

**MEMBERS OF PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS THIS YEAR**



Thirty-one of the 36 members of the Plymouth High School senior class were present when the above photo was made on the steps at the school here several weeks ago. These in the photo above are, left to right, front row: Pat Williams, Sarah Bowen, Carolyn Styons, Louell Vandford, Adean Knopp, Jean Phelps, Mavis Boyd, Marilyn Shugar; second row: Harriett Keyes, Betsy Brinkley, Jane Everton, Sue Riddle, Linda Floyd, Marie Whritson, George Painter; third row: Jewell O'Dell, Shelby Peyton, Mary Louise Johnson, Jimmie Allen, Ray Lilley, Daryl Tetterton, Bobby Beasley; back row: Hilton Reason, Ronald Nooney, Jimmy Jackson, Peter Leavitt, Leroy Simpson, Billy Browning, Eddie Ricks, Herman Newberry and Larry Lyle. Absent when the picture was made were Lynette Modlin, Jane Keel, Marvin Gurganus, Mary Lane and Raymond Styons—Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.

Several county boys who are off at college will serve as crop reporters for the county ASC office during the month of June. They will assist other reporters in measuring acreage planted to cotton, tobacco, peanuts and wheat—crops under acreage control in the county. The college students who will work as reporters were listed by Miss Miriam Ausbon, county ASC office manager, as Joseph Collins, Macekeys, Frank R. Spencer, Roper, Fred Davenport and Harliee Lyon, both of Plymouth. Another college student, R. L. Spruill, of Roper, will serve as a spot checker.

Captain Elbert S. Peel, jr., commanding the National Guard unit at Williamston, said this week the unit was now accepting enlistments from this area at the armory on any Monday night. Further information can be obtained from the administrative supply and maintenance technician at the armory which is located on the Jamesville highway.

Jesse Lloyd Horton, jr., son of Mrs. J. L. Horton, of Plymouth, is on the honor roll of Virginia Episcopal School at Lynchburg, Va., for the scholastic month just ended, according to announcement this week by Dr. George L. Barton, jr., headmaster. A student there must have a general average of 90 per cent or better in order to be eligible for the honor roll the announcement stated.

Ted Rosenthal, sr., who is recuperating after a couple of weeks in a Rocky Mount hospital following a sudden attack at his home in Wenona on May 1st, visited friends here Tuesday for a short time. He suffered a ruptured blood vessel which caused him to "blackout"; and in falling his wife's leg was broken when she attempted to catch him. Mrs. Rosenthal also is improving and was released from the hospital here last week, although a cast must remain on her leg for some time yet.

W. A. Roebuck, president of the Washington County Shrine Club, said there were 35 persons in attendance at the fish fry held by the club at Albemarle Beach Monday night of this week. Ladies night was celebrated and following the fish fry dancing was enjoyed. Several prominent members of Sudan Temple, New Bern, who were expected to attend, could not be present.

Col. Russell H. Broadus, deputy state director of Selective Service, accompanied by another representative from state headquarters, will be in Plymouth Friday of this week where they will make the annual visit to Selective Service Board No. 95, Mrs. Lorraine Hunter, board clerk, has announced.

**Temperature In Quick Dive Here**

The temperature took a sudden drop here Tuesday afternoon and folks in their shirtsleeves felt the need of a coat. Those wearing coats no longer felt silly to have them on.

The sudden change was reported to be the result of a cold air mass moving in. A hail which fell at Winston-Salem could have had something to do with it, also.

The night was quite chilly but it could not be learned what the low temperature reading was officially. No contact could be made with personnel at the weather station at Tide Water Test Farm near here late Wednesday.

**Rock, Bass Fingerlings Released in Creek, River**

J. O. Early, wildlife patrolman stationed here, recently released several thousand rock and bass fingerlings in Mackeys Creek and Suppersnop River.

The fingerlings were supplied by the Rock fish hatchery at Weldon.

**Little Rain Last Week Big Help To Farming**

It would be hard to estimate just what the precipitation of Wednesday night and Thursday of last week was worth to Washington County farmers but the badly-needed rain was most welcome. It was a soft, penetrating fall; just the right kind for parched soil and thirsty young plants.

"Large areas of North Carolina have suffered a rainfall shortage in every month of 1955," reports Charles B. Carney, meteorologist at Raleigh. "With the warm season approaching," Carney stated, "any further shortages could become a serious matter before

**To Resume Vaccine Program in County**

**No June Calls Pre-Induction**

There will be no calls for registrants of the local draft board to be sent for pre-induction examination during the month of June, Mrs. Lorraine Tunter, board clerk, said she had been informed this week by state Selective Service headquarters.

One man, as yet undetermined, will be sent for induction from this board on Tuesday, June 28, Mrs. Hunter said.

**Announce Change In Wool Pool Day**

Date of the wool pool for this area to be held in Washington has been changed.

County Agent W. H. Pruden announced today that the wool pool, previously scheduled for June 6-7, will be held instead on July 20-21. No reason for the change has been advanced.

The wool pool will be held at Gravelley's Warehouse.

Wool will be handled the same as last year, Mr. Pruden said. The North Carolina Department of Agriculture will handle the wool with the assistance of county agents in the various counties. The wool will be weighed and graded by the department and sold to the highest bidder. Prices by grade will be announced immediately following the sale, it was stated.

The wool will be weighed and graded at Gravelley's Warehouse. Farmers may take their wool to Washington on these dates, watch weighing and grading of the wool, and get their payment checks immediately. A deduction of one cent per pound will be made this year to cover necessary expenses, it was said.

Prices are supported this year by the government and it will be necessary for growers to have bills of sale for all wool sold in order to collect payments from the ASC, it was emphasized.

**Second Shots of Salk Polio Vaccine To Be Given at Roper Monday**

Another delay in further releases of Salk polio vaccine disclosed late Wednesday will not affect the clinics set for Friday of this week and Monday of next week in this county, Dr. Claudius McGowan, county health officer, said Thursday morning (today). Vaccine already on hand will be used at Creswell Friday and Roper Monday. "There will be no further releases of vaccine from any manufacturer for several days," a spokesman in Washington, D. C., was quoted as saying. The holdup again was described as simply "a precautionary measure."

The Salk polio vaccination program, halted recently in this county as elsewhere throughout the nation will be resumed Friday of this week when first and second grade students, white and colored, in the Creswell schools will be given their second shots.

The nationwide program was temporarily halted over a week ago pending new safety checks. Since then vaccine from at least two companies has been freed for use, including supplies shipped by Eli Lilly & Company, of Indianapolis, which was used in North Carolina. Earlier, approval had been given to principal shipments by Parke Davis Company, of Detroit. A Lilly spokesman said enough vaccine for several million more shots is nearing completion, but will not be ready for shipment until about June 1 because of necessary testing.

Enough vaccine for 220 doses was left over from the first round of shots in this county and it has been decided to use it at Creswell and Roper now before school closes, since it would present a problem to round up all the children for the shots after school is out for the school year.

Shots will be administered at the Creswell schools Friday and at Roper schools on Monday of next week, it was said. Time is 9 a. m. both days.

Dr. McGowan, county health officer, Miss Elizabeth Wood, county health nurse, and Mrs. Walton Swain, office clerk, will be on hand at Creswell Friday and at Roper next Monday for the program.

First shots of the new vaccine were administered to 584 first and second-grade students in schools of the county between April 20 and 25. At that time it was generally thought that the second shots in the series would be given in a period of from two to four weeks, or as soon as more vaccine was made available. It was originally planned to give booster shots next fall.

No reactions have been reported from the first shots in this county, or in the state, for that matter, Dr. McGowan said.

Second shots will be given to white and colored first and second graders in the Plymouth schools just as soon as more vaccine is available, it was said.

**Penalty Rate of 40 Cents a Pound For Excess Leaf**

**Announcement Made by United States Department Of Agriculture Concerning Non-Allotment Planting**

Washington County tobacco growers will be interested in an announcement made this week by the Department of Agriculture concerning the penalty rate for tobacco planted in excess of acreage allotment.

Producers will have to pay 40 cents a pound on all leaf grown on non-allotted acres this year. The penalty rate previously had been announced as 39 cents a pound. Last year, it was 21 cents.

The penalty rate is based on the average price of 52.7 cents per pound brought by flue-cured tobacco in the 1954-55 marketing year.

The Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938, as amended last March 31, makes the marketing of any kind of tobacco in excess of the marketing quota subject to a penalty of 75 per cent of the average of such kind of tobacco for the preceding marketing year. (The farm marketing quota is the actual production of the farm acreage allotment.)

The penalty rate in effect for the 1954 crops of tobacco subject to marketing quotas was 40 per cent of the average market price for the preceding marketing year for flue-cured tobacco and 50 per cent for all other kinds. The act as amended also prohibits consideration of excess tobacco acreage in determining future farm allotments.

The department announced that under regulations in effect this year, the following rule of fractions will be observed in recording acreage measurements:

The acreage of tobacco harvested on a farm in 1955 will be recorded in acres and hundredths of an acre. Fractions of less than one-hundredth of an acre will be dropped. For example, 1.559 acres would be 1.55 acres.

The new penalty rate on excess planting makes the practice prohibitive, which is desirable in view of the current supply-and-demand picture.

**Cub Scouts Will Sell Poppies Here**

American Legion Auxiliary memorial poppies will be offered for sale in Plymouth Saturday, May 28, by the Plymouth Cub Scouts, it was announced this week.

The poppies were made by disabled veterans at Swannanoa, Oteen and Fayetteville and proceeds will be used for rehabilitation work among disabled veterans and their families.

The local American Legion Auxiliary will also sponsor window display for Poppy Day at the local Coca Cola Bottling plant, it was said.

The cub scouts will be given territories in the town and the sale will continue throughout the day.

**To Begin Check of Crop Acreages in County on June 1st**

**Training School Held Here Yesterday for Reporters, Computers; Remeasurement Fees Listed**

The big job of checking crop acreages under the control program will begin in this county Wednesday, June 1, it was announced this week by County ASC Office Manager Miriam Ausbon.

The work must be completed by June 30.

A training school was conducted in the auditorium of the Agriculture building here Wednesday of this week for reporters and computers.

Fourteen reporters who are to make the measurements are already making plans to start work and Miss Ausbon stated Wednesday that six college boys are to report at a later date. There will be four computers, a performance clerk and a notice clerk to complete the staff. J. Whitford Swain, of Roper, is compliance supervisor and performance spot checker. He will have two spot checkers to assist him. Eugene Waters will spot check and another checker will be selected at Roper.

Computers were listed by Miss Ausbon as Betty Ann Burnham, Jane Keel, Lynette Modlin and Marilyn Shugar.

Reporters were listed by communities as follows:

Plymouth — Jimmy Jackson, Peter Leavitt, Mike Estep, Paul Swain and Eddie Ricks;

Roper — Mickey Barrington, Thomas Hood, T. R. Spruill, Neil Stout and R. L. Spruill;

Creswell — Archie Spear, Jimmy Davenport, Wesley Spruill and Douglas Day.

Farmers who are not convinced of the accuracy of the measurements may appeal to the county office, but quick action must be taken in destroying excess acreage. Penalties on excess are believed to be sufficiently heavy that farmers will not get within their assigned quotas.

The farmer who has excess acreage in one or more of the crops under acreage control will be notified. If he desires to eliminate the excess, he must report to the county ASC office within five days on tobacco and seven days on other crops which are under control after date of notice. He will be required to make a minimum deposit of \$3 per farm to acreage.

In the case of excess cost to vary according to size of acreage. In the case of excess tobacco, the farmer will pay a minimum of \$3 or \$1 per tenth of an acre on all excess destroyed. If the farmer has overplanted two-tenths of an acre he will still have to pay the \$3 minimum, while if he is overplanted by four-tenths, the cost, of course, would amount to \$4. If he does not choose to destroy the excess acreage he will face a penalty of 40 cents a pound for the excess poundage.

In the case of peanuts and cotton, the farmer who has excess plantings and who wishes to destroy the excess, will be charged a minimum of \$3 per farm, or 70 cents per acre, whichever amount is greater.

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**137 Students To Graduate In Four Schools of County**

**Banks To Close Friday For Mecklenburg Day**

Although tomorrow, May 20, marks the anniversary of the signing of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, and is a state holiday, it will pass without local observance except by the local banks. Both the Branch Banking & Trust Company and the Planters National Bank & Trust Company will be closed, however, and merchants are reminded to get sufficient change today to tide them over until Saturday.

According to local history, a meeting was held in Char-

lotte on May 20, 1775, and a declaration of independence was drawn up, antedating the similar American declaration on July 4, 1775, by nearly two months. Some historians say there is no conclusive proof of the Charlotte meeting, and the matter has been debated at some length during the present session of legislature. However the date commemorating the event is on the state seal and the state flag, and it has been observed as a banking holiday for many years.

**Closing Programs Will Get Underway Next Week, With Finals Set for May 30th and 31st**

Next week will be the last full week of high school for 137 county students, 79 in the three white schools and 58 at the only colored high school in the county—Washington County Union School, at Roper.

Seniors number 37 at Plymouth High School, 25 at Creswell High School and 17 at Roper High School, according to figures released by principals of the various schools.

Commencement programs begin in the schools Friday night of next week with the final exercises slated for Monday night in some schools and Tuesday in others.

Briefly outlined, commencement programs as announced by principals at the various schools are as follows:

Plymouth High School — Class Night, "Seniorella," Friday, May 27, high school auditorium, 8 p. m.; Sunday, May 29, commencement sermon, high school auditorium, 8 p. m., by the Rev. Robert W. Bradshaw, minister of the First Methodist Church, Wilson; commencement exercises Tuesday night, May 31, high school auditorium, 8 p. m., commencement address by Dr. J. Glenn Blackburn, pastor of the Wake Forest Baptist Church and chaplain of Wake Forest College.

Roper High School — Class Night exercises, Friday, May 27, 8:15 p. m., high school auditorium; commencement sermon Sunday morning, May 29, at 11 o'clock, by the Rev. William F. Ambrose, minister, Pleasant Hill Christian Church, Gasburg, Va.; commencement address Monday night, May 30, at 8 o'clock by the Rev. Robert W. Bradshaw, minister, First Methodist Church, Wilson; presentation of diplomas by L. E. Hassell, sr., chairman, Washington County Board of Education.

Creswell High School Class Night exercises, "The Senior Merry-Go-Round," Friday night, May 27, 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium; commencement sermon Sunday night, May 29, at 8 o'clock by the Rev. Kelly Ingram, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Elizabeth City; commencement address Tuesday night, May 31, at 8 o'clock by Dr. J. K. Long, head of the department of education at East Carolina College, Greenville; presentation of diplomas by R. F. Lowry, county superintendent of schools.

Washington County Union School, Roper — PTA banquet held May 17 at which time the year's activities were reviewed; Class Night exercises, Friday, May 27 at 8 p. m.; commencement sermon Sunday, May 29, at 5 p. m. at school by the Rev. Charles M. Johnson, vicar of St. John's Evangelist Church, Edenton, St. Ann's Church, Roper, St. Phillips Church, Elizabeth City and St. Mary's Church, Belhaven; commencement address Monday, May 30 at 8 p. m. at school by Dr. C. Finney, head of the department of advanced education at North Carolina College, Durham.

Members of the senior class at the various schools were listed as follows:

Plymouth High School: Robert Wayne Beasley, William Ralph Browning, Haywood Garland Davenport, Marvin Spruill Gurganus, James Sherman Jackson, Peter David Leavitt, Bonnie Ray

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**Special Term of Court on June 13**

A one-week civil term of Superior Court will be held here, beginning Monday, June 13.

Judge Q. K. Nimocks, of Fayetteville, was commissioned this week by the chief justice of the state Supreme Court to hold a special session in Washington County at that time.

Washington County Superior Court Clerk W. T. Stillman was so notified this week.

Chief purpose of the special court term was said to be to try two cases which were on the calendar at the regular April court term but which were continued because of the illness of one of the parties, D. M. Roberson, of Williamston.

The cases are D. M. Roberson versus P. D. Pruden and P. D. Pruden versus J. W. Rasor. It was believed that the advanced age of Rasor and his need for a settlement in the case was a determining factor in the calling of the special court term.

**OFFICERS OF RECENTLY ORGANIZED WASHINGTON COUNTY SHRINE CLUB**



Five of the seven officers and directors of the recently organized Washington County Shrine Club are pictured above. They are, left to right, standing: T. D. Somerville, director; W. A. Roebuck, president; Ben A. Sumner, director; and G. A. Leggett, first vice president; seated is H. H. Allen, secretary-treasurer. Absent from the picture was made were J. B. Parvin, second vice president, and J. L. Horner, director. There are 24 charter members of the club, formed to promote fellowship among Shriners in Washington and surrounding counties. — Polaroid 1-Minute staff photo.