

Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Furgurson, Dr. and Mrs. C. McGowan will leave Sunday to attend the annual sessions of the North Carolina Medical Society at Pinehurst next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Dr. and Mrs. Furgurson plan to return after the Wednesday session, while Dr. and Mrs. McGowan will go to Charlotte to spend a few days with relatives, returning to Pinehurst in time for Dr. McGowan to play in a Southern Seniors golf tournament the following Saturday and Sunday.

R. F. Lowry, superintendent of Washington County Schools, will attend a meeting Saturday, May 14, at North Carolina Education Association headquarters at Raleigh, it was learned this week. All officers and division chairmen of the Northeastern district are being invited and Mr. Lowry is chairman of the Superintendents division. The meeting will open with a general session Saturday morning. All persons attending will be the guests of the association at lunch in the headquarters building.

Scoutmaster Jimmy Kitchengs was faced with a dilemma Sunday. There were 22 scouts from the Plymouth troop at the East Carolina Council Camporee at Washington during the week-end and parents of the scouts provided ample transportation to the event. However, several of the parents failed to show up Sunday to bring the boys back home and Kitchengs had to really load his station wagon and then come in order to get the scouts back to Plymouth.

Mrs. Mary Cotton Davenport, of Mackeys and Chapel Hill, will be a contestant on the "Two for the Money" show over a national television network Saturday of this week. The show originates live in New York City. Mrs. Davenport is the mother of the Rev. W. S. (Bill) Davenport, of Plymouth.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Liverman, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Beam, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Booker, Carl L. Bailey and Floyd E. Cohoon, of Columbia, were in Virginia Beach last week-end, the menfolks taking part in the Southern Seniors golf tournament at the Princess Ann Country Club Saturday and Sunday. They have mighty polite caddies at that country club. One of the local golfers who was having quite a bit of trouble explained to his caddy, "I don't seem to be playing my usual game today." "I understand, sir," replied the caddy, "just what game do you usually play?"

Drive-In Theatre Here To Open Friday of This Week

The Plymouth Drive-In Theatre, which has been closed since last October, will reopen Friday of this week, Owner J. Shepherd Brinkley has announced.

The screen was blown down and the fence and other parts of the property badly damaged in Hurricane Hazel last October 15, necessitating closing of the theatre. Repair work was instituted sometime later but the screen was blown down a second time by high winds. Needed electrical work has also delayed the reopening until now.

A full week's program of movies is announced in an advertisement appearing in this issue of The Beacon.

White Ribbon To Plymouth Patrol

There were 22 scouts from the Plymouth Boy Scout Troop who attended the East Carolina Council Camporee at the Beaufort County Fairgrounds in Washington over the past week-end. Troops from all over Eastern North Carolina were represented and an estimated 3,000 scouts attended.

Registration was held Friday afternoon and the scouts camped out Friday and Saturday nights, breaking camp Sunday following religious services.

One of the Plymouth patrols qualified for a white ribbon in the events run off Saturday, according to Scoutmaster Jimmy Kitchengs. Kitchengs and Assistant Scoutmaster Lyman Mayo attended the camporee and spent Friday night with the boys.

Town, County Boards Meet Monday

Monday of next week county governing bodies and the Plymouth Town Council will hold their regular monthly meetings, the Washington County Board of Commissioners and the county board of education in the morning at the courthouse, and the town body at the Municipal Building that night.

It is expected that the board of education will begin considera-

Six Seeking Election In Roper Vote May 3

Five candidates, only one an incumbent, are seeking the three seats on the Roper Town Council in the town election to be held Tuesday of next week, according to Aubrey R. Phelps, the Roper town clerk.

The filing deadline expired at 6 p. m. last Saturday and found only Incumbent T. R. Spruill filed as a candidate for mayor.

Of the present council of Aubrey Dixon, R. C. Peacock and Wade Hardison, only Hardison decided to seek reelection. Others who filed for a place on the town governing body were Muriel Wal-

lace, W. Barton Swain, Howard Davenport and J. Leon McAllister.

There are no wards in Roper and the three seats will go to the three candidates who polled the highest votes, it was explained. There were eight new registrations placed on the books last Saturday, Clerk Phelps reported. Saturday of this week will be Challenge Day.

Voting next Tuesday will take place in the Town Office. Henry Everett is registrar and judges are Edna Earl Norman and Edna B. Marrow.

Peanut Contest Open To County Producers

Drive Gets Off To Good Start

With 26 out of 76 volunteers reporting, the annual Cancer Drive in Washington County stood at \$451.30 this week, H. E. Newland, publicity chairman, reported.

It was pointed out that persons not at home when the solicitors call may make their contribution to the Cancer Fund by contacting Mrs. Ed Craft, general chairman; Mrs. Harry Browning, chapter commander; A. W. Liverman; Mrs. Woodrow Collins, treasurer; or by mailing the contribution to Cancer, Plymouth, N. C.

County Agent W. H. Pruden, Chairman, Names Members of County Harvesting Committee

County Agent W. H. Pruden, chairman of the Washington County 2-Ton Peanut Growers contest committee, has named Mitchiner Banks, Roper vocational agriculture teacher, and Joe Snell, jr., Plymouth farmer, to the committee, it was announced this week.

The contest is open to any qualified peanut producer (adult or junior) in the state who is producing peanuts within his ASC allotment.

The minimum acreage is one measured acre and the contestant may plant any desired variety. All entries must be in the hands of the County Harvesting committee on or before September 10. The contestant may withdraw from the contest at any time it appears that his yield is below expectations. All contestants must thresh their peanuts before December 15 to be eligible for membership in the North Carolina 2-Ton Peanut Club.

Contestant must notify the county harvesting committee at least three days prior to digging and the same time before threshing.

The acre must be measured by a county surveyor, a licensed surveyor or a person recommended by the county ASC chairman.

Official yields shall consist of the weight on certified public scales, adjusted to eight per cent moisture content and one per cent foreign material. Cultural and fertilization practices must be furnished the committee as part of the record. Commercial grade of peanuts shall be furnished if available.

Certification should be made to Astor Perry, agronomy extension specialist, State College Station, Raleigh.

An engraved watch will be given as prize to the grower producing the most peanuts above two tons per acre. A \$50 U. S. Savings Bond will go to second high producer, and a \$25 bond to third high.

All growers producing two tons or more per acre will be awarded a 2-Ton Peanut Contest Certificate. The awards will be made at the place announced by the state committee.

Creswell Stores To Begin Wednesday Half-Holidays

The stores at Creswell will begin their mid-week half holiday closings next week, it was announced today.

Starting Wednesday, May 4, all stores will close at 1 p. m. each Wednesday and patrons are urged to do their shopping early on Wednesday.

Lake Phelps Legion Post Will Meet Monday Night

The Lake Phelps Post, No. 391, of the American Legion will have its regular meeting next Monday night, May 2, at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to attend, according to H. S. Woodley, the post adjutant.

Blue Mold Widely Scattered in the County Now, Said

Farmers Warned Not To Set Plants With Active Blue Mold; Urged To Continue Control Program

Blue mold in tobacco plantbeds is widely scattered over the county, W. H. Pruden, county agent, stated Wednesday.

"Damage runs from light in treated beds to severe in untreated beds," Mr. Pruden said.

Farmers who have done a good job of dusting and spraying beds have controlled blue mold completely, the county agent added.

Farmers are warned not to set plants with active blue mold as such plants are almost certain to die. Farmers are urged to continue to dust and spray plantbeds for blue mold until transplanting in the field.

Cool, damp weather is most favorable for the development of the disease and consequently such weather could cause severe damage in large plants if the control program is stopped at this point, Pruden pointed out.

Final dusting of plants before transplanting should be done with dust containing DDT, Mr. Pruden stated. If such dust is not available an extra dusting of DDT should be applied immediately before transplanting to control flea beetles in the plantbed and field.

Another warning issued by the county agent is, do not under any circumstances transplant tobacco on land which has been fumigated until after a two-week waiting period. Severe damage will be caused plants set earlier than 14 days following application of fumigant to the soil, it was emphasized.

Big Forest Fires Raging This Week In This Section

Fire Burning From Old Dymond City Area Toward Pinetown Taking Heavy Toll, Reports Say

This section was plagued by another forest fire of considerable proportion this week. Fanned by high winds, the blaze in parts of Martin and Beaufort Counties was said to have swept over an eight-mile course in a matter of two or three hours.

Thousands of acres of timberlands were threatened by the fire in an almost direct line from the old Dymond City area in Griffins Township of Martin County to Pinetown in Beaufort County. It was said there was likelihood of the fire spreading to this county.

The fire was detected at 7 a. m. Monday by forest wardens who summoned additional help and immediately began to fight the blaze. Much huge fire fighting equipment such as tractors and plows were used. Several times when the fire appeared under control gale winds would fan the sparks ahead and the blaze would break out afresh, reports stated.

The fire jumped Highway 171 on both sides of the Foreman Forest fire tower near the Beaufort-Martin lines, it was stated. During Monday and Monday night more than 200 paid men from the state forest service, the Bates Lumber Company and the North Carolina Pulp Company, along with volunteers, battled the flames.

One report stated that possibly 40,000 acres had been burned over during the first 24 hours with the loss approaching half a million dollars.

Special Service At Local Church

"Next Sunday is Childhood Sunday and begins National Family Week. As a part of this emphasis and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper Service a Consecration and Baptism service will be held in Plymouth Methodist Church at the 11 o'clock service," the Rev. Jesse H. Lanning, pastor, states.

Parents desiring to have their children baptized are urged to get in touch with Mr. Lanning.

A special Family Life Week program will be conducted by Mr. Lanning over a Greenville television station Friday of this week at 5:30 p. m. The program is sponsored by the North Carolina Council of Churches and will have as its theme, "The Christian Family—the Hope of Our Day."

Plymouth Voters Will Elect Mayor And Six To Council Next Tuesday

NINE OF THE ELEVEN CANDIDATES FOR PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL



Above are pictured nine of the eleven candidates for six places on the Plymouth City Council to be voted on at the biennial municipal election next Tuesday, May 3. They are as follows: Top row, left to right: E. D. Keel, W. C. Hall and W. J. Weaver, of the first ward; middle row: Ralph Hunter and W. Ronald Tetterton, of the second ward, and J. D. Cruickshank of the third ward; bottom row: Harvey Hobbs, C. B. Holliday and J. W. (Mack) Brown, of the third ward. Photos were not available of Jack B. Latham of the second ward and J. D. Mallory of the third ward.

Parade Here This Afternoon Starts Annual Festival

Parade To Ball Park From High School at 3:30 P. M.; Contestants in Queen's Contest Listed

Activities in the first annual May Day Festival, being sponsored in Plymouth by the Band Boosters, will begin at 3:30 p. m. Thursday of this week with a parade from the high school through town to the ball park. The high school band will lead the parade and the junior band will also march, as will the rhythm band from the first three grades.

The children in the baby contest and those from the first grades will be picked up at the corner of Washington and Main Street and will parade only through town, then will be taken to the ball park by their parents.

There will be plenty of food, hot dogs, sandwiches, cakes, pies, home-made candy and drinks for sale at the park and all who will be asked to help the band by having their evening meal there. Entertainment in the way of pony and jeep rides has been planned for the smaller children.

Several selections will be rendered by the marching band, junior band and rhythm band immediately preceding the May Pole dance, then the coronation ceremonies will begin. Mrs. Iris Ederidge is directing the May Pole dance and folk dancing for the Queen of May.

Princesses chosen by their classmates who are securing votes for them to determine who will reign as May Queen, are listed with home rooms as follows: For High School—Gayle Skiles, Mr. Inabnett; Nyal Womble, Mr. ... See PARADE, Page 10

Firemen Giving Fete on Friday

The members of the Plymouth Fire Department are giving a chicken and barbecue dinner at the Fire House at 7 p. m. Friday of this week in courtesy to all persons who have helped in any way toward the new Fire Department building, Fire Chief I. Miller Warren has announced.

The interior of the building was recently completed and Open House held. Since that time the first Fireman's Training School ever held here was conducted at the building.

Schoolmasters To Meet Here May 9

The Albemarle Schoolmasters Club will meet Monday, May 9, at 6:30 p. m. at the Plymouth High School luncheon, it was announced this week.

Vester M. Mulholland, director of research and statistics, State Department of Public Instruction, Raleigh, will be the speaker.

Mr. Mulholland is author and co-author of educational articles and a member of both the first and second Education Missions to Korea. The first, in 1952-53, was sponsored by the U. S. Department of State, while the second, the following year, was sponsored by the United Nations.

Annual May Pole Event at Roper Next Wednesday

Schedule of Activities Includes Softball, Baseball, Relays, Jitterburg Contest, Coronation Ball

The Roper Athletic Association and the Roper Parent-Teacher Association are jointly sponsoring May Day activities May 4 at Roper High School in an effort to raise \$750 to finish paying for the high school activity bus.

May Kings and Queens were listed as Ramona Barnes, Merlin Chesson, Neta Spruill, Billy Ray Knowles, Joyce Baker, Roger Chesson, Joyce Blount, Larry Chesson, Juanita Leary, Calvin Riddick, Diane Gaylord, Evans White, Vickie Lamm and Eugene Sawyer.

Crown bearers in the crown bearer contest are Billy Phelps, Marie Phelps, Mary Tarkington, ... See MAY POLE, Page 5

Polls Are To Be Open Tuesday 6:30 To 6:30

Voters will have exactly 12 hours to vote in the municipal election here next Tuesday. Polls open at 6:30 a. m. and close at 6:30 p. m.

The polling place in the second ward has been changed from Ronald Tetterton's store on Monroe Street to Liverman's Store on Jefferson Street. The change became necessary when Mr. Tetterton became a candidate for councilman. Voting places and officials are as follows: First ward: Courthouse; Mrs. C. L. Blount, registrar; W. C.

Three Candidates Each in First and Second Wards; Five in Third; Mayor Has No Opposition

Although Mayor A. J. Riddle has no opposition in his bid for reelection, contests are assured in all three wards in the biennial municipal election to be held here next Tuesday. There are 11 candidates for six places on the city council, three each in the first and second wards and five in the third ward. Voters will choose two councilmen from each of the three wards in addition to the mayor, who has no opposition.

Five of the present council's six members are seeking reelection, John Forbes Davenport of the third ward being the only one who did not file for reelection. Incumbents who are running for reelection are E. D. Keel and W. C. Hall in the first ward; Jack B. Latham and Ralph Hunter in the second ward; and J. B. Cruickshanks in the third ward.

Of the other candidates who are in the running, only W. J. Weaver of the first ward has previously served as councilman. He was elected in 1951 and served one term before making an unsuccessful run for mayor in 1953. None of the other new candidates has ever run for public office before.

The complete list of candidates for councilmen is as follows: First ward: E. D. Keel, W. C. Hall, incumbents, and W. J. Weaver; second ward: Jack B. Latham, Ralph Hunter, incumbents, and W. Ronald Tetterton; third ward: J. B. Cruickshanks, incumbent, Harvey Hobbs, C. B. Holliday, J. W. (Mack) Brown and J. D. Mallory.

J. D. Mallory, who filed for councilman in the third ward last Friday, is the only new candidate to announce since last week's paper. A native of Martin County and former member of the State Highway Patrol, he came to Plymouth 10 years ago and has been manager of the service department of House Chevrolet Company since that time. He was active in Jaycee circles until a year or so ago, but this is the first time he has offered for public office.

Except in the third ward, little interest has been shown in town politics this year. New registration...

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Interest Reaches Low Ebb In Creswell Town Election

Election interest has apparently reached a new low at Creswell where only three men have announced to seek the four seats as Town Alderman, and the incumbent, C. N. Davenport, jr., is unopposed for mayor in the town election Tuesday of next week.

Those whose names will appear on the ballot for alderman are H. W. Norman, C. L. Barnes and A. W. Alexander. The person receiving the most write-in votes will get the fourth seat.

Graveside Rites For Ambrose Baby

Graveside services were held at Windley Cemetery at 11 a. m. Saturday for William Edward Ambrose, infant son of Herbert and Carrie Wilkey Ambrose, of Plymouth.

The baby died at Washington County Hospital Thursday at 9:30 p. m.

Survivors include the parents and paternal and maternal grandmothers, Mrs. Lillie Ambrose, of Plymouth, and Mrs. Mamie Wilkey, of Rockridge, Ga., respectively.

The Rev. Richard Gardiner officiated.

Styons and W. R. Hampton, pollholders; R. W. Johnston, alternate.

Second ward: Liverman's Store on Jefferson Street; Mrs. C. A. Cratch, registrar; T. H. Whitley and Clarence Spruill, pollholders; Mrs. Helen Brown and Mrs. D. J. Hudson, alternates.

Third ward: James Hardison's Service Station on Wilson Street; Mrs. Ray Brown, registrar; Howard Estep and A. W. Cox, pollholders; Mrs. K. S. Trowbridge and H. B. Campbell, alternates.