Peacock, for about \$1,200, the prop-

erty at the corner of Main and Boush Streets in the Town of Roper where the late Dr. B. F. Halsey lived and

L. H. Ambrose has sold to W. T

Phelps at Creswell the old Hartwell Jethro place in Skinnersville Town-

ship, containing about 37 acres, to be added to the extensive holdings of

The Tarboro Rotary Club will hold

its monthly orthopedic clinic on Mon-

day at the Presbyterian Sunday

school rooms in Tarboro, where crip-

ples of all races who are unable to

pay for treatment may be examined

Merchants enjoying the dinner at

the Plymouth Country Club Wednes-

day night were well pleased with the

service rendered, especially by Jim-

my Hall, captain of the waiters, who

is here with his father, Frank W.

Hall, manager of the club. They

Due to weather conditions, the

play that was to be given at the

local high school by the senior

class tomorrow (Friday) night

will be postponed until Thursday

night, February 1, it was said to-

day by Mrs. George Barden,

Mrs. Roy Alexander, whose hus-

band was killed about two weeks in

the first fatal automobile accident

County, said while here this week

that the young man was 24 years of

age instead of 33, as this paper was

Mrs. Alma Mayo, Miss Elizabeth

Tetterton, and Mrs. Blanche Asby

were in Norfolk Monday to attend a

demonstration of the newest hair

styles given by Fred Lang, hair styl-

ist, with emphasis being placed on

the styles that will be popular among

W. R .Hampton, chairman of the

fisheries division of the State Board

of Conservation and Development; R.

Bruce Etheridge, of Raleigh, chair-

man of the board; and Captain Nel-

son, of Morehead City, attended a

fisheries commission meeting with

Virginia authorities in Newport News

County Treasurer Linwood Hassell

has received some political cards with

the following inscription on them:

'Work and Vote for Col. Arthur Sim-

Robbers broke through a skylight,

Bowling Alleys

robbery, Wednesday morning.

Tomato Growers

To Hold Meetings

the ladies this spring.

the new year in Washington

teacher at the school.

came here from the Woodcut Coun-

try Club near Haddonfield, N. J.

Mr. Phelps in this county.

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Last-Minute Rush Developing in Tax-Listing in County; Only Five Days Left

Tax listing continues throughout the county today, and the four list takers are finding themselves engaged in the usual rush that develops when only five listing days are left.

It is estimated that about 65 per cent of the listing has been done in the county, with the remaining 35 per cent of the work to be done in the five days remaining or a lot of delinquents made subject to the penalties provided for those who fail to list their holdings.

Tax Supervisor E. F. Swain said today that all automobile and dog owners should be sure to list,

since other methods are easily available to check on these items and the penalties will be imposed for failure to appear in person and declare property.

The tax supervisor has pointed out that thousands of dollars' worth of personal property have been escaping county list-takers each year heretofore, but that this year other records will be checked to get all property listed. and again he says it will be much less embarrassing for all those who own personal property to come forward now and give in their valuations.

Crop Allotments for 1940 in County Are Outlined This Week

Fire Siren Rouses Town Wednesday

Local residents were alarmed about 5 o'clock Wednesday morning when, during the heavy snow and wind storm, the fire siren sounded continuously for several minutes, due to a shirt circuit. Members of the local fire company rushed out into the stormy weather to answer the alarm which did not call them to a fire.

The heavy wind blowing at the time ripped off about 20 square of the roof at the rear of the municipal building, dropping the timbers and roofing into the street at the front of the structure. Particles of the roof landed on the fire siren, causing a short circuit which kept the alarm sounding for 10 or 15 minutes until the firemen and others could locate the trouble and remedy it. Damage to the roof was estimated at \$150.

mons for Governor of North Carolina in 1942. For my Cuts, Not War Veterans." The treasurer, also a Funeral Services of Legionnaire, says he doesn't remember ever hearing of the man, much less anything about his candidacy. C. L. Simpson Held

day Night After Illness Of Ten Days

alleys here Tuesday night, leaving Plymouth Christian Church for justments, and a 2 per cent reserve through the rear door of the estab- Charlie Lamb Simpton, 61, who died for new growers. They do not include lishment with loot valued at about at his home on Main street here the increases which will result from \$50, according to the owner. Mr. Thursday night at 8:30 following a the minimum allotment provisions. Antonaider said this marked the sixth 10-day illness. Rev. N. A. Taylor, time his place had been robbed in pastor of the Plymouth Christian ed last fall for the 1940 crop after Five cartons of cigarettes, a few a member, officiated assisted by El- before. Specialists and government dollars in change and a slot machine der W. B. Harrington, of Martin farm officials believe a crop 30 per were missed by Mr. Antonaider when County. Interment took place at the cent as large as last year will be amhe opened his place Wednesday Getsinger cemetery in the Farm Life ple to supply the needs this year, if morning. The snow-covered slot ma- Section of Martin County.

tle brick room at the rear of the Band Box and Panel Company here.

Radio Stolen From Store

Christian Church.

Corporal T. B. Brown, of the State wish to grow tomatoes during the Highway Patrol, said today that he 1940 season under contract with the had recovered a portable Zenith ra-Neuse Packing Company are urged to dio, making the second he had re- abling foreign purchases, if desired, be present at a meeting in the office covered out of a lot of about 100 would depende entirely on the outof Chief of Police L. C. Snell at Roper which were stolen from several Nor-

Friday morning at 11 o'clock to dis- folk radio stores. The radio was secured from Julius cuss details, according to A. L. Alex-Smith, commonly known in the Piney Another meeting for the same pur- Woods section, of Martin County pose will be held in Columbia at 2 where he lives, as "Uncle Duke." The radio, which usually sells for around Those who will be unable to attend \$20, was pawned to Smith for \$1.50 the meetings are asked to call W. D. by William Henry (Buddy) Ward, Peal, Creswell; Aubrey R. Phelps, colored, believed to be implicated in Roper; E. G. Harrison, Plymouth; or the thefts, who is now serving a term Mr. Alexander himself, at Columbia. in a reformatory.

Money Crops About Same as Last Year Quotas Given for Tobacco,

Cotton, Peanuts, Commercial Vegetables

nuts, cotton, tobacco and commercial suing the negro, and when the povegetables for Washington County for lice chief arrived at the fence, Batethe year 1940 have been made, it was man was holding his mother's asannounced today by County Agent sailant and waiting for the officer. W. V. Hays, who said that there was very little difference in the figures for this year, as compared with last

The acreage allotted by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration for the county this year and last year follow: Cotton, 2,874.8 for 1940, as compared with 2,764.3 for 1939; peanuts, 6,228 for 1940 against 6,325 for 1939; tobacco, 1,052 for 1940, against 1,175 for 1939; commercial vegetables 750 acres for 1940; no allotment for

Marketing quotas for cotton have been approved by th egrowers for the third consecutive year. The national allotment is 472,842 acres less than for 1939, but the total acreage allot- tending to criminally assault her. Here Last Saturday for 1939, but the total acreage allot-Robbed Again Died at Home Here Thurs- substantial part of the reduction, accorder's court, will probably reveal cording to the Department of Agri-

> The state cotton allotments, which i Funeral services were held Satur- will be aportioned to counties, include

Church, of which Mr. Simpson was the same proposal had failed the year the embargo imposed on American chine, with its back removed and the For 15 years Mr. Simpson was a tobacco last week by the British govmoney taken out, was found in a lit- trusted employee of the Plymouth ernment remains in effect. However, pressure is being brought on England Box Beauty Shop by Chief of Police Born in the lower part of Martin by the American State Department P. W. Brown, who investigated the County December 27, 1878, Mr. Simp- for removal of the embargo, which son was the son of Joshua L. Simp- would permit the British buyers to who is daily besought by newcomers have been lost or serious injuries re-Some damage was done to the al- son and Amanda Griffin Simpson. return to the markets in this counleys by snow and water, which leaked His wife Mary E. Simpson died about try. Normally English firms buy a in through the hole in the skylight 12 years ago. For many years he large portion of the bright leaf towas a faithful member of the local bacco grown in this immediate ter-

> It was indicated today that Secretary of Agriculture Wallace was plan-In Norfolk Is Recovered ning to advance the referendum on marketing quotas for the 1941 tobacco crop to a date prior to the opening of the marketing season next fall Continuation of the loan program encome of this early referendum, to be held probably in June or July.

Buys Third Interest ditional homes here, but this is in-definite; and it has been reported In Large Land Tract

land in Washington County was pur-chased recently by Fred A. Elks, of There are a nur Pitt County from J. W. Ferrell, of building prospects here who will de- Currituck County also playing. Beaufort County, president of the cide something as soon as the weath-Eastern Carolina Land Corporation.

The amount paid for the third interst in the 14 tracts, which range in size from a minimum of 3 acres to been constructed to meet the needs a maximum of 1,500 acres, was not of those who constantly apply to him given in the records at the courthouse. The purchase was made subject to the rights and privileges of Respected Colored Man others who owned the other twothirds.

The tracts and the number of aces follow: Shepard tract, 36 acres; Stewart Allen, 71; Andrew Davenport, 359; Pettiford Watson, 124; er a short illness at the age of 45 Davidson, Osborne Dunbar, Mary Marcellus Browning, 156; Huff Allen, years. He was a native of this coun- Lillian Campbell, Gertrude Woolard, 90; Dr. C. C. Jackson, 77; Battle ty. Married about 24 years ago, he L'Engle Barnes, Frances Basnight, Entry (A), 174; Battle Entry (B), was the father of 16 children, all but clarinets; Mary Charlotte Jones, Har-88; W. C. Brown Big Tract, 1,500; W. two of them still living. A member ry Garrett, saxaphones: Harry Mc. Bowen, 117; Main tract of J. & of the Union Chapel Church of Christ Lean, cornet; Phil Liverman, trom W. Land Co., 822; J. & W. Land, at Roper, the colored man was well bone; Brinson Cox, bass; Carolyn Plymouth township, 4, J. & W. Land, liked by both the white and colored Byrd, alto horn; Fanny Lou Winslow, Plymouth township, 3.

Negro Is Jailed for Attempted Assault On White Woman

8-Year-Old Lad Captures His Mother's Assailant After Brief Chase

Officers here believe they have solvd the mystery surrounding the idenity of the colored man who has been molesting white women here as the result of the arrest of Joe Freeman, 17-year-old negro, who is charged with attempting to criminally assault Mrs. Pauline Bateman at her home Tuesday afternoon about 1 o'clock. While her 18-year-old son, Samuel Bray Bateman, a lad of 160 pounds, was eating his lunch, Mrs. Bateman left the dining room to make the bed and clean up a room occupied by a boarder. When she opened the door to the room, the negro, who had enered the house and was hiding there, grabbed Mrs. Bateman, pulled her nto the room, struck her over the head with a small metal pipe and bean choking her.

Hearing her screams, young Batenan ran to her assistance. He found is mother on the floor and caught glimpse of the fleeing negro, who Total Acreages for had left the door open in his haste to escape. The plucky young man chased Freeman across the street, through the back yard of Ben Sum-ner's home, and over to the home of Joe Shugar, where he caught the neros as he attempted to crawl thru In the meantime, Dr. T. L. Bray

who had been informed that Mrs. Schools Forced To Infant Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sexton Dies up Chief of Police P. W. Brown and drove to the Bateman home. They Total acreage allotments on pea- passed in time to se ethe youth pur-

Mrs. Bateman was confined to bed at her home today, with a physician in attendance. 'Her hand was swolen where she received a blow from he metal pipe intended for her head. She had been choken until her face was blue before her son frightened away the intruder, and her side was ruised in the encounter.

Officers found five packages of cigarettes in the negro's pocket which were said to have been stolen from the room where he was hiding before Mrs. Bateman opened the door o enter. Mrs. Bateman said the negro made

no effort to take a pocketbook, containg a few dollars, which she had in her pocket, but apparently was in-Officers are confident the arrest of

allotment provisions of the AAA will Freeman, who will be given a prebe larger than last year, offsetting a liminary hearing next Tuesday in recording to the Department of Agri- that he had robbed or molested white women on other occasions.

dropped by the aid of a grass rope to the floor of Jim Antonaiders bowling day afternoon at 2 o'clock in the day afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Acute; Several New

Even After All of Them Are Completed Need Will Still Be Great

built here during the next few months, they will hardly be a "drop atures were being called back to work. in the bucket" toward relieving the acute housing shortage here, accordand prospective residents for ques-

apartments, or houses can be secured. partment house on Brinkley Avenue soon, the cost being estimated at the corner of Fourth and Jefferson Streets, it is understood.

J. S. Whitley, of the Williamston Supply Company, has started work Supply Company, has started work on two houses here that are to be All - Star rented or sold. But these buildings only start to satisfy the urgent need that will be felt here soon.

It was stated that J. L. Phelps may be interested in building some additional homes here, but this is inproperty if a guarantee could be giv-A third interest in 3,641 acres of en him that the tax valuation would

There are a number of other homeer turns a little better, and the police chief is hopeful that he may see the time when enough houses have for help in locating a home

for Henry Fields, widely known and people of the section.

OFFICERS OF MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION





W. F. Winslow (left), owner of Winslow's 5c to \$1.00 Store, was elected president of the Plymouth Merchants Association at the annual meeting of the organization last night; and James W. Norman, of the Norman Furniture Company, was elected vice president. Both men are very active in all civic affairs and the merchants' association is expected to show steady progress under their leadership this year

Sleet, Snow, Cold of Past Week Slow Up Activities in Section

Close Wednesday by

Returning To Normal With Advent of Better Weather Today

Cold weather, including sleet and snow that covered the ground and roads in two instances, during the past week, has slowed up busines and practically brought to a halt all other activities in this section, with the weather man very stingy in his promises of better weather for the next few days. However, the sun is out at times and it is some warmer pick up in general, both on the farms and in the towns of the county.

Following a snow and sleet storm ast Friday, it was reported the thermometer reached a new low of 10 during the week-end. Today it was point. There was another fairly severe snow for this section early Wednesday, but the sun later in the day melted most of it, and the hard- sur- county. aced roads were clear today.

kept at home on account of illness. Homes Are Planned The trucks were able to operate today, although muddy roads on some routes will continue to be a problem for several days.

a limited scale, and a number of Although several houses are to be workmen who had been sent home during the snow and freezing temper-

The ice-covered roads last Friday and yesterday caused a number of ing to Chief of Police P. W. Brown, minor accidents, although no lives ported. Most of the drivers were tioning as to where room, board, very careful, and the number of mishaps was remarkably small in com-Miller Warren will build a duplex parison with the hazards experienced.

\$5,000. Abe Adler is considering the plans for a four-apartment house at 15 Members Local Band Will Play in

To Be Present at Washington on Friday Night, February 16th

Fifteen members of the Plymouth that Dr. L. S. White has said he would High School Band will participate in consider spending \$20,000 to build a the second Albemarle All-Star Band modern hotel on his Brinkley building concert, to be held in Washington, Friday night, February 16, with musciians from Edenton, Columbia, Creswell, Robersonville, Washington, Rocky Mount, Ahoskie, Hertford,

The day's events starts at 10 a. m with practice at the Washington High School of concert selections; 12:30, basket lunch on school grounds; 2, another practice session: 4:30, parade through downtown business section, color guard from Ahoskie leading band in memory of Harold Basnight, former solo clarinet player, with Of Roper Section Dies drum majors and maporettes from all bands participating; 6, banquet Funeral services were held recently for the young musicians; 8, concert. Local band members selected to respected colored man, who died aft- take part: Douglas Gurkin, Phyllis

Lean, cornet; Phil Liverman, trom-

bell lyra; Bill Owens, cymbols.

Funeral services were held at the Condition of Roads Sunday for their infant son, who died Saturday afternoon after a short ill- Brown and others. ness. The Rev. M. R. Gardner conducted the services. Burial took place in the family plot at Holly Neck Three Automobiles

The child is survived by his parents and two brothers and sisters.

Infantile Paralysis Campaign Is Under Way Over County

To Be Held at Creswell Saturday Night

Reports reaching Postmaster Geo. W. Hardison, county chairman, are standing around 32, the freezing to the effect that the campaign for funds for infantile paralysis control

Mrs. E. S. Wodley, Creswell cha Schools which were closed yester- man, is sponsoring a President's car slid into that of Freeman's. A day on account of snow, resumed Birthday Dance at the Creswell High up and slid into the others. work this morning, although it was reported a number of students were as a climax to the campaign in that Mr. Freeman's truck to extricate the section. Mr. Hardison said that Mrs. cars from the tie-up, the truck also Woodley had appointed the following committees to arrange for the dance: Tickets: Mrs. J. M. Phelps Construction work on the buildings being added at the North Carolina Pulp Company was resumed today on Kirkpatrick, and Jane McInnis; Mrs. Jo Holmes to sell ice cream and about \$50. drinks; and Mrs. Clyde Smithson and Mrs. W. D. Peal to serve refresh-

ments at the affair. Others in the county who were appointed to the task of raising money for the fund are using the march of dimes method, the sale of buttons to school children.

no reports of the activities of Mrs. County Public Library here within the Perla Bray, Roper chairman; Miss next few days, with the works of Jamie Riddick, in Mackeys, and Mrs. some of the best authors in the coun-Walter P. Lloyd, of Plymouth. How- try included and some of the latest ever, from information reaching him, titles on the list. Mr. Hardison said he believed the drive would be a success.

Every effort is being made by the workers to raise the \$130 quota of Concert workers to raise the \$130 quota of this county, and on Monday and Tuesday a special effort will be made to the fund.

Mr. Hardison said those who wished to contribute as much as a dime or "Blue Heaven," by Elizabeth Carfrae; more should get an envelope from the "Sister of the Angels," by Elizabeth Each contributor will be given credit "Christmas Holiday," by W. Somerfor his donation and it will be for- set Maugham; "Kitty Foyle," by C. warded to the proper authorities.

New Officers Named At Dinner Meeting Of Local Merchants

Advertisers will find Beacon and News Columns a latchkey to 1,500 Washington County homes.

W. F. Winslow Is Elected President at Banquet Wednesday Night

An entirely new group of officers vas elected by the Plymouth Merhants Association Wednesday night at a dinner meeting held at the country club, with W. F. Winslow being levated from the position of secreary and treasurer to that of presisucceeding J. R. Manning. James W. Norman was elected vice president, and George Barden, office nan for the House Chevrolet Company, was named secretary and treas-

A permanent advertising committee, composed of W. H. Booker, Dave Kulman, Hal A. Williford, and L. W. Gurkin, was appointed to work out some form of publicity which would prove beneficial to business in Plym-

The merchant salso voted to remain open until 7 o'clock on Friday evenings in order to cash the checks and be of any other service they could to patrons who work late at local industrial plants who are paid on Fri-

A committee, composed of Hal A. Williford, L. S. Thompson, and J. R. Campbell, was appointed to seek the cooperation of H. E. Beam, cashier of the Branch Banking & Trust Company here, in keeping the bank open a little longer than usual on Friday afternoons in order to cash the payroll checks of plants employees.

Talks were made by the restiring president, J. R. Manning, W. F. Winslow, the new president, E. H. Liverome of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sexton man, S. D. Davis, James W. Norman, vice president, H. A. Williford, P. W.

Involved in Series Of Accidents Friday

Ice-Covered Road Responsible for Freak Occurrence; No One Hurt

Three motor vehicles were damaged today, and activities should begin to President's Birthday Dance to the total extent of about \$165 last Friday night, as the result of a series of accidents were started when W. T. Freeman lost control of his car on the ice-covered road and slid into a ditch near White City. Mr. Freeman was not hurt, as he was driving very slowly at the time.

Although he stationed colored men was progressing fairly well in the which partially blocked the shoulder of the road, to flag down motorists, Warner Gurkin came along and little later Jack Williams' truck came

Then, when workmen arrived with slid into the ditch. After a lot of hard work and maneuvering the machines were pulled out sent to garages for repairs.

Freeman's car was damaged to the extent of about \$75; the Gurkin carabout \$40; and the Williams truck

13 New Books At County Library

Thirteen new books will be placed Mr. Hardison said he had received on the shelves of the Washington

The titles and authors follow: "Tar Heel Editor," by Josephus Daniels; "White Magic," by Faith Baldwin; 'Moment in Peking," by Lin Yutang; 'Who Killed Aunt Maggie," by Medora Fields: "Passport for a Girl," to canvass the county for donations by Mary Borden; "Escape," by Ethel Vance; "Frost Flower," by Helen Hull, "The Bride." by Margaret Irwin; postmasters in their communities. Gaudge; "Alone,' by Richard E. Byrd, D. Morley.

Permits for Brush Burning Must Be Secured From Deputy Forest Wardens

Brush-burning premits must be obtained before residents of Washington County may lawfully start fires within woodland areas protected by the State Forest Service between February 1 and June 15, S. F. Darden, county

forest warden, said today. These permits do not cost the applicants a penny, said Mr. Darden, but those who fail to get them and are convicted of this misdemaenor will be fined not more than \$50 or imprisoned for a period of not more than 30

This law specifically states that no one shall fire or ignite any material in any of the woodland areas under the protection of the State Forest Service between the dates mentioned unless a permit is first obtained from the forest warden or his agent, said Mr. Permits can be obtained from

any of the following: James A. Chesson, B. M. Snell, J. W. Swain, J. J. Sawyer, L. W. Liverman, J. J. Ambrose, T. H. Waters, W. A. Mizell, J. L. Rea, W. C. Clifton, Creswell towerman, W. J. Vaughn, smoke chaser, all of whom are deputy forest fire warwardens. While L. C. Snell, T. W. Tarkenton, and H. P. Barnes are not deputy forest wardens, they are authorized to issue per-

Four Churches To Cooperate in Taking Religious Census Here February 4th Plans are being made this week

for a religious census to be taken of Plymouth and its environs on the first Sunday afternoon in February, with about 50 workers from the Methodist, Baptist, Christian and Episcopal churches working together to make the count as accurate and as com-

plete as possible. There will be 12 census workers appointed by each of the four cooperating churches to participate in the canvass that will be started at 1:30 in the afternoon and concluded as rapidly as possible in whirlwind fashion, with each worker allotted a certain number of homes to visit.

The canvassers will seek the ages, church affiliations, church membership preference and other like information.

Five hundred census cards will be allocated to each church for the work, and there will be a central committee at the headquarters to assist in checking and distributing the cards among the churches according to the denominational preferences ex-