

# Town Topics

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S/Sgt. and Mrs. H. B. Johnson, jr., and baby, of Rapid City, S. D., arrived in Plymouth Tuesday to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Johnson. Sgt. Johnson has been in the U. S. Army for over seven years, three years of which were spent in England. He is in photography and has been stationed in South Dakota for one year.

Boys taking their first cruise aboard the Sea Explorer Ship Albatross last Sunday were Eddie Dawley, Larry Hopkins, Golden Simpson, Al Cox, Morgan Williams, Henry Bragg, Melvin Stalls and Darrell Kelly. Others aboard were Scouts Mack Graham, Phil Ange, Larry Watson, Frank Dew, Billy Waters, Howard Walker, Bobby Lovic, Harvie Hill and Buddy Harrison, Skipper Alban Papineau and Jerry Ashwill and Elliott Ashwill, of Williamston.

In a recent letter to The Beacon, "Mack" G. Waters, head of the M. G. Waters Lumber Company firm in Washington, told of his interest in a recent article concerning demolition of the old Christian Church building in Plymouth. Asking for some additional copies of the paper, Mr. Waters wrote "I was living there at the time it was built and did quite a bit of work as a kid around the building while they were doing the work and later attended church and Sunday School there for several years before moving away." Several of the older members of the church have said they very pleasantly remember Mr. Waters, who was a frequent visitor in Plymouth up to a few years ago when his health began to fail.

## Needy Get \$1,400 In Commodity Aid

About 7,000 pounds of surplus commodities valued at nearly \$1,400 were distributed Tuesday of this week to 68 families in this county.

The families had been certified as in need by local screening committees. The food, consisting of flour, cornmeal, butter, cheese, dried beans, dried milk, lard and rice, was shipped from Raleigh by truck and unloaded Monday at the agriculture building.

The surplus commodity aid is made available through the State Department of Agriculture for relief of families hard hit by hurricane damage.

The job of distributing the food items was done by agricultural workers at the building, assisted by Mitchiner Banks and his FFA boys from Roper.

Mrs. Ursula Spruill, county welfare superintendent, said that applications are coming in every day and that the delivery of commodities to the county scheduled for January is expected to be much heavier than the one this week.

## Stocking Fund Drive Over Halfway Mark

The drive for money contributions to the annual Washington County Empty Stocking Fund was well past the halfway mark Wednesday of this week, according to James H. Ward, of Plymouth, chairman of the Rotary-sponsored project.

Money already reported approximates \$1,500, the chairman said, with other reports to be received. It is believed that more than \$2,000 will be needed to take care of all needs, besides donations of clothing, food and toys.

The job of collecting cartons to be used in the packaging of gifts to the needy has been successfully completed, Mr. Ward said. This work was done by the Boy Scouts under supervision of Foster Perkins, the boys making regular rounds of the stores to collect empty boxes. An ample quantity is now stored to be used in packaging, it was said. Mr. Ward expressed his thanks to the merchants and to Mr. Perkins and the scouts for doing a good job.

Merchants who plan to donate toys to the fund should note that a representative of the Stocking Fund committee will call either Friday or Saturday of this week to pick up the toys, Mr. Ward stated.

Clothing items and shoes have been donated by individuals while the school lunchrooms and individuals have donated items of food. If there are persons who would like to donate usable clothing, food or toys and desire that these articles be picked up they should contact Mr. Ward and arrangements for pick-up service will be made. It is urged that all area finance committees get their final report in to the finance chairman, Carl L. Bailey, sr., of Plymouth, not later than Saturday of this week. This is urgent, it was emphasized.

## NATIVITY SCENE MOUNTED ON FRONT OF MARKET BUILDING HERE



One of the most striking items of Christmas decorations in this section is the Nativity scene pictured above, mounted on the front of the City Market Building at the foot of Washington Street. Flood-lighted at night, it has brought many favorable comments from those who have seen it. Figures in the scene were painted and cut out of heavy board by Jesse Carter, while the mounting was prepared by city workmen under the supervision of Thomas F. Hopkins and Raymond Smith. The scene will provide a background for the community singing planned on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights of next week.—Staff photo.

## Time Is Extended For Making FHA Emergency Loans

The local Farmers Home Administration office advised today that the authority for making Production Emergency loans to eligible applicants who suffered substantial damage and losses as a result of hurricanes Connie, Diane and Ione has been extended through December 31, 1956 in 38 northeastern North Carolina counties including Washington and Tyrrell.

At the same time, authority for the making of Economic Emergency Loans was also extended through December 31, 1956. The extension of authority for making Production Emergency loans and Economic loans opens up a new realm of credit for farmers who have suffered losses and are unable to obtain the necessary credit from private sources, according to W. Willis Bowen, county supervisor. Also many more farmers will be eligible to receive needed credit and assistance offered through the Farmers Home Administration.

Both types of loans, Production Emergency and Economic Emergency, bear 3 per cent interest on See **FHA LOANS**, Page 8

## Bloodmobile Goal Is 110 Pints Wednesday

The Red Cross bloodmobile from Tidewater Regional Blood Center, Norfolk, Va., comes to Plymouth Wednesday of next week it will mark the 20th appearance in Washington County since inauguration of the blood program here December 15, 1950.

In 19 visits to this county the bloodmobile has secured a total of 2,343 pints of blood from donors. A total of 306 pints was secured on the previous three trips this year, including 113 pints on March 9, 82 pints June 22 and 111 pints September 28.

The bloodmobile is sponsored here by the James E. Jethro post of the American Legion, Bosie Bateman post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and ladies auxiliaries of the two posts.

The set-up, as usual, will be made at the veterans building, near the Washington County Hospital, and donor hours have been announced as 10:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.

The Plymouth Woman's Club, Mrs. Charlie Robertson, president, will donate refreshments for blood donors. The same clerical help as usual will be furnished this time, it was stated.

The Tidewater Blood Center is drastically short of blood, it has been pointed out, and local blood bank leaders are hoping that the quota of 110 pints will be surpassed.

A \$5 prize is being offered again to the home room at Plymouth High School or at Plymouth Colored Elementary School which is credited with the greatest number of blood donors.

Dr. R. Vernon Jeter, chairman of the blood program here, has pointed out that the greatest Christmas gift you can give is a pint of blood. A good response is anticipated next Wednesday.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock from the Christian Hope Church near Plymouth. Rev. Z. B. T. Cox, minister of the Farmville Christian Church officiated, assisted by Rev. C. N. Barnette, pastor of the Christian Hope Church. Interment followed in the Kelly family cemetery near the church.

The Christian Hope Church choir rendered "Where We'll Never Grow Old," "Abide With Me" and "Does Jesus Care?" accompanied by Mrs. Raymond Browning at the piano. For the postlude, the pianist selected "Face To Face."

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Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Robert Briley, Winterville, Mrs. Harry Dixon, Farmville, Mrs. Thomas E. Gladson, Greenville, Mrs. Walter Jarvis, Maury; one son, Clarence O. Kelly, Plymouth; two sisters, Mrs. Lena Gurganus, Farmville; Mrs. Alice Waters, Rocky Mount; 11 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

## Copy for Next Beacon Must Be in Saturday

In order to give employees a longer holiday The Beacon's Christmas issue will be printed Tuesday of next week. The office will be closed until the following Tuesday morning, December 27. Since the paper is to be printed early, it will be necessary for all copy to be in the office not later than Saturday of this week. Correspondents are requested to please get their copy in as soon as possible, preferably by Friday. The cooperation of advertisers and correspondents will be greatly appreciated. Church notices and related items should be turned in just as soon as possible to insure publication.

## Bulb Snatching Reported Here

Light bulbs from the holiday decorations which entwine the light poles on Water and Washington Streets have been removed by someone having no authority to do so.

Police Chief P. W. Brown stated this week that about 40 bulbs were missing. If the practice continues, said the chief, town workmen will be forced to take down the Christmas decorations on the two business streets. The chief asks that anyone who sees bulbs being removed report the matter to the police department.

## Native of County Buried on Sunday

Charles M. Kelly, 82, husband of the late Neocoda G. Kelly, died Friday afternoon at 3:15 o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. T. E. Gladson on Farmville Boulevard in Greenville. Mr. Kelly had been in declining health for several years.

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## Rites Here Today For L. M. Mooney

Lee M. Mooney, 58, of Wilson Street Extension, Plymouth, died at 5:15 p. m. Tuesday at a Washington hospital following a critical illness of several hours.

Mr. Mooney was an employee of N. C. Pulp Company as mechanic in the maintenance department and had lived here since 1937. He was born July 27, 1897, near Asheville, son of the late John and Sarah Mooney. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and was married to the former Ethel Dellinger of Tennessee, who survives.

Funeral services will be held from the home Thursday at 4 p. m. by the Rev. Robert L. Combs, minister of Plymouth Presbyterian Church. Burial will follow in Windle Cemetery.

## Shrine Club Here Will Elect Officers Monday

W. A. Roebuck, president of the Washington County Shrine Club, announces that election of new officers will be held at the meeting of the group Monday night. The meeting will be held at the Lodge Hall and is slated to begin at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

## Special Programs For Christmas at Various Churches

Several Town and County Churches Announce Cantatas, Plays, Pageants, Special Programs Music

Several churches of the town and county have announced special Christmas programs of one kind or another, including plays, pageants, cantatas, candlelight services, pantomimes and special programs of music.

Churches from which announcements of special programs for the Yuletide season have been received include Ludford Memorial Baptist Church, First Christian Church of Plymouth, Church of the Nazarene, Plymouth, Zion's Chapel Church of Christ, Roper, Pentecostal Holiness Church, Philippi Church of Christ, Plymouth Presbyterian Church, and Trinity Free Will Baptist Church near Pungo.

The Ludford Memorial Baptist Church senior choir will present its annual Christmas cantata Sunday at 7:30 p. m., with Mrs. Roy T. Hopkins directing. Mrs. W. D. Walker will be at the organ.

This year the choir has selected "Gloria in Excelsis" arranged from the music of Felix Mendelssohn, with text by Elsie Duncan Yale. Members of the choir are Mesdames W. H. Peele, J. E. Swain, R. E. Dunning, Otis Davis, Ada Virginia Cahoon, Paul Spencer, Wells Rogers, C. W. Burnham, Paul B. Nickens, R. H. Lucas, jr., Miss Gail Harrison and Raymond Smith, Harvey Lucas, Paul Spencer, Phil Ange and Paul B. Nickens.

Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock the choir of First Christian Church, Plymouth, under the direction of Charles Hutchins will present a Christmas cantata, "The Music of Bethlehem," by Fred B. Holton. The service will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the new Christian Church building on East Third Street. Everyone is cordially invited.

A Christmas program will be presented at the Plymouth Presbyterian Church Tuesday of next week, beginning at 7 p. m. A pantomime of the first Christmas is planned under direction of Mesdames Robert Combs, R. Vernon Jeter and K. S. Trowbridge. After the program a party is planned for the church members and their friends. This will mark the first Christmas

## Tarkington Rites Held Last Friday

Last rites were held Friday at 2 p. m. from Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church for Jimmie W. Tarkington, 58, of near Roper. Willie Twiddy, minister of the church, officiated, assisted by L. A. Ambrose. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Tarkington died at 7:30 p. m. December 7 at his home. He was the son of the late James S. and Alethia Swain Tarkington of this county where he was born June 11, 1897. He spent his entire life in the county and was occupied in farming. Mr. Tarkington was a member of Piney Grove Baptist Church. He was married at Creswell April 7, 1918, to Miss Mary Ethel Dunbar, of near Roper, who survives.

Other survivors include two daughters, Mrs. R. F. Abernathy, of Glen Allen, Va., and Mrs. Frank Spruill, of Edenton; four sons, Clarence W. Tarkington, James S. Tarkington and Thomas Nixon Tarkington, all of Roper, and William L. Tarkington, of Glen Allen, Va.; a brother, W. D. Tarkington, of Roper; a sister, Mrs. Maggie McGowan, of Roper; and seven grandchildren.

## Two Finish Work At East Carolina

Two Plymouth young men are among the 76 students who completed their work at East Carolina College, Greenville, at the end of the fall quarter, Registrar Orval L. Phillips, has announced. Both will receive bachelor of science degrees, which at East Carolina is conferred upon those taking courses preparing them as teachers.

The two from here are Lee Victor Landing and Albert Louis Singleton. Landing is the son of Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Landing and Singleton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Singleton. As graduates, they will receive their diplomas with their classmates at commencement exercises next May.

## Cyanamid Firm Plans To Locate Alum Plant Here

Designed to Serve Needs of Paper Industry in Two States, According to Announcement in New York

American Cyanamid Company, already a major producer of alum, will immediately build a liquid alum plant in Plymouth, it was announced Monday by R. E. Sumner, general manager of the Industrial Chemicals Division. The plant will be of sufficient size to care for the current and expanding needs of the paper industry in Virginia and North Carolina, it was stated.

According to Mr. Sumner, the building of the Plymouth plant was prompted by the rapid growth of the paper industry in these two states. The new plant will provide an additional and important link in Cyanamid's alum-producing facilities to serve the paper industry.

Although the announcement from company headquarters at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, made no mention of the specific location of the plant here, it was learned locally that it would be constructed adjacent to the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company about one mile west of Plymouth in Martin County. According to the local report, it will be built just across the highway back of the pulp company's filter plant.

At the present time, the North Carolina Pulp Company uses a large amount of liquid alum produced by the company and shipped here from Georgetown, S. C. It is understood the new plant will contract for steam and possibly power from the pulp mill here, and the finished product used by the North Carolina Pulp Company will be pumped directly to the plant by pipeline. The new unit is also designed to serve other paper mills in North Carolina and Virginia.

While neither the size nor cost of the plant to be built locally was mentioned in the announcement by Mr. Sumner, an official of the pulp company here said it was his understanding that not more than about 10 persons would be required to operate the new plant.

American Cyanamid Company produces large quantities of sulfuric acid and operates bauxite mines in Arkansas and Georgia. These are the basic raw materials used in the production of alum. One of the nation's leading chemical companies, Cyanamid produces thousands of See **CYANAMID**, Page 5

## County Cotton Farmers Favor Marketing Quotas

County cotton farmers voted unanimously in favor of marketing quotas for the 1956 crop in the referendum held Tuesday of this week.

Of 400 eligible voters in the county, 55 cast ballots. There were no challenged votes. The county committee met at the agriculture building here Wednesday afternoon to certify the vote.

A total of 23 votes was cast at Creswell, 17 at Plymouth and 15 at Roper.

## Community Sing Program Monday, December 19—7 P. M.

Master of Ceremonies ..... Rev. P. B. Nickens  
Carol (3 verses) ..... "The First Noel"  
Prayer ..... Rev. J. H. Lanning  
Carol (3 verses) ..... "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"  
Carol (3 verses) ..... "O Little Town of Bethlehem"  
Solo: "The Holy City" ..... Charles Hutchins  
Beulah Cratch, Pianist  
Song ..... "White Christmas"  
Song ..... "Jingle Bells"

## Wednesday, December 21—7 P. M.

Master of Ceremonies ..... Rev. E. M. Spruill  
Carol (2 verses) ..... "O Come All Ye Faithful"  
Prayer ..... Rev. R. L. Combs  
Carol (3 verses) ..... "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"  
Carol (3 verses) ..... "Angels From the Realms of Glory"  
Solo, "Voices of the Sky" ..... Myrtle Gray Jackson  
Shep Brinkley, Pianist  
Carol (3 verses) ..... "God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen"  
Carol (3 verses) ..... "Deck the Halls"

## Friday, December 23—7 P. M.

Master of Ceremonies ..... Rev. C. N. Barnette  
Carol (3 verses) ..... "Joy To the World"  
Prayer ..... Rev. P. B. Nickens  
Carol (3 verses) ..... "Away in a Manger"  
Carol (3 verses) ..... "We Three Kings of Orient Are"  
Solo, "O Holy Night" ..... Mrs. Darrell Cahoon  
Mrs. W. D. Walker, Pianist  
Carol (3 verses) ..... "Silent Night"  
Benediction ..... Rev. R. L. Combs

## Special Sessions Of Commissioners Thursday, Monday

Low Bid of Oak City Firm Approved for Electrical Work at New Health Center; Talk Drainage

The county commissioners approved a new bid for electrical work at the new Washington County Health Center, appointed tax listers in three townships, heard a report on proposed drainage work for this county and approved a road petition at two special meetings held Thursday night of last week and Monday night of this week.

Only two firms submitted bids for electrical work at the new health center here. A low bid of \$2,800 by a Merritt firm had been approved here October 28 but was later rejected by the State Medical Care Commission on the grounds that the firm—E. R. Edwards and Son—was not licensed in this county.

Bids were accordingly advertised for again. The low bid of \$2,794.80 of J. S. Ayers of Oak City was approved by the board. The only other bid submitted was that of O'Neil Electric Company of Washington in the amount of \$3,525.

Tax listers for the January listing period were named for three of the county's four townships. The Plymouth Township list taker must be named later, probably between now and next Monday when the oath of office is scheduled to be administered.

W. W. White was named to the post in Skinnerville Township, Dewey S. Spruill in Scuppernon, and Wade S. Hardison in Lees Mill. At the meeting Monday night Henry Bragg of the Soil Conservation Service met with the board and discussed proposed drainage in the county. He estimated that 12 to 18 months will be required to do the work which must first be approved by the department of civil defense in order that federal funds can be secured. Mr. Bragg also estimated the total cost at near \$100,000.

The work would consist of snagging, clearing and excavating and would entail considerable hauling, it is understood. Projects listed include Scuppernon River, Mall Creek, Deep Creek, Chapel Swamp, Mackeys Creek, Little Creek and extensions of Conaby Creek and Mill Pond. Cost to the county, designated as labor, possibly would amount to \$7,500, it was said.

The board approved a petition to improve the Otis Chesson road and the petition will be forwarded to the highway department.

## Community Festival Program Is Outlined

The Plymouth Community Festival groups were busy with last-minute details this week in connection with Santa's annual visit Friday afternoon, the Christmas decorations contest, Holiday House, and the massed choirs and carol singing slated for Monday, Wednesday and Friday of next week.

Santa's visit will be sponsored by Plymouth business men. A parade in his honor is scheduled for 3 p. m. Friday of this week and will feature the bands from Plymouth High School and Washington County Union School, Roper, as well as a special contingent of majorettes from Washington.

Thos. F. Hopkins will be master of ceremonies and Santa will be stationed in front of the City Market Building where he will receive letters from the kiddies and give out free candy.

"Holiday House" will be sponsored Sunday by the Plymouth Garden Club and will be held at the home of Mrs. Louise McGowan on Main Street between the hours of 3 and 6 p. m. The club will be host for refreshments at which time a silver offering will be taken for the benefit of the club's civic enterprises.

To encourage home decorations and build community spirit, the Plymouth Garden Club is also offering a \$5 prize for the best decorated doorway. Mrs. A. Lloyd Owens is chairman of this project. The county schools, through the cooperation of principals and faculty members, are decorating the school lawns, also.

A gesture of the planning committee is the nativity scene in front of the City Market Building. Mrs. Luther Nobles is chairman of this committee. Special thanks go to Atlas Plywood Corporation and to Jesse Carter who furnished the paintings.

The courthouse lawn decorations are the undertaking of the Plymouth Junior Woman's Club, Mrs. Borden Kornegay, president and project chairman. Distribution of programs and carols to be passed out on the street during the community sing See **FESTIVAL**, Page 8