Robert B. Campbell, son of Mr. and

Mrs. J. R. Campbell, was one of the successful candidates taking the State bar examination in Raleigh recently.

Young Campbell holds a B. A. degree from Wake Forest College and is now claim adujster for the U.S. Casualty Company in Charlotte.

at the University of North Carolina.

not consider it necessary to have a building in which to hold church services, as God was everywhere and one of the first Sunday schools he ever

taught was held under a hemlock

While in New York last week. Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Winslow had

lunch with Wilfred A. Daly, a nephew of Augustin Daly, at the Lincoln Hotel. Mr. Winslow in-

vited the relative of one of the

county's most famous men to be

their guest on the occasion of

Plymouth's sesqui-centennial cel-

Dr. C. C. Crittenden, of Raleigh,

arose from a sick bed to attend the

Morattock celebration near here last

Sunday after it had been announced

that he would not be able to make

the trip. Dr. Crittenden said that

the State Historical Commission, of

which he was secretary, consisted of

five members, with Dr. M. C. S. No-

Teachers have been urged to

visit the tombstones in cemeter-

ies, U. D. C. chapters, and other

toircal information about Wash-

places where they may gather his

ington County, so that they may

give the boys and girls in the

public schools more local histori-

cal facts, according to H. H. Mc-

Lean, superintendent of public

Mr. and Mrs. Gershon Lieberson

of Hollywood, Calif., are here to visit

Mrs. Lieberson's parents, Mr. and

Mrs. George W. Hardison. They have

with them their triplet daughters who

have appeared in a number of films.

Mrs. Lieberson will be remembered

Frank Bratten, one of the old-

er residents here said that he re-

membered over 50 years ago that

water overflowed the banks of Roanoke River and flooded the

railroad stations at each end of

Plymouth, going half way up the

first block on Monroe Street, but

he said he had never seen it in the three principal business blocks of Water Street.

Wheeler Martin, of Spartanburg

S. C., was here this week with his

family visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. R.

Modlin. They came here from James-

ville, where they visited Mr. Martin's

parents. A brother to Mrs. Modlin,

Mr. Martin is a sergeant in the South

A dance will be given at the Plym-

outh High School gym Tuesday eve-

ning from 9 to 1 p. m., with a local

orchestra providing the music. The

event will be sponsored by the Jun-

Auviliary of

copal church, and a nominal fee will

Plans Being Made

Members in Charge of

Arrangements

Upwards of 800 members of unions

affiliated with the American Federa-

tion of Labor will participate in the

to be held here Monday, September

third annual Labor Day celebration

2, it was announced today by J. H.

G. J. Kendall, a member of long

a similar meeting elsewhere.

on arrangements.

speak.

Carolina State Highway Patrol.

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

# Roanoke Reaches New High Level Here Col George Hyde Pratt, geologist Water Still Rising Slowly With Crest Predicted Saturday here the other day, said that he did

## Steps Taken To Prevent Polluting Water Supply

By S. V. LEWIS, M. D., District Health Officer

Much well-warranted interest has been expressed with reference to the safety of the Plymouth water supply during the past two or three days. With the precautions being taken to prevent pollution of the city water supply, I am confident that the citizens of Plymouth may be assured that a safe water supply will be maintained, even though the flood conditions become more perilous than are expected

Citizens living in low flooded areas have been contacted by the health department prior to the flood waters and advised as to the safe procedures with reference to drinking water, etc.

Every citizen living within the vicinity flooded should be vaccinated against typhoid fever unless such vaccinations have been done within the past three years.

It is not necessary to drink polluted water in order to have typhoid fever. Eating vegetables covered or otherwise partially immersed with the flood waters may cause the disease unless thoroughly washed in a safe water supply and properly cooked.

Children should be advised not to wade or otherwise enter the flood waters. Such waters are polluted and some of the deadly material may find its way into the mouths of children not suspecting such dangers. If children or adults must enter such polluted flood waters, it is advised that a thorough bath be taken immediately after coming out of the water; it will wash off many of the germs that may cause diseases. If flood waters have risen over the ground where you secure a private water supply, such water if used should be boiled. This should be done for the purpose of drinking, dish-washing and other uses to which such water is supplied for family use in any way. The above information and advice is for the protection and benefit of all persons using such water.

There is no immediate danger of the water supply of Plymouth becoming polluted and unsafe for use, and in the event such a condition arises, a circular will be delivered to each home in Plymouth and to those homes outside the town using city water, advising of such conditions as may be present with instructions as the proper procedure in making the water safe for consumption.

# Sesqui-Centennial

### Continue Efforts To Form Union

Organization of workmen at the Plymouth Box and Panel Company continues with weekly meetings being held by C. E. Haury, of Washington, D. C., an organizer for the American Federation of Labor.

been about 306 white and colored workmen at the plant to become members of the union, and it is expected that a charter will be issued by the International Union of Operating Engineers, an affil-

# For Observance of Labor Day Locally Griffith Hamlin Is Committee of Local Union Given Formal Call

Young Minister Who Has Been Supplying Church Accepts Call

Officials of the Plymouth Christian church Monday night issued a Newkirk, chairman of the committee formal call to Griffith Hamlin, supply minister here for the summer, to standing with the Charlotte affiliate accept the pastorate of the church of the A. F. of L and a member of for one year; and today Mr. Hamlin the speaking staff of the organization said that he had accepted the call.

The young minister has been here has been assigned here to speak, and Rev. J. A. Green, a colored minister for several weeks as supply pastor for from Durham, is also scheduled to the summer months and had planned to go to a seminary in the fall. However he has abandoned his plans to The local unions plan to sponsor a series of events which will get under- return to school and accepted the call Campbell, Junior Woman's Club; Mrs.

S. D. Davis, chairman of the ofwith a parade and speaking for the forenoon session and a fish fry or ficial board of the church, said that gion Auxiliary; Mrs. Addie L. Brink- he was a farmer and was well known barbecue at Albemarle Beach for as yet there had been no definite the white mmebers in the afternoon. program outlined for the church dur-The colored people will likely have ing the coming year's pastorate of Club; J. R. Manning, merchants; W. the new minister, but that one would V. Hays, American Legion; P. W. Several other outstanding labor be worked out and presented in the

Church officials and members were pected to be on the program, which is in process of being arranged, it was well pleased with the work of the young minister, an excellent speaker,

# Meet Friday Night Hassell said, the cooperative bought surplus peanuts from growers at prices designated by the Secretary of To Begin Plans for Agriculture and sold them to bidding crushing mills for the manufacture

sary of Founding Town Of Plymouth

meeting held Monday night, when the board of directors was appointed, Mr. Darden named chairman and Walter

At the meeting on Friday evening it is hoped to work out a tentative program for the event that will ina national speaker, music and other entertaining events.

eral secretary.

pany in Chester, Pa.

# Say Peanut Prices Pulp Mill Operations Stopped at To Be Fixed at Same Figure as Last Year 3 A. M. Today; Veneer Plant May

Diversion Program Is Again Also Close; Little Damage Here Aproved by Department Of Agriculture

Federal agencies will seek to stabilize peanut prices for the new crop it the same price that prevailed last ear, according to L. E. Hassell, of Roper, a director of the North Caroina Peanut Stabilization Cooperative, Inc., who received a telegram yesterday from Herbert C. Bonner, secretary to Congressman Lindsay Warren, reading as follows: "Department of Agriculture informs me peanut prices will be same as last year."

Mr. Hassell returned Saturday from Washington, D. C., where he attended a meeting of 150 representatives of the peanut industry with officials of the United States Department of Agriculture, at which time a committee was appointed to determine base prices for peanuts purchased under the program.

Last year No. 1 grade peanuts were pegged at 3 1-4 cents a pound. The cleaners and manufacturer maintained a level just a little above this price and only a small number of pounds were purchased last year by J. E. Davenport and W. H. Clark, who handled the peanuts here for the coop-

Those present at the meeting were told, Mr. Hassell said, that the government's investment in the peanut program was the most profitable that nad been made, as the income of peanut growers had been increased from \$16,000,000 to \$50,000,000 since 1932. R. C. Holland, of Edenton, president of the Peanut Stabilization Coopera-Committee Formed of the Peanly Stabilization Cooperative, estimated that growers had received benefits totaling nearly \$15 for every \$1 spent on the program very \$1 spent on the program.

Under the diversion program, Mr. Hassell said, the cooperative bought prices designated by the Secretary of Agriculture and sold them to bidding of peanut oil and meal. Last year Festival in October approximately 34,000 tons of 1939 crop peanuts were crushed for oil under the program at a total cost to Will Mark 150th Anniver- the government of about \$700,000. It is estimated that this expenditure resulted in an increased income for peanut growers amounting to \$8,000,-

#### 10 . Funeral Services for they are battering England," Dr. C. C. Crittenden, executive secre-William E. Blount tary of the State Historical Commission told about 1,000 persons at Held This Afternoon tending the celebration of the 155th anniversary and the second annual

Died at His Home in Roper Early Tuesday Result of Paralysis Stroke

Funeral services for William Ed-To Christian Church of October on the same date that the gar Blount, 63, who died at his home of October on the same date that the gar Blount, 63, who died at his home in Roper early Tuesday morning, following a stroke of paralysis, were held in the Roper Methodist church Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, with the pastor, Rev. M. R. Gardner, offciating. Interment took place in the

A native of Washington County, the inquiries in reply to advertise- Mr. Blount was the son of the late ments of North Carolina in national Mr. and Mrs. Stocks Blount. He had publications were in the interest of lived in Roper practically all of his habitants of this country. They were history and many others were from life. He was a member of the Rehothose who wish to attend celebrations both church in Skinnersville and had affairs, but home-builders and they were last year. or homecomings such as the one never moved his membership to Rop- church builders. Many of them as

health for more than a year. He were among the first to protest Britslipped and fell while working at the ish tyranny; they started democratic plant of the North Carolina Pulp control of the church, a control by Company several months ago. His the people and not the leaders, said hip and arm was broken in the fall. the speaker. Prior to his employment at this plant in the county. At one time he was pitality Committee and a represen-Rose, Thursday Afternoon Literary employed by the Roanoke Beacon in tative of the advertising division of

its circulation department. ters, Miss Donnie Blount and Miss Bateman Blount, of New York City;

# To Meet Tonight

chants Association will be held in the Society for the Preservation of Ancommunity hall here tonight (Thurs- tiquities, said the Morattock Church day) at 8:15, immediately after the building had become a community Lions Club concludes its program. center, a shrine for the county, state clude a pageant, parade with floats. The merchants will discuss cooperation by local stores with the labor any faith, as denominations are only unions in celebration of Labor Day departments in the Christian movehere September 2.

W. F. Winslow, president, urges full attendance of the membership, those who had left the community so that something definite may be might return to their church home given the union members as to how for these annual service. much cooperation the merchants will committee on arrangements.

# Number Roads Closed Due To High Water; Much Added Travel Thru Here

The raging Roanoke River in its first large-scale rampage in this section for about 75 yearsand the worst in its historyflooded highways throughout the east, causing all north and south bound traffic over U.S. Route 17 to be routed from Washington through Plymouth by way of the Albemarle Sound bridge and on to the intersection the other side

Corporal Tom B. Brown, of the State Highway Patrol, this afternoon estimated that at least 3,000 cars daily were using highways Nos. 64 and 32, with about half of them carrying out-ofstate licenses.

Local travel has also been disrupted. The causeway at Ward's

Bridge over Welches Creek, about 4 miles west of Plymouth, is flooded, as are the fills and bridges at Gardner's Creek, Sweet Water Creek and Peter Swamp, between here and Williamston. This made it necessary to close No. 64, and traffic to and from Williamston is now being routed by Washing-

The patrolman said that rising waters at Conaby Creek might force closing this highway about a mile east of town, but traffic can be routed over secondary roads around this point in order to keep the north-south route open.

Passenger freight and mail buses and trucks formerly using Route 17 are now being routed

# Morattock Service Attended by 1,000

#### Observance Marks 155th Anniversary; Tablet Is Presented

Elder Boswell, Dr. Crittenden and Others Make Addresses

"Dictators not only say that democracy is worthless, but the rulers of the totalitarian countries have ambitions of overthrowing this system of government, as evidenced in their overrunning of Poland. Denmark, Norway, Belgium, France and mission told about 1,000 persons attending the celebration of the 155th Sunday.

These totalitarian countries teach that the individual exists for the State and is a servant of the state while the democracy in this country holds that the state exists for the benefit of the individual, pointed out of the individual had been revoked in totalitarian states while in this country, citizens retain their free dom of speech, freedom of the press and other citizenship rights.

The settlers who came to North Carolina were among the most democratic of the states because they were among the middle class of innot planters or shippers or men of Baptists held that there should be Mr. Blount had been in declining no established state church; they

J. C. Baskervill, of Raleigh, executive secretary of the Governor's Hosthe State Department of Conserva-Surviving Mr. Blount is his widow, tion and Development, told the Mrs. Myrtle Blount, and three daugh- crowd that he was glad to see that the historic church had been repair-Ardeen Blount, of Roper; Miss Mary ed to give it "eye-appeal", as this was one sure way to attract visitors "What we want," he said, "is to doll up North Carolina and then tell the people about it." Three million visitors last year spent \$102,000,000 in this State, according to the speak-

Col. George Hyde Pratt, geologist of the University of North Carolina A meeting of the Plymouth Mer- and president of the North Carolina and nation, admitting worshippers of ment.

The speaker also pointed out that

D. Thomas Singleton, of Elizabeth extend in the celebration, so that a City, presented a tablet to the church (See MORATTOCK, Page 4)

## **Band Rehearsal** Set for August 30

Director L. W. Zeigler will make a trip from his home in Altoona, Pa., next week-end to lead the Plymouth High School Band in playing for the Labor Day celebration, which will be held here Monday, September 2, it was learned today from H. H. Mc-Lean, superintendent of schools.

Mr. Zeigler told Mr. McLean to urge every member of the band to building Friday night, August 30, at 7 o'clock, for a rehearsal before its public appearance on the following Monday.

# pilgrimage to Morattock Church on Averages From 18 to 20 Cents Reported flooded late yesterday, but here also preparations were made to prevent

the speaker, adding that the rights Prices Paid for First Three Days Range Up To \$5 Over Year Ago

> Encouraging reports are reaching Washington County tobacco growers from the border markets, which held their opening sales Tuesday, with averages of 18 to 20 cents a pound reported generally. The opening prices are nearly \$5 a hundred higher than

Direct reports indicate that farmsidered very encouraging. Few tags were reported turned on sales during the first three days.

Sale prices ranged from 6 cents to 28 cents, and Lumberton has reported an official average of 17 cents. Reports from the 16 markets gave an estimated average of 20 cents per pound. Good tobacco was said to be commanding a premium price.

Sales on the border markets are reported to be lighter than they were last year early in the season.

#### Water About 7 Feet Above Normal and May Go 2 More Feet

Coast Guard Official Bases Estimates on Experience At Points Up River

Flood waters of the Roanoke River, already at a record level here, are expected to reach a crest of about 11 feet above normal tide here by Saturday at noon or early afternoon, according to Lieutenant B. H. Brallier, of Norfolk, United States Coast Guard Service communications officer, who is in charge of Coast Guard work here while the river is at flood. The officer explained that he was not very well acquainted with flood work as he is in a different department of the Coast Guard, but said he was basing his prediction on his experience of the past three days gathered in service along the Roanoke at Jackson, Weldon, Tillery, Scotland Neck and Williamston, where tremendous property damage has been done and several lives were lost.

Lieutenant Brallier said he undertood that the crest had been reached Williamston about 4 o'clock this morning and that the water should begin to recede there about noon today. The high mark there was 20.4 feet, as compared with the previous high of 14.7 reached about four years ago. With the Albemarle Sound so near and favorable winds he said the flood here would not approach the mark set in Williamston.

No lives her been lost in this section, and there has been no serious property damage up to today, it was said although the flood is now running into the cellars of stores fronting on Water Street. At noon today water was 15 to 20 inches deep across the street at both the A. C. L. and Norfolk Southern Railroad stations at opposite ends of Water Street, and a few colored families have been forced to move out of their homes in low areas.

The North Carolina Pulp Company was forced to suspend operations this morning about 3 o'clock, when water backing up outlet pipes caused it to shut down. About noon the water was beginning to overflow into the plant, and motors and dynamos

were being raised to prevent damage. The National Handle Company was On Border Markets outh Box and Panel Company was still operating this afternoon, and ofserious property damage. The Plymficials said they could stand an additional foot of water, although they did not expect the river to rise that

> Water Rising Very Slowly The current in the river here is the

swiftest ever reported, guesses as to its speed ranging from 5 to 8 miles an hour. The rate of rise is very low, as compared with the points above here, a rise of 13 inches having been reported in 15 hours, according to Lieutenant Brallier.

The Coast Guard officer said from information gathered, the water had evidently risen about seven feet aers were very well pleased with the bove the normal tide this afternon. prices paid, and the outlook is con- It was expected that it would reach about 10 or 11 feet some time Saturday. As a rule, he said, about eight hours after the crest is reached, the flood begins to recede.

Lieutenant Brallier reached Plymouth early this morning with four Coast Guard surfboats and about 40 The Hatteras Inlet and Ocramen. coke boats are being retained here with about 15 men to handle them. while the Chicamacomico and Oregon

(See FLOOD, Page 4)

#### **New Officers of American Legion Post** Installed at Meeting Last Friday Night

A barbecue supper will be served to the membership of the James E. Jetho Post of the American Legion at the community hall on Friday night September 12, it was announced today by J. B. Willoughby, new commander of the post, who with other officers was installed last Friday night.

Membership Officer P. W. Brown has already started the annual membership campaign and said that nine of the members had paid their dues. There were about 80 members of the post here at one time.

Other officers installed Friday

night, besides Mr. Willoughby, follow: R. L. Teterton, B. G. Campbell and Goldie Simpson, vice commanders; W. L. Hassell, adujtant; P. W. Brown, finance officer; J. R. Carr, service; P. B. Bateman, guardianship; J. A. Bratten, sergeant at arms; D. A. Hruley, chaplain; W. V. Hays, historian; P. W. Brown, athletic officer; Dr. C. McGowan, child welfare: Clyde Robbins, Americanism; R. L. Tetterton, graves and registration officer; J. C. Swain, unemployment; P. W. Brown, membership chairman; W. V. Hays, publicity; Dr. C. Me-Gowan, sons of the legion.

#### Mobile Army Recruiting Party Will Be Here Saturday Seeking Recruits Jackson, S. C.; Fort Bragg, N. C., Bending every effort to have

this country prepared to meet any eventuality, the government is sending an army recruiting party to Plymouth Saturday at 2:30 p. m., where it will be at the post office or police department to obtain enlistments for the United States Army.

Comparatively few local young men have joined the army in recent months, but a large number have cast their lot with the Navy.

There are now available vacancies at Fort Benning, Ga.; Camp

Fort Moultrie, S. C.; and the Pan ama Canal Department, according to recruiting officials.

In calling attention to the drive for new recruits, those in charge of the recruiting service had this to say: "Join now! Don't wait to be conscripted. Be there ahead of the rest so that you will be one of those chosen to receive fast advancement in the Army Preparedness program. Select the place you want to go and not conscription will send

planned here in their native towns.

way at 10 o'clock in the morning, to the local church.

leaders and local civic leaders are ex- near future.

A meeting of the entire 21 memzation set up to sponsor the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the establishment of the Town of Plymouth will be held at the community hall here Friday evening at 7:30. John W. Darden is general chairman of the committee.

This meeting is a follow-up of

H. Paramore secretary. It was also decided that the celebration would be held the latter part composed of musicians from 17 towns in the section, would parade and give a concert, a definite date to be an-

nounced later. W. R. Hampton, member of the State Board of Conservation and De- Wentz cemetery near Roper. velopment, said that 17 per cent of

The directors named follow: W. H. Townsend, labor unions; Mrs. Claudius McGowan, United Daughter of the Confederacy; Miss Elizabeth B. G. Campbell, senior Woman's Club; Mrs. J. B. Willoughby, American Leley, Augustin Daly Club; Mrs. L. T.

Brown, Lions; H. H. McLean, Perseverance Lodge and the schools; J. B. Willoughby, fire department; Mrs. George W. Bowen, Eastern Star; Mrs. Abe Adler, Garden Club; B. G. Camp- and one son, W. S. Blount, of Roper. bell, mayor of the town; W. M. Darden, representative of Washington County; E. G. Arps, chairman of the Local Merchants den, representative of Washington board of county commissioners; W. H. Booker, Roanoke Beacon; W. R. Hampton, Board of Conservation and Development; J. W. Darden, general chairman and W. H. Paramore, gen-

SEEKS INFORMATION

Information is being sought of the parents or family of Captain Charles Collins, who was born in Plymouth February 11, 1745, by William Howes Collins, assistant industrial advertising manager of the Scott Paper Com- program may be worked out by the