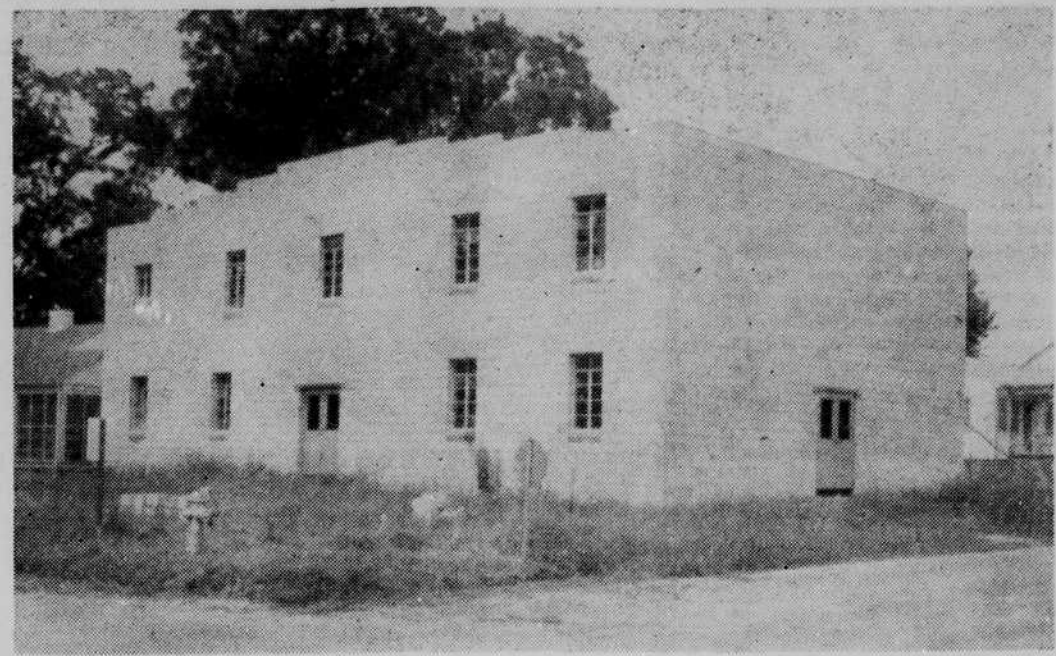


R. F. Lowry, superintendent of Washington County Schools, and Milton Basnight and John Dupree...

Henry J. Bragg, work unit conservationist with the Washington County Soil Conservation Service...



TEMPLE: Although a great deal of work remains to be done, members of Perseverance Lodge, No. 59, A. F. & A. M., hope to occupy their new temple in January of next year...

Washington County Recorder's Court will have to get along without a solicitor for the next two weeks.

Lieutenant Tom Brown, of the State Highway Patrol, visited friends in Plymouth Tuesday for several hours.

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Total number of books circulated to residents of Chowan, Tyrrell and Washington Counties was 92,197, including library and bookmobile figures.

A list of 45 county citizens was recently drawn for jury duty at the term of superior court scheduled to open here September 12.

Council Favors Plan For New Water Tank

Also Include Water Softener; Greenville Firm To Do Engineering; Cost Will Be Around \$60,000

Members of the Plymouth City Council decided Monday night at their regular August meeting to go ahead with construction of a new 250,000-gallon water tank here.

Farm Bureau Is Opposed To Any Quota Increase

Spokesmen Tell U. S. Tariff Commission Domestic Demands Can Be Met at Home

T. Reynold Spruill, reporter for the Washington County Farm Bureau, calls attention of county peanut growers to recent action by the North Carolina and Virginia Farm Bureaus.

Farm Bureau spokesmen testified last week that the U. S. Tariff Commission should reject any proposed increase in the import quotas set on peanuts in 1953.

H. G. Blalock, president of the Virginia Farm Bureau, Will Rogers, organization director of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, and Dr. A. L. Grizzard, chairman of the peanut committee of Virginia Farm Bureau, appeared before the commission.

In a brief meeting here Monday, the Washington County Board of Education voted to set the 25th of the month as a fixed date for payment of teachers' salaries in the county school system.

Roper Ruritans Act To Improve Roadside Park

Club Votes To Whitewash Trees Near Picnic Tables, Erect Suitable Ruritan Sign

The Roper Ruritan Club has established a small park with several roadside tables convenient for tourist use at the outskirts of the town and the project has proved quite popular.

At the regular club meeting Thursday night action was taken to further improve the park.

It was also voted to erect a suitable sign at the park stating that the Ruritan Club sponsored it.

Jesse Rawls, chairman of the club's finance committee, reported to the meeting that his committee is in process of raising additional funds in order that the project to erect floodlights at the school can be completed before the 1956-57 session begins on September 5.

It was agreed to invite the Roper Boy Scout troop and troop committee to attend the September meeting of the club at which time the charter will be presented to the troop.

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A barbecued chicken dinner was served by the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Final Figures on Cancer Campaign

The annual Cancer fund-raising campaign in Washington County realized \$1,471, just \$29 short of the \$1,500 quota.

The Washington County unit of the American Cancer Society is organized as follows: Miss Elizabeth Wood, chairman of the executive committee; Dr. A. Papineau, consulting physician; Mrs. Harry Browning, commander; Mrs. Borden Kornegay, publicity chairman; Ed Craft, Educational chairman; Aubrey Liverman, secretary; Mrs. Oliver Lucas, treasurer.

American Legion Post To Meet Friday Night

There will be a meeting of the James E. Jethro Post, No. 164, Friday night at 8 o'clock at the Veterans Building.

Registration Books Open Saturday for Election Sept. 8th

Remain Open Until August 25; No New Registration Required; Election Is on Constitutional Changes

Registration books will open Saturday morning of this week for the extra general election to be held in North Carolina on Saturday, August 25, with registrars required to be at polling places each Saturday, and qualified voters may register on other days during the period at the residences or places of business of the registrars.

The September 8 election was ordered by the recent special session of the legislature for voting on the school amendment to the constitution, as well as the regular 1955 session's constitutional amendments.

It is emphasized that no special registration is required for voting in the extra general election on September 8. Those who have previously registered and voted in county elections will not be required to register again, unless they have moved from one precinct to another.

W. T. Freeman, chairman of the Washington County Board of Elections, has announced that registrars and polling places will be the same as they were for the primary last May.

Registrars and polling places in Washington County are as follows: Plymouth Precinct No. 1, Mrs. James H. Ward, polling place is the courthouse; Plymouth No. 2, Mrs. Tom Darden, Plymouth High School Building; Lees Mill, Mrs. T. W. Norman, Roper Community Building; Wenona, H. J. Furbee; H. J. Furbee's residence; Skippersville, Delbert Patrick, Goodman's store; Scuppernon, John Combs, tax collector's office in Creswell.

Since the September 8 election is a general election, absentee voting will be permitted, the state board of elections has advised Mr. Freeman. Rules for obtaining and casting absentee ballots will be the same as in former years.

Dwight Offices To Relocate in County, Thought

President Gleaves Expresses Hope Suitable Central Office Can Be Found in Plymouth-Roper Area

Dwight Corporation has just sold 75,000 acres of land in Hyde County to Sam Broadhead of Meridian, Mississippi, according to Charles L. Gleaves, president of Dwight Corporation.

Following the business session the Rev. Leon Ross, minister of the Roper Methodist Church, talked to the club about cooperation between the service clubs and the local churches.

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Union and Plant Officials In Mediation Meet Today

\$8,400 in Soil Bank For County Farmers

Washington County farmers will receive maximum payments of \$8,404.80 under the Acreage Reserve program, it was learned this week.

Miss Miriam Ausbon, county ASC office manager, stated that 23 agreements were signed under the program in this county, two of which were ineligible because they had exceeded their corn allotment Soil Base.

The 21 eligible agreements total 242.17 acres in three crops, but principally corn.

There are 232 acres of corn in the reserve which will bring the participating farmers a maximum payment combined of \$7,175. Sixteen operators are taking part in the corn phase of the program.

Three operators with 447 acres of tobacco in the reserve will receive \$916.11, while two operators with 5.7 acres in the reserve cotton agreement will receive payments totaling \$313.78.

Maximum soil bank payments in the state will total \$3,752,994, it was said.

Conciliators Here for Session This Morning; Notice Given of Contract Termination Monday

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Federal and state conciliators entered the scene today following formal notice by the four locals that the contract presently in force at the local plant would be terminated as of midnight Monday, August 13.

None of the union officials could be reached this morning, but it is understood one of the main points at issue is the differential for mechanics. The unions are said to be asking for 5 cents an hour, while the company is reportedly holding out for the same pattern followed in other southern kraft mills.

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Plans Are Approved To Enlarge Hospital

Project Will Increase Capacity at Washington County Hospital to 32 Beds, Said

The county commissioners have accepted the plans for the addition to Washington County Hospital as drawn by W. Moore Werber, Raleigh architect, and to be submitted along with the application now being readied at the hospital offices for approval of the U. S. Public Health Service and the State Medical Care Commission.

The project, which has been designated No. NC 251, will add 10 beds to the capacity of the hospital, it is said, by the construction of two four-bed rooms and two private rooms. This would increase the capacity at the hospital to 32 beds.

The commissioners approved the plans at the regular monthly meeting here Monday. The motion was made by Commissioner J. C. Knowles of Roper and seconded by Commissioner Phillip M. Spruill of Creswell.

To meet the requirement of the bond attorneys of New York a new set of resolutions was adopted at the session, covering the issuance of \$500,000 in school bonds.

Jurors to serve at the September criminal term of superior court here were drawn.

J. L. Outlaw, assistant county agent, submitted his report covering work done during the month of July.

The clerk was instructed to write to the highway department requesting that the tile that drains the ditch on the W. P. Patrick farm in Skippersville Township be lowered. The farm in question is about a mile and a half south of the Sound Bridge.

A letter was received from Brigadier General E. F. Griffin, director of the N. C. Civil Defense Administration, dated August 1, stating that no action can be taken on any additional projects or supplements which were brought about as a result of the 1955 storm. The state administration has been so advised by the Federal Civil Defense Administration, Griffin stated in the letter. The county recently filed an application to include the Beaver Dam Swamp in Lees Mill Township.

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To Hold Service Sunday Afternoon at Morratock

Services will be held at Morratock Primitive Baptist Church near Plymouth Sunday afternoon at 3:30 by the minister, Elder S. R. Boykin. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Bookmobiles To Halt Two Weeks

Library bookmobiles will go on their winter runs in September, after the beginning of the school term, it was announced this week.

Bookmobiles will not run the last two weeks in August as the librarians, Mrs. Alexander and Mrs. Harris, are taking their vacations at that time. Regular schedules will be resumed the first week in September, but Labor Day will be observed as a holiday, it was announced.

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Crews Begin Work On Several Local Streets Yesterday

Being Done by Highway Commission Workers Under Contract With Town; Will Require Couple Days

Surfacing and resurfacing of several street projects got underway here yesterday. The work is being done by crews of the State Highway and Public Works Commission and will be completed in about two days, provided it is not stopped by rain.

Cost of the local projects is estimated at about \$6,000, with payment to be made from Powell Bill Funds received by the town last year. The town's contract with the state commission calls for the following:

Surfacing of 700 feet on Truman Avenue; one block each on Fifth, Sixth and Madison Streets; part of one block on Jefferson Street, from Water Street to the river, between Plymouth Furniture Company and the post office; one block of Cranberry Street in Little Richmond; resurfacing about 425 feet of West Avenue east of Highway 64; and resurfacing about 150 feet of Crescent Avenue in Stillacres.

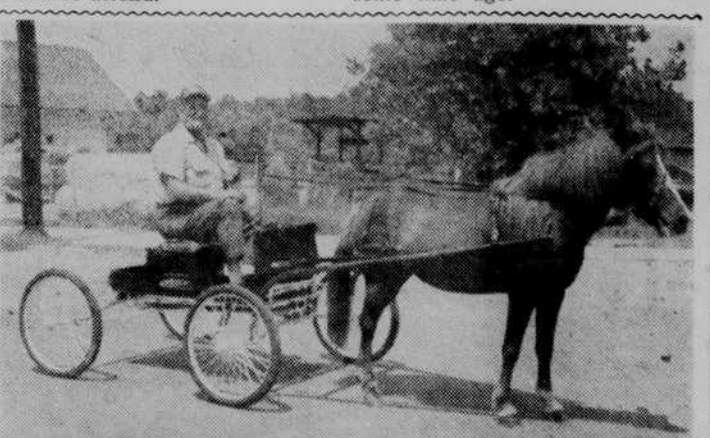
A thicker surface is to be laid this time than heretofore, it was stated, the asphalt mixture being increased from 150 to 200 pounds per square yard. This will make the surface about 2 1/2 inches thick. Similar work done here in the past has not held up too well, which is the reason the mixture is being increased. Grading and leveling of the streets involved was completed some time ago.

United States Department of Agriculture commodities distributed to the schools enables school lunchrooms to serve meals at amazingly low prices.

An idea of the tremendous help these commodities play in school lunchroom programs can be gained from figures just released by R. F. Lowry, superintendent, Washington County Schools.

Values of the commodities distributed to Washington County schools during the 1955-56 school year was listed at \$16,147. This represented a gain of \$3,290 in wholesale value over commodities distributed to schools of the county for the 1954-55 school year. Total for that year was listed at \$12,857.

These figures were somewhat higher than those of Chowan County, lowest among counties of the state, but a far cry from the top figures among the state's 100 counties for the two school years.



STYLISH: W. J. Weaver, local photographer and pony fancier, drew a lot of attention last Friday, when he rode up Water Street in this "show buggy," pulled by "Ginger Lady," one of his four ponies. He found the buggy rusting away near Elizabeth City, bought it, cleaned it up and gave it a fresh coat of paint, creating the stylish turnout pictured here. Jack's ponies are favorites with Plymouth kids, and there's usually a crowd around his pony lot. This was "Ginger Lady's" first time out in harness, and Jack did the driving himself. He has two pony mares, "Ginger Lady," pictured here, and "Carolina Queen," and each has a pony colt three or four months old.—Staff photo.