

Horace G. Ange, son of Mr. and Mrs. James W. Ange, of Plymouth, received the degree of bachelor of arts in the School of Religion at Bob Jones University, Greenville, S. C., at graduation exercises there Wednesday, May 30. There were more than 40 graduates at the institution, the degrees being conferred by Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., president of the university. Young Ange was a member of the Pi Gamma Delta Literary Society.

Howard Jerome Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard T. Walker of Plymouth, will take part in the state finals of the Teen-Age Road-e-o Saturday and Sunday at Greenville. The event is sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce and Walker will represent the Plymouth Jaycees, having won the event here over 77 county entrants. The road-e-o was held here Wednesday, April 25 and 28 finalists took part in the driving tests. Winner at Greenville will get a \$500 prize and the right to represent the state in the national finals.

Rev. and Mrs. Jesse H. Lanning will be in Greensboro this week-end attending the graduation of their daughter, Lucinda Lanning, at Woman's College of the University of North Carolina. In the absence of Mr. Lanning, Rev. W. S. Davenport, pastor of Jamesville Methodist Church, will preach at Plymouth Methodist Church. Mr. Davenport is a resident of Plymouth and a former member of the Plymouth Church. This will be a regular service and not a Communion Service.

A two-day meeting of officers and directors of Area 4 of the Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association was held Tuesday and Wednesday of this week at Nags Head with about 75 delegates attending. Included was K. S. Trowbridge of North Carolina Pulp Company who said the purpose of the organization is to encourage wise use of Southern forest resources as well as their immediate replacement after cutting. A business session was held Tuesday and the meeting closed with a banquet Wednesday night.

Roy F. Lowry, county superintendent of schools, will leave Saturday for Daytona Beach, Florida, where he will attend the Southern States Work Conference June 4-9 at the Daytona Plaza Hotel. Mr. Lowry is a member of the finance committee. Purpose of the meeting is "to study problems of educational interest in the Southern region," it was said. Mr. Lowry expects to return to Plymouth June 11.

Mrs. J. Robert Campbell of Plymouth will attend a reunion of the Class of 1911 at Greensboro Woman's College Saturday of this week. Mrs. Campbell will be accompanied by a classmate, Mrs. S. L. Cloyd of Raleigh.

J. B. McNair of Plymouth has a young granddaughter who is just about ready for solid food. The young lady, Beverly Jean Chapman, was born May 11 with a lower front tooth already in place. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. K. Chapman of Norfolk, Va. Mother and daughter are doing fine, according to reports.

A few persons from this county attended the peanut field day held at the Lewiston Experiment Station Wednesday of this week. A tour See TOPICS, Page 7

About 200 Attend Field Day Event

A crowd estimated at about 200 persons attended the Forage and Livestock Field Day at Tidewater Research Station near here last Thursday, it is reported.

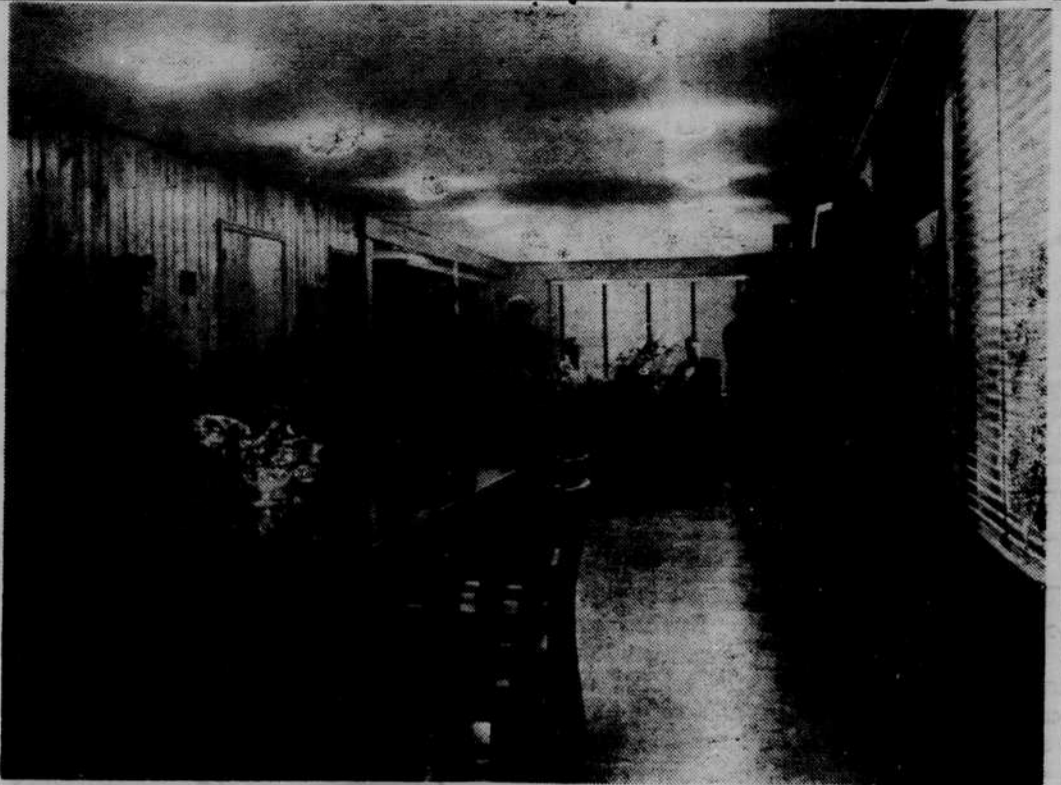
The event was in charge of Sam Dobson, extension agronomy specialist. Taking part on the program which began at 9:30 a. m. and continuing into the afternoon were Dr. R. L. Lovorn, director of agricultural research at State College, J. L. Rea, station superintendent, and Cecil Thomas, director of the Division of Research Stations, State Department of Agriculture.

Farmers participating in a general discussion program included two from this county—Bill Thompson and Sid Hessel of Roper.

A barbecue lunch was served at the farm.

Bloodmobile Returns Next on 20th of June

The regular quarterly visit of the Red Cross bloodmobile to Plymouth is scheduled for Wednesday, June 20, local blood bank leaders have announced. It will be the second visit of the year to Plymouth by the unit. On the first visit March 14, 77 pints of blood were secured, bringing the total donated in Washington County since inauguration of the blood bank program here in December, 1950, to 2,469 pints.



The new home of the Washington County Public Library is pictured here shortly after its formal opening recently. Above is a portion of the interior, while the small photo gives an exterior view of the library, located at the intersection of Third and Adams Streets. Seated at the desk in the top photo is Mrs. C. E. Ayers, librarian; others, left to right, are Mrs. Eugenia Babylon, director of the Pettigrew Library Region, who has an office in the new building; Mrs. J. Robert Campbell, chairman of the Washington County Library Board; Town Councilman C. B. Holliday, the Rev. Jesse H. Lanning and Mrs. Sabra Reid.—Staff photos.

546 Autos Examined At Safety Lane Here

Total of 91 Vehicles Rejected But Many Correct Faults and Come Back; Project Successful

A total of 546 vehicles went through the safety check lane set up on East Water Street Monday and Tuesday of this week, according to a report released by J. D. Mallory and H. N. Stephenson, who were in charge.

The two men expressed themselves as highly pleased at results of the voluntary project which was sponsored locally by the Town of Plymouth and the various garages. It is part of a nation-wide program sponsored jointly by Inter-Industry Magazine and the National Safety Council.

The lane here was operated from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. each day. Those who assisted in its operation were Stephenson and Mallory, George Bagley, Edward Ray Clifton and Ralph Hunter.

Rejects included 82 cars and 24 trucks. Of these, however, about 35 corrected their troubles and came back through the lane, it was said.

Every vehicle was checked for brakes, front lights, rear lights, steering, tires, exhaust, glass, rear view mirror, windshield wipers and horn. A breakdown of defects among cars and trucks was listed as follows: Cars—brakes, 1; front lights, 6; rear lights, 38; steering, 1; tires, 31; exhaust, 7; glass, 1; windshield wipers, 9; horn, 2; Trucks—brakes, 1; front lights, 1; rear lights, 6; tires, 2; exhaust, 1; glass, 2; windshield wipers, 2. It is believed much good has been accomplished by the project, the sponsors stated.

Allen Family Reunion Held in County Sunday

The annual Allen family reunion was held Sunday at the Joseph Allen home-place on NC 32 eight miles south of Plymouth with about 200 persons from this state and Virginia attending.

Graduation exercises Monday night opened with the Processional, "Pomp and Circumstance," and was followed by the invocation by the pastor.

County Man Is Hospitalized As Truck Overtakes Sunday

George Askew of Plymouth Rt. 1 was hospitalized here with injuries suffered when the pickup truck he was operating on N. C. 32 overturned about five miles south of Plymouth at 8:30 Sunday night. The accident was investigated by Cpl. M. C. Byrum of the State Highway Patrol, stationed at Williamston, and details were not available.

Teacher Total In County Announced For 1956-57 Term

Number of Teachers for County Schools Remains Unchanged; Gain of One White, Lose One Colored

Total number of teachers in the schools of Washington County will be the same for the 1956-57 term as for the 1955-56 school year, R. F. Lowry, county superintendent, reports.

The teacher allotment announced last week by the State Board of Education shows 113 teachers for the county, 62 in the white schools and 51 in the colored. This is a gain of one white teacher and a loss of one colored teacher. There is a total of 86 elementary teachers and 27 high school teachers.

Among the white schools, Plymouth gains two teachers, Roper loses one and Creswell's allotment remains the same. In the colored schools the only change is a loss of one teacher at Creswell Elementary School.

Plymouth White gains one teacher each in elementary and high school, Roper loses one in high school.

The allotment, by schools, is as follows: Plymouth—elementary, 25; high school, 9; total, 34; Roper—elementary, 8; high school, 3; total, 11; Creswell—elementary 12; high school, 5; total, 17; Plymouth Colored Elementary, 18; Washington County Union School, Roper—elementary, 17; high school, 10; total, 27; Creswell Elementary, 6.

File Damage Suit Here Last Week

A \$25,000 damage suit, arising out of an automobile accident last December, was filed here last week.

Anna M. Mitchell, wife of Dr. L. S. Mitchell of Plymouth, by her attorneys, W. L. Whitley and P. H. Bell, filed complaint May 22 with the clerk of superior court seeking to recover \$25,000 damages alleged suffered as a result of the wreck December 2, 1955, in the Sand Hills section of Plymouth.

The suit is against Tom Cunningham and wife, Dovie Cunningham. Mrs. Cunningham was the driver of the car in collision with the Mitchell car, in which Dr. Mitchell's wife was a passenger.

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Education Board Purchases Five Lots From Still

Former Plymouth Mayor Also Donates Approximately Eight Acres; Site Totals About 19 Acres

The Washington County Board of Education has increased its holdings for a possible new school site in Still Acres to about 19 acres of land, County Superintendent of Schools Roy F. Lowry stated Wednesday.

Former Plymouth Mayor Eugene F. Still of Blytheville, Arkansas, met with the board here Tuesday of this week and an agreement was reached for the board to purchase from Still for \$2,000 five lots adjoining land previously acquired by the board. Still also agreed to donate another parcel estimated at approximately eight acres.

The board agreed to purchase Lots No. 4, 115, 117, 119 and 121 in Block 31 of Still Acres. Negotiations are also continuing for additional acreages, Lowry said.

The board also adopted certain rules and regulations pertaining to assignment of pupils, and assigned pupils to the various schools for the 1956-57 school year.

The contracts of Teachers Donald Edward Phelps and Alton K. Spencer were approved during the meeting Tuesday.

Realize Over \$180 Poppy Sales Here

The annual Poppy Day sale held Saturday amounted to \$183, Mrs. Lillie Ambrose, chairman, reports. Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts aided in the event which is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.

The sale was completed by noon, it was said.

Members of the Auxiliary expressed thanks for the response and for the cooperation of the scouts.

The poppies sold here were made by disabled veterans at the veterans' hospital.

Poppy Day contributions are the principal financial support for the Auxiliary's rehabilitation and child welfare activities.

To Consider Budget at Board Meetings Monday

Approval of budgets is expected to be the major item of business for both the Plymouth City Council and the Washington County Board of Commissioners when those bodies hold regular monthly meetings here next Monday.

The commissioners will convene at the courthouse at 1 p. m. while the council will hold its session at the Municipal Building at 8 p. m.

The county board of education, which normally meets the first Monday, held its session Tuesday of this week and will not meet on Monday.

Total Vote Last Saturday Less Than 1,500 in County

E. O. Arnold Will Not Call Second Primary

E. O. Arnold of Skippersville, who finished second to Dr. J. M. Phelps in the three-cornered race for county representative in last Saturday's Democratic Primary, has decided not to call for a run-off.

Mr. Arnold stated Wednesday that he had proposed to Dr. Phelps and to W. J. Woolard, the other candidate, during the campaign that they agreed to concede to the high man in any event. Arnold said his opponents did not agree to the proposal, but that in order to relieve Washington County of the expense of a second primary he had decided not to call for a run-off.

Big Crowds at Finals For Roper, Creswell

Graduation Exercises Held At Roper High School Friday Night, at Creswell Monday Night

Principal Will Stay On Duty

School is out for a summer respite but there's at least one teacher who is not quite ready to "take off."

Principal J. S. Fleming has announced that his office at the high school will be open as usual each day through June 11 and that he will be glad to render every possible service. After June 11 the office will be open "as necessary," Mr. Fleming stated.

Governor Given Total 1,089 Votes County Saturday

Hodges Leads State Ticket; County With Winners in All But Lieutenant Governor's Race

Governor Luther H. Hodges led the state ticket in Washington County last Saturday, getting 1,089 votes for governor compared with a combined vote of 238 for three opponents. Tom Sawyer of Charlotte received 94 votes in the county, C. E. Earle, jr., of Belmont got 89 votes, and Harry P. Stokely of Charlotte, 55. The total vote cast in the primary was slightly more than 1,400.

In the state as a whole, Hodges won an overwhelming vote of confidence, said to be the largest ever cast for governor in a North Carolina primary. The official vote was expected to approximate 380,000.

COUNTY VOTE, BY PRECINCTS

Following is the official tabulation of votes, by precincts, cast in the Democratic Primary in Washington County last Saturday, as certified to the county board of elections at the official canvass of returns in Plymouth Tuesday morning:

Table with columns for County Ballot (For Member, Board of Education, For Solicitor, Recorder's Court, For County Commissioner, For State Senators, 2nd District, For County Representative, For Governor, For Lieutenant Governor, For Commissioner of Agriculture, For Insurance Commissioner, For Commissioner of Labor, For United States Senator) and rows for candidates like Paul B. Belanga, Tom F. Davenport, W. Blount Rodman, W. M. Darden, A. R. Latham, Jack Williams, Edward L. Owens, Robert H. Cowen, A. Corey, E. O. Arnold, J. M. Phelps, W. J. Woolard, Luther H. Hodges, Tom Sawyer, Harry P. Stokely, C. E. Earle, jr., Luther E. Barnhardt, J. V. Whitfield, Alonzo C. Edwards, Kidd Brewer, Gurney P. Hood, L. Y. Ballentine, Kermit U. Gray, Charles F. Gold, John N. Frederick, Frank Crane, James A. Farlow, H. D. Lambeth, jr., Sam Ervin, jr., Marshall C. Kurfees. Includes a TOTAL VOTE row at the bottom.

Total Smallest in Recent Years; Rodman Leads Ticket; Phelps High in Representative Race

E. O. Arnold of Skippersville announced Wednesday that he had decided not to call for a run-off to settle the race for county representative.

Arnold, who was runner-up to incumbent Dr. J. M. Phelps of Creswell in last Saturday's balloting, said he was waiving his right to a second primary in order to save the county the cost of a run-off vote. Dr. Phelps lacked 73 votes of winning outright over the combined vote of his two opponents in the primary Saturday.

The lack of interest in politics in the county this year was reflected in the total vote of about 1,425, one of the "lightest cast here in years. It was even smaller than the light vote cast in the 1948 primary when about 1,600 persons went to the polls. Noting the general apathy, observers here had predicted between 1,600 and 2,000 votes in the primary Saturday and there was surprise when the total fell below the low figure predicted.

W. Blount Rodman of Plymouth led the county ticket in last Saturday's voting, winning by a substantial margin over his opponent, W. M. Darden, also of Plymouth, in the race for solicitor of the recorder's court. Rodman, the incumbent, polled 976 votes to 374 for Darden, leading in all six precincts.

State Senator Edward L. Owens of Plymouth got the second highest vote on the county ticket with 963. Owens finished as high man in the seven-county second senatorial district, with Mayor Robert H. Cowen of Williamston second, and A. Corey of Jamesville trailing. Cowen thus won the other district seat in the state senate.

Dr. J. M. Phelps, Creswell incumbent, finished as high man in the three-cornered race for county representative, polling 665 votes. E. O. Arnold of Skippersville came in second with 446 votes, and W. J. Woolard of Plymouth trailed with 291. Both Arnold and Woolard are former representatives, Arnold having represented the county in the 1949 legislature, while Woolard served in the 1951 and 1953 sessions.

Dr. Phelps carried three of the precincts, Plymouth No. 1, Lees Mill and his home precinct of Scuppernon. Arnold carried his home precinct of Skippersville and also led in Wenona, while Woolard carried the remaining precinct, Plymouth No. 2.

In the solicitor's race Mr. Darden made his strongest showing in See COUNTY VOTES, Page 12

Edward L. Owens And R. H. Cowen Win Senate Race

Owens Is High Man, Leading Every County in District But Martin; Cowen Leads Corey by 946 Votes

Edward L. Owens of Plymouth and Robert H. Cowen of Williamston will represent the second senatorial district in the state senate next year.

Owens, local attorney and landowner, seeking reelection to the post, led his opponents in every county in the district except Martin, home county of the other two candidates.

Cowen, mayor of Williamston making his first venture into district politics, led A. Corey of Jamesville by a margin of 946 votes to get the other district senate seat.

Mr. Owens, according to unofficial figures, polled 5,875 votes in the seven counties of the district to lead the ticket. Cowen's total was 5,492, while Corey trailed with 4,546 votes.

Since there is no Republican opposition for state senators in the second district this year, Saturday's primary vote was tantamount to election. Reports from Williamston stated that Cowen plans to continue as mayor of Williamston until he enters the state senate next January. An unofficial tabulation of the vote by counties in the district follows: County Corey Cowen Owens Martin 908 1466 542 Dare 509 552 603 Tyrrell 245 130 273 Hyde 519 486 623 Wash'ton 385 475 962 Beaufort 1342 1833 2217 Pamlico 638 550 655 Totals 4546 5492 5875