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Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Lowry and family plan to leave Thursday of this week for Daytona Beach, Fla., where Mr. Lowry will attend the 1955 Southern States Work Conference June 6-11. Conference headquarters will be the Daytona Plaza Hotel. The Lowrys expect to return to Plymouth June 13.

On a week-end fishing trip to Oregon Inlet P. W. Brown, Warnie Gurkin and W. A. Roebuck, of Plymouth, and James Wilson, of Scotland Neck, caught 89 blues. Roebuck reportedly had the best luck of any member of the party. The group fished from Gurkin's yacht and reported that from 1 p. m. on Sunday the water was really rough. The party left Plymouth Saturday and returned Sunday night.

Jimmy Kitchens and his dad, James E. Kitchens, sr., of Charleston, S. C., report a nice catch of sea mullets on a fishing trip to Hatteras Tuesday and Wednesday of last week. The elder Mr. Kitchens spent the week with his son, returning to his home Monday of this week.

Friends of Clarence O. Kelly, jr., will be pleased to learn that he was recently promoted from second to first lieutenant in the U. S. Air Force. Lieutenant and Mrs. Kelly, the former Miss Joanne Trowbridge, are now living in the Netherlands, where he is stationed with a fighter-interceptor group. He graduated from the University of North Carolina and received his Air Force commission in June, 1953. Called into active service the following November, he was stationed at San Antonio, Texas, and Cheyenne, Wyo., before going overseas last spring.

Miss Evelyn Chesson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Chesson, of Roper, left last Friday to accept a secretarial position at Duke Hospital in Durham. Valedictorian of the 1954 graduating class at Roper High School, Miss Chesson recently completed a business course at Pfeiffer Junior College, Misenheimer, where she made the dean's list for three out of the four quarters. She had a four-year high-school average of 95.58 in all subjects and has a host of friends who are proud of her scholastic record and wish her every success in the future.

Jack W. Strader, of Greensboro, who has been in Plymouth since taking over the Western Auto Store business from Otto Wells recently, moved his family here from Greensboro Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Strader and baby daughter are making their home in the Willoughby apartment on Washington Street.

**Funeral Saturday For John B. Allen**

Funeral services were held Saturday at 3 p. m. from the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church for John Burley Allen, 79, of Wenona.

Mr. Allen died Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at his home in the Wenona section. He was the son of the late George Thomas and Armetta Allen and spent his entire lifetime in the Wenona-Pungo section. He was a member of Trinity Free Will Baptist Church. Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Iola Allen; a daughter, Mrs. Bessie Mann, of Wenona; three grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

Rev. Ralph Osborne officiated at the services and interment took place in Davis Cemetery.

**Dr. A. L. Whitehurst To Attend Chiropractic Meet**

Dr. A. L. Whitehurst will leave Thursday of this week for Winston-Salem where he will attend sessions of the Parker Chiropractic Research Seminar beginning at 7 p. m. Thursday and ending at 1 p. m. Sunday. Dr. Whitehurst expects to return to Plymouth late Sunday.

**Observer Posts Alert Scheduled Saturday**

Ground Observer Corps posts at Plymouth and Roper will take part in a 12-hour alert Saturday of this week, along with some 250 posts in 57 counties of the state.

The alert will be from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. Dr. A. L. Whitehurst and Jesse Rawls, supervisors of the Plymouth and Roper posts, respectively, report.

Both supervisors said they expected about 24 observers to take part, two each hour. The alert is officially styled "Operation Skytrain IV."

The Plymouth post has 77 members, including 55 regular members, 10 ladies and 22 volunteers

**PLYMOUTH COUPLE TO GRADUATE AT U. N. C.**



James Harry Barnhill and Betty Riddle Barnhill, both of whom have made outstanding scholastic records in high school and college, will graduate together next Monday at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Jimmy will receive the degree of B. S. in mathematics while Betty will get an A. B. in education. Both are members of Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary society, signifying attainment of the highest academic honors possible for an undergraduate. They graduated together at Plymouth High School in May, 1951, Betty as valedictorian and Jimmy as salutatorian of their class, representing first and second honors. Sweethearts from their high school days, they were married in August of last year, prior to entering upon their senior year at the university. Betty was at Salem Academy and College in Winston-Salem before transferring to the university in 1953, while Jimmy was at UNC all four years. Jimmy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Barnhill and Betty is the daughter of Mayor and Mrs. A. J. Riddle, all of Plymouth.

**Local School Finals Draw Large Crowds**

**PASSES SUDDENLY**



Joseph D. Cruickshank, retired pulp mill worker and former member of the Plymouth City Council, died at the Washington County Hospital here last Saturday, following a sudden heart attack less than an hour earlier.

**Joe Cruickshank Services Monday**

Last rites for Joe Cruickshank, 68, of Plymouth, were conducted from Plymouth Methodist Church Monday at 3 p. m. by the Rev. C. N. Barnette, assisted by the Rev. W. S. Davenport. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Mr. Cruickshank was stricken ill suddenly and rushed to the Washington County Hospital where he died at 2:30 p. m. Saturday.

The deceased was a native of West Virginia but had made his home here for the past 15 years, coming here from Richwood, W. Va. He served a term on the Plymouth Town Council and unsuccessfully sought reelection at the last election.

Mr. Cruickshank was the son of the late William and Sarah Armentants Cruickshank of West Virginia, and was born at Persinger, West Virginia, September 17, 1886. He was married February 14, 1915, at Richwood, W. Va.

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**Diplomas Presented To 36 Graduates in Final Exercises Tuesday Night at High School**

A large audience at Plymouth High School Tuesday night watched presentation of diplomas to 36 graduates by A. Lloyd Owens, chairman of the school committee, after having heard an inspiring commencement address by Dr. J. Glenn Blackburn, pastor of Wake Forest Baptist Church and chaplain of Wake Forest College. Dr. Blackburn was presented by the Rev. P. B. Nickens, pastor of Ludford Memorial Baptist Church here.

The salutatory address was given by Harriet Keyes and Mavis Boyd was the valedictory speaker. The high school glee club, under direction of Edward Taylor, rendered several selections.

The commencement sermon was given at the school Sunday night at 8 o'clock by the Rev. Robert W. Bradshaw, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Wilson. His sermon posed the question, "Does God Know Your Name?" The speaker was introduced by the Rev. Jesse H. Lanning, minister of Plymouth Methodist Church. The sermon was well received by a large and appreciative audience. Other ministers who took part were the Rev. E. H. Carter, invocation; the Rev. C. N. Barnette, scripture reading; and the Rev. E. M. Spruill, benediction.

Edward Taylor was music director and pianist was Alva Rose Hardison.

A large audience was on hand last Friday night for the annual Class Night exercises, "Seniorella." All seniors took part and Beulah Cratch served as pianist.

**Vacation Schools Slated Here Soon**

Daily Vacation Bible School will begin Monday, June 13, at Ludford Memorial Baptist Church it was announced this week by the pastor, the Rev. P. B. Nickens, who will serve as superintendent of the school.

The school will be open to children between the ages of 3 and 13 years, it was said. Classes will be held daily during the week, from 9 to 11:30 a. m. Further details will be published next week.

It is understood that Plymouth Methodist Church will hold its Vacation Church School the same week, but details could not be learned late yesterday.

The First Christian Church will hold its vacation school for children between the ages of 4 and 14 years Monday through Friday, June 20-24, with the final program Sunday night following. The school will be directed by Mrs. W. J. Weaver. Details will be published later.

**V F W Meeting Slated at Veterans Building Tonight**

A regular meeting of Bosie Bateman Post No. 4023, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will be held Thursday night of this week at the veterans building.

Post Commander Walter Swain urges that all members attend the meeting which is scheduled to begin at 8 o'clock.

**Plans for Library Building Will Be Shown Next Week**

E. M. Leavitt, Member of Library Board Committee, To Present Plans for New Structure To Board

Another step toward securing a new building to house the Washington County Public Library will be taken Monday of next week when plans for the structure will be presented to the county commissioners for approval at their regular monthly session here by E. M. Leavitt, a member of the library board committee.

Mr. Leavitt presented the plans to fellow members of the county library board at a special meeting for that purpose held here Tuesday of last week.

The plans call for a building of cement block and brick veneer to be erected on a lot at the corner of Third and Adams Streets. The lot was donated for the purpose sometime ago by Attorney and Mrs. Z. V. Norman.

Early in April the county commissioners voted to allocate \$10,000 to provide a building to house the library on the lot. The library is presently housed on the second floor of the county courthouse here and is quite crowded. It has also been pointed out that a library on the ground floor would be much more convenient for the public.

Mrs. J. Robert Campbell, chairman of the county library board, stated that the board hopes to begin construction of the building at an early date. The board will oversee the work.

The history of the library dates back to the days immediately following the close of World War I. It was first located in a room in the basement of the courthouse, later being moved upstairs to its present location adjoining the courtroom Mrs. Campbell says "We desperately need a library"

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**Delinquents Up For Induction**

An induction call for all delinquents of Selective Service Board No. 95 here has been issued for Thursday of this week. Mrs. Lorraine Hunter, board clerk, reports. If all delinquents show up, five men will be sent by bus to the Raleigh induction center.

The names of those who fail to show up will be turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, it was said. The delinquents were listed as Eugene Baker, Linwood Earl Dail, Gurtha Bower, Roger Clifton and Wayne Nobles.

**SCUPPERNONG FARMERS OPERATE 'PIG NURSERY'**



John W. Spruill and his son, Ab W. Spruill, leading farmers of the Scuppernon section near Creswell, have a "sow-ey sow" that gave birth to 17 pigs on Friday, May 13th, which was five more than could be cared for by her standard equipment. The elder Mr. Spruill thereupon built himself a "pig nursery" out of a wooden box, a 75-watt light bulb, and five nipple-capped soft-drink bottles. He installed the light bulb in the box to provide warmth, arranged a rack for the bottles, and saved four of the five pigs. He is pictured above bottle-feeding one of the little pigs, while a portion of his "pig nursery" can be seen at the right. The Spruills own a total of eight sows; and at the time the photo was made a week or so ago six of them had farrowed 64 living pigs, with the other two precincts still to be heard from.—Staff photo.

**CRESWELL HIGH SCHOOL MEMBERS OF NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY**



Above are pictured the faculty sponsor and members of the "Miss Jo" Holmes chapter of the National Honor Society, organized at Creswell High School during the school year which ended this week. They are as follows, front row (left to right): Faye Ambrose, president; Barbara Davenport, vice president; Pinner Smithson, secretary; Loreta Snell, treasurer; second row: Marina Cummy, Margaret Ann Snell, Pat Swain, Geraldine Davenport, Gloria Patrick; third row: Ted Davenport, Glenda Godwin, Donald E. Phelps, faculty sponsor, Polly Howerton and Charles Davenport. Composed of students who maintain a scholarship average of 90 or more, the National Honor Society is a national organization to encourage and recognize qualities of leadership, outstanding achievement and conscientious endeavor in American youth, with the objective of raising secondary schools to a higher plane.—Staff photo.

**Expect To Open Produce Market Around June 15**

W. T. Freeman To Manage Enterprise in Its Second Season; Bulk of Offerings From Six Counties Seen

W. T. Freeman, one of the owners of the Plymouth Produce Auction Market, stated recently that it is tentatively planned to open the market for its second season around June 15.

Mr. Freeman will have charge of the market this year. Other partners in the enterprise are W. M. Darden, local attorney and realtor, and James H. Ward, insurance man and farmer, also of Plymouth.

Three crops will constitute the bulk of produce handled on the market this year, Mr. Freeman said. These were listed as cucumbers, peppers and tomatoes. Medium acreages in this county are devoted to cucumbers and tomatoes and a sizeable acreage to peppers, it was said. Mr. Freeman estimated that about 100 acres in the county are planted to cucumbers, from 75 to 100 acres in tomatoes and about 500 acres of peppers.

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**Monday Tough Day For Pedestrians Here**

Four Accidents Reported in And Near Plymouth; One Injured Critically, Another Seriously

Monday of this week was a terrible day for pedestrians in Plymouth and environs. No less than four accidents were reported Monday and Monday night in and near here in which pedestrians were injured to some extent—one critically.

Suffering the most severe injuries was Essie Ford Horton, 29-year-old colored woman of Plymouth Rt. 1 who was hit at 2:45 p. m. Monday on the White Oak Neck Road five miles south of Plymouth, by a 1956 Ford operated by Mrs. Gene Turner Beasley, of Plymouth.

According to the report of State Highway Patrolman Carl Gilchrist, of Plymouth, who investigated the accident, the woman was struck, knocked down and dragged approximately 20 feet. One of her arms was wrapped around an axle of the machine, it was said, and it took four men to get her out from under the car.

The Horton woman was said to have been on her way to the mailbox at the time she was struck. She was rushed to the Washington County Hospital, treated, and Wednesday morning was transferred by ambulance to a Raleigh hospital. Dr. E. W. Furgurson said the woman suffered a fracture of the upper left arm, fractures of both bones of the left forearm, fractures of seven ribs in the left chest, contusions and lacerations of the head and left knee where about 30 stitches were taken. She also suffered shock and was administered glucose and blood.

About 15 minutes later the second in the series of accidents happened on Brinkley Avenue where Dick Engelhardt, young grandson of the Rev. and Mrs. C. N. Barnette, was playing with his toy boats when a 1949 Chrysler operated by Mrs. I. Miller Warren backed out and struck a tricycle near the youth, knocking it on the boy. Dr. T. L. Bray treated the boy for a badly bruised back.

Then at about 4:30 o'clock the same afternoon a 1955 Chevrolet driven by Billy Hamilton, of Plymouth, struck Jim Matchen, about six, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Matchen, of Plymouth, as the boy darted from behind an approaching car on Wilson Street near Golf Road. Dr. Bray said the boy received a badly broken left thigh bone and minor chest bruises. He was sent to a Rocky Mount hospital.

To make the day's events even more incredible, Harold Johnson was hit and bruised by a 1955 Plymouth driven by Douglas Browning Monday night at the corner of Water and Jefferson Streets. A fogged up windshield is said to have obscured Browning's vision.

Investigations of the accidents in Plymouth were made by Officer Paul Basnight. No charges have been preferred as yet, it is understood.

**TO BE HERE SUNDAY**



The Rt. Rev. Thomas H. Wright, D. D., Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, will make his official Episcopal visit to Grace Church, Plymouth and St. Luke's Church, Roper, Sunday, June 5th. He will be at the Plymouth church for the 11 o'clock service Sunday morning and at the Roper church at 8 o'clock in the evening. At both services he will administer the Apostolic Rite of Confirmation and will preach. The public is cordially invited to attend each service.

**Explains Observer Corps Program to Juniors, Seniors**

Dr. A. L. Whitehurst, supervisor of the Plymouth Ground Observer Corps post, spoke to the juniors and seniors of Plymouth High School in the school auditorium Friday of last week.

Dr. Whitehurst thoroughly explained the ground observer corps program, cited its vital importance in civil defense, and showed the urgent need for more volunteer observers at the local post.

At the close of the program 22 juniors and seniors volunteered for service with the post, bringing post strength to 77, 10 of which are ladies.

**Bloodmobile Returns June 22 on Next Visit**

The regular quarterly visit of the Red Cross bloodmobile to Plymouth is scheduled for Wednesday, June 22, it was announced this week by local blood bank leaders.

It will be the second visit of the year to Plymouth by the unit. On the first visit March 9, 113 pints of blood were secured, bringing the total donated in Washington County since inauguration of the blood bank program here in December of 1950 to 2,150 pints.

The visit June 22 will be the 18th to the county. Dr. E. W. Furgurson, a local blood bank leader, stated yesterday that he had been notified

**Large Crowds at Finals at Roper, Creswell Schools**

Diplomas, Special Awards Presented at Final Exercises at County Schools Monday, Tuesday

Programs of interest and good attendance marked school closings at county schools, with Roper High School finals being concluded Monday night of this week, and Plymouth and Creswell Tuesday of this week.

The commencement sermon was preached at Roper High School Sunday morning at 11 o'clock by the Rev. William F. Ambrose, of Pleasant Hill Christian Church, Gasburg, Va. The three concepts of vision, passion and action were stressed.

The commencement address was delivered at the school Monday night by the Rev. Robert Bradshaw, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Wilson. Diplomas were presented to the graduates by L. E. Hassell, sr., chairman of the county board of education. The salutatory address was made by Barbara Spruill and the valedictory by Margaret Ann Mizelle. Mascots were Linda Tess and Tex Barnes.

Awards went to Peggy Mizelle, music and home economics; Mary Jean Phelps, commercial and scholarship; Frances Marriner, citizenship; Avner Sawyer, dramatics; Dian Spruill, activities; Juanita Hassell and Buck Davenport, typing; Jackie Skiles, bookkeeping; Elfreth Alexander, social science; Annette Nicholson, school spirit; Jenny Lamm, spelling.

Sunday at 8 p. m. the Rev. Kelly Ingraham, pastor of the First Methodist Church of Elizabeth City, gave the commencement sermon at Creswell High School.

The commencement address was delivered at the school Tuesday night by Dr. J. K. Long, head of the department of education at East Carolina College, Greenville.

Diplomas were presented to the graduates by Roy F. Lavery, superintendent of county schools. The salutatory address was given by Loreta Ann Snell, and the valedictory by Geraldine Davenport.

The Ruritan Club High School Citizenship awards went to Paul Belanga and Gloria Patrick.

Seniors receiving diploma a numbered 25 at Creswell and 17 at Roper.

**Rainfall Sunday Is Quarter-Inch Here**

Crops and gardens in the county were helped additionally during the past week-end by a total precipitation of .24 of an inch, according to figures released at the weather station, Tide Water Test Farm, near here.

Rain which fell Sunday night contributed the bulk of total precipitation for the period, but the rain was not so heavy as that which fell in some nearby areas. The reading for the 24-hour period ending at 6 p. m. Sunday showed .07 of an inch, while the readings ending at the same hour Monday and Tuesday showed .15 and .02, respectively.

The low temperature reading Tuesday was recorded at 50 degrees, though there were reports that temperatures in some parts of the state fell as low as the upper 30's during the night.

The lowest reading during May came on the 16th with a reading of 45 degrees, contrasted with the high of 78 degrees for that day. High readings ranged in the 80's on many days during the period. The first week of May was hot and after the middle of the month temperatures again soared.

**Bloodmobile Returns June 22 on Next Visit**

that the quota to be sought June 22 would be 100 pints. However, Dr. Furgurson said, it is expected that the quota will be increased since more than 80 pints of blood have been used at the Washington County Hospital in the past month. There have been several emergencies, it was said, and Dr. Furgurson declared, "At least six lives have been saved in the past three months through use of blood made available here by the blood bank program."

Local leaders of the program are hoping for a strong response when the bloodmobile calls June 22. Details of the visit will be announced later.