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Mr. and Mrs. Howard T. Walker left Tuesday morning for Greensboro to visit their son, Howard Jerome Walker, 18, in Cone Memorial Hospital. A student at Oak Ridge Military Institute, the young man was seriously injured in an automobile accident near Greensboro December 1. Suffering a broken right ankle, among other injuries, he had been getting along all right and was supposed to return to his home here the first of this week, when phlebitis developed in the injured leg, and it is now believed doubtful that he will be able to leave the hospital before Christmas.

Skipper Alban Papineau of the S. E. S. Albemarle reports that a party of scouts enjoyed some nice rock fishing in Bull Bay over the week-end. Sea Scout Buddy Harrison caught the first three rock, all good-sized fish, it was said. The group left aboard the Albemarle at 8 p. m. Saturday, the scouts getting some experience at night navigation. The Albemarle arrived back in Plymouth at 3 p. m. Sunday. The group included Tommy Sanderson, Marion Allen and John Adams, boys not yet registered as sea scouts, and Scouts Buddy Harrison, Harvey Hill, Golden Simpson, Richard Lyle, Michael Mizzell, Larry Marslander and Edward Stewart, Mates Billy Hopkins and Lyman Mayo, Guest Jimmy Kitchengs and Skipper Papineau.

Jesse Lloyd Horton, jr., son of Mrs. J. Lloyd Horton of Plymouth, is on the honor roll of Virginia Episcopal School at Lynchburg, Va., for the scholastic month recently ended, according to announcement by Dr. George L. Barton, jr., headmaster. In order to make the honor roll a student must have a general average of 90 or over.

L. E. Doxey, jr., better known as "Butch" to his former Plymouth schoolmates and friends, underwent an emergency operation for appendicitis Wednesday of last week at a hospital in Jacksonville, Fla., where he is now living with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Doxey. Mr. Doxey was a visitor in Plymouth the first of this week and said the youngster is now getting along fine, although all of them miss being in Plymouth for Christmas.

Yep, it really does pay to advertise in the columns of The Beacon! W. H. Clark of Plymouth placed a small ad in last week's issue listing a stove for sale. Tuesday Mr. Clark was in The Beacon office to report that he sold the stove at 9:30 Friday morning following publication of the paper on Thursday.

Those from this county who attended the Wasmarty District scout meeting at Williamston Wednesday night of last week included R. F. Lowry, Carl L. Bailey, jr., Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Blackburn, Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Whitehurst, Mr. and Mrs. Foster Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Whitley, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Beasley, Mr. and Mrs. David Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Alfonso Cox, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Simon and Dr. and Mrs. B. W. Cutler, all of Plymouth, and Mr. and Mrs. Giles Stallings of Roper. There were 82 in attendance. Dr. Whitehurst was installed as district chairman by R. F. Lowry and Scoutmaster Foster Perkins received the Green Band Award.

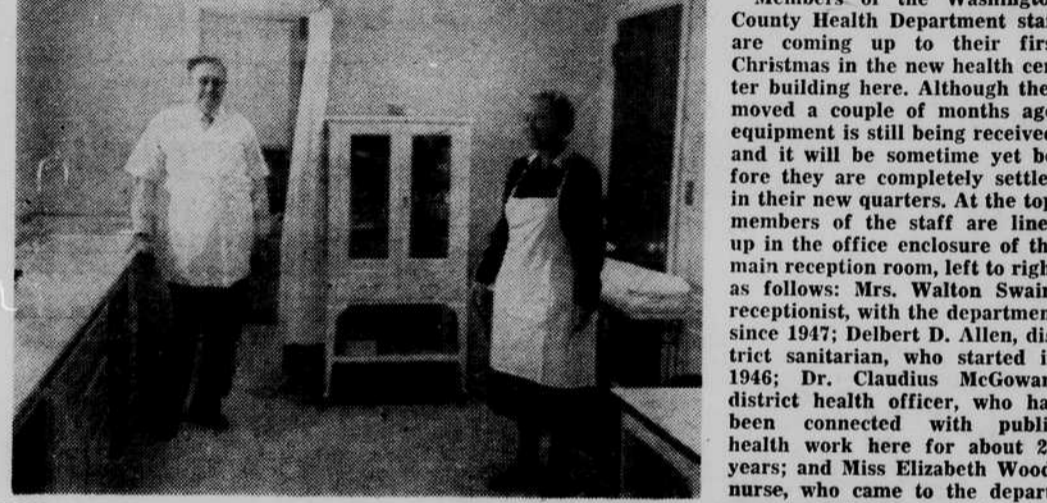
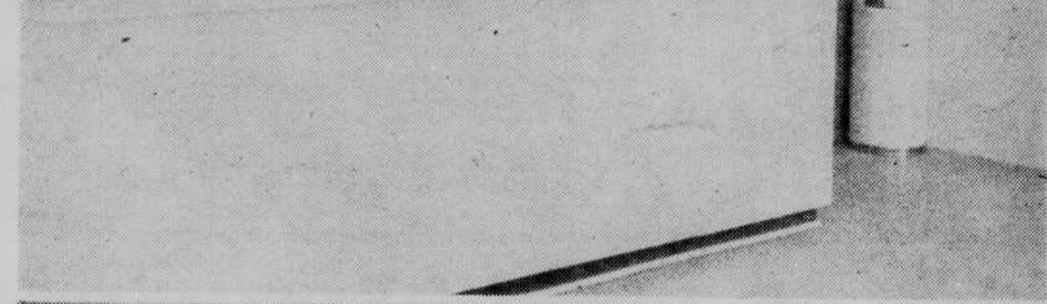
Injured in Wreck Sunday on NC 99

Mrs. Katie Hodges White, 68, was hospitalized at Belhaven with back injuries and an estimated \$400 damage was done to a 1949 Chevrolet in a highway accident on NC 99 13 miles south of Plymouth at 7 a. m. Sunday. Mrs. White was thrown from the car. State Highway Patrolman Carl Gilchrist of Plymouth investigated the accident and reported that the driver of the car, William Thomas White of Pantego, told him that he failed because of a heavy fog to see several warning signs before crashing through the barricade to a bridge under repair and into a canal.

The 73-year-old man and his wife were traveling north on NC 99 at the time of the accident. No charges were preferred.

Hungarian Relief Fund Short of Quota by \$99

Washington County was \$99 short of its assigned quota for Hungarian Relief as of Tuesday of this week, Dr. A. L. Whitehurst, Washington County Red Cross chapter chairman, reported. Dr. Whitehurst said a total of \$76 had been donated to the cause, as against a quota of \$175. Donations will continue to be received, it was said, and checks should be made payable to American Red Cross Hungarian Relief Fund and sent to Dr. Whitehurst at Plymouth.



Members of the Washington County Health Department staff are coming up to their first Christmas in the new health center building here. Although they moved a couple of months ago, equipment is still being received, and it will be sometime yet before they are completely settled in their new quarters. At the top, members of the staff are lined up in the office enclosure of the main reception room, left to right as follows: Mrs. Walton Swain, receptionist, with the department since 1947; Delbert D. Allen, district sanitarian, who started in 1946; Dr. Claudius McGowan, district health officer, who has been connected with public health work here for about 25 years; and Miss Elizabeth Wood, nurse, who came to the department in 1947. Lower photo shows Dr. McGowan and Miss Wood in one of the treatment rooms at the new health center. — Staff photos.

'Old-Timers' Banquet Held Monday Night

City Clerk W. A. (Bill) Roebuck said that a shipment of 1,000 city motor vehicle license plates has been received but that the plates will not go on sale here until Wednesday, January 2. The color scheme of the plates will match that of state license plates, orange on black, and they were made at Central Prison, Raleigh.

Co-op Association Peanut Receiving Points Announced

Rocky Mount.—Due to the abnormal weather conditions during October, the marketing of peanuts has been very rapid and congested, according to Joe S. Sugg, executive secretary of the North Carolina Peanut Growers Association. This condition has brought about a drop in the prices which were received by growers in the first two weeks of marketing. According to Mr. Sugg, many of the buyers had to withdraw from the market due to congested facilities and their withdrawal from the market helped bring about the price depression. These prices are now, he said, at loan levels with one or two of the buying companies reportedly paying a small fee for hauling in advance.

Two Firms at Williamston Included in List Received By Executive Secretary Joe S. Sugg

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Copy for Next Beacon Must Be in by Friday

To enable employees to enjoy a longer Christmas holiday The Beacon's issue for Thursday, December 27 will be published Saturday of this week. The office and plant will then be closed until Monday, December 31. Earlier publication of the paper will mean that all copy for the issue absolutely must be in not later than Friday of this week. The cooperation of advertisers, correspondents and any others who may have copy for the paper will be greatly appreciated. Copy such as church notices should be turned in just as soon as possible to insure publication. The Christmas issue, as usual, will carry the greetings of The Beacon's advertisers to their patrons. These carry sincere messages of appreciation and good cheer from local business houses. You are urged to read the messages; they will add to your enjoyment of this holiday season.

Seal Sale Stands At \$856 Tuesday, Chairman Reports

Response Received From Less Than Half of Seal Sale Letters Mailed in County, Stated

The annual Washington County Christmas Seal Sale stood Tuesday at \$856, Mrs. Charlie Robertson, county chairman for the campaign reported. Response has been received, Mrs. Robertson said, from less than half the county citizens to whom letters containing supplies of the little Christmas Seals were mailed some time ago.

All persons having received the seal letters who have not responded are urged to do so. Many thousands of persons in American today have tuberculosis without knowing it. The mobile chest x-ray program is combating this by helping people to determine whether or not they have the disease. This program is supported by the funds derived from the sale of Christmas Seals. Many other programs of research, education and remedial care are furthered by the monies obtained in the Seal Sale, it is pointed out.

Mrs. Robertson pointed out that progress in the 1956 campaign is running behind that of last year. On December 14 last year the total raised by the Seal Sale in this county was \$877.90. Considerations of health are among the highest and the chairman expressed the hope that county citizens would rally to the support of the Seal Sale and put the campaign over the top this year.

Christmas Rush Said Very Real At Post Office

Heavy Season Business Is Heavier Than Last Year, Stamp Sales Cited as Instance by Swain

If the proverbial Christmas rush is affecting anybody more than personnel at the Plymouth Post Office then Postmaster J. C. Swain wants to know about it. Mr. Swain termed business at the local office "extremely heavy" this week and stated that the office is behind on cancellations and does not have enough clerical help to stay up with cancellations of the many pieces of mail handled at the office.

The postmaster said there are only three helpers for the city carriers and that they are limited to part-time work, amounting to a combined total of 10 hours per day. Only one person is available for additional clerical help other than the regular substitutes, Mr. Swain said. This extra help is available for only eight hours a day, it was added.

Business seems to be heavier than for the comparable period a year ago, according to the postmaster. For instance, in stamp sales a check of total sales for Saturday of last week and Monday of this week showed total sales surpassing by \$217.05 total stamp sales at the office for the two comparable days in 1955. The total for the two days was \$1,083.85 as compared with \$866.80 a year ago, Mr. Swain stated. Saturday's stamp sales were \$540.80 and Monday's a little higher—\$543.05.

So, you see, even if you forgot to mail a card to Aunt Mame, cheer up, you might have saved postal clerks and carriers a mite of grief.

Marketing Cards Should Be Returned To Office

Another appeal was issued at the local ASC office this week for all farmers having peanut, tobacco or cotton marketing cards in their possession to turn them in to the office here as soon as possible. Failure to turn in these cards following completion of crop marketing means a loss of acreage allotment, it is pointed out, and the information on the cards is needed in the ASC office.

Bonner To Name Ten for Academy

Washington.—Congressman Herbert C. Bonner announced recently that he will nominate 10 candidates for the United States Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, N. Y., in the next 60 days. Young men who are not married, who are United States citizens and who are between the ages of 17 and 22 are eligible for nomination. Those interested in attending the Academy should contact Congressman Bonner in Room 309 Post Office Building, Washington, North Carolina, prior to December 28, 1956. Upon graduation from the Academy a cadet will be awarded a B. S. degree and will have the opportunity to apply for a commission as Ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve. The Merchant Marine Academy is on a par with the U. S. Naval Academy, U. S. Military Academy, U. S. Coast Guard Academy and the Air Force Academy. Entrance is gained by competitive examination.

Christmas Parade Draws Big Crowd Monday Night

County Board to Hold Meet Thursday Night

The oath of office will be administered to the county tax supervisor and list takers of the various townships at a special meeting of the county commissioners to be held Thursday night of this week at the courthouse. The meeting has been set for 7 o'clock. Also, it is expected that uniform prices for listing livestock, poultry and other such items of property will be adopted at the meeting, it was said.

Stocking Fund Drive Near Goal of \$2,500

Total as of Tuesday Stands At \$2,316; Few Scattered Reports in County Not in Yet

With only a very few scattered reports in the county yet to be turned in that amount stood at exactly \$2,316.27, it was reported. D. Marvin Weaver, overall chairman of the annual drive, expressed belief that the goal will be reached. It was strongly emphasized that donations will continue to be acceptable.

Mr. Weaver reported that the job of packaging toys began Tuesday and that other items would be packaged beginning Wednesday at the Agriculture Building with volunteers under supervision of the county welfare department doing the work. Weaver said distribution of packages would also start Wednesday.

The chairman described activity as proceeding "very smoothly." However, he pointed out that anyone who would like to assist in the huge packaging task should offer his services at the Agriculture Building.

The need this year continues great and it is hoped by all project leaders that a final response by the public will send the Empty Stocking Fund over the top—where it has always been in the many previous years of its history.

Sister of Local People Succumbs

Mrs. Velma Waters Justice, 28, died Thursday night at her home in Weatherford, Texas, following an illness of several months. Surviving are her husband, three sons and a daughter, all of the home.

Other survivors include her father, Otis H. Waters of Pinetown; four sisters, Mrs. Preston Cutler and Miss Linda Waters of Pinetown, Mrs. Nixon Stoyons of Plymouth, and Mrs. F. O. Burbage of Hopewell, Va.; and two brothers, Carl J. Waters of Plymouth and Sherman T. Waters of Myrtle Beach, S. C.

Schools Closing Wednesday Noon

The longest holiday during the school year began at 12:30 p. m. Wednesday of this week for students and faculty members at all schools in Washington County. The holiday period will run for nine days with classes to be resumed Wednesday morning, January 2, at the regular hour.

Beauty of Floats and Religious Nature Favorably Commented Upon by the Crowds Lining Streets

A crowd described by Mayor A. J. Riddle as "about the largest I've ever seen here" lined the principal streets of Plymouth Monday night to witness the Christmas parade. Estimates of the crowd ranged up to 5,000.

Many favorable remarks were heard concerning the quiet beauty of the parade, completely of a religious nature with the floats all carrying out appropriate themes. The parade formed at the high school and marched down Washington Street to Main where it turned east and proceeded to Adams and on to East Water Street, down Water Street to Jefferson, back to Main and to Washington and on to the starting point.

In the lead was a State Highway Patrol car driven by Patrolman Carl Gilchrist and followed by a color guard representing James E. Jethro Post No. 164 of the American Legion. Next came Mayor A. J. Riddle and the Rev. Paul B. Nickens, minister of Ludford Memorial Baptist Church, riding in a convertible with Misses Marie and Maxine Baynor. In turn were the Edenton High School band; Woman's Club float; Rotary Club float; Boy Scout float; groups of Explorer and Cub Scouts; the First Christian Church float, "The Prophecy," the Presbyterian Church float, a pastoral scene with the theme: "Good Will to Men;" the Grace Episcopal Church float, "The Multitude of the Heavenly Host;" the float of Ludford Memorial Baptist Church, manger scene; Washington County Union School glee club; Plymouth Lions Club float complete with piano; Junior Girls of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary; station wagon advertising the community sing and driven by Charles Hutchins, chairman of the project committee; Loyal Order of Moose float; Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce float; Plymouth High School band; a model A Ford and some later model cars which got "caught" in the parade.

Chairman Charles Hutchins expressed his thanks to everyone who helped to make the Christmas parade a success.

Pre-Induction Is Set for 15 Men

A pre-induction call for 15 registrants to be sent to the Raleigh Reception Center on January 30 has been received by Selective Service Board No. 95 here from State Selective Service headquarters, Mrs. Lorraine Hunter, clerk to the local board, reported this week.

Legal Sales of Whiskey In County Rise Sharply

Heavy raids in this county for the past three months by ABC officers are reflected in increased receipts at the county's two legal retail whiskey outlets. Total sales at the two stores for November went over the \$20,000 mark for the first time since last December. Sales at Plymouth store were more than the usual county total. Total here, according to Manager W. C. Stoyons, was \$17,773.15.

The Creswell store showed sales amounting to \$2,465.55 for the month, a heavy gain over previous months since the end of 1955, it was said.

Lard, Canned Corn Are Allocated Schools Here

Surplus commodities recently allocated to Washington County Schools for use in the school lunchrooms include 38 cases of lard and 25 boxes of canned corn, according to information released by the office of the superintendent of county schools here.

Area License Examiner's Office Closes Next Week

Area License Examiner Jesse G. Terry stated this week that his office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 24 and 25. Patrons are asked to please take note of the holiday closing.

DISTRICT CHAIRMAN



Dr. A. L. Whitehurst of Plymouth was installed as chairman at the annual meeting of the Wasmarty Boy Scout District in Williamston last week.

Six From County Get Scout Awards At District Meet

Dr. A. L. Whitehurst of Plymouth was installed as chairman of the Wasmarty District, Boy Scouts of America, at the annual district meeting held at Roanoke Country Club in Williamston Wednesday night of last week. Six other Washington County men, three from Plymouth, two from Roper and one from Creswell, were recipients of special awards or recognition during the session, which was attended by 82 Scouters and their wives.

Roy F. Lowry, of Plymouth, council executive board member and district advancement chairman, conducted an impressive ceremony in installing the new officers. In addition to District Chairman Whitehurst, they are as follows: C. A. Askew of Jamesville, commissioner; Robert L. Mitchell of Columbia, vice chairman for Tyrrell County; and D. M. Hardison of Robersonville, vice chairman for Martin County.

R. E. Cowen of Williamston, retiring district chairman, presided and presented special awards to five community finance chairmen who raised over 10 per cent more this year than last in the recent fund-raising drive. They were Billy Blackburn of Plymouth, Aubrey Dixon of Roper, John W. Barnes of Creswell, C. A. Askew, of Jamesville, and H. V. Parker, jr., of Bear Grass.

Knife awards were presented by C. A. Askew, district commissioner, to scoutmaster and explorers who recruited six or more new scouts since September 15. Included in this group were: See AWARDS, Page 10

Community Sings Thursday, Friday

A Christmas season event which is expected to draw large crowds is the community sing which is scheduled to be held in front of the old City Market building on Water Street Thursday and Friday nights of this week. A combined choir of singers from the choirs of several local churches under the direction of Charles Hutchins will sing a number of popular Christmas carols. Mr. Hutchins stated Tuesday that there will also be some special numbers added and that local ministers will offer invocation and benediction at the program both nights. Last year the sing was held on three nights and drew large crowds each night despite extremely cold weather and bitter winds. The sing is scheduled to begin at 8 o'clock each night and the program will last approximately half an hour, Mr. Hutchins said. The public is cordially invited to attend the event both nights.