school at Hampton Academy here,

weeks due to various minor ailments of the children, began to improve to-

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have been absent on account of colds, chickenpox and influenza, returning to their classes. The girls of the Plymouth High School lost to Ahoskie, 24 to 8, while the local boys defeated the Ahoskie team, 29 to 10, in a double-header here Tuesday night.

Lefever was best for the local girls, while the passing attack and goal throwing of Armstrong and Nobles was spectacular for

from a ladder at the plant of the assault with intent to commit rape North Carolina Pulp Company here on five colored girls near here in 1937, Wednesday, breaking a leg and an was insufficient, and ordered that he arm. Dr. T. L. Bray attended him. be held under \$100 for trial in re-He is reported to be improving today. corder's court here next Tuesday on

Mrs. M. V. Hopkins, better known as Mrs. "Jennie" Hopkins, is seriously ill at the home of her daughter. Mrs. Perla Bray, Roper postmistress. Mrs. Hopkins, whose home is in Creswell, was visiting Mrs. Bray when she became ill. Roy Hopkins, of Creswell, is her son.

Clerk of Superior Court C. V. W. Ausbon is ill at his home here, and Mrs. Addie L. Brinkley, formerly register of deeds for many years, has been appointed deputy clerk to take care of the office while Mr. Ausbon is out.

The recent extremely cold weather caused the waters systems at the Plymouth and Roper white schools to freeze, entailing added expense and inconvenience, but they were speedily put back into condition.

Mayor B. G. Campbell said that it the \$288,000 in bonds outstanding against the town called in for exchange for refunding bonds, bond No. 13, which came in this week, was the last to be returned.

The Creswell schools closed Thursday and Friday of this week because of the inability of the buses carrying the children to and from the school to operate over the muddy roads. According to County Superintendent H. H. McLean dirt roads are now in the worst shape they have been all winter since they started thawing out after being frozen for several

Mrs. H. H. Hyman, relative of E. S. Blount and a member of the faculty at Jamesville, said while here today that the Jamesville schools were closed for the week due to the condition of the roads used by the school home is in Morristown, Tenn.

to bring the currently popular film, 'Gone With the Wind" to the Plymouth Theatre as soon as possible, and he has the promise of an early date. The scale of prices when it is shown here will be the same as those advertised elsewhere, it was said, and it will be 1941 before the picture will Also Provides for Inspection Mr. Blow said. be available for booking at regular

Chickenpox Cases **Increase Recently**

Two score cases of chicken pox have been reported in the schools of Plymouth, with most of them coming from parents of children attending the elementary school in the old provision that the town henceforth Hampton Academy.

During the past week, reports were made to the district health office cording to Dr. S. V. Lewis, health Police P. W. Brown, or an agent of not be classified as commercial vege officer, who said that although com- the town, and approval given. Sufparatively few cases had been reported so far, the spread of the disease had reached epidemic propor-

Continuance of the schools is not threatened as yet, he said, but the classes in the lower grades, where to permit the dismantling of the old most of the cases come from, may Peal garage building on Washington have to be discontinued unless the Street. However, the matter was orspread of the malady is halted.

Lincoln's Birthday Not Holiday in This Section

majority of the states, Monday, Feb- of the town and determine where ruary 12, will not be observed by the and how much WPA funds were banks, post offices or ABC stores in needed to help in repairing water this county.

be closed on Thursday, February 22, \$800 in cash as settlement of the to observe the national holiday on paving assessments due on Mrs. Grifthe anniversary of the birth of George fin Norman's property on Jefferson Washington.

Charge of Attempted day, with 20 or more students, who Rape Reduced To Assault on Female

Porter McKinney Released On \$100 Bond After Hearing by Judge Barnhill

Justice M. V. Barnhill, of the State Supreme Court, ruled Wednesday that evidence offered against Porter Mc-Merle Ward, local young man, fell Kinney, 39, charged with attempted a charge of assault on a female.

W. L. Whitley, McKinney's attorney, applied to the supreme justice for a writ of habeas corpus following a hearing in recorder's court last Tuesday, when his client was ordered held for probable cause on the assault with intent to commit rape charge The alleged attempted assault was made on the following colored girls: Hope and Theresa Basnight, Merline Chanile and Thana Skinner.

The warrant for McKinney was issued upon affidavit by a parent of the Basnight girls. The crime was said to have been committed in November, 1937, while McKinney was employed here, and Sheriff J. K. Reid said a warrant was sent to Newport News shortly after that time for Mc-Kinney, who had left Plymouth. No word was ever heard from the warrant, but he was arrested last weekend after he had returned here as a steel worker with the Bethlehem was probably coincidence, but that of Steel Corporation, which has a contract in connection with the building now underway at the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company.

The evidence upon which McKinney was held for probable cause under \$1,000 bond by Recorder Darden Tuesday was to the effect that Mc-Kinney and two other white men were riding in a car on the outskirts of Plymouth when they saw several white and colored girls along the highway. Passing at the time were Chief of Police P. W. Brown and Highway Patrolman Tom B. Brown who saw the girls running and one of the men out of the car evidently in pursuit. Asked by the officers what was taking place, the white men replied that they were only "scaring

McKinney posted the \$100 bond on Wednesday night and returned to his job as steel worker Thursday. His

Shep Brinkley continues his efforts Council Disclaims Responsibility for

Of All Installations Made in Future

Leaks and bursted water lines inside the property line or beyond the town meter will not hereafter be a responsibility of the water department of the Town of Plymouth, according to a resolution passed by the Town Council in session here Monday

Inserted in the resolution was a would not permit the water to be turned on or sewer lines connected with the town system until an inficient and dependable stop or cutoff valves must be installed inside the property line as part of the private line, the resolution provides.

The town officials were also advised that Mrs. L. A. Peal had agreed dered held up until a written agreement to this effect was secured from

Mrs. Peal. A committee, composed of P. W. Brown, Z. V. Norman and A. J. Rid-Although it is a legal holiday in a dle, was appointed to make a survey and sewer lines and sidewalks.

However, all these institutions will The authorities agreed to accept

Unusually Large Flocks of Ducks Are Now Being Seen Along Roanoke River

County Game Protector J. T. Terry said this week that he was making every effort possible to take care of the large flocks of ducks which are reported in this section in unusually large quantities this year.

Ducks of many species have come together in large flocks to seek food, as frzoen streams and other conditions have made their feed supply scarce in sections where they usually locate. Thousands of ducks have been seen along the Roanoke River and over in the Wenona section, where they are gathering in an effort to find food.

Reports of hunters taking an occasional shot at the ducksnow protected by the closed season-have reached Mr. Terry, and he is checking all reports. If proof of illegal shooting can be secured offenders will be prosecuted, as the warden is bending

every energy to conserve the unusually large supply of ducks. But what is worrying hunters hereabouts is that the ducks will fly around in flocks as thick as blackbirds when the season is closed, yet make themselves scarce when the open season be-

County Board Orders Purchase of 522 Seats for Creswell School Auditorium

The Washington County Commissioners passed a motion at their regular session Monday to purchase 522 new seats for the auditorium of the Creswell High School, to be installed before the commencement exercises scheduled to be held there in May.

The lowest bid for the seats to go into the handsome new school building was \$1,774.80, at the rate of \$3.40 each. This was considered as low a bid as could be secured under the terms of paying

for them at the rate of \$591.60

annually for three years. Auditor E. J. Spruill reported that approximately \$60,000 had been paid on the principal of bonds outstanding and an additional \$30,000 in interest since last July 1. These amounts became due in the half-year period from July 1 to January 1.

The commissioners also sold lot No. 27 in the Wenona section to W. J. Vaughn to satisfy a tax lien held by the county.

Merchants To Take Lead In Sponsoring Building of More Houses in Plymouth

Chief Has Keys To A Lot of Situations

Chief of Police P. W. Brown wants to know who has lost some

Almost every week different people find bunches of keys of one kind or another, and if they fail to locate the owner, they usually take them to the police chief. He has collected keys and collected keys until it is requiring too much space in his office to keep them.

So, if you have ever lost any keys, just ask the police chief. More than likely he has them for

Vegetable Quotas Under 1940 Farm Program Mailed

Maximum Payments Possible by Keeping Within Allotments

"Commercial vegetable allotments town. under the 1940 conservation program

market should pay special attention generally.

"If there is no allotment on the first Friday nights, as formerly. farm, as much as three acres of ed without any deduction from the of cooperating with Mr. Arps, local payment,' pointed out Mr. Blow, add- Norfolk Southern Bus Corporation ing that "those who plant over three acres of vegetables and who received no allotment should call at the county office as it may be possible that they can be given an allotment."

By commercial vegetables is meant the acreage of cucumbers, tomatoes, sweet potatoes, sweet corn. cantasweet potatoes, sweet corn, cantaloupes, peppers, peas and beans for Watermelons and home gardens will

potato allotment and not included in the commercial vegetable allot-

Embezzlement Case Is Set for Tuesday

The case of C. J. Perry, former inday, when he will be confronted with represented by workers. charges preferred by E. L. Warren

at the session next Tuesday. In the court last Tuesday, the fra-Fanny Bell Styron and Tommy Dan- future. els with rocks and sticks.

Antonaider, local bowling alley own- 91 to the Episcopal churches.

sentence was suspended upon pay- tian, and 15 for the Episcopal meeting held last year in Christ ment of the costs.

Episcopal church,

Committee Appointed To Aid in Securing Outside Capital, if Necessary

A committee, composed of L. S Thompson, P. M. Arps, and J. R. Manning, was appointed at the meetng of the Plymouth Merchants Assoiation last Friday to interest perons either in town or out of town construct houses here to meet the creasing demands being made for dditional facilities here.

It was pointed out that since the rowth of Plymouth was being handiapped by lack of housing facilities and that many persons employed in ndustries here were forced to live day. n other places and commute to Plymouth, that this was a great inconvenience and added expense to them. It was felt the merchants should take the lead in interesting capital in supplying the houses need-

The merchants also considered means of advertising, and it was recmmended that increased schedules f individual advertising in the local newspaper be used. It was also decided that a dollar-day festival would be staged here during April and that an electric neon sign would be erected to welcome visitors to the

E. H. Liverman, J. R. Manning and are being mailed to farmers in the A. J. Byrd were appointed on a comcounty this week," it was learned to- mittee to increase the membership day from Stuart Blow, chief clerk in of the organization so that all the the office of County Agent W. V. merchants and business people in Plymouth would participate in the ef-Any farmer who plans to plant forts being made to improve trade over three acres of vegetables for facilities here and to boost business

to his allotment notice, since there A change was made in the time Burst Water Pipes will be a deduction of \$20 from the for regular meetings, it being decidmajority of the merchants than the

President W. F. Winslow made commercial vegetables can be plant- number of suggestions, including that station agent, in securing improved schedules of bus service, and Secretary George Barden being instructed to write a letter to the bus company in this regard. Some of the suggested improvements in the schedule were

table, of which the principal part of the production is sold off the farm. Religious Census of week by the Norfolk Southern Bus Corporation, which ordered the re-Town Not Complete; Mr. Blow said that irish potato acreage would be counted against the 738 Cards Turned in

All Except Six Blocks Are Canvassed; 30 Workers Participate in Task

A total of 738 cards were turned over to the four denominations in Plymouth last Sunday afternoon following the incomplete religious census conducted here, with the four surance man here, is expected to be churches cooperating, although the rapid service to Norfolk, Raleigh and called in recorder's court next Tues- Grace Episcopal church failed to be

Thirty canvassers from the Meththat he embezzled \$170.95 from the odist, Baptist, and Christian churches Gate City Life Insurance Company covered all but six blocks of the town by collecting premiums and failing during the afternoon. A total of 738 to make returns. The case has been persons expressed a preference for on the docket for sometime, with Mr. some particular denomination, and Perry under bond, and developments 50 additional ones said they had no this week indicated it would be called preference, providing an interesting group for the churches to work with

The failure of the Episcopal church cas that occurred on Main Street here to provide workers caused the six Monday was aired, when John John- blocks from Jefferson Strete west, inson, colored, was fined \$10 and costs cluding the "New Town" area to be and Mary Leary and Georgia West, left out of the survey, and it is exboth colored, were assessed with half pected that those who live in this the costs each for assaulting Mrs. area will be canvassed in the near

It was estimated that approximate-Wilbur Blount, white, of Roper, ly 10 per cent of the homes visited was charged with driving an auto- were not represented in the census, mobile while under the influence of as the occupants were not at home. whiskey and also in a careless and Of the 738 cards assembled by the reckless manner. This case is set for 30 workers and distributed according trial next Tuesday. The charges grew to the preferences expressed, 175 were out of a collision between Blount's turned over to the Baptist, 251 to the car and the one operated by Jim Methodsit, 221 to the Christian, and

The three ministers of the cooper-Ronald Biggs, young white man, ating churches estimated that in the church Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock, was charged with being publicly group of homes not canvassed in the with members of the Christian, Bap-drunk and with damaging jail propsix blocks there would be about 25 tist and Episcopal churches taking erty by setting it afire and by turn- additional cards for the Baptist, 40 part in the services. ing water into the jail. A 30-day for the Methodist, 70 for the Chris- A large crowd attended a similar

Scout Week Begins In District Today

Number Activities Planned By Local Leaders During Next Few Days

More than 100 Boy Scouts, Scouters, Cubs, and Sea Scouts of the Al bemarle district will join the nation February 8 to 14 in the celebration of the 30th anniversary of Scouting in America, with the youngsters and their leaders in Washington County preparing a number of special events during the week.

A special display will be put in a store window here by Scouts under the direction of local Scoutmaster N. A. Taylor, who also has arranged for an emergency assembly to be held sometime during the week to determine how many minutes will be required for local patrols to dress and report for duty should such necessity actually arise. There will be a prize offered to the first patrol to arrive ready for duty after the alarm is given. Mr. Taylor said.

Boy Scouts will wear their uniforms Need Many Homes the entire six-day period so that they will be ready for immediate assembly when the emergency signal is the entire six-day period so that they bly when the emergency signal is

In connection with similar observance throughout the nation, all of the Boy Scouts in Plymouth will gather at the Christian Church in uniform Sunday morning to hear a special sermon by Rev. N. A. Taylor, pastor and scoutmaster of the local troop. The sermon subject will b 'A Scout Is Reverent."

Climaxing the national celebration of the birthday of Scouting, President Roosevelt will speak on the movement at 10:30 tonight, Thurs-

Albemarle district, including troops at Plymouth, Roper, Creswell and Columbia. Officers of the district follow: J. R. Manning, district chairman; and the following committee chairmen: W. S. Moore, training: Dr. S. V. Lewis, health; Carl L. Bailey, financial chairman for both the district and also of the Eastern Carolina Council. Scoutmasters are: Rev. N. A. Taylor, Plymouth; Mr. Spruill, Roper; Sidney Smithson, Creswell.

Scout Executive John J. Sigwald said this week that a meeting would be held here sometime during the week of February 18, at which time a banquet will be staged for the Scouts, Cubs, and their dads. At that time Carl L. Bailey, jr., will receive his Eagle Scout badge. Four other Scouts in this district have previously been elevated to the Eagle rank, including Wilford Whitley, Douglas Gurkin and Phil Liverman, of Plymouth, and Ammon Smithson, of Cres-

conservation payment for each acre by which his allotment is exceeded, probably be more convenient for a Bus Service From the out-of-town Lionesses and Mrs. ber of persons employed in connection with the expansion program to help equip the buildings that are be-Washington-Norfolk A feature of the meeting will be ing constructed. Here for several hours, Mr. Muir-

Passengers From Here To Norfolk Now Routed by Williamston

Bus patronage by local persons is believed to be a contributing factor in bringing about the change in schedules effected Wednesday of this week by the Norfolk Southern Bus moval of buses operating from Washington to Norfolk over the Albemarle Sound bridge, according to P. M.

Arps, local station agent.

Mr. Arps said that during the month of January he sold only two tickets to local persons who used the bus to Norfolk, and that the bus company had little business over the entire line from Washington to Eden-

Under the new schedules, all passengers from here to Norfolk will be routed by way of Williamston. The schedule now sends six buses through Plymouth daily, with connections for Washington. Mr. Arps said that the patronage of the bus on the short hauls between Williamsotn and Columbia was fairly good and merited convenient schedules.

Effective Wednesday the following schedules will be observed:

A bus from Columbia arrives here at 10:05, bound for Williamston; returning from Williamston to Columbia, it arrives in Plymouth at 11:36. A bus leaves here at 10:15 for Washington over Route 97, returning here at 5:25 p. m.

A bus leaves Columbia in the morning bound for Williamston, arriving here at 6:31. Returning, the bus arrives in Plymouth at 9:20 p. m., on its way to Columbia.

Connections can be made by driving to Pea Ridge at 7:20 a. m. for Norfolk; and also can be made by driving to Williamston at 6:50 a. m. for Norfolk.

Special Prayer Service at Creswell Church Friday

A World Day of Prayer service will be held at the Creswell Methodist

Observance of Boy To Begin Operating New Bleaching Unit Here by March 15th

County Home Now Has Plenty Radios

Inmates of the Washington County home wanted a radio, as was noted in The Beacon last week, and kind-hearted persons rallied to the request in such numbers that, they now request The Beacon to say they have enough radios, for the time being, at least. One person brought two radios-one each for the white and colored inmates-and a third offer was declined.

A Belhaven man was quickest to respond. He brought over the two used radios himself.

L. L. Basnight, keeper of the home, asked that the paper extend public thanks to the Belhaven donor, whose name he was asked not to divulge.

Mr. Basnight also said that since the brief request in The Beacon started folks to bringing radios, another news item was needed to stop them.

Expect 75 to Attend Banquet Tonight at Local Country Club

There are about 100 Scouts in the Local Lions Club Celebrating Anniversary and Ladies' Night

> More than 75 men and women from Plymouth, Hertford, Edenton and Washington are expected to be present at the Plymouth Country Club Bethlehem Steel Corporation and the Thursday night, when the third an- North Carolina Pulp Company itself, niversary of the establishment of the Lions Club here is celebrated in connection with ladies' night.

Neil Hester, of Raleigh, telegraph editor of the News and Observer, and district 31-C.

of the organization, will make the and building completed. welcoming speech to the visiting. In addition to the operating per-Lions and Lionesses, with Mrs. John sonnel of the pulp plant, the North Mitchener, of Edenton, to respond for Carolina Pulp Company has a num-

Removed This Week direction of Edgar E. Bundy, super-nead left immediately after lunch to-day for Durham, where he will stay to be to be the company of the stay o of the local club, will make the in- newly arrived job superintendent.

> vocation. Recognition will be given the visiting Lions and officials of other clubs All-Star Band in Recognition will be given the visitwho will attend the event. It is understood that 10 will come from Hertford and that 13 will come from

H. H. Allen Opens New Grocery Here

H. H. Allen, better known as "P. D." Allen, this week opened a grocery hearse until 1, when a free lunch is store here in his home town after to be served them. A parade thru having clerked in various groceries the business district will take place ever since he was large enough to at 3:30 and a banquet will be held go to work.

For the past six years, Mr. Allen has been employed by J. R. Campbell's Store here, where he became take part are: Douglass Gurkin,

now as any time.

Construction Work Returns To Faster Pace at Pulp Plant

Over 200 Men Now Are Employed on New Buildings Being Erected

O. H. Cox, manager of the North Carolina Pulp Company here, said this morning that it was hoped the new bleaching plant of the company would be ready to begin operations by March 15. The bleached pulp will then be shipped to Richwood, W. Va., for processing at the plant of the Cherry River Paper Company, purchased last spring by the Kieckhefer Container Company, which operates

Operation of the new bleaching unit will increase the number of employees here from 300 to 330, it was said, about 30 men being required in the bleaching department.

William Muirhead, president of the William Muirhead Construction Company, of Durham, who was a visitor here today, said the hoped to have all the buildings for which he has contract completed by the early summer. Both Mr. Cox and Mr. Muirhead said that the construction work should move forward much more rapidly with the coming of better weather, following an exceptionally severe cold period, during which it was impossible to do any concrete work on the foundations. Mr. Muirhead said that within 60 days all of the buildings under construction would begin to take form, revealing the progress that had been made.

Estimating that his company had about 100 men employed, and that other contracting firms, including the had an additional 100 men on the job. Mr. Muirhead hedged when asked to make an estimate of the weekly payroll of the construction crews.

Construction work on the various buildings was said to be at the fol-District Governor of District No. 31-C, lowing stages: Bleach building, strucwill be the principal speaker at the tural steel completed; bleach liquor meeting. He will be introduced by building, completed; machine, half of Rev. N. A. Taylor, of Plymouth, district deputy governor of region 2, room, structural steel up; wet room, foundations being constructed; boiler Eugene F. Still, the first president room, 50 per cent of the equipment

help equip the buildings that are be-

direction of Edgar E. Bundy, super- head left immediately after lunch to-City, who will probably make a short for an hour or so before proceeding talk and then lead in several songs, to South Carolina, where he has a Lion President Z. V. Norman will power line construction project under preside over the meeting, and the way. In charge of the work here Rev. O. L. Hardwick, Methodist min- were G. C. Brooks, company superister who recently became a member intendent, and A. B. Thomas, the

Washington Friday

Fifteen members of the Plymouth High School Band will participate in the East Carolina All-Star band concert that will be given in the John Small High School in Washington

The young musicians will meet at the high school at 9:30 and will reat 6 o'clock for the band members

widely known through contact with Phyllis Davidson, Osbourne Dunbar, a large number of people. His new Mary Lillian Campbell, Gertrude business is located in the building Woolard, L'Engle Barnes, Frances formerly occupied by the Plymouth Basinger, clarinets; Mary C. Jones, Harry McLean, cornet; Phil Liver-Mr. Allen said today that he "had man, trombone; Brinson Cox, bass; always wanted a store of my own, Carolyn Byrd, alto horn; Fanny Lou and I guess I had just as well start Winslow, bell lyre; and Bill Owens, cymbals.

Inquiry From Wyoming Firm Raises Possibility of Another Pulp Plant Here

Possibility of another industry for this section loomed this week, when an inquiry was received this week from a Wyoming firm relative to the establishment of a pulp plant in the vicinity, according to John W. Darden, secretary of the Washington Coun-

ty Chamber of Commerce. The name of the firm making the inquiry was withheld by Mr. Darden, and he said it would not be made public immediately, pending further correspondence.

W. R. Hampton, member of the State Board of Conservation and Development, has urged Mr. Darden to turn the correspondence over to Jim Anderson, head of the division of commerce and industry in the advertising department of the board.

Mr. Darden advised the inquirers that there was sufficient gum timber in the section to supply a plant which used this kind of wood. So far he has not had a reply to his letter. When he receives one, it is probable he will turn the matter over to Mr. An-

derson for further follow-up. Mr. Hampton said Mr. Anderson is well qualified to handle matters of this nature, and that he would secure the plant for the Plymouth area if at all possible, provided the inquiry came from a reputable firm.