

The high winds of Wednesday did considerable damage to the Plymouth Drive - In Theatre...

Director Ed Taylor said yesterday that plans are going forward rapidly for the band trip to Wilmington Saturday of next week...

The scouts who braved the elements to stick out the full schedule of the camporee held in Stillacres last week-end were a plucky lot...

Miss Helene Duvall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Duvall, of Plymouth, is featured in an article which appeared in the issue of March 18 of "The Gator"...

Little Damage Results From Wednesday Blaze

Little damage resulted from a fire at Toodle's Funeral Home on Wilson Street here Wednesday morning of this week...

Local firemen answered the alarm at 11:05 o'clock and soon had the blaze extinguished.

A window sash was broken out before firemen arrived.

It is believed that the fire started in a waste basket in a room of the house.

Boy Scout Camporee Affected by Weather

The cold, rainy weather of last week-end held down attendance and caused cancellation of some of the events at the district scout pre-camporee here.

Registration Friday at the Stillacres site totaled 140 scouts, it was said, with troops from Columbia, Creswell, Williamston, Free Union, Washington, Swan Quarter, Bear Grass, Robersonville and Plymouth represented.

Saturday morning the scouts ran the obstacle course and signalling events were run off. However, rain which started falling during the day forced cancellation of events planned for Saturday afternoon.

A short general campfire was held Friday night but the weather caused cancellation of the main campfire Saturday night.

Saturday night some of the boys slept in the Scout Hut while others who were better prepared to face the weather spent the night in their tents.

The Rev. P. B. Nickens, pastor of Ludford Memorial Baptist Church, conducted a brief religious service for the scouts Sunday morning from 9 to 9:30 o'clock.

Purpose of the camporee was to provide training and experience for the scouts in preparation for the East Carolina Council camporee to be held in Washington in April.

The event here was sponsored by the Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce with the cooperation of local citizens. The Jaycees

Schedule Is Arranged For Pre-School Clinics

The schedule of pre-school clinics for Washington County children who expect to enter school next Fall was released this week by Miss Elizabeth Wood, county health nurse.

All children who will be six years of age on or before October 16, 1955, should attend the nearest clinic. Children are required to be vaccinated for smallpox, whooping cough and diphtheria before they enter school.

Children should also bring their birth certificate, it was emphasized.

The clinic will be held at Plymouth Colored School Friday of this week beginning at 9 a. m. The remainder of the schedule is as follows:

Monday, March 28 at Creswell Colored School beginning at 9 a. m.; Creswell White School, Friday, April 1, beginning at 9 a. m.; Roper Colored School April 4 at 9 a. m.; Roper White School April 8 at 9 a. m.; Children who expect to enter Plymouth White School at Health Department April 15 at 9 a. m.

Few Tax Protests At Meet Monday

Rain and Cold Last Week-End

Temperatures a few degrees above the freezing point and a cold drizzle made the past week-end a rather dreary one weather-wise and served to remind that March is more of a winter month than a spring one.

Temperatures which had been rather balmy dropped last Thursday and reached a low reading of 40 degrees Saturday, according to information furnished by the weather station at Tide Water Test Farm near here. The high reading last Wednesday was 82 degrees and the low 57, but the temperature never hit 80 degrees again until Tuesday of this week.

Benefit Basketball Game Slated at Roper Friday

Roper All-Stars will play Creswell All-Stars in a basketball game at Roper Friday night of this week, it has been announced.

Proceeds will be used by the Roper High School home economics departments, Mrs. W. V. Gaylord, home economics teacher at the Roper school, said.

Between 30 and 40 Complaints Received at First Session of Equalization And Review Board

Revaluation of real estate in Washington County has not created nearly as much furor as was generally expected. This was shown Monday, when less than 40 property owners showed up for the first meeting of the county commissioners as a board of equalization and review.

Between 30 and 40 appeals from valuations assessed were recorded at the Monday meeting. Members of the board listened to the complaints and requests for readjustments, advising all those who appeared that their requests would be given consideration and they would be advised later as to the action taken.

Some of the complaints were discussed informally and tentative decisions reached by members of the board at an executive session Tuesday night, but none of the details were announced. The board will meet again Thursday night of this week in closed session, and at that time a date for another public session will be agreed upon.

It was explained that the commissioners, acting in their capacity as a board of equalization and review, will continue their work throughout the remainder of this month and up to Monday, April 11, when it is planned that all matters relating to the revaluation will be completed and final decisions announced on complaints.

Properly owners who feel they have cause for complaints are advised that they can go to the office of the tax department in the courthouse at any time and go over their property listings. However, all requests for adjustments or revisions must be made in person to the board of equalization and review prior to April 11, when assessments are to become final. Since real estate is revalued only once every four years, See COMPLAINTS, Page 10

Here Next Week; Dog Vaccinations To Begin Tuesday

Paul Basnight and Foy Davenport To Vaccinate Dogs In Three Townships, Hilton Chesson Others

Paul Basnight and Foy Davenport, Plymouth police officers, have been appointed by the board of commissioners of Washington County to vaccinate dogs against rabies in Plymouth and Lees Mill Townships, while Hilton Chesson, of Creswell, has been named to vaccinate dogs in Skinnersville and Scuppernon Townships.

A schedule has been worked out to cover all sections of the county, beginning Tuesday of next week and continuing at intervals through May 14.

All dogs are required by law to be vaccinated against rabies and the cost covers the county tax on dogs, it is explained.

The schedule released this week is as follows:

Plymouth: Tuesday, March 29 and Friday, April 1, at Police Station. Also at Police Station Friday, March 25 and April 1, from 7 to 9 p. m.

Westover: Wednesday, March 30, 8 to 9 a. m. at Chesson's Store.

Mackeys: Wednesday, March 30, 9:15 to 11:15 a. m. at Davenport's Store.

Pleasant Grove: Wednesday, March 30, 11:30 a. m. to 1 p. m. at Tommy Tarkington's Filling Station.

Roper: Wednesday, March 30, 1:15 to 3:45 p. m. at Chesson's Texaco Service Station.

Macedonia: Wednesday, March 30, 4 to 5 p. m. at Henry Davenport's Store.

Long Ridge Road: Thursday, March 31, 8 to 9 a. m. at Stillmans Store. Same date, 9:15 to 10:15 a. m. at Simpson's Store. Same date, 10:30 to 11:30 a. m. at James Beddard's Store.

Long Acre Road: Service Station, Thursday, March 31, 12 a. m. to 1:30 p. m.

Holly Neck Church of Christ: April 4 and May 2 from 2:15 to 3:15 p. m.

Skinnersville: Brownie's Store at the Y, April 6 and May 6, 8 to 9:15 a. m.

Pea Ridge: April 6 and May 4 at Hugh Patrick's Store, 9:30 to 10:45 a. m. Theadie Alexander's Store, same dates, 11 to 12 a. m.

Scuppernon: April 6 and May 4, 12:30 to 1:45 p. m. at Ernest Phelps' Store, 2 to 3 p. m. at Lizzy Cooper's.

Cherry: April 13 and May 11, 8 to 9 a. m. at H. P. Barnes' Store. Newland: April 13 and May 11, 9:15 to 10:45 a. m. at Johnson Spruill's Store.

Lake Phelps: April 13 and May 11, 11 a. m. to 12:30 p. m. at Seaton Davenport's Place.

Mt. Tabor (Backwoods Section) April 13 and May 11, 1:30 to 3 p. m. at Loomis Furlough's.

Creswell: April 9, 16, 23, 30 and May 7 and 14, 1 to 3 p. m. at H. O. Chesson Store.

Broom-Mat Sale Slated by Lions

The Plymouth Lions Club will sponsor a mat and broom sale Thursday of next week, offering products made by a non-profit firm which provides year-round employment to 40 blind persons.

Lion Carl Hackbarth is chairman of the project. It was said that the town would be divided into several territories and teams selected to canvass them with house brooms, mill brooms, whisk brooms and door mats.

It is expected that most of the canvassing, except in the business section, will be done at night.

More than \$530 worth of brooms and mats were sold by members of the club here last year, with canvassing being done by teams of three members each.

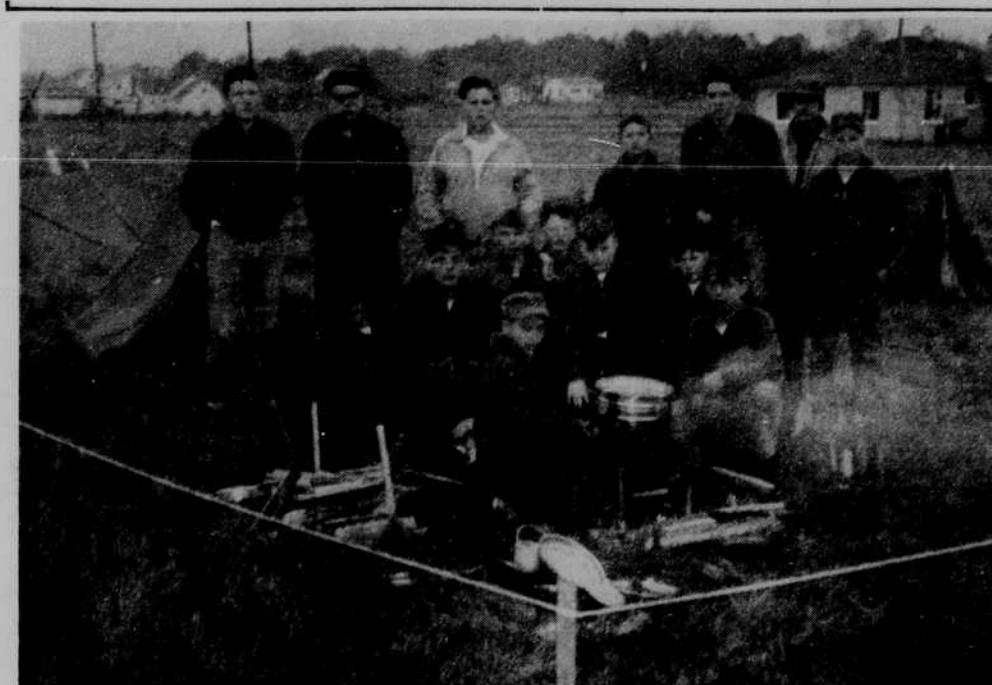
The broom-mat sale is an annual Lions Club project here.

New Owner of Local Store Moves Family To Plymouth

Otto Wells, the new owner and operator of Western Auto Associate Store here, has moved his family to Plymouth from Greensboro. Mr. and Mrs. Wells and their two daughters, Linda, 7, and Martha, 4, are at home at 310 Winesett Circle. Linda is a first-grade student.

Mr. Wells is a native of Iredell County but for many years has called Greensboro home, while Mrs. Wells is a native of Baden. Mr. Wells is a former member of the State Highway Patrol, having resigned in 1949 to enter private business. Before coming here he operated a service station in Greensboro.

DISTRICT SCOUTS HAD ROUGH WEEK-END FOR CAMPOREE HERE



Boy Scouts of the Wasmarty and Beaufort-Hyde districts had a windy, cold, wet week-end for their annual camporee here last Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Top photo shows a group of Creswell Scouts gathered around their camp fire Saturday morning, when it was really cold; while the one at the right shows members of Plymouth's Flying Eagle Patrol huddled back of the entrance to their camp site. Members of Troop 274, Creswell, in top photo are: Standing, left to right: Mike Davenport, Steve Mason, Ruby Patrick, Jerry Allgood, Larry Davenport, Scoutmaster Mark Woolard and Webbie Davenport; squatting in front of the fire is Jimmy Goodman, while others huddled around the fire are Haywood Baynor, Dan Goodman, Otis Chesson, Bobby Alexander, Eddie Godwin and Billy Eason. It was so cold the Plymouth group got away before they were identified, except for James Boyce, standing at rear, who helped operate the Jaycee-sponsored canteen at the camporee. Polaroid 1-Minute staff photos.



Report About \$1,100 In Red Cross Drive

Dr. A. L. Whitehurst, Chapter Chairman, Expresses Belief That County Goal Will Be Attained

The annual Washington County Red Cross fund drive, which began Monday of last week, now stands at \$1,100, Dr. A. L. Whitehurst, chapter chairman, reported yesterday.

Dr. Whitehurst said that only about half the reports were in. He stated that the Plymouth Jaycees, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars expect to complete their solicitations by Friday night of this week.

Only three teams have reported in Roper, it was said, and the Creswell report is incomplete. Nothing has been reported by the colored committees in the county, the chairman said. Also, reports are yet to be received from the Plymouth industrial and residential solicitors.

The Plymouth Rotary Club has completed the business and professional solicitations and has reported over \$500, Dr. Whitehurst said, with one solicitor to report.

It is hoped that a complete report can be made next week, the chapter chairman said.

Dr. Whitehurst expressed an optimistic view of the campaign. "I believe that we will come up to our goal," he declared, adding that Creswell had turned in more for the white alone than was turned in last year's drive by white and colored, and that Roper is expected to reach its goal.

Spotter Posts Go On 56-Hour Alert

Plymouth and Roper Ground Observer Corps posts began a 56-hour continuous alert, along with 260 posts in the State, at 8 o'clock Wednesday morning of this week.

Order for the Durham Filter Cener. The alert will continue through Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Observers are working in two-hour shifts on a 24-hour basis, Dr. A. L. Whitehurst, supervisor of the Plymouth post, said. Jesse Rawls is supervisor of the Roper post. Dr. Whitehurst said there are now about 50 members of the Plymouth post but that 200 are needed. The supervisor said that just as soon as the alert is over a concerted drive will be made here to bring post strength up to 200.

County Fee Bill Is Ratified; Others By Phelps, Owens

Phelps' Bill To Credit Vaccination Fee on Dog Tax Passes House; Three Bills By Owens

A bill introduced by County Representative Dr. J. M. Phelps February 16 has passed House and Senate and was ratified Tuesday of last week. Known as House Bill 253 it establishes the price for certain fees of the register of deeds and clerk of court in handling chattel mortgage forms, maps, etc.

House Bill 601, also introduced by Phelps last Wednesday, passed the House Saturday. It would amend General Statute 106-372 so as to credit the vaccination fee on dog tax when paid to the tax collector of Washington County, and upon presentation of certificate of vaccination.

Three bills were introduced by Senator Edward L. Owens last week. Owens introduced Senate Bill 277 Monday of last week "amending G. S. 7-134 and Chapter 1173 of the Session Laws of 1953 relating to fees of justices of the peace in Washington County." The bill makes JP fees prescribed in the second paragraph of GS 7-134 applicable to Washington County and adds 50 cents JP fee for each defendant for issuance of warrants in criminal cases. This bill was referred to the committee on Salaries and Fees.

Two other bills, introduced by Senator Owens Tuesday of last week, have been referred to the Judiciary I committee. Senate Bill 287 would provide a method for determining property valuations for town ad valorem tax purposes in Plymouth. It would amend GS 105-53 to authorize the Town Council to adopt uniform percentage of county valuations of town property for town tax purposes, applying to taxes levied in 1955 and thereafter.

Senate Bill 288 would amend GS 20-176 relating to the penalty for violation of motor vehicle laws in Washington County. It would make such violations covered by section punishable by fine up to \$100 and/or imprisonment up to 60 days. The present section provides lesser penalties for some listed offenses.

Reckless Driving Charged In Accident on Wednesday

A Norfolk, Va., man, James Gordon Hufton, was charged with reckless driving as the result of an accident on US 64 seven miles east of Roper Wednesday morning of this week.

Hufton, driving a 1947 Plymouth, was traveling west on the highway when he met a school bus which he told Patrolman Carl Gilchrist he thought was going to stop. Hufton applied his brakes and his car swerved to the left in front of the bus and knocked down a mailbox belonging to W. B. Chesson. Damage to the car was estimated at \$300. Hufton was not hurt.

Plan District Classes For Methodists Here

Members of Methodist Churches in the Tyrrell-Washington Subdistrict of the Elizabeth City District are expecting to take part in the Christian Workers' School to be held in Plymouth Methodist Church starting Sunday night.

There are fourteen churches on five charges who will participate, and any interested adults are invited to join with these in attending this school. The last Christian Workers' School was held in 1950.

This school will be held five nights from 7:30 to 9:30 beginning on Sunday night. It will conclude Thursday night at which time the course cards of recognition earned by the students will be given to the churches participating so that they may be presented at a suitable occasion of honor.

There will be three classes in which all adults of the churches as well as all teachers and officers in the Church Schools and parents of Church School children and young people may enroll.

The class for workers and potential workers in the Children's Division is "Teaching Children" which will be taught by Mrs. B. B. Slaughter, wife of a former Elizabeth City district superintendent, and now living in Durham. She is a recognized teacher of leaders in children's work.

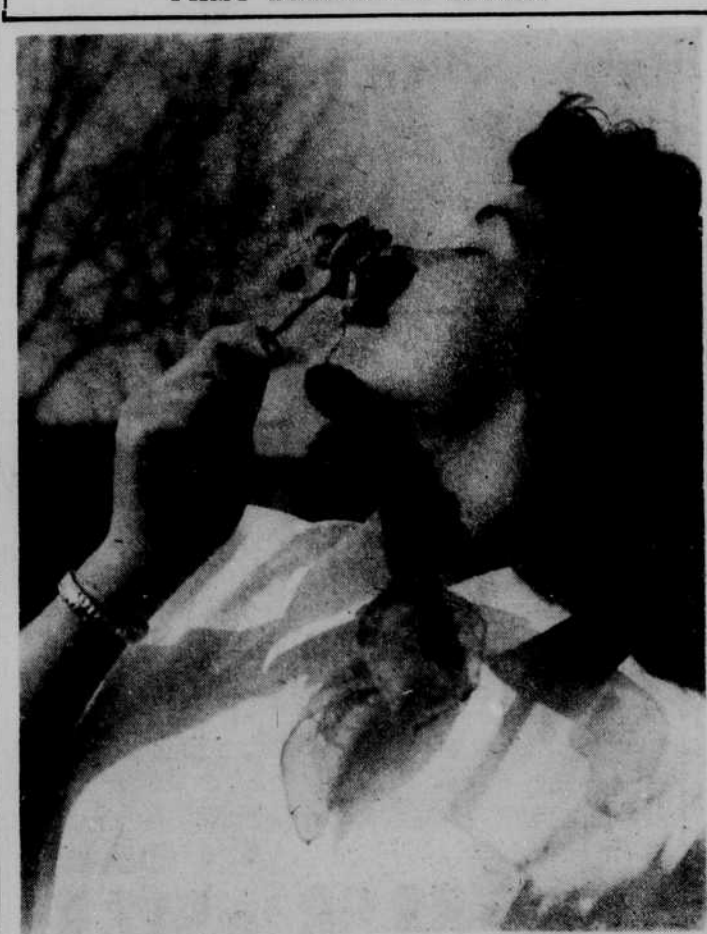
The class for every officer and teacher and counselor in youth work and all potential officers is "The Methodist Youth Fellowship" which will be taught by Rev. W. K. Babington, minister of the church. Elizabeth City District adult leader, N. C. Conference chairman of Family Life and N. C. Council of Churches chairman of Family Life, will teach the adult class. See METHODISTS, Page 10

LEADERS IN METHODIST SUBDISTRICT CHRISTIAN WORKERS SCHOOL



Shown above, left to right, are the Rev. W. K. Babington, Mrs. B. B. Slaughter and the Rev. Jesse H. Lanning, three leaders of the Tyrrell-Washington Subdistrict Christian Workers School to be held at Plymouth Methodist Church, beginning Sunday night and continuing through next Thursday night. Mr. Babington, minister of Swepsonville Methodist Church, will teach a class for officers, teachers and counselors in Youth Work. He is Burlington District Director of Youth Work. Mrs. Slaughter, wife of a former Elizabeth City District superintendent, will teach a class for workers and potential workers in the children's division. Mr. Lanning, minister of the host church, Elizabeth City District adult leader, N. C. Conference chairman of Family Life and N. C. Council of Churches chairman of Family Life, will teach the adult class.

FIRST BREATH OF SPRING



Joyce Hardison, Plymouth High School lass, was caught in the act of ushering in the first day of spring by inhaling the sweet freshness of a flowering peach bloom.—Polaroid 1-Minute Photo by Jewel Hardison.