

State motor vehicle license plates went on sale at the local branch license bureau on Washington Street Tuesday of this week.

News was received here Tuesday afternoon of the accidental death of Ed Lewis, former Plymouth resident, who has lived in Whiteville for a number of years.

Christmas lights, greenery and other street decorations for the holiday season came down Monday of this week.

E. H. Liverman, of Plymouth, appeared on the program of the 41st convention of the Albemarle Christian Missionary Union which met in Williamston Wednesday of this week.

Miss Jean Ellis, of Jamesville, assumed her duties as office clerk at Washington County Hospital here Monday succeeding Mrs. Mary Yeager, of Plymouth, who resigned to accept a secretarial position at the North Carolina Pulp Company plant here.

Lue Read appeared on the streets of the business section Monday of this week for the first time since his accident. Lue suffered a badly fractured hip in a fall in the back of the Plymouth Theatre December 6 and after receiving treatment by Dr. T. L. Bray he was hospitalized in Raleigh until December 22 when he returned home. He was out Monday with the aid of a "walker."

Looking a job? Fire Warden S. F. Darden, of Plymouth, said this week he will have an opening for a smokechaser at Plymouth Fire Tower on or about February 15.

1/Lt. John L. Booker, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Booker, of Plymouth, arrived at Fort Dix, N. J., Monday after serving about 18 months with the U. S. Air Force in France. A 1953 graduate of the University of North Carolina, where he was also in the AFROTC and received his commission, he entered the Air Force early in January, 1954, for a two-year tour of active duty.

Vegetable Crops To Be Discussed

County Agent W. H. Pruden, in a general letter to all farmers in Washington County this week, points out that with acreage cuts in tobacco, corn and peanut allotments and with an unfavorable farm price situation, farmers will have to use every means to keep incomes at the same level they are today.

To aid farmers in arriving at a decision concerning vegetable crops a meeting has been scheduled for Thursday night of next week at Plymouth.

The meeting will be held at the courthouse, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, and all aspects of the vegetable situation will be discussed, the county agent said.

Albert A. Banadyga, extension vegetable specialist, will be present to bring the latest information on vegetable production. He will discuss market outlook and production practices for vegetable crops adapted to this region.

A question and answer period will be included in the program. Crops to be included in the discussion are cabbage, lettuce, cucumbers, string beans and pepper.

Receipts of Seal Sale More Than Last Year

The annual Washington County Christmas Seal Sale stood at \$1,201.90 Wednesday morning, Mrs. Durand Keel, county chairman of the project, reports.

Property Listing Now in Progress

Start Holidays Here Next Week

Plymouth stores, at least in the main, will begin the Wednesday half-holiday closings next week, it was learned late yesterday.

Total 17 Cases Is Set for Trial at Court Term Here

Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn, of Woodland, Will Preside Over Criminal Term of Superior Court

A one-week criminal term of Washington County Superior Court is slated to open here Monday, January 16, with Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn, of Woodland, presiding.

Organization for Drive Being Made

Thos. F. Hopkins, director of the annual March of Dimes in this county, stated Wednesday that the county organization is expected to be perfected by the end of this week.

Distribute Commodities January 13

Through Tuesday of this week applications had been received at the Washington County Welfare Department from 123 families who want to share in January deliveries of the Surplus Commodities program, Mrs. Ursula Spruill, superintendent of welfare, reported.

Local screening committees are meeting this week to pass upon the eligibility of applicants. The Roper committee met Tuesday night, the Creswell committee Wednesday night and the Plymouth committee is to meet Thursday night.

Ranger Cites Law Requiring Brush Burning Permits

County Forest Ranger Lists Places in County Where Brush Burning Permits May Be Obtained

County Forest Ranger S. F. Darden this week called attention of the public to the brush burning law now in force for the third year.

Listing Reported Somewhat Ahead of Early Pace Last Year in Plymouth Township

The annual task of listing property for taxes, begun in this county Tuesday of this week, is off to the usual slow start, judging by figures obtained from Plymouth Township List Taker W. A. Roebuck.

Reports from the various listers throughout the county were not available and County Tax Supervisor Hubert L. Davenport, of Skippersville, could not be contacted late yesterday for a statement, but it is believed that the report here indicates the general trend.

However, the report here shows that more progress has been made in the first two days than was the case last year. Mr. Roebuck, who is listing for both the township and the Town of Plymouth, stated that 76 persons had listed through noon Wednesday. Last year, only about 75 persons listed during the first three days of the listing period.

The citizens of the township should note the change in place of listing this year. Last year listing was done in the kitchen of the Agriculture Building by List Taker Paul Swain.

This year the commissioners' room on the first floor of the county courthouse is being used for the purpose. Hours are 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. Monday through Saturday, with the listing job to continue through February 3.

It is pointed out that listing generally is heaviest at the first and last parts of the week, and is usually heavier in the forenoon than later in the day, so property owners who have yet to list are urged to bear these facts in mind.

Other township list takers are: Wade S. Hardison, of Roper, Lees Mill Township; W. W. White, of Skippersville, Skippersville Township; Dewey S. Spruill, Creswell, Seppernong Township.

Plymouth Church Host To Sunday School Convention

Plymouth Church of Christ will be host Sunday afternoon to the Washington-Tyrrell Sunday School Convention.

Some 200 persons from eight or more churches in the two counties are expected to attend.

The session will be in charge of J. E. Nooney, of Plymouth, who is president of the convention.

Morris Mounts, minister of Beaver Dam Church of Christ, near Washington, will be the guest speaker.

Sales Near \$19,000 Mark At County's ABC Stores

Sales at the two legal retail whiskey outlets in Washington County continued the upward trend of recent months during November, according to figures released by Manager W. C. Styons of the Plymouth ABC Store.

Sales at stores at Creswell and Plymouth during the month totaled \$18,895.80, the figures show. The Plymouth store showed sales amounting to \$17,069.50, while the store at Creswell had receipts totaling \$1,826.30 for the period.

month to 68 families approved by local screening committees. Items distributed under the surplus commodities program include flour, cornmeal, creamery butter, cheese, dried beans, lard and rice.

Commodities for distribution in the county are shipped by truck from Raleigh to Plymouth and unloaded at the Agriculture Building here which is being used as the distribution point for the county.



FIRST SNOW: Last Friday's 2-inch snowfall was just the first of the winter for most Plymouth folks, but it was the thrilling first ever seen by the two smaller children pictured above.

Roanoke Beacon Ownership Change Made January 1st

Partnership Which Has Operated Paper Since 1930 Dissolved; W. H. Booker Now Sole Owner

The partnership which was operated The Roanoke Beacon for the past 25 years was dissolved as of January 1, it was announced here this week.

Mr. Darden pointed out that the law does not apply to fires started or caused to be started within 100 feet of an occupied dwelling house. No permit is required in such case.

Market Operators Lay Season Plans

The owners and operators of the Plymouth Produce Auction Market, W. M. Darden, James H. Ward and W. T. Freeman, met Tuesday night of this week and agreed to make every effort to give this section a bigger and better market in 1956.

Letting has never before been grown commercially in the county, Mr. Freeman said. However, small research stations at Tidewater Research Experiment and by Hoyt LeFevre at Wenoa and County Agent W. H. Pruden in a home garden have been successful, it was said.

Since 1937, when equipment was installed and printing of the paper was resumed in Plymouth, The Beacon has won a number of awards for general excellence and news coverage offered by the

Rising Costs Get This Institution

The 5 cent soft drink is no more. The death knell was sounded in this section when the Coca Cola Bottling Works advanced the wholesale price per crate of 24 bottles from 80 cents to 96 cents.

Salk Vaccine Is Available Here

A supply of Salk anti-polio vaccine is available at the Washington County Health Department, according to Miss Elizabeth Wood, county health nurse.

Two Inches of Snow In County Last Week

Residents of this section were treated to a two-inch snowfall Friday of last week.

The snowfall, the first of the season for this area, began at about noon and continued until late in the afternoon. Rain which had preceded the snow left the ground, streets and highways wet and caused the snow to melt during the early stages of the fall. Later, however, it began to stick as the flakes continued to whirl down.

Variety of Matters Discussed Monday By Town Council

Clerk To List Town and County Taxes; Purchase Of Fire Department Supplies Is Approved

Members of the Plymouth City Council approved the purchase of several items for the fire department and discussed a variety of other matters at considerable length at their regular monthly meeting here Monday night.

Howard Walker, representing Walker-Darden Motors, local Chrysler-Plymouth dealers, asked for a clarification of the town's policy relative to motor freight transports unloading new cars on the streets here.

The matter was discussed at some length, and it was finally decided that local automobile agencies should notify the police department when a transport arrives in order that a policeman may be assigned to help direct traffic while the unloading proceeds.

Lawrence Jones, representing the volunteer fire department, asked that the council authorize the purchase of 500 additional feet of hose, 12 three-quarter length blanket-lined raincoats to be kept at the firehouse and two hose clamps to shut off water without closing hydrants or valves at the fire truck.

Swain Gas Company was granted a permit to install a liquid petroleum bulk tank on the company's lot fronting Highway 64 between Washington and Monroe Streets.

Then the council became involved in a discussion about allowing City Clerk W. A. Roebuck to list taxes for both the town and county during the month of January.

County authorities had some difficulty about arranging for an experienced list taker for Plymouth Township and asked Roebuck to do the job at the same time he listed taxes for the town. After securing Mayor Riddle's approval he accepted the job and accordingly was appointed Plymouth Township list taker by county authorities.

Some of the councilmen objected

Note Reduction Peanut Acreage

Individual peanut acreage allotments have been mailed to all county growers.

There was a general 7.4 per cent reduction in all allotments, ASC officials explain. The only growers who received a greater cut were those who failed to plant as much as 75 per cent of their 1955 allotment.

The reduction came as a surprise to many persons and the local ASC office reports that many growers have come in to ask about the smaller allotments.

February 15 is the deadline for making application for a new farm peanut acreage allotment. Applications must be filed at the county ASC office. Several conditions must be met in order to establish eligibility for a new farm allotment. Detailed information may be obtained at the ASC office.

Cancer Clinic To Be Held Friday at Elizabeth City

The Cancer Clinic of the North-eastern Cancer Center will be held Friday of this week in Elizabeth City, Mrs. W. W. Finlator, clerk, announces.

The clinic will be held at the Health Center with registration beginning at 1 p. m.

Examinees are asked to bring a robe.

Lyman Mayo, of the local bottling firm, said most of this work remains to be done in this vicinity.

In some sections, it is reported the retail price of the soft drinks has advanced to 10 cents. It is said that in these instances the wholesale advance was to \$1.30 per crate.

All of this means the passing of an "institution" for 5 cent soft drinks have been on the market for about as long as many persons can remember. Like most other things, the popular beverages gave way finally to rising costs.