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OFFICERS OF HIGH SCHOOL MONOGRAM CLUB



Officers of the Monogram or Block-Letter Club at Plymouth High School for the current school year are pictured above as follows: Mike Estep, president; Jolene Hollowell, secretary; Janice Johnson, treasurer; and Billy Harden, vice president.—Staff photo.

Cpl. Billy R. Respass has returned to his station at Fort Campbell, Ky., after spending a 30-day furlough with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Respass, sr., of Rt. 1, Plymouth. Cpl. Respass is in Company A, 511th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 11th Airborne Division.

County School Superintendent Roy F. Lowry is expected to return to Plymouth late today from High Point where he attended the meeting of the North Carolina division of superintendents. Mr. Lowry left here for High Point Tuesday morning.

Lu Read, well-known Plymouth man and theatre employee, suffered a badly fractured hip in a fall in the back of the Plymouth Theatre Tuesday mid-afternoon. He was treated by Dr. T. L. Bray and sent to a Raleigh hospital where he was to undergo an operation.

H. N. Stephenson and Franklin Sawyer, of Plymouth, went fishing at Harker's Island recently and wound up with just one puny fish between them. They reported a good time, however. A snapshot of the two showed both with a hand on the fish and it wasn't learned who actually was the owner.

Resurfacing of several Plymouth streets during the past several weeks has greatly lowered the height of curbing and left some decided "bumps" in the street where manhole covers are located. This is particularly noticeable on West Main and South Washington Streets. The road crew simply laid a 3-inch covering of asphalt over the old street, thus reducing the height of curbing by that amount and leaving a 3-inch drop from the new surface to the top of the manhole covers. However, they are still a decided improvement over the conditions formerly existing.

The special fund to secure a television set for Johnny Harris, young shut-in who lives near Mackeys, had reached \$150 by noon Wednesday of this week. Mrs. L. N. Womble reported. Mrs. Womble is serving as treasurer for the special project to provide something in the way of year-round cheer for young Harris. The amount thus far has been raised largely through personal donations, Mrs. Womble stated.

Dr. Alban Papineau, of Plymouth, is a member of the program planning committee for the 50th anniversary meeting of organized Tuberculosis work in North Carolina. The meeting will be held at the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, next April 9-10. Outstanding speakers and nationally known authorities on Tuberculosis control programs will be invited to participate in the Golden Anniversary meeting.

Man Shot During ABC Raid Friday Near Pulp Plant

Cary Brown, Young County Negro, Hit in Leg; Waives Preliminary Hearing, Set Bond at \$1,000

Cary Brown, young county Negro, was wounded in the leg during a raid in Martin County near N. C. Pulp Company plant last Friday at 10:45 a. m.

According to Washington County ABC Officer Robert Sawyer, of Roper, Sawyer chased and caught Brown near the scene of a 100-gallon capacity copper still. The officer said Brown struck him once and Sawyer pulled his gun on the Negro and turned Brown over to an ATU officer. Later, Sawyer said, Brown gave the ATU man trouble and was shot, the bullet hitting him in the left leg and entering the right leg. Brown was admitted to Washington County Hospital and released Wednesday. While a patient at the hospital he reportedly waived preliminary hearing and was put under \$1,000 bond for his appearance in federal court.

Jesse Hardison, of Plymouth, who was captured in the raid by an ATU agent, is under \$300 appearance bond, it was said.

Taking part in the raid were Sawyer, W. C. Stynes, ABC officer Bullock of Martin County, Deputy Sheriff Wiley Craft, of Martin County, Wade Hardison, Jr., of Roper, and ATU Officers Frazier and Butler, of Elizabeth City.

In addition to the still 300 gallons of mash, 2 cooling barrels, doubling keg, empty jugs, barrels, two gallons of whiskey, 150 pounds of sugar, 30 pounds of meal, hand water pump, pressure tank, oil burner, buckets, tubs, etc., were seized.

In an earlier raid it was reported that Robert Tetterton and James Stynes were apprehended by officers.

Santa Claus Visit Set Friday of Next Week

Mailing Do's And Don'ts

Three rules for Christmas gift parcels, said Postmaster J. C. Swain this week, are: wrap securely, address correctly and mail early! Be sure return address and recipient's name and address are inside the package as well as out.

Send Christmas cards by first-class mail, he urged, thus securing forwarding service and return to sender if any are undeliverable. Make sure that each address includes full name, street and number, city, zone and state.

Young Boy Dies Of Broken Neck

Leonard Morris Williams, nine-year-old colored boy of the Acre Station community, Plymouth Rt. 1, died from a broken neck sustained when he accidentally hanged himself while playing in the yard of his home Sunday at 10 a. m.

It was said the boy was playing with a small rope which he had looped around his neck, with the other end tied to a limb of a China Berry tree. Standing on a lawn chair under the tree he lost his balance or jumped, breaking his neck and causing instant death.

He was the son of Hertford Williams and wife, Bonner Paul, Beaufort County coroner, investigated.

Turkey Shoot Is Set for Saturday

Rained out on the Saturday before Thanksgiving, the Plymouth Lions Club will hold a turkey shoot Saturday of this week at Richard West's place, where U. S. Highway 64 crosses the Norfolk Southern Railroad, weather permitting. The committee in charge of arrangements is composed of J. Fred Keyes, chairman, Wesley Marrow and M. S. Brobst.

Shooting will start about 10 o'clock Saturday morning and continue through the daylight hours as long as there are sufficient shooters.

It is planned to hold a similar shoot on Saturday, December 17. Each shot costs \$1, and the person who puts a shot nearest center of the target wins an order for a turkey. The public is invited and urged to take part, as proceeds from the shoot will go to the Lions activity fund.

110 County Families Share Clothing Gifts

Used clothing, donated in Brooklyn, N. Y., for the relief of needy persons who suffered hurricane damage, and shipped to this state, has been distributed to 110 families in this county, Mrs. Ursula Spruill, county welfare superintendent, stated yesterday.

Mrs. Spruill said this county had better storage facilities than others in this division, therefore getting a good share of the items. The clothing, including everything from shoes to hats, was in exceptional

Parade at 3 P. M. To Feature Bands, Majorettes, Santa, Carol Singing Slated for Three Nights

Santa's annual visit to Plymouth is set for Friday of next week at 3 p. m.

It is understood that he will be met at the outskirts of town by local dignitaries and escorted to Plymouth High School where the special parade in his honor will form for its march down Washington Street to the City Market Building.

The parade also will feature a special group of majorettes from Washington and the bands of Plymouth High School and Washington County Union School, Roper.

Thos. F. Hopkins, president of the Plymouth Merchants Association, will act as master of ceremonies and Santa will be stationed conveniently in front of the City Market Building where he will receive letters from the kiddies as they file by to get free candy.

Santa's visit is one of the features of the Santa Claus pageant.

Funeral Services For Lloyd Gilbert

Lloyd Gilbert, 57, suffered a sudden attack and died at his home here Sunday night at 10:45 o'clock. He had been in rather poor health in recent months.

He was the son of the late James W. and Katherine Osenton Gilbert, of Pasquotank County, and was born in Dare County on May 30, 1897.

Mr. Gilbert was well-known for his musical ability and until recently had served as organist at Plymouth Methodist Church. He also sang in the choir at Ludford Memorial Baptist Church. He was a member of Grace Episcopal Church and active in church affairs here.

Mr. Gilbert never married. He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Blanche Midgette, of Plymouth, with whom he made his home, and by a niece, Mrs. Katherine Amber, of Pittsfield, Mass.

Last rites were held from Grace Episcopal Church Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock with the rector, the Rev. Edward M. Spruill, officiating, assisted by the Rev. Jesse H. Lanning, minister of Plymouth Methodist Church, the Rev. P. B. Nickens, pastor of Ludford Memorial Baptist Church, and the Rev. C. N. Barnette, minister at First Christian Church.

The choir was made up of members of the choirs of all four downtown churches.

Interment was in the Methodist Church Cemetery.

Special Meetings Set by Board at Session Monday

Commissioners Will Open Electrical Bids on Health Center Thursday, Discuss Drainage Next Monday

Frank L. Brinkley was reelected chairman of the Washington County Board of Commissioners for the fiscal year at the regular monthly meeting of the board here Monday.

A meeting was set for Thursday of this week at 2 p. m. at which time sealed bids will be opened for the electrical work on the health center to be erected here. On October 28 the overall contract for the health center was let but it was later discovered that the electrical contractor, E. R. Edwards and Son, of Merritt, was not licensed in this county and the State Medical Care Commission ordered new bids for the job. This was subsequently advertised as required.

Jurors were drawn to serve at the criminal term of Washington County Superior Court which is scheduled to open here Monday, January 16, with Judge Chester Morris, of Coinjock, on the bench.

It was voted to hold the regular January meeting of the board on January 9th, since the first Monday falls on a holiday.

W. H. Pruden, county agent, made his monthly report and Joe Outlaw, the new assistant county agent, reported for duty.

Renewal bond of E. J. Spruill, county tax collector and auditor, was received.

The commissioners voted to donate \$35 to the Caswell Training School at Kinston. This is an annual custom to help provide Christmas Santa Claus for the children.

A meeting was set for Monday night of next week at which Henry Bragg, of the Soil Conservation Service will meet with the board to further discuss the program of drainage for the county.

Tax listers will be named at the meeting Thursday night, it was said.

A contract for the regional library organization was filed with the board.

Cotton Growers To Vote Tuesday On 1956 Quotas

Two-Thirds Approval Is Necessary To Put Marketing Quotas Into Effect; Acreage Allotments In

Tuesday of next week cotton growers will vote in a referendum to decide whether marketing quotas will be in effect for the 1956 cotton crop.

"If at least two thirds of the growers voting approve the quotas," explains Miss Miriam Ausbon, county ASC office manager, "marketing quotas will be in effect on all farms growing cotton in 1956, and price supports at the full level of effective supports will be available to those growers who comply with their cotton acreage allotments."

Under current legislation, this support will be between 75 and 90 per cent of parity, the level depending upon the supply situation at the time the determination is made.

"If more than one-third of the growers disapprove quotas, there will be no marketing quotas or penalties, but price supports to eligible growers (who comply with their allotments) will be available at 50 per cent of parity," Miss Ausbon added. "In either case, acreage allotments will continue in effect for the 1956 cotton crop."

Allotments went out to individual growers in the county the first of this week. It was pointed out that the secretary of agriculture is directed to proclaim marketing quotas for the next cotton crop when the cotton supply exceeds normal.

All farmers who produced cotton in 1955 are eligible to vote in the referendum.

Voting places in the county will be located at the C. N. (Mike) Davenport garage at Creswell, N. G. Chesson's store at Roper and the Agriculture Building at Plymouth.

The county allotment of cotton for 1956 totals 730.1 acres as compared with 953 acres for 1955. A total of 124 acres was given the county out of the state allotment for inequities and hardship cases. Also, 14.9 acres were set aside for new growers

Firemen Busy Here Last Thursday

Plymouth firemen were kept on the jump Thursday of last week.

During the day the local volunteer department answered four alarms, two so closely spaced that firemen were still at the scene of one fire and a police car was dispatched to notify them of the second.

Two of the fires were within the city and two outside the limits. The first alarm was at 8:40 a. m. and summoned the firemen to a colored apartment house on Adams Street. A two-story frame building, it is a

four-family apartment house, or was before the fire. One end was badly burned out, it was said, but one family is reported to be living in the structure now.

At 10:23 a. m. the second alarm was turned in, this time for a one-story frame house on the Mackeys Road, the residence of Sam Riddick. The house burned down and little was saved, the report stated.

At about 3 o'clock in the afternoon the hard-working firemen rushed to the James Moore residence on Madison Street, a "story

Small Industries Sought; To Crack Down on Speeders

Delegation To Go To Raleigh Monday in Interest of Attracting New Industries; Council Hears Complaints

Several matters were discussed and action taken on some in the regular monthly meeting of the Plymouth City Council Monday night.

A small delegation of citizens who live in Winesett Circle appeared before the body to call attention to flagrant speeding in that area. Police Chief P. W. Brown said he had also received similar complaints from residents of Country Club Drive. He said a police officer has cruised the area but no arrests have been made. However, this should be sufficient warning to the wise, the chief hinted. Speeding will not be tolerated, he declared.

The matter of attracting new small industries to the town was also discussed. Mayor A. J. Riddle plan to take a

delegation to Raleigh to discuss the matter further with the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development Monday of next week, it was stated. An effort will be made to have Dr. J. M. Phelps, the county representative, and State Senator Edward L. Owens, of Plymouth, in the party, it was said.

The council accepted the deed for a street right-of-way from Paul Spencer, Clarence Alexander and Atwood Tertetter in order to provide ingress and egress for the new development from Levera Street to West Avenue.

Action was deferred on the matter of a spotlight at the Water-Washington Street intersection. Chief Brown stated his belief that a light there would hinder traffic on both streets and do more harm than good.

A committee was appointed to investigate what stand nearby towns have taken in regard to locating bulb gas plants within the city limits. The matter came up when Swain Gas Co., of Washington, proposed to locate a plant near US 64 by-pass and Washington Street.

Services Next Sunday At Morrattock Church

Services will be held at Morrattock Primitive Baptist Church, near Plymouth, Sunday afternoon, December 11, at 3 o'clock, with Elder S. R. Boykin in charge. The public is cordially invited to attend.

County Is Allocated \$119,358 for Schools

Special Formula for Distribution of Second \$25 Million Approved Tuesday By State Board

Washington County will get \$119,358.43 in school building funds under a plan approved Tuesday of this week by the state board of education.

Worked out after months of study, the distribution formula needs only the signature of Governor Hodges before the money is forthcoming, it was said.

J. A. Pritchett, of Windsor, chairman of the formula committee, said the governor met briefly with the committee Monday night and that he approved allocation plans for 25 million dollars to the counties of the state.

The money is the second half of the 50 million dollars in school building money approved in a 1953 bond issue. The first half was allocated according to a set formula. Washington County received \$154,760.00 of its share. Also, as a part of the \$50 million bond issue during the Scott administration, the county received as its share some \$341,000.

The formula worked out for allocating the money this time directs that 56 per cent be divided according to need, 32 per cent according to ability of counties to meet their needs, and 12 per cent on basis of efforts made to meet needs.

Considering both the 25 million dollars to be allocated under the special formula and the 25 million to be allocated under the set formula, the allocation per pupil in the state comes to \$51.84, Mr. Pritchett said.

The Washington County figure, said R. F. Lowry, county school superintendent, is \$81.70 per pupil, based on an average daily membership of 3,355 for the 1954-55 school year.

Christmas Program, Open House For PTA Meeting

A short Christmas program and "Open House" will feature the regular meeting of the Plymouth Parent-Teacher Association Tuesday night of next week at the high school.

The program will be given in the auditorium, following which parents will be invited to visit all the school rooms which will be decorated in the holiday motif, Mrs. H. E. Harrison, president, stated.

All members are urged to be present. Time of the meeting is 8 o'clock.

ASSISTANT AGENT



J. L. Outlaw, of Seven Springs, recently assumed his duties as assistant farm agent in this county. A State College graduate, Mr. Outlaw was discharged from the army in July.

Rites Tuesday for Aged Local Woman

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Ludford Memorial Baptist Church for Mrs. Martha Snell Lucas, 80, of Plymouth.

Mrs. Lucas, widow of the late Leonard H. Lucas, of Plymouth, died at 1:15 a. m. Monday at Washington County Hospital after an illness of two weeks. She had been in declining health for the past year.

Mrs. Lucas was a native and lifelong resident of this county. She was born March 7, 1875 the daughter of the late Henry Mack and Emma Langley Snell. She was a member of the First Christian Church, Plymouth.

She leaves four daughters, Mrs. Emma L. Spruill, of Plymouth, Mrs. Herman W. Phillips and Mrs. William W. Ange, Jr., both of Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. Wayne W. Nidiffer, of Charleston, S. C.; a son, H. M. Lucas, of Norfolk; one sister, Mrs. Tom Swain, of Weldon; two brothers, H. L. Snell, of Belhaven, and L. C. Snell, of Roper; 18 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the Rev. P. B. Nickens, assisted by the Rev. C. N. Barnette and Cary Dannelly. Burial was in Windley Cemetery.

WOMEN GOLFERS DISREGARD COLD WEATHER FOR TEAM MATCH HERE



Maybe, as the men golfers tell their wives, "it never rains on the golf course," but sometimes it gets mighty cold, as 20 of the above ladies can testify. Members of the Roanoke Country Club of Williamston and the Plymouth Country Club, they teed off about 10 o'clock Tuesday morning of last week, with the thermometer hovering around the freezing mark, for an 18-hole team match between the two clubs, but decided to call it quits after playing 9 holes. The visiting delegation won by a score of 7 1/2 points to 6, after which the Plymouth ladies entertained at a buffet luncheon. Not all of those in the photo above played golf, as some of the ladies decided to remain indoors and played bridge. The only man in the picture is Plymouth club pro Jim Beasley, in the back row just right of the center.—Staff photo.

Commodity Items To Be Distributed Here on Tuesday

Delivery Scheduled in County for This Week Postponed and Reset for Next Monday

Delivery of surplus commodities to needy families in the county, scheduled for this week, has been postponed until next week, Mrs. Ursula Spruill, county welfare superintendent, announced today.

State headquarters planned to include county delivery on a truck going to Tyrrell County this week, it was explained, but doubling of cases in Tyrrell left no room on the truck for Washington County supplies.

Mrs. Spruill said headquarters have promised delivery of the commodities to the agriculture building here Monday of next week, from which distribution will be made Tuesday to families in the county that have been certified as needy cases.

Final screening of early applications was completed last Thursday night and the first list of names submitted to the state office. A total of 68 county families was approved, including 10 out of 12 applications in Lees Mill Township, nine out of 10, Plymouth, and 49 out of 67 in Scuppernon-Skinnersville. There were 11 families rejected by local screening committees, and in seven others the need was questioned. However, concerning these latter cases, Mrs. Spruill stated, "I think all will be approved."

Five of the rejected families were referred to the Red Cross because they had damage when water came into their homes. Of the other six families, the screening committees had reason to believe that they were receiving social security or some sort of cash grant.

Under regulations, this fact does not prohibit their receiving commodity aid, it was pointed out, but merely that others not so fortunate be given prior consideration.

Mrs. Spruill said that since the master list was compiled and submitted, her office has received a total of 36 applications for January delivery. These include 16 from Lees Mill, 16 from Scuppernon-Skinnersville and four from Plymouth.

Explain Charges; Answer Complaint On Blood Program

Local Blood Bank Leaders Show Charges for Administering Blood Low at Local Hospital

Some complaints that blood is donated by the public under the Red Cross blood program and later sold back to the public have been heard here, local blood bank leaders pointed out this week.

Dr. Vernon Jeter, chairman of the local program, states that the blood definitely is not charged for and that what the patient who receives transfusions is charged for is laboratory fees (for typing and cross-matching) and for recipient sets (plastic tubing used in giving the blood). Since the hospital's equipment such as needles, hypodermic syringes, armboards and adhesive tape is supplied without charge, the hospital actually loses money on these transfusions, the doctor said.

Furthermore, Dr. Jeter stated, prices here for administration are lower than at any other hospital in this area, including Williamston, Edenton and other places.

Of the 37 hospitals participating in the Tidewater Blood Area, it was stated, two charge \$15 per pint to administer the blood, while the vast majority vary from \$7.50 to \$12.50 per pint. The local hospital will in future charge \$8 for administering the first pint and \$6.50 for each additional pint. The breakdown shows \$5 for laboratory fees (typing and cross matching) and \$1 for recipient sets. Partial freight charges and phone calls to the blood center to obtain blood make up the remainder, it was added. It was emphasized that each pint given must be cross-matched.

In non-participating hospitals (those not in the Red Cross blood program) the charge for typing and cross-matching blood is \$25, it was said. Professional blood donors are paid \$35 for each pint of Type A, AB, or B, and \$25 for Type O per pint. This means that a pint of blood at such institutions costs the See BLOOD PROGRAM, Page 8