

Town Topics

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To Start Using Fire Horn Here Daily

Local residents are advised not to be alarmed by three blasts on the fire department's air horn twice daily, starting next Monday.

Fire departments officials explain that the air horn is to be used to sound fire alarms in the future after being out of commission for a couple of years.

Firemen prefer to use the air horn for fire alarms, since it is coded to give the general locations of fires.

formed satisfactorily for a time, after which it began to give trouble and for the past few years alarms have been sounded with the old siren.

Bond Issue Favored By Board Education

Say Tax Listing Job 90 Percent Done in County

David W. Paul, young Wenona farmer, is in Raleigh attending the Bankers Short Course at N. C. State College.

Cancel Civil Court Term

County Education Board Adopts Resolution Monday Asking Commissioners To Call Bond Vote

Roebuck Praised by County Tax Supervisor for Job Turned in; No Relaxing Of Penalty Rule

The civil term of Washington County Superior Court, which had been scheduled to open here Monday of next week, will not be held and jurors and others interested should please note.

The Washington County Education Board Monday adopted a resolution asking the county commissioners to call an election to vote on the question of issuing \$500,000 in school bonds to be used for school purposes.

Hubert L. Davenport, county tax supervisor, told a Beacon reporter yesterday that preparations were being made to index the tax books which were closed last Friday.

In Lees Mill, Skippersville and Scuppernon Townships the percent listing was about the same, Davenport estimated, but in Plymouth Township the job was more nearly completed, he said.

Ruritants Ted Martus and T. R. Spruill, of the Roper club, returned late Wednesday from Atlanta, Ga., where they attended the Ruritan National convention at the Dinkler Plaza Hotel.

A group of Plymouth school students plans to leave here by chartered bus Sunday for a trip to historic Williamsburg, Va., Principal J. S. Fleming has announced.

Considerable new construction was done in Plymouth during 1955, Mr. Davenport noted, but he said no difficulty is anticipated in getting the valuation on the books.

The Washington County Board of Commissioners, in regular monthly session here Monday, handled several routine matters of business and deferred action on two problems relating, respectively, to county school facilities and additional rooms for the Washington County Hospital.

Joe Thrower returned to Plymouth this week from Chicago where he attended the boat show at the International Amphitheatre during the past week-end.

The group is scheduled to leave Plymouth Sunday at 1 p. m., arrive in Williamsburg at 4:30 o'clock and leave there Monday at 1 o'clock.

Other matters reported included the election of J. W. Norman as chairman pro tem of the education board due to illness of Board Chairman L. E. Hassell, sr., of Roper.

Approval of extension for the drainage projects, Roxie Reese Road; E. J. Spruill reported the sum of \$39,566.59 collected in his office during the month of January.

Mrs. Annie Mae Pemberton, of Raleigh, supervisor of state boarding homes for the aged, spent Wednesday afternoon here with Mrs. Ursula Spruill, county welfare superintendent.

Johnny Marrow, Billy Bowen, Wayne West, Bobby Ladd, Bill Cheshire, Morgan Williams, Tommy Terry, George Waters, Leroy Sitterson, Jimmy Fleming; Billy Hall, Allan Gansderson, Russell Bland, Reg Smith, Charles Watson, Edward Stewart, Harvie Hall, Golden Simpson, Buddy Harrison, Al Cox;

Extending the leave of absence of Mrs. P. W. Littlejohn to the end of the sixth school month; Acceptance of the bid of A. M. Kochelis for the old classroom building on the Plymouth Elementary School campus provided it is not raised within the next 10 days;

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W. E. Turner, Plymouth manager of Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company, and T. W. Rose, of the Rocky Mount district office, were featured on the program of Roper Ruritants Thursday night.

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Herman L. Owens Rites Here Today

Last rites for Herman L. Owens, 54, of Plymouth, will be held from Ludford Memorial Baptist Church, of which he was a member, Thursday of this week at 3:30 p. m.



GET AWARDS:

Captain Frank W. Byrnes, USAF, is shown above congratulating Jesse E. Rawls, post supervisor, following presentation of certificates and wings of the Ground Observer Corps to members of the Roper post at a ceremony held in the school building there Monday night of last week.

Mayor and Council To Support Clean-Up Drive in March

Town Dump To Be Relocated and Rat-Poisoning Campaign To Be Staged; Other Matters at Meeting

School, Hospital Problems Deferred by County Board



Band Clinic, eastern division, held at East Carolina College in Greenville Friday and Saturday of last week. The three members, pictured above, left to right, are Barbara Johnson, trumpet; Ben Windley, baritone; and Linda Lipscomb, clarinet.—Staff photo.

AT CLINIC:

Three members of the Plymouth High School Band participated in the All-State Band Clinic, eastern division, held at East Carolina College in Greenville Friday and Saturday of last week.

No decision was reached here Monday by the county commissioners concerning two important matters brought to their attention, action being deferred in both instances.

Clean-Up Campaign Planned Next Month

Giant Parade Slated for Saturday, March 17, With Clean-Up Week To Follow The Next Week

Safety Record Still On Here

The great safety record at N. C. Pulp Co. here was still intact as of Wednesday morning and through Tuesday of this week stood at 1,259,574 man-hours worked without a lost-time accident.

Routine Matters Handled Monday By Commissioners

Take Steps To Get County Drainage Project Underway; \$39,500 in Taxes Collected

Hail Insurance On Tobacco May Be Raised Here

Among counties which would be affected by proposed changes in hail insurance rates on growing tobacco is Washington.

Polio Ball Here On Friday Night

Friday night of this week the strong-limbed will have a grand opportunity to help the weak.

Report Shows 115 Planes Sighted During 238 Hours

Jesse Rawls, supervisor of Roper Ground Observer Corps post, announced today that 83 observers served at the post during "Operation Skywatch" with 238 man-hours pulled during the five-day period.

Republican Precinct Meetings Scheduled

Republican precinct conventions will be held throughout Washington County during the month of February, it was announced this week by T. D. Somerville, chairman of the county Republican executive committee.

Mrs. Vinie Rhodes Buried on Sunday

Funeral services were held from Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church Sunday at 3:30 p. m. for Mrs. Vinie Rhodes, 55, of Plymouth.

Free Farm Show Planned Tuesday

Everybody is invited, especially farmers and their families, to attend the Sinclair Farm Show, which will be given at the Agriculture Building in Plymouth next Tuesday night, February 14, starting at 7:30 p. m.

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