

Patrons are requested to take note that the office of the area license examiner, located on the second floor of the Washington County Courthouse, will be closed all day Monday of next week in observance of Labor Day.

It isn't every day that one hears talk of father and son celebrating birthdays together, and when it comes to include father and two sons then it is really getting rare. Miss Statha Spruill, of Roper, entertained her brother, J. N. Spruill, and two nephews, Nathan Spruill and James Leary Spruill at the J. N. Spruill residence Wednesday of last week with a wiener roast. The occasion was James Leary Spruill's fifth birthday and since his brother, Nathan, and his father, J. N., became eight and 31 years of age, respectively, the very next day, it was a triple-header, so to speak. A number of relatives and friends of the three enjoyed the event together.

Washington County ABC stores will get two holidays next week. They start off the week on Monday by closing for Labor Day and then end it up on Saturday, when they will be closed on account of the special general election.

Among persons from this county who attended the ASC soil bank meeting at Roanoke Country Club near Williamston Wednesday of this week were ASC county office manager Miriam Ausbon, ACP clerk Phyllis Gauthier, Soil Conservationist Henry J. Bragg, J. L. Outlaw, assistant county agent, and Joe Snell, chairman of the county ASC committee, all of Plymouth. The meeting was conducted by state ASC officials and attended by representatives from 30 eastern counties, as reported elsewhere in this paper.

Dr. Alan S. Hurlburt, well-known educator who joins the Duke University faculty September 1, will be the principal speaker at the regular meeting of Plymouth Rotary Club Tuesday evening of next week, it has been announced. Dr. Hurlburt will be remembered here as a former faculty member at East Carolina College, Greenville, who served on a survey panel which visited this county in the interest of determining needs in improving the county school facilities some years ago.

The regular monthly meeting of the Plymouth City Council will not be held next week. The meeting is now scheduled for Monday night, September 10, at 8 p. m., City Clerk W. A. (Bill) Roebuck stated Wednesday. Since Monday is a legal holiday it was decided to postpone the meeting date for one week, Roebuck explained.

Second Round of Free Clinics To Start on Friday

Free Public Vaccine Clinic To Be Held at Roper Community Building Tomorrow From 1 to 3 P. M.

The second round of free public Salk anti-polio vaccine clinics is slated in this county Friday of this week and Tuesday of next.

Clinic schedules include Roper Community Building Friday of this week;

Health Department, Washington Street, Plymouth, and Creswell High School Tuesday of next week.

Hours at each place will be from 1 to 3 p. m., it was said.

Washington County doctors vaccinated 230 children during the first round clinics, it was reported last week.

Vaccinations also continued at doctors' offices at a good rate, according to Dr. E. W. Furgurson, chairman of the county's polio clinic vaccine committee.

Cooperation of the public is urged as determined efforts are made here to guard against any possible outbreak of the dread poliomyelitis. Two injections of vaccine, two weeks apart, give protection against analytic polio, it has been explained.

Stores Divided Over Wednesday Closing

Plymouth merchants are divided over continuing the Wednesday half-holidays through the month of September, it was learned in a survey yesterday. After several stores announced this week that they would be open on Wednesday afternoons, starting next week, others announced they would continue closing as they did last year until October.

R. L. Hollowell, manager of Belk-Tyler's, said yesterday his store would start remaining open Wednesday afternoons next week.



TOBACCO: This scene is typical of many taking place throughout the tobacco-growing section at this time. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde C. Chesson are taking cured tobacco from their packhouse and preparing to have it graded for market. On his farm in the Pines section, near Plymouth, Mr. Chesson has 11.5 acres of tobacco, planting the Coker 139 variety. He had already sold six barns when this photo was made recently, three on the Georgia markets and three on the border markets. While some of it didn't sell too well, he had an average of 55 cents per pound for the last three barns sold on the border markets. Markets in this belt bend last week, and farmers throughout the county are kept busy with the crop at this time, harvesting and preparing the leaf for selling.—Staff photo.

Disaster Group Lists By County Red Cross

Lunchroom To Open Sept. 5th

Students at Plymouth High School will have the opportunity to get a hot lunch the opening day and every school day thereafter during the school year.

The school lunchroom will be open next Wednesday, it was announced by J. S. Fleming, principal at the school, just as it was opening day of the 1955-56 school year.

Dr. Hurlburt To Address Teachers Meetings Tuesday

Duke University Faculty Member Will Speak at Plymouth in Morning and Roper That Afternoon

Dr. A. S. Hurlburt, assistant state superintendent who is to begin his duties at Duke University September 1, will address teachers' meeting in this county Tuesday of next week.

Dr. Hurlburt, formerly on the faculty at East Carolina College, Greenville, will be the principal speaker at the meeting of white teachers held at Plymouth High School Tuesday morning and also at the meeting of Negro teachers that afternoon at Washington County Union School.

The Plymouth meeting will open at 10 o'clock, while the meeting at Washington County Union School, Roper, is slated for 2 p. m. The announcement was made by R. F. Lowry, county superintendent of schools. In his statement to the teachers Mr. Lowry said:

"As usual, let me remind you that your job is a momentous one. See MEETING, Page 5

Opening Program For School Here

Plymouth High School will operate on the regular schedule from the very start, Principal J. S. Fleming stated this morning.

The school, along with all others in Washington County, will open for the 1956-57 school year Wednesday of next week. Plans for the opening are complete and the faculty was completed Tuesday of this week, it was said.

Since Wednesday is the regular day for auditorium period according to the schedule at the local school, Mr. Fleming said an opening program has been arranged to which the public is invited.

Local Man Burned By Lightning Bolt Sunday Afternoon

Luther Nobles and C. W. Burnham Have Narrow Escape While on Fishing Trip Up Chowan River

M. L. Nobles, proprietor of the Mayflower Restaurant here, was painfully burned and severely shocked by lightning Sunday afternoon, while on a fishing trip on Chowan River. His companion, C. W. Burnham, local insurance man, was knocked several feet by the bolt, which also killed a small dog owned by Mr. Burnham.

The two men put their boat in at Edenhouse Beach and started upriver, going about two miles before deciding to seek shelter from the approaching storm. They went into a three-sided fishing shed and were sitting on empty kegs, with the dog between them, when the bolt struck a pine tree and glanced inside the shack, instantly killing the dog and knocking the men around.

Mr. Nobles was severely burned on his back and on one hand and paralyzed from the waist down. Mr. Burnham was shocked but less seriously hurt and managed to carry and drag Mr. Nobles to a nearby farmhouse. An ambulance was secured and Mr. Nobles was taken to the hospital at Windsor, where he remained for several hours before returning home later that evening. The incident occurred about 2:30 p. m.

Mr. Burnham was wearing shoes with heavy crepe rubber soles, and Mr. Nobles was sitting on an old inner tube on the keg when they were struck. Except for these factors both believe they might have been more seriously hurt.

Farming Leaders From County at Martin Meeting

Conservation and Acreage Reserve Phases of New Soil Bank Regulations Discussed

Washington County agricultural leaders were among those from 30 eastern counties at a meeting Wednesday of this week at Roanoke Country Club, Williamston, to discuss conservation and acreage reserve phases of the soil bank program.

Agricultural Stabilization Conservation officials from the state office at Raleigh met with the group for the all-day conference.

State ASC officials discussed new regulations for administering this program for 1957, new instructions having recently been received from national headquarters at Washington, D. C.

More than 200 persons were on hand to consider plans for advancing the new program, reports stated.

The group included county agents, soil conservation technicians, foresters, chairmen of the boards of soil conservation supervisors from the district, county ASC committeemen and chairmen, and others interested in the program.

Local disaster chairmen named include Mr. Harrell for Plymouth; Aubrey Dixon, Roper; A. K. Spencer, Creswell.

Disaster shelters, managers and food chairmen of each, are listed as follows: See RED CROSS, Page 5

Marine To Face Assault Charge

Sheriff J. K. Reid stated Wednesday that an Edenton Marine named Newton will be tried in Washington County Recorder's Court here next Tuesday for aggravated assault.

Newton, the sheriff stated, is charged with striking Frank Dew, Jr., of Plymouth Monday night at Albemarle Beach. The assault is said to have been unprovoked and Reid said he could uncover no motive for the attack.

The sheriff related that a preschool party for teen-agers was being held at the resort between Plymouth and Maceys and that Dew, 16-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dew, was in the group. At about 10 p. m. the Marine strode up to Dew, it was said, and struck him on the mouth with his fist, knocking out four of the youth's front teeth.

The sheriff said young Dew did not know the Marine and claimed he had never seen the man before.

County Schools To Begin New Term September 5th

Last Teacher Vacancy Is Filled Tuesday of This Week; Expect Total Enrollment of About 3,400

School bells will ring again Wednesday of next week for some 3,400 students in the white and colored schools of Washington County.

All county faculties were complete for the opening with the addition of several new teachers at the Plymouth White Schools within the last few days to fill the only remaining vacancies at that time. The last vacancy was filled Tuesday of this week, County Superintendent Lowry said.

A complete roster of faculty members at the several schools in the county system was released today by the county superintendent's office, showing that 16 persons who did not teach in schools of this county last year have become faculty members for the 1956-57 school year. New teachers in this category include five at Plymouth High School, four of them elementary teachers and one in the high school department. They are Dalton L. Finch, Jr., of Roanoke Rapids, who will teach English and Math in the high school, and Mrs. Vernelle Beasley, Mrs. Mildred Martin of Jamesville, Miss Ila Bullock of Rocky Mount, Mrs. Mary Cotten Davenport of Plymouth, all elementary teachers. Another new addition to the elementary faculty here is T. C. Martus, who is well-known in the county, having taught for the past several years at Roper.

Other newcomers to the county schools this year include at Roper: Mrs. Geneva H. Buckels of Kissimmee, Fla., elementary department; at Creswell, Mrs. Grace S. Cox, Thomasville, and Miss Pauline Moore, Bath, in the high school, and Mrs. Doris M. Nichols, Mrs. Lillian B. Fisher, both of Columbia, and Mrs. Annie S. Davenport, Maceys, all elementary; at Plymouth Colored School, the only new teacher to the county system this year is Miss Dorothy Holman of Burlington; also at Creswell Colored there is one teacher who did not teach in the county last year. She is Mrs. Edith H. Battle of Norfolk, Va. The remaining three of the 15 newcomers will teach at Washington County Union School, Roper. They are Miss Margaret L. Thomas of Grantsboro and Robert C. Williams of Roxboro, high school teachers, and Miss Mary L. Smith of Plymouth, elementary teacher.

A successful school year is anticipated by all as the opening date for the new session draws near.

The complete faculty list for each school is given below:

Plymouth High School, J. S. Fleming, principal — high school teachers, Mrs. Gale W. Lucas, Mrs. Lucia Long, Mrs. Ethel T. Gurkin, Joseph W. Foster, Dalton L. Finch, Jr., Mrs. Lucy R. Liverman, W. Bernard Ham, Mrs. Irma K. Hough, Julian R. Rawls, Jr., Miss Carolyn See SCHOOLS, Page 5

No Lead in Store Break-in Monday

Sheriff J. K. Reid stated Wednesday that there was no lead in the Monday night break-in of the C. T. White store at Skinnerville.

The sheriff said he went to Skinnerville at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning and found that screws had been removed from the hasp on the front door, the store entered and a small amount of merchandise and about 100 pennies taken.

Articles missing from the store included soap, sugar, canned goods, cakes, etc. The money drawer was turned upside down and a roll of pennies was missing, it was said.

Sheriff Reid said he was unable to get any fingerprints and that he had little to go upon, but his investigation is continuing.

First Graders To Be Registered This Week

Registration of beginner pupils at Plymouth School will be made Thursday and Friday of this week, it is emphasized. Teachers will be on hand to register all first graders, Principal J. S. Fleming has announced.

Registration before opening of the school next Wednesday will make for improved service, it is believed. Cooperation of parents is urged.

Creswell Stores To Close Next Monday for Holiday

Stores in Creswell will be closed Monday in observance of the Labor Day holiday, it was announced this week. Patrons are urged to bear this in mind.

Local Business To Halt For Labor Day Holiday

Following the custom of recent years, practically all stores and places of business in Plymouth will be closed all day next Monday, September 3, which is Labor Day, a legal national holiday.

In addition to the stores, the banks, post office, county, state and other offices will be closed. There will be no rural and city mail deliveries, but dispatches will be made as usual and mail will be placed in lock boxes at the local post office.

Industrial plants here will observe the holiday with a complete one-day shutdown, including North Carolina Pulp Company, Atlas Plywood Corporation and True Temper Corporation.

Following the usual procedure drug stores, restaurants and filling stations will observe the usual Sunday hours for the day, it is expected; but other places of business generally will not be open at all during the day.

County Towns Get \$22,000 for Streets

Plymouth to Get \$16,490.24; Roper \$3,715.05 and Creswell \$1,900.82; Amount More Than Last Year

The three towns in Washington County will receive a total of \$22,106.11 in Powell Bill funds improvement of non-highway streets during the current fiscal year, according to announcement last week by Highway Commission Chairman A. H. Graham.

Plymouth is to get \$16,490.24; with \$3,715.05 being allocated to Roper and \$1,900.82 to Creswell, the highway commission's announcement shows. This is \$1,653.43 more than the three municipalities received last year, when Plymouth was allotted \$15,393.23, Roper \$3,326.49 and Creswell \$1,733.26.

Plymouth's increase this year amounts to \$1,097.01, while Roper is getting \$388.56 more and Creswell \$116.59 more.

The state total represents the largest amount since the Powell Bill was adopted in 1951. The highway commission chairman said it was larger because of the ever-growing volume of gasoline being used. The Powell Bill provides that municipalities shall receive one-half cent per gallon of the total tax levied. Gross collection of gasoline tax last year amounted to \$74,690,855.92.

The money is available only to legally incorporated cities and towns which are active and eligible and whose officials have qualified their communities by submitting certified statements and maps of their street system prior to the third Monday in July.

The amount each town and city receives is determined according to a formula spelled out in the Powell Bill. Half of the total allocation is divided among the eligible municipalities on the basis of local street mileage and the other half is divided on the basis of population as reported in the latest federal census.

This year the mileage allowance was set at \$496.66 per mile of non-highway city streets, and the population allowance at \$2.04 per capita. See TOWNS, Page 10

Registrant Local Board Inducted

Wilbert Isaiah Downing of Plymouth was inducted into the Armed Forces at the Raleigh reception center Tuesday of this week, Mrs. Lorraine Hunter, clerk to Selective Service Board No. 95 here, reported.

The local board has received a call for two registrants to be sent for induction into the Armed Forces in September. The call is for September 24, Mrs. Hunter stated. No pre-induction call will be made upon the board during September. The August pre-induction call was for six men.

Registrations for Four Precincts in County Total 127

Plymouth No. 2 Reports 63 New and Transfer Registrations During a Two-Week Period

A total of 127 registrations in four precincts of this county was reported following the closing of the registration books after Saturday of last week.

The only reports readily available were from Plymouth No. 1 and No. 2, Lees Mill and from Scuppernon. The Plymouth No. 1 total was 32, according to Mrs. James H. Ward, registrar. These were equally divided between new and transfer registrations, Mrs. Ward stated.

In Plymouth No. 2 Mrs. Tom Darden, registrar, reported 63 registrations during the period from August 11 through 25 when the books were open for registration of those not previously registered in order to qualify to vote. See REGISTRATION, Page 5

Commissioners To Consider Matter of New County Agent

Regular Monthly Meeting Of Board Slated for Tuesday Afternoon of Next Week Here

The same question which has been bothering the county board of commissioners for the past two or three sessions is expected to be the chief item of business when the county governing body meets Tuesday of next week.

The regular monthly meeting, customarily held the first Monday, has been scheduled for Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock, the postponement coming because of the Labor Day holiday next Monday.

J. Robert Campbell, clerk to the board, stated Wednesday that the principal business to come before the commissioners next Tuesday would be the matter of securing a county agent to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of W. H. Pruden July 31.

There was speculation this week that the county might be left without an agent indefinitely, should an impasse fail to be resolved at Tuesday's meeting.

Following announcement of Mr. Pruden's resignation to devote full time to private business here, the commissioners unanimously endorsed former county agent W. V. (Bill) Hays of Plymouth for the post.

The Agriculture Department, through John E. Piland of Smithfield who is Eastern District Extension agent, then turned thumbs down, explaining that it is a long-standing policy of the department not to hire as a county agent any person who has not had college agriculture training. Piland said that according to Hays' own admission he has none.

However, Mr. Hays served as county agent at Plymouth for about 19 years, resigning January 4, 1952. Mr. Pruden, former agent in Hyde County, assumed the duties of the office March 1 of that year.

Special meetings have been held by the commissioners and attended by Mr. Piland, with board members generally expressing regret that Hays would not be accepted by the department. It is said that a number of farmers about the county expressed the desire to see Mr. Hays come back on the job.

Meantime, the county office is in charge of J. L. Outlaw, assistant county agent, and Miss Louise Allen, who has served as secretary under both Hays and Pruden.

Electrical Storm Hits Area Sunday

One of the most severe electrical storms in years struck this county late Sunday afternoon, accompanied by hard showers in the Plymouth area between 4 and 6 o'clock.

The weather station at Tidewater Research Station between Plymouth and Roper reported only .69 of an inch precipitation for the day, but it was explained that the station and the Roper section were on the fringe and did not get nearly so much rain as the section immediately around Plymouth. Scattered small hail was also reported in the county.

The rainfall brought total precipitation for August to 5.97 inches as of yesterday, according to J. L. Rea. August is normally a wet month in this section.

Electric power was reported off only briefly in Plymouth Sunday.

Three New Units Will Be Shipped

M/Sgt. Sherman D. Owen, local Army recruiter, announced this week that three more units have been designated for shipment to Europe under the Operation Gyroscope plan. These will depart from the States during February of next year.

The new Gyroscope units were listed by Sgt. Owen as the 55th Engineer Company (panel bridge) now stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky., the 379th Transportation Company (light truck) at Fort Gordon, Ga., and the 613th Field Artillery Battalion (280 mm gun) now at Fort Bragg.

Men with previous service in the army who have been discharged more than two days but less than one year and who were trained in certain specialties can qualify for reenlistment in one of these units, Sgt. Owen said.

For more detailed information interested persons may contact the recruiter at the Plymouth Post Office on Tuesdays from 9:30 a. m. to 12 noon, or phone Elizabeth City 559-6.



TARPON: W. A. Barber, fishermen of the Pea Ridge section, is shown above with the 100-pound tarpon he caught in one of his Albemarle Sound pound nets Monday of last week. Only a few tarpon have ever been caught in Albemarle Sound and none even approaching the size of the one pictured here. The fish was 6 feet 4 inches in length and tipped the scales at exactly 100 pounds. It was caught about 2 1/2 miles east of the sound bridge and almost tore Mr. Barber's boat to pieces even after two blasts from his shot gun. The cut was made from a photo taken by one of Mr. Barber's relatives.