

Mrs. T. L. Bray, past president of the Woman's Club, has been advised that Wilmington's Azalea gardens will be open to the public on Friday and Saturday of this week from 1 to 6 p. m.

Steps are being taken to organize a cub pack in connection with the Boy Scout program in Washington County. This organization is for boys from 9 to 12 years of age. Dr. A. Papineau hopes to get this work started early.

Little Miss Priscilla Lyon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Lyon, of Hollywood, and formerly of Plymouth, can be heard in a dancing and singing routine as well as in dialogue over NBC stations every Monday evening at 8:30.

It was reported that over 20,000 calls were made through the local telephone exchange during a period of 3 1-2 days recently, and much of the delay and annoyance caused by the system here is a result of inadequate equipment for the growing service, it is believed locally.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Ward, sr., of Plymouth, and Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Walker, of Creswell, have returned from Charleston, S. C., where they visited the magnolia gardens. Here are acres of flowers, trees and shrubbery, some of the prettiest in the South, and people travel for miles each year to see them.

The operetta that was scheduled to be given Thursday night in the Plymouth High School auditorium by the children from Hampton Academy was postponed until Monday night, April 11, at 8 p. m. There will be about 60 children in it. A small charge will be made for admission.

Eddie Sanderson, of Philadelphia, and Whit Sanderson, of Richmond, were here this week-end visiting their father, R. R. Sanderson, and their brother, T. P. Sanderson. Incidentally, these two young men have done very well for themselves. Eddie is an auto salesman and Whit an electrician for the duPonts.

W. Frith Winslow is preparing a series of oil paintings of interesting and historic scenes in this section of North Carolina. When completed he will hang them in his store for the tourists who are expected to pass through here when the Albemarle Sound bridge is opened and No. 97 hard surfaced.

Two merchants in Plymouth that are making good progress in their businesses are L. V. Fagan and A. L. Holley. Both of them operate grocery stores, and they find being closed is little or no handicap to them.

#### Local Parent-Teacher Meet Scheduled Next Wednesday

The Parent-Teacher Association of Plymouth will meet in the high school lunch room next Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 for the regular monthly session, it was announced today by Mrs. W. V. Hays, president. The lunch room will be used for the meeting because of the fact that the auditorium will be used for other purposes at that time.

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## County Farmers Eligible To Earn Peanut Benefits

Washington is one of the 24 counties in North Carolina that has been designated as commercial peanut-producing areas in which growers may earn benefits by curtailing their peanut acreage.

Each peanut grower will get an individual allotment, and if the acreage is held within the quota, the farmer may earn 20 cents per 100 pounds for the normal yield per acre.

Normally over 6,000 acres of peanuts are grown in this county. A peanut goal of 1,500,000 acres has been established for 89 counties in seven southern commercial peanut states.

The benefit payments will be based on an average yield per acre. A farmer with a 12-acre goal and an 800-pound average yield, for instance, would get 20 cents per 100 for 9,600 pounds, or \$19.20—provided he complied with the fixed goal.

## Young Man Crushed Under Load of Dirt

### BAND CONCERT

The Plymouth High School band will give a concert Monday afternoon at 2:45, with L. W. Zeigler directing. There will be eight numbers on the program. A baritone solo by Wilford Whitley, a trumpet solo by Harry McLean, a clarinet solo by Mr. Zeigler, will be featured on the program, which includes renditions by the band of several well-known marches.

## Sermon Topics Are Outlined for Revival At Christian Church

Rev. E. B. Quick, of Atlanta, Ga., To Assist Pastor in Services Next Week

In connection with the revival in progress at the Christian church, there will be a campaign of evangelism and Christian education next week conducted by E. B. Quick, of Atlanta, Ga., director of religious education, who will be assisted by the pastor, Rev. N. A. Taylor.

Sunday, 11 a. m., "Sympathy for Souls" and at 3 p. m., beginning of local church institute for all church and Sunday school workers. At 7:30 p. m., "The Restoration Movement," illustrated by 100 stereoscopic views. Monday, 7:45 p. m., "What Is Christ To You?" 8:45 p. m., "The Educational Program of the Church."

Tuesday, 7:45 p. m., "The Power of the Gospel"; 8:45 p. m., "The Fellowship Life of the Church." Wednesday, 7:45 p. m., "God's Greatest Appeal to Man"; 8:45 p. m., "The Spiritual Life of the Church."

Thursday, 7:45 p. m., "Personal Responsibility"; 8:45 p. m., "The Stewardship Program of the Church." Friday, 7:45 p. m., "The Meaning of the Cross"; 8:45 p. m., "The Evangelistic Program of the Church." Easter Sunday: Sunrise service, 6 a. m.; object lesson for boys and girls of the Sunday school, "The Three Crosses," 3 p. m., men's meeting, "Hitting on All Four Cylinders," 7:45 p. m., "The Truth That Sets Men Free."

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## Peanuts in Storage Here To Be Sold on Friday This Week

Sealed Bids To Be Received On 1,000 Tons by Peanut Stabilizing Corporation

Sealed bids will be received in Edenton Friday by R. C. Holland, president of the Peanut Stabilizing Corporation, on 1,000 tons of peanuts that are stored in the Tidewater Tobacco Warehouse in Plymouth.

These goobers will be purchased by oil mills and converted into oil or crushed for the purpose of manufacturing "shortening," salad dressing or peanut meal for livestock and cannot be used for the general peanut trade.

The amount loaned on the peanuts, according to W. T. Freeman, and the expense for handling totaled about \$70 a ton, or about 3 1-2 cents a pound, which represents the corporation's investment in the peanuts. It is expected they will be sold for about \$35 a ton, or a fraction less than 2 cents a pound, if the bids received Friday are in line with offers for peanuts under the same conditions as heretofore.

Federal agents will check the use of peanuts by the oil firms and will not allow them to be placed on the open market, as this would tend to depress the price, which the government is seeking to boost.

## Urge Youths From Section To Enter Work in Exposition

Winning Exhibits at District Showing in Williamston Will Go To Raleigh

Young people of two counties are urged to enter their work in the Exposition that is to be held in the Woman's Club Building at Williamston on Wednesday and Thursday, April 20 and 21, from 9 to 6 p. m., according to Mrs. Eliza H. Hampton, director of the National Youth Administration for Washington and Tyrrell Counties.

"All youths who have anything they made themselves that their parents or teachers think is particularly well done should be submitted," according to Mrs. Hampton, who added that "things made by Boy Scouts, 4-H clubs or individuals will be accepted." School children should bring their exhibits to school.

The winners of blue ribbons at the Williamston exposition may then enter their exhibits in the state showing at Raleigh, and winning exhibits there will be put on display at the State Fair under the auspices of the National Youth Administration.

## Estimated Cost of Creswell School Is Raised To \$77,000

Superintendent of Schools Is Authorized by Board To Apply for Loan

The estimated cost of Creswell's new school building has jumped from the original price of \$47,000 to about \$77,000, it was learned this week.

The county commissioners several months ago secured a loan of \$25,000 from the State Literary Fund in Raleigh and a pledge of \$22,000 from the Works Progress Administration, making a total of \$47,000. Monday, H. H. McLean, the superintendent of schools, was authorized by the commissioners to make an application for a loan of \$30,000 on the Creswell school building, which brings the total apparently needed for the school to \$77,000.

The county recently readjusted its financial obligations by refunding, and in order for the county credit to remain good the commissioners must pay out the \$30,000 they now have on hand for bond retirement and interest before they can borrow more.

## Hearing Held in Davenport Case

A hearing was held here last Friday by a representative of the State Industrial Commission to determine the amount of compensation that Seaton A. Davenport, former Creswell police chief, is entitled to as a result of the injuries sustained while he was employed by the town.

Several months ago Davenport was found on the highway near Creswell with his leg broken and other injuries. He has recovered, but it was thought he is entitled to some compensation for the permanent injuries which he sustained.

No decision was announced last Friday, as the official simply heard the testimony and the findings will be disclosed later.

## Delegates of 7 Counties To Meet Here 14th and Name Group To Plan Bridge Opening Celebration

## Hope To Add 130 Water Customers To Lines Here

The City Council is studying procedure to require 130 residents of Plymouth who are not now water consumers to become users of city water, in order to effect an increase in revenue.

There are about 100 dwellings on streets where water is available that have never been equipped with plumbing and about 30 homes which have plumbing installation but which are not now water customers.

This number added to the 250 now customers of the city system would bring the total to 380 and would greatly increase the revenue from this source.

It is estimated that the 130 new customers would add at least \$200 a month to the town revenue, figuring each user at the minimum rate. The water system at present is providing one of the principal sources of revenue for the town.

## Association Is Likely To Name Delegates From This Section

After Group Is Formed Date Will Be Set and Other Details Worked Out

Delegates from six surrounding counties will attend a meeting here Thursday, April 14, when it is expected a general committee will be named to formulate plans for a celebration at the formal opening of the Albemarle Sound bridge.

Representatives from Chowan, Pasquotank and Perquimans on the north side of the sound, will meet with representatives of the Southern Albemarle Association, which is composed of Tyrrell, Washington, Dare and Hyde Counties, to choose a committee for this purpose.

As soon as the committee is appointed, it will be their duty to get in touch with the State Highway and Public Works Commission to set a date for the opening, which is expected to be about Labor Day in September.

It is expected they will then begin to invite notables to attend the event. Harold L. Jokes, Secretary of the Interior, is understood to be the general choice of people in this section as a chief speaker at the event. If he is unable to attend, some have advanced the idea of getting Senator William E. Borah, who, it is believed, would draw a large crowd and make a good speech.

Others to be invited will likely include Governor Hoey, former Governor Ehringhaus, Julian Wood, former highway commissioner, Governor Peery of Virginia, Congressman Warren, and other government officials, possibly attend the opening.

John W. Darden, who has been active in promoting preliminary plans for the celebration, believes that a speaker's stand should be erected and seats arranged so the hundreds who are expected may be seated comfortably.

Those who land places on the committee to arrange for the event have a job on their hands, as the celebration is expected to be one of the largest events of its kind ever staged in this section of the state.

It is understood an agreement has been reached to hold the celebration at the Washington County end of the new bridge.

No matter what is done, the local people are expecting those from the north to join in with the Southern Albemarle Association to put over the affair in a way that will make the people proud of the job.

## Two Held for Court After Fatal Accident

## Colored Woman Dies After Being Struck By Hit-Run Driver

Earl R. Westerling and Alton Roberson Put Under Bond Following Hearing

Charges growing out of the fatal injury to Minnie Spencer, middle-aged negro, who was struck by an automobile on the highway at eastern edge of Plymouth Saturday about midnight caused Recorder John W. Darden to order two men held for superior court in July following a preliminary hearing Tuesday morning. The woman died shortly after being struck by a car, which it is claimed did not stop.

Earl R. Westerling, young employee of the North Carolina Pulp Company, was released under bond of \$1,000, while Alton Roberson, young married man, who was also named in the warrant as a defendant, was released under a bond of \$250 as a material witness in connection with the affair. The men were arrested at Vance Satterthwaite's filling station shortly after the accident by Patrolman Tom Brown and Chief of Police P. W. Brown.

The warrant was issued on three counts: (1) Driving while under the influence of whiskey; (2) driving in a reckless manner and doing personal injury to Minnie Spencer; and (3) failure to stop and render assistance following an accident.

A third occupant of the car, alleged to have been operated by Westerling, a young woman, was not named in the warrant either as defendant or witness and during the hearing her name was not mentioned, although it was brought out that there was a woman in the car.

The chief witness for the state at the preliminary hearing was Patrolman Tom Brown, who investigated the case with local officers.

The officer told of tracing the path of the car by the tire impressions in the soft earth. His investigation tended to show that the car ran off the shoulders on the right and then, at an angle, ran across the paved road to the left shoulder, where the Spencer woman was struck.

In his testimony he mentioned he had found a dent in the side of Westerling's car, apparently caused by an impact, that he found tufts of grass and clover from the field underneath the car and between the tires and the rim similar to that at the side of the road where the accident occurred, and that he found gray

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## Freeman, Ausbon, Knowles Entries in Race for Offices

The campaign for the office of Representative from Washington County to the General Assembly became three-cornered this week, when W. T. Freeman entered in opposition to B. A. Sumner and A. R. Dupree, sr.

Mr. Freeman stated that he had always been a farmer and knows the needs of the farmer; that he has had business experience, including both the ups and downs, and knows what confronts the people. Summing it all up, he says, like the prophet of old, "Here am I, send me."

J. C. Knowles entered the race for commissioner from his town-ship, and C. V. W. Ausbon announces his candidacy to succeed himself as clerk of the superior court to round out political developments for the week.

### NEW SUPERINTENDENT

Louis J. Meunier, jr., has been made superintendent of the plant at the North Carolina Pulp Company, succeeding W. M. Carey, who left the company last week. Mr. Meunier has had several years' experience with paper mills in Delair, N. J., and was assistant engineer at the construction of a new paper plant in Manchester, England.

## Council Prohibits Shows Interfering With Dates of Fair

Police Radio Provided for at Regular Meeting Held Monday Night

The Plymouth City Council, in session Monday night, adopted an ordinance prohibiting the showing of any kind of carnival or similar entertainment in Plymouth for 30 days before the Washington County Fair, the date for which has not yet been set.

Councilman E. H. Liverman was named to meet with the Southern Albemarle Association members here April 14 to plan for the Albemarle bridge opening.

The town decided to pay for a radio for Chief of Police P. W. Brown to use in getting radio police calls.

Chief of Police P. W. Brown and Patrolman Tom Brown were asked by the council to designate the streets on which small stop signs will be put down on the streets where highways intersect.

## Soon Resume Work On Newlands Road

## Arthur H. Spruill Dies Near Roper

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon for Arthur R. Spruill, about 60, who died Tuesday at his home near Roper after a short illness.

Mr. Spruill, a native of this county, had been a farmer all his life and was highly regarded as an industrious and respected citizen.

He is survived by his widow and several sons.

## Norfolk Southern Will Discontinue Train To Columbia

No Opposition To Petition at Utilities Commission Meeting Held Wednesday

It appears now that the Norfolk Southern Railroad Company will discontinue the train from Macks to Columbia, as there was no one present Wednesday when the railroad officials petitioned the Utilities Commission for permission to remove it, claiming they were losing money on the road.

This is one of the seven scheduled passenger trains which the railroad insists are losing money. They will continue passenger service from Norfolk to Raleigh, through Plymouth, but they are seeking discontinuance of passenger service from Belhaven to Pinetown.

The company presented figures to show they were losing \$2,474.04 annually on the Macks to Columbia run.

## Route Is Added To County System by Road Commission

Official Notification Is Given Week of Intention To Resume Work

Official information was received this week by Carl L. Bailey from District Highway Commissioner Ernest V. Webb, of Kinston, that the short-cut road from the head of Newlands to Roper had been added to the State system and had been placed on their map.

Mr. Webb also advised Mr. Bailey that this road would be completed and maintained by the highway commission as a secondary road. Work will be resumed soon, only a small amount being required to place the route in operation.

The road was started some months ago as a WPA project, but insufficiency of funds caused the WPA to discontinue work when it liked only a short distance of being completed. A few cars have made the trip over the road already. Some grading and installation of culverts is about all that is required to complete it.

The route materially lessens the distance from Cherry to Roper, and will afford an outlet for a large number of people who have been forced to travel about 35 miles to reach the county seat, whereas the short cut will reduce it to about 17 miles.

Mr. Bailey secured passage of a resolution by the county commissioners and then it was forwarded to the road body, where it was approved.