

People of Plymouth and vicinity are invited to attend the Christmas program to be given Friday night...

Another in the long list of marital knots that Justice of the Peace J. T. McNair has tied was the ceremony Monday evening uniting Miss Betty Lou Smithwick and Rumaldo A. Borunda.

Condition of little Miss Patricia Ann Adams, 9-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wade Adams of Plymouth, was reported to be satisfactory yesterday, following a major surgical operation at Duke Hospital in Durham Monday.

Two Plymouth men played prominent roles in the annual meeting of the Wasmarty District, East Carolina Council, Boy Scouts of America held at Williamston Wednesday night of this week.

Construction was begun Tuesday of this week on the foundation for the town's new water tank just off Washington Street Ext.

Rural Mailboxes Being Battered By Vandals, Said

Boxes Near Plymouth and On Long Ridge Road Targets for Soft Drink Bottles Recently

Vandalism directed at rural mailboxes in this county has reached such proportions that serious steps will be taken if the practice is continued.

Mr. Swain said that battering and mutilation of boxes is believed to be the work of teenagers and that drivers will slow down near the boxes and someone in the cars then throws soft drink bottles at the boxes.

"I hope the practice will be stopped voluntarily," Mr. Swain commented. "If it is not discontinued we will be forced to call in a postal inspector and this will mean somebody is going to be in serious trouble."

Stocking Fund Drive Far Short of Its Goal

At 3:45 p. m. Wednesday the Empty Stocking Fund was almost \$1,500 short of its quota, with time rapidly running out.

Carl L. Bailey, sr., Finance committee chairman, reported the sum of \$1,007.71 in hand. Every penny of this amount came from Plymouth, Mr. Bailey said.

The committee chairman estimated solicitations in the business area of Plymouth to be "from 80 to 90 per cent complete."



J. Shepherd Brinkley Heart Attack Victim

Stores Remain Open Until 9:00

Holiday shopping activity has quickened somewhat in the past few days and is expected to get an additional boost when stores begin keeping later hours Friday of this week and nightly through Christmas Eve.

Probable Cause Is Found at Hearing On Murder Charge

Willie Bishop, 50-Year-Old County Negro, Is Bound Over To January Court Term

Willie Bishop, 50-year-old county Negro, was bound over to the January criminal term of Washington County Superior Court under \$10,000 bond by Judge W. Ronald Gaylord in recorders court here Tuesday.

Bishop, charged with murder in the fatal stabbing last Saturday of William Warren Pledger, Negro, about 30, near a notorious colored home in this county, was given a preliminary hearing before Judge Gaylord who found probable cause after hearing testimony by four witnesses.

Referendum Vote Light in County

Unofficial returns released by the ASC office here show a light vote in the crop referendum held Tuesday in the county with quotas voted for overwhelmingly.

Final Rites Sunday for Owner of Local Theatres, Leading Figure in Business Here for 24 Years

John Shepherd Brinkley, 53, owner and operator of the Plymouth, Daly and Plymouth Drive-In Theatres here, died in the Washington County hospital about 11 o'clock Saturday morning, following a heart attack earlier that day.

New Low Is Reached By Bloodmobile Here

Furlong To Head March of Dimes

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Candlelight Service Will Be Held at School Here Sunday

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List Three Homes On Annual Garden Club Pilgrimage

Event, Slated for Sunday, December 16, To Coincide With Presentation of Cantata

Three homes here will be open for the annual Christmas pilgrimage sponsored by Plymouth Garden Club, it was announced this week.

The pilgrimage will be held Sunday, December 16, same day on which combined choirs of the downtown churches will present a cantata at Plymouth Methodist Church.

First home to be visited will be that of Mrs. Clarence E. Ayers on Golf Road where the theme, "A Crimson Christmas" will be used.

Next home to be visited will be that of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Waters on Roanoke Avenue. Here "Rhapsody in Gold" will be used as the theme.

Third home on the tour will be the Rectory of Grace Episcopal Church on Madison Street, the home of the Rev. and Mrs. Edward M. Spruill. Theme to be carried out will be "Christmas Joy."

The architect was instructed to start on plans for a high school building in the next two years.

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Induction Call 10 for January

An induction call for 10 registrants, largest in many months, has been received by Selective Service Board No. 95 here to be filled on January 30, Mrs. Lorraine Hunter, board clerk, reported this week.

Packaging Gift Boxes To Start Next Wednesday

D. Marvin Weaver, chairman of the 1957 Washington County Empty Stocking Fund, stated Wednesday of this week that work will begin Wednesday of next week of filling the Christmas boxes.

Tax Supervisor, Listers To Meet

A special meeting of the Washington County Board of Commissioners, the county tax supervisor and the tax listers of the various townships will be held at the courthouse at 7 o'clock Thursday night of next week.

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The following responded Friday: M. H. Williams, jr., Fred H. Williams, Mrs. Edna Elks, A. J. Ange, jr., C. A. Cratch, T. G. Gardner, Mrs. Themise S. Hall, Mrs. Emmet Blount, W. C. Hall, Mrs. Doris R. Edmondson, Rev. Paul B. Nickens, Mrs. Eva A. Riddick, H. M. Ramsey, Perry M. Dickens, Mrs. Maxine W. Bowen, Mrs. Alma F. Williams, Mrs. Flonnie Joyner, Edward F. Swain, Charles B. Hutchins, Pearly Ray Craddock, Roy Manning, jr., Mrs. Beulah Bickerstaff.

Breakdowns by polling places: Corn referendum—Roper, 49 for; Soil Bank base, 17 for acreage allotments; Plymouth, 7 and 40; Creswell, 22 and 13; Cotton referendum—Plymouth, 14 for, 0 against; Roper 23 for, 2 against; Creswell, 28 for, 1 against; Peanut referendum—Roper, 67 for, 2 against; Plymouth, 53 for, 0 against; Creswell, 38 for, 2 against.

Additions to Schools Here Directed by County Board

Architect to Plan White High School and Two More Rooms for Local Colored School

Members of the Washington County Board of Education put in a full day Monday trying to determine just where to start on the school construction program. They finally came up with a resolution directing L. N. Boney, jr., Wilmington architect who designed the most recent schools built in this county, to begin preparing plans and cost estimates for a white high school building in Plymouth and two additional classrooms for the Plymouth colored elementary school.

The board was faced with the problem of deciding where to start on the building program, taking into consideration the limited funds available within the next two years.

After studying all phases of the program, the board Monday decided the two local projects were the most pressing.

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A PROCLAMATION

Whereas nineteen hundred years ago an event occurred in Bethlehem of Judea which was to change the course of history and give to the world the glad, joyous season of Christmas;

And whereas Christmas is the one week during the year when heaven comes down on earth and the hearts of men are strangely warmed;

And whereas it is the desire and purpose of our town and community to celebrate Christmas in a manner consistent with the life and principles of Him Whose birth we honor:

Now I do hereby make the following proclamation:

The week of December 16-23, 1956, shall be known as Christ in Christmas Week in the Town of Plymouth, the State of North Carolina. Further, I call upon all citizens of our town to properly observe this week, and to actively participate in the events which will be presented during this week.

A. J. RIDDLE, Mayor, Town of Plymouth, N. C.

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Listed in order of variety, number replies, total acreage, total poundage, total sales, average poundage and average money per acre:

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