

Several county officials will take the oath of office Monday of next week for new terms. Among them are J. Robert Campbell, registrar of deeds; W. Ronald Gaylord, judge of county recorder's court; W. Blount Rodman, solicitor of the court; W. O. Allen, clerk of Superior Court; Mrs. Louise Allen, assistant clerk of court; and Commissioners A. R. Latham and Hubert L. Davenport. Judge Gaylord will administer the oath of office to Mr. Allen, and the latter will then administer the oath to the other officials.

Area License Examiner J. G. Terry will attend a refresher course conducted by the Institute of Government at Chapel Hill Tuesday of next week. While Mr. Terry is away for the day the license examiner's office, located on the second floor of the courthouse here will be closed. The examiner is here Monday and Tuesday of each week from 8:30 a. m. to 5:30 p. m. The office will be open all day next Monday, Terry said.

The Plymouth High School Band will be in several Santa Claus parades in this section between now and Christmas. Friday of this week the band is going to Edenton to participate in the parade there, and on Monday, December 10, it will attend a similar event in Windsor. Then on Monday, December 17, the band will take a leading part in the non-commercial parade to be staged here.

R. F. Lowry, superintendent of county schools, will leave Friday of this week for Dallas, Texas, where he will attend sessions next Monday and Tuesday of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. Mr. Lowry is state chairman of the North Carolina Elementary Education Committee. Wednesday and Thursday of next week Mr. Lowry will be in Durham attending the annual superintendents' winter conference.

Miss Francoise Alexander of Roper is among 127 seniors at East Carolina College, Greenville, who participated in the school's fall student teaching program, according to Director J. L. Oppelt of the college bureau of student teaching and placement. Practical experience was gained by these seniors in classrooms of 22 public schools in Eastern North Carolina, including Plymouth High School. Approximately 40 per cent had practice teaching in the elementary grades, others in various high school subjects.

A Plymouth boy, Cadet George R. Painter, is one of the new members of Marching Cadets, crack Air Force ROTC drill team at North Carolina State College. Application for admission to the team is voluntary, with only men best at drill being chosen. The team is led by See TOPICS, Page 10

Heavy Movement Stock Peanuts to Plymouth Plant

Daily Deliveries to Farmers Cotton and Peanut Company Here Averaging At About 3,000 Bags

Movement of farmers' stock peanuts to market here this week was described by A. Lloyd Owens, a member of the firm that operates Farmers Cotton and Peanut Company here as "the heaviest I've ever seen it."

Mr. Owens stated that daily receipts at the mill here this week were averaging about 3,000 bags. These are peanuts grown in this county and also those bought at the buying stations in Edgecombe, Halifax, Perquimans, Chowan and Martin Counties.

Buying stations are maintained at Battleboro, Weldon, Hertford, Enfield, Rocky Hook and Hamilton. Quality of the peanuts was termed "surprisingly good" with the meat content and size of kernels much better than the crop of last year, Mr. Owens said.

Receipts here were described as much heavier than a year ago, also. Weather remained favorable for picking operations and Owens stated that this week and next should about wind up the picking job in this county, weather permitting.

Legion Membership Drive Success

James E. Jethro Post No. 164 of the American Legion has exceeded its membership quota for 1957 and officers and members of the post were recently congratulated by Legion Adjutant Nash McKee. P. W. Brown, commander of the post here, received a letter from McKee expressing thanks to the membership chairman, all post officers, and membership workers for their effort. Tim T. Craig of Newton who is Department commander of the



PINES: That's Ed Craft of the local Soil Conservation Service office looking at a field of loblolly pine about two miles east of Roper on US 64. The field was set by North Carolina Pulp Company in 1951. If these trees were growing on a farm, thinnings could be used for posts, observes Conservationist Henry J. Bragg of Plymouth. According to K. S. Frowbridge of the Wood and Land Department of North Carolina Pulp Company, the trees are now growing at the rate of 23 cords per year, equal to 1,000 board feet of timber.—Photo by Soil Conservation Service.

4-H Clubs in County Review Year's Work

Summary of Year's Work in Girls' and Boys' Division, Awards and Certificates Given

The past year's work was reviewed and awards and certificates were given out at the annual 4-H Club Fall Achievement Day program held at the Veterans Building here Monday night of this week.

Glenda Stotesbury, member of the Plymouth Club and vice president of the 4-H County Council, presided. A short business session was held and Larry Hopkins of the Plymouth Club reported on the meaning and purpose of 4-H Clubs.

Webb Lee Hardison entertained with two piano numbers. He is a member of the Roper Club. The meeting was then turned over to the supervisors of county 4-H Club work, Mrs. Frances M. Darden and J. L. Outlaw, assistant county agent.

Presentation of medals and certificates was as follows: Girls' Division—Home beautification: Daphne Kay Snell, Roper Club, and Glenda Stotesbury, Plymouth Club; Safety: Betty John Kinard, Plymouth Club, and Jean Ambrose, Creswell Club;

Frozen foods: Cynthia Marriner, Roper Club, and Mary Margaret Atamanchuk, Plymouth Club; Health: Rachel Faye Peele, Plymouth Club, and Diane Gaylord, Roper Club; Entomology: Mary Helen Tarkington, Cathy Banks, both of the Roper Club;

Garden: Marlene Harris, Plymouth Club; Electric: Diane Gaylord, Becky Hutchins, both of Roper Club; Home economics: Lois Mobley, Mary Ann Cole, Plymouth Club, and Priscilla Everett and Gay Johnston, Roper Club;

Clothing: Dian Spruill, Roper Club, and Connie Mizelle, Gale Lucas and Rachel Peele, all of Plymouth Club; Canning: Janet Marriner, Roper Club, and Viola Moore, Linda Oliver and Jean Ambrose, all of Creswell Club;

Home improvement: Julianne Chesson, Daphne Snell, both of Roper Club; See 4-H CLUBS, Page 10

Creswell Seniors To Give Annual Play Next Friday

The Creswell senior class play, a three-act comedy entitled "The Darling Brats," will be presented in the high school auditorium there Friday night of next week, it is announced. The play is being directed by Miss Matilda Alexander of the faculty. Curtain time will be 8 o'clock. A small admission charge for children and adults will be made.

Soybean Yield Of 40 Bushels

Last week a report was released by the county agent's office stating that A. J. Riddle and Tenant Elvin Adams of Plymouth had an excellent crop of peanuts—30 bags per acre. Now it develops, said County Agent Guy M. Whitford, that they are not only good peanut farmers but good farmers period. Their soybean yield for the year is 40 bushels per acre, twice the estimated yield for the state. They used the Lee variety and will use it again next year.

Early Mailing To Insure Delivery On Time, Suggest

Postmaster Swain Urges All Greeting Cards, Gift Parcels Be Mailed in Time For Delivery

Postmaster J. C. Swain this week called attention of the "mailing public" to the need to mail early for Christmas delivery.

Although Christmas Day is over three weeks away it is already Christmas at the post office, Mr. Swain stated. Much Christmas overseas mail has already been dispatched.

Christmas cards for service personnel can still be delivered on time if sent by air mail this week. Advance planning is needed to insure getting all deliveries made in plenty of time, it was pointed out. Gift parcels should be mailed early, it was emphasized. After gift wrapping and packaging is completed it is suggested that those packages with the most distant destination be mailed first. All long-distance mailings should be in the post office by December 5 and those for nearby points by December 10.

Those who mail lists of greeting cards would be wise to stock up on stamps to avoid inconvenience, it was added. Also, for first-class mail service, use three-cent stamps on Christmas cards.

It will greatly help the post office personnel and will be appreciated if those who have questions concerning regulations will come in early and get the answers before the inevitable rush.

Funeral Services For Hugh Respass

Last rites for Hugh E. Respass, 40, of Plymouth, were held from Plymouth Church of Christ Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock with the Rev. Cary Dannelly, minister of the church, officiating. Burial was in the Respass family cemetery near here.

Mr. Respass died in a Norfolk, Va., hospital at 4 o'clock Sunday morning. It is reported that he shot himself accidentally at his home at Creswell last Friday morning shortly before 9 o'clock. Reports reaching here were conflicting.

Mr. Respass was born August 16, 1916, the son of Mrs. Jane Phelps Respass and the late E. L. Respass. He had been working as bookkeeper for Gilbert Lumber Company at Creswell, and was a member of Plymouth Church of Christ.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Margaret Roland Respass; twin daughters, Faye and Raye Respass; his mother; four brothers, Leon Respass of Pinetown, Harry W. Respass of Plymouth, Pat Respass of the U. S. Army stationed at Fort Stewart, Ga., and Linwood Earl Respass of Plymouth; and one sister, Mrs. J. D. Rhodes of Columbia.

Average of 118 Pints of Blood Compiled Here

Red Cross Bloodmobile To Make 24th Visit To Washington County Friday of Next Week

In 23 trips to this county bloodmobile units from Tidewater Regional Blood Center, Norfolk, Va., have averaged 118 pints per trip.

The blood bank program was started here in December 1950, with the first bloodmobile visit yielding 153 pints. Since that time the program has had its ups and downs. A low ebb was reached December 21 of last year when only 49 pints of blood were given here. High mark was the 189 pints donated December 13, 1951.

Total blood given during the 23 visits of the bloodmobile stands at 2,715 pints, according to records at The Beacon office, which, of course, are unofficial.

Taken on the whole the record is one of which the county can be proud. On 16 of the 23 visits to the county the unit has secured more than 100 pints of blood, and on seven occasions the total was 150 or better.

Friday of next week the bloodmobile is scheduled to make its 24th visit to the county. The set-up will be at the Veterans Building here as usual, it was said, and it is believed that the donor hours will remain the same.

Refreshments to be served to blood donors will be donated and served by ladies of Ludford Memorial Baptist Church with Mrs. Carlyle Hall in charge, it was said. Other details will be announced next week.

Arrest Negro Who Is Wanted by Law In Guilford City

Willie Bell Seized at Farm House and Held for Guilford County Authorities; Previous Record Here

Willie Bell, 33-year-old Negro convict, was nabbed at 5:45 p. m. Tuesday of this week at the home of Ernest Thomas, a tenant on Sheriff J. K. Reid's farm, and was held in jail here and turned over to Greensboro authorities Wednesday. Bell is wanted in Greensboro for breaking and entering.

Bell was arrested by Sheriff Reid and Officer Foy Davenport of the Plymouth Police Department. A quantity of clothes, believed to have been stolen, were seized. New men's shirts, overalls and pants were packed in two suitcases and there were also a few other garments. Some were new and others appeared to have been worn.

Sheriff Reid said Bell married the daughter of Thomas, his farm tenant. Incidentally, Bell will be remembered here as the prisoner who commandeered the elevator at the jail here in 1953 and had the sheriff running up and down the steps in an effort to head him off. The sheriff broke his foot at that time.

Sheriff Reid said he was notified by Greensboro authorities that Bell was wanted there and that they sent him a picture of the man. He and Officer Davenport went to the farm house and quietly slipped up on their man and took him.

In his jail cell Bell refused to surrender a watch he was wearing to the sheriff and when Officer Davenport attempted to take the watch Bell struck Davenport on the head, it was stated. Later, Bell told the sheriff he had torn up the watch.

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County, Town Boards To Meet Next Monday

Two of the customary "first Monday" board meetings will be held here Monday of next week. The county commissioners will hold their regular monthly session at the courthouse, beginning at 1 p. m. The Plymouth City Council is scheduled to meet Monday night at 8 o'clock in the Municipal Building. The county board of education meeting has been set for Monday, December 10. The postponement was made, it is understood, because R. F. Lowry, county school superintendent who serves as secretary to the board, will be out of town next week.

Reorganization of the board is customary when the commissioners hold their December meeting and it is expected that Chairman Frank L. Brinkley of Plymouth will be renamed to that position Monday.

According to J. Robert Campbell, who serves as clerk to the board, tax supervisor and tax listers are to be appointed Monday also. Two commissioners who were re-elected in the November general election will be administered the oath of office. They are Commissioners A. R. Latham of Plymouth and Hubert L. Davenport of Skippersville. The oath will be administered by W. O. Allen, clerk of court.

The city fathers are expecting a strictly routine meeting according to W. A. Roebuck, town clerk.

Weaver Is Chairman Stocking Fund Drive

Local Banker Named General Chairman of Empty Stocking Fund for 1956 at Monday Meet

D. Marvin Weaver, Plymouth banker, is chairman of the Washington County Empty Stocking Fund for 1956.

Mr. Weaver was elected to the post at a meeting at the courthouse here Tuesday night. Other officers were named as follows: Moye Spruill, treasurer; James Boyce, chairman of toy collections; Carl L. Bailey, jr., secretary; Carl L. Bailey, sr., general finance chairman; James Bond, publicity chairman.

The general finance chairman will appoint members of his committee. A motion was carried that should any person elected to office fail to serve the general chairman be empowered to appoint someone to that position. The finance committee chairman appointed all persons present to serve on the finance committee.

The chairman was also authorized to appoint an executive committee to consult with and advise the chairman, and to appoint a screening committee.

The finance committee will hold its first meeting next Monday, it was said. The next general meeting will be called by Chairman Weaver.

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Nominated From County To Try For Scholarship

Billy Harden, Outstanding Plymouth High School Senior, To Compete for Morehead Scholarship

Billy Harden, outstanding senior at Plymouth High School, has been nominated from this county to compete for a Morehead scholarship at the University of North Carolina.

The announcement was made this week by W. Blount Rodman, Plymouth attorney who serves as chairman of a three-man alumni committee here. Other members are Frank L. Brinkley and Stewart Saunders.

Young Harden is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Harden. He is an active and popular member of the student body, a good student and outstanding athlete. His record shows such activities at the local school as class officer, 4-H Club member, member of the Monogram Club and the National Honor Society, a member of the staff of The Panther, school newspaper, and a member of the baseball, basketball and football teams at the school. He is also a member of the glee club.

Billy will be in competition with the best students in the state for the scholarship which, it is understood, will take care of all college expenses. J. S. Fleming, principal at the high school here, stated that young Harden will attend a district meeting to be announced later where he will undergo tests by a district committee. It will be up to the committee whether he continues in the competition further.

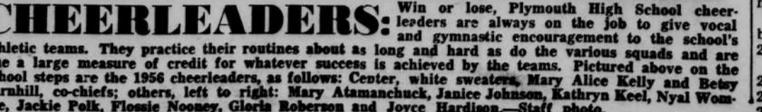
Br-r-r, Snowed Last Saturday

Light snow flurries were noted here last Saturday from about 5 to 10 p. m. The fall was too light, however, even to be listed as a "trace" of precipitation on records at the weather station near here.

Colder weather has been the order of the day since November 18 with high temperature readings since that time ranging as low as 42 degrees (on the 24th) and low readings dipping to 40 degrees on the 23rd and 24th. It warmed up a bit around the 21st when the low readings was a warm 68 degrees. However, next day the thermometer fell to 49.

Complete high and low readings by days from the 18th through the 27th:

November 18—55, 47; 19—59, 48; 20—68, 52; 21—74, 68; 22—68, 46; 23—49, 40; 24—42, 40; 25—53, 44; 26—59, 46; 27—49, 41.



CHEERLEADERS: Win or lose, Plymouth High School cheerleaders are always on the job to give vocal and gymnastic encouragement to the school's athletic teams. They practice their routines about as long and hard as do the various squads and are due a large measure of credit for whatever success is achieved by the teams. Pictured above on the school steps are the 1956 cheerleaders, as follows: Center, white sweaters, Mary Alice Kelly and Betsy Barnhill, co-chiefs; others, left to right: Mary Atamanchuk, Janice Johnson, Kathryn Keel, Nyal Womble, Jackie Polk, Flossie Nooney, Gloria Roberson and Joyce Hardison.—Staff photo.