

PLYMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1930 AT REUNION HERE RECENTLY



Pictured here are 19 of the 21 living members of the 1930 graduating class of Plymouth High School. The photo was made Saturday, June 18, at the reunion held at the high school cafeteria.

The Bosie Bateman Post No. 4023, Veterans of Foreign Wars, received publicity in the June issue of The VFW Leader...

2/Lt. Lawrence D. Jones, jr., is spending a few weeks here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Jones, after receiving his wings and commission upon graduating from an Air Force flight school...

Chief of Police P. W. Brown returned to a Rocky Mount hospital yesterday morning for a check-up and expected to remain there for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Omega Rogers and children, Marvin, Martha Louise and Allen, returned Tuesday after spending two weeks visiting relatives and friends in Orlando, Jacksonville and Panama City, Fla.

2/Lt. David T. Read, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Tayloe Read, of Plymouth, has been assigned to the U. S. Air Force Supply School at Francis E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyo.

Revised School Code Discussed

Four members of the Washington County Board of Education and County Superintendent of Schools R. F. Lowry attended a special conference Monday of this week at West Greenville Elementary School to discuss the revised public school code.

The meeting was one of four held in North Carolina and served the area east of Raleigh. Other meetings were held at Salisbury June 24; Asheville June 25; and Raleigh June 28.

Advance copies of the new school code furnished by the printer were used in a discussion concerning changes in the law and its interpretation.

Dr. Charles F. Carroll, state superintendent of public instruction, presided. Representatives from the attorney general's office, controller's staff and department of public instruction assisted in the discussion.

The public school laws were completely rewritten by the last general assembly, it was explained, and the revised code is soon to be released.

Board of education members from this county attending were Chairman L. E. Hassell, sr., and J. Whitford Swain, both of Roper; J. W. Norman and Mrs. K. S. Trowbridge, both of Plymouth. The other member, P. B. Belanga, of Creswell, was unable to be present.

Crop Measuring Finished in County

Field work was completed in this county Friday of last week on the measurement of crop plantings under acreage control, the local ASC office reported. There will be some remeasurement work in all likelihood, however.

Local Firms To Close For Holiday Monday

Full Addresses Important, Said

It is important that registrants communicating with the local draft board give their complete address, Mrs. Lorraine Hunter, board clerk, emphasized this week.

Mrs. Hunter said considerable trouble has arisen where registrants living in Plymouth fail to give street address. The name of registrant and town is not sufficient, she said.

A period from July 1 to July 29 has been established by the county ASC committee as "Fall Sign-Up Time" for requesting federal cost-sharing in carrying out soil or water conservation practices on farms in the county, it was announced this week.

Sign-Up Period For Cost-Share Set for County

Period To Run From July 1 To July 29; Eight Practices Approved by County ASC Committee

However, the announcement added, so long as funds are available in the county pool requests will continue to be accepted after July 29.

Total funds available for carrying out fall practices are \$6,701.40 so county ASC officials urge that farmers who wish to cooperate in the program come to the county office and make request as early as possible.

In order to receive cost-sharing, a request must be made and approval given before beginning performance of the practice. All requests will be considered by the county committee and approvals given according to need and funds available, it was stated.

The following fall practices have been approved by the committee: 1. Additional vegetative cover in crop rotation; 2. Forest tree planting; 3. Farm ponds for livestock; 4. Forest improvement; 5. Open ditch drainage; 6. Tile drainage; 7. winter cover crop; 8. year-round cover.

Miss Ausbon said quite a few growers had overplanted on tobacco, peanuts or cotton but that most expected to get within the prescribed acreage. She estimated that roughly 30 per cent of those planting any of the above-listed three acreage-control crops in the county were over their allotments.

Growers having any doubt as to the accuracy of crop measurement may request remeasurement by depositing the minimum rate at the county office, it was said.

checkers who reviewed the work of the reporters for accuracy. This work was under the immediate supervision of J. Whitford Swain, county compliance supervisor.

Notices of excess tobacco acreage have been mailed to all county growers whose crops measured in excess of their allotment, County ASC Office Manager Miriam Ausbon stated Wednesday.

Month Is Marked By Good Rainfall; Total 5.39 Inches

With Exception of Pulp Mill, Practically All Business Here Will Halt for Independence Day

Boosted by almost two inches of rain last Saturday, June precipitation recorded in this county stood at 5.39 inches as of Sunday, a check of records at the weather station at Tide Water Test Farm near here showed.

In sharp contrast, June of 1954 was dry in this county with total precipitation for the first 29 days of the month showing .92 of an inch.

Besides Saturday's big rain only one other day of the month during which rain fell showed a total above an inch. That was Saturday, June 11, when 1.54 inches were recorded.

Some precipitation was recorded on 14 days in June through Sunday as follows: June 7, .25; 8, .05; 9, .14; 11, 1.54; 12, .05; 14, .05; 18, .11; 19, .67; 20, .24; 21, .02; 22, .16; 24, .23; 25, 1.88.

There was a light rain during the day last Saturday totaling .20 of an inch, but the real rain came just after dark when it came down in sheets, 1.68 being recorded in a short while. Small hail fell for about a minute or so but no damage was reported.

The mercury climbed to a high of 96 degrees on Tuesday, June 7. Four other days during the period it hovered at 90 degrees or above. High readings on the 21, 22, 23 and 25 showed 90, 92, 91 and 90, respectively.

Board Meetings Postponed Here

Since Independence Day falls on Monday this year all regular monthly board meetings for town and county governing bodies will be postponed, it was learned this week.

The regular meeting of the Plymouth Town Council will be held, instead, Tuesday night of next week at 8 o'clock. Town Clerk W. A. Roebuck said the town budget must be acted upon at the meeting since the budget must be sent to the Local Government Commission at Raleigh next week.

The budget committee composed of Councilmen Jack Latham, E. D. Keel and J. D. Mallory has already reviewed the budget estimate, Roebuck stated.

The county board of education and the county commissioners have set their regular July meetings for Monday, July 11.

Wedding Anniversary This Week for Plymouth Couple

Wednesday of this week marked the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. Ronald Gaylord but no particular ceremony was observed by the couple except to duplicate a short trip taken by the newlyweds 25 years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord were married at Swan Quarter, June 29, 1930.

Bloodmobile Unit Falls Under Goal Here Last Week

Total of 82 Pints Is Second Lowest Since Program Was Inaugurated Here in December, 1950

The Red Cross bloodmobile unit, on its 18th visit to Washington County Wednesday of last week, received 82 pints of blood, the second lowest total here since inauguration of the blood bank program in December 1950 and only the fourth time that the total has fallen below 100 pints.

Total number responding was 98 but of these two were too young and 14 were rejects for one reason or another.

The only other trip to this county on which the unit received a smaller total was the third trip, July 20, 1951, when the set-up was made at Creswell and the total was 61 pints. Visits December 12, 1952, and September 8, 1954, the total also fell under 100 pints—91 and 96 pints, respectively. Highest total, significantly, followed the lowest. On the fourth visit, December 13, 1951, 189 pints were donated. Second high was the 174 pint total March 12 of last year. The grand total for the 18 trips to the county stands at 2,232 pints.

Refreshments were donated and prepared for the bloodmobile visit last week by the Plymouth Junior Woman's Club of which Mrs. Borden Kornegay is president.

Nurses and other volunteer workers were listed as follows: Misses Elizabeth Wood, Dorothy Sutton and Blanche Davis; and Mesdames Lillian Shugar, Harold Nelson, Joe Arps, Durand Keel, W. F. Sessoms, Grace Melton, J. S. Fleming and E. H. Lloyd.

The list of those responding to donate blood follows: Mrs. Shirley Shelton, Mrs. Luther Jett, Charlie B. Barnes, Jasper P. Turner, Jack Peele, Mrs. Thomas C. Culbreth, Mrs. Andrew J. Ange, sr., Miss Blanche Davis, Mrs. Jean Doxey, William E. Sandy, Robert Gardner, Hugh F. Perkins, Garland Gardner, Nathan Phelps, Robert G. West, Miss Dorothy J. Sutton, Jesse F. Cox;

Jean T. Ambrose, Mrs. Burma Brown, Frank Bickerstaff, Mrs. Beulah Bickerstaff, Cecil Stynes, James Riddick, Leslie Darby, Edward W. Stewart, Phil Liverman, Edward Ach, Lester Norris, Mrs.

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Wenona Youth Is Back From Tokyo

Airman Second Class Theodore H. Rosenthal, jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Rosenthal, of Wenona, arrived home on June 20 after a rapid trip from Tokyo, Japan, where he has been stationed. He received a special 60-day furlough, due to the illness of his father and mother.

Young Rosenthal left Japan on June 15th and arrived in Washington, D. C., on the 19th, reaching his home at Wenona during the early morning hours of the next day. He had the unusual experience of observing his birthday twice en route. It fell on the 16th, the same day he crossed the international date line, which turned the calendar back one day and gave him an extra birthday. He is due to report to Travis Air Force Base, Fairfield, Calif., on August 17 for his return trip to Tokyo.

Those who plan to make the trip will assemble at the Scout Hut here at 9 a. m. Upon arrival at the base they will be conducted on a tour of the installation and will enjoy a swim in the Base pool.

Boys making the trip and adults who accompany them are requested to bring their own lunch. Also, more transportation is needed, it was said. Anyone having transportation to offer should call 206-1, city. Adults who furnish transportation are also invited to use the swimming pool and make the tour of the base with the boys.

During the scout meeting at the hut here Tuesday night a patrol sign was presented to the Flying Eagle patrol by Sgt. Frank C. Baker, of the Edenton Base. The gift was accepted for the patrol by the patrol leader.

NEW OFFICERS OF JAMES E. JETHRO POST OF AMERICAN LEGION



New officers of the James E. Jethro Post, No. 164, of the American Legion were installed last Friday night at the Veterans' Building here. The installation followed a banquet presided over by the retiring commander, L. Ronald Waters and served by members of the VFW woman's auxiliary.

New officers, seated around the desk above, are: Hugh Swindell, sergeant-at-arms; J. B. McNair, adjutant; Hubert M. Ange, first vice commander; Jim Porter, commander; A. Benton Tetterton, second vice commander; W. Ronald Gaylord, service officer; and Dallas Waters, chaplain. Standing are L. R. Waters, retiring commander, and Dr. A. L. Whitehurst, past commander and installing officer.—Staff photo.

Board Approves Budget, Health Center, Tax Rate

TRANQUIL SCENE AT PETTIGREW STATE PARK



This photo was made from the head of the old Transportation Canal leading from Lake Phelps just in front of the Collins House at Pettigrew State Park, near Creswell. Part of the fence surrounding the Collins plantation buildings are at the left. The canal is also the dividing line between Washington and Tyrrell counties, with Washington on the left and Tyrrell on the right.—Staff photo.

Methodists From Here Attending Church Meeting

Annual Conference of Methodists Being Held in Hay Street Church at Fayetteville Through Tonight

L. S. Thompson, official delegate from Plymouth Methodist Church, and the Rev. and Mrs. Jesse H. Lanning left Monday for Fayetteville where they are attending the general conference of the first summer meeting of the North Carolina Methodist Conference.

Some 800 clerical and lay delegates were on hand for the four-day meeting at Hay Street Methodist Church which opened Monday afternoon with Bishop Paul N. Garber, of Richmond, Va., presiding.

Governor Luther Hodges addressed the Monday night session, telling his audience of the hundreds of letters he has received as governor in which he was told that the writer was praying for him. Governor Hodges said he was encouraged by the growth of the church and the present evangelistic successes enjoyed by Billy Graham.

A highlight of the conference will be the reading of ministerial appointments Thursday night.

Several persons from Plymouth were expected to attend one or more of the sessions.

Holding the conference in June is a departure, from precedent, it having been held previously in the late fall.

Leaf Market To Open August 23

Barring changes, Eastern Carolina tobacco warehouses will open the 1955 auction selling season on Tuesday, August 23. The date, along with opening dates for various other flue-cured belts, was approved by the membership of the Bright Belt Warehouse Association which closed its 11th annual convention at Virginia Beach, Va., yesterday.

Although the association issued a statement to the effect that the dates left much to be desired as far as the organization and farmers are concerned, it said "They are the best we can do under the circumstances." Other openings: Georgia-Florida Belt, July 21; S. C.-N. C. Border, August 3; Middle Belt, Sept. 6, Old Belt, Sept. 23.

Holiday Shutdown For Local Market

The Plymouth Produce Auction Market closed Wednesday of this week for the July 4th holiday, to reopen for business at 10 a. m. Tuesday of next week.

This was made necessary by the general shutdown of produce channels, Mr. Freeman explained. He said that the local market has been receiving peppers this week and termed the quality excellent. Peppers have been bringing \$1.50 per bushel, it was stated.

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Final Action Taken at Special Meeting of County Officials Tuesday Night; Rate Again \$1.70

An important called meeting of the Washington County Board of Commissioners was held here Tuesday night of this week at which action was taken relating to the county budget and tax rate, the proposed new public library building here, and the proposed Washington County Health Center.

The general county budget, tentatively approved recently, and the county tax rate tentatively set at \$1.70 on the \$100 valuation were adopted by the board. Total budget requirements for the new fiscal year are listed at \$268,226.90, smaller by \$3,154.66 than that for the fiscal year ending Thursday of this week. Total property valuation, on the other hand, shows a \$500,000 hike from \$10,500,000 to \$11,000,000.

Plans for the new library building to be constructed on the corner of Third and Adams Streets here were shown to the board by E. M. Leavitt, a member of the library board. After considering the plans the commissioners voted that they be adopted as presented and that proper advertisement be made as required by law for bids toward the construction of the building. The date July 11 was set for receiving and considering bids.

Earlier this year the commissioners allocated \$10,000 toward construction of the new library building and a lot for the purpose was given by Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Norman. The great need of such a structure here has repeatedly been emphasized, it having been pointed out that the library has grown tremendously in circulation of books throughout the county in recent years and that it is badly crowded in its present makeshift quarters on the second floor of the county courthouse.

A set of three resolutions relating to the health center project were adopted by the board Tuesday night as follows:

"That the board does hereby approve the proposed project to build a Washington County Health Center, with the aid of the Federal Government and the State of North Carolina, said project to comprise 2,000 feet and to cost approximately \$33,350 and the board does hereby appropriate \$7,970.60 from the general fund of this county as the county's approximate part of the total cost.

"That the board does hereby tentatively offer to the North Carolina Medical Care Commission several sites that are available to the county, each comprising not less than one acre and to which water, sewer and street facilities are conveniently available, subject to inspection and approval of representatives of the Medical Care Commission and the State Board of Health, which site after inspection and approval will be furnished by this county together with water and sewer;

"That this board does hereby appoint Frank L. Brinkley to serve as official spokesman for the proposed Washington County Health Center and does hereby authorize and clothe him with the power and authority to conduct all the necessary business connected therewith.

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Truck Overturns, Avoids Collision

Quick thinking on the part of a young bread truck driver from Williamson averted a collision here Wednesday morning which could have been quite serious. As it was, the truck overturned in the yard of Mrs. Joe Arps, but the driver, Lonnie Haislip, came out of it unscathed, though shaken.

Haislip had completed his rounds and was en route to Williamson from Columbia when his brakes failed at the intersection of US 64 by-pass and NC 32. An unidentified woman driving a 1954 Chevrolet north on Highway 32 was entering the intersection and had the green light at the time Haislip related. In order to avoid a collision Haislip swerved out and sped across Washington Street, overturning the truck at the edge of the yard. The vehicle landed bottom side up and was later righted by a wrecker. Some damage resulted to the vehicle but there was very little bakery products in the truck at the time. The master brake cylinder was loose, making the braking system on the vehicle ineffective. It was the second time the brakes had failed on the truck recently, the driver said.

Officer Foye Davenport investigated the accident, terming it unavoidable.