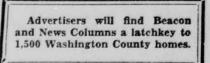
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A New Year's Dance, to be followed by a buffet supper, at the Country Club will climax social activities in Plymouth during the holidays. The dance will begin at midnight Sunday New License Plates Must 20 Criminal and 23 One Man Killed, Several Injured, night, continuing until 4 a. m., and, as is the usual custom, a large crowd is expected to attend the event. The "Deans of Music" orchestra will furnish the music. Dr. A. Papineau, chairman of the club entertainment committee, is in charge of arrangements

Director L. W. Zeigler's Plymouth High School Band came in for a large measure of applause from the 3,000 people here for the prize drawing Wednesday afternoon. The musicians braved a cold drizzle to perform for the large crowd and made an excellent showing.

Mendall H. Long writes in from Engelhard this week seeking a basketball game with the Plymouth All-Stars. Mr. Long represents a team composed of former Engelhard High School players, who are reported to have been very successful in their games thus far, and they want to play the local independents. It is expected a series will be arranged.

Fifty members of the Plymouth High School Glee Club went to Raleigh on a Norfolk Southern bus, provided free of charge by the bus company, last Thursday afternoon to broadcast a program of Christmas music over Station WPTF. A number of laudatory letters have been received concerning the program presented.

Chief of Police P. W. Brown had a busy time Wednesday afternoon, and was only partially successful in keeping the 3,000 people who attended the final drawing for prizes from throwing their worthless tickets on the wet pavement after the last winning number had been called. Officials of the merchants association, who conducted the drawing, repeatedly asked that the stubs not be thrown on the streets, but there was a fair sprinkling of them scattered about when the crowd moved away despite all effort:

Installment stock in the ninth series of the Plymouth Building & Loan Association, dated January 1, is now being offered for sale, and preparations are underway by the directors to wage an intensive campaign to add about 500 shares to the 1,200 active shares now in force.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight McKnight, of Little Rock, Ark., were here this week visiting Mrs. McKnight's mother, Mrs. Sarah F. Nurney. Mr. Knight, formerly in business here, has been a salesman for a tobacco concern for about six years since leaving here.

Be on All Cars Monday Civil Cases Are Set In Car Accidents; Woman Found Motorists who do not have their 1940 license plates will probably save themselves a lot of grief by leaving their cars at home until they do get them, starting next Monday, January 1, according to Corporal Tom B. Brown, of the State Highway Patrol, who has been informed by state authorities that there will be no extension of time for securing tags and ordered to begin

arresting violators on the first day of the new year. Sunday will be the last day that old plates may be lawfully used. After that time, every motor vehicle must have new tags or else must not be used on the highways.

The cost of license plates this

Few Places Here

To Close Monday

Business and industry here will

not generally observe Monday,

New Year's Day, as a holiday, al-

though the Branch Banking and

Trust Company and the Plym-

outh and Creswell ABC stores will

be closed, and the post office here

will render a reduced schedule of

Postmaster G. W. Hardison

said the post office would receive

and dispatch mail, but the win-

dows will not be opened, and

there will be no rural or city de-

liveries. Mail will be placed in

The New Year Dance at the

Country Club starting at mid-

night Sunday, is about the only

The local stores and business

establishments in general will re-

The county commissioners and

board of education will hold their

Throughout County

Urged by Officials

which gets underway next Monday.

Although the date for listing has

been moved up from April to Janu-

ary, there is but little difference in

the set-up from former years, except

that in making farm reports farmers

list their 1939 plantings instead of

estimating the acreage they will plant

job last year, urges all citizens to co-

operate by listing early, rather than

curacies will be eliminated if prop-

The supervisor, who handled the

to various crops in 1940.

regular meetings Wednesday morning instead of Monday.

special observance planned.

main open Monday.

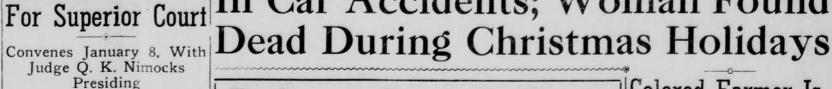
boxes at the local office.

service.

year is substantially the same as for the past two years. A rushing business is expected at the Williamston office, where motorists in this section may secure their new plates.

The local patrolman advises those who may have trouble in getting their licenses, due to loss of title certificate, or change in title, to see him at once so they may ride after the first of the year. The officer will be busy Mon-

day and Tuesday checking cars to see that they have their new plates. He will be glad to aid those who may have difficulty in getting their titles straightened out or, he says, "if they have any other trouble-except lack of funds.'



Twenty criminal and 23 civil cases

are on the docket for trial at the two

weeks mixed term of Washington

County Superior Court convening

here Monday, January 8, with Judge

Q. K. Nimocks, of Fayetteville, pre-

Monday and Tuesday of the first

week has been set aside for the trial

of the 20 criminal cases on the dock-

et, although more time may be re-

quired, as there are some cases sched-

uled which will probably call for

lengthy examination of witnesses and

extended speeches by the lawyers.

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Fire Insurance Rates for Dwellings in Town Reduced, Effective December 1

Fire insurance policy holders in the towns and suburbs of Washington County will save hundreds of dollars next year in insurance premiums with the anouncement that the rates on dwellings and househould furniture with dwelling to dwelling exposures have been reduced 50 per cent

effective on December 1 in Plymouth and other towns. However, agents will make no reductions on dwellings that are

> exposed to mercantile risk or fire hazards. Along with this rate reduction in dwelling exposures is the elimination of exposure charges to

brick dwellings. These reductions only apply to towns, cities and suburbs in North Carolina and are not effective in rural sections

Colored Farmer Is Killed in Collision On Highway No. 64

Drove Onto Highway in Front of Oncoming Car Monday Night

Violence and tragic death marred the Christmas observance in Washington County in several instances last week-end, with one person found dead in a forest, another killed by an automobile, several injured in an automobile collision, and still another seriously injured in an affray.

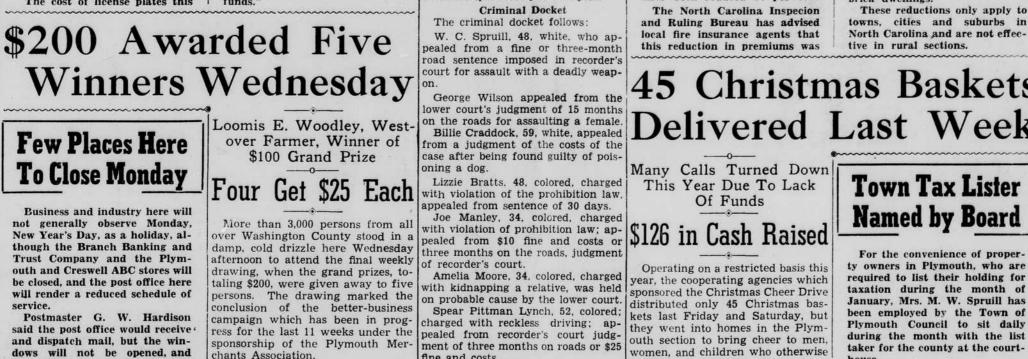
Annie Sherrod, colored woman about 50 years old, was found dead in a wooded area west of the baseball park by George Bagley Tuesday morning. She had been missing since Saturday night and her son. Leroy Sherrod, was in the searching party which found her and brought her home. A coroner's jury was empaneled following discovery of the body, but Coroner W. H. Peele said there were no marks of violence or evidence of foul play in connection with the death, and it is presumed she died either from exposure or from natural causes. Alec Watson was reported to have been the last person to see her alive.

Joe Simpson, colored, 38, was instantly killed Monday night, when the car he was driving was struck by one operated by Bill Darden, who was accompanied by Charles Ed Brinn. The accident occurred about 13 miles east of Plymouth on Highway 64. It was reported that Simpson drove onto the highway from the driveway leading to his home right in front of the Darden car. It was also said the lights on the colored man's car were not burning at the time of the accident. Simpson was a tenant on Dennis Chesson's farm and is surwell by his wife and nine children Mr. Darden suffered a cut over one eye and Mr. Brinn lost several teeth

and had bruises about the body. Corporal Tom Brown, of the Highway Patrol, who investigated the accident. said that apparently the door of Mr. Darden's car struck Simpson's head. Business Census of as hair and flesh was found on the door. A preliminary hearing will be as hair and flesh was found on the held for Darden on Friday. Officers

or neglect on the part of Mr. Dar-

An automobile driven by B. F.



fine and costs. Sam Hoover, colored, 27, charged with assault; appealed from 12 months' sentence given in recorder's court. James D. Blount, charged with aid

from three months' sentence Willie Bishop, 24, colored, assault they expect to organize earlier and with a deadly weapon; appealed from make a more complete survey as three months' sentence imposed in well as more intensive drive to sup-

recorder's court. ply the needy with a measure of R. S. Riddick, 55, white, charged Christmas cheer. with reckless driving; appealed from

30-day suspended sentence upon payment of \$14 for damage to car of J. given and about 300 toys placed into

women, and children who otherwise would have had little, if anything,

to remind them of the season. A total of \$126 in cash was raised for the work, and all of this amount was spent except 82 cents, which was ing and abetting in larceny; appealed left in the bank as a start on the fund for 1940, when the sponsors say

> In addition to the cash raised about \$110 worth of merchandise was

the Christmas baskets by firemen, collected them.



house

township.

minute rush.

Bobby Cahoon, son of Mrs. Minnie Cahoon, formerly of Plymouth, is cap-Underway Monday tain of the tennis team at Wake Forest College. Though his mother lives in Chapel Hill, where the University of North Carolina is located. young Cahoon attends the Wake Forest institution. He was in Plym-outh during the week-end. Continues During Month of January; Early Listing

High School Band Gave Concert Last Thursday

A concert of Christmas music was given in the Plymouth High School list their taxes for 1940 during the Auditorium last Thursday night, with month of January, instead of April about 100 parents of the young musicians and friends present.

Because of the fact that several members of the band were absent, nouncing that his organization had Director L. W. Zeigler secured the help of Band Director J. E. Aiken and several of his musicians from Robersonville. An entertaining and impressive concert was given.

Good Christmas Business **Reported by Merchants**

Business was very good in Plymouth during the Christmas season, according to reports from several merchants who expressed their ap- to count on an extension of time bepreciation for the patronage of local ing granted. Many errors and inacpeople this week.

J. R. Manning, president of the erty is listed by the owner personally merchants association, said that bus- early in the month instead of waitiness in general was much better than ing for the last-minute rush which it was at the same time last year; always develops during the last few organization, said his Chirstmas business was the best in years. Other

same report.

and W. F. Winslow, secretary of the days of the period. List takers for the various town ships have been appointed as follows: merchants, including E. H. Liverman, H. C. Spruill, Plymouth Township; E. H. A. Williford, J. W. Norman, Don M. Chesson, Lees Mill; W. W. White, G. Davis, and Pender's, made the

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County Taxes Payable at Par During January; Penalties Begin February 1

County taxes for 1939 are payable at par throughout the month of January, according to J. E. Davenport, tax collector, who explained this week that there are neither discounts nor penalties on payments made before February 1

However, there will be a 1 per cent penalty added each month after January; starting with 1 per cent in February; 2 per cent in March; 3 per cent in April; and 4 per cent in May. After the latter month, there is no further increase in the penalties, but interest is charged on all unpaid accounts.

The tax collector said he was

anxious for as many as possible to pay their tax accounts during January, as the county needs the money for current expenses; and, too, there will be no penalties charged against those who have failed to pay heretofore, although 1939 taxes became due on last October 1st.

Mr. Davenport did not say what percentage of the 1939 tax levy had been paid to date, although he estimated collections so far were ahead of those for the same period in 1938. Conditions have been more favorable this year, and many farmers as well as most of the corporations have paid their tax accounts.

second \$25 award. Miss Mildred with abandonment and non-support; Dudley presented the ticket for her. Mrs. W. C. Jones, with a ticket, indement which required him to non-support; painted and make arrangements to have them delivered to the homes of Mrs. W. C. Jones, with a ticket from Williford's Yellow Front Mar-his wife \$7.50 weekly. He forfeited the needy children. Those who assiste ket, claimed the third \$25 prize after his bond. no claimant came forward when a

Brown, with a ticket from the Plym- E. Parnell.

ban Papineau, with another ticket to the State hospital by the lower from Williford's store, won the fourth court; appealed

A. Barton Woodley, of Norfolk,

held the tickets for his father,

Loomis E. Woodley, of Westover, a

farmer, who won the grand prize of

\$100, with a ticket from the Central

Garage. Out of the total of 143,000

tickets issued by the 26 cooperating

merchants, Mr. Woodley had 74

A youngster by the name of Wayne

Miller held a ticket for Mrs. Fer-

The ticket came from the Plymouth

Hardware Company. Mrs. Jack

rell Boyd, who won the first \$25 prize.

tickets.

Tax Listing To Get outh Furniture Company, won the

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and final \$25. Sam Scherr, did the drawing. J. R. from 30-day sentence or \$25 fine im-

Owners of real estate and personal association; W. F. Winslow, secreproperty in Washington County must tary, E. H. Liverman and A. J. Byrd tried on a charge of aiding and abetwere in charge of the drawing. Altogether, the merchants gave property. as in former years, E. F. Swain, supaway \$600 in cash prizes during the ervisor, reminded this week in an-

progress of the campaign, which be- found guilty of possessing non-tax-(Continue on page four) been perfected for the listing task

Wallace Baum, found guilty of enprior number was called. Mrs. Al- tering at night, was ordered confined

J. O. Lucius, 22, white; charged

Bill Daniels, 16, white, charged with Marvin Scherr, son of Mr. and Mrs. damaging personal property, appealed

Manning, president of the merchants posed in recorder's court. James Langston, 32, white, is to be

ting in the damaging of personal Matthew Griffin, 30, colored, was

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It was estimated that the total value of the baskets, including merchandise, toys and cash collected, would be well in excess of \$250. This compares with \$200 in cash raised last Christmas and \$300 in cash col-

and Joe Nobles.

lected Christmas before last. Fruit, clothing, toys, food and various other needed articles were (Continue on page four)

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As we enter upon another year, we pause to extend our great appreciation for the patronage given us in the past and to earnestly solicit your favors in the future, not overlooking the desire to extend to our readers, patrons, and other friends over this entire community the greetings of the day. To each and everyone we wish all the good things in life during this New Year. May happiness, peace, health and prosperity follow each of you during every minute of the coming year.

The ROANOKE BEACON No is the set of the s

County To Be Taken said they did not believe the acci-dent was caused by any recklessness During Next Month Those who assisted in raising the noney and distributing the baskets were Mrs. W. V. Hays, president of

This was done in order that

town taxpayers may list both

their county and town holdings

at the same time. H. C. Spruill

is the county list taker for this

Town officials will make every

effort to avoid errors and inco-

curacies in the listing work this

year, and all town property own-

ers are urged to list as early as

possible to avoid the usual last-

the Parent-Teacher Association; P. Delbert Allen, of Plymouth, W. Brown, Mrs. J. B. Willoughby, Appointed for Washing man Frider night and Harry Still-Appointed for Washington-Tyrrell Counties

D. W. Lupton, of Washington, district supervisor of the Census of the First Census or Congressional District, announced this week that his

taking the business census in January. The Bureau of the Census only allotted 12 people to do this work in the entire district, and selections have been made as follows:

Washington and Tyrrell Counties Delbert Allen, Plymouth. Pitt County: Frank Brooks, Greenille; and Mrs. John Andrews, Ayden Beaufort: Ruffin O'Neal, Washingon; and R. H. Paul, jr., Edward;

Martin: Claude T. Smith, Roberonville Pasquotank: J. J. Hughes, Eliza-

eth City. Hyde: W. W. Watson, Lake Land-

Dare: Mrs. Vivian Ryder, Manteo. Taylor, Maple Hertford and Gates: W. A. McGloon, Murfreesboro.

Chowan and Perquimans: R. T. Brinn, Hertford.

erence during the week with Mr. pass a test. upton and the assistant supervisor, W. A. Everett, of Edenton.

Town Officials Take Lead in Attempt To Secure Bus Terminal for Plymouth

Sometime within the next few weeks, L. B. Wickersham and Chester Hawkins, officials of the Norfolk Southern Bus Corporation, of Norfolk, will be invited here to talk with officials of local civic organizations regarding a bus station for Plymouth.

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With seven buses daily coming into Plymouth from Williamston Norfolk, Columbia, and Washington-and this number increased to seven daily on Saturdays and Sundays-many local people, including Mayor B. G. Campbell and J. W. Darden, secretary of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce, think the town should have a bus terminal.

Zeb Vance Norman, as town at-

torney and leading civic worker, has been requested by the Town of Plymouth Council to write the bus company officials and ask them to come here for a conference to discuss the matter.

Town officials point out that the present station. Arps Pharmacy, while convenient and comfortable, does not have sufficient parking space for the buses, which are forced to take on and discharge passengers at the town's busiest street intersection.

Anyway, the local officials have announced that their 1940 goal is to have a bus station as beautiful, comfortable and convenient as the one recently erected by the company in Washington.

the fracas.

a stick. The Boston negroes were fined \$5 each and the costs in recorder's court Tuesday. They were

Several cases of intoxication were

reported to the police during the holidays. Four men were arrested and kept in jail overnight before they were released with no charges preferred against them.

and population census would not be Camden and Currituck: James A. taken until April and that enumerators for that work would not be selected until the latter part of March. No information has yet been given him as to how many enumerators will be assigned to each county, and those These enumerators will be in con- who do the work must successfully

Enumerators do not receive any

salary or traveling expenses and are Mr. Lupton stated that the farm paid fees for their work.

Skiles struck the machines of Mrs. man Friday night. Mrs. Robbins suffered an injured hip, but the other occupants of the three cars were not seriously hurt. Damage estimated at \$400 was done to the three machines. The accident occurred within the city limits, almost in front of the T. C.

Burgess home office had completed preparations for Joe Hedgebeth, colored, received serious head injuries Sunday after-

noon, when it was alleged that Joe and Willie Boston assaulted him with

also required to pay the Virginia Electric and Power Company \$12 for a meter which was damaged during