

Raymond Smith and Raymon Smith, or the Raymond Smiths (not VOLUME L-NUMBER 13 related), of the Norman Furniture Company, spent Tuesday at a General Electric school in Greenville, where **Plymouth Band Makes** they studied matters concerning the refrigerators handled by the local firm, in order to render better service to those who purchase refriger ators from the local store.

W. Frith Winslow, member of the North Carolina Artists' Club, and well known artist of Plymouth, attended the formal opening of the North Carolina Art Gallery in the new Supreme Court Building on Tuesday evening in Raleigh. Recognized as a talented artist, Mr. Winslow was extended a special invitation.

Williamsport (Pa.) Grays at the the near future. opening baseball game of the Season Saturday are the following men connected with the management of the music festival, a central feature of spectators attended. Class A club: Manager Mart Mc-Manus; Roy Clunk, business manager; Elmer Schuyler, editor of the Williamsport Sun-Bulletin; Charles Solder, trainer; and Louis Jress, property manager.

Miss Sarah Stiley McLean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. McLean, recently was named secretary of the Young Woman's Christian Association at Chapel Hill by the student body of the University of North Carolina. She is a sophomore at the university.

It has been reported that the garage building formerly occupied by the House Chevrolet Company will be renovated and occupied shortly by a bowling alley and that the old Plymouth Mercantile store on Water Street will soon be filled with stock for a grocery and market. Names of the new renters have not been made known.

S. W. Fowler, of Greensboro, has been here for sometime relieving J A. Ferree, sanitary inspector, who has beer ill for several weeks. Mr. Fere underwent an operation at Duke iospital, returning here last week and he said today he hoped to be back on the job Saturday.

Walter H. Paramore was notified this week that his nomination as a member of the Washington County Board of Education for four years was confirmed by the legislature, and he will go into office Monday. Other members who are serving terms are R. D. (Dick) Peacock, of Roper; and C. N. Davenport, jr., of Creswell.

Father-Son Banquet To Be Held Friday

**Report To Be Made Shows Increase** in Membership From 20 To 66

An increase from 20 to 66 pupils in the vocational agriculture class in the

where we want the stand makes the stand between the stand makes and the stand tent of te The Plymouth High School Band, here the Plymouth Band was outaking part in the Kinston Music standing in every particular and was Festival Wednesday, literally "stole greeted by bursts of applause along the line of march, as well as at the the show," according to a number of concert in the ball park there Wedpersons who attended the event. The nesday night. Miss Mary Elizabeth ocal organization was comemnded on Bray, drum majorette, came in for all sides both for its musical ability special commendation.

and attractive appearance, and as a A group of local persons provided result of its showing at the festival cars for the band's trip, and the \$25 has been invited to participate in the received for expenses will go into the Expected to visit here with the Safety Day Parade at Greenville in band treasury. Wednesday's schedule in the local schools was reduced to There was no competition between a half day and a dozen or more cars the 15 bands that gathered for the carrying students, musicians and

Director L. W. Zeigler today exwhich was the mammoth parade witnessed by an estimated 15,000 per- pressed himself as being well pleased sons, but from all reports received with the band's performance

Directories A house was burned to the ground here one day last week because telephone subscribers did not know th

number to call to turn in the alarm due to the fact that the fire depart ment is not listed in the directory, according to Fire Chief L. W. Gur-

**Fire Chief Urges Listing Call** 

Number on Covers of

THE ROANOKE BEACON

\* \* \* \* \* \* AND WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS \* \* \* \* \* \*

Plymouth, Washington County, North Carolina, Friday, March 31, 1939

The home of Eva Bentley, colored, on Hamilton Lane, caught affire last Friday morning, and she hurried to the near-by home of R. E. Dunning o have him turn in the alarm. The

fire department not being listed in the directory, he did not know where Candidates Announce to call. A next-door neignbor, Mrs. Cleveland Smith, was also unable to find the number, and finally Chief W. Brown was located to turn in

The Bentley home is some distance from the homes of the white people **Personal Property** o whom she applied for help in get-All Except 2 Present ting the fire department, and due to **Schedule of Values** the time lost in sounding the alarm Council Members in the house was totally destroyed at an estimated loss of \$600.

The fire chief urges local people who have telephone directories to list the city clerk's office, No. 2071, on front cover, where a space is provided for the fire call, so that when it is necessary the number will be

easily found. On another occasion not long ago, according to Mr. Gurkin, a person who was asked to phone in the call Plymouth that they would be candi- to the fire department did not know where to call, finally dialing the Williamston operator, who relayed the message after 15 minutes' delay.

H. C. Spruill, who could not be Sheriff's Office Here census at the same time. Robbed of \$200 Cash Last Thursday Night R. Phelps, Lees Mills; W. W. White, Profits With Towns

> **Intruder Also Stole Pistol and** Saber Highly Regarded as Heirlooms

Officers today were without a clue \$25 to \$50 each; other cattle, \$5 to to the identiy of the person who en- \$25; hogs and pigs, 6 cents a pound; tered Sheriff J. K. Reid's office in goats, \$1; sheep, \$2; mules, \$25 to the courthouse sometime last Thurs- \$250; horses, \$25 to \$150; hay, \$10 day night or Friday morning by rais- per ton; corn, 60 cents bushel; lard,

and a saber that was kept there. Friday morning Abram Styron, courthouse janitor, opened the door to clean the office and found the drawers to desks in the place ranand shopping center throughout this resignation of Gilbert Davis, decided sacked, the contents emptied on the floor, and the office generally littered with papers.

Sheriff Reid, who was

Eighty shares of stock had been that many local people would avail either sold or pledged in the sixth themselves of the opportunity to beseries being offered to the public now come home owners instead of home by the Plymouth Building and Loan renters by subscribing to stock in the Association, it was learned today from new series. Interest in the organizahe secretary, M. W. Spruill.

The new series officially opens on ing as the people become better ac-Saturday, April 1, but several of the quainted with the activities of the lirectors were canvassing the town association.

his week for those who are interested in taking shares in the new series, who have money to invest to buy Roy Manning, one of the directors, paid-up stock, which pays 4 to 5 per had sold 75 shares himself, and the cent interest, and which wil enable others had not reported their suc- the association to make loans to sev-

The stock is sold on the installment cations have been approved, although plan, each \$100 share costing 25 cents the loans are being held up because week for 61/2 years, and it was hoped funds are not available at present.

tion is reported to be steadily increas President E. F. Still urges those

eral worthy applicants whose appli

that were taken from those of a sim-Tax Listing To Start ilar organization in Dare County. The by-laws, as approved by the committee, fix the membership fees at \$4 per person per year, with a \$6 In County Saturday fee for business establishments. It

is expected that a discussion will arise on the floor at the general meeting as to the membership fees for farmers, and they will probably be reduced ome.

A home newspaper dedicated to the service of Washington County and its 12,000 people.

Membership Dues Fixed at \$4

For Individuals and 86

For Firms

An outline of the by-laws that will

be submitted to the membership of

the Washington County Chamber of

Commerce, which is scheduled to

meet on Wednesday, April 12, was

given at the meeting of the organi-

zation committee held in the munici-

Blount Rodman, president of the

ecently formed county-wide organi-

zation, presided over the committee

meeting and Secretary John W. Dar-

den read the by-laws drafted by him

pal building last Friday night.

**ESTABLISHED 1889** 

The plan of organization outlined includes maintenance of an office in Plymouth, with sufficient advertising matter to be distributed reciting the advantages and opportunities in Washington County.

It was further agreed by the committee to recommend that an executive committee, composed of the board of directors and officers, should meet weekly, and that the membership should be brought together quarterly in Plymouth, Roper, Creswell

tion of nine directors, with three from Plymouth, two from Lees Mills, one from Scuppernong, one from Skin-nersville, and two to be elected at

The organization, it is stressed in the by-laws, is to be county-wide in scope and is for the benefit of the county as a whole, including business men, professional men, farmers, laborers, and any one interested. It will be strictly non-partisan and nonpolitical in character.

**Drainage Meeting To** Be Held at Cherry School Friday Night

> Necessary To Form Organization To Secure Sponsors For WPA Project

The Federal Government is expect-

may arrange for 15 per cent, and it

is believed that the citizens will have

to put only about 10 per cent, the

other 5 per cent coming from an un-

mate of the amount of money the

project would require, but some said

the entire project. Whether or not

this estimate has any official basis

Home Near Creswell

Creswell.-Funeral services were

conducted Sunday afternoon for S.

B. Phelps, 69, who died at his home

near here Friday night. The Rev.

Roy Respass, former pastor, officiat-

ed, assisted by the Rev. L. B. Bennett.

could not be determined.

No one here would hazard an esti-

disclosed source.

Under the terms of the proposed Cherry.-Further steps in the ed at the values set up two years ago, law, the towns of Roper, Creswell and movement to reclaim thousands of except where improvements have Plymouth would share in a part of acres of submarginal land along the been made or losses sustained. Im- the proceeds. The Town Council of Scuppernong River will be taken in a provements to real estate will be list- Plymouth is seeking as much as 10 meeting that is to be held by intered at about 50 per cent of the actual per cent of the profits from the ABC ested citizens in the Cherry School cost; and it was stated that refrig- stores, based on the contention that Building Friday night at 8 p. m., acerators and other household equip- the municipality provides police procording to Stuart J. Woodley, a poptection for the largest store. ular and well-known citizen, who is No mention was made in the sill helping to sponsor the reclaiming fect a uniform listing of personal that passed the house as to the permovement. centage of profits to be distributed John W. Darden and C. L. Bailey. among the towns, as this is left to the of Plymouth, will meet with the scores discretion of the ABC board and of citizens of the section who are ex-

had not been completed at noon, although they were almost ready to bring in the huge seine. High water has delayed opening of the fisheries for about 10 days, and although conditions were not considered favorable Thursday morning Mr. Hampton decided to start, as he has only until May 10 to operate the

START FISHING

Merchants Decide To reached for a formal statement as to **Erect Road Signs at** Meeting Last Friday announced his candidacy for the of-fice of councilman from the third

**New President Expresses** Gratification

"It is very gratifying to me to have this large number of lusiness men present at the first meeting over which I shall preside as the new be new bolds thus meeting the position Association Friday night, when the

ber of problems affecting the indi-

section. It was decided to erect large signs his present position.

and at several other points.

Mr. Manning, who was recently

elected president of the association,

said the large attendance at the meet

ing was a good indication that "we

are going to make Plymouth one of

"In order to accomplish every im-

also serve to reduce the rate of tax

but because of various preparations to be made, the first haul

two large commercial fisheries.

Meeting Is Well Attended and

local organization discussed a numadvertising the town as a trading



Definite announcements had been nade up to today by all the present membership of the Town Council of dates to succeed themselves in the municipal election on May 2, with

the exception of T. C. Burgess, who said he was physically unable to attend to the duties of the office, and his intentions.

W. F. Winslow, merchant, today announced his candidacy for the ofvard. E. H. Liverman and H. C.

Spruill now represent this ward, but it was not sure that Mr. Spruill would be a candidate again.

First to break the ice surrounding municipal politics was A. J. Riddle, who last week announced his candidacy for the office held by Mr. Bur-

ward. Mayor B. G. Campbell, who has served the town in one capacity or vidual members and made plans for another for the past 15 years, the last three as mayor following the

last week to offer for reelection to

For Municipal Offices the alarm

List Takers To Visit Various

on County for taxation will begin Saturday, with E. F. Swain, of Creswell, as supervisor. Property owners are notified that all real estate personal property and poll taxes must be listed during the month, and that penalties will be imposed for failure to list. Farmers are also required to

Skinnersville; and P. B. Belanga

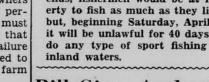
short schedule for values of personal

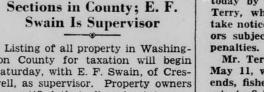
property was agreed upon as follows: Poultry, 10 cents pound; milk cows

By Argiculture Class president," said J. R. Manning at the meeting of the Plymouth Merchants meeting of the Plymouth Merchants ward listed according to a standard rate book of used-car values.

year of real estate, and it will be list-

do any type of sport fishing in inland waters.





**Decided Last Week** 

be prepared to give in their farm

Tax listers for the four townships

Scuppernong

At a conference held last week a

today by Game Protector J. T. Terry, who urges sportsmen to take notice of this fact as violators subject themselves to heavy

Mr. Terry said that beginning May 11, when the closed season ends, fishermen would be at liberty to fish as much as they like, but, beginning Saturday, April 1, it will be unlawful for 40 days to

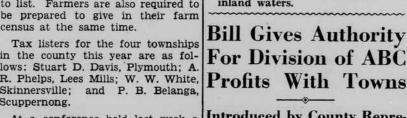
**CLOSE SPORT FISHING** 

Friday is the last day for hook

and line fishing and casting in-

land waters of Washington Coun-

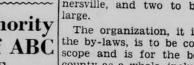
ty for 40 days, it was announced



Introduced by County Representative, Measure Passes In House Tuesday

A bill has been introduced in the egilature by Representative Wilbur M. Darden authorizing the commissioners to allocate a part of the profits derived from the sale of legal whiskey in Washington County to the several town governments. The bill was passed by the house Tuesday and

is expected to pass in the senate some There will be no revaluation this time this week before adjournment.



and Wenona. The by-laws provide for the elec-

Plymouth High School has been made since the organization of classes in in the section. One of them will be the course last September, according to a report prepared by W. S. Moore, ford, advising tourists to travel by instructor, to be read at the father and son banquet for 90 persons here Plymouth on the way south; another Friday night in the community hall.

The report outlines the activities the Bethel highway out of Williamof the boys as follows: Remodeled ston, urging motorists to follow route class rooms; built new filing cases; 64 for the shortest route to Manteo painted rooms and desks; new books and Nags Head or to go by way of have been added, as well as one piece of power machinery; a tool room has been constructed; and the following 64 below the intersection leading to have been made in the carpenter shop: 10 hog feeders, hand-made furthe county seat and a growing tradniture, 10 hall trees, pig troughs, bird houses, tables, book and bulletin marle area. Smaller signs will be cases, milk stools, swings, and 12 placed at Chocowinity, near William ironing boards. ston on the Washington highway;

Studies have been made in lawns hatching eggs, care of baby chicks, identification of swine and poultry, soil-improving crops, seed-corn selection, nitrogen-fixing bacteria, homeorchard culture.

A summary of the project scopes the best trading centers in the Albereveals the following: 1,600 chickens, marle section.' 27 acres of corn, 15 acres peanuts, 10 gilts, 17 feeder pigs, 2 acres cucumbers, and 1 acre tobacco. tinued, "it is essential for every bus-

farming methods by pruning 205 help advertise our community and according to C. V. W. Ausbond, clerk, fruit trees, sprayed 128 trees, and encourage our citizens to trade at who released the calendar this week. helped to place 2,200 baby chicks on home. This will help build our town farms in the Plymouth school dis- and community in value and size and trict.

Mr. Moore would not announce the on our property." program for the banquet, preferring to withhold it as a surprise

**Forest Fire Law** Is Strengthened gram.

**Home Talent Play** An amendment has been made to the brush burning permit law during the current session of the North Carolina General Assembly, accord-

Arrival of Miss Ruth Anderson to ing to S. F. Darden, county game warden, who pointed out that brush will be given by the Plymouth High burning permits must be secured now School Athletic Association at the before fire is set any time from Februschool auditorium on Thursday. ary 1to June 15 and October 15 to December 1.

The law has been further amended today by Principal R. B. Trotman. the election May 2 for positions a in that the penalty now is a fine of not more than \$50 or imprisonment no more than 30 days, which part of and elementary school girls in the from Aubrey R. Phelps, clerk. the amendment places the violation choruses. Miss Ruth Kiker will proof this law within the jurisdiction of vide the accompaniment at the piano. justices of the peace.

March 16 and went into effect im- Getsinger, C. O. Armstrong, John nouncements as to their intentions, mediately. Warden Darden urges Weaver, R. B. Trotman, Red Liver- but reports are that some of them those in Washington County who man, and Wilford Whitley. This play, sponsored by the high have any burning to do to please secure these permits prior to setting school athletic association to raise expressed themselves as desiring to fires or they will be subject to arrest funds to take care of a deficit in the quit but that no formal statements

as the State officials have advised last year or two, is not to be con-Mr. Darden to see that every one fused with a parent-teacher associa- that when the time comes most of who starts a fire near forests has one tion play to be given later, accord-ing to the principal. of these permits.

J. W. Norman and Dr. W. H. Johnon several of the main-traveled routes son, present members from the second ward, announced this week that placed a short distance out of Hert- they would be candidates again. So far, no contests have developed way of the new sound bridge through for any of the various municipal offices to be filled at the election on of the large signs will be placed on May 2, but it is understood that several other local citizens have been

giving consideration to the idea of entering for the various places.

large sign will be placed on Highway 64 below the intersection leading to Eight Cases on Civil Schoolmasters To the bridge, advertising Plymouth as Calendar for Court ing center for the Southern Albe- Beginning April 17

> Judge C. Everett Thompson, Of Elizabeth City, Will Be **Presiding Jurist**

> Eight cases are on the calendar for the one-week civil term of Washington County Superior Court, which convenes here on Monday, April 17, with Judge C. Everett Thompson, of

provement our town needs," he con- Elizabeth City, scheduled to preside. Motion and divorce cases will be of Creswell. The boys have promoted improved iness man here to pull together and called as the pleasure of the court,

> The calendar follows: Monday, April 17: Nathaniel Coletrain, et al. vs. A. C. L. R. R. Co.; garding this phase

W. W. Griffin vs. J. H. Gaylord, III. Mr. Manning also made a plea for Tuesday, April 18: Louis Bateman the business men to cooperate with vs. John Halsey; Joseph Rhodes vs. Eastern Fertilizer Company, et al; the Plymouth Building and Loan Association in its efforts to promote J. J. Johnson vs. Tazewell Wheelock, home ownership and a building proet al

Wednesday, April 19: Percy H Roberts vs. Linnie E. Roberts; L. H. Lucas et al vs. M. L. Bowen; Nannie H. Paul vs. Minnie H. Davenport.

Thursday, April 6 **But Little Interest in** 

coach the play, "Oh, Doctor!" which Roper Town Election Roper .-- No announcements have April 6, at 8 p. m., was announced been made yet as to who will enter There wil lbe 13 character parts, mayor and commissioners of the supported by about 50 high school Town of Roper, it was learned today Present officials are W. M. Bateman, mayor; L. L. Mizelle, H. M Included in the cast will be Irene Williams and J. E. Phelps, commis-The amendment was ratified on Dixon, Jeanette Edwards, Thelma sioners. They have made no an-

> may not run. Mr. Phelps said today that all had have been made, and it is believed them will be pressed into service for the town again.

reported that to the best of his knowledge about \$200 in money was missing, along with an old pistol and ment must be listed also. a saber that had been in his fam-

"Every effort will be made to efily for generations. Today officers were still baffled as property, and some of the listings to the identity of the person who may have to be checked at the place committed the robbery, and none of the easily identified items had been the property is located," according to Supervisor Swain. discovered.

The list takers urge the property

Principals and school superinject to penalties. tendents from about nine counties are

For the convenience of property expected to gather here in the comowners, the list takers will visit varmunity hall Monday night, when the ous places in the county during the Albemarle Schoolmasters' Club will give a banquet for its 40 members newspaper a complete schedule is with an interesting program being published which will be followed. Tax

payers are urged to clip this out and Members of this organization in keep it so as to meet the list-taker Washington County are H. H. Mcwhen he is in their section. Lean, superintendent of public instruction: Principal R. B. Trotman

Plymouth; Principal D. E. Poole, of Creswell Preparing

Creswell.-Interest in the town

enport, sr., mayor; H. W. Pritchette, Claude Brinn, commissioners.

So far as could be learned today was regarded as certain that some of the present officeholders would gage. run again, their names could not be

**Initial Meeting of Eastern** Star Held Here Thursday

A meeting of the 25 persons who Mrs. Herbert Phelps with a brick and Eastern Star, an auxiliary of the Ma-

sonic order, was held Thursday afternoon for the purpose of organizing the local chapter, under the direction of Mrs. L. A. Larkin, Mrs. D. R. Satterthwaite and Mrs. R. E. Dunning

The organization is required to tree which stands in the yard of Paul function for two months under a Sawyer about 2 miles south of Plymspecial dispensation before a charter outh. The tree is 10 feet and 6 inches can be granted, and they have per- in diameter, measured 3 feet from fected their organization in the hope the ground. Never having been topbe 120 feet. meeting to be held in June.

county commissioners. pected to take steps to organize a None of the profits from legal whissponsoring organization to take care key sales have been turned over to owners to list their property early to the county yet, as it has been used to be borne by the citizens. of the share of cost which will have avoid the rush later in the month. to stock the store, discounts bills, Meet Here April 3 Failure to list may result in valuation and meet other expenses, but it is inequalities in addition to rendering understood there is a sum on hand ed by those identified with the movethe delinquent property owner sub- which may be turned over shortly, ment to provide about 70 per cent of the total cost through the WPA, although Chairman E. G. Arps, of

the ABC board would not divulge the amount. amount.

## month, and on another page of this Four Cases Tried In Court Tuesday

A three-month sentence on the roads was suspended upon payment of a \$10 doctor's bill and the costs it would not be more than \$30,000 for with the provision of good behavior for two years, when Andy Arnold, 27, For Town Election white, and Harry Lee Arnold, 27, white, were arraigned in recorder's

Mr. Wodley said over 100 families, court Tuesday on a charge of asincluding about 1,000 persons, were saulting Fred Floyd with a bottle interested in the effort to reclaim the election to be held on Tuesday, May Evidence tended to show that while 2, was reported increasing following one the brothers held the victim the timber and farm lands from Bull announcement by H. W. Pritchette, other hit him with a beer bottle on Pond to Cherry along the Scupperclerk to the board, that those who the head, doing Floyd serious bodily nong. An important feature is the wish to register or wish to be candi- harm. Prayer for judgment was confact that more healthful conditions would be provided in the section through the malaria-control plan to drunk and making themselves a nuis- be followed.

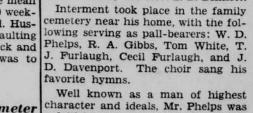
Wardell Spruill, 23, white, was re-S. B. Phelps Dies at A. S. Holmes, H. R. Stillman, and leased under a bond of \$200 after an appeal from a fine of \$50 and costs on a charge of disposing of mort none had made any public statement gaged property, an automobile sold of his candidacy, and although it to him by D. R. Satterthwaite, on which Mr. Satterthwaite held a mort-

> Phillip Huston, 21, white, charged with failure to support his wife and child, had prayer for judgment continued until July 11, and in the mean time he must pay his wife \$2.50 weekly for the support of the child. Huson was also charged with assaulting

have been pledged as members of the trespass. Judgment in this was to be passed later.

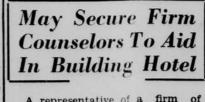
**Oak Tree Near Here Is Over 10 Feet in Diameter** 

Believed by J. O. Everett to be one



a faithful member of the local Christian church.

of the largest oaks in the state is the Surviving is his widow and the following children: S. E. Phelps and Luther Phelps, Mrs. Sam Furlaugh, Mrs. Rixy White, Mrs. Clyde Tarkenton, Mrs. W. P. Davenport and Mrs. Landie Davenport, all of Creswell; of getting their charter at the state ped, the spread of the oak is said to and one brother, W. T. Phelps, also of Creswell.



arranged.

A representative of a firm of counselors and directors of com munity and institutional financing is expected here in a few days to confer with citizens regarding a modern hotel for Plymouth, it was

announced today by J. R. Manning, president of the Plymouth Mer-

chants Association. According to information re-ceived by Mr. Manning, the firm has been instrumental in the erection of new hotels in 175 cities in the United States and Canada, and Mr. Manning believes they can be helpful in the local project.

Waynesboro, Va., has an example of their efforts in directing the financing of a small inn-type hotel, which they claim is a credit to the town the size of the Virginia city. This organization, explains Mr. Manning, surveys a town and with the citizens determines the need of a proper hostelry and then proceeds to interest those with money in the venture.

Roper: and Principal A. T. Brooks Mr. McLean was unable to give any information on the program, as a committee has charge of this part of

> dates should see W. H. Peal, regis- tinued on a charge of being publicly trar. The present officers are C. N. Dav- ance.

had been received from members re-

secured.

the meeting, and no announcements