

## Roanoke District Of Christian Churches Meets In Columbia

Four Sessions Held Last Week End In Church Of Christ In Meet

### CHURCHES WELL REPRESENTED

Services Began At 10 O'clock Saturday Morning Presided Over By T. R. Tyer; Mayor White Welcomed Delegates To Town; Sermon Preached By Texas Minister; Reports Were Features Of Meet

Columbia, Jan. 3.—Nearly all the churches in this district were represented in the union meeting of the Roanoke District Convention of the Christian Church, which was held here Saturday and Sunday in the Church of Christ, which was largely attended. Three sessions were held Saturday and one on Sunday. The committee on arrangements was composed of Roy C. Respass, pastor of the local church, T. R. Tyer, president of the district convention, and W. O. Ellis.

The convention was called to order at 10 o'clock on Saturday morning, with T. R. Tyer presiding. A special song service rendered by the choir and talented visitors featured this service in addition to the devotional service led by Roy C. Respass, pastor of the church. At 10:30 in the morning, Mayor W. J. White made an address of welcome. Response was scheduled to have been made by D. W. Arnold. A sermon that was to have been preached by Rev. W. E. Norris, pastor of the First Christian Church, in Plymouth, was canceled as not a minister was present at this time.

The afternoon session opened with a devotional reading service, which was followed by the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting and the roll call of the churches and Bible schools of the district. Reports from mission points and from the committees appointed at the opening session were heard also. President Tyer spoke at this session on "The Mission Field At Our Door," which was perhaps the feature of this session. The evening session was shortened to only a devotional service and sermon.

At the Sunday morning service E. T. Harris was supposed to have led the devotional service. More reports from churches and Bible schools were heard at this session. An interesting report on evangelizing was made by the committee. The Rev. Mr. Marlowe, of Texas, a former pastor of the local church preached at this service to a large congregation.

### SALE OF AUTO LICENSE TAGS IS ON THE INCREASE

Sale of local automobile license tags has been very slow, according to what officials thought at first. Motorists were warned some time before the first of the year that they had better purchase these tags at once; however, the majority have put the matter off until the last minute. Efforts are being made to induce the late buyers to begin at once to purchase before they will be fined if they are found driving their cars on the streets without them.

### ALMO THEATRE TONIGHT

Thomas Meighan  
IN  
"The Matting Call"  
TWO REEL COMEDY  
Saturday Night Only  
Johnny Hines  
IN  
"The Wright Idea"  
Second Episode of Serial  
"Mark of the Frog"  
M. G. M. NEWS  
NEXT THURS. & FRIDAY  
"King of Kings"

## JUNIORS HEAR BY-LAWS READ

Reading of the by-laws, voting on applicants, electing minor officers, and passing resolutions were the most interesting things that were done in the meeting of the Plymouth Rock Council, No. 213, of the Junior Order of the United American Mechanics that was held in the Masonic Hall last Monday evening, with about 55 members present. T. I. Moore, State organizer, will continue aiding the local council until it is fully organized. Charlie T. Robbins, junior past master, was elected captain of the degree team that will be organized in the local council at an early date. A campaign is in progress now to obtain new members to have an initiation service about the first of February. It is expected that a Washington team will put on the initiation next month in order to demonstrate the work to the local council.

The following resolution was passed by the council in open session at the meeting last Monday evening:

Resolved, That inasmuch as God in His all-wise providence did see fit to call from time to eternity the soul of LaFayette Weede, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Weede, and as one of old, we acknowledge the ways of God higher than our ways, and His thoughts higher than our thoughts.

Resolved, That we as members of Plymouth Rock Council, No. 213, of the Junior Order of the United American Mechanics, do extend to our Brother Weede and his good wife and children, the grandfather, and all the relatives, our sincere sympathies in this, their hour of distress and bereavement.

We share our mutual woes,  
Our mutual burdens bear;  
And often for each other flows  
The sympathizing tear.  
Oh, can we tell the rapture  
Of those to whom 'tis given;  
Thus to renew the bonds of earth  
Amid the bliss of heaven.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be placed on the minutes of the order; that a copy be sent to the family, and that a copy be sent to the Roanoke Beacon for publication.

### PLYMOUTH ROCK COUNCIL, NO. 213.

Committee on Resolutions: W. E. Norris, chairman; C. T. Robbins, Rev. A. Corey.

### WHITE'S STORE PURCHASED BY YOUNG'S CHAIN

Acquisition of the White's, Incorporated, stores by the Young's chain of stores makes the purchasing firm have about twenty-one stores in the eastern section of North Carolina, it was learned here today from Dwight Weathers, manager of the local store. Previous to purchasing the White's chain Young had about 14 stores in his chain. The White's chain which was bought from Miller some time during last year had expanded until it had seven stores in its chain. The headquarters for the new chain is at Greenville, where headquarters for the White's chain was maintained.

### FORMER BAPTIST PASTOR DEPARTS FOR SCHOOL

The Rev. J. R. Everett left yesterday for Louisville, Ky., where he will enter the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary to take up post graduate work, thus ending a pastorate of the local Baptist Church which began some two years and seven months ago. For some time the minister has been intending to resume his studies in this institution, from which he graduated several years ago.

### TYRRELL COUNTY FARM CLUB MEETS

Columbia, Jan. 3.—Members of the Farmer's Club met here in the courthouse yesterday for consideration of many plans for the betterment of the farms in this section. A large number were present. A very interesting program was rendered.

## REVIEW SHOWS COLUMBIA IN FINE SHAPE

Columbia, Jan. 3.—Reviewing the records of the municipal government of this place at the entrance upon this calendar year, it is found that the \$10,053 required by the budget to meet the expenditures of this fiscal year will prove sufficient, as is evidenced by the fact that the city officials, headed by Mayor W. J. White, have administered the city's affairs on a safe and economical basis, so far, even though there is about five more months yet before the fiscal year is ended. During the previous fiscal year only \$7,693 was used to defray the town's expenses.

For the payment of special bonds, principal and interest for the current fiscal year, \$5,500 was appropriated in the budget from the revenues. The fund for old liabilities and the general fund will remain about the same. About \$1,500 will be paid out for salaries. Street maintenance will represent an expenditure of about \$1,000. Only \$100 will be allowed for the expenses of the fire department for the entire fiscal year.

As they enter upon the new year, they are aware of the fact that the expenditures for the remainder of the fiscal year must be conservative, for the fact that they have to have \$658 for payment on the note and interest on the street sweeper; while \$786 will be necessary to pay the note and interest on the fire truck; and \$509 will be required to pay the interest and the note on the siren. The tax rate is fixed at \$1.95. Revenue from the light plant that will be received for the fiscal year is estimated at \$3,167.

This budget bears out the fact that much stress has been put on the operating of the various departments of the city government on an economical basis, as is compatible with safe and sound business ventures and efficient service from the employees of the city government, and to give the people the necessary conveniences that are found in towns of this size, it is the opinion of City Clerk W. H. McClees. Many visible achievements demonstrated the efficiency of those on the town board of commissioners that are entrusted with handling the affairs of the town.

### THOUSAND SEE NEW CHEVROLET IN LOCAL SHOWROOM

Over 1,000 people have visited the showrooms of the Woodley Chevrolet Company since last Saturday, when the new six-cylinder Chevrolet was put on display. People from all the sections have come to see the new car, as the result of a successful advertising campaign that is being conducted by the Chevrolet Company.

This car will perhaps sell faster than the others did during their time, according to the officials at the headquarters. It is thought that the cars will be ready for delivery some time this month, perhaps about the middle part.

### JUDGE NORMAN MOVES TO HARNEY BUILDING

Judge Zeb Vance Norman has removed his offices to a suite in the Harney Building after having been located in the suite of offices over Williford's store on Water street. The new offices will be just as convenient and perhaps roomier. This building is undergoing repairs and after finished will present a better appearance.

## New Superior Whippet Now On Display At Local Garage

This morning the new superior Whippet was placed on display in the show rooms of the Plymouth Garage & Motor Co. for inspection by the motoring public. Salesmen are on the job showing the comers the new Whippet and explaining the many attractive features of the new car. Beginning at this time the car will be on display for several days. Deliveries on the new automobile will begin about the middle of the month, it is thought.

When the original Whippet was introduced with four-wheeled brakes and other high-price car specifications, it completely revolutionized light-car engineering practice, and now with its performance thoroughly proved in the hands of 400,000 owners throughout the world, the superior Whippet is presented in its new form, retaining and

## CITY AFFAIRS IN GOOD SHAPE FOR 1929

Due to an economical administration of the city's affairs during the previous calendar years the local municipal government will continue to function in the new calendar year in a prosperous manner as heretofore under the direction of the present City Council which is composed of Mayor R. P. Walker, and Councilmen Harry Stell, C. M. Tetterton, H. A. Williford, B. G. Campbell, G. D. Davis, and Edward L. Owens. The financial activities of the town's government during the term of the incumbent members of the City Council has been governed by conservatism.

Among the interesting things that the City Council has done during the past calendar year is the drastic reduction in taxes from \$2.40 for the year of 1928 to \$1.68 for the year of 1929, which is a decrease of 72 cents. This was made possible by an economical management of the city's affairs as is evidenced by the fact that there are no outstanding notes against the town at the present that amount to much, as was the fact when they assumed control of the town's affairs.

During their first year in office about \$10,000 worth of bonds have been retired. When the present City Fathers assumed control of the affairs in May, 1927, there was a separate indebtedness against the town, amounting to \$1,640, which has been reduced to \$348.10 during the first year of the incumbents' administration. At the first of the calendar year the town owes practically nothing to accounts that are payable. Under the present City Council the town has been clear of debt for the first time in years.

Out of the budget adopted for the current fiscal year, there has been a \$1,800 wharf begun which is nearly completed. They have guaranteed to pay half of the expenses of the coast survey of the anticipated series of three bridges to cross Roanoke, Middle, and Cashie Rivers, and the construction of a causeway linking them together in this manner connecting Plymouth with Bertie County. This money will be refunded if the project is received favorably by the highway officials and the legislature.

The budget recently adopted here for the current fiscal year allows a large amount to the use of the City Council for improvements to the town during the first half of the current calendar year. Property owned by both colored and white in Plymouth is valued at \$1,071,135. From this property the City Council wishes to raise \$6,533.92 in general taxes. The special tax expenditures require that \$11,461.14 be raised through this method. Upwards of \$18,940.36 is required from the general, special, and poll taxes to meet the budget requirements.

### IMPROVING APPEARANCE OF HARNEY BUILDING

Improvement are being made on the old Harney building on Water Street. The interior and exterior will be painted, and the building will be renovated and cleaned in an effort to increase the number of office renters. Judge Zeb Vance Norman and Attorney Jerry A. Sawyer and the Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company have offices in the building at the present. The announcement of the amount that will be expended has been withheld from the press. Dr. Dan B. Mizelle, of Charlotte, has recently purchased the building from its previous owner.

## Highway Engineers Making Cost Survey Of Three Bridges

### CONTRACT LET FOR PAVING 8 MILES ON 90

Work on paving the highway between Roper and Creswell will begin some time in the early spring as the contract for the project has been let to W. F. Bowie, Jr., by the State Highway Commission. Mr. Bowie bid the contract in for \$104,210.40, which was perhaps the lowest bid among a large number of competitors. The distance is considered to be 8.24 miles.

Paving this stretch will mean that highway number 90 from Raleigh to Columbia will be a continual line of pavement. The road will be completed in a few months after the actual work has begun. The contractor in figuring the bids allowed that he could pave the eight miles at \$12,646.72 per mile. This is only about 50 per cent as high as the cost of such construction work about three years ago.

This means that labor and materials are much cheaper than they were then. It would seem also that the methods of building roads are more efficient than they were about three years ago. It is generally thought that the roads are as good and likely better than they were years ago. The paving concern has been doing in various sections of the country, and their work is efficient and fast, it was learned here today.

Two or three years ago the road between here and Roper and between Roper and Columbia was paved. However, this small distance was left unpaved for some reason at that time, which requires that the work will be done some time during the current calendar year. The present dirt road on this stretch is kept in very good condition at all times, except when it rained which made it slick. It is bumpy in dry weather, but not so dusty.

### TWO COUNTY BOYS TO TAKE STATE BAR TEST

Roper, Jan. 3.—Among the 176 applicants signifying their intention of taking the spring term examination to be given at Raleigh on January 28 for license to practice law in North Carolina are two young men from Washington county and one young man from Tyrrell county. They are Van Buren Martin, Jr., of Plymouth; Nathan Hilliard Spruill, of Roper; and William Marion Smith, of Columbia.

Van Buren Martin, Jr., is the son of Attorney and Mrs. Van B. Martin, of Plymouth, and is a former student of the law school at Wake Forest College. Nathan Spruill is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Spruill, of this place, who has been studying law at Duke University.

### THREE MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED FOR COLUMBIA

Columbia, Jan. 3.—Three meetings have been scheduled for Columbia during the next few days.

The first will be at the home of Mrs. S. M. Combs Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, January 6, when the Tyrrell County Sunday School Association will meet for an officers' efficiency conference. All officers and chairmen are urged to attend.

The second meeting will be held with Mesdames T. W. Armstrong, A. E. Bateman, and I. R. Alexander entertaining the Woman's Club Monday evening at 7:30, January 7.

The third will be held with Mrs. W. H. McClees as hostess to the Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion at her home on Main Street Wednesday evening at 7:30, January 9.

### KILLS HOG WEIGHING 680 POUNDS DRESSED

Roper, Jan. 3.—A hog only 27 months old, weighing 680 pounds, was killed near here today by J. T. McAllister, on the Echo Farm. This is unusually heavy for a hog of this age. This weight was given of the hog after it had been dressed. As far as can be learned by the Beacon, no one has a better record than this for weight on a hog of the same age in this county during the season.

### Report Estimate Of Cost Of Spans To State Highway Commission Soon

### COMMERCIALISTS AIDING SURVEYORS

Two Committees Appointed By Chamber Of Commerce To Entertain Representatives Of Highway Commission; Begin Efforts To Secure Canning Industry To Increase Payroll In Plymouth

Highway engineers are here making a survey of the cost of the anticipated series of three bridges to span the Middle, Cashie, and Roanoke Rivers, and the construction of a causeway linking the bridges together, thus making it possible for traffic to leave Plymouth at the foot of Washington street and intersect highway number 342 on the Eden House road in Bertie county. The survey will not include a traffic survey, but will confine itself to making an estimate of the cost of the erection of the bridges.

A committee composed of C. L. Groves, L. W. Gurkin, L. C. Willoughby, and P. H. Darden are aiding the engineers in showing them around and entertaining them. This committee was appointed at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce last Monday evening. Another committee was appointed to obtain information of the motor cars and trucks and cleared land and other data that would be of value for the State Highway Commission.

The officials of the local commercial body who are sponsoring the affair have been waiting for some weeks until they could get word from the highway commissioners relative to the matter after the City Council and the County Board of Commissioners had agreed to share equally the cost of the survey if it did not meet the approval of the highway commission and the project failed to materialize.

It was also made known at the Monday meeting of the commercialists that efforts are being made by a canning factory to locate in this section some time at an early date. Negotiations are being made by the canning company officials to purchase the old fertilizer factory just beyond the Wilts Veneer Company. The commercialists are corresponding with them now in an effort to aid the new enterprise in getting established here.

### CHILDREN PRESENT PAGE-ANT AT COLUMBIA SCHOOL

Columbia, Jan. 3.—Children and young people from the various Sunday Schools in Tyrrell county presented a pageant, "Bringers of Gifts," in the local school auditorium last Thursday evening. The pageant was a dramatization of religious experiences and emotions common to every Christian, and revealed the community spirit that is in the people in this section, as harmony prevailed even among the children that presented the program.

A very unique way was tried out successfully in giving out the confectionaries which provided that each teacher should have as many bags placed by her seat as she had pupils. Thus the teachers distributed about 400 bags in 10 minutes without any confusion. The children taking part in the program ranged in ages between 2 to 16 years. Efforts are being made to interest organizations in presenting such programs so that the children will continue their interest.

### EPISCOPAL MINISTER MAY MOVE TO WILLIAMSTON

Meager information received here was to the effect that as soon as the Rev. A. H. Marshall, rector of the Grace Episcopal Church, returned from his visit to Ohio he would immediately move from here to Williamston, in order to be more centrally located among the four churches in which he labors at Williamston, Roper, Plymouth, and Hamilton. The date for the minister's return from his northern visit is not known.