

W. Frith Winslow, Plymouth artist, will be interviewed on a Washington television station Thursday afternoon of this week and will show about six of his paintings—portraits, landscapes and still life. The exact time of the program has not been announced.

M. G. Chesson, of North Carolina Pulp Company, was elected last Saturday night as new president of the Eastern Carolina Traffic Council. The meeting of the group was held in Raleigh at the Sir Walter Hotel. Mr. Chesson succeeds C. H. Pruden, jr., of Windsor.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Whitley were expected to return to Plymouth from Durham late yesterday. Mr. Whitley's progress is reported to be satisfactory following surgery at a Durham hospital last Wednesday. He entered the hospital Saturday, January 7. Mrs. Whitley has been in Durham for the past week.

At least 50 persons were at the courthouse last Friday to talk with Louis Word, of Louisburg, government representative, concerning the surplus equipment being made available to farm operators and small businesses hurt by hurricanes last year. According to reports, few who applied were found eligible under existing regulations. Word is slated to return to Plymouth Friday of next week, at which time he will again be located in the courtroom to assist any persons who care to apply. An effort is to be made to get regulations relaxed to some extent, it was unofficially reported here.

Joe Norman, of Plymouth, was reported late yesterday to be "doing satisfactorily" by the attending physician, Dr. E. W. Furgurson. Mr. Norman, who suffered a heart attack, was admitted to Washington County Hospital here last Thursday.

Miss Ann Lee Mayo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mayo of Plymouth, was one of 40 students at East Carolina College, Greenville, who made the highest possible grades on all courses included on their schedules for the fall quarter. It was announced this week by Dr. Orval L. Phillips, registrar. Only three of those on the honors list are men, Dr. Phillips stated, the other 37 being women students, and all of them are North Carolinians. Miss Mayo is a junior, one of six members of that class making the select group. A graduate of Plymouth High School, she has been at the top of her classes in college since she first entered as a freshman.

Dr. E. W. Furgurson will leave Sunday for Detroit, Michigan, to attend the convention of the National Congress of Industrial Health as an official delegate from the North Carolina Medical Society. The convention is scheduled for two days in the motor city. Dr. Furgurson plans to return to Plymouth Wednesday of next week.

E. E. Harrell and Mrs. J. Robert Campbell, of Plymouth, and T. R. Sprull, of Roper, will attend the meeting of the regional board of the Pettigrew Regional Library at Columbia Thursday night of this week. The meeting will be held at the Tyrrell County Courthouse, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Those from Plymouth who attended the annual Boy Scout council supper at Kinston Wednesday night of this week were the Rev. and Mrs. Edward M. Sprull, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Whitley, Dr. Alban Papineau, Roy F. Lowry and Dr. A. L. Whitehurst.

Jamesville Folks Hurt in Accident

Four Jamesville persons seriously hurt in a two-car collision near Washington late Saturday night were reported to be in fair condition at a Washington hospital this week. One of the four, Eugene Ange, 37, was formerly employed at Planters National Bank & Trust Company here. Mr. Ange suffered internal injuries; his wife, Frances, sustained a fractured jaw, a broken nose and lacerations about the face; Luther Hugh Hardison suffered a broken arm and a fractured pelvis; and his wife, Frances, sustained a broken back. All were passengers in a 1955 Ford driven by Ange.

The report of the investigating officer, Patrol Sgt. Bill Clagon, stated that the accident took place when a man by the name of Elks driving a 1955 Oldsmobile applied brakes to avoid hitting the rear of a bus which stopped just ahead of him and the Oldsmobile skidded into the path of Ange's oncoming Ford, which was being driven south on US 17. Elks escaped unhurt. The injured were rushed to a Washington hospital for treatment. Damages were estimated at \$900 to the Ford and \$600 to the Oldsmobile. The accident happened between Washington and Chocowinity.

Williamston Attorney Announces for Senate

Robert H. Cowen, young Williamston attorney and mayor, stole a jump on prospective candidates this week by announcing his candidacy for the state senate from this, the second senatorial district. Cowen, making his first venture into state politics, pledged his best efforts to serve the people of Dare, Hyde, Pamlico, Beaufort, Washington and Martin Counties if elected. If precedent of past years, well established, is followed Cowen may go forward without opposition. Under the "gentlemen's agreement" Edward L. Owens, of Plymouth, who served last term is entitled to another, while L. H. Ross of Washington, the other of the district's two senators, has announced he will not seek reelection. It is expected that Owens will be a candidate to succeed himself but no announcement has been made public by him as yet.

Supervisor Says Tax Listing About Third Complete in County

The Washington County Farm Bureau will meet Monday of next week in the auditorium of the county agriculture building here, with the program devoted to social security as it affects the farmer, J. L. Rea, president, announces. Time is 7:30 p. m. W. L. Turner, extension farm specialist, and either Woodrow W. Thomas, district manager of the New Bern social security office, or W. B. Wilson, field representative, will be present, Rea stated. A question-and-answer period will follow the regular program. The board of directors of the county unit will meet briefly afterwards to map plans for the year.

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Report of Grand Jury Favorable For Most Part

The report of the Washington County Grand Jury, submitted this week to Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn who presided at the civil term of superior court here, was favorable for the most part. The report bore the signature of the grand jury foreman, W. Douglas Gurkin, of Plymouth.

Repairs Needed at County Agriculture Building and Cited in September Report Again Listed

The Roper Agriculture Building was said to be in poor condition and the county Agriculture Building at Plymouth and Roper High School were found to be in need of repairs. Except for minor things here and there, that was about the extent of the dark side. The bright side of the picture included citations for the cleanliness of the county jail, the Plymouth Elementary School on Fourth Street, general condition of the county courthouse, school buses in good condition, and all schools in good order with certain minor exceptions.

Named To Manage Bulk Plant Here

Tommy Harris, of Washington, will manage the branch plant of Swaings Company which will open here soon, it was announced this week. The new plant, not yet completed, is located on US 64 by-pass near Miller Warren Implement Company. Deliveries of and collections for bulk gas will be handled from the plant here for this area. Service has been available in this area for some time from the home plant of Swaings in Washington.

L. E. Hassell on Critical List at Hospital Today

L. E. Hassell, sr., prominent Roper farmer and civic leader who is chairman of the county board of education, is a patient in Washington County Hospital. Mr. Hassell was stricken at his home early Wednesday and Dr. T. L. Bray, of Plymouth, who was summoned ordered Mr. Hassell rushed to the hospital here. Dr. Bray this morning stated that decided improvement has been made by Mr. Hassell but said the Roper man is still in critical condition.

Addresses of 11 Registrants Needed

Names of 11 registrants of Selective Service Board No. 95 here whose mail from the board has been returned marked "unknown" or "moved" were released this week by the board clerk, Mrs. Loraine Hunter. The list: Robert Mansfield Stevenson, Floyd Murray Davenport, Walter Allen White, Phillip L. Cox, Jesse E. Russ, Herman Leamon Cabarrus, Samuel Patrick, David Thomas

Employment Law Changes Subject Of Meet Monday

All Washington County employers of four or more persons are urged to attend an important meeting in Williamston next Monday night, January 23. Representatives of the Unemployment Insurance Division of the North Carolina Employment Security Commission will discuss recent changes in the unemployment insurance laws at a meeting to be held in the Martin County courthouse there next Monday evening, starting at 8 o'clock, it was announced yesterday by J. Kelly Gay, manager of the Williamston office of the Employment Security Commission.

A field representative and a claims deputy will be present in addition to Mr. Gay, to explain changes in the unemployment law, which now affects all employers of four or more persons. Prior to January 1, 1956, only employers of eight or more persons were covered by the law, but an amendment adopted by the 1955 North Carolina General Assembly extended coverage to all individuals or firms which employ four or more persons on and after the first of this year.

The amended law applies to 10,500 additional employers in the state, and 60,000 new workers will be covered, it was stated by Col. Henry E. Kendall, of Raleigh, chairman of the North Carolina Employment Security Commission. Previously, about one million employees of 17,500 employers in the state were affected, it was said.

Mr. Gay extends a cordial invitation to employers, employees and all interested citizens to attend the meeting in Williamston. Similar meetings are being held throughout the state. The Williamston office serves the counties of Washington, Martin and Bertie. A question and answer period will follow the discussion by the commission representatives, Mr. Gay said.

Lions Talk Bulb and Broom Sale at Weekly Meet Here

The forthcoming bulb and broom sale was the main topic discussed at the regular weekly meeting of the Plymouth Lions Club last Thursday night. The meeting was held in the First Christian Church and a delicious meal was served by the ladies' circle of the church.

The club had as its guest Louis Word, a Lion from Louisburg. Mr. Word is the federal government representative serving this area in distribution of government surplus products to victims of the hurricanes last year.

"Martin Luther" To Be Shown at Ware's Chapel

The feature-length motion picture, "Martin Luther," will be shown in the Ware's Chapel Methodist Church Friday of this week, beginning at 7:30 p. m. It is announced. The church is located in the Darden's community.

The film graphically explains the beginning of Protestant Christianity, states the Rev. W. S. Davenport, of Plymouth. No charge will be made but a free-will offering will be taken to defray cost of the film, it was said.

Dedicatory Event At Roper Sunday

Special services will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Roper Methodist Church to dedicate the stained glass window being presented in memory of John W. Chesson, former member of the church and prominent Roper citizen.

Plans for the memorial began when the request was made that there be no flowers at the funeral services for Mr. Chesson held in August 1954. Friends wanting to give flowers started a fund for the memorial and the family has added to this fund to make the window possible.

The window itself is the scene, "Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane." It is semicircular, approximately six feet across and four feet high, and is being installed above and behind the pulpit. It will be artificially lighted. The public is invited to attend the service.

Barbecue Dinner Saturday At Veterans Building Here

A barbecue dinner will be held Saturday of this week at the Veterans Building here, jointly sponsored by the local posts of the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Plates will be served from 11 a. m. to 8 p. m., the announcement stated. Proceeds will be applied to the building fund.



WORKERS: The March of Dimes Campaign is underway throughout Washington County this week. Although a little late in starting, Chairman Thomas F. Hopkins (seated, left) is nevertheless hopeful that the drive this year will surpass the \$3,500 raised in the county last year. When this photo was made last Saturday morning, he had just rounded up a group of workers and was outlining distribution of counter coin collectors and literature being used by hundreds of other volunteer workers in the campaign. Left to right, others in the photo above are W. Benton Liverman, A. J. Ange, jr., Nicholas Ange and Mrs. Hopkins.—Staff photo.

Jaycees To Honor Young Man of the Year Here Friday

A young man of Plymouth between the ages of 21 and 35 will be honored Friday night by the Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce. The person voted by a special committee the outstanding young man of the community for 1955 will receive the Jaycee distinguished service award at the meeting of the Jaycees to be held in the Fellowship Hall of First Christian Church.

Levin Culpeper, of Elizabeth City, who is vice president of the 10th Jaycee district which includes the Plymouth club, will make the presentation. The identity of the honoree will not be divulged until time for presentation of the award.

Six factors enter into the selection, as follows: 1. Contribution to community or state welfare; 2. Participation in all-round community or state activities; 3. Evidence of lasting community or state activities; 4. Exhibition of leadership abilities; 5. Evidence of personal or business progress; 6. Cooperation with individuals and civic organizations.

Carl L. Bailey, jr., of Plymouth, who won the award a year ago, is chairman of the event. Columbia Jaycees have been invited to attend the meeting here Friday. The Plymouth club sponsored organization of the Columbia club some years ago.

Theatre Project Set for Friday

The organization, Theater Owners of North and South Carolina, is sponsoring a project, "Popcorn for Polio Day," Friday of this week, with proceeds from popcorn sales at theatres to go to the March of Dimes.

J. Shepherd Brinkley, local theatre owner-operator, is cooperating in the project, and patrons may pay the regular price of popcorn or donate what they wish above that amount. All receipts from this program here will go to the local March of Dimes and be a part of total county receipts.

Mr. Brinkley and County March of Dimes Director Thos. F. Hopkins were notified of the project by letter from Howard Anderson, vice president of the Theatre Owners group.

March of Dimes Drive Underway in County

The annual March of Dimes campaign for Washington County got underway in earnest Monday of this week with the volunteer organization being perfected under the leadership of Thos. F. Hopkins, of Plymouth, who has served for several years as county director.

The county organization is seeking a quota of \$3,000 in funds for the unceasing fight against the dread disease of poliomyelitis. Chairmen were named in 11 categories or communities to head the work in the various sections of the county. Mrs. Thos. F. Hopkins, who is chairman of house-to-house solicitations in Plymouth, released a list of 48 volunteer workers.

Also, with the usual strong help from the schools, the parking meter receipts donated by the Town of Plymouth, the annual March of Dimes queen's contest and ball and miscellaneous sources, it is believed that there is a good chance that the quota will be met and the fine record made in this county in the past kept intact, despite conditions less favorable than in immediate past years.

A concerted effort from all sides to get the job done quickly, effectively and well is the general plan of this year's campaign. The need continues great, Mr. Hopkins pointed out.

The general organization was listed by the drive chairman as follows: Thos. F. Hopkins, drive chairman; Nick Ange, treasurer; James Bond, publicity; Mrs. Thos. F. Hopkins, chairman Plymouth house-to-house solicitations.

Plymouth colored, Prof. A. R. Lord, chairman. Business solicitation (Plymouth) Benton Liverman, civic organizations; Melvin Boyd, Ronald Waters and Thos. F. Hopkins, business houses;

Distribution committee: A. J. Ange, jr., Steve Hopkins, Bubber Hopkins, Ken Hopkins, Louis Moore, William Bonds; Roper white, Mrs. Elbert Tarkington. Roper colored, Prof. E. V. Wilkins, chairman.

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Firemen Kept on Run Tuesday; Three Calls

Plymouth firemen answered three alarms Tuesday of this week, two in town and one at Mackeys. Little damage resulted from the fires, according to Fire Chief I. Miller Warren.

The first alarm was at 11:30 a. m. and firemen sped to the residence of Sgt. Kennedy on East Main Street where an oil heater had got too hot. No damage was reported.

The second alarm came at noon. The roof of a house owned by C. J. Belch, sr., at Mackeys caught fire

Found Dead in Creswell Canal

Dennis Windsor Armstrong, about 54, was found dead in Mountain Canal near Lake Phelps Tuesday by Ernest Spear, who operates a store nearby. Armstrong was last seen alive Thursday of last week when he stopped in at the Spear place of business. The man, who had worked for the past two years or so as a painter around Creswell, lived alone and was not missed for some time following his disappearance. He had previously served in the merchant marine, it was said.

J. L. Horner, of Plymouth, Washington County coroner, investigated and deemed an inquest unnecessary, ruling that Armstrong met death by drowning.

Court Term Ends Tuesday as Judge Sets Steady Pace

Superior court machinery, kept grinding at a steady pace by Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn, wound up a rather abbreviated docket late Tuesday.

The Woodland jurist, one of the special superior court judges in this state, presided in lieu of Chester Morris, of Coinjock, at the criminal term of court which opened here Monday. Judge Morris was unable to fill the appointment due to illness.

Several cases listed for trial at the term were continued due to the illness of counsel. Attorney W. L. Whitley, of Plymouth, who was a patient in a Durham hospital.

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Roper Spotters To Get Awards

Fourteen members of the Roper Ground Observer Corps post will receive awards at a special meeting at Roper Monday, January 30, Jesse Rawls, post supervisor, announced this week.

Presentation of the awards to volunteers who have completed their training will be made by Capt. Frank W. Byrnes, of the Air Defense Filter Center, Durham. Those who have not already received their "wings" will be given them at the same time, Rawls stated.

The supervisor reported that on the last alert there were 29 volunteers who saw duty, spotting and reporting nine planes. The number of reports was held down by bad weather, it was explained. Anyone desiring to join the post for training as an observer is invited to call Mr. Rawls at 613-8. Volunteers are urgently needed, it was said.

Spotter Posts at Plymouth, Roper Need Volunteers

This is serious. Announcement that ground observer corps posts throughout North Carolina will start round-the-clock "Skywatch" Wednesday, February 1 caught both posts in this county with a serious shortage of active personnel.

"Skywatch" was requested by the United States Air Force and the reasons behind it are serious, according to information received by post supervisors at Plymouth and Roper from Edward F. Griffin, director of Civil Defense for North Carolina.

"Extended surveillance has been anticipated for sometime," Mr. Griffin stated, "with the date dependent on establishment of firm Air Defense Identification Zones which are the air defense perimeters of the nation. In and around them, air defense measures are heavily accentuated to prevent penetration of the United States by enemy aircraft.

"The Air Defense identification zones are now established," the state director said. "Affecting North Carolina and the southeast, the Atlantic ADIZ will begin in Maine and extend along the eastern coastline of Florida. In certain strategic areas even further expansion is anticipated.

"The necessity for this action is not a wild guess by the Department of Defense. Nor is continuous night and day duty for our Ground Observer Corps a whim of Civil Defense.

"The establishment of adequate measures to protect ourselves against Russian attack is being dictated by the actions and attitudes of the men in the Kremlin.

"To achieve world domination has been the Communist doctrine for over 100 years. Soviet Russia, the seat of world Communism, has exploded thermuclear devices which logically can be considered the forerunner of the H-Bomb—and she has a large and improving bomber force capable of carrying such devastating weapons right to the heart of our homeland. These weapons, if delivered without interference, could, in a single series of coordinated blows, reduce us to a position from which recovery might be impossible.

"To counter this threat the coordinated effort of all of us—military and civilian—is required. Today wars are fought by all the people as a whole, not by military forces alone. Civil Defense programs must go hand-in-hand with military programs."

Jesse Rawls, Roper post supervisor, and Dr. A. L. Whitehurst, See SPOTTERS, Page 5

Illness of Counsel Causes Continuance of Few Cases Here; Selby Given 19 Months in Assault Case

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