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## WILL DISTRIBUTE 100 BASKETS BY CHRISTMAS DAY

Plans of Salvation Army For Christmas Relief Are Outlined

Envoy and Mrs. W. C. Brewer, of the local Salvation Army post, have been busy during the past week investigating cases that have been reported to them as needing help. It was stated that the Army plans to prepare at least 100 or more baskets by Christmas Day for distribution among the poor in the county. The baskets will be prepared in the vacant store in the Brinkley Building, opposite the Woodley Motor Corporation, and those of food and produce are urged to take their gifts to this place.

Arrangements have been completed for distributing the baskets throughout the county. Volunteer workers will handle the distribution in the Plymouth territory. Envoy Brewer said, while the work in the Roper section will be handled by Mr. and Mrs. Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Hatfield have agreed to take charge of the distribution in the Creswell section.

Mr. and Mrs. Brewer yesterday extended their thanks for the very liberal response of Plymouth citizens and for the hearty cooperation evidenced by ministers, churches, and fraternal orders. They said that while the response to the appeal for clothing had been fine, there was still a pressing need for more, particularly of children's shoes. They hope to have their work well under way by Christmas Day and ask that all of those who have not yet contributed clothing and shoes to go over their wardrobes and send whatever they do not need to the army headquarters.

The Army workers also expressed their appreciation for the friendly spirit exhibited toward them since they arrived here, and stated that while conditions in the county were far from good they are not as distressing as in some of the other sections they have visited.

## REDUCE SUPPLY CHRISTMAS RUM

Sheriff Reid and Chief of Police Brown Capture Two Plants

Sheriff J. K. Reid and Chief of Police P. W. Brown have made a couple of raids within the past week or so that will undoubtedly have effect on the supply of Christmas "spirits" in this section. Week before last they went down in Skinnerville Township and captured a nice 250-gallon capacity copper still, completely equipped, with 40 barrels of beer just about ready to run.

Last Friday night they made another haul, this time going out the Woodland Road near Roper, where they found a 50-gallon outfit and one barrel of mash. The still was a very crude affair, being made from a kerosene drum, and it is believed that liquor made in such a plant would be highly poisonous. The beer found here was also just about ready to be run. There was no clue to the operators or owners of either of the outfits.

## SPECIAL MEET COUNTY BOARD

Pay of Tax Assessors Fixed At \$4 Per Day; Other Provisions

The Washington County Board of Commissioners held a special meeting here last Thursday morning for the purpose of authorizing the sale of tax anticipation notes, bids for which are to be received and considered at another called meeting scheduled for Saturday morning of this week. All of the commissioners were present at the meeting last Thursday.

The board also passed an order setting out the time limits for reassessing property in the various townships of the county. The assessors were given 30 working days for Plymouth and Lees Mills Townships, 20 working days for Scuppernon Township, and 15 working days for Skinnerville. The board also fixed the pay of the assessors at \$4 per day, with an allowance of \$3 per day extra for the use of an automobile when one is required. The county tax supervisor's pay was fixed at the same figures. H. J. Furbee was allowed an additional \$1 per day on account of the fact that he lives 20 miles from his work.

A committee appeared before the commissioners asking for a pledge to the Salvation Army welfare work fund, the board unanimously passing an order allowing the organization the sum of \$25 monthly during the months of January, February, and March.

## Christmas Greetings

Even though the candle light burns dim, may the real spirit of this Christmas kindle a light that will afford each of you much joy and happiness, and as Dickens' Tiny Tim said,

'God Bless Us, Every One'

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## Electric Pump Equipment Ordered by Town Council; Water Meters Also Ordered

EQUIPMENT FOR PUMPS COST LESS THAN EXPECTED

Total Cost for Machinery Is \$1,180, Delivered in Plymouth

The Town Council finally got around to consideration of the water supply problem at its meeting last Friday night, and in a session that lasted until midnight, took several steps that it is believed will bring about more economy in the operation of the system. The board ordered the purchase of an electric pump to supplant the steam plant now being used and also ordered that meters be installed throughout the town as rapidly as possible.

W. H. Corey, manager of a machinery supply concern of Norfolk, Va., was present at the meeting and submitted a bid from his firm for the complete equipment for motorizing the pumping system. His bid of \$1,180 included a 250-gallon pump and electric motor, a 500-gallon pump, 15 horsepower gasoline engine, and all the other equipment necessary for making the change, delivered in Plymouth.

This bid was considered remarkably low, as estimates previously made for the town put the cost of the complete equipment at nearly \$2,000. The council voted unanimously to accept the bid, on motion of B. G. Campbell, seconded by G. D. Davis. Delivery was promised in about four weeks by the Norfolk concern.

The smaller pump, of 250-gallon capacity, will be powered by an electric motor, and will take care of the ordinary requirements of the town, it was explained. The other pump, of 500-gallon capacity, is to be held in reserve in case of emergency. Power for the larger pump will be furnished by the 15 horsepower Fairbanks-Morse gasoline engine. It was stated that the emergency pump and two sources of power were made necessary by insurance requirements. Should the electric current fail for any reason during a serious conflagration, it was pointed out, the town would be helpless unless there was another pump and source of power available. The large pump and gas engine takes care of this feature of the underwriters' requirements.

Order Meters  
Following the disposition of the water pumping problem, the councilmen took under consideration the installation of water meters throughout the town. The matter was discussed fully, and on motion of G. D. Davis, seconded by H. C. Spruill, it was voted unanimously to order the meters and have them installed as rapidly as possible.

City Clerk M. W. Spruill stated yesterday that an order for the meters was being prepared, and that as soon as they were received installation would be begun. The work is to be done by the regular force of workmen of the town, and will probably require several months for completion. The matter of rates was left open for future consideration by the council.

The installation of the electric pump is expected to effect considerable saving to the town, while having meters put in for every water con-

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETS FRIDAY

A. E. Brothers Sworn In As New Member From First Ward

A. E. Brothers was sworn in as a member of the town council at the regular meeting of that body last Friday night, and started right into work with the other members. There were a number of important matters up for consideration, and the new member found out that a councilman's job is not the softest one in the world at his very first meeting, the session lasting until midnight.

Mr. Brothers was named to succeed Councilman E. L. Owens, who resigned last month when he was elected judge of the recorder's court. The first action of the council after convening Friday was to swear in the new member, who represents the First Ward. Mayor R. P. Walker was out of the city, and the oath of office was administered by Harry Stell, mayor protem, who presided over the meeting. Councilmen H. C. Spruill, B. G. Campbell, G. D. Davis and A. E. Brothers were present.

A. L. Alexander appeared before the board in the interest of the Salvation Army Community Welfare Fund, and asked for a donation to this cause, explaining the work that the army was attempting to do in the community. The council ordered that the sum of \$25 per month for the next six months be appropriated to the fund.

The council then took up consideration of the water pumping proposition and installation meters throughout the town, covered in another article in this paper and adjourned about 12 o'clock.

## Barton's Soda Shoppe In Roper Victim of Robbers

Barton's Soda Shoppe, in Roper was entered some time last Friday night, and about \$40 worth of merchandise stolen. Entrances were gained by breaking a glass in the back door. Authorities are investigating the occurrence, although there are no clues to the robbers yet.

## Chamber of Commerce To Meet Next Monday

There was no meeting of the chamber of commerce held Monday of this week on account of the fact that most of the members were occupied in getting ready for Christmas. The stores were all open Monday night and few of the merchants would be able to attend, so officials called the meeting off. The next meeting will be held Monday night of next week.

summer is expected to increase the revenue. There are a number of details in connection with the program outlined Friday night that will have to be worked out later, and it is believed that the changes to be brought about as the result of the council's action will require the undivided attention of the members during the next several months.

## TAX ASSESSORS HOLD MEETING HERE THURSDAY

Methods To Be Followed Are Outlined by County Tax Supervisor

The proper classification of all property in the county will be the main task of the twelve tax assessors in this county, it was stated by Tax Supervisor John W. Darden at a meeting of the township assessors held here last Thursday morning. In making the new assessment for the next four years an entirely new system will be followed, and it was learned Thursday that the proper classification of property would be the most important feature of the work.

After the classification of property has been made by the assessors, they will meet here and determine the values according to the classification. As a result of the adoption of the new system the value of any piece of property will not be determined until all the property in the county has been classified.

It was Mr. Darden's opinion that the variations in the listings, so common in past years, will be practically eliminated under the new system. In other words, an acre of land in Plymouth Township will be valued at the same figure as an acre of land in Skinnerville Township, classification being the same, of course.

The assessors will begin their work on Tuesday, January 6, continuing until all real property in the county has been gone over. The board of county commissioners has tentatively set the time for the work in the various townships as follows: Plymouth and Lees Mills, 30 working days; Scuppernon, 20 working days; Skinnerville, 15 working days. It was the belief of those at the meeting Thursday that this time was not enough, several stating that Plymouth and Lees Mills Townships would require at least 45 working days.

Mr. Darden said that while there was a lot of equalizing to be done, and a number of inequalities to be leveled out, he did not believe the total valuation of county property would be materially lessened by the work of the assessors. It was pointed out that should a property owner disagree with the findings of the township board of assessors, he had the right of appeal to the State Board of Assessment, from whose decision there is no appeal.

Mr. Darden outlined to the township assessors the plans for the revaluation as explained to the county supervisors at the State meeting held in Raleigh week before last. The Raleigh meeting, the supervisor said, was the best one of any kind he had ever attended, and while he realizes that there is a tremendous task ahead of him and the township assessors, he believes that their work has been lightened somewhat as the result of the uniform plans outlined for the whole State at the meeting week before last.

Two separate forms, one for town property and the other for farm lands, will be used, and each carries an ample number of questions. For instance, it was pointed out that the town property owner will be asked to answer 326 questions, if he happens to own a half dozen houses. Information will be required as to the age of buildings, type of roof, kind of floor, how heated, location, and many other details.

Blanks will be in the hands of the various assessors by the first of next month, and the work will begin on the sixth. It is expected that most of the property in the county will have to be visited by the assessors in order to obtain accurate information.

Assessors named for the four townships in the county are as follows: Plymouth: H. C. Spruill, O. H. Lyon, and John H. Allen.

Lees Mills: H. G. Furbee, L. E. Hassell, and C. E. Mizell.

Skinnerville: J. C. Swain, M. F. Davenport, and H. A. Norman.

Scuppernon: J. E. Belanga, E. S. Woodley, and T. F. Davenport.

## Community Christmas Tree At Creswell

Citizens of the Creswell community are having their first community Christmas tree Wednesday night of this week. All of the churches and Sunday schools of the town are cooperating in the undertaking, to the end that all of the children in the community may receive some Christmas token.

A committee has been named to see that every child receives some present. The tree is located on the Hopkins lot at the corner of Main and Sixth Streets.

P. L. Bryan of Garner, Wake County, made six bales of cotton on 18 acres in 1929 and 13 bales on the same 18 acres this year by using calcium arsenate to control the boll weevil, he reports to county agent John C. Anderson.

## \$271.75 Per Month For Relief Pledged

FUNERAL OF MRS. W. B. DAVENPORT

Prominent Woman of Scuppernon Community Passes Away

Funeral services were held for Mrs. W. B. Davenport, of the Scuppernon Community, Sunday afternoon, December 14. Rev. W. A. Davis, of Washington, conducted the services, which were held at the Scuppernon Christian Church, of which she had long been a member.

Mrs. Davenport died in the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Md., on December 10th, following a serious operation. She had been improving so rapidly that her friends and relatives had great hopes for her complete recovery, and her death came as a shock to the entire community.

Mrs. Davenport was a good wife, and mother, an untiring worker in the church, and a good neighbor. The large crowd of sorrowing friends who followed her to her last resting place attested to the esteem in which she was held.

Besides her husband, she is survived by nine children, five grandchildren, one sister, one brother, and a host of friends. The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the bereaved husband and children.

## JUNIORS HAVE GOOD MEETING

Barbecue Supper Enjoyed By Members at Meeting Last Thursday Night

Plymouth Rock Council, No. 213, Junior Order United American Mechanics, gave a barbecue supper in the basement of the courthouse here last Thursday night, December 18, which was well attended and enjoyed by all the membership, there being about 65 present.

Councillor W. E. Weede presided over the occasion and introduced the several speakers, all of whom made short and interesting addresses. Rev. J. R. Cantrell, pastor of the local Baptist church; Rev. J. Bascom Hurley, pastor of the Roper Circuit, Methodist Episcopal Church; and Envoy W. C. Brewer, of the local Salvation Army Post, were the principal speakers of the evening.

After feasting for an hour, the members marched from the courthouse to the Masonic Hall, where they were dismissed after a short talk by Councillor W. E. Weede.

## IS HURT IN AUTO WRECK MONDAY

Mrs. J. E. Riddick Cut and Bruised About Face As Result of Collision

Mrs. J. E. Riddick, who lives about four miles from Plymouth, on highway No. 90, was cut and bruised about the face Monday night when a Ford coach, operated by her son, was struck by a truck driven by Richard West, the accident occurring on the curve just this side of Ward's bridge. Her injuries, while painful were no considered serious, and according to reports she is getting on as well as could be expected. None of the other occupants of the car or truck were hurt.

Hillary Riddick, driver of the Ford car, claims that he had stopped on the shoulder of the road, while one of his passengers was getting out, and that the truck, coming towards him, swerved across the road into his car, knocking it about 20 feet down the road. He said that the truck, which is owned by T. C. Burgess, of this place, did not have any lights. Besides his mother, who was the only one injured, his wife and six children were in the car. Mrs. Riddick was carried to Plymouth by a passing motorist for medical attention.

Both the car and the truck suffered in the collision, although the extent of the damage could not be learned.

## Christmas Tree in Lodge Community Next Monday

The Sunday school of Lodge Community will hold a Christmas tree program next Monday night, at 7:30, it was announced yesterday by the superintendent, Mr. J. C. Styron. Santa Claus will be there, and the children of the community are looking forward with much interest to the event. Besides the program to be presented, there will be presents for all the smaller members of the Sunday school. The public is invited to attend the exercises.

## COMMITTEE IS WELL PLEASED WITH RESULTS

Other Contributions and Pledges Expected to Increase Amount

A final check made Monday of the results of the one-day drive staged in Plymouth last Thursday for donations to the Salvation Army relief fund shows that a total of \$271.75 per month has been pledged for the next several months and that \$26 in cash was collected from individuals who did not care to make monthly pledges. The drive is considered a success in every respect, and it is believed that the amount raised will be sufficient to take care of the needy cases in the county at least until the summer months bring some relief from the distressing conditions now being reported.

It was explained by members of the committee that some prospects had not been seen and that others have promised to let them know later what they would do. The chairman stated that the committee would appreciate hearing from them and that proper acknowledgment would be made of the donations.

No drive has yet been staged in the county as a whole, the work of the committee last week being limited to Plymouth. It is thought that there are a number of people in other parts of the county who will wish to contribute to the fund, since the welfare work is to be carried on throughout the entire county, and it is probable that solicitation will be made later in the other communities.

Pledges were solicited by the committee on a six-months basis, the amounts ranging from 25 cents per month to \$25. The county commissioners pledged \$25 per month for three months and stated that they would make a pledge for the other three months if the budget permitted. The Town Council pledged \$25 a month for the six-months period.

Other pledges for the six-months period are as follows:

\$10 per month: City post office employees.  
\$5.75 per month: Teachers of the Plymouth City Schools.  
\$7.50 per month: Perseverance Episcopal Lodge No. 59.  
\$5.00 per month: A. L. Owens, Plymouth Hardware Company, Mrs. A. H. Stier.  
\$4.00 per month: Z. V. Norman, R. A. Willford, E. H. Liverman, Roanoke Beacon.  
\$2.50 per month: W. F. Winslow, City Firemen.  
\$2.00 per month: J. P. Sutton, H. E. Beam, Weman's Missionary Society.  
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## 4-Year-Old Boy Dies in Pleasant Grove Section

Little Marvin Bagley, second son of Charlie Bagley and the grand son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Lamb of the Pleasant Grove neighborhood died Tuesday night of membranous croup. He was only four years old, but always wore a bright, little sunny smile. He had lived with his grandparents since the death of his mother about two years ago, who were greatly attached to the little fellow. He was laid to rest in the family cemetery by the side of his mother, Thursday afternoon. He leaves one older brother, Charlie Jr., and a baby brother, both of whom are living with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Lamb.

## SNOWFALL FIRST DAY OF WINTER

Monday, Shortest Day and First of Winter, Gets Off To Appropriate Start

The winter season got off to a very appropriate start here Monday, with rain, sleet, and snow all falling during the day and sub-normal temperatures prevailing. According to the U. S. Naval Observatory in Washington, D. C., winter officially began at 8:40 o'clock Monday morning, December 22, which was also the shortest day of the year.

Rain began falling about noon, changing to snow and sleet later in the afternoon, and by nightfall the white flakes were coming down fast. Although conditions were not favorable for the snow to "stick," house-tops were soon covered, and roads became slick. Visibility was poor, making driving more or less hazardous, and several cars were in minor accidents as the result of slipping or running off the concrete onto the soft shoulders.