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Herman B. Riggles, a representative from the state Farmers Home Administration office at Raleigh, is spending Wednesday and Thursday of this week in the county, it was announced by the local FHA office.

Ten trash containers are being placed today on downtown streets of Plymouth, P. W. Brown, chief of police, states. Ten more containers are to be ordered, the chief added. The cans are being supplied on a 50-50 basis by the Town and the Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce. Brown points out that it is in violation of a town ordinance to throw paper or other trash on the streets and sidewalks and he asks the cooperation of everyone to maintain sanitary conditions and good appearance by making full use of the containers.

Noble Bill Roebuck, of Plymouth, is the recipient of a high honor from Clarence H. Parker, of Belcross, potentate of Sudan Temple, New Bern. Roebuck has been notified of his appointment by Parker as Potentate's Ambassador of Sudan Temple for the year 1956. His duties will consist mainly of securing petitions and keeping in constant touch with the Blue Lodge, York and Scottish Rite candidates. The local man also will be called upon to assist Noble Tom Hood, the chairman of the Crippled Children's Activities committee in keeping the Crippled Children's Hospital before the Shrine Club and Nobles. "Your assistance in promoting the annual Orphanage Bowl Game at Charlotte will also be needed," Potentate Parker wrote. Incidentally, the Shriners' Spring Ceremonial will be held at Elizabeth City May 23-24, Bill says, in urging all Shriners to make plans to attend.

Among those attending the funeral of Mrs. Baker Boyce Wood in Hertford Thursday of last week were the following local persons: Mrs. Walton Swain, Mrs. E. J. Spruill, Mrs. Tex Lindsey, Mrs. C. L. Blount and Delbert D. Allen.

Foy Davenport, who with Paul Basnight is in charge of dog vaccinations against rabies in Plymouth Township, Mackeys and Roper, said today that the program is being held up by lack of serum. Hilton Chesson, of Creswell, will handle the program in the other end of the county, it was said. Davenport said the serum supply is expected this week-end.

Jimmy Mobley, of Plymouth, escaped injury Tuesday night when his 1952 Chevrolet struck and killed somebody's cow on a highway in Martin County. However, his machine was not so fortunate. The car was pulled into town Wednesday morning by a wrecker sent out by a local garage and estimates of damage to the front end of the vehicle were placed at between \$200 and \$300.

Dallas Waters, chairman of Selective Service Board No. 95 here, W. C. Spruill, of Roper, a board member, and Mrs. Lorraine Hunter, board clerk, attended a regional conference of Selective Service personnel at Elizabeth City Tuesday afternoon. The other board member, Jennings Davenport, of Creswell, did not attend. The conference was conducted by Col. Thos. H. Upton, of Raleigh, state director of Selective Service.

Clean-Up Drive in Roper Next Week

The Town of Roper will launch a clean-up drive next week, to coincide with Clean-Up Week in Plymouth.

The matter was decided by the Roper Town Council at its meeting Monday night of this week, it was announced by Mayor T. R. Spruill. Members of the body are J. L. McAllister, Howard Davenport and W. Barton Swain. Aubrey Phelps is town clerk.

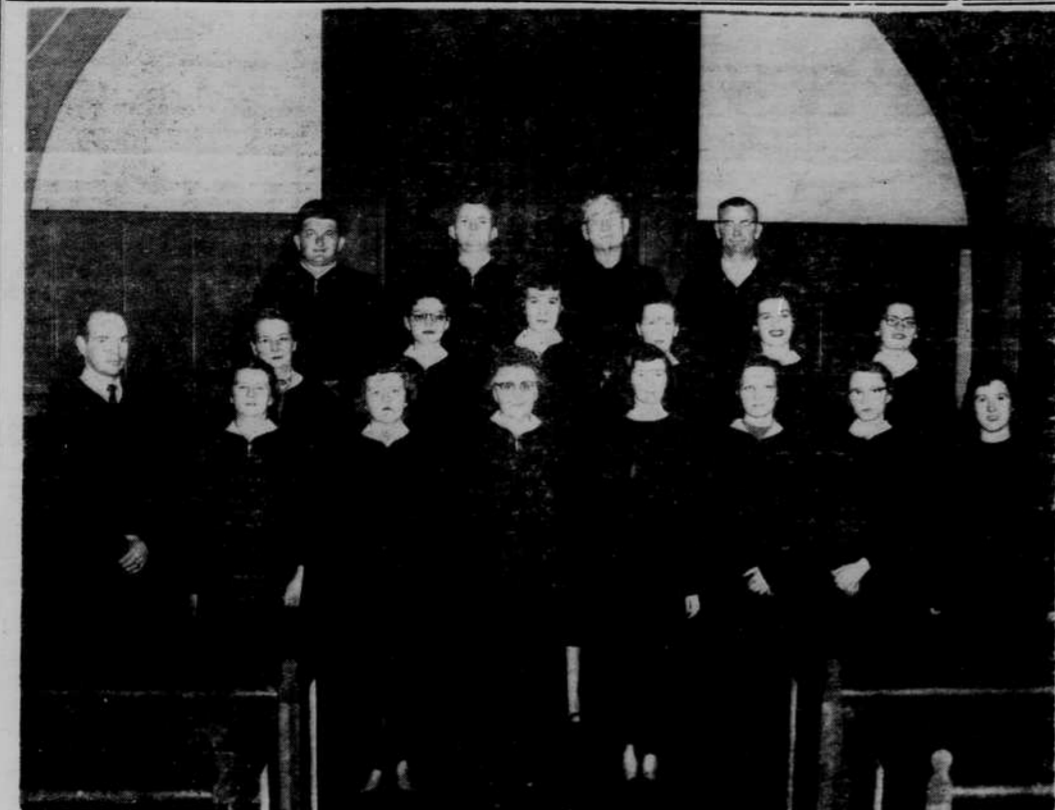
The special clean-up week will extend from Monday through Saturday, it was announced. All property owners are urged to cooperate by cleaning up their premises. The town truck will be hauling all day on Wednesday of that week.

Rat Poison Put Out Here This Week

The campaign against rats in Plymouth began in earnest Monday of this week when quite a bit of bait was put out by members of the Plymouth High School health classes.

The drive brought immediate reaction from some citizens, principally in the Golf Road area, County Sanitarian D. D. Allen and Police Chief P. W. Brown said.

There were complaints that the bait was being placed with little consideration for children, dogs and cats, but both Brown and Allen insisted that dogs would not eat the poison. Brown said the



CHOIR: Shown here are choir, director and organist of First Christian Church. A special program of sacred music will be presented by the group Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the church. Some of the choir members were not present when the photo was taken above are, front row, left to right: Charles B. Hutchins, director; Mrs. Sadie Ange, Mary Louise Cratch, Agnes Davis, Mrs. Jean Turner Beasley, Corinne Ange, Mrs. Peggy Joyce Modlin and Beulah A. Cratch, organist; second row, same order: Mrs. Beulah H. Cratch, Mrs. Mary Wood Cutler, Mrs. Ruby Porter, Nyal Womble, Mrs. Frances A. Lucas, and Emily Waters; back row: Julian H. Clark, Dr. B. W. Cutler, A. T. Darden and R. E. Whitley. Not present when the picture was taken were Alva Rose Hardison, Sandra Bateman, Mary Alice Beasley, Mrs. Mildred Clark, E. H. Liverman and Phillip G. Liverman.—Photo by Weaver Studio.

Begin Making Plans For Produce Market

Receive Notice For April Call

The local draft board has received notice from state Selective Service headquarters that a call for nine men for pre-induction examination will be made upon the board in April.

The registrants will be sent by special bus to the Raleigh reception center Tuesday morning, April 17, Mrs. Hunter said. In keeping with present policy, no men over the age of 26 years will be sent, it was added.

Plymouth Man Is Named Delegate For Convention

First District Republicans Choose J. R. Carr as One Of Two Delegates at Meet In Washington Friday

J. R. Carr, of Plymouth, has been named along with Zeno Ratcliffe, of Terra Ceia, as delegates from the First District to the Republican National Convention.

The national gathering will convene in San Francisco, Calif., on August 20th. Mr. Carr said this week he planned to attend and probably would take his family with him, as they have relatives on the West Coast they wish to visit at the same time.

The action came at the First District Republican Congressional convention held Friday of last week at Washington. Mr. Ratcliffe is Republican candidate for Congress from the district, also.

Named as alternates were Jake Stafford, of Rt. 3, Elizabeth City, and Grover Cleveland Tetterton, of Washington. Clarence Allen, of Aurora, was elected as presidential elector.

T. D. Somerville, Washington County Republican chairman, was elected to the state executive committee.

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Several New Buyers Secured For Coming Season; Prospects Declared Good For 1956

Plans have been completed for the operation this season of the Plymouth Produce Market. More facilities will be added for proper grading and packing of the crops to be grown this year. Several new buyers have been secured for the various crops.

The owners and operators believe this will be the best year yet to plant truck crops. The earnings of the people who consume these crops are higher than ever before, which should mean higher consumption and higher prices, it was said.

The crops to be handled by the market this year will begin with cabbage, next string beans, then cucumbers and peppers. Arrangements have been made for pepper plants. Anyone desiring plants is advised to contact the operators of the market and make arrangements for plants early. See your county agent for needed information regarding cultivation and fertilization of these crops, the market operators advise.

Schoolmasters in Meet on Monday

The Albemarle Schoolmasters Club, meeting at Plymouth High School Monday of this week, heard an address by Dr. D. B. Bryan, dean of the School of Education, Wake Forest College. The speaker was presented by R. F. Lowry, superintendent of Washington County Schools.

The invocation was pronounced by T. A. Hood, principal of Roper High School, and J. S. Fleming, principal of the host school, welcomed guests.

Following presentation of special guests, a solo by Mrs. S. L. Lucas was enjoyed, with Miss Beulah Cratch accompanying at the piano.

J. T. Biggers was in charge of the business session. A barbecued chicken dinner was enjoyed by about 100 persons present for the occasion.

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Special Program Of Sacred Music Here on Sunday

Program Announced by Director Charles B. Hutchins; To Be Held at Local Church at 4 P. M.

A special program of music will be given Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at First Christian Church, it is announced.

The choir of the church, under the direction of Charles B. Hutchins, will present a program of sacred music. Many well-loved selections are listed in the program which is arranged as follows:

Selected by the organist, Miss Beulah A. Cratch; "Search Me, O God," Woodman, full choir; "Turn Thy Face From My Sins," Sullivan, full choir; Selected, soloist, Mrs. Mary W. Cutler; "Beautiful Savior," trio, Mrs. Frances Lucas, Miss Nyal Womble, Mrs. Mary W. Cutler; Selected, soloist, Miss Janet Styons; "O Thou Whose Sweet Compassion," Maunder, mixed quartet, Mrs. Mary W. Cutler, Mrs. Frances Lucas, E. H. Liverman and Dr. B. W. Cutler; Selected, soloist, Miss Nyal Womble; "God So Loved the World," Stainer, a capella choir; "Thou Knowest, Lord," Purcell, a capella choir;

Offering; offertory prayer, Rev. C. N. Barnette; offertory solo, "Come Ye Blessed," Scott, Charles Hutchins; "Rock of Ages," men's choir; "O Divine Redeemer," Gounod, Mrs. Frances A. Lucas; "O Savior of the World," Goss, full choir; "Build Them More State Mansions," full choir; "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," Luther, arranged by Cain; Benediction, the Rev. C. N. Barnette; Response, "The Lord Bless You and Keep You," full choir.

The offering will be applied to the purchase of new robes for the choir, the director said.

Broom Sale To Be Held Here Today

The Lions Club of Plymouth will conduct its annual broom sale for benefit of the blind Thursday of this week. Lion Walter Oakes is chairman of the project.

Brooms made by blind workers in the factory at Greensboro will be offered throughout Plymouth business and residential areas, Oakes said.

James E. Westray and I. Miller Warren are other members of the project committee.

Chief P. W. Brown, in charge of business solicitations, said the canvass of the business district will be made Thursday afternoon. Oakes will supervise the residential canvass. He stated that club members have been divided into teams of two each and assigned territory to work.

The residential solicitations will start at 6:30 p. m. and continue until 9 p. m., it was added. All residents who would like to buy brooms and support the project are asked to leave porch lights on during the hours of the house-to-house canvass.

Program of Safety At Pulp Mill Here Is Getting Results

Three-Quarter Mark Passed Last Week-End Toward Goal of Two Million Accident-Free Manhours

Employees at the North Carolina Pulp Company here last week-end reached the three-quarter mark in their immediate objective of working 2,000,000 manhours without a lost-time accident. The number of accident-free hours now stands at well over a million and a half.

Target date for reaching the 2,000,000 manhours of labor without a lost-time accident is around June 1st, and if this is accomplished it will mean 10 months' straight running time without such an accident. Company officials believe that with the major part of construction in connection with the expansion program almost over, there is a good possibility that the objective can be reached.

Because of major departmental shutdowns in recent weeks, while some of the present machinery and equipment was moved and set up again in making way for the expansion program, many paper and pulp mill workers were given the opportunity of working in the mechanical department. Additional crews of mechanics were necessary, working under the supervision of mechanics foremen William Stotesbury, Clayton Allen, Robert Armstrong and others. This work, although new to many of the men, was completed without a lost-time accident.

Paper makers are now returning to their assigned jobs on the paper machines but, because the crews have been rearranged, more training will be necessary in order to get the required teamwork smoothness that is necessary in the operations of a paper machine, it was explained.

Commenting on the record of a million and a half manhours of labor without a lost-time accident, H. C. Carter, plant engineer, said

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Area Meetings To Discuss Farmers' Problems Slated

Spruill, County Farm Bureau Reporter and Former Head, Says Bureau Holds for Law Change

Reynold Spruill, reporter and former president of the Washington County Farm Bureau, stated this week that the Farm Bureau is opposing a bill before Congress now providing for liberalization of the Social Security law.

Mr. Spruill says the Farm Bureau is asking that Social Security be put on an optional basis for farmers in lieu of the compulsory basis as it now stands.

Also, Farm Bureau, through Matt Triggs, its legislative representative, asked the committee considering the bill in question to change the law so as to apply only to hired farm workers who are employed on the farm for at least 60 days in a year or who earn at least \$200.

At present, a farmer must report and pay social security on a worker earning as much as \$100 in a calendar year. Farm Bureau, Mr. Spruill points out, is not opposing Social Security coverage for farm workers, but is asking only that the temporary and casual types of employee be excluded.

Farm Bureau area meetings on policy execution are now being planned at which times such items as Social Security will be discussed, it was stated. It is the aim of the Farm Bureau to keep the farmers informed on what their organization is doing. Individual farmers are invited to make suggestions and it is promised an effort to carry these suggestions out at the area meetings will be made.

SAFETY BOXSCORE

Continuing a record that started August 1, 1955, employees of the North Carolina Pulp Company, Plymouth, as of Monday, March 12, 1956, had completed the following number of manhours of work without a lost-time accident:

1,504,968

Drive for Red Cross Starts In County; \$2,330 Is Goal

Board of Equalization To Meet Here Monday

The Washington County Board of Commissioners will meet as a board of equalization and review Monday of next week, March 19, for the purpose of examining and reviewing tax listings for the current year. The meeting will be held in the commissioners' room at the courthouse here and is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a. m.

Those who have complaints about tax valuations are invited to present them at this meeting. However, it is pointed out that since this is not a revaluation year, valuation changes can be made only in cases of listing errors, additions or where actual losses have been sustained.

While the board can hear complaints about property being listed too high or too low, the Machinery Act of 1919 provides that such adjustments are to be made only in revaluation years. County real property was revalued last year, and it is not expected that many changes will be made at the board meeting next Monday. If errors in listing can be shown, if new buildings or additions have been constructed, or if actual losses by fire or similar causes can be shown, valuations will be adjusted accordingly.

Parade Saturday To Start Clean-Up Drive

Final arrangements had not been completed late Wednesday for the Saturday parade here to promote Clean-Up Week which is March 19-24, but it was stated definitely that two high school bands and floats representing the Plymouth Garden Club and the Plymouth Merchants Association will form a nucleus.

The local Boy Scout troop is expected to be in the parade and it was said that possibly other Scout units here would take part, also. Any civic group interested in being represented is asked to please meet at 10 a. m. Saturday behind the high school where the parade will form.

The march downtown will begin promptly at 11 a. m., it was stated. At the head of the procession will be Mayor A. J. Riddle, Chief of Police P. W. Brown, Sanitarian D. D. Allen and possibly other dignitaries, according to Mrs. R. Vernon Jeter, project chairman.

An all-out effort will be made the following week — Clean-Up Week in Plymouth — to improve the appearance of the community, it has been stated. The parade is designed to stimulate interest in the worthy undertaking which is an idea of the Plymouth Garden Club.

Several other local organizations are actively backing the effort. The Town of Plymouth and the Jaycees are supplying needed street trash containers for use in the business section and steps are being taken to provide incinerators for use in each business block in order that individual merchants can take care of trash disposal to a large degree.

Meet Next Week To Fill Vacancy

Carl L. Bailey, sr., chairman, said yesterday that a meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee of Washington County probably would be held next week to appoint a successor to L. E. Hassell, sr., of Roper, as a member of the county board of education.

Mr. Hassell last week tendered his resignation to become effective at the April meeting of the board. He was a member of the education board for 19 years, serving as chairman since January, 1944.

State law provides that vacancies on boards of education shall be filled by appointment made by the county executive committee of the party to which the retiring member belonged. Since Mr. Hassell is a Democrat, his successor will be named by the Democratic executive committee. It is presumed the appointment will be for the unexpired portion of Mr. Hassell's term of office, or until April, 1959.

Creswell Clean-Up Week Will Begin March 25th

Creswell—The week beginning March 25th has been designated as "Clean-Up Week" in Creswell by the town commissioners. All residents are requested to cooperate by cleaning up their premises and help make the town more attractive.

Organization Perfected and Announced This Week; Dr. Whitehurst Stresses Great Need

With the announcement this week of a perfected organization the annual Red Cross fund drive got into swing in this county. A total minimum goal of \$2,330 is being sought, Dr. A. L. Whitehurst, chairman of the county Red Cross chapter, said.

Solicitations are being handled as follows: Plymouth Business—Rotary Club; Plymouth Residential—Junior Woman's Club, part of VFW Auxiliary, Methodist Woman's Society for Christian Service, and the Auxiliaries of First Christian Church and Plymouth Presbyterian church; Pike Road and NC 32—Mrs. Perry Turner, chairman; Plymouth Industrial—Plymouth Lions Club;

Labor Unions—Leroy Ange, chairman; Creswell White—Creswell Ruritan Club; Creswell Colored—Prof. P. W. Littlejohn, chairman; Roper White—Roper Ruritan Club;

Roper Colored—Prof. E. V. Wilkins, chairman; Plymouth Colored—Prof. A. R. Lord, chairman.

Dr. Whitehurst calls attention to the fact that the county Red Cross chapter supports the local blood bank program financially, in addition to given aid to those hit by disaster of various kinds.

The need remains great, particularly in view of heavy losses from "The Furies" which made 1955 one of the worst disaster years in history.

To show graphically what the Red Cross is doing to relieve suffering incident to these catastrophes the following summary of expenditures by the Red Cross for the period from July 1, 1950 through December 31, 1955, is given:

1950-51—\$3,946,000 including 315 operations, among them the Richmond, Va., tornado which brought a Red Cross expenditure of \$69,820;

1951-52 — \$19,152,500 including 300 operations, among them the Southern tornadoes relief effort totaling \$1,611,600;

1952-53 — \$5,610,400 including 319 operations, among them over \$400,000 spent in relief of suffering incident to the Central Georgia and Alabama-Georgia tornadoes;

1953-54 — \$2,124,800 including

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Bloodmobile Unit Fails Get Quota

The quarterly Red Cross bloodmobile failed of the minimum quota by 33 pints, Dr. R. Vernon Jeter reported. The quota was announced as 110 pints and 77 pints were given, 51 by white donors and 26 by colored.

A total of 95 persons responded and there were 18 rejects, 12 colored and six white, it was reported. There were 27 new donors.

Dr. Jeter, blood program chairman here, expressed pleasure at the response of colored citizens, said the best, since the program began here in December, 1950. He declared thanks due Gladys Pettiford Hassell and Lonnie Young, of Plymouth, and Melvin Cordon, of Dardens, who took their cars and brought in many colored citizens during the day.

To Reorganize Observer Post

Dr. A. L. Whitehurst, supervisor of the Plymouth Ground Observer Corps post which has been inactive lately, stated this week that a reorganization meeting is to be held within the next two weeks.

Dr. Whitehurst said the post here has been plagued with lack of sufficient numbers and that volunteers are still needed. He said about 75 volunteers are now on the post roll. Anyone desiring to support the effort actively is invited to contact either Dr. Whitehurst, Carl Bailey, jr., or Charles Gardner.

Will Sponsor Red Cross Fund Drive In Roper Section

Jesse Rawls, Chairman of Ruritan Club's Red Cross Committee, Makes Announcement of Plans

The Roper Ruritan Club is sponsoring the annual Red Cross fund drive in Lee's Mill Township, it was announced this week.

The Red Cross committee, composed of Jesse Rawls, chairman, J. A. Chesson and Giles Stallings, assigned each Ruritan member a definite area to work, most of the assignment being given to teams.

The members of the club will solicit contributions in the near future and the cooperation of all citizens will be greatly appreciated. A quota of \$400 for the area has been set by the county Red Cross chapter, it was said. The drive will end March 31.

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Two More Days for Free Chest X-Rays

For the first six working days of the opportunity Friday and Saturday of this week, the final days, about 2,200 was the figure anticipated for the unit stationed at Plymouth, it was said. The total here through last Saturday stood at 1,496.

The unit alternated between Creswell and Roper showed a total as of Saturday of 682.

Day-by-day figures were released as follows: Unit 2 at Plymouth—March 2, 215; March 6, 300; March 7, 283; March 8, 241; March 9, 238, and March 10, 219; Unit 5 at Creswell-Roper—March 3, 80; March 6, 117; March 7, 206; March 8, 66; March 9, 113; March 10, 100.

The total of the unit at Columbia as of March 9 was 916, it was said.