

Immunization Schedule for County

The Washington County pre-school immunization schedule for 1955 was announced this week by officials at the health department here. Typhoid, smallpox, whooping cough and diphtheria vaccinations will be given free.

Patrons are requested to bring their children to the place most convenient and are urged to be on time.

In addition to the places listed on the schedule, vaccinations will be available Tuesday and Thursday afternoons of each week at the health department, located in the old county home building, from 1 to 4:30 p. m.

The schedule:

Wednesday, June 29 and July 6—9 to 9:45 a. m., Dick Chesson store, Westover; 10 to 10:30, Will Davenport store, Mackeys; 10:35 to 11, T. W. Tarkenton store, Pleasant Grove, 11:15 to 12 noon, Roper

Community House; 1:30 to 2 p. m., Johnson Spruill store, Newland Road; 2:15 to 2:45, Nunes Esso Station, Creswell; 3 to 3:30, Scuppernon Christian Church; 3:45 to 4:15, Brownie Goodman store at "Y."

Thursday, June 30, and July 7—9:30 to 10 a. m., Wiley Radcliff store, Wenona; 10:30 to 11, Free Will Baptist Church, Long Ridge Road.

Presbyterian Church Is Used for First Time

Bloodmobile Is Short of Quota

The Red Cross bloodmobile failed to get its quota on the regular quarterly visit to Plymouth Wednesday of this week, according to figures released by blood bank leaders at the close of the donor period late that afternoon. Quota for the visit was 125 pints.

A total of 82 pints was obtained, it was said. Total number responding was 98, two of which were too young. The other 14 were rejects. A full account will be published next week.

Folding Seats For Local Gym

Doc Newton, of Raleigh, with a bid of \$3,608, was low bidder to furnish 6 sections of folding bleachers to be used in the gymnasium at Plymouth High School, according to information released by the office of the county school superintendent.

The bid was just \$1 under that of a Berlin, Wisconsin, firm. Bids were submitted by 4 firms.

It has been requested that the bleachers be installed by September 1 of this year, County Superintendent R. F. Lowry said.

By using folding type bleachers rather than the permanent type now in the gymnasium more floor space will be available for recreational and other activities, it was explained.

Resigns Teacher Post at Creswell

George R. Wilson, in a recent letter to R. B. Cobb, principal at Creswell High School, submitted his resignation as teacher of agriculture at the school. The resignation, effective July 15, has been accepted reluctantly and negotiations are now in progress to fill the vacancy and others in the county school system.

Other vacancies include 2 in the Plymouth School and 3 in the Roper School, all in the elementary department. There are at present no vacancies in the colored schools of the county, according to R. F. Lowry, county school superintendent.

Mr. Wilson recently completed three school years as teacher of vocational agriculture at the Creswell school. He stated that after careful consideration he has decided to leave the teaching field.

Harden Funeral Held Yesterday

Funeral services for E. W. 'Dock' Harden, 81, of near Jamesville, were conducted from the home Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. W. S. Davenport, of Plymouth, assisted by the Rev. W. B. Harrington, of Martin County. Interment followed in Ware's Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery, Dardens.

Mr. Harden died Sunday at his home. He had been in declining health for 2 years but remained active until the end. He was a native of Bertie County, born February 7, 1874, son of the late Hardy and Agnes Harden of that county. He came to Martin County from Bertie in 1910 and had made his home in the former county since that time, engaging in farming.

Mr. Harden was married June 6, 1899, to Miss Poanna Smithwick, of Bertie County, who survives. He was a member of Lawrence Baptist Church in Bertie County.

He leaves, besides his widow, 4 daughters, Mrs. Herman Riddick and Mrs. Robert Waters, both of Jamesville, and Mrs. Claudius McGowan and Mrs. Charles Gurkin, both of Plymouth; 5 sons, James Harden and Robert Harden, both of the home, Dallas Harden, both of Bertie County, and Grady C. Spratt, of Batesville, Miss.; 14 grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

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Wheat Vote Set For Saturday at ASC Office Here

Office in Agriculture Building Only Polling Place in County for Referendum on Marketing Quotas

Saturday of this week Washington County wheat growers will vote for or against marketing quotas for the 1956 crop, according to Miss Miriam Aushon, office manager of the county ASC office here.

The ASC office, located in the agriculture building on Adams Street next to the county courthouse, will be the sole polling place in the county and it will be open from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m.

If a two-thirds affirmative vote is cast in the referendum Saturday support for the 1956 wheat crop will probably be between 75 and 82 per cent of parity. If more than one third cast a negative vote the support for 1956 wheat will drop to 50 per cent of parity. In any event, support will be available in the commercial wheat areas only to those farmers who stay within their farm's wheat acreage allotment.

Another point which wheat growers should keep in mind, it was said, is that if the vote is favorable, marketing quotas will be in effect and those who exceed the farm acreage allotment will be subject to a marketing penalty of 45 per cent of parity on their excess wheat. If the vote is unfavorable, marketing quotas will not be in effect and there will be no penalty on excess wheat. However, acreage allotments will be in effect for price support purposes even if marketing quotas are disapproved.

Only those growers who will have more than 15 acres of wheat on any one farm in 1956 will be eligible to vote.

New Patrolman to Roper in August

Among 15 new State Highway Patrol members recently given assignments is one who will be stationed in this county. He is McRay Bland, of Greenville, who will be stationed at Roper.

The men will begin 6 weeks of training at Chapel Hill July 1 and so Patrolman Bland is expected to begin work in the county about the middle of August. He will fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of J. E. Morton at Roper early this year.

The last legislature authorized the patrol strength to be raised from 531 men to 556 men, with 25 more to be added July 1 of next year. There were some 25 or more vacancies in the patrol prior to addition of the 15 recruits last week.

Warns Septic Tank Owners

Delbert D. Allen, sanitary officer of the Washington-Tyrrell District Health Department, issued a warning this week for the public to beware of persons claiming to represent the health department and seeking work cleaning out septic tanks.

"We have no such equipment for this purpose and advise you to contact us before negotiating a contract or entering into an agreement with anyone to have your septic tank cleaned," Mr. Allen stated.

Rose Out Under \$2,000 Bond in Fatal Shooting

Probable Cause Found in Preliminary Hearing This Week; Murder Trial Slated for July Court Term

Portly, bespectacled Sam Rose, 65-year-old Negro, is out under \$2,000 bond to await trial at the July term of Washington County Superior Court on a murder charge.

Probable cause was found at a preliminary hearing held Tuesday before Judge W. Ronald Gaylord. Testimony was offered that Rose had admitted shooting Alford Spruill, young colored man, Saturday, June 11.

Spruill died almost instantly from a bullet wound near the heart which he received in a place of business on Fifth Street owned by John Hall and operated by Rose.

From testimony at the hearing it became clear that self-defense will be pleaded by Rose at the trial next month. A U. S. Army .45 automatic said to be the murder weapon and an ax, reportedly carried into the place of business by Spruill, were exhibited.

Five persons took the stand during the hearing. Officer Paul Basnight, who took Rose into custody, told of answering a summons to H.H.'s place and of finding Spruill's body lying on the floor, face up, and with the head near a counter. Rose was standing behind the counter with the gun in his hand, the officer related. Rose told him that Spruill came in the place cursing and accused Rose of cursing.

Installation Set At Vets Building

Officers to serve the 1955-56 year with James E. Jethro Post of the American Legion and the ladies' auxiliary will be installed in a joint ceremony Friday night of this week at the veterans building here.

Dr. A. L. Whitehurst will serve as installing officer.

The group will assemble at 7 p. m. for a supper to be prepared and served by members of the auxiliary of Bosie Bateman Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars. Following the supper the annual installation service will take place.

Officers of the Auxiliary to be installed include Mrs. Lyman Mayo, president; Mrs. W. H. Thomas, vice president; Mrs. Ronald Waters, secretary; Mrs. James F. Porter, treasurer; Mrs. W. W. White, historian; Mrs. W. C. Jones, chaplain; Mrs. O. Q. Lassiter and Mrs. Dallas Waters, sergeants-at-arms.

Legion officers will be installed as follows: James F. Porter, commander; Hubert M. Ange, first vice commander; Benton Tetterton, second vice commander; Jesse B. McInair, adjutant; Dallas G. Waters, chaplain; J. H. Swindell, sergeant-at-arms; and W. Ronald Gaylord, service officer.

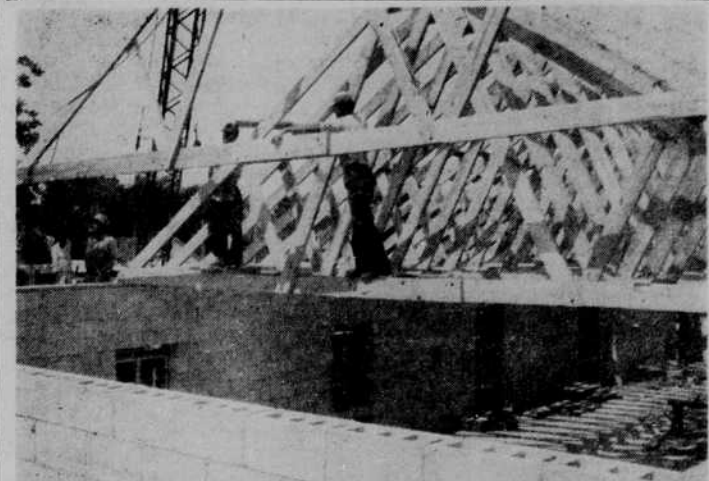
Agent Surveys Cotton Fields

A survey was made this week by County Agent W. H. Pruden to determine whether or not any boll weevils had emerged from winter quarters. Two fields were examined, the Vance Respass farm near Holly Neck, and L. R. Gladson's farm near Skinnerville. Gladson owns the farm previously owned by H. R. Davenport.

No weevil infestations were found on Vance Respass' farm, however, two adult weevils per 100 plants were found on Gladson's farm. Standard recommendations are that cotton should be poisoned for boll weevil when as many as three weevils per 100 plants are found or when as much as 10 per cent of the squares are found punctured.

Standard instructions for cotton include: 20 per cent toxaphene; 3 per cent BHC plus 5 per cent DDT; 2½ per cent Dieldrin plus 5 per cent DDT; 2½ Permethrin plus 5 per cent DDT. Proper amounts of these dusts or sprays will be given on the container. Where weevil infestation has reached the point making it necessary to poison three applications of dust or spray should be applied at seven day intervals. If infestation increases to more than 10 per cent, the spray schedule should be at five day intervals until infestation has been reduced lower than the 10 per cent level.

GOOD PROGRESS ON NEW CHRISTIAN CHURCH HERE



Roofing supports were swung into place last week over the banquet hall of the new Christian church building now under construction here. The contractor, Robert L. Tetterton, says splendid progress is being made, and he expects to have the entire structure "closed in" before the end of the year. Of brick and block construction, the new church and its accompanying buildings are located in the 300 block of East Main Street and extend all the way through the block to Third Street.—Staff photo.

4-H Club Members Will Attend Camp

Applications Already Received From 24 Club Members for One-Week Stay at Camp

At least 24 4-H Club members from this county will attend camp at Manteo next week.

A list released by the county agent's office yesterday showed that number of applications already in. Late applications will be accepted at the office, it was said.

The list includes 10 from Plymouth, 7 from Roper, 6 from Creswell and 1 from Mackeys, and is as follows:

Plymouth—Rodney Simpson, Charles Walker, Jr., Robert Dickerson, Alice Culbreth, Ed Womble, Mary Alice Simpson, Norman Manning, Michael Mizelle, Sandy Wilkerson and Henry Turner.

Roper—Emily Mizel, Brenda Jean Spruill, Eli Spruill, Mary Helen Tarkenton, Rita Stoyens, Gilbert Sawyer and Marvin Sawyer.

Creswell—Kay Morris, Fay Morris, Diane Johnson, Wayne Davis, Ruth Patrick and Jeney M. Mason.

Mackeys—Bobby Chessor.

All club members who have their project record books up to date are eligible to attend the 4-H Camp, it was said. The group is scheduled to leave the agriculture building at Plymouth at 11:30 a. m. next Monday, arriving at Roper High School at 12 noon to pick up Roper members. Leaving Roper at 12:15 p. m. and arriving at Creswell at 12:45 p. m., a 15 minute stop will be made to pick up Creswell 4-H'ers. Leaving Creswell at 1 p. m. the group will reach Sandy Point ferry at 1:45 p. m. The schedule will be closely followed, it was said.

Cost per member for the entire week, including board and room, transportation, handicraft material, pageant ticket and insurance is \$15.

Those making the trip are reminded to bring along bathing suit.

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Tax Rate Same; Valuation Shows Large Increase

Budget Estimate Places Valuation of County Property At \$11 Million for 1955-56 Fiscal Year

The Washington County tax rate for the 1955-56 fiscal year which begins July 1 will again be \$1.70 on each \$100 property valuation, according to recent action of the board of county commissioners. The rate has been unchanged during the past ten years.

Total property valuation in the county is estimated at \$11,000,000 in the new budget estimate, up \$500,000 from the preceding one. The hike is believed accounted for largely by the recent revaluation and greater personal property listings and perhaps to some extent by improvements to real estate and by new construction.

Total budget requirements for the new fiscal year are less by \$3,154.66, being listed at \$268,226.90 as compared with \$271,381.56 for the current fiscal year. The bulk of the difference is accounted for in a reduction of the debt service fund in the new estimate of \$2,030, from \$68,821.88 to \$66,791.88. Not all of the budget requirement is to be raised by property taxes as revenue from sources other than the tax levy amounts to an estimated \$118,646.90, a decrease of \$9,934.66 from the \$128,581.56 listed in the preceding estimate. The figure includes funds derived from legal whiskey sales at the two county retail outlets, state beer and wine taxes, fines and forfeitures, intangible taxes levied by the state, matching funds from state and federal governments, back taxes, etc., and leaves \$149,580 to be raised by tax levy, plus \$37,420 in estimated uncollectible taxes and discounts. This latter figure is identical with that of the last previous estimate.

A breakdown of the tax rate by funds shows that the rate will remain the same for eight items, while an increase is noted in one and decreases in two.

Comparisons of the budget and tax rates for the two years follows: General county fund, \$73,007.10 this year, \$71,390.80 last year, tax rate 10 cents, unchanged; poor fund, \$19,983.54 this year, \$18,444 last year, tax rate 15 cents, unchanged; health fund, \$10,723.94 this year, \$10,167.94 last year, tax rate 10 cents, unchanged; farm and home demonstration work, \$7,465.94 this year, \$7,525.94 last year, tax rate seven and a half cents, unchanged; fire protection, \$5,390 this year, \$5,210 last year, tax rate one cent, reduced from two cents; aid to P. T. D. fund, \$3,127 this year, \$3,000 last year, tax rate two and a half cents, reduced from three and a half cents; current school expense, \$65,181 this year, \$64,746 last year, tax rate 36 cents, unchanged; school capital outlay, \$7,900 this year, \$7,589 last year, tax rate nine cents, unchanged; debt service fund, \$66,791.88 this year, \$68,821.88 last year, tax rate 70 cents, raised from 60 cents.

July Call For 23 Registrants

Next pre-induction call for Selective Service Board No. 95 here is for 23 registrants on Thursday, July 14, Mrs. Lorraine Hunter, board clerk, reports. No induction call has been received for July, Mrs. Hunter added.

The clerk urges that all registrants notify the board promptly of any change of address. A good many have failed to do so in the past, it was pointed out, resulting in their failing to get their mail and in subsequently being listed as delinquent.

Cuke Receipts Moderate Here

The Plymouth Produce Auction Market opened Monday for its second season with a moderate amount of cucumbers being received from growers in four counties of this section. Prices ranged up to \$1.25, about the top price reported by several markets in the state.

Heaviest offerings of the first three days came Tuesday, it was said. Market Manager W. T. Freeman was also serving as auctioneer.

Mr. Freeman said Thursday of this week was expected to see fairly heavy offerings of cukes. The market expects to begin receiving peppers next Monday and on Wednesday green tomatoes will be received. Growers are urged to note that Wednesday is the only day of the week on which tomatoes will be handled at the local market.

Only two growers from this county have brought in cukes thus far, Mr. Freeman stated. He said the county crop is late.

Offerings have come from growers in Pitt, Tyrrell, Beaufort and Washington Counties, it was said.

Former Pettigrew Park Ranger Gives His Version of Dismissal

In June of last year Ranger T. F. Davenport of Pettigrew State Park retired after many years of service and was replaced by Paul E. Bannerman who came to the county from Carolina Beach. Bannerman had been with the Division of State Parks since March 1953 and before coming to Washington County had served as park ranger at Morrow Mountain State Park, near Albemarle.

After about 10 months of service as park ranger at Pettigrew State Park, Bannerman was "summarily dismissed" by Governor Hodges. At a press conference last Friday the governor cited the case of a "fire warden" who spotted a blaze at night just as he was getting ready for bed. The governor said the man went to bed without first reporting the fire and was therefore dismissed.

Last week Bannerman identified himself to a reporter for the Raleigh News and Observer as the man dismissed by Governor Hodges. In an article which appeared in the Observer of June 16 Bannerman got across his side of the story.

During his stay in the county Paul Bannerman made many friends. He and his family are highly regarded in the Creswell section by those who came to know them.

Creswell citizens generally felt that the ranger had been given a "raw deal" and were ready to go to bed. The Governor said the fire warden went to bed without reporting the fire and was dismissed as a consequence.

The fire occurred last April across Lake Phelps from Pettigrew State Park. Bannerman, the ranger in charge of the park, was let go April 27. He now lives near Raleigh with his wife and two children. He says he hopes soon to open a nursery business west of Raleigh on US 70.

Navy Veteran Bannerman, an alumnus of Burgh High School, finished State College in 1947 with a degree in horticulture. He entered State College in 1940 but interrupted his studies to serve three years in the Navy, two of them as a Navy officer.

He was called back by the Navy in 1950, served an additional two years, and finally went to work for the State parks service, a division of the Department of Conservation and Development, March 1, 1953. At the time of his dismissal, Bannerman had been in charge of the Pettigrew State Park about 10 months.

"There have been fires burning" See Version of Ranger, Page 5

SALE OF COUNTY HOME PROPERTY COMPLETED HERE LAST WEEK



Arrangements were completed last week by the Washington County commissioners to sell the old county home property, located on Washington Street here, to Jack L. Horner. Originally built to house indigent of the county, the property was abandoned for that purpose back in the thirties and since then has been used at various times as an apartment house, temporary school and to provide quarters for the district health department. The health department is still using the right wing and, under terms of the sale, will continue to do so, rent free, until the first of the year. A new building for the health department is to be constructed at the left of the property pictured above and should be ready for occupancy by that time. Sale price of the building and grounds was announced as \$15,000.—Staff photo.