

Miss Carolyn Brinkley, of the Plymouth High School faculty, attended the monthly meeting of the Albemarle Home Economics Teachers Association at Chowan High School, near Edenton, Thursday of last week.

Miss Ruth Satterthwaite and her cousin, Miss Elizabeth Respass, of Washington, recently appeared on a television show over a Norfolk, Va., station, being interviewed and presented gifts of a dress and jewelry.

Word this week was that Guy Whitford, newly appointed Washington County farm agent, will assume his duties here Monday, October 1.

Considerable peanut digging activity was noted in this county during the week. The job of digging and stacking the goobers is expected to be in full swing by the last of next week.

The county Farmers Home Administration office will reopen Thursday morning of this week at 8 o'clock—the usual hour—after having been closed all week while W. Willis Bowen, FIA county supervisor, and Mrs. Ernestine Basnight, office clerk, were in New Bern attending district FIA meeting.

School Cafeteria Commodity Items Here Total \$4885

Rise, Milk Solids, Butter, Canned Ham, Pork and Gravy Received; Cheese, Limas, Etc., Expected

Value of surplus commodities received by Washington County Schools to date for the present school year totals \$4,885, according to information released through the office of the county superintendent of schools here this week.

Another \$1,452 in such commodities, received through the Commodity Distribution program of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, is expected in the county shortly, said Roy F. Lowry, county superintendent.

Commodities are used in the lunchrooms at the various schools and receipt of these goods enables the lunchroom operators to keep the price of meals to students at an amazingly low figure; or, at least, is an important contributing factor.

Items received here, the amount and the value, were listed as follows: 20 50-pound cases of Wisconsin nonfat dry milk solids, \$360; 9 100-pound bags parboiled, Texas rice, \$195; 67 cases of 32 1-pound prints Iowa creamery butter, \$1,376; 72 cases canned pork and gravy, \$2,304; 13 cases canned hams, \$650.

Items expected to be received soon include 62 cases process cheese, \$775; 22 bags dry limas, \$242; 60 cases canned peaches, \$435.

When received, these items would swell the total value to \$6,337 for the county system.

Two Men, Two Stills Captured in August

Two liquor stills, sundry supplies and equipment fell to raiding officers in this county during August, according to a report of such activities submitted recently by Chief ABC Officer for Washington County, Robert Sawyer of Roper.



NEW TEACHERS: Here are the new teachers at Plymouth High School this year, along with Principal J. S. Fleming, who has headed the faculty here for 10 years.

Unions at Pulp Plant Have New Contracts

Negotiations Concluded Yesterday With Signing by Electricians; New Contracts for Two Years

Contract negotiations between representatives of the North Carolina Pulp Company here and its employees were concluded yesterday with the signing of the electrical workers' contract.

The same general pattern was followed in all the contracts signed by the five locals and the company representatives.

Under the new rates, minimum pay for hourly employees who have been with the company 90 days or more will be \$1.64 per hour.

Terms of the new contracts are retroactive to August 1, when the old contract expired.

Joint negotiations were conducted by Locals 356 and 605 of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers; Local No. 423 of the International Brotherhood of Paper Makers; and Local 415 of the International Union of Operating Engineers.

Negotiations were completed by the latter group a week or two ago, and the contract was signed yesterday.

L. J. Darby, industrial relations director, and E. M. Leavitt, mill manager, represented the pulp company in the negotiations.

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Receive Call For Four Men

The Washington County draft board has received a call from state Selective Service headquarters for four registrants to be sent by this board for induction into the Armed Forces at Raleigh Wednesday, October 10.

The information was released yesterday by Mrs. Lorraine Hunter, board clerk. No pre-induction call will be made upon the board here during the month of October, Mrs. Hunter stated.

Officers Continue Work on Series of Recent Break-ins

Good Fingerprints Obtained At J. O. Highsmith Residence, Sheriff J. K. Reid States

No success in solving a recent series of break-ins in and around Plymouth had been reported late yesterday.

Thieves reportedly stole some batteries from the Julian Brinkley Lumber Company, tires and garage equipment from the Miller Warren Implement Company, tires off cars on the lot.

The Miller Warren Implement Company, located on US 64 by-pass here, was entered during the night last Wednesday or early Thursday morning.

Missing from the place were about 15 automobile tires valued at \$250, a valve kit of about like value, about \$4 or \$5 dollars in change was missing from the cash register and a soft drink machine.

Thieves are said to have broken a window glass on the car of George Grimes who keeps his car in the Highsmith garage.

It was evident, said Sheriff J. K. Reid, that soap had been heated in the kitchen and a light meal enjoyed. Also, several trunks in the house had been ransacked.

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Book Circulation Doubles in Year

Figures on book circulation at Washington County Public Library show that circulation for August was more than double that of August a year ago.

According to figures released this week by Mrs. Eugenia R. Baby, director of the Pettigrew Regional Library of which the local library is an integral part, total circulation for August reached 1,687 volumes, as compared with a total of only 828 in August 1955.

Adult circulation figures were listed as 558 last month, and 467 in August of 1955. The greater increase was in juvenile books where the total rose from 361 in August of 1955 to 1,129 in August of this year.

Pettigrew Library Board To Meet Tonight, Columbia

The Pettigrew Regional Library Board, Mrs. J. Robert Campbell of Plymouth, chairman, will meet in the Tyrrell County Library Thursday night of this week, it is announced.

Time of the meeting will be 8 o'clock.

Meeting Monday Of Improvement Group on Schools

Washington County School Improvement Committee Of 158 Citizens To Hold First Assembly

Another step in a campaign to promote improvement of present school facilities in the county system is due to be taken Monday night when a committee of 158 prominent white and colored citizens meets at the courthouse here.

One step was taken at the meeting of the county board of education Monday of last week when the 158 persons were named to the Washington County School Improvement Committee.

The meeting next Monday is set for 7:30 o'clock in the courtroom.

It is expected that sub-committees will be formed at the meeting to function in the fields of finance, publicity, meetings, liaison, canvassing, getting out the vote in the coming \$500,000 school bond election, etc.

Letters addressed to the members of the committee from the office of the county superintendent of schools were put in the mails today, expressing the hope that all those named will be able to serve in the interest of the schools.

Basis for the program of school facility betterment is expected to be the report made by a committee composed of J. C. Manning, superintendent of Martin County Schools, J. L. Pierce and W. L. Lathan of the State Department of Public Instruction, following a survey of county school needs made March 8th of this year.

A "substantial amount" of new construction was cited in that report as a prime need in the county school system.

The general public is invited to attend the meeting next Monday, County Superintendent of Schools R. F. Lowry of Plymouth stated yesterday.

Student Teachers At Local School

Miss Hilda Gray Apple, of Greensville, and Miss Esther Hickman, of Chowan, seniors at East Carolina College, Greenville, have been assigned to do three months student teaching in the home economics department of Plymouth High School.

They have been here since the start of school and are rooming at the home of Mrs. L. Roy Swain on East Main Street.

In making the assignment, East Carolina College officials stated it was recognized the local school had a strong home economics department under the supervision of Miss Carolyn Brinkley.

At the conclusion of the first quarter of college work, two other students will be assigned to the department here.

The student teachers are taking part in all major activities of the regular teachers in the school and in the community.

Special Meeting Series To Open at Union Chapel

A series of special meetings will open Monday night of next week at Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, announces the church minister, the Rev. L. E. Ambrose of Creswell.

Nightly meetings will begin at 8 o'clock with the Rev. T. O. Terry of Cove City doing the preaching. The meetings are scheduled to continue through October 3.

The public is invited.

Youth for Christ Rally Slated Sunday at Wenona

The regular monthly Albemarle Youth for Christ rally will be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Wenona Church of Christ near Plymouth, it is announced.

Bloodmobile Will Be Here Tuesday; Goal Is 110 Pints

Male Office Manager Sought Here for ASC

Beginning Thursday of this week the Washington County ASC committee will accept applications for the position of county ASC office manager, it is announced.

The state ASC committee has adopted a policy to replace female office managers with males, it is explained, so only males need apply.

Applications will be filed at the county ASC office located in the right wing of the Agriculture Building in Plymouth, it was said.

Certain qualifications must be met by the applicant. The grade for this county rates a CO-9, an excellent rating comparatively speaking, and which commands an annual salary of \$5,400.

Miss Miriam Ausbon, present office manager who has compiled an enviable record during her tenure in the position here and who, with the cooperation of her assistants, has kept Washington County at the forefront in the state in matters relating to ASC and ACP programs has accepted the position of chief clerk, it was stated.

Several office managers in the state will be affected by the new policy, it is understood. It is unofficially reported that an exception is being made in one eastern county in this regard.

Low Bids Indicate Total Cost About \$57,000 for 250,000-Gallon Tank and 100-Foot Tower

Bids for the new 250,000-gallon water tank for Plymouth were received and opened at a recessed meeting of the Plymouth City Council Tuesday afternoon.

Eight bids were received for the tank and foundations Tuesday, five for the tank itself and the other three for the foundations and fittings.

Bids on the tank ranged from a low of \$44,465 to a high of \$50,100; while the foundation and fitting bids ranged from a low of \$8,947.60 to a high of \$10,461.

If the low bids on the tank are accepted as submitted this would make the total cost to the town \$57,041.36, including the engineering fee of 6%.

No bids have yet been received on the water softening system it is proposed to install at the time the tank is constructed.

There are some variations in the specifications of the five bids received for construction of the tank. For this reason, the town's engineers recommended Tuesday that no contract be let at that time.

Low bid on the tank was submitted by the Pittsburgh-Des Moines Engineering Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.

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Deadline Near On Tax Refund

J. L. Outlaw, assistant county agent, issued a reminder to farmers today to file for their federal tax refunds on farm-used gasoline. The deadline is October 1.

Outlaw said many farmers eligible for this refund have not made application for it.

The federal tax on each gallon of gasoline is three cents. This is the first year that farmers have been exempt from it, and, since it can mean so much to the average farmer, application for a refund should be made right away, the agent emphasized.

Farmers should file for the refund through the office of P. K. Sanders, Greensboro, director of internal revenue for the North Carolina district.

Local Blood Bank Program Leaders Hoping for Strong Response Similar to That Of June 20

Tuesday of next week the Red Cross bloodmobile is slated to make its 23rd official visit to Washington County.

Efforts will be exerted to obtain a minimum of 110 pints of blood, the regular quota, when the set-up is made at the usual place in Plymouth—the Veterans Building.

Donor hours are announced as 10:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. and the cooperation of the public is respectfully solicited by local blood bank leaders.

Again the visit will be jointly sponsored by the same organizations which have sponsored the visits ever since the blood program was instituted here almost six years ago—the James E. Jethro Post of the American Legion and the Bosie Bateman Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Refreshments will be prepared and donated by the Wesleyan Service Guild of Plymouth Methodist Church. Refreshments in the past have usually consisted of sandwiches, drinks, etc.

The visits to the county are made quarterly, the last being on June 20 when 168 pints were obtained. On only two previous occasions has this total been surpassed—December 13, 1951, when 189 pints were secured, and on March 12, 1954, when the total was 174 pints.

Total blood donated in this county to the program in the almost six years it has operated amounts to 2,637 pints. Much blood has been drawn out of the bank by county users during that period, also, it has been emphasized.

Persons desiring to give blood next Tuesday but who do not have transportation should telephone 454-1 to have transportation furnished. This is a service which will be rendered gladly, it is pointed out.

Since the fine showing made here in June when the quota was surpassed by 58 pints, local leaders of the program are hoping for a strong response next Tuesday. Blood is still urgently needed, it has been stated.

Creswell Man Now In Law's Clutches In Chatham County

Hallet Patrick, Called and Failed Here Last Week, Given Six Months Term; Faces Assault Charge

A Creswell white man who failed to appear in superior court here last week to answer charges against him reportedly ran afoul of the law in Chatham County later.

Hallet Patrick was given six months on the roads when found guilty of speeding at Siler City, Sheriff J. K. Reid of this county said he was informed.

Additionally, Patrick faces a charge of assault with a deadly weapon arising out of the injury of a state highway patrolman in Chatham County, Sheriff Reid said he understood. Patrick's case will be tried at the term of Chatham Superior Court slated to open the first week in October, it was stated.

The report reaching here was that Patrick had been stopped by a patrolman for speeding and that he attempted to run the patrolman down with his automobile, jamming the officer against his own patrol car or some object and injuring him.

Patrick was charged here with assault in one case, and in another with speeding 85 miles per hour in the Town of Creswell, driving drunk and resisting arrest. Patrick was called and failed, judgment of nisi sci fa was entered and capias ordered.

However, Attorney W. L. Whitley of Plymouth produced a memorandum from a Siler City doctor stating, it was said, that Patrick was unable, due to illness, to appear. Upon investigation by the court, however, it was discovered that Patrick had obtained the certificate from the doctor through a pretense, it was said, and word from the doctor was said to be to the effect that nothing was wrong with him physically.

Patrick had been under \$1,000 bond here for his appearance at the September term of Washington Superior Court and when bond was called, Judge J. Paul Frizzelle ordered him placed under an additional \$1,000 bond. When Patrick was jailed at Siler City it was reported he was placed under \$2,500 bond there.

RECENT GRADUATE



Joe Jesse White, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. White of Roper, completed the requirements for his bachelor of arts degree at East Carolina College last month, it has been announced by Dr. Orval L. Phillips, registrar. He will receive his degree at the commencement exercises next May. Mr. White entered East Carolina College in 1952 after graduating from Roper High School. He majored in social science and had a minor in English.

Peanut Crop Rank Compares Well in Per - Acre Yields

Washington County Stands 50th in Nation in Total Peanut Poundage for 1954 Crop

Of the top 100 peanut-producing counties in the United States, Washington County ranks 93rd in the number of acres harvested but is in 50th place when it comes to pounds actually harvested.

The rankings, released late last week by the United States Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C., were prepared by the department from a census of the 1954 peanut crop.

Washington County is one of 13 North Carolina counties ranked among the first 100 peanut counties for that year. The others and their respective rank, first as to acreage and next as to poundage, are: Northampton, 5th and 3rd; Hall, 6th and 4th; Bertie, 12th and 2nd; Edgecombe, 22nd and 9th; Martin, 25th and 7th; Hertford, 32nd and 8th; Gates, 56th and 18th; Pitt, 59th and 42nd; Chowan, 62nd and 20th; Bladen, 69th and 46th; Perquimans, 92nd and 40th; Nash, 96th and 70th.

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Record 4-H Enrollment in Prospect

Indications are now that 4-H Clubs in this county will reach a record enrollment during the current school year, according to Assistant County Agent J. L. Outlaw, supervisor of 4-H boys' work.

"We expect to have good enrollment particularly in the senior clubs," Mr. Outlaw said. "This is very encouraging," he added.

Joint meetings of boys and girls were held in Plymouth and Roper this week, with the Creswell meeting slated for Thursday.