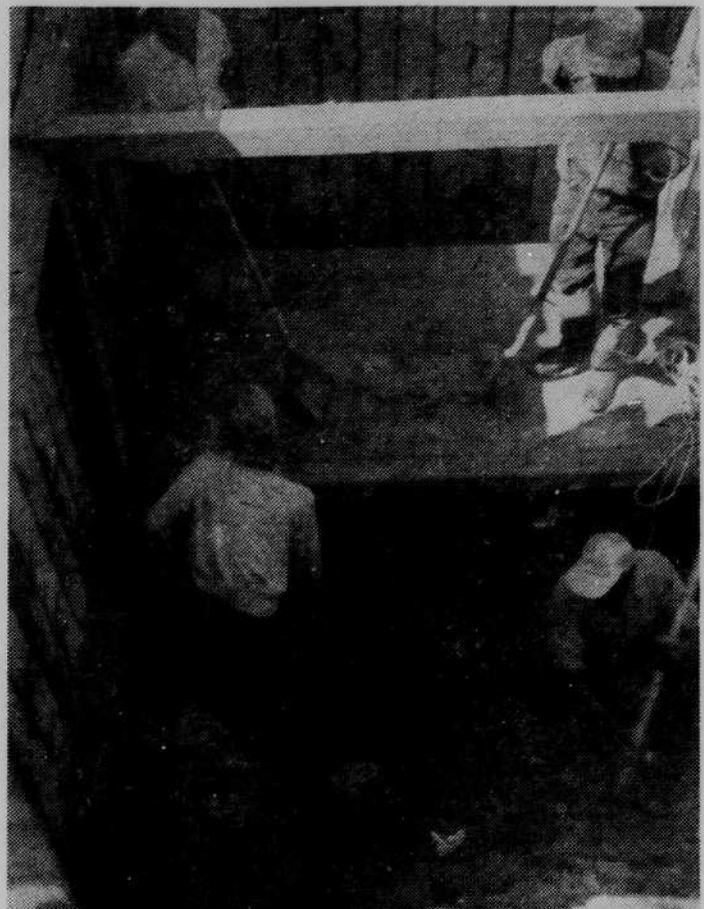


REPAIRS TO SEWER LINE NOW IN PROGRESS HERE



This hole in the ground is also creating a hole in the Town of Plymouth budget. Town workmen are shown making repairs to one of the sewer mains on Washington Street between Main and Third.

Bloodmobile Due Here Next Week

Heavy Rainfall Here With Ione

Rule Suicide in Death of Negro

Band Makes First Game Appearance

Two Places Entered Here Last Week-end

Large Crowd for Special Service

Quota for Regular Quarterly Visit Here Set at 110 Pints; Blood Bank Leaders Urge Full Response

Plymouth Host To District Scouts' Campfire Tonight

Observer Post Is Short of Members

Dollar Day Event Reported Success

Seeking Donations for Medical Loan Closet

Storm Terms Meted Out to Four Here In Court Tuesday

Pinetown Man Dies After Accident

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John McDaniel, Victim of Wreck, Buried on Sunday

Road terms were handed out in several cases by Judge W. Ronald Gaylor in recorder's court here Tuesday.

James Perry, colored, drew six months on an assault count, Milton Woodley, also colored, was given 30 days for assault with a deadly weapon, and Lorenza Freeman and Milton Woodley, colored, were given three months and 12 months, respectively, for larceny of money.

Other proceedings: Norman G. Chesson, assault, not guilty; Donald Claud Rima, Edenton, speeding, \$5 and costs; Earl Webb, colored, non-support, costs of court ordered to pay \$4 a week for use of child;

Virga Mae King, colored, assault with a deadly weapon, \$25 and costs and directed to pay doctor's bill and remain of good behavior for a period of six months; Earle Norman, colored, assault, \$10 and costs;

Louis Watson, colored, assault with a deadly weapon, six months suspended upon payment of a fine of \$50 and costs of court plus \$21 doctor's bill;

Harold Daron Smithwick, Norfolk, Va., speeding, \$10 and costs; William W. La Joie, Edenton, careless and reckless driving and no operator's license, \$35 and costs;

Fannie Davenport, Roper, no operator's license, \$25 and costs; James Carlton Crabtree, Carthage, speeding, \$5 and costs; Wiley Williford, Tarboro, speeding, \$5 and costs;

Howard Alfred Lupton, Washington, allowing unlicensed operator to drive, costs; Willie Earl Allen, Elizabeth City, colored, speeding, \$5 and costs;

John Lorenza Basnight, colored of Roper, speeding, \$10 and costs; Barbara Jean Pilley, Washington, no operator's license, \$25 and costs.

With blood needs still urgent, an all-out effort will be made here next Wednesday to secure and if possible surpass the 110 pint quota set for the regular quarterly bloodmobile visit to Plymouth.

The bloodmobile will be located at the veterans club near the Washington County Hospital. The visit is again being sponsored jointly by the James E. Jethro Post of the American Legion and the Bosie Bateman Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Auxiliaries of both posts.

Donors will be received between the hours of 10:30 a. m. and 4:30 p. m. Blood bank leaders here have stated. Again an effort will be made to secure donors who have not heretofore given blood regularly, in order to bolster the support of those who have given blood time after time since inauguration of the program in this county.

To stimulate securing of new donors the local schools, white and colored, are cooperating and a prize of \$5 is being offered in each school to the grade securing the greatest number of donors. Parents are reminded that the same rules will be in effect as on previous occasions when there was competition among students. A parent having children in several grades may be counted by each grade if he donates blood, it was explained.

The visit will be the third to the county this year and the 19th since inauguration of the blood bank program here back in December of 1950. In 18 visits a total of 2,232 pints has been donated in the county, or an average of more than 129 pints a visit. This is regarded as a good record. During the two previous visits this year 195 pints were donated, 113 in March and 82 in June.

The special Dollar Day sales promotion put on here Friday and Saturday of last week and Monday of this week by a few Plymouth merchants was reported to be a success.

Practically all of the firms cooperating in this event reported increased sales over the previous week and one store manager reported an increase of 40 per cent or better, although it was said the event was not as heavily patronized as a year ago.

Saturday was the biggest day, as expected, with good traffic and increased business Friday also. Monday was a poor day because of the storm.

The Plymouth Woman's Club is sponsoring a medical loan closet for use of indigent persons of the county, it was announced this week.

The closet 'closet' include such items as bed clothing, pajamas, crutches, wheel chairs and any other items needed by patients in the hospital or at home. Some counties already have this service and reports state that results have been good.

Any persons having such items to donate for this cause are asked to contact either Mrs. Charles Robertson, Mrs. Jack Spruill, Miss Elizabeth Wood or Mrs. Hugh Elks.

The first rural highway fatality of 1955 in Washington County resulted from a one-car accident on Highway NC 32 early Tuesday.

Daniel Ray Brooks, 29, of Pinetown, died of internal injuries at 1:04 p. m. Tuesday at the Washington County Hospital.

Brooks was a passenger in a 1955 Ford Victoria operated by Robert Donald Cutler, also of Pinetown. The car was going north on the highway when according to Cutler it hit a blanket of water on the road. The car went out of control, ran off the road into the ditch and turned over, landing bottomside up, according to State Highway Patrolman Carl Gilchrist, of Plymouth, the investigating officer. Cutler escaped without a scratch.

The accident took place at 5 a. m. in front of the Tim Bowen residence. Brooks was brought to the hospital here by Bonnie Bowen. The report showed an estimated damage of \$1300 to the car.

The fatality followed close on the heels of the first fatal highway accident within the city limits of Plymouth Sunday, September 11, when Samuel J. Nash was killed in a two-car wreck at the intersection of West Avenue and US 64 by-pass. John McDaniel, who was critically injured in the accident, later died.

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Washington County Hurricane Damage Committee Places Latest Loss Estimate at Nearly 1 Million

County Schools Back To Normal

Lions Will Start Canvass of Town For Club Project

Teams Named for 12 Areas To Solicit Listing for Annual Birthday Calendar; Word Out Friday

The Washington County Hurricane Damage committee, in session here Wednesday afternoon, estimated total crop damage from Hurricane Ione at \$994,941.

Added to damage estimated from Hurricanes Connie and Diane previously, the total rose to \$1,703,205. Farmers on the committee readily admitted that the county is hard hit, with water standing over crops on many acres.

Of the total of 36,000 acres of cropland in the county, 20,000 acres were estimated under water. Home gardens were said a total loss. Corn, valued before the storms at \$755,000 is believed three-fourths lost, as are peanuts, previously valued at \$612,794 in the county.

These two crops were topped percentage-wise in loss by sweet potatoes, valued before the hurricanes at \$45,000 and estimated an 80 per cent loss.

J. A. Morris, of Creswell, said that workers on his farm had dug a few potatoes and out of 25 bushels only one bushel was good. Bob Lewis, of Roper, said he got only four bushels from a row some 250 yards long.

Cotton, valued at \$39,000 in the county is estimated 50 per cent destroyed. Injury to the crop was listed at 20 per cent after Connie and Diane and another 30 per cent following Ione.

Tobacco, valued in the county at \$1,010,850, as a result of the latest hurricane was upped 15 per cent to a 25 per cent loss. Many barns were damaged in the latest storm, it was said. Some tobacco in pack barns also suffered damage.

Soybeans, another important cash crop in the county, were hard hit. Already damaged an estimated 30 per cent, the crop is believed hurt as badly again. The damage was placed at 60 per cent by the committee.

The small milo crop, valued originally at \$12,600, is believed cut 50 per cent—20 per cent by the first storms and 30 per cent by the last.

Lespedeza, with much of it almost completely ruined, is damaged an estimated 60 per cent, the committee believes. The crop was thought cut by 25 per cent following Connie and Diane and this figure was upped by 35 per cent since Ione.

Pastures are said to be damaged by 60 per cent and hay crops by 50 per cent.

Beans and leaves have been ripped off soybean stalks in the Creswell section, it was brought out. Mr. Beam commented that he had talked with a farmer having 300 acres of beans he said he would not harvest at all.

The picture is gloomy at best. Members of the committee who attended the meeting were Henry Bragg, chairman; H. E. Beam, of

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Ione Brings Higher Water Than Any of Predecessors; Large Trees Down; Debris Cleared Tuesday

After withstanding the one-two punch of Connie and Diane recently Washington County was subjected to the fury Monday of Ione.

The strongest winds were felt here at about 4 or 5 o'clock Monday morning. East-northeasterly winds blew much of the day, shifting later to northerly and that night to northwesterly.

Several large trees were blown over in Plymouth by the force of the hurricane winds. A large pecan tree was blown down in the yard of the Episcopal rectory on Madison Street but it was sawed up and removed Tuesday. A block of the street from East Water Street to East Main Street was closed to traffic for a time Tuesday morning due to fallen limbs.

A large pecan tree was blown across a garage early Monday morning at the R. S. Browning residence on Wilson Street, severely damaging a 1951 Ford station wagon parked in the garage. A dog sleeping in the vehicle escaped unhurt.

Trees were also blown down at the True Temper Corporation plant and the office workers there had to resort to use of motor boat to get to and from the office due to high water.

Old US 64 leading to Roper through East Haven was closed due to high water near the Mackeys Road intersection. High water at the Julian Brinkley mill also forced closing of the road at that point.

The wind backed water in the Roanoke River and worse than by any of the previous storms and water rose above the town dock. Water also stood in the yard at the Sinclair plant on West Water Street and if a foot higher would have covered the street.

The south shore of Albemarle Sound was reported badly eroded and some of the shore at Albemarle Beach was washed away. Also, it was reported that the Summer, Spear and Horner cottages there were partly undermined.

Trash crews in Plymouth worked all day Tuesday and into the night carting off fallen tree limbs and other debris from the storm. Roof leaks were reported in many homes and some reported window panes out, television antennas down and other damage of a minor nature.

It was expected that damage to

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Sam Rose Placed On Probation for Five Years Here

Defendant Through Counsel Enters Plea of Nolo Contendere to Involuntary Manslaughter

The finish of the Sam Rose murder case in Washington County Superior Court came with dramatic suddenness last Thursday.

In the case of all the evidence in the case the defendant through counsel, Bailey and Bailey, entered a plea of nolo contendere to the charge of involuntary manslaughter.

The plea was accepted by State Solicitor Elbert Peel and by the court and Judge Malcolm C. Paul sentenced Rose to from three to five years in State's Prison, sentence suspended and defendant placed on probation for a period of five years and taxed with the costs of the action.

The case had attracted more interest than any other during the term of court. Rose, who operates a place of business on Fifth Street here for John Hall, was being tried on a second-degree murder charge.

Alford Spruill, young Plymouth Negro, was fatally shot in the place of business late Saturday afternoon, June 11 of this year. Rose said he shot the man in self-defense as Spruill advanced on him with an ax in hand.

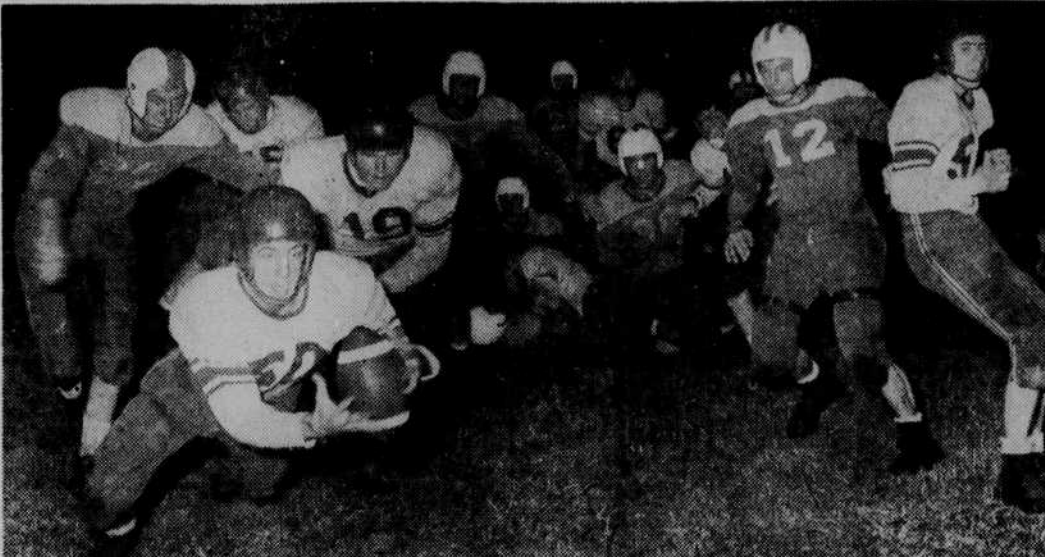
Disposition of other cases not previously reported is summed up briefly as follows:

Asa W. West, non-support, continued for the term; Odell Sutton, public drunkenness and disorderly conduct, 30 days;

Vanda Lee Spruill, profane language and assault on a police officer, not guilty;

George Alfred Hardison, careless and reckless driving, case continued for the term;

Walter McCoy alias Wiggs, breaking and entering and larceny, continued for the term.



OOPS! Mike Estep is saying that as he grabs his own fumble in scoring Plymouth's first touchdown against Columbia here last Friday night. Mike carried the ball on the play, which started from the Columbia 5-yard line, and after he crossed into the end zone, the ball squirted from his grasp, but he grabbed it again before it even hit the ground. Parts of 17 players are visible in this action shot, including the following identifiable Panthers (dark helmets): Tailback Mike Estep (50), Tackle Jimmy Sitterson (19), End Ralph Luke (55), End Billy Ray Arnold (on ground), Guard Harvey Lucas (66), Tackle Mack Graham, and Fullback Tex Benton (52). Columbia players in light helmets included Liverman (32), Davenport (27), Hopkins (38) and Roughton (12).—Jewel Hardison Photo.