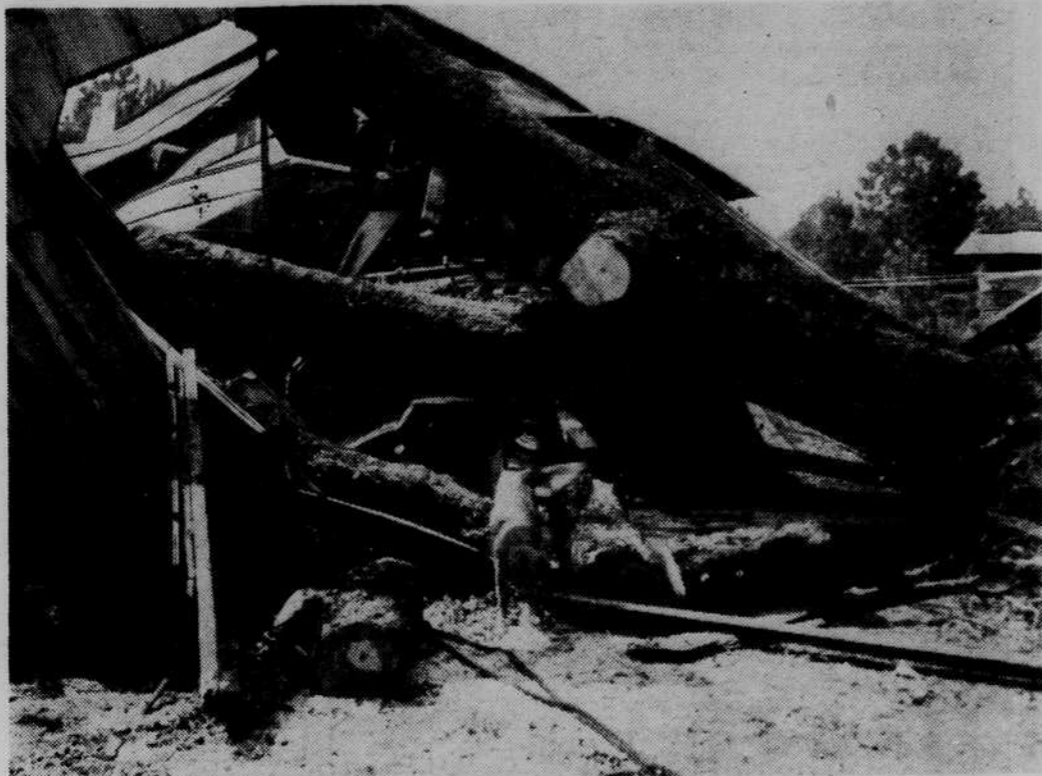


HURRICANE IONE LEFT HER MARK IN CROP DAMAGE, FALLEN TREES AND FLOODS IN ALL SECTIONS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY



While crop damage accounted for the largest single item of loss caused by Hurricane Ione Monday of last week in Washington County, high water and falling trees also left their marks, as these pictures show. At top right is a field scene in the Creswell section, typical of hundreds throughout the county. Below that can be seen high water across the highway and around many homes in Cherry, where some roads were said to be still flooded the first of this week. A falling pecan tree wrecked the garage and a Ford station wagon at the home of R. S. Browning here in Plymouth, as shown at top left. "Tippy," family dog of the Brownings, was asleep in the station wagon when the tree fell on it between 4 and 5 a. m. and is posed above emerging from the wrecked garage. Photo at bottom left shows the huge pecan tree that blew down across telephone cables in front of the Episcopal rectory here.—Jewel Hardison photos.



Ground Observer Corps post supervisors Jesse Rawls and Dr. A. L. Whitehurst, of Roper and Plymouth, respectively, this week call attention of all post members to the new manual which has been issued regarding reporting procedures and containing silhouettes of all aircraft. The old manual is now obsolete, it was said, and all members should read and familiarize themselves with the new manual.

Homer Lassiter, supervisor of elementary education, and Miss Ella Stephens Barrett, supervisor of guidance services with the state department of public instruction, Raleigh, paid an official visit to the county this week. Mr. Lassiter discussed the new "Growth and Arithmetic" series and Miss Barrett discussed guidance service at a meeting of teachers at Plymouth High School Monday afternoon. Tuesday they met with teachers at Washington County Union School, Roper.

The quota of 110 pints was surpassed by one pint here yesterday as the Red Cross bloodmobile made its 19th visit to the county. A total of 125 persons responded, 14 being rejected for one reason or another, and 111 donating blood.

A lady's initialed gold wedding band has been turned in at the Plymouth Police Station, Chief P. W. Brown announced this week. The owner of the band may obtain it if she will go to the station and describe the ring, Chief Brown said.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. House and Mr. and Mrs. George Barden returned home Friday from New York City where they attended the special showing of the new Oldsmobile for 1956 at the Sheraton-Astor Hotel. They attended a huge banquet given in connection with the showing at the hotel Wednesday. The local group left for New York last Tuesday and made the trip by automobile.

Justice of the Peace J. T. McNair recently officiated at the 181st marriage ceremony during his years as a magistrate here. United were C. Gordon Chesson, of Roper, and Helen Maxine Langley, of Creswell.

Board Acts Upon School Matters At Friday Meet

Exchange of Land Between Union School and Dwight Corporation Is Approved; Teacher Pay Date Set

Several school matters were acted upon by the county board of education at its meeting at the courthouse Friday last week.

Board Member J. W. Norman, of Plymouth, was elected chairman pro tem because of the illness of Chairman L. E. Hassell, sr., of Roper, and Mr. Norman presided over the meeting.

Other board members were present as follows: Mrs. K. S. Trowbridge, Plymouth; J. Whitford Swain, of Roper; and P. B. Belanga, of Creswell.

Teacher contracts for four members of the Plymouth School faculty were approved, for Bobby Lane Crisp, W. Bernard Ham, Mildred Williams Collins and B. T. Lindsey.

The board approved a fixed date for the payment of teachers each month, the date set for the 25th.

Also approved was the exchange of strips of land between the Dwight Corporation of Roper and the Washington County Union School. Purpose of the exchange, it was brought out, is to provide needed space for driveways for the school. Quite some time ago the board approved driveways for the school but came to find out that the land in question was not owned by the board of education but by Dwight Corporation. Dwight officials agreed to exchange the land for a like amount on the back of the school campus, it was said.

The regular monthly meeting of the board for October is set for Monday morning of next week. A strictly routine meeting is seen.

County, Town Boards To Meet Next Monday

Three regular monthly board meetings are slated here Monday of next week.

The county commissioners and the Washington County Board of Education will hold sessions at the courthouse Monday morning, while the Plymouth Town Council will convene at 8 p. m. at the municipal building.

J. Robert Campbell, register of deeds who serves as clerk to the board of county commissioners, stated that a routine session of the body is in prospect Monday. The jury list for the November civil

Local Red Cross Unit Seeks Disaster Head

County Tax Sale Set Next Monday

Approximately 500 parcels of land in Washington County, ranging in size from small town lots to 15,812 acres of swampland, will be offered at public sale at the courthouse door here next Monday for delinquent 1954 county taxes. E. J. Spruill, county tax collector, will be in charge of the sale, scheduled to start at 12 noon.

While it is possible for individuals to bid in the property offered, there are so many legal requirements to be met that usually no other bidders appear, and the county buys in the land for the amount of taxes due. This year's sale will be slightly larger than in 1954, when about 450 tracts were offered.

The amount of taxes due on the individual tracts ranges from a few cents to upwards of \$1,000.

Sunday School Class Lists Officer Slate for Next Year

New officers, recently elected, were announced this week by the Young Men's Class of Ludford Memorial Baptist Church.

H. N. Stephenson heads the class as president, while other officers are listed as follows: W. H. Pruden, vice-president; Clifford Frymier, secretary-treasurer; the Rev. D. H. Lucas, teacher; and the Rev. Paul B. Nickens, assistant teacher.

Group leaders, charged with attendance responsibilities, are Raymond Smith, Willie Hedgepeth, W. H. Pruden, W. C. Hall, Bob Howell, Hosea Fagan, Clifford Frymier and Gilbert Vaughan.

term of Washington County Superior Court will be drawn at that time, Mr. Campbell said. The November term will replace the old October term, it was explained, a shake-up having been made following the judicial redistricting some time ago.

A strictly routine session is expected when the education board meets in the offices of the county superintendent Monday, it was said. Drainage is expected to be one of the prime topics at the regular monthly convocation of the city fathers which will be presided over by Mayor A. J. Riddle Monday night.

Man Now Under Consideration for Post, County Chapter Chairman States; Area Shelters Set Up

Area disaster shelters have been organized for this county by the local Red Cross chapter and a full-time disaster chairman will be secured as soon as possible, it was announced this week.

Dr. A. L. Whitehurst, chairman of the Washington County Red Cross chapter, stated that a man is now being considered for the post of disaster chairman and an announcement is expected to be made soon in this regard.

Oftentimes, the chapter chairman said, disasters of one sort or another strike so suddenly that it is virtually impossible to make a public announcement of area shelter arrangements in time. However, Dr. Whitehurst said, the public can be assured that the following designated places will be open in such event: Plymouth white at veterans building with the Auxiliaries of the local VFW and American Legion posts in charge; Mrs. Pauline Blackburn has been the leader in this project, Dr. Whitehurst said; Plymouth colored at colored elementary school, Prof. A. R. Lord and Mrs. Gladys Hassell in charge; Roper white at Roper High School, Ted Martus and Mrs. Beulah Gaylord in charge; Roper colored at Washington

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Plans Go Forward For Cabbage Crop

A few orders for cabbage seed have been placed and a limited amount of seed has been ordered, it was reported here this week by owners of the Plymouth Produce Auction Market.

A few interested county farmers attended a meeting Tuesday night at the agriculture building at which information on the production of cabbage commercially was given by H. E. Scott and Al Bandyga of the State College extension service.

It was pointed out that plants, fertilizer and labor for production of an acre of cabbage should not exceed \$45 and that if cabbage bring the producer as much as half a cent per pound he can break even. Five to six tons an acre is the average yield, it was said.

Beds should be sown by the 15th of 20th of October in order to produce plants for setting out in April, it was pointed out. Interested growers should contact W. T. Freeman at Plymouth.

Storm Committee Asks Drainage To Aid County Farms

Recommendations Made by Washington County Hurricane Damage Committee Forwarded to Raleigh

Following the meeting here last Wednesday of the Washington County Hurricane Damage Committee a formal report, together with a letter signed by the chairman, vice chairman and secretary of the committee, was forwarded to L. Y. Ballentine, commissioner of agriculture, Raleigh.

"The Washington County Hurricane Damage Committee think that public funds can better be used to clean clogged drainage outlets," the letter stated. "The poor condition of these large drainage outlets mentioned in our letter of September 2nd have increased the damage by restricting drainage on the farms involved."

"Our committee urges you, as well as other state agricultural leaders, to use your influence in getting assistance to open these drainage outlets. If you know any way that we, as a group in Washington County, can expedite the opening of these outlets to prevent future losses from future storms, we would appreciate your letting us know what we can do."

Among recommendations of the committee, made after Hurricanes Connie and Diane and reiterated last week, were that the federal government appropriate funds immediately to complete a proposed project on Albemarle Canal to open an outlet from the canal in this county to enter Pamlico Sound through Cuckolds Creek.

That the government take steps to open other large drainage outlets. Largest of these is the Scuppernon River and its tributaries, including Hall Creek, Lake Phelps and surrounding drainage area;

Other large areas are Welches Creek, Conaby Creek, Mackeys Creek and Deep Creek with their respective tributaries.

Last Half-Holiday of Season Observed Here This Week

The last Wednesday half-holiday until the practice begins again next year was observed Wednesday of this week by local stores.

For several weeks now some of stores have remained open all day each Wednesday, while others have been closing at noon according to the plan voted earlier this year.

Band Performs Well at Game

The Plymouth High School Band made its second public appearance of the school year under supervision of its new director, Bernard Ham, at the Manteo-Plymouth football game here last Friday night, turning in a very creditable performance.

Much improvement was noted in the band, which played several numbers before and during the game. The half-time performance featured a novelty arrangement, with the band members forming a heart while playing a new popular tune, "Ain't It a Shame," along with a special baton-twirling routine by the majorettes. The presentation was thoroughly enjoyed and well received by the large crowd.

It is understood another specialty is to be presented at the game with Ahoskie here tomorrow night. It is also expected that the Ahoskie High School Band will be here to present its usual colorful program.

Local Hospital Gets Generator

Recently the Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce adopted a project to secure an emergency generator for use at the Washington County Hospital here.

This week the Jaycees secured the generator, one of 15,000-watt power.

It was learned that there were several surplus generators at Cherry Point and that the state division of purchase and contract intended to buy some of them. So Tuesday of this week Jaycee Carl L. Bailey, jr., placed a telephone call to Dave Holton, in charge of sales with the state agency.

A generator was obtained and delivered here Wednesday. It is expected that the necessary electrical connections will be made right away so that the generator will be available for emergency use at the hospital.

AUSPICIOUS MOMENT IN HISTORY OF PLYMOUTH CHURCH OF CHRIST SHOWN



Part of the large crowd which attended groundbreaking ceremonies a recent Sunday on the site for the new Plymouth Church of Christ building is shown above. In the picture are several of the church leaders, including Cary Dannelly, of Elizabeth City, minister; Elder Millard Darden, shown turning first shovel of dirt; Henry Harrison, Lewis Styons and Cleve Gardner, elders; Joe Nooney, elder and chairman of the church board; Jather Stotesbury, Rudolph Beasley and Hollis White, trustees; Plymouth Contractor R. L. Tetterton will erect a six-room, 40 by 80-foot cement block structure on the church lot. Regular services are now being held at the Labor Temple.—Photo by Jewel Hardison.

County Farm Bureau Begins Annual Drive; Goal Is 300 Members

Red Tape Cut On FHA Loans

Farmers who suffered hurricane damage can use a part of Farmers Home Administration loans to make interest and token payments on private debts for equipment and machinery when such payments are necessary to prevent foreclosure of mortgages held by dealers.

Modification in the rules to allow this was announced for the first time at a top level conference in Governor Hodges' office last Saturday. Governor Hodges, Commissioner of Agriculture L. Y. Ballentine and Congressman Herbert Bonner had protested strongly that red tape be cut in the extreme emergency which exists. Interested farmers should contact the local FHA office.

County 4-H Clubs Organize; Highest Enrollment Ever

Series of Organization Meetings for Eight County Clubs Completed Tuesday; Club Officers Listed

A series of 4-H Club organizational meetings was concluded here Tuesday of this week, the club sponsors, W. H. Pruden and Mrs. Frances M. Darden, report.

The enrollment in the various clubs of the county is at the highest point since club work was organized here a few years ago.

There are eight clubs in the county—elementary, junior and senior clubs at Plymouth and Creswell and junior and seniors clubs at Roper.

Officers for the several clubs were elected as follows: Plymouth Elementary—Ed Womble, president; Linda Mohrman, vice president; Jackie Respass, secretary-treasurer; Kathy Tetterton, reporter; Janice Styons and Charles Wrightson, song leaders;

Plymouth Junior—Wayne Mobley, president; Katherine Keel, vice president; Larry Hopkins, secretary-treasurer; Mary Stuart Joyner, reporter; Golden Simpson and Patie Johnson, song leaders;

Plymouth Senior—J. R. Respass, jr., president; Helen Manning, vice president; Lois Mobley, secretary-treasurer; Glenda Stotesbury, reporter; Rachel Peele, song leader; Roper Junior—Howard Davenport, president; Gay Johnson, vice president; Harry Davis, secretary-treasurer; Mary Telen Tarkington, reporter; Danny Morrow and Barbara Hood, song leaders;

Roper Senior—Billy Ray Knowles, president; Diane Spruill, vice president; Pete Oliver, secretary-treasurer; Diane Gaylord, reporter; Daphne Snell and Alvin Jones, song leaders;

Creswell Elementary—Wimpie Davenport, president; Linda Chapel, vice president; Michael Davenport, secretary-treasurer; Dottie Nooney, reporter; Fay Morris and Jess Barnes, song leaders;

Creswell Junior—Wayne Davis, president; Barbara Ann Spruill, vice president; Gerald Furlough, secretary-treasurer; Betty Lou Phelps, reporter; Frances Halsey and Eli Spruill, song leaders;

Creswell Senior—Haywood Baynor, president; Betty Jo Williams, vice president; Steve Hassell, secretary-treasurer; Madeline Patrick, reporter; Zada Gibbs, song leader.

Organizational Meeting Held Last Thursday Night; T. Reynold Spruill Heads Drive Opening Saturday

A concerted, one-week drive to obtain 300 members or more for the Washington County Farm Bureau will begin Saturday of this week.

At present there are about 250 members of the county unit. The quota has been set at 300 and a determined effort will be made to realize this goal, Farm Bureau spokesmen said.

The board of directors of the organization met here last Thursday night to plan the campaign and President T. Reynold Spruill, of Roper, was named county membership chairman.

Chairmen for the various communities were named as follows: W. T. Freeman and E. H. Liverman, co-chairmen, Plymouth;

J. Rudolph Respass, Wenona; J. A. Chesson, Roper; J. Aydtlett Morris, Creswell; Vance Respass, Pleasant Grove; David Craddock, Long Acre;

C. N. Davenport, of Creswell, Vance Respass, of Roper, and J. R. Respass, of Wenona, were named a nominating committee for officers to serve for the coming year.

It was voted to hold a check-up meeting at the agriculture building here Friday of next week at 7:30 o'clock.

Mr. Spruill, the county membership chairman and present head of the county unit, said that a good number of volunteers will be needed to solicit memberships throughout the county and it is also hoped that much able assistance can be given by the farm women.

"I strongly urge all farmers in the county to get behind the Farm Bureau," Mr. Spruill declared, "because we are in greater need for some organization to speak for the farmers now than ever before, since we have been so hard hit by the hurricanes. It is imperative that the farmer have some organization to speak for him—he cannot speak for himself—in order to secure for him the things that are so useful at this time."

Announce Leaders Scout Fund Drive In Plymouth Area

R. M. Bruce Named Advance Gifts Chairman and Morris Brobst Chairman Of Plymouth Campaign

R. M. (Bob) Bruce has been named chairman of the Plymouth area Advanced Gifts section in the annual finance campaign of the East Carolina Council, Boy Scouts of America. The council campaign goal is \$104,000.

Appointment of Mr. Bruce was announced by Dr. A. L. Whitehurst, vice chairman of the Wasmarty district campaign. The general campaign is scheduled to get underway October 4, although the Advance Gift section begins before that time.

Morris Brobst has been appointed chairman for Plymouth in the annual finance drive, Dr. Whitehurst said.

All boys, eight years of age and older are eligible to receive the benefits of the program offered by the Boy Scouts of America. The Cub Scout program, for the boys eight through ten years of age, is home-centered, and the Cub program is school-centered.

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County Posts in Alert on Sunday

Ground Observer Corps posts at Plymouth and Roper will take part in "Skytrain VII," a 12-hour alert Sunday, it has been announced.

The alert will start at 9 a. m. and continue until 9 p. m., Dr. A. L. Whitehurst and Jesse Rawls, post supervisors at Plymouth and Roper, respectively, have been advised.

The exercise will include approximately 230 observation posts in 57 North Carolina counties in the Durham Air Defense Filter Center area, it was stated.

Purpose of the alert is to serve as a training exercise to increase operational efficiency of the Ground Observer Corps.

The county posts will follow the usual system of having two observers on duty simultaneously and shifting teams on the hour, it was said.