

Old Glory continued to wave from the flagpole atop the post office here yesterday but one thing is certain—the various and sundry hurricanes and assorted high winds have done that particular flag absolutely no good whatsoever. In fact, the flag is pretty well tattered what with all that flapping in the breeze. A new one is definitely indicated.

No trains have crossed the railroad bridge over Albemarle Sound near here since last Thursday, a spokesman at the Norfolk Southern Station here stated late yesterday. The water is too high to permit testing the pilings, it was said. Everything has been checked above the water level, however. The water level must drop before the pilings supporting the structure can be tested and no trains will attempt to cross before that time, it was stated.

Ken Trowbridge has been secured to fill the vacancy as lifeguard at the Country Club swimming pool here caused by the resignation of Ed Taylor, who has accepted a faculty position at Clinton. Ken, former Plymouth High football star who later starred in frosh football at N. C. State and who is counted on for considerable backfield duty on the Wolfpack varsity this coming season, will serve as lifeguard at the pool.

Friends of Roy Manning will be glad to know that he is doing very well at Washington County Hospital where he has been since Saturday of last week. Roy is getting a sort of "enforced vacation" but is doubtless anxious to get back to his business and he expects to be "out-talking them" again soon.

Damage estimated at \$50,000 resulted to 34 cottages at Atlantic Beach during the recent big blow and additional damage was done to piers but a local man who owns a motel there escaped serious damage. R. L. Hollowell, manager of the Belk-Tyler store here, said this morning that the chief damage to his property was to a large neon sign.

Elvin Adams, tenant on the A. J. Riddle farm, estimates his tobacco loss from the effects of the hurricane at 200 sticks an acre. Others have estimated such damage as high as 100 sticks.

## Market Volume Ahead of 1954

Volume on the Plymouth Produce Auction Market this season is running ahead of last year—the first year the market operated here—although due to lower prices for most commodities the amount of money paid out to growers is less.

W. T. Freeman, market manager, stated today that patronage has come from a much wider area this year, showing the growth of the market and the confidence in which it is held by growers from many counties in this part of the state.

Mr. Freeman said patrons have come from such communities as Bethel, Grimesland and Pactivolus in Pitt County; Vanceboro in Craven County; Bayboro in Pamlico County; Hamilton, Jamesville, Farm Life and Bear Grass in Martin County; Aurora and Chocowinity in Beaufort County; and from Tyrrell, Chowan, Hyde and Perquimans in addition to Washington County.

The market is still receiving peppers on order. Peppers will be so received Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, Mr. Freeman stated. Good volume is expected on those days.

Every grower who wants to pick peppers for the market here should contact either Mr. Freeman or James H. Ward, of Plymouth, a partner in the firm, it was said.

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### IF THIS LOOKS LIKE THE VENICE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY JUST BLAME CONNIE



The above photos were made Friday afternoon right here in Plymouth and judging by what they show the town could at least for a while have laid claim to being the Venice of Washington County, or something. It was Connie's fault, of course. River water backed up and inundated the yard at True Temper Corporation plant, the level being almost up to the porch at the office. The other scene shows water from the canal at the foot of West Main Street covering a low place in the street.—Staff photo.



## Heavy Damage To Crops by Hurricane

### Sums Up Story Wind and Water

Hazel was long on wind damage; and Connie on water damage. That about sums it up. A check of weather station figures at Tidewater Research Station near here shows that a total of 1.10 inches of rainfall accompanied Hazel here last October 15, and, incidentally, that was the only precipitation here for that month.

What Washington County felt of Hurricane Connie was accompanied by heavy much water, on the other hand. Last Friday's precipitation alone totaled 5.04 inches, while for a six-day period starting last Wednesday and ending Monday of this week, the total stood at 8.55 inches.

## Creswell Cannery To Close Tuesday

A. K. Spencer, jr., vocational agriculture teacher on the Creswell High School faculty, wishes to remind that the Creswell cannery will close for the season at the end of the day Tuesday of next week.

The cannery was operated for the most part on Tuesdays and Thursdays of each week during the current season, but in later weeks reduced patronage resulted in one-day-a-week operations.

Mr. Spencer urged that all persons who desire to use the cannery prepare to do so next Tuesday and to remember that it will be the last day of operations for the year.

### Water Damage Greatest As Some Crops Are Inundated; Piers at Albemarle Beach Swept Away

Although Plymouth and Washington County were "by-passed" by the main force of Hurricane Connie late last week, considerable damage from wind and water was reported.

Much of the damage, practically impossible to estimate, was done to field crops. Corn in the Wenona section was reported to be under water and extremely hard hit. Some very late tobacco was reported damaged to a great extent also, one unofficial report stating that a field from which only one pulling had been made was damaged to a great extent. Soybeans and peanuts are reported to have withstood the storm well and in some instances pastures may have benefited, according to farm observers.

Quite a bit of damage was done at Albemarle Beach where bulkheads were undermined and piers swept away. The family of Paul King escaped injury when a pine tree measuring 12 inches in diameter was blown across the roof of the house in which they were sleeping Friday at 2:30 a. m. near The Pines. The house is the second on the left from the store, The Pines, on the way to Roper on US 64. Considerable damage was done to the roof of the building as well as to plaster in some of the rooms, it was reported.

Water covered all low places in the streets and highways and water from the Roanoke backed up in several places and inched toward the streets.

As in other places, people in this county had been given ample warning of the storm's approach and were much better prepared.

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## Special Meeting Of Commissioners Here on Tuesday

### Resolutions Passed Dedicating Site To Public for Health Center and Naming E. J. Spruill Treasurer

At a called meeting held here Tuesday night of this week the Washington County Board of Commissioners adopted two resolutions formally dedicating the public use site for the proposed county health center here, and naming E. J. Spruill, county auditor and tax collector, treasurer and health center project.

With the action Tuesday night the way is now cleared for contracting with an architect and the setting of a date for bids, it was said. The necessary steps on the county's part have been taken and approval by the state agencies is expected to be a mere formality.

The project to build a county health center with the aid of the federal government and the state was approved by the commissioners at a called meeting here June 28th of this year. At that time the approximate cost for a building to comprise 2,000 feet of floor space was given as \$33,350. The sum of \$7,970.60 was appropriated by the county board from the general county fund as the county's approximate part of the total cost of the structure.

Several sites available to the county and deemed suitable for the purpose and with water, sewer and street facilities conveniently available were offered for the approval of representatives of the Medical Care Commission and the State Board of Health, approved site to be furnished by the county together with water and sewer. The site chosen is a part of the old county home property and was excepted when that property was sold by the county to J. L. Horner of Plymouth sometime ago.

Commissioner H. L. Davenport moved for the adoption of the first resolution and Commissioner A. R. Latham seconded the motion. Text of the resolution follows:

"Be it resolved, That this board does hereby dedicate to the public that part of the old county home site approved by the North Carolina Medical Care Commission as the same was surveyed and platted by D. J. Brinkley, registered surveyor, on May 24, 1955, the same being a parcel of land fronting 95.5 feet and lying between the lands of

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## Education Board To Meet Monday

The Washington County Board of Education will hold its regular monthly meeting for August on Monday of next week, it is announced by R. F. Lowry, superintendent of county schools who serves as secretary to the board.

Normally the board meets on the first Monday of each month but such meetings are often postponed to a more favorable time in order to transact special matters without the necessity for a special called meeting, it is explained.

The chief item of business on the agenda Monday is expected to be the formal approval of some new teacher contracts, it was said.

## 12 Sheltered Here in Storm

Red Cross shelters were again opened here Wednesday morning of this week, according to Dr. A. L. Whitehurst, chairman of the county chapter of the American Red Cross. However, Dr. Whitehurst stated early Wednesday afternoon that no one had made use of the shelters to that time.

Five white and seven colored persons were sheltered Thursday night of last week at the veterans building and the Plymouth Colored School, respectively, Dr. Whitehurst reported. "I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the splendid cooperation in setting up the Red Cross shelters for the first time ever in this county," Whitehurst said.

## House Numbering Project Off to Good Start in Plymouth

### Six Teams of Two Workers Each Make Good Progress in Door-to-Door Calls During Last Week-End

First report on the house-numbering project currently being carried on here by the Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce will be made at the regular supper meeting of the Jaycees at the Mayflower Restaurant Friday night.

Walton Swain, who heads the special Jaycee committee in charge of the project, stated late yesterday afternoon that good progress has been made on the actual door-to-door contact work, begun last week-end.

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## County Field Crops Good; Leaf Valued Over Million

### Tobacco Markets Of Belt To Open Season Tuesday

#### County Leaf Expected on Floors in Several Towns Of Eastern Belt as New Selling Season Begins

Tobacco markets of the eastern belt will open the 1955 auction selling season Tuesday of next week.

Opening day always brings forth a carnival air as farm families and other interested spectators flock to the large warehouses where pile after pile of golden leaf, row on row, awaits the inimitable chant of the auctioneer and the furtive bids of buyers.

Much of the tobacco crop in Washington County remains to be graded for market and some is still unpolled in the field, but quite a bit of tobacco grown in the county is expected to be on the floors of warehouses at Williamston, Robersonville and Washington, as well as some at other markets of the belt.

Some county leaf has found its way to border markets. Several county growers have come together to send large truckloads to market on the border and report averages up to about 60 cents.

The crop in the county is expected to be somewhat better than that of 1954, a recent estimate by the county agent placing the total value in excess of a million dollars.

Williamston, Robersonville and Washington annually get the bulk of the county's crop, although more and more growers have been trying the Windsor market, and a number of others sell at such large markets as Greenville, Wilson and Weldon, Mount.

Although some county farm income results from the sale of truck crops, the opening of the tobacco markets of the belt is looked forward to eagerly by growers and businessmen alike as the real start of the harvest season—when rewards for capital outlay, toil and sweat begin to come in. Money always begins to circulate faster and stepped-up business activity is seen. Traditionally, tobacco money is used by the farmer to rid off debts, but even so it puts fresh money into the channels of trade.

### Revival Meeting Series To Open at Mt. Hermon

Revival services are slated to begin Wednesday night of next week at Mt. Hermon Methodist Church, it is announced. The church is in the Creswell Methodist Circuit and the pastor is W. Everett Eason.

The announcement stated that the special services will continue through Sunday, September 4. Homecoming will be observed that day and dinner will be served on the grounds.

The Rev. Dewey Tyson, of Fairfield, will be the visiting evangelist. All persons are cordially invited to attend.

### Added Grace Period Cited

County cotton farmers who have received notice of overplanted acreage from the county ASC office and who failed to make disposition of excess within the specified 20-day period immediately following receipt of such notice, may obtain an extension of time.

Mrs. Florence Oliver, performance clerk in the local ASC office, wishes to make it clear to growers that they may get a 10-day extension in which to dispose of excess cotton acreage by making request in writing to the county office. The extension does not have to immediately follow the original period, it was stated.

### Estimate by County Agent Places Sources of All Farm Income at Total of \$3,710,000

As the annual harvest season approaches in this county prospects for a better all-round return to the farmer for his expenditure of money, time, energy and just plain sweat are good, according to a rough estimate made by County Agent W. H. Pruden.

Figuring on the conservative side, Mr. Pruden came up with an estimate which is near the three and three-quarter million dollar mark. This compares with his estimate of last year of two and three-quarter million (which was actually surpassed) and an estimate in 1953 of \$3,557,891.

Based on an actual or estimated acreage of each crop and estimated yields and price, the county agent's figures showed \$3,710,000, with probably enough unlisted items of a miscellaneous nature to swell the total appreciably nearer the 3-3/4 million dollar level.

Topping the list as usual, although a poor fourth in regard to acreage planted, is the tobacco crop which county growers have already begun to market in a limited way.

Much leaf is expected to be on warehouse floors of the Eastern Belt when the auction sales for the current year begin Tuesday of next week. Figuring 1,347.8 acres planted in this county at an average yield of 1,500 pounds an acre and at an average price of 50 cents a pound, Mr. Pruden calculated the golden weed grown in Washington County to be worth \$1,010,850. This compares with an estimated \$750,000 last year and \$845,000 in 1953.

Next in value is the corn crop with a planting of 12,000 acres. Figuring the average yield in the county at 45 bushels per acre and an estimated price average of \$1.35 a bushel, the total value arrived at is \$729,000. This compares with an estimate of only \$225,000 last year, but the latter figure was low mostly because of wind damage. In 1953 the total figure for the corn crop was placed at \$545,398 in the estimate of that year.

Peanuts stand third in value at \$612,794. This is much better than the \$387,243 total shown in the 1954 estimate. Acreage was placed this year at 3,367 and average yield and price figured respectively at 1,400 pounds an acre and 13 cents a pound.

Soybeans, with a total planting of 13,000 acres top the list in that order.

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## Cotton Growers Get Information On Pest Control

### Weevil and Bollworm Infestation Indicates Continued Dusting and Spraying To Save Lint

Information of value to the cotton farmer was released this week, particularly to those with late cotton of rank growth.

It will pay to protect half-grown bolls for a week or 10 days (2 to 3 applications of an insecticide) since migrating weevils will attack immature bolls, it was pointed out.

Each field should be judged according to the conditions present. If the cotton is rank, fields wet and the crop blown over with the crop only half made, an airplane would be the only equipment for getting into the fields in time to do much good.

Where bollworms are a problem along with weevils, toxaphene, aldrin, DDT or endrin may be used as a spray or dust. Endrin is a very poisonous material but will control weevils and bollworms. Recommendations should be carefully followed.

Where the bolls are practically mature but bollworms are present a 10 per cent DDT dust may be used. Ground equipment should be used as long as possible. The dosage if the cotton is rank should be increased to from 15 to 20 pounds an acre.

If an airplane is used growers should provide a flag man to mark treated areas. It is difficult, however, to get good applications with such equipment under present conditions due to high winds, trees, small fields, etc., it was said.

Information on square infestation given in the latest Cotton News Letter showed average percentage of punctured squares ranged from six per cent in Northampton County to 69 per cent in Bertie County. Washington County was not listed but the percentage in neighboring Tyrrell was listed as 34.

### GROUND-BREAKING CEREMONIES FOR CHURCH BUILDING HELD RECENTLY



Ground-breaking ceremonies for the new auditorium of the Zion's Chapel Church of Christ near Roper were held Sunday, August 7, heralding the beginning of an expansion program greatly needed by the congregation. Sufficient classroom space for the Bible School is the chief need. Upon the completion of the new block-and-brick structure, the present building will be divided into classrooms and there will be a connecting classroom between the two buildings. Currently three classes are meeting together in the auditorium, and the crowded condition in the children's rooms tells the story of the doubled attendance since the days of construction of the present classrooms. In the foreground left to right: Richard Gardiner, minister, and Mrs. Gardiner, Mrs. Milton Chesson, R. W. Lewis, chairman of the Board, turning the first spadeful of dirt, H. C. Harrison, Building Fund Treasurer, and L. E. Hassell, neighbor who gave land on which to move the Hortontown Road to provide enough space for the new building. Back row: P. A. Otis, Mayo Modlin, W. J. Skiles, Cecil Styons, Walter Grimes, John Spruill, and Richard Davenport. Some of the choir is seen in the background.