corner of Washington Street and Brinkley Avenue, Jefferson and Monroe, Washington and Main, and the Ludford Memorial Church corner, and in front of the Hampton School.

Bruce Wright has been named captain of the patrol and Ralph Curganus and Eugene Brown will serve with him as lieutenants.

Ground Hog Sees Shadow

The ground hog saw his shadow here Wednesday and went back in his hole to remain for six weeks more, br-r-r!

Before 1 p. m. Wednesday the sun was obscured by clouds and later in the afternoon it appeared that some of the traditional six weeks of bad weather was on hand.

Services Today For Mrs. Swain

Funeral services will be held Thursday of this week at 2:30 p. m. for Mrs. Sarah Swain, 74, of Roper. The rites will be conducted from Holly Neck Church of Christ by the pastor, the Rev. Walter Armstrong.

Mrs. Swain died at her home at Roper Monday at 2:30 a. m. following a short illness. She was the wife of Josephus L. Swain, who survives, and was the daughter of the late Edward and Roxena Bateman Cohoon, of Tyrrell County.

Mrs. Swain was born in Washington County November 25, 1880, and was a lifelong resident. She was a member of Holly Neck Church and was a former Sunday School teacher there.

Mr. and Mrs. Swain were married December 25, 1901, at the home of her parents.

Besides her husband, she leaves a son, C. D. Swain, of the home; a sister, Mrs. H. S. Furlough, of Creswell; one brother, George Cohoon, of Durham; one grandchild and one great-grandchild.

PTA Executive Board To Meet Tuesday Next Week

An important meeting of the executive board of the Plymouth Parent-Teacher Association will be held at the home of the president, Mrs. Ben Ganderson, Tuesday of next week, it is announced.

The annual Father's Night meeting of the PTA will be held at the high school Tuesday, February 15, at 8 p. m., Mrs. Ganderson said.

About 175 Town Property Owners Failed To List

About 100 Colored and 75 White Residents Delinquent; Over 1,400 Listed; 1,600 in Township

An estimated 175 Plymouth property owners failed to list their property for taxation purposes during the specified listing period which closed the first of this week.

Mrs. Wade Adams, town list taker, said Wednesday she had listed more than 1,400 persons during the month of January. Of the remaining ones that failed to list during the period set aside for that purpose, Mrs. Adams said 75 are white and 100 colored.

Monday morning saw quite a rush at the office in the Agriculture Building where Mrs. Adams worked along with Plymouth Township List Taker Paul Swain. It was said that some 25 or 30 persons were in the hall waiting to list at closing time Monday afternoon.

There was an extra day of grace, though, so perhaps those persons listed next day. Mrs. Adams did not work Tuesday but Mr. Swain was on the job listing for those in the township who came in.

Mr. Swain estimated that over 1,600 listed property in the township during the month.

A complete report from County Tax Supervisor Hubert L. Davenport, of Skippersville, is expected by next week.

A 10 per cent penalty is imposed according to law for late listing.

Dies in Effort To Save Infant

Woodrow Sparks, 33, brother of Mrs. Louise Jackson, of Plymouth, perished in a futile attempt to save his seven-month-old son in a fire which completely destroyed the Sparks residence at Kinsman, Ohio, Monday night of last week.

Sparks was a former resident of Richwood, W. Va., and had moved to the Ohio town from Pennsylvania about a week before the tragedy.

The fire originated from defective wiring and reportedly had made tremendous progress before the family discovered it. The father and baby son died together in the flames after the father had reentered the house to get the child.

His wife, the former Mary Lee Simmons, of La Frank, W. Va., and three other children, Jimmy, 3, Nancy, 4, and Joe, 2, survive. In addition to Mrs. Jackson, there are four other sisters and four brothers.

Last Rites Held For Biggs Infant

Graveside services were held at Zion's Chapel Church at 2 p. m. Tuesday for Eva Estelle Biggs, infant daughter of George E. and Neta Jackson Biggs, of Roper. The baby died at 7 a. m. Tuesday at Washington County Hospital here.

Surviving, besides its parents, are four sisters, Judy Fay, Gloria Gail, Georgie Mae and Ellen L. Biggs; its maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Jackson; and its paternal grandmother, Mrs. Tillie Biggs, of Roper.

The Rev. J. D. Waters, of Plymouth, officiated.

Benefit Ham Supper To Be Served at Roper Feb. 11

The laymen of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Roper, will serve a ham supper at the Roper Community House Friday evening, February 11. Price of the meal will be \$1 per plate. Proceeds will go for the Builders for Christ campaign of the Episcopal Church in the United States.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Safety Patrol Organized at School