

Marion C. Holland, of Goldsboro, state field representative with the Farmers Home Administration, and D. G. Modlin, of Williamston, FHA appraisal supervisor whose promotion to area supervisor effective August 1 has just been announced, were business visitors to Plymouth Tuesday of this week.

Have trouble getting enough ready cash together for that vacation trip? Mr. and Mrs. Bryan Harris, of Roper, have solved the problem. The couple plan to take a trip to Florida sometime next month when Mrs. Harris, county bookmobile librarian, gets her annual vacation. Mrs. Harris was in the Washington County Public Library here Tuesday and was telling how she and Mr. Harris had saved odd amounts here and there all through the year with the vacation trip in mind. "Everytime my husband would shear the sheep he would set aside something for the kitty, for example," Mrs. Harris said. "We both put away small amounts in this manner every now and then and it eventually counted up to enough to make the trip."

Miss Connie Williford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Williford, is serving as librarian at the Washington County Public Library here this week for the regular librarian, Mrs. C. E. Ayers, who is on vacation. The library will be closed all next week but will reopen at the usual hour Monday, August 8, when Mrs. Ayers will resume her duties. Mr. and Mrs. Ayers are vacationing in Florida. They are visiting Mr. Ayers' brother, Jewel Ayers, in Miami. Mr. Ayers' sister, Miss Vera Ayers, of New York City, is also visiting in Miami.

Among those attending the meeting yesterday in Elizabeth City of the Eastern District, North Carolina Chiropractors Association, were Dr. Troy Tucker, of New Bern, and Dr. A. L. Whitehurst, of Plymouth. Dr. Tucker is a brother of Ben Tucker, who formerly lived in Plymouth while a Beacon employee. The business session was followed by a banquet at an Elizabeth City hotel. About 40 attended.

A delightful cruise was enjoyed on the Scout Ship Albemarle Sunday afternoon by a party of local persons and guests of Mates Bud Lovic and Sgt. Maurice Kennedy. The ship got underway at 2 o'clock, cruised down to Albemarle Sound and dropped anchor near the railroad bridge. Bud Lovic served as skipper. Swimming and a picnic lunch were enjoyed by the group before making the return trip. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lovic, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Balder and son, H. O. Balder, jr., Mrs. Vann Little, Mrs. Maurice Kennedy and son, Michael, Mrs. Helen Kennedy and Miss Beryl C. Kennedy. Sea Scouts and their guests were Eddie Ricks, Max Graham, Eric Harrell, Phil Ange and Billy Waters and Misses Joyce Hardison, Mary Alice Kelly, Phyllis Bagley, and Linda Harrell. This was the first of a series of Sunday afternoon cruises planned for the summer, according to Skipper Alban Papineau.

Billy Hall, 12-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hall, was said to be getting along all right this week after suffering a broken left leg in a baseball game at Elizabeth City last Saturday afternoon. Billy was holding down third base for the Plymouth teen team when he was bowled over by an opposing Elizabeth City youngster, breaking Billy's leg between the ankle and knee. He was taken to an Elizabeth City hospital about 4:30, but it was nearly four hours later before a doctor could be secured to set the broken leg. Incidentally, the Elizabeth City boys were too good for the local teeners, Plymouth losing the game by a lop-sided score.

Struck by Car; Escapes Injury

Little Edward Owens, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Lloyd Owens, of Adams Street, Plymouth, had a close call Friday afternoon of last week but escaped serious injury.

According to his mother, the child darted into the path of an oncoming car. He was struck down and was rushed to the Washington County Hospital where a complete check-up was made. It was found that he had suffered only minor scratches and bruises and the child was released.

Name of the driver of the vehicle was not learned but Mrs. Owens stated that the car was traveling at a slow rate of speed and that the accident was obviously unavoidable.

Wiener Roast Slated Here By Wesleyan Service Guild

The Wesleyan Service Guild of Plymouth Methodist Church will hold a wiener roast at the home of Donnie Knowles Monday night of next week, guild officials have announced. Time is 7 o'clock and all guild members are cordially invited to attend.

Chases Erratic Driver Right to Police Station

Foye Davenport, Plymouth policeman, has made many a chase in his years on the force but until 10:30 Monday morning he never had literally chased his man to the police station, he declares. It started at the corner of Main and Washington Streets when Foye, driving the police car, spotted an auto bearing an Indiana tag and being operated in a manner to strongly suggest that the

driver was "under the influence." The car sped away with the police car in hot pursuit and the chase ended when the quarry headed into the curb directly in front of the police headquarters on East Water Street. Foye blocked the car in and was greeted by the admission, "I'm drunk as hell!" According to all reports the man was so right and he was promptly jailed to sober up and face a drunken driving charge.

B & L Here Resumes Sales Paid-Up Stock

HERE NEXT TUESDAY



Dr. H. Broadus Jones, head of the English Department at Wake Forest College and 278th District Rotary Governor, will pay his official visit to the local Rotary Club at its regular meeting here next Tuesday night.

Has Paid 3 Per Cent Interest For Number of Years; Resources of Association Continue to Grow

Paid-up stock in the Plymouth Building & Loan Association is being offered for sale again, it was announced this week by I. Miller Warren, secretary. Paying 3 per cent interest for the past five or six years, the stock has been so popular with local investors that only limited amounts have been available and none has been offered for sale for over a year.

Increase in the number and amount of applications for loans on local improved real estate makes possible resumption of sale of the paid-up stock, the secretary stated. As of June 30, the association had total resources of \$598,673, and the amount has passed the \$600,000 mark since that time. The June 30 statement showed approximately 300 mortgage loans in force, totaling \$539,476.23. These loans were made to local people for building, repairing or buying homes, and all are secured by first mortgages on the real estate involved.

The association also has \$13,647.82 outstanding in stock loans, representing loans made to stockholders, some of which are more than 90 per cent of the value of stock owned by the borrower.

Three classes of stock are issued by the association, paid-up, optional and installment. As of June 30 the amount of stock outstanding in each class was as follows: paid-up, \$311,900; optional, \$70,000; and installment, \$88,581 (actual amount paid in on installment shares). All classes have been earning about 3 per cent interest, according to Warren.

Organized here in the fall of 1937, the association boasts that, up to now, it has never had a foreclosure. Real estate loans are limited to two-thirds of the appraised value of the property on which loans are made. All loans are now made on the direct-reduction plan, which means that borrowers pay interest only on the unpaid balance of their loans, and each payment made further reduces the unpaid balance. When the association first went into business, interest of 6 per cent was paid on the entire amount of the loan until the stock which secured it matured, usually in about six and two-thirds years. Under the direct-reduction plan, the cost to borrowers is substantially reduced, according to association officials.

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County Soil Supervisors Meet Here Friday Night

Soil conservation district supervisors of Washington County will meet Friday night of this week at 8 o'clock in the soil conservation office in the agricultural building here. In addition to going over local conditions and problems with the new soil conservationist, Henry J. Bragg, who recently succeeded Harry E. Newland here, the supervisors will prepare a report for the district meeting to be held at Swan Quarter next Thursday, August 4. Soil conservation supervisors for Washington County are Carl Hey, of Wenona, chairman; Joe Snell, of Plymouth; and Aydlett Morris, of Creswell.

Rotary Club Here To Hear District Governor Tuesday

Dr. H. Broadus Jones, of Wake Forest, To Pay Annual Official Visit in Section Next Week

Plymouth Rotary Club will host next Tuesday, August 2 to Dr. H. Broadus Jones, governor of the 278th district of Rotary International, who is making his annual official visit to each of the 39 Rotary Clubs in the district. He will address the club at its regular dinner meeting at 7 p. m. and confer with President Howard T. Walker and Secretary Edward M. Spruill and committee chairmen while here.

Dr. Jones is head of the English department of Wake Forest College and was elected district governor of Rotary at the convention in Chicago last June. He is one of 238 district governors supervising the activities of 8,700 Rotary clubs which have a membership of 414,000 in 92 countries of the world.

"Wherever Rotary Clubs are located," President Walker stated in commenting on the governor's visit, "their activities are similar to those of the Rotary Club of Plymouth, because they are based on the same general objectives — developing better understanding and fellowship among business and professional men, promoting community betterment undertakings, raising the standards of business and professions, and fostering the advancement of good will, understanding and peace among all the people's of the world." Sponsorship of the annual Empty Stocking Fund each December is one of the outstanding accomplishments of the local club, and it has had a leading part in promoting many other undertakings for community betterment.

Land Measurements Bring Many Protests

Dissatisfaction of some farmers in this county over crop acreage measurements, particularly in reference to tobacco, flared up openly during the past week.

At a meeting of the Washington County Farm Bureau last Thursday night members present voted unanimously in favor of elimination of crop acreage measurements to hundredths on all crops under allotment.

Then Monday of this week a number of growers milled about in the corridor and the ASC offices located in the agriculture building here, several of them vociferously expressing their dissatisfaction.

Miss Miriam Ausbon, county ASC office manager, was questioned Wednesday by a Beacon reporter in regard to the complaints. She explained that the procedure of carrying acreage measurement figures to tenths of an acre is decidedly unpopular with many county farmers, particularly tobacco growers. However, Miss Ausbon pointed out, the regulation is set on the national and state levels and county offices must follow practices set by federal and state offices in this regard.

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Thereupon the state office recommended that vocational agriculture teachers in the county be contacted and asked to send their best students for training as crop reporters. This recommendation was carried out, Miss Ausbon stated, and of those who enrolled for training only one was experienced, he having worked last year. And, she added, even that one had only limited experience for he had dropped out before the program was completed a year ago. However, he was persuaded to work this year.

Second Salk Shots Here Tomorrow

All is in readiness for administering second doses of Salk anti-polio vaccine to first and second grade children in the Plymouth area Friday of this week, an announcement from the district health department here today stated.

The vaccine will be administered to white and colored children in the area at the health department in the old county home building, the announcement stated.

Hours have been set for white children from 9 to 11 a. m. and for colored children from 1 to 2 p. m. Parents of children in the required age group are asked to keep the hours in mind and have their

children at the department during the listed time.

First shots of the vaccine were administered to 584 county first and second graders during the period from April 20 to 25. Sufficient vaccine was left over from the original supply in this county to give second shots to students in the Roper and Creswell areas some weeks late. However, there was not enough vaccine here at the time to complete the schedule.

Dr. Claudius McGowan, of Plymouth, who is district health officer, stated recently that authorities are recommending that second shots be given now to those children who have had but one inoculation, de-

spite the fact that summer is the usual polio season.

There is less polio in the state this summer than usual, it was pointed out, and this county has never had an epidemic, Dr. McGowan said.

The county board of health has gone on record as approving the administration of second doses at this time, it was said.

Miss Elizabeth Wood, county health nurse, also strongly urges parents of first and second grade children to bring their children to the department Friday for the second doses of the vaccine and reminds that children should be brought during the hours above listed.

Farm Bureau Unit Here Takes Action On Several Items

Opposition to Fallon Bill Voiced at Meeting Last Thursday: Votes Against 'Hundredths' Measuring

At a meeting of the county Farm Bureau unit, held in the auditorium of the agriculture building here Thursday night of last week, action was taken on several matters of importance to all farmers. There were 23 members present.

The meeting was called to order by President T. R. Spruill of Roper, after which Miss Miriam Ausbon, the county ASC office manager, explained and discussed polling places for the referendum on tobacco acreage control, tobacco and peanut assessments for promotion of the respective crops.

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Benj. F. Bateman, 85, Drowns Wednesday

Accident in Elizabeth River Off Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, Va.; Three Others Rescued

Benjamin Franklin Bateman, elderly Plymouth resident, lost his life in a boating accident at 11:15 a. m. Wednesday in the Elizabeth River just off the Norfolk, Va., Naval Shipyard.

Mr. Bateman's wife, Mrs. Marina Bateman, his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel A. Bateman, of Goldsboro, were rescued, however.

According to a Norfolk report, attention came to the victim of the mishap within minutes after the 13-foot boat in which the four were riding struck a plank and sank, but efforts to revive him were futile.

The victim's son gave the investigating officers this account of the accident:

The elder man was operating the craft at "a rapid rate," saw the plank in the water and maneuvered the boat in an effort to miss the danger. However, as the boat turned the plank struck the rear of the craft and knocked a hole in the stern which caused the boat to sink rapidly.

The son said in his opinion the throttle was wide open at the time. The boat was powered by a 22 h.p. outboard motor. At the impact the bow of the boat reared and fell back, leaving the four persons in the water, it was said.

Warrant Officer W. C. Everett, of the Coast Guard Base, said he saw the accident and heard the cries for help. He got a small boat and reached the scene "in a matter of minutes." According to the account, Everett reached the elder Bateman at once, found him clinging to the boat's steering wheel from which he was separated "only with difficulty." An unidentified Navy seaman who saw the accident dived from a Navy barge and kept the elder Mrs. Bateman afloat until the Coast Guard cutter Madrona came up. A Navy motor launch and the Coast Guard cutter Linden also came to the rescue. The elder Bateman was taken aboard the cutter and to shore at once where efforts with a resuscitator failed. He was then rushed to a Portsmouth hospital.

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County Rainfall Light for Month

The weather for the months of June and July has been just the reverse of what it was a year ago in this county, a recent check in records shows.

Last year June was dry with less than an inch of rainfall recorded at the weather station near here, while for the first 27 days of July total precipitation was listed at 5.22 inches.

The total for July 1953, one of the driest for that month of the year on record here, showed 4.02.

This year June was on the wet side with about 6 inches rainfall. However, July has been hot and mostly dry, although light showers have fallen on 10 days of the period.

A total of .56 of an inch fell here Sunday and Monday but the rains at the Tidewater Station where the weather station is located were much lighter than in Plymouth, it was said. Total rainfall through Monday stood at 2.27 inches, the figures showed. The temperature high readings stayed above the 90-degree mark from Saturday, July 16 until Monday of this week when the high was recorded at 88 degrees. Tuesday it reached 89. Wednesday of last week the high was 92, Thursday 93, Friday 94 and Saturday 95. Sunday's high fell to 92. Low readings for the same period listed in order, were 72, 66, 67, 71, 72, 73 and 68.

Quotas Approved For Tobacco for Next Three Years

Six - State Area Approves Controls on Flue-Cured Leaf; County Votes Heavily in Favor of Quotas

Accepting by their vote a 12 per cent cut in acreage allotments for the 1956 tobacco crop, flue-cured tobacco growers in North Carolina and five other states gave overwhelming approval to continuance of marketing quotas and 90 per cent of parity price supports for 1956, 1957 and 1958 crops in the referendum held Saturday of last week.

At the same time, North Carolina tobacco growers voted to continue the 10 cents an acre assessment per grower for support of Tobacco Associates, Inc., while N. C. peanut growers voted to continue their assessment program and in 1956 to step up the rate from 1 cent to 2 cents per 100 pounds of peanuts sold.

The funds from the latter source will go to North Carolina Peanut Growers Association, Inc., for the purpose of promoting peanuts. The per acre assessment on tobacco is designed to promote foreign sales of flue-cured leaf through the agency, Tobacco Associates, Inc.

The percentage of growers voting in Washington County in favor of continued controls on tobacco was greater than the overall vote in favor of the referendum as against those opposed in the six states in which the vote was held. However, the comparison is based on complete and official figures for the county and incomplete reports from the voting area as a whole.

Of the estimated 400 eligible voters in this county in the tobacco referendum only 185 voted. Of these, 174 voted in favor of marketing controls on the crop for three years; 7 voted for controls but for 1956 only; while 4 growers expressed opposition to quotas on the crop.

In complete reports from 47 of 72 N. C. counties voting for market controls, See QUOTAS, Page 12

Change in Set-Up Of FHA in State Announced Today

Reorganization on District And State Levels Creates Area Supervisor Posts; Modlin Named Head

D. G. Modlin, of Williamston, well-known in this section for his work with the Farmers Home Administration, will assume his new duties as area supervisor for 10 northeastern counties effective next Monday, it was learned here this week.

The area includes Washington County. Other counties in the group are Martin, Bertie, Tyrrell, Chowan, Gates, Camden, Pasquotank, Perquimans and Currituck.

The new post for Mr. Modlin was created along with other such ones in the states as a result of reorganization on the district and state level.

Marion C. Holland, of Goldsboro, state field representative, who was in Plymouth Tuesday of this week, stated that the new set-up "ought to accelerate our program."

He explained that whereas heretofore it has been necessary before getting an appraisal to route the application through the state office and back that under the new arrangement the county supervisor will simply notify Mr. Modlin who in turn will advise the county supervisor of the date for his visit and appraisal.

Mr. Modlin will do all appraisal work on real estate loans to be made in the 10-county area, besides reviewing all plans for farm development such as drainage, remodeling, etc., on loans of all types made in these counties.

The new area supervisor has had more than 20 years' experience with the FHA program during which time he has been headquartered at Williamston and at Greenville as appraisal supervisor.

Mr. Holland suggested that any farmers who desire service provided through the FHA contact the supervisor in their county. It was also explained that at present funds are available for all types of loans authorized to be made through the agency, it being "one of the few times such has been the case," Mr. Holland said. W. Willis Bowen is FHA supervisor for Washington County, with offices in the basement of the county courthouse here, directly under the register of deeds office. Mrs. Ernestine Basnight, of Plymouth, is clerk.

Bookmobile To Run Next Week

Mrs. Bryan Harris, county librarian, announces that the bookmobile runs will be made Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week despite the fact that Sunday will be the fifth Sunday in the month.

Customarily, the bookmobile's regular weekly schedule is omitted the week of each fifth Sunday in the year. However, the exception is being made in order that Mrs. Harris may enjoy a two-week vacation in August. Bookmobile patrons are requested to please note.

Spotter Posts in County Said Need More Observers

Posts May Be Alerted "On Moment's Notice," Durham Filter Center Advises Recently

With a request from the Durham Filter Center that observers be ready to go on duty "at a moment's notice" the Ground Observer Corps posts at Roper and Plymouth are desperately in need of more volunteers, and soon.

Supervisors at both posts—Jesse Rawls at Roper and Dr. A. L. Whitehurst here—declared today that they will be hard-pressed indeed in the event of sudden notice of alert unless more volunteers are forthcoming at once.

In a letter from Vance R. Corbin, U. S. Air Force major in command of Detachment Three, 467th Ground Observer Squadron, Durham, the county post supervisors were told that:

"The Ground Observer Corps has been asked by the Air Force to cooperate in a very important Civil Defense operation.

"It is requested that, starting Monday, July 25 through August 31, 1955, volunteers of your Observation Post be prepared to go on duty at a moment's notice for short periods of time upon receiving a telephone call from the Durham Air Defense Filter Center.

"The purpose of standing by for immediate manning of your Post is to report movements of any balloons that may be sighted in your area.

"You will be notified by telephone to man your Observation Post for the purpose of reporting balloons. Likewise, you will be notified by telephone when to go off duty. However, please notify all Observers if possible, to be watchful for balloons at anytime during above mentioned dates. Request that all sightings of balloons which may resemble a toy balloon be reported to the Durham Filter Center, whether or not a Post is on duty at the time.

"Balloons 'Aircraft Flash' reports will be made in same manner as an 'Aircraft Flash' report with the exception of Item No. 2 which will be reported as 'Balloon.'

"A written report of balloons sighted will not be required. "Your cooperation in this matter is sincerely requested and will be greatly appreciated."

At Roper Mr. Rawls is requesting that all persons interested in volunteering for ground observer corps duty call 313-2. Also, all post members who sight aircraft, balloons, etc., while off duty should report immediately by dialing 313-2.

Those in the Plymouth area who would like to become observers should contact Dr. Whitehurst, Carl Bailey, Jr., or Charles Gardner.