

Chester R. Askew and Heber Respass, jr., are planning to leave Saturday afternoon for Moultrie, Ga., to take three loads of tobacco for sale on the Georgia-Florida markets, which opened today. So far as could be learned here, this will be the first tobacco from here to be sold this season. Askew said yesterday that his tobacco crop is as good as he has ever had. He is curing on his fourth barn this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Allen and two sons, J. W., III, and Jan Michael, returned last Friday after spending two weeks with relatives in the Poconos Mountains in Pennsylvania. They came back just in time to run into the hottest spell of weather Plymouth has had this season, and J. W. said Monday that he had to admit it was cooler up there than it was here.

A marriage performed Monday evening of this week by Justice of the Peace J. T. McNair brought his overall total to 180 over a span of 45 years. On Monday evening Mr. McNair officiated as Edwin Earl Hendley and Mary Lou Hicks, both of Panama City, Fla., were united in marriage at his home on West Third Street.

Airman 2/c Joel M. Smith has notified his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Smith, that he is on his way to a new Air Force post at Guam, sailing from the west coast on July 15. Young Smith entered the Air Force in July of last year, receiving his basic training at Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas, and then being assigned to a medical administration school at Montgomery, Ala. Since last December, he has been stationed at Biggs AFB, El Paso, Texas.

Mrs. Sybil Bowen and children, Lowell and Kay, spent last weekend at Nags Head with County Auditor and Mrs. Jack Spruill at their cottage there. Jack said Monday that fishing was not much good at the beach last week-end, and although the weather was extremely hot, there was always a good breeze.

Attending the 10-day Southern Furniture and Rug Market in High Point during the past week and a half from Plymouth were Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Hopkins, Herman Hooker and W. J. Woolard. Messrs. Woolard and Hooker were in High Point last week, while Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins went up last Sunday and will return today.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Raymond Leggett went to Durham Monday to take their 14-year-old daughter, Sandra, for examination and treatment at McPherson hospital there. Mrs. Leggett remained in Durham with Sandra, while Raymond returned home Monday night.

Final Figures on Cancer Campaign

Final figures have been released on the annual Cancer fund-raising campaign, showing a grand total of \$1,578.05 contributed in Washington County.

The figures were released by Mrs. Edward Craft, county campaign chairman. Actual quota for the county in the drive was \$1,029.

Donations were broken down by communities and work divisions as follows: Plymouth residential, \$1,134.05; Plymouth business, \$150.88; Creswell, white and colored, \$131.24; Roper white, \$32.26; Roper colored, \$28; Mackeys, \$22.62; Westover, \$20; Wenona, \$22; Clubs (white and colored countywide), \$37; total, \$1,578.05.

The Washington County unit of the American Cancer Society is organized as follows: Mrs. Harry Browning, commander; Mrs. Craft, campaign chairman; H. E. Newland, publicity; Edward Craft, education; Aubrey Liverman, treasurer; Mrs. Woodrow Collins, co-treasurer; Mrs. Nyal Womble and Mrs. Durand Keel, trades and industry; Miss Elizabeth Wood, chairman, executive committee; Dr. A. Papineau, consulting physician.

Mrs. Craft wishes to thank all organizational personnel, the many volunteers solicitors and divisional chairmen, and all other persons who in any way contributed to the success of the annual fund-raising campaign.

11 4-H Club Members To Attend State Meet

Eleven Washington County 4-H club members are planning to attend the annual 4-H club week at State College in Raleigh, starting next Monday and continuing through Saturday, July 30. A full week of events has been planned for the 4-H clubbers which will be "educational, inspiring and challenging," according to advance reports.

Members from Washington County who will attend are: Daphne

THERE'S A LOT OF POTENTIAL BARBECUE OR OTHER GOOD EATING HERE



Just sit tight, neighbor, it's really no stamped, appearances to the contrary notwithstanding... merely a herd of hogs seeking a cooler environment on the Sunny View Farms of Reed Devaney in the Turnpike section near here. That's ladino-fescue pasture and the hogs, numbering about 500, are about ready to go to market. Devaney, transplanted Indianan, has some 1,200 acres under cultivation, including a single field of corn measuring 750 acres. The corn rows are a mile and a quarter in length. There are 100 acres each devoted to ladino and fescue and lespedeza and fescue, the latter to be cut for hay. The hogs, incidentally, are Hampshires—a good meat type—and Devaney started with 125 brood sows last spring. He sold 25 sows but has 65 gilts to add to the remaining 100 for next year. By weaning the pigs at 10 days he says he gets three litters a year from each sow. An experiment on prepared feed showed that pigs so fed weighed 100 pounds heavier each at the end of an eight-week period than did pigs left with the sows.—Staff photo.

Deed for Library Lot Executed To County

Receive Peppers Here Tomorrow

Arrangements have been made with the William Hearne Produce Company to have a buyer here tomorrow and sales will be resumed at the Plymouth Produce Auction Market here at 10 o'clock Friday morning. It was announced yesterday by W. T. Freeman, one of the market operators.

The price for No. 1 peppers, well filled and in new baskets, will start at \$1.25 per basket, Mr. Freeman said. The local market has been closed since Monday of last week, when the bottom dropped out so far as pepper prices were concerned. The market is now said to be stronger, and operators of the market hope to take care of all the peppers brought here.

Beaufort County Man Is New SCS Head for County

Henry J. Bragg Replaces H. E. Newland as County Conservationist; Newland Transferred To Brevard

H. E. Newland, who has been stationed at Plymouth with the Soil Conservation Service since the fall of 1949, left Monday to take up his new duties with the service in Transylvania County. Mr. Newland will be stationed at Brevard. He came here from Davidson County. This year Mr. Newland will complete his 21st year with the SCS.

The new conservationist here is Henry J. Bragg, of Washington. Mr. Bragg also has seen many years' service in soil conservation work. He is a native of Yeatsville in Beaufort County and graduated from Bath High School and N. C. State College, where he majored in soils and fertilizers. He has been a soil scientist for the Soil Conservation Service for over 20 years, during which time he has worked through most of this state, parts of South Carolina and New York State. He has made Washington headquarters since 1949 and before that time was located at Windsor, Elizabeth City and Greenville.

Mr. Bragg is married to the former Josephine Grimes, of Winston-Salem and Lexington and there are two children, Henry, jr., 14, and Libby, 4.

Collections on 1955 Taxes Total More Than \$60,000 Here

Approximately \$60,000 in 1955 taxes have already been collected by the Town of Plymouth and Washington County, it was learned Monday of this week. The early payments were made in order to take advantage of the discount for pre-payments.

E. J. Spruill, county auditor and tax collector, said more than \$30,000 had been received by the county on 1955 taxes up to this week. The county allows a discount of 2 per cent for taxes paid during the months of June and July.

W. A. Roebuck, town clerk, said about \$29,000 had been collected so far on 1955 taxes. The town uses the regular state schedule of discounts, which calls for 1 1/2 per cent for payments made during July.

The number of taxpayers who have prepaid their accounts runs into hundreds, according to the tax collectors. It used to be that railroads and utility companies were about the only ones to pay in advance, but a great many individuals now come in early to take advantage of the discounts. Mortgage companies also pay taxes on much of the property on which they hold papers, swelling the total of prepaid taxes.

When taxes are paid before receipts are made out, the amounts are based on last year's valuations and rates. Then when the books are completed later, any discrepancies are charged or credited, according to the tax collectors.

HOME-ASSEMBLED POWER SCOOTERS POPULAR



Jack L. Horner is putting in a miniature golf course at the old county home property he recently bought here. The course is being laid out under the big oak trees in front of the building, and construction work is proceeding at a fairly rapid pace this week.

In addition to the miniature course he is building a concession stand, where soft drinks will be available. Buck Holloman, who owns and operates a similar course at Williamston, has been supervising installation of the course here. Jim Beasley, golf pro at the country club here, will manage and operate the course at nights, according to present plans.

Mr. Horner was unable to say yesterday just when construction would be completed. Several items of equipment, including lights, have not been received, but he hopes to have the course in operation within another week or so.

Second Salk Shots To Be Given Here Friday, July 29th

For White and Colored First And Second Graders of Plymouth Area; Already Given Elsewhere

A schedule for administering second doses of the Salk anti-polio vaccine to first and second grade children in the Plymouth area was announced this week by the district health department. The vaccine will be administered at the health department in the old county home here Friday of next week, July 29. White children are to come between the hours of 9 and 11 a. m., while colored children will be treated from 1 to 2.

Parents are requested to please make careful note of the hours and have their children at the health department at the proper time. First shots of the vaccine were given before the schools closed last spring, and second shots have already been administered to first and second graders in the Roper and Creswell sections.

Dr. McGowan, district health officer, said yesterday that authorities are recommending that children get the polio vaccine now, even though it is the usual polio season. There is not as much polio in the state as usual this summer, and Washington County has never had an epidemic, according to the health officer. The county board of health has gone on record as approving the administration of second doses at this time.

Miss Elizabeth Wood, county health nurse, said the vaccine for second doses has been received here, and it was decided to administer it as soon as reasonable notice could be given parents. Remember the date, Friday, July 29, white children from 9 to 11 a. m., and colored children from 1 to 2 p. m.

Hunting, Fishing Licenses on Sale For New Seasons

Types and Prices About Same as Last Year; Most Old Licenses Expire on July 31st

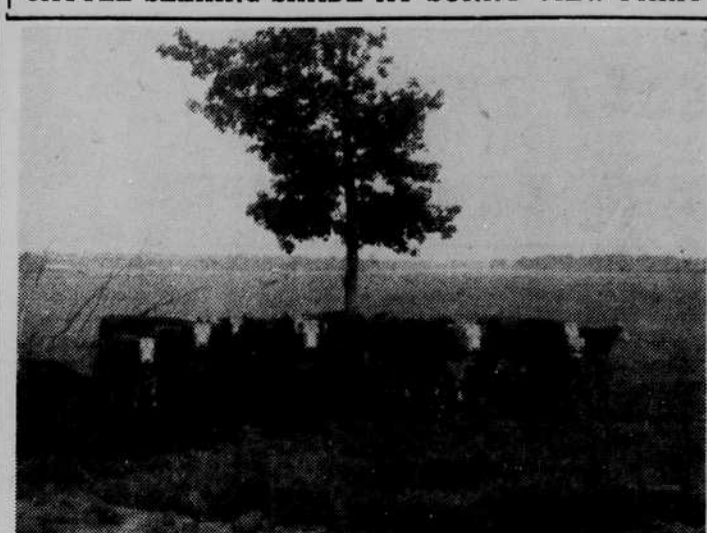
Hunting and fishing licenses for the 1955-56 season have been received and are now on sale, County Game Protector J. T. Terry announced this week. Practically all old licenses expire July 31, and sportsmen are warned against putting off getting new ones and forgetting about it.

Types of licenses and fees for the new season are about the same as they were last year. The complete schedule is as follows: Combination hunting and fishing license for state residents, \$4.10; state fishing license \$3.10; county fishing license \$1.10; state hunting license \$3.10 county hunting license \$1.10.

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Tobacco, Peanut Growers Vote on 3 Issues Saturday

CATTLE SEEKING SHADE AT SUNNY VIEW FARM



It was a hot, sultry day for man and beast when the above photo was taken and the herd of white-faced Hereford beef cattle just naturally sought the only available shade in a stretch of wide open spaces on the Sunny View Farms of Reed Devaney that lie along the Turnpike Road about seven miles from Plymouth. In the distance on the far left can be seen a new structure in process of building which will serve as a tool and implement shed, while just a bit to the right of the building are metal cribs and other outhouses. The farm, embracing a tract of some 1,500 acres including 400 acres of woodland, has been reclaimed from cutover waste land by means of bulldozers, draglines and such since it was bought by Mr. Devaney from the John L. Roper Lumber Company a few years ago. Devaney plans to go into dairying this fall, starting with about 100 milk cows.—Staff photo.

Extension of Controls and Levies To Promote Sale Of Both Crops Are Questions To Be Decided

Washington County tobacco and peanut growers will go to the polls Saturday of this week, July 23, to vote on three propositions related to the success of their crops. They will vote on continuing marketing quotas for tobacco, on retaining the 10-cent per acre assessment for promoting the sale of tobacco, and on increasing the peanut assessment from 1 to 2 cents per 100 pounds for research, crop improvement and advertising.

Voting hours will be from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m. at the three polling places in the county, ASC officials here have announced.

Eligible voters may go to the polling place most convenient for them, it was stated.

Polling places will be: Norman Chesson Store, Roper; C. N. Davenport Garage, Creswell;

County Agriculture Building, in Plymouth.

Declaring that now is no time to slacken in regard to farm programs, County Farm Bureau President T. R. Spruill today strongly urged all eligible farmers in Washington County to go to their respective polling places Saturday and express themselves in the referendums to be held that day.

Mr. Spruill said farmers will have a chance to endorse two farm program organizations through promotional referendums which will be held jointly with the government's marketing quota vote.

Organizations referred to are the North Carolina Peanut Growers Association and Tobacco Associates.

Both organizations are working, Mr. Spruill said, to step up consumption of farmers' products. The only difference, it was pointed out, is that Tobacco Associates is developing overseas flue-cured tobacco markets while the peanut association is primarily concerned with obtaining a large domestic consumption of the Virginia type peanut.

Peanut growers will have to decide on July 23 whether to endorse their organization to the tune of 2 cents per 100 pounds contribution for the next three crop years, it was added.

The rate now is 1 cent per 100 pounds, but that amount is said to be inadequate if to cover the important areas of legislative activity, research, crop improvement.

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Monday's 97 Hottest So Far This Summer

Well Below Mark of 102 Reached Here in June, 1952; Beaches and Swimming Pools Crowded

Last Monday was the hottest day of the year so far, the mercury reaching a maximum of 97, according to records at the weather reporting station at Tidewater Research Station, about five miles east of Plymouth. Monday's high of 97 followed Saturday's 93, Sunday's 95, and was followed by a high of 94 Tuesday.

Most local people seemed to think last Sunday was the hottest so far this season, but the records do not bear them out. However, Sunday's minimum temperature of 75 was a little higher than Monday's minimum of 72, which may have accounted for some of the difference in people's feelings.

The hot spell of the past week does not constitute a record, by any means, although the complete absence of any rain here since Monday of last week has made it seem hotter. Monday was the hottest day, however, since August 16 of last year, when the thermometer reached 97. Last year's hottest weather came on July 3 and 23, when a high reading of 98 degrees was recorded.

Record highs were recorded at the Tidewater station near here on June 26 and 27, 1952, when the mercury went to 102 each day. Next hottest days on record were 101 reached in July, 1932, and June 30, 1936. Records at the station go back to 1915.

Last week-end's weather was enough to send everyone who could get there to beaches, swimming pools and similar places to cool off. Albemarle Beach, Nags Head and Morehead City were crowded with Plymouth folks seeking relief from the heat, while record crowds were on hand at the country club swimming pool Saturday and Sunday.

Air-conditioned stores and offices here were popular the first part of this week, although they seemed to make the heat much worse when a person came back out on the street. Many people reported they had difficulty sleeping during the hot spell, and appliance stores did a rushing business with electric fans.

High and low readings at the Tidewater Station from last Thursday through Tuesday were as follows: Thursday, high 88, low 62; Friday, 89 and 65; Saturday, 93 and 73; Sunday, 95 and 75; Monday, 97 and 72; and Tuesday, 94 and 72.

Weather forecasts yesterday offered little prospect of relief during the next few days, although scattered thundershowers were expected, which might cool things off temporarily.

Albemarle Youth Rally To Be Held Next Sunday

The Albemarle Youth for Christ rally will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Berea Church of Christ, near Hertford, it was announced Monday. The Rev. Cary Dannelly, pastor of the Plymouth Church of Christ, will be the guest speaker. The public is invited to attend.

Cannery Is Now Open in Creswell

The community cannery at Creswell began operations Tuesday of this week at the agriculture building in Creswell. Announcement is made that the cannery will be in operation each Tuesday and Thursday until further notice.

The cannery is under the supervision of A. K. Spencer, jr., agriculture teacher at the Creswell school. People in the community who have canning to do are invited to use the facilities available at the cannery.

Farm Bureau Head Urges Support in Referendum Vote

Reynold Spruill Says Tobacco Farmers of County Received \$366,674 More From 10-Cent Levy

Washington County growers have a \$366,674 stake in the flue-cured tobacco referendum Saturday, July 23.

This is the amount they received for their tobacco that was sold to overseas markets in 1954 and represents 35 per cent of the \$1,147,640 Washington County growers received for their crop last year.

Reynold Spruill, of Roper, county farm bureau president, today urged all flue-cured farmers to get out and vote Saturday, as he disclosed these statistics.

"In order words," Spruill said, "30 cents out of every dollar tobacco brings to growers here in Washington County comes from sales to foreign countries. The referendum will determine whether the farmers are willing to continue to assess themselves 10 cents per acre—or about 50 cents a year for the average grower during the next three years. That market meant

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Three Prisoners Escaped Sunday

Three long-term convicts escaped from the Washington County Prison Camp near Creswell Sunday afternoon and had not been recaptured up to Tuesday afternoon, it was learned from Sheriff J. K. Reid. The three men were located in a watermelon patch on Joe Pritchard's farm Monday afternoon, but they managed to get away again, the sheriff said.

The prisoners, all Negroes, are Junior Thompson, 20, of Rockingham County, serving 10 to 15 years; George Clark, 20, of Anson County, serving 8 years; and Willie Victor Bryant, 44, of Pitt County, serving a 5 to 7 year sentence.

The men were believed to have escaped around 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, when all the prisoners were in the yard. They used a pair of wire pliers to cut a hole in the stockade fence next to the woods and got out that way.

Three sets of bloodhounds were secured and put on their trail, but due to the hot, dry weather prevailing, soon lost it. Sheriff Reid and his deputies, in addition to highway patrolmen and prison camp guards, assisted in the search.

Peanut and Tobacco Meet Set for Tonight

An important meeting of the Washington County Farm Bureau will be held Thursday night of this week, July 21, at 8 o'clock, it was announced Tuesday by T. Reynold Spruill, of Roper, president. The meeting will be held in the agriculture building in Plymouth, and all tobacco and peanut growers in the county are urged to attend, whether or not they are members of the farm bureau.

Purpose of the meeting is to discuss the tobacco and peanut referendum to be held on Saturday of

this week. Leading the discussion on the peanut referendum will be Joe Sugg, secretary of the N. C. Peanut Growers Association, while Bill Little, Farm Bureau representative, will discuss the tobacco program.

In appealing for a large attendance attending at the meeting here tonight, Mr. Spruill also urged every eligible grower to be sure to vote in the referendum Saturday. A heavy vote from this county will indicate that farmers are interested in their own business, Mr. Spruill said.