

Among those from this county who attended the beef cattle field day at the Frying Pan Experimental range in Tyrrell County Tuesday of this week were County Agent W. H. (Bill) Pruden, Willis Bowen, county FHA supervisor, both of Plymouth; Bill Thompson, Mrs. Pat Tucker, Mitchiner Banks and J. L. Rea, sr., all of Roper. The program, starting at 1 p. m., was reported by those who were present to have been quite interesting and informative.

Dr. A. L. Whitehurst is making plans to attend the meeting of the Eastern District, North Carolina Chiropractic Association to be held in the offices of Dr. Gray Eagles at Rocky Mount Sunday, July 17. Dr. Whitehurst explained that it will be a special meeting for the purpose of reorganizing the district which, he said, will be split into two districts. The new districts will divide northeastern and southeastern counties, it was said.

A group of happy county 4-H Club campers, accompanied by their supervisors, Bill Pruden and Mrs. Frances M. Darden, returned home Saturday noon from Roanoke Island 4-H Camp following a week described by Pruden as "one of the most successful camps I've ever been on." Two 4-H'ers in the party brought back major certificates. Henry Turner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Turner, of Plymouth, was declared "Most cooperative swimmer advanced" while Emily Mizelle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Mizelle, of Roper, got her certificate for "most outstanding improvement in swimming—advanced." Group awards in swimming also went to Charles Thompson, Sandy Williams and Tom Pruden, all of the Plymouth club. Instructors in swimming were Bobby Smith and Frank Farrell, life guards at the camp. Pruden said 90 per cent of those unable to swim on going to camp could swim a reasonable distance following the completion of the course of instruction.

County Persons at Tyrrell Field Day Held This Week

Roper, Plymouth Sections Represented in Crowd of About 100 Persons at Beef Cattle Program

A crowd of about 100 persons from several eastern counties, including several persons from Plymouth and Roper, attended the beef cattle field day conducted at the Frying Pan Experimental Range in Tyrrell County Tuesday afternoon of this week.

Farmers from throughout the Tidewater area of the state were invited to be present for the program which highlighted recent beef production discoveries in the area. The program opened at 1 o'clock. Visitors were welcomed by H. H. Harris, county agent in Tyrrell, who also reviewed for his audience the development of the cattle industry in the Tidewater area of the state.

Dr. J. W. Pou, head, department of animal industry; Dr. E. R. Barwick, head, animal husbandry section; Dr. E. U. Dillard, assistant professor of animal husbandry; S. H. Dobson, extension agronomy specialist; Dr. H. A. Stewart, assistant agricultural research director, all of State College; Lowell Halls, of the Forest Service; and J. L. Rea, in charge of the Tidewater Test Farm, Plymouth, presented the program.

The presentations dealt with grazing cane range and its relation to forage and timber production and fire protection; use of cane range in connection with farm cattle enterprise as a supplement to permanent pasture for cattle; and permanent pasture and beef production in eastern North Carolina.

Holiday Observance Reported Quiet Here

The long week-end occasioned by National Independence Day is history and hard-working fun-lovers are now eagerly looking forward to Labor Day.

Plymouth and Washington County enjoyed a quiet holiday period with no violence or fatalities reported, but it was a bang-up, blistering, red-hot Fourth from a weather standpoint.

The only fireworks of any general proportions in the county came late Monday in the form of lightning. Although the distant roll of thunder—like so many giant drums—was heard, the threatened storm failed to materialize and the raindrops were almost few enough to be counted except in the end of the county opposite Plymouth, where a light rain was reported.

Sun-reddened epidermis was in evidence on all sides Tuesday as returned fishers, boaters, swimmers, sun-bathers, joy-riders and

ORDINATION SERVICE SET SUNDAY AT CHURCH



The handsome brick church recently completed by Plymouth Presbyterians will be the scene Sunday afternoon of the ordination and installation of the church's new pastor, the Rev. Robert L. Combs. The church is on the north side of East Main Street. It was used for services for the first time Sunday, June 19. Mr. Combs, married and the father of two young children, is a recent graduate of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va. The family recently moved to Plymouth and the Combs are at home in Winesett Circle.

Presbyterian Pastor Ordination Sunday

Lost Your Keys? See Police Chief

Chief of Police P. W. Brown said yesterday that he had about 15 bunches of keys at the police station, picked up and turned in by various finders during the past few years. There are big bunches, little bunches, single keys, house keys, car keys and practically every other kind of key in existence.

Any person who has lost keys is invited to come to the police station and see if his is in the lot there. The chief is anxious to get rid of them, but hesitates to throw them away as they may be of value to the owners.

Oliver Lucas New Member for FHA County Committee

Young Plymouth Farmer Is Named To Succeed Elvin T. Adams Whose Term Expires on 3-Man Board

Oliver Lucas, of Plymouth, is the new member of the Washington County Committee for the Farmers Home Administration. His appointment became effective July 1, 1955, the agency's county supervisor, Willis Bowen announced.

Mr. Lucas succeeds Elvin T. Adams whose term on the 3-member committee expires this year.

Mr. Lucas operates a farm in Plymouth Township. He raises tobacco, peanuts, corn and hogs. He is also very active in community and county activities.

The other two members of the committee are Robert W. Lewis, of Roper, and D. Lanston Hopkins, of Rt. 2, Plymouth. Both of these men are successful farmers and very active in community and county activities.

There is a Farmers Home Administration county committee in every agricultural county in the country. The committee determines the eligibility of applicants and helps the county supervisor adapt the agency's loan policies and services.

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Special Service Set for 3:30 O'Clock in New Structure On East Main Street; Reception To Follow

Plymouth Presbyterians are looking forward to Sunday when a commission from Albemarle Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (Southern) will ordain and install Robert L. Combs as pastor of Plymouth Presbyterian Church.

The commission which represents the Presbytery includes the Rev. Yorke Pharr, pastor of the Rivermont Presbyterian Church, Kingston; the Rev. Vernon B. McGhee, pastor of the Wanoqa Presbyterian Church, Washington; and Marvin Weaver and J. L. Rea, sr., of Plymouth. The latter two are elders of the church.

The Rev. Mr. Pharr is chairman of the commission and will preside and propound the questions to Mr. Combs and the congregation of the church.

The Rev. Mr. McGhee will deliver the sermon and charge the pastor, while Mr. Weaver, who is clerk of the session of the church here, will charge the congregation. Time of the service has been set and announced by officials as 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

A reception is planned immediately following the service for the purpose of receiving the new pastor and his family and to allow those attending to examine the new structure, a handsome brick edifice which was used for the first time a few Sundays ago. The building is located on East Main Street. Prior to its erection the congregation had used first the American Legion Hall and later the auditorium of the county agriculture building for its weekly meetings.

The Plymouth Presbyterian congregation was organized Sunday night, October 11, 1953, becoming the 52nd congregation in the Albemarle Presbytery.

For some months prior to that time a group here had been holding services with the assistance of student ministers from Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va. Officers originally installed were J. J. Gilbert, elder, and J. L. Rea and J. A. Murray, deacons. Dr. Harold J. Dudley, of Raleigh, general secretary of the North Carolina Synod, preached the sermon, and the installing commission was made up of Dr. J. W. Hassell, executive secretary of the Albemarle Presbytery, chairman; the Rev. L. W. Topping, minister of the First Church, Greenville; the Rev. E. L. Willingham, of Greenville; Elder F. L. Fussell, of Williamston; and E. W. Harvey, jr., of Greenville.

Work was started shortly before organization of the congregation on a handsome brick structure to contain several classrooms, a vestibule and main auditorium. It was decided to use the pay-as-you-go plan in constructing the church edifice.

Very little work remains to be done to complete the interior and, of course, the grounds must be landscaped. The building will be dedicated after all details have been completed, it was said.

The unit now completed will ultimately be used as a chapel and educational building. Facing the present building (chapel) there will be a unit built to the left, and a large sanctuary connecting this, thus eventually forming a "U" plan facing Main Street," the pastor stated.

Present officers include Messrs. Weaver and Rea, elders. Mr. Weaver is clerk of the session which includes pastor and elders. It was explained that the Presbyterian

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Leaf Acreage Cut Would Mean Loss Of Over \$80,000

Proposed 12 Per Cent Cut in Tobacco Allotments To Be Voted on in Grower Referendum July 23

The proposed reduction of 12 per cent in next year's tobacco acreage is necessary in the opinion of county growers who have "sounded off" concerning the proposed action and the setting of a referendum in which growers will express their wishes in the matter.

It was clearly indicated by "street talk" that there will be farmers who will object to the acreage cut, thinking chiefly of their immediate loss, but over the long range the marketing quotas are generally seen as the lesser of two evils.

The Department of Agriculture Friday proposed that 889,000 acres be allotted for the flue-cured crop in 1956 as compared to 1,007,100 acres this year.

At the same time the Department of Agriculture set a referendum for July 23 when the growers will have the opportunity to vote on (1) marketing quotas for 1956, 1957 and 1958 crops (2) marketing quotas for the 1956 crop only or (3) against quotas.

If marketing quotas are approved as they have every year since 1938 with the exception of 1939, penalties will be collected for any tobacco sold from excess quota planting and a support price of 90 per cent of parity will be in operation.

Bright Belt Warehouse Association meeting in Virginia Beach last week had passed a resolution recommending a 15 per cent cut in acreage next year.

The 1955 tobacco allotment in Washington County is listed at 1,186.1 acres, according to figures released by the county ASC office. The proposed 12 per cent cut would thus mean a loss of 161.7 acres. Figuring an average yield of 1,000 pounds of tobacco per acre and a price average of 50 cents a pound, the income loss to growers of this county would be \$80,850.

Local Negro Boy To Face Peeping Tom Charge Here

Charlie White, Jr., 18, Nabbed by Officer Bob Swain Monday Night Following Complaints

Charlie White, Jr., 18-year-old Plymouth Negro, is slated to face peeping tom charges in recorder's court here Tuesday of next week.

White was chased down and arrested Monday night by Officer Bob Swain, who recently joined the force, filling the vacancy created by resignation of Night Policeman J. E. Morton.

Swain was assisted in cornering his man by Walton Swain and A. O. McIver.

It all began Sunday night when Bruce Bateman, jr., discovered that someone was hanging around outside the Bateman residence on the corner of Main and Madison Streets. Young Bateman fired twice, the fleeing figure reportedly shifting instantaneously to high gear.

Then Monday night a phone call from A. O. McIver was received at the police station. McIver reporting that he had seen someone peeping into a window at his residence in the 200 block of Adams Street. He reported that when he went outside the house the peeping tom beat a hasty retreat.

Officer Swain was notified and proceeded to make a check of the neighborhood. He spotted White sitting on the front steps at the A. L. Owens residence on Adams Street and looking through the front door into the house. When the officer approached the Negro ran and was subsequently cornered and taken into custody by Officer Swain, Walton Swain using his car and McIver also helping to corner the youth.

Magistrate C. M. Beasley said so far as he knew the offense was the first charged to White who, he said, had been drinking.

Convention Will Meet Sunday at Philippi

The Washington-Tyrrell County Sunday School convention will meet with the Philippi Church of Christ near Creswell Sunday at 3 p. m., it is announced.

Howard Holloman, of Norfolk, Va., will be the guest speaker. J. E. Nooney, of Plymouth, president of the convention, this week issued an invitation for all to attend.

Budget Approved and \$2 Tax Rate Set by Council

Lower Tax Rate Blocked by Necessity for Setting Up Sinking Fund To Erect New Water Tank

Town of Plymouth taxpayers will continue to pay town taxes at the rate of \$2 per \$100 of property valuation for the fiscal year 1955-56, exactly the same as for the past several years. This was decided by members of the city council at their July meeting Tuesday night, when the tentative budget estimate and tax rate were approved by unanimous vote after lengthy consideration of the various items.

The budget is subject to review and approval by the local government commission at Raleigh, but this is usually a formality, and town officials do not anticipate any changes being made in the figures approved Tuesday night. Copies of the budget were forwarded to the commission yesterday, and approval is expected within a week.

The new budget, prepared by a committee composed of Councilmen E. D. Keel, J. B. Latham and J. D. Mallory, calls for a total outlay of \$136,235.69 for the current fiscal year as compared with \$125,910.45 for the past year. Principal item of increase is setting up \$13,943.69 in a sinking fund for construction of a new water tank here.

By departments, increases are shown for the administrative, street and police departments and in the miscellaneous account. Decreases are shown for fire and water departments and the debt service fund.

The new budget for the administrative department calls for \$17,911, against \$14,886 last year. Most of the \$3,000 increase is spread over a number of items in the department, administrative salaries getting the largest, up \$1,350 from last year.

Street department estimates are up from \$37,907 to \$42,261, an increase of \$4,354. Principal item of increase is cost of a new truck, which will have to be bought during the year.

Police department budget figures are up from \$16,385 to \$20,495, an increase of \$4,110. Most of the increase is caused by addition of another man to the police department. The miscellaneous account was raised from \$2,000 to \$3,500, principally because this budget item has been overspent for several years. This account takes care of unforeseen emergencies with street and sewer improvements usually the principal items.

The fire department budget this year calls for \$7,230, as compared with \$7,800 last year. The decrease is largely accounted for by leaving out \$500 set up for the fire department building last year and reducing estimated truck repairs from \$1,500 to \$1,000.

There is considerable shifting of water department figures, the total for which is \$29,943.69 this year as compared with \$31,842.45 last year, a decrease of \$1,898.76. The water and sewer extension item is reduced from \$22,192.45 last year to \$6,000 estimated for the current year. Most of the saving goes into the new sinking fund account of \$13,943.69 for the proposed new water tank.

The debt service fund is more or less a fixed account, calling for

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Temperature Hits 96 In County Wednesday

Yesterday the mercury climbed to the highest mark of the summer in this county, according to figures released by the weather station at Tide Water Test Farm.

After a maximum reading of 88 degrees last Friday (July 1) the temperatures were recorded in the 90's for five successive days, building up to a hot and rather "sticky" 96 Wednesday of this week.

Sunday was almost as hot, the high reading for the day being 95 degrees. Monday and Tuesday saw maximum readings of 93 post-

ted for each day and last Saturday the mercury reached 92.

High, low and mean readings for the period follow:

July 1, high of 88, low of 60, mean of 81; 2, high of 92, low of 64, mean of 84; 3, high of 95, low of 68, mean of 83; 4, high of 93, low of 67, mean of 82; 5, high of 93, low of 70, mean of 83; 6, high of 96, low of 71, mean (as of 4 p. m.) 90.

Last precipitation recorded for the county showed 1.68 inches of rainfall on Sunday, June 26.

Contract for Library To Be Let Next Week

Bids Called for Submission Not Later Than Next Monday; Construction To Begin Soon, Leavitt Says

It is expected that work on the new Washington County Public Library building will start soon, possibly before the end of the month. E. M. Leavitt, a member of the county library board, stated Wednesday in a telephone conversation with a Beacon reporter that the contract-letting will closely follow the bid deadline. Bids have been called for submission not later than Monday of next week.

Plans for the structure, to be erected on a lot at the corner of Third and Adams Streets donated for the purpose by Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Norman, were approved by the Washington County Board of Commissioners at their regular monthly meeting here Monday, June 6.

Blueprints for the proposed structure were drawn by Harry Hultman, who donated his services. Mr. Leavitt lent valuable assistance and was publicly thanked by the board of commissioners for his time and effort expended on the project.

Previously, the commissioners had allocated the sum of \$10,000 to provide a library building for the town. The library is now housed in badly crowded quarters on the second floor of the county courthouse and has never, since its founding following World War I, enjoyed a real home of its own, library board members have pointed out in citing the need for an adequate building conveniently located and with a reading room which the library has never had.

The library will front on Third Street, Mr. Leavitt said.

VFW Post Will Hold Meeting Here Tonight

The Bosie Bateman Post No. 4023, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will hold a regular meeting Thursday night of this week at the Veterans club here, it is announced.

Time of the meeting is 8 o'clock. A full attendance of the post membership is urged by Walter Swain, post commander.

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Councilmen Order Traffic Light at Monroe and Third

Owners of Cars With Defective Mufflers To Be Indicted; Other Matters Considered Tuesday

In addition to approving the tentative budget and tax rate for the 1955-56 fiscal year, Plymouth city councilmen gave several other matters consideration at their July meeting Tuesday night. The regular meeting date was changed from Monday to Tuesday night on account of the Fourth of July holiday. Mayor A. J. Riddle presided and all members of the council were present as follows: E. D. Keel and W. C. Hall, first ward; J. B. Latham and Ralph Hunter, second ward; J. D. Mallory and J. B. Holliday, third ward.

Councilman Hunter brought up the matter of automobile mufflers here. He said a good many cars were being operated with "busted" mufflers and others with what is generally known as "gutted" mufflers. Local police were instructed to enforce state laws governing these nuisances, and Chief of Police Brown yesterday issued a warning to local car owners to have their mufflers fixed or face prosecution.

R. E. Bowen, representing directors of the Plymouth Country Club, appeared before the council and requested a review of the charges made against the club for installation of a sewer line. Following the discussion the council voted to reduce the charge to cover the actual cost of work done on the club property, amounting to \$220, which was about half of the original bill.

By unanimous vote, the council directed that a traffic light be installed at the intersection of Monroe and West Third Streets. It was also stated that all traffic lights in town are to be altered so that the red light is at the top and the green light at the bottom, to comply with new state regulations. Several of the older lights here do not conform, but kits have been ordered to change them.

Councilman Latham asked that something be done about the large number of stray dogs in town. City police were directed to kill any dogs found running at large unless they have tags showing they have been vaccinated or the name of the owner.

Safety Crusade Supported Here

The active membership of the Plymouth Woman's Club participated 100 per cent in the nationwide safety crusade last week, Mrs. C. H. Robertson, president, reports.

Mrs. Robertson explained that since it was a chain-call operation she had no way of knowing just how many telephone calls were made in the town and county in the interest of greater highway safety over the holiday week-end.

Under the plan, each club member made four calls to friends and acquaintances urging them to exercise all possible care to avoid highway accidents. In turn, each person called was asked to make four calls using the same arrangement.

Although national figures showed the greatest number of highway deaths in history for the period, no such wrecks were reported in the county.

Two County Boards Will Hold Meetings Monday

Regular monthly sessions of the county education board and the county board of commissioners are slated here Monday of next week, the meetings of the two bodies having been postponed because of the Independence Day holiday Monday of this week.

The Plymouth Town Council's regular monthly meeting, customarily held the first Monday night, was held Tuesday night of this week instead.

Moderate Receipts Peppers And Tomatoes Local Market

Receipts of peppers and greening tomatoes were moderate on the Plymouth Produce Auction Market this week. Prices were reported weak on other markets and no sales were held here.

A carload of peppers and tomatoes handled by the market was being loaded late Wednesday at the Norfolk & Southern depot for shipment to northern markets.

Summer Show

Isachen weather station on Ellef Ringnes Island in the Canadian Arctic gets more snow in summer than in winter.

NEW OFFICERS OF PLYMOUTH SENIOR WOMAN'S CLUB INSTALLED



New officers to serve for the 1955-56 club year were recently installed at a regular meeting of Plymouth Senior Woman's Club with Mrs. Harry Lee Smith, of Windsor, the installing officer. Mrs. Smith, wife of former Bertie County Sheriff Harry Smith, is president of the 15th District, North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs. Shown left to right are Mrs. Edna Howell, treasurer; Mrs. Florence Spruill, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Harry Browning, recording secretary; Mrs. W. H. (Bill) Joyner, second vice president; Mrs. Anna Smith, first-vice president; and Mrs. Charlie Roberson, president.