

T. C. Culbreth has resigned as Republican judge of election in Plymouth Precinct No. 1, it was announced this week by W. T. Freeman, chairman of the county board of elections. Mr. Culbreth served as a pollholder in the primary last May and also at the extra general election on constitutional amendments recently. His successor will be named by the county board in time for the November general election.

James H. Ward was in Greenville this week where he attended one of a series of quarterly insurance meetings being held currently throughout the state. The purpose of such meetings, Mr. Ward stated, is to keep insurance men abreast of changes which are constantly taking place in this field.

It's really hard to get details of an automobile accident when the accident involves a highway patrol car, it seems. But if you wondered why genial "Red" Walters was walking with a slight limp this week, here's the story briefly: A Williamston man by the name of Reason began a left turn off US 64 between Plymouth and Williamston at about 10 p. m. Monday night and the man's old model Dodge truck was struck by a patrol car being operated by Patrolman Walters. Reason's injuries have not been disclosed here, but "Red" came off with leg bruises and abrasions. Both cars were considerably damaged, according to unofficial reports. Walters had not turned in his report to troop headquarters when this scribe talked to him Tuesday.

Henry Oatjen, of Norfolk, new president of the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company, was in Plymouth Tuesday of this week to make a tour of the North Carolina Pulp Company plant here. He was accompanied by Marshall C. Jeanette, vice president of the company, also of the Norfolk office.

Mrs. Louise Allen, the efficient deputy clerk of superior court for this county, has been appointed as assistant clerk of superior court—a promotion. The appointment is approved by the resident superior court judge for this judicial district. Mrs. Allen, wife of Newman Allen of near Plymouth, has served as deputy clerk in the office here for more than 12 years. Mrs. Allen substituted for Clerk W. T. Stillman at the regular term of superior court here earlier this month and gave a good account of herself, according to all reports. The announcements of her appointment was made public by Mr. Stillman.

Mrs. W. A. Davidson has just returned from Chattanooga, Tenn., where she attended the funeral of her sister, Mrs. Blanche Williams Hamm who died unexpectedly in Miami, Fla. Survivors include her husband, H. M. Hamm; a daughter in Tampa, Fla.; two sons, one in Kingston, Tenn., the other in Collingswood, N. J.; and three sisters. Last rites were conducted by Dr. Raymond Shearer and the Rev. Winston Wright, with interment in Forest Hill Cemetery, Chattanooga.

Combs To Speak Sunday At Cooperative Service

The Rev. Robert L. Combs, minister of Plymouth Presbyterian Church, will be the speaker at the quarterly cooperative service to be held here Sunday evening, it was announced today.

The meeting, participated in by local Christian, Methodist, Episcopal, Presbyterian and Baptist Churches, will be held in the Ludford Memorial Baptist Church, beginning at 7:30 o'clock, the announcement from the Rev. Paul B. Nickens, minister at the host church, stated.

A highlight of the service will be an anthem by the choir of the Baptist Church.

The public is cordially invited.

Lake Phelps Post Will Meet Next Monday at 8

H. S. Woodley, adjutant of Lake Phelps Post No. 391, American Legion, announces that there will be a regular meeting of the post Monday night of next week.

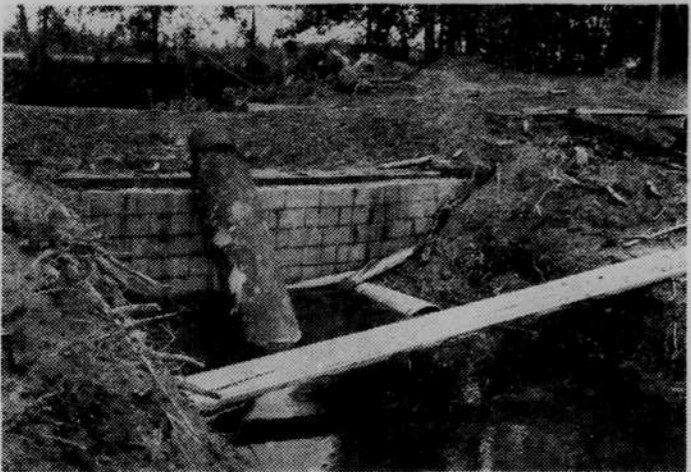
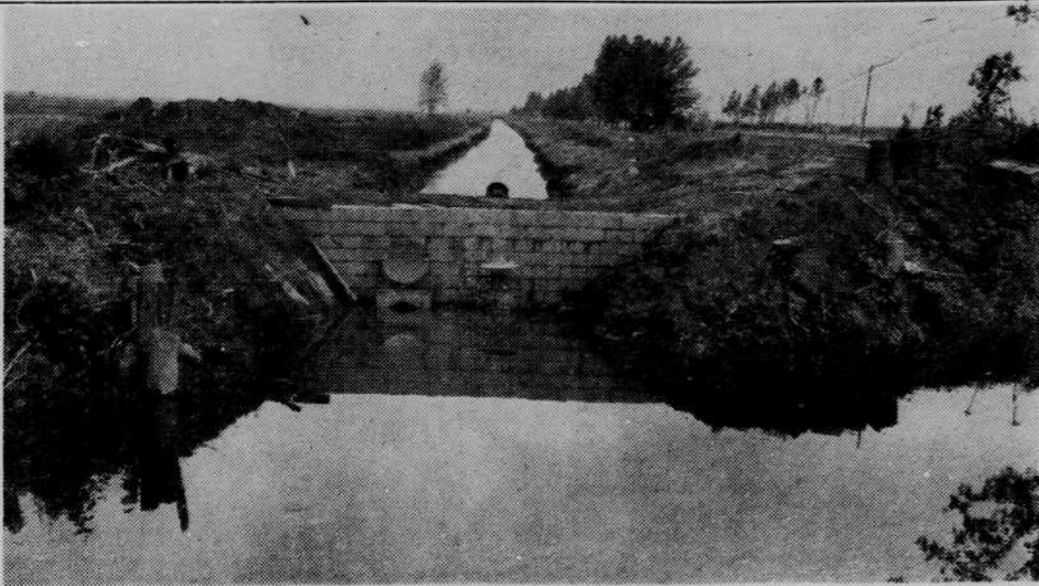
The meeting is scheduled to begin at 8 o'clock and all members are respectfully urged to attend, the announcement states.

Roper Ruritans recently installed floodlights at the parking areas and entrances-exits on the grounds adjacent to Roper High School, it is reported.

The club project is designated to provide needed outside light for the benefit of patrons attending basketball games and other night activities at the school, it was explained.

The work was done by a Plymouth electrician.

At the last meeting of the Ruritan Club a nominating committee was appointed to prepare an off-



Top photo in this arrangement shows a view of a collection or reservoir ditch, dam, tidegate and pump outlets on the farm of D. Reuben Paul in the Wenona section of Washington County. Bottom photo is a close-up of the dam, showing culvert leading to gate. Construction of a drainage system for Paul's 180-acre farm followed the drawing up of a Soil Conservation Service plan in December of 1954. The drainage system, consisting of 13 lateral ditches, collection ditches and reservoir ditch, was completed last year. Although Mr. Paul had had a part of the land in pasture before, the entire block of land drained by the new system was put under cultivation for the first time last year. Half was planted to corn, the other half to soybeans. The crop was saved until the final hurricane of the season but after that little was salvaged. This year Mr. Paul has had better luck and reports a fine crop of soybeans and corn on the land. The pump, which moves the water steadily and at a pace that just about matches the rate of seepage from the land, is powered by a farm tractor but it is planned to use diesel power later. It and when the Albemarle Drainage Canal—Cuckolds Creek project of the Army Engineer Corps is completed, Mr. Paul will be enabled to get natural drainage and will then, of course, take out the present tidegate dam and pumps. "It will be one of the happiest days of my life when that is done," Mr. Paul commented.—Photos courtesy of Pamlico Soil Conservation Service.

Bloodmobile Gets 78 Pints Here This Week

Farm Bureau Sign Members

Representatives of Washington County Farm Bureau in each community are busy this week signing up members for the coming year. Collecting the yearly dues is part of this happy task.

Quota for the annual membership is 305 members, five above last year's quota, it was said. Will Rogers, N. C. Farm Bureau representative from Greensboro headquarters, addressed the kick-meeting held Friday night in the Agriculture Building here. First check-up meeting is set for Monday night of next week, same place, 8 o'clock. It is hoped to wind up the drive the following week.

Services Tuesday For Mrs. Holloman

Funeral services for Mrs. Carrie Gurkin Holloman, 72, of Plymouth, were conducted from Ludford Memorial Baptist Church Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by the Rev. Paul B. Nickens, minister of the church. Burial was in Windley Cemetery.

Mrs. Holloman, a native of Martin County, died at her home at 11 o'clock Sunday morning following a long period of declining health. She was born September 13, 1884, in Jamesville Township, daughter of the late Harmon and Annie Douglas Gurkin, and she spent her early life there. She was married first to Alfred S. Moore and her second marriage was to Robert L. Holloman who survives.

Mrs. Holloman had lived here most of her life and was an active member of the Baptist Church for many years.

She leaves, other than her husband, three brothers, Colon L. Gurkin and William H. Gurkin, both of Plymouth, and Charles G. Gurkin of Jamesville Township, Martin County; two sisters, Mrs. Henry R. Lassiter of Portsmouth, Va., and Mrs. Mattie Davis of near Jamesville; a foster son, Donald Moore, and a foster daughter, Mrs. Glenn Settlemeyer, both of Texas.

Blood Bank Program Leaders Here Express Pleasure At Good Response of Colored Citizens

The Red Cross bloodmobile collected 78 pints of blood here Tuesday of this week.

There were 95 respondents, with 17 being rejected for one reason or another.

Thus, the community failed by 32 pints to meet the quota of 110 pints which had been established for the regular quarterly visit, third of 1956. Tuesday's figure brought the total amount of blood donated here this year to 323 pints, only seven pints below the cumulative quota. This means that should the final visit to Plymouth in 1956 collect as much as 117 pints the cumulative quota for the year would be attained (provided, of course, that the quarterly quota remains unchanged at 110 pints).

The total Tuesday was one pint above that for the first visit this year—March 14, when 77 pints were obtained. On June 20 the quota was surpassed by 58 pints, the total being 168. This was the third highest amount collected here in the nearly six-year history of the Washington County Blood Bank program.

The final visit of the year is now set for Friday, December 7.

Local blood bank leaders were pleased with the response here this week—even though it fell short of the announced quota—and especially so in view of the fine response by colored citizens. There were 28 Negro donors.

Doctors who donated time and service were listed as follows: Doctors R. Vernon Jeter, E. W. Furgeson, A. Papineau and T. L. Bray.

Volunteer workers, including clerical, canteen and nurses' aide, were Mesdames Durand Keel, W. R. Klass, Harold Nelson, John Williams, George Barden, H. F. Perkins, J. W. Marrow, J. S. Fleming, John R. Soloky, W. F. Sessoms and W. B. Collins.

All refreshments were donated by the Wesleyan Service Guild of Plymouth Methodist Church, under direction of Mrs. Miller Warren.

Senior Dance Set Saturday Night At Plymouth Gym

The Plymouth High School Senior Dance, certainly a very important occasion in the eyes of members of the senior class, is slated for Saturday night of this week.

The gala affair will feature the music of Bobby Green's orchestra of Ahoskie, and will begin at 8 o'clock and end at 11:30 or thereabout. The school gymnasium has been selected for the annual event and high school and elementary students will be admitted, as well as other individuals who care to attend, for a nominal admission price.

An added attraction will be the crowning at intermission of Miss Grammar Grades and Miss Plymouth High School. Entries for these two contests are seeking votes from the public at a penny a vote to decide the titlists. Voting containers are to be found in several business houses in the city.

A list of students competing for the respective titles was released this week as follows:

Sixth Grade — Brenda Respass, Davenport room; Robin Horner, Dunbar room; Mary Alice Barden, Topping room;

Seventh Grade — Jean De Brull, Beasley room; Doris Jackson, Gurkin room; Judy Mobley, Hough room;

Eighth grade — Lois Swain, Davenport room; Patty Johnson, Holliday room; Lynn Hardison, Martus room;

Ninth Grade — Catherine Keel, Foster; Linda Papineau, Wood;

Tenth Grade — Sarah Bateman, Finch; Jackie Polk, Liverman;

Eleventh Grade — Lois Mobley, Gurkin; Gayle Skiles, Lucas;

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The meeting was held in the Creswell High School auditorium, with some 60 Ruritans, their ladies and special guests, present. The latter included, besides Mr. and Mrs. Daniels, Mr. and Mrs. Tillett of Wanchese, and Ronnie Pritchett. Also, a new member — Lloyd Barnes — was welcomed into the club.

Roger A. Davenport, Ruritan president, made the address of welcome, with response by Mrs. A. K. Spencer, jr.

A delicious meal was served by members of the Home Economics department at the school.

Mrs. Mark Woolard, vocalist, presented several numbers, accompanied at the piano by Ronnie Pritchett.

Grand Opening Friday and Saturday for New Station

Official grand opening of a new Plymouth business which has been in operation for the past few weeks is set for Friday and Saturday of this week.

Modlin's Gulf Service, Carl M. Modlin, proprietor, announces in an advertisement in this issue of The Beacon, special prizes and favors for all the family.

Grand prize of a barbecue grill, picnic table and benches will be awarded to some lucky winner at 9 p. m. Saturday. Everybody is welcome, Modlin stated.

For Greater Safety Make Trip Tuesday, Wednesday

Chicago. — Driving somewhere? Then take advantage of reduced accident rates by traveling on Tuesday or Wednesday.

To Open Bids on Hospital Project Here on Monday

Frank Moore Weber, Architect and Representative Medical Care Commission To Be Here

Sealed bids on a 10-bed addition to Washington County Hospital are scheduled to be opened here Monday of next week.

Architect William Moore Weber of Raleigh is due to be here and open the bids during the regular monthly meeting of the Washington County Board of Commissioners. The meeting will be held in the commissioners' room at the courthouse, beginning at 1 p. m.

The Beacon is in receipt of a letter from Congressman Herbert C. Bonner, under date of September 21, which was accompanied by enclosed information from W. P. Dearing, acting surgeon general, relative to the proposed hospital project here.

The letter advised that initial application for the project has been approved by the Public Health Service following approval by the N. C. State Medical Care Commission. Plans were also approved by the county commissioners.

Total estimated cost of the project was listed as \$60,000, half of which is to be borne by the federal government. The county's share will be 23.6 per cent of the total costs, with the state supplying the remaining cost.

A representative of the State Medical Care Commission is expected to attend the meeting Monday, stated Board Clerk J. Robert Campbell.

Daniels' Address At Creswell Asks Concerted Effort

Manieo Man, Long a Leader In Southern Albemarle Association, Talks To Ruritans, Guests

In addressing the annual Ladies Night meeting of Creswell Ruritan Club Monday, Melvin R. Daniels of Manieo urged a calm approach to the grave problems of our time and a concerted effort by the citizens of the Albemarle to see Alligator River and Croatan Sound Bridge projects through to a successful conclusion.

Mr. Daniels, long-time leader and worker in the bridge associations of this section, spoke on the subject, "Facing the Issues Which Face Us Today." He touched upon the grave problems before this state and the South today concerning public school segregation and declared that North Carolinians must work to solve the serious problems arising from the May, 1954, decision of the U. S. Supreme Court.

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County Group Organized To Boost School Bond Vote

Begin Boy Scout Fund Drive Friday Morning

Friday of this week will be "Kick-off Day" here for the annual Boy Scout Fund drive.

"We plan to use the Early Bird Breakfast idea to launch our part of the East Carolina Council's \$112,000 campaign," stated Billy Blackburn, town chairman, in announcing plans for the annual event.

The breakfast — Friday at 7 o'clock — will be held at the Mayflower Restaurant and will be doted, Mr. Blackburn stated.

Idea of the breakfast was decided upon after various plans were reviewed, it being decided that the

"Early Bird" combines the best features of several ideas which were advanced.

"We feel that everything usually accomplished at a long evening meeting can be done quickly at the breakfast," the town chairman said. "We have planned an interesting session designed to provide each worker the necessary information and materials."

All members of the Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce, other civic organizations, and parents of scouts are strongly urged to attend this meeting, it was emphasized.

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GETS M.A. DEGREE



James Roper Pritchett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Pritchett, of Creswell, received the master of arts degree in political science at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, during commencement last month. He received his A. B. degree in history at the university in June, 1954. While a student at Carolina, young Pritchett was a member of Phi Delta Phi, honorary French society; Phi Alpha Theta, honorary history fraternity; and Pi Sigma Alpha, honorary political science fraternity.

Hodges Appoints May As Solicitor

Appointment of Hubert E. May of Nashville to fill the vacancy which resulted from the recently announced resignation of Elbert S. Peel of Williamston as solicitor of the second district was made public last week-end by Governor Hodges.

Mr. May will assume the duties of the office Monday of next week.

Two Plymouth men, Z. V. Norman and W. Ronald Gaylord, are members of the solicitorial committee and are serving on the committee to select a Democratic nominee to replace Mr. Peel on the November election slate. Messrs. Norman and Gaylord went to Tarboro Wednesday of this week for a meeting of the committee.

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Republicans To Hold Rally Here October 3

Wednesday of next week is expected to be a big day for county Republicans, according to plans announced here this week by T. Donald Somerville, county chairman of the party.

Somerville stated that a motorcade will meet at 7:30 p. m. at the county courthouse, with a number of prominent Republican leaders and state candidates expected to be on hand for the get-together.

Included among dignitaries of the GOP on state and local levels listed as expected to take part were the following:

Kyle Hayes of North Wilkesboro,

All Sections of County Represented at Meet Monday; James H. Ward Chairman Of Committee

Tentative plans were made to wage an intensive campaign in favor of the \$500,000 school bond issue prior to the November 6 general election and organization of the Washington County School Improvement Committee was perfected at a meeting Monday night in the courthouse here. It was attended by 83 persons, and there was an extended discussion of school needs and the bond issue to be voted on by citizens of the county at the election on Tuesday, November 6.

James H. Ward, of Plymouth, was elected chairman of the group; and three vice chairmen were named, representing all sections of the county, as follows: Tom Hampton, Creswell; Jesse Rawls, Roper; and the Rev. Paul B. Nickens, Plymouth. Various other committees were appointed to take care of various details of the campaign to secure a favorable vote, with reports to be heard from them at the next meeting, set for Monday, October 8, at 8 p. m., in the courthouse here.

Imperative need of the bond issue to finance additional school facilities in the county was emphasized by several speakers during the session. R. F. Lowry, county school superintendent, reviewed statistics on the growth of county schools and crowded conditions existing, also making a number of suggestions about waging a successful campaign to put the bond issue over.

Mr. Lowry also outlined the program approved by the county board of education for additional buildings, based on the recommendations of a survey committee appointed by the state board of education. This group made a study of enrollment and attendance in the various schools of the county last March, suggesting that a bond issue was the only method of obtaining sufficient funds with which to finance the projects recommended as follows:

1. Creswell: A new lunchroom; a new agriculture building;
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