

Leslie W. Manning and Ted R. Pinner of Plymouth and M. W. Pate of Williamston will leave Friday for Myrtle Beach, S. C., where they will attend the 70th annual reunion of the 439th Engineer Co., U. S. Army.

If you lost a pair of glasses last week it is just possible you may find them at the local police station. A pair of glasses which appears to be child's glasses was found on the street here last Friday and turned in at the station, City Clerk W. A. Roebuck said.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Bruce and daughter, Janet, accompanied by Miss Marie Baynor, returned Tuesday after a ten-day vacation trip that covered most of the New England States.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gidden and children, Ann and Eliza, returned to their home in Washington, D. C., last week after spending some time here with Mrs. Gidden's mother, Mrs. Eliza Hampton.

Can you top this? Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dale Tetterton of Plymouth and Mr. and Mrs. Ollie James Owens, jr., of Roper, became proud parents of baby daughters Sunday.

A Plymouth woman, Mrs. Fred Doscher, was one of 15 persons who came very close to winning a puzzle contest being conducted weekly by a Washington newspaper.

Local Man Among Several Rescued Off Sinking Boat

A. Lloyd Owens and five Williamston men narrowly escape as cabin cruiser goes down

A. Lloyd Owens of Plymouth and five Williamston men narrowly escaped with their lives when their boat sank in 18 feet of water near Northwest light in Pamlico Sound early Saturday night, it is reported.

Other than suffering shock the men came through the ordeal all right, but most of them have sworn off fishing at least for a while, it was said.

The party, made up of Charles James, Herbert Whitley, Bob Newell, Wallace Tarkington, Mr. Owens and George Lee Roberson, left Swan Quarter in Roberson's cabin cruiser and had planned to fish that night near Bluff Shoals, but due to rough water changed course and were moving toward Ocracoke when trouble came.

Waves, said to be running as high as five feet, tore the hull at its seams or broke a board and the boat started sinking when about 10 miles or so from Ocracoke. Members of the party held the water back with pillows and blankets, it was said, but the pumps could not keep up and at about 6 o'clock Mr. Roberson radioed for help.

Meantime, the engine and radio on Roberson's boat went dead and the men put on life preservers, tied their belongings together and lashed them to a raft. Before the radio went dead a message that help was on the way had been received.

A Coast Guard boat reached the scene shortly before 9 o'clock. The men aboard the cabin cruiser had stood in water almost to their knees before abandoning the boat. Efforts to save the cruiser were fruitless and she went out of sight a few minutes after arrival of help. Mr. Thompson reached the scene soon after the Coast Guard had taken the men off the sinking boat. The Coast Guard boat took them to Ocracoke, Mr. Thompson continued on to Ocracoke, picked up the party and carried them to Swan Quarter

Budget for Libraries Of \$21,000 Approved

A budget of \$21,271.50 has been approved for Pettigrew Regional Library for the fiscal year July 1, 1956 to June 30, 1957. Action came at a recent meeting of the Library Board.

The budget is broken down as follows: Salaries, \$13,110; books, periodicals and binding, \$5,199.50; library supplies, \$300; insurance, \$340; social security, \$260; rent, \$612; bookmobile operation, \$750; travel, \$600; miscellaneous, \$100.

Participating counties are Chowan, Tyrrell and Washington. This includes Tyrrell and Washington County Libraries, their colored branches, and Shepard Pruden and Brown Carver Libraries in Eden-ton.

Bookmobiles To Resume Sept. 4

White and colored bookmobiles will resume operation September 4, Mrs. Eugenia R. Babylon, Pettigrew Regional Library director, has announced.

Both bookmobiles will go on winter schedule at that time and will be in this county the first week in September, the announcement stated. Mrs. Alexander and Mrs. Harris, the bookmobile librarians, are on vacation the last two weeks of August and September 3—Labor Day—is a legal holiday.

Young Girl Hit By Car Saturday Night Near Here

Mary Ann Mobley, 10, discharged from hospital Tuesday night; damages over \$1,000 in wrecks

A 10-year-old Plymouth girl was hospitalized with injuries sustained in a car-bicycle accident near the intersection of U. S. 64 and West Avenue at 7:30 p. m. Saturday.

Mary Ann Mobley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Mobley of Luyva Street, was on her way home from a store with a carton of soft drinks when struck by a 1956 Chevrolet operated by F. C. Stallings of Raleigh.

It was reported that Stallings was traveling east on US 64 at the time and that he was meeting two cars when the child on the bicycle darted into the path of the oncoming vehicle. The hood and fender of the car were damaged and the bicycle was demolished, damage running an estimated \$100.

The child was rushed to the hospital in a police car. She was treated by Dr. E. W. Furgurson and was released Tuesday night of this week. Dr. Furgurson said she suffered a cerebral concussion, lacerations and abrasions. Her condition is now much improved, it was stated.

Officer Paul Basnight of the Plymouth Police Department in-

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Most All Tobacco Crop In County Is Housed, Thought

Assistant County Agent Estimates 90 Per Cent of County Crop Out of Field End of Week

With the tobacco markets of the Eastern Belt opening Thursday of this week for the 1956 auction season it is roughly estimated that almost 90 per cent of the county crop will have been cured by the end of the week.

J. L. Outlaw, assistant county agent, stated Wednesday that just about all the county crop should be out of the field by the end of next week. The crop is late this year.

Outlaw said that it appears that growers south of Plymouth along NC 32 had the earliest crops of tobacco in the county, that some of them finished barning as early as two weeks or more ago. Stalks have been cut in many of these fields.

It is pure speculation, he said, how much tobacco from the county will be on the warehouse floors for opening sales Thursday (today). However, it is thought that the bulk of tobacco from this county to be sold opening day on the belt will be sold at Williamston, Rober-sonville and Washington.

Quality of early deliveries was said by some warehousemen to be hardly better than medium. Market observers were reluctant to guess an opening-day average price but general opinion seems to be that it will range around \$48 per hundred pounds for the first sale.

Tobacco was said to be moving to market in fair volume yesterday. Farm folks are busy with a late crop this time but sizeable crowds were expected at the various markets for the "first day"

Creswell Cannery Closes Next Week

Creswell—Thursday, August 30, will be the last day the Creswell Community Cannery will operate this season, it was announced this week. A. K. Spencer, vocational agriculture teacher at Creswell High School, has been in charge of the cannery and made the announcement Tuesday.

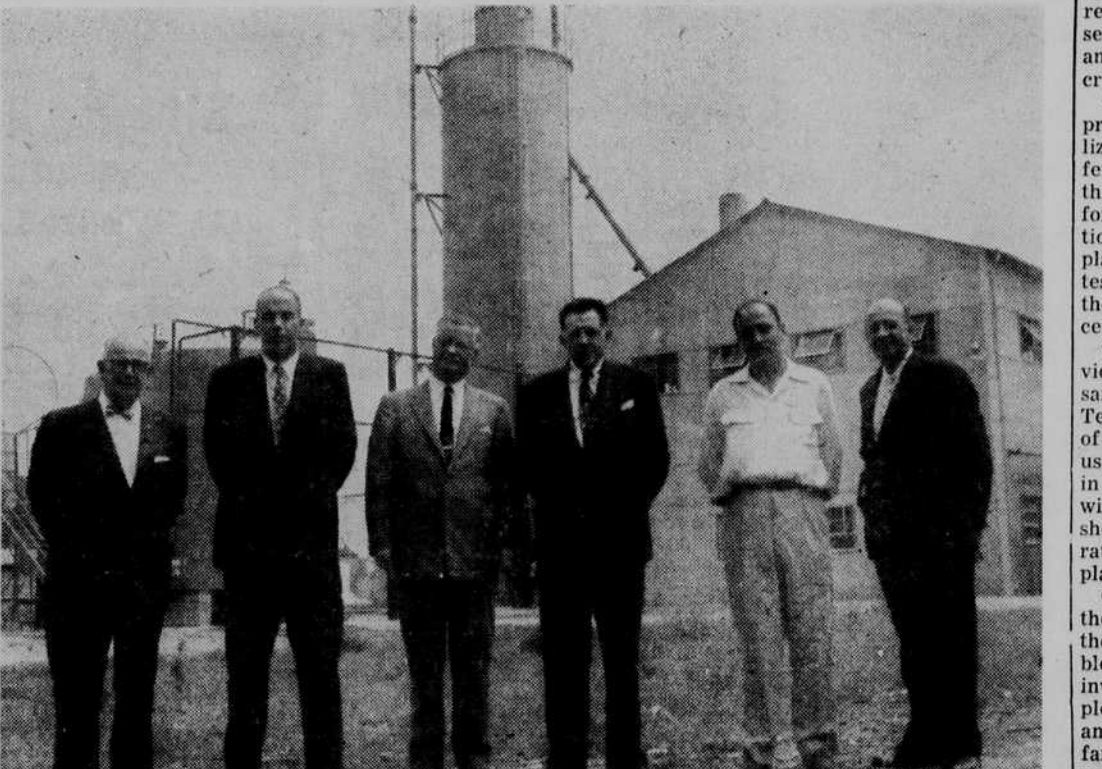
According to Mr. Spencer, the cannery has had a very busy and successful season. It has been operating one day each week, and next Thursday will be the last day. Mr. Spencer expresses his appreciation for the excellent operation he has had from people using the cannery this year. He said it was hoped everyone will be able to finish what canning they have planned to do this season by next Thursday.

Youth for Christ Rally Slated Here on Sunday

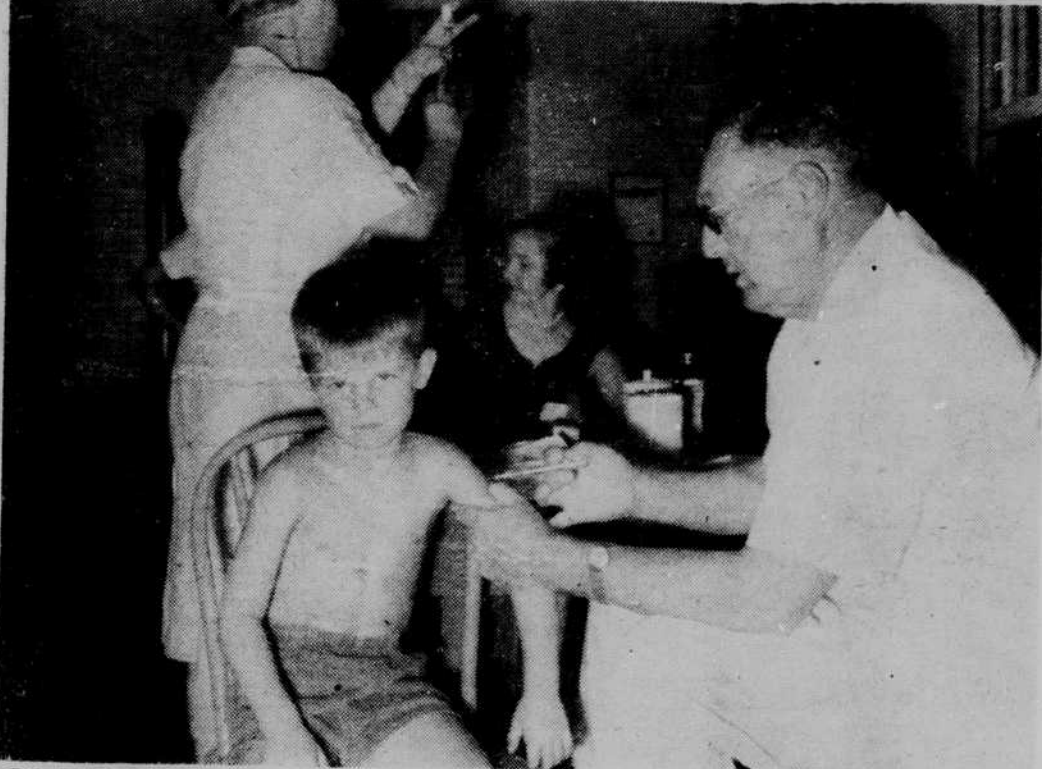
The monthly Youth for Christ rally will be held Sunday at Plymouth Church of Christ, it is announced. Time of the meeting will be 3 o'clock.

All churches in this rally are asked to bring special music, it was stated. Music will be led by Robert Johnson, student at Roanoke Bible College, Elizabeth City. The speaker of the afternoon will be Matthew Knight, minister of Albemarle Church of Christ. Everyone is urged to attend.

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VISITORS: A group of officials of the American Cyanamid Company are pictured above at the new liquid alum plant recently put into production by the company here. They were here last Wednesday and Thursday on an inspection trip. From left to right: J. D. Lowery, manager of the Heavy Chemicals Department, of New York City; W. P. Beauchef, technical sales representative, of Charlotte; J. M. Walsh, manager of the Paper Chemicals Department, New York City; F. W. Zipf, manager of manufacturing, Industrial Chemicals Division, New York City; Earl Walsh, plant superintendent, Plymouth; and K. E. Youngchild, southern regional manager, Mobile, Ala.—Staff photo.



CLINICS: Truitt Johnston, 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Asa Johnston, of Roper, doesn't seem to mind too much as he gets the first of his three Salk anti-polio shots at the clinic held in Roper Community Building last Friday afternoon. That's Dr. Claudius McGowan, district health officer, administering the vaccine, while Miss Elizabeth Wood, county health nurse, prepares another hypodermic and Mrs. Walton Swain, in the background, registers the next youngster in line. Forty-one persons received the shots at Roper last Friday. The vaccine is being offered free to youngsters from 3 months through 19 years of age.—Staff photo.

To Continue Polio Clinics In County; Response Good

Ball Clover To Be Tried Here

Henry J. Bragg, soil conservationist here, stated Wednesday he has been informed that the county will be allotted five pounds of Ball Clover seed to be planted for field observation in the county.

The clover has been used far south with good results and is said to be a prolific seeder and winterer well. It will stand wetter soils than will crimson clover, Bragg said. "We hope to save some seed from it," the conservationist declared.

Get Soil Samples In Early, Agent Advises Farmers

Farmers are urged by Assistant County Agent J. L. Outlaw to take soil samples from their fields and have the soils tested.

The most important task of soil testing is to determine accurately the available plant nutrients in the soil and what steps must be taken to realize maximum profit by correct application of lime and fertilizer, Outlaw said.

"Farmers in Washington County know the importance of fertilizing for high yields," the assistant agent added. "They are interested in getting the highest return per dollar spent on lime and fertilizer. High returns can be obtained only by selecting the right grade and amount of fertilizer to apply to a crop on a certain soil."

"The first step in selecting the proper grade and amount of fertilizer is to determine the lime and fertilizer needs of the soil. Only through soil testing is it possible for the farmer to obtain information about the status of certain plant nutrients in the soil. And soil testing may also determine whether a certain soil is adapted to a certain crop," Outlaw continued.

Outlaw urges all farmers to have their soil tested now in order that they may realize the greatest possible return from the money they invest in lime and fertilizer. Samples mailed now can be analyzed and recommendations made to the farmer in plenty of time to make needed purchases of lime and fertilizer.

Total Number of Children Vaccinated at Plymouth, Roper and Creswell is 230

Washington County doctors vaccinated 230 children against polio in the first round of free public vaccine clinics, Dr. E. W. Furgurson, chairman of the county's polio clinic vaccine committee, reported today. Of the total 159 were reported at Plymouth Tuesday, 30 at Creswell Tuesday and 41 at Roper last Friday.

The clinics were conducted at Plymouth, Roper and Creswell in order to bring the polio vaccine to as many children, young people and expectant mothers as possible in the shortest possible time, it was explained.

Vaccinations also continued at a good rate in doctors' offices over the county, it was stated. Even as first round results were being tabulated, plans were already underway to conduct another series in two weeks. Two injections of vaccine, two weeks apart, give protection against paralytic polio, it was explained.

"Response of Washington County parents to the vaccination program has been good," Dr. Furgurson said.

"The physicians of the county organized to offer the vaccinations, but except for the cooperation of mothers and fathers in bringing their youngsters in to be vaccinated, the program would not have been successful," Dr. Furgurson pointed out. Of about 6,000 eligible persons in the county approximately 50 per cent have been vaccinated, it was said. Since 75 per cent must be vaccinated to insure preventing an outbreak of paralytic polio, about 1,500 are needed to reach that stage.

Next round clinics are set for Roper at the Community Building Friday, August 31; Plymouth at the Health Department and Creswell at the High School Tuesday, September 4. Hours will be from 1 to 3 p. m. at each place.

Legion Meeting Slated Here Friday Night at 8

The regular meeting of James E. Jethro Post No. 164, American Legion, will be held Friday night of this week at Veterans Building, Commander P. W. Brown announces.

The meeting is scheduled for 8 o'clock and Commander Brown urges a full attendance

Registration for Beginner Pupils

It is announced that first grade students at Plymouth School will be registered at the school Thursday and Friday of next week. Teachers will be on hand to register the children, Principal J. S. Fleming of Plymouth High School stated.

It is pointed out that registering before the opening of school will result in improved service. Inconvenience should be saved by the arrangement, it is believed. School opens Wednesday, September 5.

Prominent Banker Native of County, Last Rites Monday

H. D. Bateman Built Branch Banking Firm Into One of Largest Financial Institutions in Country

Herbert Dalton Bateman, 79, Washington County native who as president of the Branch Banking & Trust Company built the institution from one with less than a million dollars in assets to more than \$120,000,000 died last Saturday. Death came to the state-wide banking figure shortly after noon at a Wilson hospital, where he had been recovering from a paralytic stroke suffered July 13.

Funeral services were held Monday morning at 11 a. m., at his Wilson home, conducted by the Rev. Robert W. Bradshaw, pastor of the First Methodist Church, of which he was a member. Burial followed in Maplewood Cemetery there.

Born on a Washington County farm on October 1, 1877, he was the son of Richard Martin Bateman and Sarah E. Everett Bateman. He received his early education in schools of the community and at two terms of the academy in Plymouth. Bateman, when 17 years of age, took the examination that allowed him to begin teaching.

He passed and became a 17-year-old schoolmaster in North Carolina.

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Contracts Signed By 7 To Teach In County System

Five Vacancies Still Exist at Plymouth High School, Lowry Reports, With September 5 Opening Date

Several new teachers have signed contracts to teach in the county school system during the 1956-57 year which begins September 5, R. F. Lowry, county superintendent, reported this week.

All contracts must be approved by the county board of education. Three teachers have signed contracts to serve on the faculty at Creswell High School, it was said. They are Miss Pauline Moore, home economics, and Mrs. Lillian B. Fisher and Mrs. Doris M. Nichols, elementary teachers.

Miss Moore is from Bath and is a graduate of Bath High School and East Carolina College, Greenville. She taught at Swan Quarter from 1953 through last school year. Mrs. Fisher comes from Columbia where she finished high school and where she taught from 1946 to 1954. She is a graduate of Meredith College, Raleigh.

Mrs. Nichols is from Harrellsville. She is a graduate of Harrellsville High School and received her college training at East Carolina and at Wake Forest. She taught last year at Gum Neck in Tyrrell County and had previous teaching experience at Windsor and at Chowan High School.

Mrs. Lucy Roberson Liverman will teach science at Plymouth High School. Mrs. Liverman replaced Bobby L. Crisp here as seventh grade teacher at the last school session. A science teacher was needed and Mrs. Liverman holds a science certificate.

Two vacancies at Washington County Union School, Roper, have been filled. Margaret Lee Thomas of Grantsboro has been secured as librarian and Robert Chores Williams of Roxboro will teach science at the school, it was said.

Mrs. Edith Holley Battle will replace Mrs. P. W. Littlejohn as first grade teacher at Creswell Colored School. Mrs. Littlejohn will retire from teaching, it was stated.

It is understood that third, fourth and seventh grade science and English-match vacancies remain unfilled at Plymouth High School.

Says September 1 Deadline Entering Feeder Calf Sale

Interested Persons in Washington County Should Get In Contact With County Agent's Office Here

All persons in this county interested in entering animals in the feeder calf sale to be held at Rocky Mount next month should contact the county agent's office here at once.

J. L. Outlaw, assistant county agent, said this week that closing date for consignments will be September 1. Consignments are made by signing a sales agreement and must be made through the county agent's office in order to be eligible for entering the sale.

The event, sponsored by the Rocky Mount Chamber of Commerce and Junior Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service, will be held Thursday, September 20, at Lancaster's Stock Yards.

Both steer and heifer calves will be sold, but only calves of strictly beef breeding sired by purebred bulls will be accepted for sale.

Calves sold through the feeder calf sale at Rocky Mount will have to be inspected by the selection committee prior to day of sale and no calves below medium grade will be accepted.

All calves entered in the sale must be vaccinated for Blackleg and Hemorrhagic Septicemia or Shipping Fever and a certificate giving date of vaccination must be filed with the county agent by September 10.

All bull calves will be castrated and completely healed and all animals must be dehorned and completely healed.

No calf under 300 pounds or more than 12 months old will be accepted, and calves must be dropped on the farm from which they are consigned.

All animals entering the sale ring must be sold. Total charge for sale and advertising expense will not exceed \$3 per head. No livestock other than feeder calves will be sold at the yards that day. Certain other rules and regulations will also apply. For complete details, interested farmers are referred to the county agent's office.

County Farm Bureau Directors Plan Drive

Plans for the forthcoming membership drive will be made Thursday night of this week by the board of directors of the Washington County Farm Bureau.

The meeting, beginning at 8 o'clock, will be held in the Agriculture Building at Plymouth.

Bill Little, North Carolina Farm Bureau field representative, will meet with the group to assist in making plans for the annual drive.

meeting to be held at Greenville Tuesday of next week. The area meeting will convene at 2 p. m. in the Agriculture Building there and will include Farm Bureau representatives from Beaufort, Hyde, Martin, Pitt, Tyrrell and Washington Counties.

Members of the board of directors of the county unit are J. L. Rea, president, W. M. Darden, secretary, J. R. Respass, sr., Douglas Davenport, Leon Davenport, J. A. Morris, Vance Respass, David Craddock and T. Reynolds Spruill.