

Youth Activity Week will be held at Plymouth Methodist Church next week rather than the following week as previously planned...

Pvt. Burl Walker is spending a 10-day furlough in Plymouth with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Walker, after completing his "boot" training at the Parris Island, S. C., Marine Corps base.

T. W. Tarkenton, of the Pleasant Grove section, barely missed reporting the first cotton blossom in Washington County. He called The Beacon Monday to report he had found a white bloom on his farm Saturday morning...

Several members and leaders of Troop 383, the new Boy Scout troop sponsored by First Christian Church here, left Saturday morning for a week-end trip to Hatteras...

Several farmers and other agricultural workers from this county attended the tobacco field day held at the research station two miles southeast of Greenville Monday afternoon...

The Rev. T. F. Davenport of Creswell, supply pastor, did the preaching at the morning and evening worship services Sunday at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Plymouth...

New Police Car; Town Seeks Bids

Pleading hot weather, the City Council held a brief session at the Municipal Building Monday night—the regular monthly meeting of that body.

The meeting was presided over by Mayor A. J. Riddle and all councilmen were present as follows: E. D. Keel and W. C. Hall, first ward; Jack B. Latham and Ralph Hunter, second ward; J. D. Mallory and J. B. Holliday, third ward.

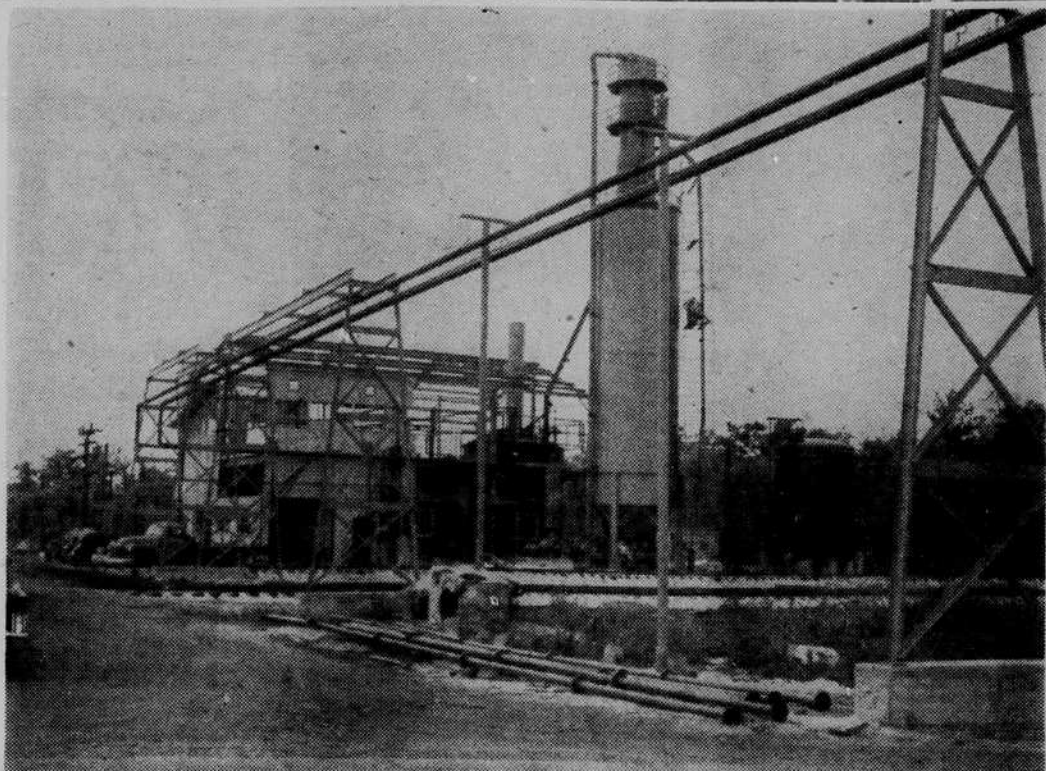
No action was taken at the meeting and the only matter discussed was that of obtaining a new police car for the department. The new vehicle will replace the 1955 model Plymouth which was bought in December of 1954.

Salk Shots Still Available Remind

Health department officials here are anxious for the public to take advantage of Salk shots available at the department on Washington Street.

Miss Elizabeth Wood, county health nurse, reported this week that few were coming in for the anti-polio shots.

It was also stated that the free pre-school county immunization schedule which was completed last Friday was poorly patronized. These shots, against typhoid, smallpox, whooping cough and diphtheria, may be obtained now at the health department each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon between the hours of 1 and 4:30 o'clock.



NEW PLANT: Construction work is nearing completion on the liquid alum plant being constructed here by Tidewater Construction Company for the American Cyanamid Company...

Board of Education Buys Two More Lots

First Cotton Blossom Here

L. L. Mizelle of Roper became the first farmer to turn in a cotton blossom at The Beacon office this season. Mr. Mizelle sent in a white blossom Thursday morning of last week.

The blossom was discovered as he sprayed his fields for control of boll weevils. The blossom came from a field on the old Blount farm between Plymouth and Mackeys. Mizelle described his crop as "pretty good."

Reunion Banquet Of Class of 1951 Set on Saturday

First Reunion of Class To Be Held at Fellowship Hall Of Plymouth Methodist Church

There has been a change in plans for the reunion of the 1951 Plymouth High School graduating class, it was announced this week.

Last week it was announced that the reunion banquet would be held at the Veterans Building here. It was announced this week that the banquet will be held at Plymouth Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, served by the church circle.

Time of the banquet is 7:30 p. m. Saturday of this week.

The reunion will be the first the class has held. Present plans are for a reunion of the class every five years, it was said.

A good many of the 33 members of the class are expected, along with husbands, wives and special guests. About 40 persons have signified their intention to be present, according to John Mack Bowen, class secretary who sent out invitations and is in charge of arrangements.

Other class officers include See REUNION, Page 12

Hudson Rites Are Held on Saturday

Last rites were conducted Saturday at 3 p. m. from Saints Delight Church of Christ, near Roper, for Richard (Dick) Hudson, 71, of Roper. The Rev. T. E. Cayton of Edenton officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Hudson, a retired farmer and son of the late William and Elizabeth Lilley Hudson of Beaufort County, died at 1 a. m. Thursday in Washington County Hospital. Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Eloise Swain Hudson; three daughters, Mrs. Vida Gardner of Plymouth, Mrs. Ethel Hensley of Norfolk, Va.; a son, Harold Hudson of Plymouth; one sister, Mrs. Mattie Ange of Roper; two half-brothers, Johnny Hudson of Plymouth and Bryant Hudson of Norfolk, Va.; three half-sisters, Mrs. Maggie Hudson and Mrs. Jessie Matthews, both of Norfolk, and Mrs. Hattie Midgett of Plymouth.

Funeral Services Here Tuesday for Prominent Native

Mrs. Gertrude W. Landing Was Resident of Plymouth for 45 Years; Died Monday

Mrs. Gertrude Woodard Landing, member of an old and prominent Washington County family, died at 2:10 a. m. Monday in a Norfolk, Va., hospital.

Mrs. Landing, 81, was the wife of Louis Sparkman Landing and resided at 1533 Morris Avenue, Norfolk.

She was a native of Roper and the daughter of the late John Wesley Woodard and Harriette E. Downing Woodard and was born March 10, 1875. She was a resident of Plymouth for 45 years, going from here to Norfolk where she made her home for the past 20 years.

She was married at Roper in April of 1904 to Louis Sparkman Landing. Mrs. Landing was a member of the Church of the Epiphany, Norfolk, Va., and had been at one time a member of Grace Episcopal Church of Plymouth.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Elizabeth Landing Kenworthy and Mrs. Gertrude Landing Gilleland, both of Norfolk; one son, Harry Taylor Landing, also of Norfolk; two grandchildren, Miss Ruth Kenworthy and Thomas Albert Gilleland, Jr., both of Norfolk.

Funeral services were held from Grace Episcopal Church here Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Officiating was the Rev. Joseph Buchanan of Norfolk. A large crowd, including many persons from out of the county, came to pay their last respects. Burial was in the church cemetery.

The remains were left at Horn-cer's Funeral Home here until one hour prior to the service and then carried to the church.

Legal Whiskey Sales in County for June Given

Legal whiskey sales in Washington County pushed toward the \$16,000 mark during the month of June.

Figures just released by Manager W. C. Stoyons of the Plymouth ABC Store show total sales of \$15,666.60 for the period.

The Plymouth store had receipts for June of \$14,302.15; while at the Creswell store the total was \$1,364.45.

County 4-H Members Win Awards In Camping at Manteo Last Week

County 4-H Club members compiled a good record at the Roanoke Island 4-H Club Camp at Manteo last week, Assistant County Agent Joe Outlaw reports.

The group from this county, consisting of 17 boys and 17 girls, camped with delegations from three other counties—Tyrrell, Hertford and Pamlico. Out of eight certificates awarded to boys and girls for most improvement shown in various categories of camping three went to members from Washington County.

Mr. Outlaw said he regards this as an excellent record. Certificate winners from this

Change Methodist Ministers at Two County Churches

Conference Sends Eason to Washington, Aitken to Duke Hospital; Lanning Returns Here

Two Washington County ministers and churches were affected by changes made at the North Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Church, which concluded its session with reading of appointments last Thursday night in Greenville.

Churches directly affected were in the Creswell and Roper charges. The Rev. Everett Eason, who has been pastor of the Creswell charge, was assigned to the Washington Circuit, and he is to be succeeded at Creswell by the Rev. W. B. Gregory.

The Rev. P. Wesley Aitken, who has been pastor of the Roper charge, was given an assignment as chaplain at the Duke University Hospital in Durham. He will be succeeded at Roper by the Rev. Leon W. Ross.

The Rev. Jesse H. Lanning was returned to the Plymouth church, and is entering upon his third conference year here. Actually, he has been in Plymouth only a little more than a year and a half, moving here from Graham in November, 1954, but the church changed the time of its annual conference from October to June starting in 1955, so Mr. Lanning received his second assignment here about a year ago and is now starting on his third conference year.

The Rev. W. S. Davenport, a Mackeys native, who has been serving churches in the Jamesville charge, was returned to that charge for another year. Formerly engaged in the hardware business in Plymouth, Mr. Davenport is also attending Lenoir College while serving churches of the Jamesville charge, preparatory to making the Methodist ministry his life's work. He continues to maintain his residence in Plymouth, where his wife and children reside.

The Rev. Dwight L. Fouts, who was pastor of the Methodist Church here for five years immediately preceding Mr. Lanning, was again assigned to the First Church at Mount Olive, where he has been since leaving Plymouth in November 1954. He is also entering upon his third conference year here.

The Rev. T. R. Jenkins, another former pastor of the Plymouth Church, was assigned to Jacksonville for the coming year. He has served churches in Beaufort and Burlington, in addition to Jacksonville, since leaving Plymouth.

A number of Washington County people attended sessions of the annual conference at Greenville last week, including Mr. and Mrs. Lanning and Mrs. Louise McGowan of Plymouth.

Tobacco Markets Opens August 23

Tobacco markets of the Eastern Belt will open Thursday, August 23, for the 1956 selling season.

The date, along with opening dates for other belts, was announced Thursday of last week from Myrtle Beach, S. C., where the Bright Belt Warehouse Association held its 12th annual convention.

Dates were set by the board of governors of the association. They are: Georgia-Florida Belt, July 25; Border Belt, August 7; Eastern North Carolina Belt, August 23; Middle Belt, September 4; and Old Belt, September 18.

The Eastern, Middle and Old Belt dates were set on a tentative basis and are subject to change, it was explained.

The South Carolina Warehouse Association, which is not a member of the Bright Belt Association, decided several days ago to open markets in that state on August 2.

County 4-H Members Win Awards In Camping at Manteo Last Week

Tarkenton of Roper, adult leader who with Mr. Outlaw, accompanied the county contingent, served as camp nurse.

A tour of the island was enjoyed by the campers. They visited Wright Memorial Tower and Jockey Ridge and made a tour of The Lost Colony.

The group also attended the dress rehearsal of the Lost Colony pageant held at Fort Raleigh in Waterside Theatre Thursday night. The pageant opened for the season on Saturday night.

The county campers left early Saturday and arrived here at noon. Those who made the trip were

Nearly 5 Inches Rain In County Last Month

Total precipitation for the month of June in this county was 4.86 inches, about normal, or slightly better for the period.

Records at the weather station at Tidewater Research Station near here show that some precipitation came on 11 days of the month.

Biggest rain came on the 18th when the fall was measured at 2.62 inches. Next largest rain was that of the 28th, .78 of an inch.

Other readings for the month: June 1—.22 of an inch; June 2—.32 of an inch; June 3—.02 of an inch; June 14—.13 of an inch; June 19—.03 of an inch; June 23—.08 of an inch; June 25—.02 of an inch; June 29—.11 of an inch.

Mercury 90 or Above 16 Days During June

High of 95 Degrees Posted On Three Days During Period; Heat Stretch of Eight Days

If you thought June was a hot month here you were so right! Figures obtained from the weather station between Plymouth and Roper show that the temperature climbed to 90 degrees or above on 16 days during the 30-day period.

On three days the mercury hit 95 degrees, on three other days the high reading was 94. The low reading was 70 degrees or above on nine days of the month. On 10 other days the low reading was in the high 60's.

After starting off with a high of 91 degrees on June 1 there was a comparatively pleasant period between the 2nd and the 7th with the high reading ranging from 71 to 80 degrees. It reached 90 on the 11th and was that hot or hotter for seven consecutive days. During that period the lowest temperature was recorded was 60 degrees.

Then, beginning on the 22nd the mercury hit 90 or above on eight straight days to close out the month in a hot spell that carried right on over into July.

The complete high and low readings for the month follow: 1—91, 68; 2—78, 65; 3—71, 53; 4—80, 58; 5—79, 69; 6—80, 58; 7—75, 51; 8—83, 64; 9—85, 58; 10—87, 54; 11—90, 68; 12—91, 67; 13—92, 60; 14—95, 76; 15—94, 74; 16—94, 67; 17—92, 70; 18—89, 68; 19—73, 65; 20—79, 62; 21—88, 62; 22—93, 72; 23—95, 74; 24—94, 66; 25—95, 70; 26—90, 67; 27—92, 74; 28—92, 71; 29—90, 70; 30—89, 67. Whew!!!

Observe Holiday In Various Ways

Now that National Independence Day (Fourth of July) is once more history, holiday lovers are looking forward to Labor Day—next break in the old grind.

County residents observed the Fourth in various ways. Many went to the beaches in an effort to beat the heat, some spent the time fishing, boating, just joy-riding or playing golf.

A number of Plymouth and county persons attended the annual celebration at Belhaven which featured a free fish fry, beauty contest, water sports, baseball, speaking, band concert, parade, fireworks, street dance, etc.

Tobacco Curing About To Start

It was talked here this week that one or two farmers in the county had begun barning tobacco, but the county agent's office had no definite word on it.

In some sections it was noted that older leaf has "buttoned out" low, while some farmers report an average to good crop. Some "putting in" was reported in neighboring Martin County the last of June.

When the total supply of wheat is so large that it exceeds the normal supply by more than 20 per cent, the law directs the Secretary of Agriculture to proclaim marketing quotas for the following wheat crop. This was done on May 14.

Growers themselves, however, will make the final decision on whether to use quotas for the 1957 crop.

For 1957—the third successive year, the national wheat acreage allotment has been established at 55 million acres. This is the "minimum" level specified by law under present conditions of heavy supply. At average yields, this acreage allotment would produce about 860 million bushels. This would be slightly less than the expected disappearance of wheat during the year.

This national allotment is allocated to states and the state allotments to counties according to the average wheat acreage in each state.

See REFERENDUM, Page 12

Commissioners in Routine Meeting Here on Monday

Robert E. Bowen of Plymouth Appointed To Fill Unexpired Term of Ayers On Hospital Board

Several matters of routine business were considered by the county commissioners in the regular monthly meeting here Monday.

In the absence of Chairman Frank L. Brinkley the meeting was presided over by Commissioner Hubert L. Davenport of Skippersville, acting chairman. Other commissioners were present including J. C. Knowles of Roper, A. R. Latham of Plymouth and Philip M. Spruill of Creswell.

The commissioners moved to prohibit the sale of beer and wine in the county between the hours of 11:45 p. m. Saturday until 7:30 a. m. Monday of each week. A resolution to that effect was introduced by Commissioner Spruill, seconded by Commissioner Knowles and passed.

Robert E. Bowen of Plymouth was named to fill the unexpired term of the late C. E. Ayers on the board of trustees of Washington County Hospital. The motion was made by Commissioner Latham and seconded by Commissioner Knowles. The term expires November 30 of this year.

E. J. Spruill, county auditor and tax collector, was appointed to act as treasurer of funds to be used in construction of the addition at Washington County Hospital. Commissioner Knowles made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Latham.

The board appointed J. A. Cheson to the county welfare board effective July 2 for a term of three years. Commissioner Knowles made the motion which was seconded by Commissioner Latham.

Clerk J. Robert Campbell was instructed to write to John E. Pland, eastern district agent of State College Experiment Station and furnish him with excerpts of the minutes of the June 22nd meeting of the commissioners regarding endorsement of W. V. Hays to succeed W. H. Pruden as county agent. Pruden resigned effective July 1 to devote his time to private business. Hays formerly served as county agent here from 1933 to early in 1952.

E. J. Spruill, county tax collector, reported the sum of \$4,341.47 collected by his office during the month of June.

An offer from the Federal Civil Defense Administration of aid in mosquito control spraying in the county was declined, it being explained that the county budget has already been approved and that no funds were earmarked to have the work of spraying for mosquito control done.

The clerk was instructed to write to the highway department asking that two ditches be cleaned out. One ditch runs from the Nathan Allen farm on the Holly Road to NC 32 about eight miles south of Plymouth, while the other runs from Pea Ridge black-top road through the Jimmy Tarkenton field near the Sound Bridge.

The clerk was also instructed to write to the highway department concerning a county road known as the Beasley Road which begins at a church on the Holly Neck Road and runs to Banks Road, the length about 1.2 miles. The contractor doing the black-top surfacing of the Holly Neck Road in Skippersville Township has informed the board that the highway department can effect a saving of \$10,000 by surfacing Beasley Road now rather than waiting until a later date.

Swimming Classes Set at Club Pool

The Plymouth Country Club announces that swimming lessons for teen-agers, younger children and adults will be available at the club pool three days each week, beginning Tuesday of next week.

Classes will be held each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday until further notice, it was stated. Classes for teen-agers begin at 9 a. m., for children at 9:30 a. m. and for adults at 10 a. m. and 6 p. m.

Instructress will be Mrs. William Stox of Plymouth.

A nominal charge will be made per lesson. Also, private lessons will be given by appointment.

All interested persons are requested to register at the pool.

To Hold Service Sunday Afternoon at Morratock

Services will be held at Morratock Primitive Baptist Church, near Plymouth, next Sunday afternoon, July 8, at 3:30 o'clock, by Elder S. R. Boykin, of New Bern, the minister. The public is cordially invited to attend.