

Mrs. Herman Hooker, jr., of Plymouth, was winner of a \$50 second prize award in a baby food scholarship fund contest, it was announced today.

Harold Johnson, Foy Davenport, C. M. Beasley and Garland Hardison had a good day fishing at Harkers Island, near Beaufort, last Monday.

Jimmy Kitchengs and two sons made a hurried trip to Charleston, S. C., and back over the week-end to visit Mr. Kitchengs' mother.

Two marriages performed last week by Justice of the Peace J. T. McNair brought his overall total to 179, over a span of 45 years.

The Rev. P. W. Atkin (pronounced with a silent T, please) is the new minister of Roper Methodist Church and, according to reports he has already endeared himself to members of the churches served.

Sight of the week on East Water Street (no doubt about it, so we have been told) was Jimmy Kitchengs in sky blue shorts, yellow sport shirt, blue bow tie with yellow stripe and black walking socks.

First Winners in Prize Drawing Series Listed

Winners of the first prize drawing held in connection with the sale now in progress at Norman Furniture Company here were announced this week by Thos. F. Hopkins, manager of the firm.

Winners of prizes, all amounts in trade, were announced as follows:

First prize, Mrs. Elton Williams, Creswell; second prize, Mrs. Merritt Browning, jr., Plymouth; third prize, W. L. Eudy, Plymouth.

Registrations have been heavy to date, Mr. Hopkins reported.

Temperatures And Rainfall in County

Precipitation was recorded at the weather station at Tidewater Research Station near here on five of the first 11 days in July, a check of records there reveals.

Interestingly, no rain fell during the first six days, while for the next five days some precipitation was recorded each day, the total for the five-day period being .72 of an inch.

Last Thursday the rainfall was listed at .28 of an inch, while in adjoining counties heavy, washing rains were reported.

Scout Ship Repaired After Mishap

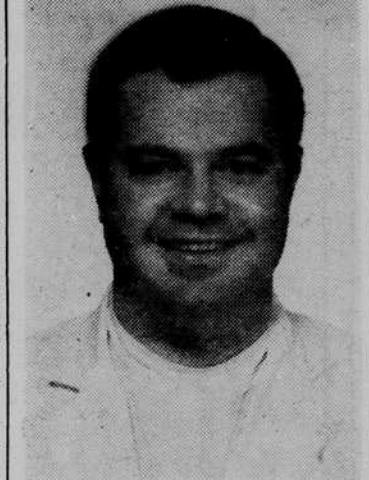
The S. S. S. Albemarle, Sea Scout ship sponsored by the American Legion post here, is shipshape again.

Skipper Alban Papineau states that the officers and members of the crew of the Albemarle wish to thank those persons who gave of their time to put the engine back in shape following a mishap during the cruise of Wasmarty District officials in May of this year.

All this work has just been completed and a test run showed that the ship operates "better than ever," according to her skipper.

Dr. R. Vernon Jeter Joins Staff of Clinic

NEW DOCTOR HERE



Dr. R. Vernon Jeter, who has been engaged in the private practice of medicine and surgery for the past year at Apex, will be associated with Drs. Alban Papineau and E. W. Furgurson at Plymouth Clinic shortly, it is announced.

New Staff Member Expected Middle of Next Week From Apex; Had Private Practice There

Dr. R. Vernon Jeter, of Apex, will become associated with Dr. E. W. Furgurson and Dr. Alban Papineau at Plymouth Clinic effective about the middle of next week, it is announced.

Dr. Jeter was born March 6, 1923, at Raleigh, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Jeter. His father is well-known for his agricultural extension work at N. C. State College.

Dr. Jeter was educated in the Raleigh public schools, and at Duke University where he received his AB degree in 1948 and his MD from Duke Medical School in 1952.

He is married to the former Martha Mann Denny, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Denny, of Roseboro, and there is one son, Vernon, jr., age six months.

The doctor served in the U. S. Army from 1943 to 1946 and saw duty in the European theatre with the 83rd Field Hospital.

Organizations to which he belongs include Kappa Alpha Social Order, Phi Chi medical fraternity, Apex Lions Club, Farm Bureau, Rural Health committee of N. C. Medical Society. He has been engaged in the private practice of medicine and surgery at Apex for the past year.

The clinic here has been serving the community for 15 years, during which time continued progress has been made.

The doors of the Plymouth Clinic were formally opened on July 1, 1940. Since that time two wings have been added, and a total of twenty-four rooms are in use.

In addition to the doctors, the clinic staff consists of the following personnel:

Mrs. S. A. Ward, jr., administrator and bookkeeper; Mrs. R. A. Quinn, receptionist; Mrs. Douglas Gurkin, registered graduate nurse;

Second Salk Shots Next Week Maybe

First and second-grade students in the Plymouth area may (may, that is) get their second shots of anti-polio Salk vaccine sometime next week.

Dr. Claudius McGowan, county health officer, said yesterday that if the necessary supply of vaccine arrives in time the long-delayed second shots in the recommended series of three shots will be given Plymouth area children in the eligible age-group at the high school next week. No tentative time has been set, however, pending arrival of the vaccine.

Second shots have already been administered to children in the Roper and Creswell sections of the county. The shots were given from the supply left over from the first round of shots. Second shots were given at Creswell May 20 and at Roper May 23. First shots throughout the county were given about a month prior to those dates.

Edward W. Taylor Resigns Job Here As Band Director

Member of Local Faculty For Past Two Years Accepts Similar Position With School in Clinton

Edward W. Taylor, music and band director at Plymouth High School for the past two years, has resigned to accept a similar position at Clinton High School, it was learned here last week-end.

Native of Roanoke Rapids and graduate of the University of Richmond, Taylor came to the school here in the fall of 1953 after completing his college work earlier that year.

He has made a great deal of progress under his direction and was generally recognized as one of the better bands in eastern Carolina last year. He also developed a junior band organization and organized an orchestra which has played for a number of local dances during the past year.

In confirming announcement of his resignation yesterday, Taylor expressed his appreciation for the cooperation and many favors shown him by local people during the past two years. He said he had enjoyed his work here and regretted leaving, but Clinton had offered him an opportunity that he did not feel he could turn down.

Taylor said his work at Clinton would include direction of both the band and glee club. He is the second member of the local faculty to go to Clinton within the past year, Assistant Coach Pete Carr leaving here last year to take a similar position there. He was assistant to Coach Sil Caruso, and under their direction Clinton had the most successful athletic teams in the history of the school.

Attendance Figures For Past Week at State Park

Official attendance figures at Pettigrew State Park for the week ending Sunday, July 10, were released today by Tom Hampton, park ranger, as follows:

Tourist total, 235; fishermen, 53; picnickers, 47; and campers, 16.

Change Made in Name of Station

North Carolina's 16 test farms, including one in this county, now have new official names. A joint statement was recently released by Dr. R. L. Lovvorn, director of the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station, and L. Y. Ballentine, commissioner of agriculture, regarding the change.

The station between Plymouth and Roper, previously known as Tidewater Test Farm, will henceforth be officially known as Tidewater Research Station. Likewise, the various other stations in the state will be referred to as research stations but will not lose their identity, names related to location being kept, as for instance, Coastal Plain Research Station, at Willard.

J. L. Rea is superintendent of the Tidewater Research Station, which is off US 64 five miles east of Plymouth.

The station was established in 1912 at Wenona and was known as the Blackland Test Farm. Fred Latham, of Belhaven, was its first local administrator. Others included Cy Perkins, a Mr. Willis, Dr. H. Bocker and A. S. Cline. Mr. Rea has been in charge since 1923.

The station was moved to its present site in 1945, Mr. Rea said. From then until the recent change it was officially known as Tidewater Test Farm.

Site Is Approved Here Tuesday for New Health Center

Three-Man Committee Selects County-Owned Lot On North Side of Old County Home Building

The proposed new Washington County Health Center will be erected on the lot reserved for that purpose when the old county home property was sold by the county recently to J. L. Horner, of Plymouth.

The old county home property was sold by the county at a special meeting of the county board of commissioners Monday, June 13. According to terms of the sale, a lot with 100-foot frontage on Highway NC 32 was excepted with the view of providing a suitable site for the proposed health center.

The site was formally approved Tuesday afternoon of this week by a special committee of three which included Dr. C. C. Applewhite, of Raleigh, director of the Division of Local Health; Bruce Jones, of the State Medical Care Commission, Raleigh; and Frank L. Brinkley, of Plymouth, chairman of the board of county commissioners. The board previously had voted Brinkley the authority to act on its behalf in all matters pertaining to the new health center.

The lot on which the health center is to be built lies north of the county home building and sitsuate between that building and the residence of Cecil Craft, sr.

The Washington County Health Department is now housed in the south wing of the county home building. The new owner has agreed to rent the space to the county until such time as the new center is ready to be occupied.

At the regular March meeting of the county commissioners here a delegation made up of Dr. Applewhite; I. A. McCary, of Raleigh, administrative assistant; Dr. E. W. Furgurson, Attorney Z. V. Norman and District Health Inspector Delbert A. Allen, all of Plymouth, appeared before the board to urge that the commissioners file an application for federal and state assistance to erect a county health center here.

It was brought out then that the present health department quarters were considered inadequate in every respect.

Dr. Applewhite also informed the commissioners that sooner or later each county in the state, not already having such a center, would erect one. He stated at the time that most counties in this state either already had centers or were in process of building them with aid from state and federal funds.

It was added that the square footage of the lot was 1,000.

Crop Prospects Good in County

Crop prospects in Washington County appear good at this time, with an unusually good corn crop in view, according to County Agent W. H. Pruden.

However, Mr. Pruden added, there has been too much rainfall for the good of soybeans in some places in the county. A washing rain reportedly fell in the Wenona section Tuesday afternoon of this week, the county agent stated. Also, Pruden said, some areas around Creswell have had too much water. Many farmers are unable to plow because the soil is too wet.

"We have not had too much rain up here in the tobacco belt," the county agent averred. No tobacco is reported having flopped from the more recent rains, although some tobacco did flop from excess moisture after heavy rains several days ago, it was said.

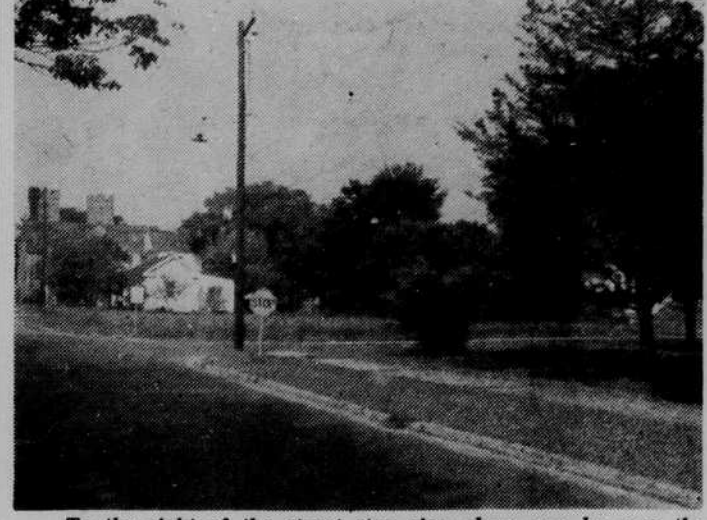
There is much dusting and spraying activity in the county, Mr. Pruden said, adding that cotton growers should make every effort to control the late crop of boll weevils and save their lint.

Postmaster Makes Unusual Report

Employees of the Plymouth post office—with their multitude of printed forms in duplicate, triplicate, etc., to fill out these days—got a chuckle the other day upon reading in a postal magazine about a report submitted by a newly appointed postmaster back in 1857, when things were a lot less formal, in the post office as elsewhere.

The ancient report is authentic, being an accurate copy from Editor's Drawer in Harper's Monthly of July, 1881. One Isaiah Johnson, appointed by President James Buchanan to be postmaster at Summerton, Fulton County, Ill., finding by his "instructions" that he was sup-

SITE FOR FUTURE HOME OF COUNTY LIBRARY



To the right of the street stop sign above can be seen the lot at the corner of Adams and Third Streets here on which the new Washington County Public Library building will be erected. The lot was donated for the purpose by Attorney and Mrs. Z. V. Norman, of Plymouth. The contract was let Monday of this week to the low bidder, Ambrose Construction Company, of Creswell, for \$9,382.38. The structure will front on Third Street. It is expected that work will commence right away.—Staff photo.

Board Approves Library Contract

Contract Goes To Ambrose Construction Company, of Creswell, at Low Bid of \$9,382.38; Road Petitions

New TV Set Gift To John Darden

The county commissioners, in regular monthly session here Monday of this week, voted to accept the bid of Ambrose Construction Company, of Creswell, for erection of a new building to house the Washington County Public Library.

Other matters acted upon at the meeting, postponed a week from the usual meeting time because of the Independence Day holiday, included hearing of routine reports, acceptance of two road improvement petitions to be forwarded to the highway department and a few other matters of a minor nature.

Sealed bids for construction of the new library building were opened and it was found that the Creswell construction firm was the low bidder at \$9,382.38, as against a bid of \$9,567 submitted by L. L. Owens, of Plymouth.

The Owens bid was rejected and upon motion of Commissioner J. C. Knowles, of Roper, seconded by Commissioner Hubert L. Davenport, of Skippersville, it was voted to accept the bid of Ambrose Construction Company.

The plans, specifications, etc., are to be signed by the contractors and by Frank L. Brinkley, chairman of the board of county commissioners. It is understood that the contractor will begin construction immediately.

The library building will be erected on a lot at the corner of Adams and Third Streets donated for the purpose by Attorney and Mrs. Z. V. Norman, of Plymouth. Earlier this year the commissioners allocated \$10,000 from county funds with which to build the new structure.

The library is now housed in crowded quarters on the second floor of the county courthouse and adjoining the courtroom. There is no reading room and it has also been pointed out by advocates for a library building that a library located on the ground floor would be more convenient to patrons. Circulation of books, including the county bookmobile, which has regularly scheduled runs three days each week, and branches, has increased rapidly in recent years.

The new building will front on Third Street. Proponents say that the location should prove ideal. There will be an adequate reading room and considerably more space will be available for the display of books. Plans were drawn by Harry Hultman, who donated his services.

Other matters transacted Monday by the county board: E. J. Spruill, county tax collector, reported the sum of \$2,240.58.

Support Urged by Leaders in Farm Referendum Vote

County agricultural leaders are urging Washington County growers to support the tobacco and peanut referendum issues to be voted on at three polling places in the county Saturday of next week.

The issues to be voted on by eligible growers are: (1) Do the tobacco farmers want to continue marketing quotas on tobacco? (2) Do the farmers want to continue to pay 10 cents an acre to promote the sale of tobacco? and (3) Do the peanut growers want to pay two cents a bag to promote the sale and use of peanuts?

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The board was informed by the superintendent that three surplus two-bedroom unit houses located at Alexander Park, Portsmouth, Va., had been assigned to the county school system by the public housing administration. It is planned to use the houses as dressing rooms and for storage in connection with the physical education program.

Roy F. Lowry was sworn in for a fifth term as county superintendent of schools by W. T. Stillman, clerk of Superior Court.

All members of the board were present as follows: P. B. Belanga, Creswell; J. Whitford Swain, Roper; J. W. Norman and Mrs. J. S. Trowbridge, Plymouth; L. E. Hassell, of Roper, chairman.

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Air Spotters in Saturday Alert

Ground Observer Corps posts at Plymouth and Roper took part in Skytrain V last Saturday, along with posts in 57 counties of the state and a successful performance was reported by supervisors of both county posts.

Roper Post Supervisor Jesse Rawls reports that 26 volunteers were on duty there on Saturday during the 12-hour alert which began at 9 a. m. 15 calls were placed. At Plymouth, Supervisor A. L. Whitehurst said 27 volunteers were on duty and 26 calls were placed.

Lt. Carlin and Sgt. Bryan, representing the Durham Filter Center, visited both posts briefly during the alert.

Legal Whiskey Sales Under \$15,000 for County in June

Legal whiskey sales in Washington County during June totaled \$14,392.90, according to figures obtained from W. C. Stovens, manager of the Plymouth ABC Store.

Sales for the ABC at the Creswell outlet amounted to \$1,034.40, it was said, while the Plymouth store accounted for \$13,358.50 of the grand total.

Education Board Acts in Number of Matters Monday

Contracts of New Teachers Approved; Miss Underhill Named Supervisor; Bid For Fence Approved

The Washington County Board of Education at its meeting here Monday approved four new teachers. The contracts of Andrew M. Wood, Miss Elizabeth Topping and Mrs. Mary S. Ladd were approved for the Plymouth School. Wood is to be assistant football coach. The fourth whose contract was approved—A. K. Spencer, jr.—will assume the position of agriculture teacher at Creswell.

The low bid of \$770 submitted by Cyclone Fence Company to supply about 407 feet of nine gauge fence, seven feet high, for the Plymouth Athletic Field, was approved.

Miss Sue Harris Underhill was designated supervisor of the Washington County Schools.

The bid of J. Winton Sawyer to furnish for \$75 two marble plaques for the Roper School was accepted. To comply with Section 3 of Article 19 of the new public school laws of North Carolina, the board passed a resolution requesting that the Tyrrell County pupils residing in the Lake Phelps area who have always attended school in Washington County be assigned to the Washington County unit. The full text of the resolution follows:

"Whereas the students residing in that section of Tyrrell County near Lake Phelps, which is encircled in red on the attached map, have always attended the Creswell or other Washington County Schools and whereas no road is conveniently available over which to transport them to Columbia without going through or near Creswell, the Washington County Board of Education respectfully request that the Tyrrell County Board of Education assign those students residing in the area above described to the Washington County unit during the 1955-56 school term and as long thereafter as the Tyrrell County Board of Education desires that they be assigned to the Washington County unit, or until this action be rescinded by the Washington County Board of Education.

"The Washington County Board of Education agrees that in the event the Tyrrell County Board of Education assigns the pupils to Washington County to furnish to them without cost all the educational facilities of the county which are supplied free to the Washington County students."

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