

### LOCAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN MEET MONDAY

#### New Officers to be Chosen; Ballots Mailed Members This Week

The chamber of commerce had the largest attendance at its meeting Monday night that has been seen there in some time. Called primarily to discuss welfare work in the county, the meeting also took up a number of other important matters, including the election of officers for the coming year. There were about 20 members present.

Rev. F. W. Weigman, of Williams-ton, Boy Scout Commissioner for the troops located in Plymouth, Williams-ton, and Robersonville, was present and urged the registration of the local troop with the national organization. The Scout troop here is sponsored by the chamber of commerce, and the matter was left in the hands of the troop committee. It was stated that the boys were at present without a regular meeting place and that interest here had lagged on that account.

Taking up the election of officers, a nominating committee of three was appointed by the president, Zeb Vance Norman, to name eighteen members as nominees for directors. The directors will elect the president, vice president, and secretary-treasurer of the organization.

The committee, composed of Messrs. M. T. Bradshaw, Leland Thompson, and C. L. Groves nominated the following, from which the membership will choose the nine directors: "Blue" Ticket: A. L. Alexander, P. H. Darden, W. Ebner, Jas. W. Norman, H. A. Williford, M. T. Bradshaw, W. J. Gilbert, C. O. Jordan, and W. J. Mayo. "Red" ticket: W. H. Clark, E. H. Liverman, Z. V. Norman, A. H. Stier, Leland Thompson, W. F. Winslow, O. H. Lyon, W. H. Booker, and C. L. Groves.

Ballots have been prepared with the above names on them and mailed to all members of the chamber of commerce. At the meeting next Monday night, the ballots will be canvassed and the nine men with the highest number of votes will be declared elected. Although the ballot is divided into two tickets the members have the right to choose from any of the 18, it not being required that a straight "red" or "green" ticket be voted.

Present officers of the chamber of commerce are Zeb Vance Norman, president; C. L. Groves, vice president; and L. W. Gurkin, secretary-treasurer. The directors elected last year were Z. V. Norman, C. M. Tetterton, A. L. Owens, A. H. Stier, C. L. Groves, J. W. Norman, A. L. Alexander, L. W. Gurkin, and H. A. Williford.

### COUNTY PASTORS ARE RETURNED

#### Revs. R. G. L. Edwards and J. Bascom Hurley Return From Conference

Rev. R. G. L. Edwards, pastor of the local Methodist church for the past four years, was returned for his fifth year at the Methodist Episcopal Conference held in Henderson during the past week. It is unusual for a Methodist minister to serve more than four years at the same church, and it is the first time in the history of the Plymouth church that such action has been taken. Mr. Edwards was the recipient of congratulations on every hand upon his return from the conference, and he is looking forward to another excellent year's work here. He is also pastor of the church at Jamesville.

Rev. J. Bascom Hurley, pastor of the Roper circuit for the past two years, was also returned to his charge there. Mr. Hurley has made friends throughout the county during his pastorate at Roper and they are well pleased upon his return. Mr. Hurley has three churches in his charge, Roper, Mackeys and Pleasant Grove.

### Home Agent Announces Schedule for Next Week

Miss Pratt Covington, county home demonstration agent, announces her schedule for the week beginning December 1st, as follows:

Monday, Scuppernon; Tuesday, Mackeys; Wednesday, Roper; at the home of Mrs. Frank Wilson; Thursday, Creswell, Cherry Clubs; Friday, Chapel Hill Woman's Club; Friday, Albemarle Woman's Club, Roper Girls' Club; Saturday, curb market.

### U. D. C. Chapter To Have Meeting Next Friday, 5th

There will be a meeting of the Major Charles Louis Latham Chapter of the U. D. C. at the home of Mrs. H. S. Midgett, Friday afternoon, December 5, at 3:30 p. m. Officers of the chapter urge that every member be present at this time.

### Plans Are Going Forward for Erection of "Tin Can" Here

#### Will Be Used As Community Civic Center and for Indoor Basketball Contests; Modeled After University's Famous Sports Building; Begin Work Soon

Plans are rapidly going forward for the construction of a "tin can" here, to be modeled along the lines of the University of North Carolina's famous sports building. Although considerably smaller, it is hoped that space enough can be provided for two basketball courts in the structure, which will also be used for a Boy Scout meeting place and general community civic center.

Principal E. H. Hicks is directing the movement, and a number of very liberal contributions have already been made by various citizens of the town. Lumber for the flooring has been pledged, and the electrical work on the inside has been promised by a local electrician. Citizens are to be asked to contribute a square of the galvanized metal of which the walls are to be composed. It is expected that about 100 square will be required, and about 15 or 20 have been pledged. Each square costs in the neighborhood of \$4. Mr. Hicks said Wednesday that work on the building is to be started week after next, and the work will be pushed as rapidly as conditions permit.

The "tin can" will be located just to the rear of the high school building on the lot owned by the school district. The principal said that there was a real need for the building as a place for holding get-together meetings and the like, aside from its use to promote athletic contests.

### Water and Light Commission Members Tender Resignations To Council As Economy Move

#### To Present Play at School Next Friday

"Oh, Doctor," a musical comedy in three acts, will be presented at the local school auditorium next Friday night December 5, at 8 p. m. by a cast composed principally of high school students. Rehearsals are now being held under the direction of Miss Greenlee, representing the Triangle Producing Co., of Greensboro, and indications are that the play will be an amusing production well presented. There are 55 in the cast, including the choruses.

The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the school, principally for the purchase of instructional supplies.

### DEATH OF MRS. HARRY BARNES

#### Was Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Vail; Funeral Held Monday

Mrs. Harry Barnes, 32 years old, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Vail, of the Westover community, died at the home of her parents, Saturday night at 12:07, after an extended illness of more than two years. Mrs. Barnes, who was Miss Clara Vail prior to her marriage several years ago, was well known and highly respected throughout the county. She was born and reared on the same farm where she died.

She was married to Harry Barnes several years ago and lived in Tampa, Fla. for some time. About two years ago she contracted tuberculosis, and although she was in sanatoriums for several periods and had several specialists in attendance the disease could not be arrested, and about a year ago she returned to the home of her parents at Westover to await the end.

Mrs. Barnes is survived by her husband, two small children, Langle, age 5, Elaine, age 2; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Vail, and several brothers and sisters.

The funeral was conducted at the home Monday morning at 11 o'clock, the rector of St. Lukes Episcopal Church, Rev. A. H. Marshall, conducting the service. Interment was made in the cemetery at St. Luke's Church, of which Mrs. Barnes had been a member since childhood. There was a large gathering of friends and relatives at the services, and the floral offerings were very numerous and beautiful.

### Average Daily Attendance In School Here Very Good

The percentage of pupils enrolled in the local schools in average daily attendance has been remarkably good so far this year, Principal E. H. Hicks said yesterday, in discussing the problem of securing better attendance. The percentage for the first scholastic month, ending October 3rd, was 96.1, while that for the second month showed a slight decrease, being 93. The average enrollment during the two months was around 635.

The decrease during the second month, which ended October 31, was attributed to several causes by the principal. Children being kept out of school to do farm work was one of the principal reasons, and there were also two minor epidemics recorded during the month.

### GIVE FIGURES ON ATTENDANCE AT COUNTY SCHOOLS

#### Wenona Has Best Average, While Cherry School Is Lowest

Some interesting figures on the average daily attendance at the various county schools were released yesterday by J. W. Norman, county superintendent of public instruction. The figures give the average daily enrollment, average daily attendance, and percentage of enrollment in average daily attendance, by schools, for both boys and girls, from which a number of comparisons may be made.

These figures reveal the fact that girls attend school more regularly than boys, and that the high school students as a whole have fewer absences than do pupils in the lower grades. Wenona School, with an average enrollment of 23.9 had an average attendance of 23.2, for a percentage of 97, the highest in the county. Cherry School stood at the bottom of the list with a percentage of 78.8; the average enrollment being 16.27 and the average attendance 12.81.

County-wide figures, for elementary grades, were: Average daily enrollment, 1,209.9; average daily attendance, 1,043.6; percentage, 86.2. County high schools: enrollment, 368.7; attendance, 330.4; percentage, 93.3. The girls in the elementary grades for the county as a whole led the boys by a percentage of 83.8 to 88.8; while the high school girls led the boys 96.5 to 90.7. Mr. Norman said that the reason for the better attendance of the girls was probably due to the fact that many of the boys were being kept out of school to assist in harvesting the crops. The total county enrollment for both high school and elementary grades was 1,578; average daily attendance, 1,374; percentage, 87. The above figures are for white schools only.

In the colored schools, children in the elementary grades had a better percentage of average daily attendance than did those in the high schools, the figures being 83.2 for the lower grades and 79.7 for the high school. The enrollment of colored pupils totals 1,511 in the county, with an average daily attendance of 1,253.9, for a percentage of 82.9. The average enrollment in the two colored high schools is only 97.9, attendance is 78, for a percentage of 79.7. The boys attend more regularly than do the girls, the percentages being 80.9 against 79.1.

Tables prepared by the county superintendent give the following figures:

Primary Grades, White	Average Enrollment	Avg. Daily Attendance	Percentage
Cherry	16.27	12.81	78.8
Creswell	30.22	25.58	84.6
Wenona	23.9	23.2	97.0
Roper	31.24	26.15	83.7
Plymouth	40.87	37.50	91.8
County	1209.9	1043.6	86.2

High Schools, White	Average Enrollment	Avg. Daily Attendance	Percentage
Creswell	99.7	85.1	85.3
Roper	95.1	82.1	86.3
Plymouth	173.9	163.2	93.9
County	368.7	330.4	89.8

Total average enrollment, 1,578; total average daily attendance, 1,374; percentage, 87.

Primary Grades, Colored	Average Enrollment	Avg. Daily Attendance	Percentage
Plymouth	419.8	404.4	81.8
Long Ride	37.0	24.7	67.0
Morattock	64.0	54.3	84.9
Brooks	71.0	63.7	89.7
Macedonia	83.0	79.6	95.9
Deep Bottom	64.0	43.7	68.3
Mount Delane	67.5	46.5	68.8
Roper	174.0	101.5	58.3
Back Woods	68.5	60.4	88.1
Sound Side	115.3	93.2	80.8
Pritchett	53.0	34.6	65.3
Creswell	150.0	125.7	83.8
Cherry	46.0	43.6	94.7
County	1413.1	1175.9	83.2

The council postponed consideration of the town's water pumping system, there being little time left after the other matters were disposed of. It is considered probable that the proposal to have electric pumps installed will be taken up at the next meeting. At this time Mr. Brothers will take his seat as a member of the council, having accepted the appointment tendered him.

### William Ira Mills Dies; Frequent Visitor Here

William Ira Mills, 84, the father of Mrs. A. D. Bassinger, of this place, died in Broadrock Roads, Va., Sunday, November 16, and was buried at the old home place at Goochland, Va., on Tuesday, the 18th. Mr. Mills had visited in Plymouth a number of times and usually spent several months out of each year here with his daughter, Mrs. Bassinger. He had many friends in Plymouth and in the county who will regret to learn of his death.

### 54 Per Cent Local School Children Attend Church

Fifty-four per cent of the children enrolled in the Plymouth City Schools attend either church or Sunday school services, it was determined by a survey conducted at the schools this week by Principal E. H. Hicks. The principal stated that no reason was given for the absence of the other 46 per cent, and the showing is regarded as a very poor one.

### County Officials Elected This Month Begin Duties Monday

#### Trophy For Women's Clubs Is Received by Home Agent

##### First Trophy, Donated by Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, Becomes Permanent Property of Creswell Club; New One Goes to Beech Grove

The new silver trophy cup, to be awarded yearly for the woman's home demonstration club making the most outstanding report of its accomplishments during the preceding year, was received by Miss Covington, home demonstration agent, this week. The new cup was made necessary by the fact that the first cup offered has been worn three times by the Creswell Club, which is entitled to permanent possession of it.

At the federation meeting held last month, the Beech Grove Club had the most outstanding report, and was

awarded the cup, although it was explained at the time that the Creswell Club was entitled to retain possession of it. Since then, the new cup was ordered and it will be presented to the Beech Grove Club, while the Creswell Club will be given the first cup awarded. The cups are identically alike.

It is understood that the cups will be presented to the respective clubs the latter part of this week. The first cup was donated by the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, while the new one is the gift of the Roanoke Beacon.

#### NO CHANGES TO BE MADE IN 3 OF COUNTY OFFICES

##### All Appointive Offices to be Filled by Commissioners At Session Monday

Next Monday will be a busy day at the courthouse here. All of the county officers elected at the general election the early part of this month will be sworn in and begin their respective duties. All of them begin two-year terms except the clerk of the superior court, C. V. W. Ausbon, who is elected for four years.

There is no change to be made in three of the county offices, clerk of court, register of deeds, and sheriff, the incumbents having been re-elected in each instance. Clerk of Superior Court C. V. W. Ausbon is beginning his seventh term, having already served 24 years. Mrs. Addie L. Brinkley is beginning her fifth term, she having held the office for 8 years; while J. K. Reid is beginning his ninth year as sheriff, after having been elected 5 times. Mr. E. R. Lewis, a member of the board of county commissioners, is also a candidate who was re-elected, having served as commissioner during the past four years.

New officers to be sworn in Monday include the following: Edward L. Owens as judge of the recorder's court, succeeding Jerry Sawyer; Edward S. Blount as treasurer, succeeding L. E. Hassell; W. T. Nurney as coroner, this office having been vacant for some time on account of the resignation of the former coroner, Dr. T. L. Bray; and George W. Hardison and O. R. Armstrong as county commissioners, succeeding J. C. Spruill and W. T. Phelps.

After the new officers are sworn in, the old board of county commissioners will be "checked out," and the new board will perfect its organization by electing a chairman. Its first business will probably be the selection of men to fill the appointive offices of the county, including solicitor of the recorder's court, county auditor, county attorney, home and farm demonstration agents, county home keeper, road supervisor, tax supervisor, and courthouse janitor.

As a result of the general election this month, all the county officers are Democrats. W. T. Phelps, of Creswell, member of the board of county commissioners, the only Republican in the present county administration, was defeated in the recent election by about 300 votes. The Republicans last gained control of county affairs in 1924, when they elected all three commissioners and the treasurer. Even then, the other county officers remained in the Democratic column. The Democrats carried the county in 1926, while in 1928 the Republicans elected one commissioner.

The new board of commissioners will also have to pass on the bonds of the other county officers. Bonds are required of the clerk of the superior court, register of deeds, sheriff, treasurer, and county accountant. There are a number of other details to be brought before the commissioners, besides the usual amount of routine business to be transacted.

#### To Discontinue Service Unless Bills Are Paid

City Clerk M. W. Spruill yesterday stated that the ordinance requiring all water bills to be paid on or before the 15th of each month would be strictly enforced in the future. The bill will be mailed out the first of each month, and are subject to a discount of 10 per cent if paid by the tenth.

Service will be discontinued upon failure to pay bills by the 15th, and a charge of \$1 will be made for reconnection. Mr. Spruill asks customers of the water department to bear these facts in mind and save embarrassment and inconvenience by paying the bills when due.

#### Farmer Near Plymouth Kills Big Hog Friday

Hezekiah Chesson, farmer, of route two, who lives about 7 miles from Plymouth, killed the largest hog reported so far this season last week. The weight of the dressed porker could not be determined as there were no scales on the place with capacity enough to weigh it. However, the hog's head weighed 71 pounds, and one of the hams tipped the scales at 84 pounds. Mail Carrier G. K. Harris, who reported the incident, stated that a head is usually about one-tenth of the total weight of the animal, and he estimated that the hog weighed at least 710 pounds dressed.

### Local Chamber of Commerce Favors Salvation Army Plan To Take Over Welfare Work

#### EXPECTED THAT POST WILL BE LOCATED HERE

##### Definite Plans To Be Made After Conference With Army Officials

The plan of the Salvation Army to establish a post here to take charge of welfare work throughout Washington County was heartily endorsed by the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce at its meeting Monday night, and the secretary of the body was instructed to get in touch with Captain Armstrong, of Greenville, who made the proposition at a previous meeting, and notify him that the local chamber of commerce would cooperate with his organization in every way. It is expected that Captain Armstrong will be in Plymouth the latter part of this week, when definite plans will be outlined.

The idea was first presented at the chamber of commerce meeting Monday of last week, when the Salvation Army representative explained the aims of his organization, declaring that a post would be established here if the citizens of the town indicated they would cooperate with the Army workers. No action was taken at the meeting last week, due to the fact that there were only a few members present. At the meeting this week, there was a representative gathering, including members of all the churches and fraternal orders, and every one of them endorsed the plan to have the Salvation Army locate here. When the matter was put to a vote by the chairman, Zeb Vance Norman, the chamber of commerce was put on record as unanimously favoring the location of a post here, not a dissenting voice being raised.

One of the advantages stressed in having the Salvation Army take over the welfare work was that trained workers would be sent here, assuring thorough investigation of all cases referred to them in order that unworthy objects of charity might impose upon the people of the community. The average citizen has neither time nor the inclination to investigate all the requests for charity that he receives, and at times he is victimized by those who are not worthy at the expense of others who might be in real need. Duplication of charitable effort is avoided by having a central agency responsible, through which all requests for aid should be made. It was also pointed out that the Salvation Army workers put their full time in the work, and they are in better position to ferret out needy cases which might otherwise not be noticed on account of the pride of the unfortunate.

Members of the chamber of commerce taking part in the discussion and approving the work included J. W. Norman, superintendent of schools and county welfare officer; Rev. Conley Greer, pastor of the Christian Church; A. H. Stier, manager of the Chicago Mill & Lumber Corporation plant here; C. L. Groves, manager of the National Handle Co. plant; A. L. Alexander, postmaster; M. T. Bradshaw, Frith Winslow, L. W. Gurkin, E. H. Liverman, and several others.

Wilbur Darden, of Wake Forest College, is at home for the Thanksgiving holidays.

#### Town Auto Licenses For 1931 Are on Sale

The new 1931 city automobile license plates were put on sale at the city clerk's office last week. The new plates are in colors to harmonize with the 1931 State tags, the numbers and lettering being in gold on a black background. It is understood that the State tag will be put on sale at the various license bureaus about December 1st. Each year the colors of a North Carolina College are used for the license plates, the 1931 colors being that of Wake Forest. 1930 tags were red and white, representing State College of Agriculture and Engineering.

### WEEK'S REVIVAL BEGINS SUNDAY

#### Services at Local Christian Church To Be Held By "Home Forces"

Rev. Conley Greer, pastor of the First Christian Church of Plymouth, announced yesterday that a one-week meeting would be held in the church, beginning Sunday morning. It was stated that the "home forces" would be in charge of the services, the pastor doing the preaching, and the regular choir furnishing the song service. Beginning with the Sunday morning service, the meeting will continue throughout the week, with a service every night, except Saturday, and two sermons the following Sunday. Morning services begin at 11, while those at night start at 7:30.

Rev. Mr. Greer has prepared an interesting series of sermons, the subjects being as follows: Sunday morning, "Wedding Bells"; Sunday night, "The Challenge of the Cradle"; Monday night, "Financial Depression, or the Cause of Hard Times"; Tuesday night, "An Old Fogy"; Wednesday night, "The Chief of Sinners"; Thursday night, "Faith and Repentance"; Friday night, "Confession and Baptism"; Sunday morning, "Monuments"; Sunday night, "The Least of These." Every one is cordially invited to attend all of these services.

### ATTEMPT TO ROB STORES IN ROPER

#### Remove Window Pane But Fail To Gain Entrance; Few Articles Stolen

Sometimes Wednesday night unknown thieves attempted to break into the store owned by Mrs. Nita Mizell. The thief or thieves succeeded in taking out the front window pane and stole oranges and all the other fruits that were in the window. They were prevented from making a complete entrance due to the fact the proprietress had placed an iron bar over the window before closing.

The previous night an attempt was made to force an entrance into the store owned by W. A. Blount, but the attempt was unsuccessful. This store is next to Mrs. Mizell's place of business.