

Miss Myrtle Leigh Peacock, Roper native who is second grade teacher at Oxford Orphanage, has been chosen by Duke University to train Miss Mary Ramseur in teaching study and experience.

The Rev. Jesse H. Lanning, pastor of Plymouth Methodist Church, is chairman of the Family Life Committee of the Conference Board of Education which will conduct the North Carolina Conference workshop on Christian Family Living at Centenary Methodist Church, Smithfield, Monday and Tuesday of next week.

Cpl. Matt White Norman, son of C. J. Norman, of Plymouth, is spending several weeks at home after completing a year's study in Arabic at the Army Language School at the Presidio in Monterey, Calif.

Those from this county who attended the meeting of the N. C. State School Board Association at Chocowinity High School Tuesday of this week were L. E. Hassell, chairman of the Washington County Board of Education; J. W. Norman and Mrs. K. S. Trowbridge, of Plymouth, and J. Whitford Swain, of Roper, members of the county board; H. S. Everett, chairman, and J. L. Rea and R. L. Davenport, of the Roper School Committee; T. A. Hood, principal of Roper High School; and R. F. Lowry, county superintendent of schools.

Charlie Steeley, former Plymouth clothing store operator who has been at McCain Sanatorium for some time, is showing improvement, his son, C. W. Steeley, said this week. Young Steeley visited his father at the sanatorium a couple of week-ends ago and said Charlie was in good spirits and wished to thank everyone in Plymouth for cards and other remembrances.

Leroy Singleton, who has been on duty with a Naval aviation unit at Malta for about a year, arrived here this week to spend some time with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Singleton. Leroy enlisted in the Navy soon after his graduation from Plymouth High School in 1951 and has spent a considerable portion of his time since in the Mediterranean area. He was stationed in North Africa at first and later moved to Malta. He is due to get out of the service in June of this year.

Piling Is Driven For Storage Tank

A Norfolk, Va., construction company is engaged in driving piling and other preliminary work for the erection by Sinclair Refining Company of an 80,000 gallon storage tank on the old Norfolk Southern Railroad property on West Water Street. The property, the lot of which is 150 feet square, was purchased by Sinclair sometime ago. The storage tank will be put up between the old freight station and the river by a Philadelphia tank construction firm which is expected here early next week. Pipes to be run under the Texaco facility will connect the present Sinclair facilities with the new tank, it was said. W. C. Hall, local Sinclair representative, said that the old freight station would be extensively renovated and would be used for both office space and storage. A representative of the Norfolk construction firm estimated that it would require about four months for installing pipes and other necessary tasks in connection with the project.

Scout Camporee Set Here Next Week

Plymouth Scoutmaster Jimmy Kitchengs said this week that about 350 scouts from the Washington District are expected to attend the Pre-camporee here March 18, 19 and 20. The event will be held in Still, acres, adjoining the ball park, Kitchengs said. The pre-camporee will be held on patrol level and each patrol will do its own cooking.

OPEN HOUSE FRIDAY NIGHT AT NEW HOME OF SOUTHERN HARDWARE CO.



This is the new home of Southern Hardware Company on Adams Street here, just across from Planters National Bank & Trust Company. The recently-completed building, 42 by 102 feet overall, has been occupied by the hardware firm which is holding Open House Friday night of this week from 8 to 10 o'clock.

Council Here Names Officials for Election

Unit Gets 113 Pints on Visit

The quota of 110 pints was surpassed by three pints on the Red Cross bloodmobile unit visit at the Veterans Club here Wednesday of this week. There were 127 persons who responded, with 14 being rejected for one reason or another.

Refreshments for blood donors were furnished by the American Legion Auxiliary and the Major Louis Charles Latham chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy. The Plymouth Woman's Club supplied clerical help. Further details will be published next week.

Growers Wanting Ewes Requested To Notify Agent

All County Sheep Growers Interested in Ordering Ewes Asked To Contact Pruden at Once.

County Agent W. H. Pruden wishes to remind county sheep growers that if they want to order replacement ewes and get good quality the ewes should be bought early. Pruden said he has been informed by H. D. Quessenberry, in charge of the Livestock Division, North Carolina Department of Agriculture, that the outlook for lambs is good and that the wool situation is good considering the government support payment. The long-time outlook for sheep is better than other types of livestock, it was added.

Quessenberry stated, "We plan to handle ewes of the quality we bought last year. There are fewer yearling ewes for sale this year than the past two years. Therefore, we need to make a definite price, the price of lambs and wool will set the price of the ewes; now it looks like the price will be about the same as last year (\$27 per head)."

"To order ewes we will require a deposit of \$5 per ewe and we would like to have an indication from you not later than March 20 as to how many ewes Washington County farmers will want. The ewes will be shipped as close to the county as possible in car lots of 250 ewes each. We will buy them as cheap as possible and deliver them in May. The Extension Livestock Specialists think the ewes we get in May are the best for North Carolina."

Farmers interested should contact Mr. Pruden at once.

Obsolete Schools Property Now All Disposed of, Said

Mt. Delane Sale Formally Approved Monday; Nine Small Schools Sold in Past Seven Years

When at its meeting here Monday of this week the Washington County Board of Education formally accepted the high bid of A. M. and H. M. Kochelis for the Mt. Delane School, the last small Negro school in the county was disposed of.

During the past seven years nine small schools have been consolidated with larger schools and the obsolete property sold. The Cherry and Pritchard Schools have been consolidated with the Creswell School and an entirely new brick building built at Creswell.

The Brooks, Morratock and Deep Bottom Schools have been consolidated with Plymouth Elementary School. A lunchroom and four new classrooms are being constructed at the school.

The Macedonia, Back Woods, Sound Side and Mt. Delane Schools have been consolidated with what is now the Washington County Union School, at Roper. This is a modern high school plant costing \$242,780.59 which houses all the Negro high school students in the county.

A total of \$14,662.50 has been received by the board of education from the sale of these surplus wooden buildings. This money has been used to purchase much needed equipment and land for other schools in the county. The amount received for each school property sold is shown below:

- Cherry, \$1,505; Creswell Colored, \$925; Pritchard, \$1,200; Back Woods, \$1,275; Deep Bottom, \$1,600; Brooks, \$1,110; Sound Side, \$1,467.50; Macedonia, \$3,300; Morratock, \$1,275; Mt. Delane, \$900; and Kelly, \$105.

Final Rites for Edgar W. Ayers

Funeral services were conducted from First Christian Church, Plymouth, Saturday at 3 p. m. for Edgar W. Ayers, 87, of Plymouth. Officiating was the Rev. J. D. Waters, former pastor of the church, assisted by the Rev. C. N. Barnett, present minister, and the Rev. E. M. Spruill, rector of Grace Episcopal Church. Interment was in the Episcopal Church Cemetery.

Mr. Ayers, a retired merchant and farmer, died at 10:10 p. m. last Wednesday at Washington County Hospital. He had been in declining health for the past four years and was confined to the hospital for five weeks.

Mr. Ayers was the son of the late Edward and Mary Wallas Ayers and was born in Washington County August 25, 1867. He was a lifelong resident of the county. Mr. Ayers was a member of the Christian Church.

He was married three times, first to Narcissa Harrison, then to Ruth Swain and later to Sarah Roughton who survives. Other survivors include a daughter, Miss Vera Ayers, of New York, N. Y.; two sons, C. E. Ayers, of Plymouth, and Jewell C. Ayers, of Miami, Florida; one step-daughter, Mrs. Hazel Tullock, of Norfolk, Va.; a step-son, Robert Roughton, of Norfolk; two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Action on Several Matters Monday By Commissioners

Pass Resolution Opposing Proposed Legislation on Justices of Peace; To Sell Old County Home

In a busy monthly session here Monday the county commissioners heard a delegation seeking a new health center for the county, set the date for sale of the old county home property, named a rabies inspector, drew jurors for the April term of superior court, made a donation for the Roper Ground Observer Post, approved a road petition, passed a resolution opposing proposed legislation affecting justices of the peace and heard routine reports.

The session opened at 10:30 a. m. with Chairman Frank L. Brinkley, of Plymouth, presiding, and Commissioners A. R. Latham, Plymouth, J. C. Knowles, Roper, H. L. Davenport, Skimmersville, and Philip Spruill, Creswell, in attendance.

The commissioners told a delegation made up of Dr. C. C. Applewhite and I. A. McCary, of Raleigh, and Dr. E. W. Furgurson, Attorney Z. V. Norman and Delbert Allen, of Plymouth, that they could make no commitment now in reference to applying for state and federal funds for construction of a county health center here, but hoped to have a definite answer within a month.

A resolution was passed and directed to be sent to Dr. J. M. Phelps, county representative, and Senator Edward L. Owens stating "that the commissioners of Washington County are opposed to the enactment of any law or statute that will in effect enlarge or increase the jurisdiction of justices of the peace in general and that they are particularly against those bills introduced in the Senate last week that would give J. P. jurisdiction

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Jury Selected for Superior Court

Names of 30 citizens to serve for jury duty at the April civil term of Washington County Superior Court were drawn here recently by the county commissioners. The list includes names of 13 persons from Plymouth Township, seven from Lees Mill and five each from Skimmersville and Scuppernon Townships.

By townships, the list follows: Plymouth Township — J. W. White, Floyd Tetterton, J. D. Cruickshank, L. V. Landing, Archie W. Tetterton, C. E. Frymier, Phillip Gurganus, George Sexton, Hugh E. Roberson, K. R. Hopkins, P. J. Davenport, Lloyd Comstock and B. A. Sumner;

Lees Mill Township — F. Bryant Harris, J. M. Clagon, George Lewis, C. W. Hardison, W. E. Knowles, E. H. Watson and G. S. Grimes;

Skimmersville Township — Latham J. Spruill, H. E. Ambrose, Andrew W. Swain, Ernest Grimes and M. E. McGowan;

Scuppernon Township — John Mitchell Phelps, Bruce H. Phelps, Horace H. Phelps, Harry S. Phelps, and Edisel Barnes.

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Red Cross Drive in County Is Planned for Next Week

County School Board Session Held Monday

At its regular monthly meeting here Monday the county board of education formally approved the sale of the Mt. Delane School for \$900 to A. M. and H. M. Kochelis, of Plymouth, who were the successful bidders at the sale here February 5.

The board also authorized the payment of \$400 to Contractor H. D. Craddock, of Creswell, to move the house owned by Junius Brown from its location adjoining the Plymouth School campus to Brinkley Avenue.

Authority was also granted to allow the lunchroom workers in the county to be covered under the old age and survivors insurance provisions of Title II of the Federal Social Security Act, provided the schools and the lunchroom employees desire to join.

It was reported to the board that the total losses to school property in the county from Hurricane Hazel in the amount of \$2,066.83 had been paid by the Division of Insurance of the State Board of Education.

Urge Health Center Building for County

Commissioners Asked To File Application Before June 30 For State and Federal Assistance

The Washington County Board of Commissioners was urged Monday by Dr. C. C. Applewhite, of Raleigh, to file an application for federal and state assistance to erect a county health center here.

Dr. Applewhite, who is director of the Division of Local Health, appeared before the board during its regular monthly meeting, along with I. A. McCary, of Raleigh, administrative assistant, Dr. E. W. Furgurson, Attorney Z. V. Norman and Delbert Allen, district health inspector, all of Plymouth.

It was brought out that the present health department located in the old county home building is inadequate in every respect.

Dr. Applewhite also informed the commissioners that sooner or later each county would erect a new health center. He said most of the counties either already have centers or are in process of building them with aid from federal and state funds.

The Raleigh man told the commissioners that it appeared to the Medical Commission that the funds for such purpose would be used up by the end of the fiscal year and that it now appears doubtful that the legislature will provide additional funds.

It was also pointed out that the state footage approved by the state commission for such a center would be 2,000 square feet, with a minimum cost of \$29,000 and a maximum of \$33,350. At the minimum figure \$29,000 the federal share would be \$14,500, the state share \$7,656 and the county share \$6,844. The county maximum share should not exceed \$7,870, the commissioner were told. The figures cited also would cover expenses of fixtures, it was stated.

The county owns several acres of land where the old county home now stands, would provide

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Quota of \$2,486 Sought in One-Week Whirlwind Campaign, Chapter Director Announces

The organization has been perfected for the annual Red Cross fund drive in Washington County and a one-week whirlwind campaign is due to be launched Monday of next week, Dr. A. L. Whitehurst, director of the county chapter of the American Red Cross, announced yesterday.

An overall county quota of \$2,486 will be sought, Dr. Whitehurst said. Of the amount secured during solicitations, 55 per cent will be retained for use by the local chapter and the remaining 45 per cent will go to the national organization, the county director stated.

The Roper Ruritan Club met last week and agreed to sponsor the drive in that community. Henry Everett and Neil Stout were named co-chairmen.

Previously, the Creswell Ruritan Club had taken similar action and Harry W. Pritchett was named chairman, with Richard Ambrose to serve as co-chairman.

Solicitations in Plymouth Township will be taken care of by members of Plymouth's various civic organizations, it was said. Members of the Plymouth Rotary Club, Lions Club, Junior Chamber of Commerce, American Legion Post and Veterans of Foreign Wars are expected to spearhead the effort.

Colored community chairmen have been named as follows:

E. V. Wilkins, Roper; P. W. Littlejohn, Creswell; and A. R. Lord and Mrs. Gladys Hassell, Plymouth.

In calling attention to the importance of the Red Cross and the work it does throughout the earth, Dr. Whitehurst stated:

"In almost every corner of the earth, the Red Cross is recognized as a symbol of the good neighbor. It may represent you—through your membership—in helping other people in time of trouble. Or it may represent warm-hearted people, whom you do not know, rallying to your aid in an emergency."

"There was a time in our early history when people counted entirely on direct help from their neighbors or close relatives to see them through periods of misfortune. Our way of life stems largely from that personal, across-the-fence sharing of adversity."

"Today life is more complex. Many of us live in the impersonal atmosphere of big cities. The protective unity of families is weakened as members scatter. But people have not changed. In time of trouble they need assurance that they are not alone. They need help; when the Red Cross answers the call of those in need Americans keep alive one of our great traditions—friendly, neighborly help to our fellow men."

Roper Ruritans To Sponsor Red Cross Campaign

Club Names Henry Everett Chairman and N. T. Stout Co-Chairman for Annual Fund Drive

After hearing a talk by Mrs. Lawrence D. Jones, Red Cross representative from Plymouth, and viewing a film entitled, "The American Red Cross Report," the Roper Ruritan Club voted unanimously to help sponsor the Red Cross fund drive in the county.

The action came at the regular meeting of the club at Roper High School Thursday night of last week. President F. B. Harris was in charge of the meeting. Ladies of Holly Neck Church of Christ served the meal.

Mrs. Jones, who was introduced by Aubrey Dixon, cited the importance of the annual Red Cross fund and membership drive and asked for help in reaching the county quota. Henry Everett was named chairman and N. T. Stout co-chairman to take charge of this program.

A motion was made and carried that the club raise its dues to \$5 per member each quarter. Charles L. Gleaves was voted into the club unanimously.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hackbarth were special guests. Mrs. Hackbarth gave an interesting talk on Peru, where the Hackbarths lived for 12 years.

There were 26 members of the club present.

WAKE FOREST CHOIR TO SING IN PLYMOUTH NEXT SUNDAY NIGHT



Above is pictured the 38-voice Wake Forest College Choir, which will appear in a program at the Ludford Memorial Baptist Church here Sunday night, March 13, at 8 o'clock. Seated is Choir Director Thane McDonald, head of the Music Department at Wake Forest.