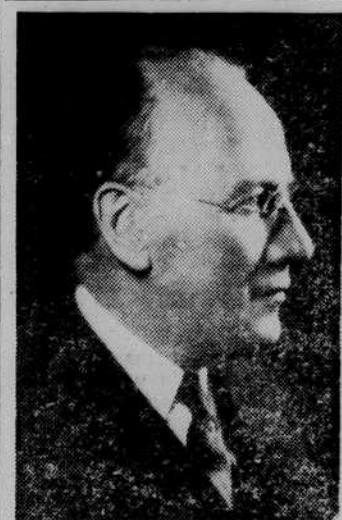


Seal Sale Letters Mailed This Week

More than 1,200 envelopes containing 1956 Christmas Seals were delivered to the Plymouth Post Office this week by the Washington County Tuberculosis Association.

Farm Work Picks Up As Fair Skies Return

CONDUCTS REVIVAL



Bishop Ralph S. Cushman of Raleigh will conduct a Christian Stewardship revival at Plymouth Methodist Church, beginning Sunday morning and closing the following Wednesday night.

Bishop Cushman To Lead Service At Local Church

Plymouth Methodists Will Open Christian Stewardship Revival Sunday at 11 O'Clock

A Christian Stewardship revival, to be conducted by Bishop Ralph S. Cushman of Raleigh, will begin at Plymouth Methodist Church Sunday.

The special series of meetings will open at the morning service at 11 o'clock and meetings will be held nightly at 7:30 o'clock through Wednesday night following, according to an announcement from the church minister, the Rev. Jesse H. Lanning.

"Bishop Cushman," stated Mr. Lanning, "is known as one of the foremost churchmen and spiritual leaders in America. He has recently retired and is now making his home in Raleigh. Some of his books of poems and other writings will be available at the church during the revival."

Mr. Lanning continued, "We feel that we are very fortunate in being able to get Bishop Cushman here for our church and the community. We earnestly invite the public to share in the services."

Bishop and Mrs. Cushman are to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lanning while in Plymouth. Mrs. Lanning was Ernestine Cushman before marriage.

Creswell Turkey Shoot Set Thanksgiving Day

The annual turkey shoot at Creswell, sponsored by the Lake Phelps post of the American Legion, will be held on Thanksgiving Day, November 22, it was announced this week. The shoot will be held at Earl's Service Station, starting at 9 a. m. The public is invited.

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ing 1956, and along with the Seals went a plea from Mrs. Charlie Robertson, chairman of the 1956 Seal Sale campaign in this county. "These Christmas Seals," Mrs. Robertson wrote, "are being sent to you with the hope that you will purchase them and use them proudly. By doing this you are making an investment in better health for our country. . . . When you buy Christmas Seals you are making possible a program of health education, casefinding by chest x-ray, etc., rehabilitation and research."

Several Divorces Granted in Court Here on Monday

Farmers Busy Combining Soybeans and Threshing Peanuts in County; Urge Check of Moisture

Following a "drying-out" period of several days of sunshine and wind on crops and land, farm activities were back in swing in this county early this week. Combining of soybeans and threshing of peanuts were much in evidence as farmers sought to take full advantage of the favorable weather to get their money crops out of the field.

Meantime, peanut growers were being urged to exercise every possible care in picking their peanuts in order that the lowest possible damage and moisture content might result.

Joe S. Sugg, executive secretary of the North Carolina Peanut Growers Association, stated that on a trip throughout the peanut area last Friday that he and Peanut Specialist A. D. Stuart of State College found conditions in the fields varying from excellent to properly stacked peanuts to very poor in fields of poorly-stacked peanuts. Excessive damage was viewed in some fields, it was said.

Moisture content of peanuts should be below 10 per cent before picking operations are started, it was strongly emphasized. Sugg suggested that a few stacks be picked and a sample tested before picking is continued.

Peanuts carrying a moisture content above 10 per cent or damage content above 8 per cent are not subject to receive support price and would thus have to be sold on an unsupported market at a considerable discount.

Mr. Sugg pointed out that careful adjustment of the peanut pickers can reduce the damage by blowing out many of the peanut pods carrying damaged kernels. Sugg further indicated that the growers should cooperate with the buyers and market their peanuts in an orderly manner over a reasonably long period of time rather than flooding the market, overloading the buying facilities, and thereby causing price declines.

Soybean Growers Advised on Crop

At a meeting held here last week in cooperation with specialists from N. C. State College, the N. C. Department of Agriculture and the Federal Grain Inspecting Division of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, several suggestions were advanced for realizing more money from crops.

Farmers were advised to check the export market against the crushers market and to keep foreign material and damage as low as possible in soybeans. Good and damaged beans should not be mixed, it was brought out.

It is indicated that supplies are beginning to tighten, said G. E. Spain, agronomy specialist, and since prices may rise due to increased demand, farmers might do well to hold beans to take advantage of price rise, stabilization of discount schedule or revised loan program if such can be obtained. Every effort is being made, it was stated, to stabilize the price of beans at a fair market price.

Independent Grocers To Remain Open Wednesdays

Allen's Grocery and B & W Super Market announced this week that the regular Wednesday afternoon closings would not be in effect from now until Christmas. These stores will remain open all day each Wednesday and it is expected that the same policy will be followed by most other grocery stores. The local A&P Store announced that it would remain open all day Wednesday of next week because of the Thursday closing for Thanksgiving, but that the usual half-holiday Wednesday schedule will be observed as usual otherwise.

The children on the 1956 Christmas Seals illustrate the forward march against tuberculosis, Mrs. Robert pointed out. Colorado artist Heidi Brandt has designed twin Christmas Seals, a boy and a girl dressed in green, each carrying the red double-barred cross, trademark of the National Tuberculosis Association and its affiliates.

Mrs. Robertson said it is hoped that response will be almost 100 per cent to the Seal campaign this year.

Run Into Obstacle On County Request For Drainage Help

Commissioners Decide That Regional Request of More Information Cannot Be Met in Time

The amended project application of the county for additional federal funds for stream clearance has struck a serious snag, it appeared following a special meeting of the county commissioners here Thursday night.

At the meeting two letters from General E. F. Griffin of Raleigh, N. C., Civil Defense director, and one from Regional Administrator Thomas H. Goodman of Thomasville, Ga., were read. The letters set out that letters from farmers as to the number of acres of farm land they were unable to plant or grow crops to maturity on during the 1956 season due to poor drainage which could be attributed to clogged streams caused by the 1955 hurricanes would have to be submitted to the regional office on or before November 23 to make the application eligible for consideration.

Following motion by Commissioner Phillip M. Spruill of Creswell, seconded by Commissioner H. L. Davenport of Skippersville, it was voted unanimously to inform General Griffin that it would be impossible to get the additional letters or statements in detail and figures from farmers owning land on the eight projects covered in the amended project application to reach Thomasville, Ga., on or before the deadline.

A copy of the letter to General Griffin was sent to Congressman Herbert C. Bonner with a request that he use his influence to get the "red tape" cleared up, if possible.

The letter to General Griffin expressed appreciation of the board "for the fine cooperation of your office and the board feels that you have gone out of your way to help the commissioners."

The additional information desired by the regional office in connection with the amended project application included:

- 1. Letters from farmers as to number of acres they were unable to plant or grow crops on during 1956 due to poor drainage which could be attributed to streams clogged by 1955 hurricane damage;
2. Letters should contain estimate in dollars of damages sustained as result of poor drainage and inability to use lands for growing normal crops;
3. Land owners should also write letters giving their estimated damages to timber and woodlands drowned and still inundated or See DRAINAGE, Page 12

Peanut Yields in County Said Good

Reports from farmers who are picking peanuts seem to indicate that yields will be good even though quality in many cases may be lowered from excessive rains, reported J. L. Outlaw, assistant county agent, this week.

Certain farmers who have already picked peanuts report yields of 20 to 30 bags per acre, Outlaw said. Carlton Phelps of Roper had a yield of about 20 bags per acre. J. L. Knowles of near Dardens who also farms in Washington County is reported to have got 15 bags per acre from some of his best fields. Quality was said to be good.

Some farmers, it was said, feel their peanut hay is practically a total loss. Many peanuts were said to be falling off on the way to the picker, also, and this may constitute more of a loss than the damage to harvested nuts, thinks Mr. Outlaw.

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Percentage of those voting in other Washington County precincts ranged from a low of 51 per cent in Skippersville to 62 per cent in Lees Mill. Plymouth Precinct No. 2, with the highest registration in the county, voted 1,110 out of 1,865 for a percentage of 62. The total number voting is the highest in the county's history.

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Rivers & Rivers, Greenville engineering firm employed by the town to supervise construction of the new water tank and related projects, estimated total cost of the water-softening system at \$23,903. This includes the equipment, an 18 by 36 concrete block building and a heavy duty fence around the plot on which the new tank and water-softening plant is to be located.

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CROWD SCENE: Most of the people in this group are from Plymouth, as even a casual check will reveal, and they all seem to be having a pretty good time. Using a telephoto lens, Jewel Hardison, Plymouth native and staff photographer for the Raleigh News and Observer and Times, made a crowd shot at the Carolina-Maryland football game earlier this season and clipped out this portion to send the Beacon. Carolina was winning at the time, one of the few times this season that has been so, hence the happy faces. No attempt will be made here to identify those in the picture—except for Principal and Mrs. Fleming near the center—but local folks will recognize most of the faces anyway.

Junior Class Play Set Friday at Roper School

The junior class play, "Grandad Goes Wild," will be presented Friday night of this week at Roper High School, it is announced. Curtain time will be 8 o'clock. A door prize will be given to some lucky winner, the announcement stated. A good-sized crowd is anticipated.

Jayvees and Dads Get Together at Banquet Tuesday

Members of the 7th and 8th grade football squad and their dads plus a few invited friends, were guests at a banquet Tuesday night in the high school lunchroom here. The sumptuous turkey dinner was prepared by mothers of the squad members, with the assistance of Miss Blanche Davis of the school cafeteria, and served by the 7th and 8th grade cheerleaders. Charles Inabinett, who coached the jayvees on an exceptionally successful season, presided. The invocation was made by H. C. Carter and W. Carlyle Hall, member of the city council, was the principal speaker. Praising inauguration of the jayvee program here this year, Mr. Hall told the boys that not only their parents but the whole town was proud of them, and he paid tribute to Mr. Inabinett for getting the program off to such an excellent start this season. Mr. Inabinett recognized each of the boys individually and also the cheerleaders, expressing his appreciation for the cooperation he had received from the school and the students. Jimmy Fleming, a member of the team, presented the coach with gifts from the cheerleaders and squad members in appreciation of his efforts.

Held in High School Lunchroom; Coach, Squad Members and Cheerleaders Praised for Their Work