

Jack House, jr., chairman of the Jaycees' Turkey Shoot committee, reports a successful event here last Friday and Saturday, with 23 turkeys won during the two days.

City Councilman C. B. Holliday and members of his family got a real scare late Sunday night when a deer jumped into the side of their car near Mobley's Mill, between Williamston and Hamilton.

Mrs. Jim Porter, Mrs. Henry Spencer and little Susan Spencer were special guests at an informal tea given Thursday of last week by the third-year home economics class at Plymouth High School.

Misses Esther Lee Hickman and Hilda Gray Apple, students at East Carolina College, Greenville, left Wednesday of this week to resume their studies there after having completed their practice teaching in home economics under the supervision of Miss Carolyn Brinkley at Plymouth High School.

Misses Sue Underhill, Carolyn Brinkley, Esther Lee Hickman and Hilda Gray Apple and Roy F. Lowry, all of Plymouth, attended the meeting of the Albemarle Schoolmasters Club held last Monday night at Perquimans High School, Hertford.

As far as could be learned here yesterday no one from this county is attending the State Farm Bureau Convention being held in Charlotte this week.

Prominent Citizen Of Mackeys Passes At Local Hospital

Funeral Services Held Wednesday From Mackeys Methodist Church for Will Davenport

Funeral services for W. B. (Bill) Davenport, prominent Mackeys citizen, were held from Mackeys Methodist Church, of which he was a member, Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

Mr. Davenport served some years ago as freight agent here for the Norfolk-Southern Railway. He was also prominent in the political life of the county, having served on the county board of education and also on the Roper local school board.

He leaves, other than his widow, three sons, John Forbes Davenport, of Plymouth, Fred Davenport of Mackeys, and Reynold Davenport of Jacksonville; two brothers, J. E. Davenport of Plymouth and Dr. C. A. Davenport of Hertford; a sister, Mrs. Alma Chesson of Mackeys; and six grandchildren.

Officiating at the final rites were the Rev. Leon Ross, minister of the church, assisted by the Rev. W. S. Davenport and the Rev. Jesse H. Lanning, Methodist ministers of Plymouth. Interment was in Davenport Cemetery at Mackeys.



These three sportsmen came up with their limit of six geese, plus a pair of ducks, on a hunt at Wenona Wednesday of last week. Varying degrees of success are being reported by other hunters in the section.

Water-Softener Bids Are Called For Here

Splits Head in Splitting Wood

While splitting wood in his backyard Saturday morning William Ross Chesson of Pleasant Grove suffered an accident, the ax knocking him unconscious and leaving a gash wound requiring five sutures to close, it is reported.

Mr. Chesson's little son, Billy, ran for help across the road and Bill Phelps rushed the injured man to Dr. McGowan's office at Plymouth where he was treated.

Meeting Monday To Plan Details Holiday Parade

To Seek Floats of Religious Nature From Churches, Civic Organizations; Jaycees Sponsor Event

A non-commercial Christmas parade with a purely religious theme is being planned for Plymouth. Charles Hutchins, committee chairman for the event to be sponsored by the Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce, stated this week that it is hoped to have a number of floats entered in the parade by various local civic organizations and churches.

Hutchins said the various groups are being notified this week of the general plan and a meeting is scheduled to be held at the Mayflower Restaurant here Monday of next week at 7:30 p. m. at which time it is hoped that all details of the event can be worked out.

It is planned, Hutchins said, to pattern the parade after that held last year in Washington when quite a number of Washington and Beaufort County churches entered floats of a religious nature. That event is being repeated this year.

It is also hoped to again have here the community sings which were held Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights before Christmas last year. Although the weather was quite cold, large crowds attended the sings, held outdoors on Water Street at a specially-constructed stand.

Merchants Here Agree On Hours Next Month

Plymouth merchants this week got together on store hours during the month of December. All the stores will remain open until 9 p. m., each Friday before Christmas during the month, starting with Friday, December 7.

The stores will also be open until 9 o'clock each night the entire week before Christmas, starting Monday, December 17, and continuing through Christmas Eve, December 24th. They will be closed two days for Christmas, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 25 and 26, reopening

Commissioners in Special Meeting Here on Friday

Adopt Resolution Releasing Government From Any Claims Which May Arise From Drainage Work

Threatened with the loss of \$10,400 in federal funds for drainage work in this county, the county commissioners got busy in a special session here last Friday night and passed a resolution to protect the federal government from loss in connection with any damages that might arise out of the drainage work in this county.

The resolution had been requested earlier in the year but the commissioners never got around to passing it, maintaining that they had no authority so to do, it was explained by J. Robert Campbell, clerk to the board.

Mr. Campbell said that in a telephone conversation with Col. H. C. Rowland, jr., of the U. S. Corps of Engineers district office at Wilmington last week, Colonel Rowland stated that if the resolution were not forthcoming the money allotted this county would be withdrawn and allotted to some other county.

It was following the conversation with Rowland that Campbell got in touch with Frank L. Brinkley of Plymouth, chairman of the board of Commissioners, and the special meeting was called Friday night.

A contract has already been awarded to Dickinson, Inc., to do the drainage work on projects involving Conaby Creek near Plymouth and Kendrick's Creek at Roper.

At the meeting here Friday night Commissioner Hubert L. Davenport of Skinnerville presented the resolution and moved for its adoption. Commissioner Phillip M. Spruill of Creswell seconded the motion and it was unanimously adopted as follows:

Resolved, that whereas the United States of America, consistent with the policies and principals of Public Law 875, 81st Congress, 2nd Session, approved recommendation made by a Special Board of Investigation on Federal Disaster Assistance in the Carolinas agricultural region...

Special Services at Local Churches for Thanksgiving Day

A few churches in this county have announced special services for Thursday of this week in observance of Thanksgiving Day.

Among those heard from as to arrangements for the added services were Grace Episcopal Church, Plymouth, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Roper, and Plymouth Presbyterian Church. Perhaps other churches which have not announced such a service may also have such planned.

Morning Prayer and sermon at St. Luke's Episcopal Church at Roper are announced by the rector, the Rev. Edward M. Spruill of Plymouth, for 9 o'clock.

At 11 o'clock Morning Prayer and sermon will be given at Grace Church, Plymouth, of which Mr. Spruill is also rector.

Season Opening On Upland Game

The hunting season that many sportsmen have been awaiting—that on upland game—opens Thursday of this week—Thanksgiving Day.

Included are rabbits, quail and wild turkeys (gobblers or toms only). The season in each instance will continue through January 31.

Hoke First Entry in County Contest

Hoke community has officially entered the Washington County Community Improvement Contest for 1957, County Agent Guy M. Whitford reported today.

Although other communities have shown interest, Hoke is the first one to enter the contest which is co-sponsored by the county's agricultural workers and some of the local business establishments, Whitford said.

Christmas Checks Going To Members Of Savings Clubs

Total of Nearly \$40,000 Being Distributed To About 475 Members of Clubs by Two Banks Here

Christmas business, said to have started off rather slowly in this section, should receive a big boost in the next few weeks from Christmas savings funds being distributed by the two banks here.

Checks were mailed last weekend to members of the club at the Branch Banking & Trust Company here. The Christmas savings checks from the Planters Bank & Trust Company are to be distributed starting Friday of this week.

Savings clubs at the two local banks have grown at a rapid rate during the past four years here. In 1952, when the plan was first tried out, there was only one bank here, and less than 200 received checks totaling about \$18,000.

New clubs are being formed at both banks at this time for next year. There are clubs of several denominations, calling for weekly payments from 50 cents to \$5.

Number of Cases Carried Over as Court Adjourns

Complaint Ordered Amended in Part in Slander Suit Here; Verdict Set Aside in Arnold Case

The November civil term of Washington Superior Court, which opened here Monday of last week, adjourned Thursday after continuing several cases for the term.

Disposition of other cases before Judge J. Paul Frizzelle of Snow Hill, not reported last week, included:

Celeste Hardison Harrison vs. Mildred Gurkin Sexton, the court ordered Section Seven stricken from the complaint for the reason that it "is not a proper part of a pleading in this action. The court ruled on a motion of defendant to require an amendment to the complaint and a bill of particulars thereupon that motion should be allowed in part and denied in part, and ordered that the complaint be amended so as to state particularly whether it is alleged that plaintiff's children were in the immediate presence and hearing of the defendant at the time of the making of the allegedly slanderous remarks concerning plaintiff to her husband, and be further amended by setting out the times and places at which it is alleged and intended to be proven that plaintiff made other and similar slanderous remarks concerning plaintiff, and stating what said remarks were. To this plaintiff objected and excepted. The court denied the portion of defendant's motion that plaintiff be required to provide bill of particulars stating names of the persons to whom slanderous statements concerning plaintiff are alleged to have been made. To this defendant objected and excepted.

J. E. Turner et al vs. Andrew M. Arnold et al, issue as to whether Mary M. Arnold had sufficient mental capacity to execute deed offered in evidence from her to

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Two Killed as Truck Rams Peanut Picker

Colored Children Victims; Accident Occurred on Old Chapel Hill Road Near Here Tuesday Afternoon

Two colored children were killed and another injured seriously late Tuesday afternoon when a tractor-trailer truck hit a peanut picker drawn by a tractor on the old Chapel Hill Road near here.

The tractor-peanut picker was struck by a tractor-trailer truck driven by Clinton Vance Willis, 48, of Morehead City. The accident occurred just about dusk, at 5:15 p. m., when visibility was poor, and the truck driver told Highway Patrolman Carl Gilchrist, who investigated, that he was running about 40 miles per hour.

The tractor-trailer was owned by Lloyd Fry Roofing Company of Morehead City and was empty at the time of the accident.

The three colored children were brothers, sons of Jerry Lucas, who lives near the grape farm on the Mackeys road. All three of them were riding on the tractor, which was being driven by Jerry Lee Lucas, the eldest. The accident occurred at the swamp near the old county farm, and all the vehicles were traveling south.

The youngest child was pinned between the peanut picker and the tractor and more than an hour's work by a wrecker was required to free him. His body was badly mangled. Patrolman Gilchrist said there was no light on the peanut picker, but it did have a reflector.

The tractor-trailer picker traveled 95 feet after the impact, while the tractor-trailer skidded some 90 feet. Willis will be given a hearing in recorder's court here next Tuesday, according to the patrolman.

The accident brings the highway death toll in Washington County this year to 13, eight of them in the county outside Plymouth and five in Plymouth, according to local police. This is by far the highest rate in the history of the county and probably one of the highest per capita rates in the state.

Band Will Not Play at All-Star Game Friday

It had been hoped that the Plymouth High School band would be able to perform at the football game here Friday night between Plymouth All-Stars and College All-Stars but the band will not play, it was stated Wednesday morning.

Quiet Observance Of Holiday Seen; General Closing

Business To Shut Down Thursday With Exception Of Eating Places, Drug Stores, Stations

A quiet observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, marked by a general business shut-down, is on tap for Plymouth, according to a check made here this week.

The one-day closing Thursday will include banks and all offices—county, state, federal, professional offices and the post offices of the county.

Exceptions will be the various public eating places, drug stores and service stations. Restaurants will remain open for the day while drug stores will probably observe the usual Sunday hours for the holiday.

Local industrial plants will observe the holiday, at least partly. Atlas Plywood Corporation's plant here will be shut down for Thursday but will resume operations Friday.

True Temper Corporation, which is at present on a four-day week, will be closed Thursday for the remainder of the week, reopening Monday of the week following at the usual hour, it was said.

All county schools will close for the holiday Thursday and Friday and it will mean a nice, long weekend for teachers and students. The schools will reopen next Monday morning at the usual time.

Lodge To Observe 145th Anniversary With Banquet 27th

Also Marks 37th Annual Past Masters and Ladies Night for Perseverance Lodge Here

Members of Perseverance Lodge No. 59, A. F. & A. M., are looking ahead to Tuesday night of next week when the 145th anniversary of the lodge and the 37th annual past masters and ladies night will be observed.

A banquet and program have been planned to take place in the social hall of the First Christian Church on East Main Street. Members of the lodge will meet at the lodge hall promptly at 7 p. m. to begin the session and at 7:30 o'clock will adjourn to the social hall of the church to join the ladies and special guests.

Other officers of the lodge are James M. Gilreath, senior warden; G. R. Leggett, jr., junior warden; Jack B. Latham, senior deacon; Dan K. Pittman, junior deacon; W. C. Styons, senior steward; James E. Hardison, junior steward; Hilton Dunbar, tiler; the Rev. R. H. Lucas, chaplain; G. R. Leggett, sr., secretary; and B. G. Campbell, treasurer.

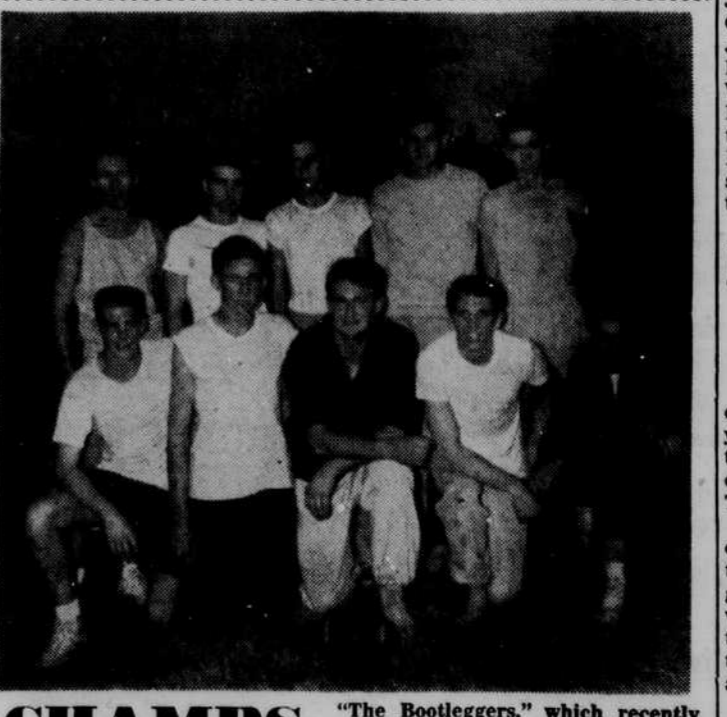
Rule Suicide in Creswell Death

Suicide was ruled in the death of Joseph Abraham Phelps, 58-year-old man of the Creswell section, who died at 1 p. m. Thursday at the home of his sister, Mrs. Thelma Patrick of Creswell Rt. 1.

Sheriff J. K. Reid said no inquest would be necessary. He said the butt of a double-barreled shotgun had been placed against a wall with the barrel against the man's temple as he lay on a bed beside the wall. Poor health was advanced as the reason for the act.

Phelps was a native and lifelong resident of the county. He was a son of the late Henry C. and Lillie Mae Davenport Phelps, and was a member of Creswell Missionary Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Creswell Missionary Baptist Church by the Rev. T. F. Davenport. Burial was in St. David's Cemetery.



CHAMPS: "The Bootleggers," which recently won the League A championship in intra-mural six-man football at East Carolina College at Greenville, is composed almost entirely of former Plymouth High School students. The squad, pictured here, is composed of, left to right, front row: Sonny Walker, Ralph Eicks, Bob Singleton, Billy Styons, Harry Stallings; back row: Eddie Eicks, Bob Pinner, George Jackson, Paul Singleton and Tex Benton. All are from Plymouth except Pinner of Columbia and Stallings of Elizabethtown City. "The Bootleggers" had a 5-0 record this season, scoring 131 points to 8 points by all opponents. Singleton, Styons and Walker are alternate captains. The group will also participate in intra-mural basketball, softball and baseball during the college year.