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Frank Freeman, of Greenville, em VOLUME LI-NUMBER 37

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ployed on construction work at the North Carolina Pulp Company here at intervals in the last three years, was married to Miss Sarah Dortch, of Sweetwater, Ala., in Norfolk last Sunday. Mr. Freeman was well liked here. The couple will probably make their home in Greenville.

Harry S. Irons, of Wilmington, Del., who has not been in Washington County for 29 years, was here this week visiting an uncle, Mayor C. N. Davenport, sr., of Creswell. For 22 years Mr. Irons has been foreman of the service department of the Delaware Power and Light Company.

Chief of Police P. W. Brown said today that all citizens should refrain from putting trash on the streets on Saturdays, as the town trucks will not be around to make a collection that day. The officer pointed out that when trash was placed on the streets it made the town look untidy to visitors. of which there is an increasing number especially on Sundays. Such trash should be placed in back yards to wait until Monday, he said.

Representative W M. Darden is planning to attend the state convention of Young Democratic Clubs of North Carolina in Raleigh Friday and Saturday of this week. Others may decide later to accompany Mr. Darden to the meeting.

The 131/2-pound baby boy born to Mr. and Mrs. Broughton Overton in the Pleasant Grove community on Tuesday, September 3, is believed to be the largest new-born baby on record in Washington County. Dr. W. H. Harrell, of Creswell, was the attending physician. Mother and are reported doing nicely.

George W. Harrison is now local agent for the Raleigh News and Observer, succeeding "Tick" James. The change became effective Monday. He is also local agent for the Charlotte Observer.

Reports reached here today that Earl Westerling, formerly employed at a local industrial plant and well known in the county, died Tuesday night in a Norfolk hospital, where he had been taken after only a few hours' illness. Only meagre reports were available here.

County farmers have until October 31 to carry out their soilbuilding practices under the AAA farm program, according to W. V. Hays, who said that participating farmers must complete their soil-building practices by that time in order to receive credit on this year's program.

Mrs. E. G. James, employed at the Owens Brothers office here, recently made a methodical trip to the New York World's Fair. She made a list of the exhibits and shows that she visited. She made the trip by boat and said she was seasick for most of the voyage.



Above are principals of the three large white schools of Washington County, all of which, with the opening of the Plymouth City Schools today, are now in session. They are (left to right): R. B. Trotman, who began his fourth year in the Plymouth schools today; A. T. Brooks, in his fourth year at Creswell; and D. E. Poole, in his sixth year at Roper. The Creswell and Roper schools opened two weeks ago today.



456 Entered in Elementary Grades and 182 in High School at Opening

Opening Last Year

record-breaking enrollment of 608 boys and girls was reported in the white schools of Plymouth today, when the institutions opened for the 1940-41 term with appropriate exercises. Congested conditions found many of the students standing in the aisles at the opening exercises in the high school auditorium.

The Rev. Paul B. Nickens, pastor of the Baptist church, conducted the devotional, and H. H. McLean, superintenant of public instruction for Washington County, made an address. Principal R. B. Trotman announced the schedule of classes and made other announcements.

Walter H. Paramore, a member of Walter H. Paramore, a member of the county school board, made a brief Court for Two Days talk on "Sacrificing for the School," calling attention to the fact that the teachers, students, and patrons would Appeals From Verdict of be called upon for one sacrifice after

The population of the Town of Creswell increased exactly 100 her daughter, Mrs. E. S. Mizell. in the last 10 years, according to Mayor C. N. Davenport, sr., who was in Plymouth this week.

In 1920 the census showed a total of 356 persons, while the fifteenth decennial census, recent ly completed, shows that there are 456 persons living within the corporate limits now, including 302 white and 154 colored.

Mr. Davenport said people in Creswell were well pleased with the increase, which amounted to nearly 30 per cent, but hoped to see a much larger increase during the next 10-year period.

C. E. Hutchins Trial **Occupies Recorder's** eral weeks ago Mizell, of Plymouth.

Guilty on Charge of

Plymouth, Washington County, North Carolina, Thursday, September 12, 1940

Abandon Plans for Cooperative Peanut Warehouse Locally **Event Planned for** Decision Is Reached After Meeting With Marketing Three Days Here Specialist Friday Farmers meeting here Friday aft-NOMINATED

ernoon with C. W. Sheffield, of Raleigh, senior marketing specialist of the State Department of Agriculture and John W. Darden, secretary of the Washington County Chamber of Commerce, decided that the time was not ripe to endeavor to convert the plant of the Bain and Clark Peanut Company here into a cooperative warehouse and factory.

Pending legislation was given as one of the reasons for the delay in action on this matter, as peanuts are not considered one of the basic crops of the country by the Agricultural Adjustment Administration at the present time and there is no assurance that the present level of prices maintained now by the North Caro-

C. Peanut Stabilization Cooperative, Funeral services were held at the said that when he was in Washingesidence near Dardens Tuesday aft- ton, D. C., recently, officials of the ernoon for Martha Frances Jackson, Department of Agriculture made no 80, who died Monday morning at 7 bones in telling the grower represeno'clock, following a heart attack aft- tatives that the crop must be curor having been confined to her bed tailed for 1941 or there would be cofor two weeks at the home here of operative to maintain the price level in effect for the past two or three years.

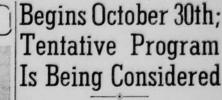
Rev. Gilbert Davis, of Bell Arthur, Mr. Hassell and County Agent W onducted the last rites, assisted by Hays agreed that there had been he Rev. F. A. Lilley, of Washington. about a 15 per cent increase in the Interment was made in the cemetery acreage planted to the 1940 crop in at the Dardens Christian church, of Washington County and in North which Mrs. Jackson had long been Carolina and Virginia. One thing which has held the market up is that A large crowd attended the final the Georgia peanut growers do not ites for the beloved woman, who was produce choice peanuts, as in North well known and highly respected in Carolina, and most of their crop is both Washington and Martin Counof such low quality that it is largely

ies. A large floral offering was conused for peanut meal and peanut oil. Mr. Sheffield could give but one She was the widow of James instance where a local organization of Franklin Jackson, who was fatally farmers was maintaining a peanut injured by a hit-and-run driver sevwarehouse and factory, and that was and years ago near Dardens. Mrs. in Virginia. It was not known what Jackson was a native of Martin degree of success was attending the County, but moved here to live with enterprise

her daughter, Mrs. E. S. Mizell, sev-Mr. Sheffield said that in order for cooperative undertaking such as Surviving are three children: J. S that proposed here to be successful.

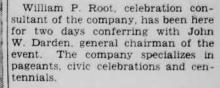
Jackson, of Washington; Mrs. D. H. it would have to purchase at least 51 Wolfe, of Washington; and Mrs. E. per cent of the crop from its memcongressional district Democratic exbers, and the peanuts bought would have to reach the consuming public

Student Minister Is direct and not go through the hands of other cleaners, as the larger manufacturers would probably soon depress the price and cause disaster. One of the most interesting and Of Episcopal Church encouraging notes at the meeting was the statement made by W. H. Clark encouraging notes at the meeting was that a prospective purchaser of the



Features Include All-Star Band Festival, Pageant And Other Events

An agreement has been reached between officials of the Sesqui-Centennial Celebration Committee and the John B. Rogers Producing Company, of Fostoria, Ohio, whereby the 150th anniversary of the founding of the town of Plymouth will be held for three days, starting on Wednesday October 30.



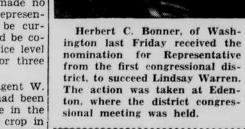
It is planned to produce a pageant, based on local history, on each of the three nights. It will be presented in the ball park. About 200 persons will be included in the nightly spectacle. Lights will be erected at the ball park for stage effects, and it was estimated by the sponsors that a total of 6.000 persons would see the production during the three nights.

It was also said that the first day of the observance, Wednesday, will be featured by a parade of floats and the Eastern Carolina All-Star High School Band in the morning, a concert at night, an address by a speaker of national reputation, club homecoming, queen's coronation, and a spectacle depicting the progress of Plymouth.

Thursday there would be a historical parade in costume, possibly a military unit included; an old-timer's By Unanimous Vote ball game; spectacle or pageant at night, followed by an old-time street

Friday will be dedicated to the celebration's sales day for merchants, pet parade, barbecue at noon, contests, the pageant of Plymouth at night, and the queen's ball. In connection with the sales day, each mer-Washington County accompanied W. chant would be asked to feature sev-R. Hampton, a member of the first eral special items.

Mr. Root's company will write the ecutive committee, to Edenton Friday morning, when they approved the casting of the vote from this county



Bonner Gets District

Nomination Friday

Delegation of 15 From Here

At Committee Meeting

In Edenton

Upwards of 15 persons from

another if the school was to have William P. Root, celebration consultant of the producing company successful year. that wil stage the featured events of the Sesqui-Centennial Celebration

here in October, said while here that Plymouth was strategically located. had a fine topic for celebration material, and that with the cooperation of all citizens the event should be a great success.

Commercial Course

Efforts are being made today to have included in the courses offered at the Plymouth High School instruction in bookkeeping, shorthand, and typewriting, according to Principal R B. Trotman, who said that Mrs. Charles A. Hough, a state certified commercial teacher, who lives near Dardens, would conduct the classes.

Six typewriters must be secured for use by the students, and the rental fee for the machines will be \$120 for eight months, with this fee applied to the purchase price if the school that it also had a record opening day decides to buy the typewriters, Mr. Trotman said.

If an organization will assume obligation for the machines, the students will pay only \$3 per month for tuition, it was expalined, and if the enrollment reaches the point where an additional teacher is earned, then dents for tuition.

as well as high school students. Those their position in the case. It was ru- son, at Pleasant Grove, asking him singing enjoyed and refreshments who wish to enroll are asked to see mored that H. S. Ward would also be to come to Plymouth for her, which Mr. Trotman by Friday of this week. called into the case.

Non-Support "There will, of necessity, be occa-A jury in recorder's court Wednessions for the sacrifice of ideas, money, day afternoon, following two hours personal interests and selfishness of the individual teacher, student, and of deliberation, found C. Edley Hutparent for the benefit of the school chins, 25, white, guilty of abandoncollectively, as the taxpayers have

sacrificed to make available the opportunity which now confronts the cluding a trial that had been underyouth of this school," he said.

In the enrollment today, there was a total of 456 in the elementary grades and 182 in the high school, ed judgment for two years on con-Planned at School grades and 182 in the high school, ed judgment for two years on con-for a grand total of 608, which is 41 dition that Mr. Hutchins contribute more than were enrolled last year on \$25 monthly for two years to the opening day. The enrollment last support of his wife. The payments year was 400 in the elementary and are to be guaranteed by a justified 167 in high school, making a total of bond of \$500. Appeal was noted by 567

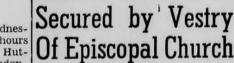
> Principal Trotman said he was expecting a gradual increase in the en- quired of the defendant. rollment figures and that by the end of the fall semester there would be that Mr. Hutchins left his home here close to 700 children enrolled in the on Monday, September 2, returning two institutions, the Hampton school the following day with a truck, on and the high school.

No report could be obtained from the colored school, but it is expected enrollment.

Attorneys in Land Suit

W. B. Rodman, sr., of Washington,

The course is open to town people, conferred Tuesday and Wednesday on sent word to her father, W. B. Cheshe did.



a faithful member.

ributed.

ment and non-support of his wife Mrs. Frances Chesson Hutchins, conway part of Tuesday and most of Wednesday.

Recorder John W. Darden suspend-

an appearance bond of \$500 was re-Evidence in the case tended to show

which he loaded all of the household furnishings in their Washington Street apartment while Mrs. Hutchins was visiting a neighbor.

A warrant was issued here for Mr. Hutchins and sent to Asheville to be served on him at Black Mountain, his former home. The returned doc-Confer Here This Week ument showed that it had been served on the sixth of this month.

Weeping as she testified on the E. L. Owens, W. M. Darden and Z. stand of his having left her several the state will pay the teacher, and V. Norman, counsel for the 21 de- times before, Mrs. Hutchins said she there will be no charge to the stu- fendants in the suit for ownership of was afraid to go with her husband in met at the community hall and pre the Annie L. Owens' estate property her present physical condition. She

> Among the witnesses heard in the matter were Mrs. Hutchins, Mr. Hut- were 96 communicants of the church of Black Mountain, father of the defendant, and Mrs. Bentley.

W. Ronld Gaylord appeared for the state as prosecuting attorney, and W. . Whitley assisted as private counsel for the prosecuting witness, while Carl L. Bailey appeared for the defendant. The jury was composed of

C. O. Kelly, Louis M. Davenport, S. D. Davis and W. J. Harrison.

It was reported that notice of a Sheriff J. K. Reid was on the looksuit for alimony was served on Mr. out today for Rudolph Vail, of Wash-Hutchins during the trial, but Clerk ington County, who escaped from a of Superior Court C. V. W. Ausbon Duplin County prison farm with three perienced meat cutter, having had exsaid yesterday that no complaint had other prisoners this week. Details of been filed for hearing in superior the escape are not available. Vail was sent to prison to serve five court on such an action. The veteran clerk also said that no alimony suit had ever been filed in the court six years for storebreaking and lar- tomers, and this week they are offerceny in Duplin County in 1939. here in his recollection.

local plant was here recently and Franklin Kizer Will Hold that the machinery and building it-Services Here on Three self was in excellent repair.

Sundays a Month

Mrs. E. S. Mizell

The vestry of Grace Episcopal Plymouth Native Church here has secured the services of Franklin Kizer, of Washington N. C., for three Sundays a month during the fall, winter and spring of 1940-41 to succeed William B. Daniels, ministerial student, who has the defendant to superior court, and been here during the summer.

Mr. Kizer will teach a Sunday school class, conduct morning prayer been sick for six months. Interment and act as adviser to the Young Peoples Service League. The churchman will be here Sunday for his first service. He is a ministerial student, taking his academic work at East Carolina Teachers' College in Greenville. The Rev. Sidney E. Matthews, of

Washington, rector of the parish, will continue his affiliation with the work here and will be present for the morn

month.

A farewell party was given to Mr large number of the church members

sented him with a wrist watch and \$51 in cash. Games were played, Market Department served.

In a report to the group present Friday night, Mr. Daniels said there

organizations: senior woman's auxiliary, 24; junior woman's auxiliary, 15; men's club, 34; Young People's

From Prison Camp

of Plymouth; three sisters, Mrs. J. S. Davenport, of Creswell; Mrs. Annie Clement, of Crewe, Va.: and Mrs.

Is Added at Pender's Hotel

Pender's store here is now operatchins, Ed Ricks, J. R. Campbell, Fred living in or near Plymouth; 57 are ing a modern market department in Innes, J. K. Reid, H. J. Riddick, C. E. regular contributors; there are 65 un- conjunction with its regular line of Ayers, R. G. Hardison, W. C. Hutchins confirmed children and aults: 170 groceries, and business has been very persons are served by the church: av- good since the new department was erage attendance is 51 and at Sun- opened last week, according to Man-

> The partition at the rear of the store was moved back several feet and modern equipment, including a floating air refrigerator, meat block and display refrigerator, has been installed, adding to the attractiveness of the store and enlarging its capacity of service to patrons.

Clerk George Morgan, who has been here for some time, is employed in the meat department. He is an experience with several other markets. Manager Willis said he expected this department of the store to inconsecutive terms totaling three to crease in popularity with the cusing specials in their advertisement.

for Herbert C. Bonner as nominee for the unexpired term and following two-year term as representative in lower house of Congress. The place will become vacant by resignation of Lindsay C. Warren, effective October 1, to become Comptroller General of

the United States. Among the group from here were

Mr. Hampton, C. L. Bailey, Harry Stell, Linwood Hassell, J. W. Darden, W. M. Darden, Ben A. Sumner, L. E. Hassell, J. K. Reid, and others Corporal T. B. Brown escorted the Dies in Norfolk contingent of 15 cars from Washingon, Martin, Beaufort, Pitt and other counties which went over in a caval-

Funeral services were conducted at cade. a Norfolk funeral home Monday aft-Mr. Hampton was named on the ernoon for James Harvey Bateman. committee to escort Mr. Bonner in-51, a native of Plymouth, who had to the Chowan courthouse to be notified of his nomination after Dudwas made in a Norfolk cemetery. ley Bagley, of Currituck, had moved for Mr. Bonner's nomination, which

Born in Plymouth, Mr. Bateman had made his home in Norfolk for 35 was seconded by W. O. Crump, of years, where he was employed in the Gates; Roy Davis, of Dare; and H. Clay Carter, of Beaufort. Norfolk Navy yard as a machinist.

He was the son of George L. and Mrs. W. I. Bissett, of Pitt County, placed the name of Ed G. Flannagan, of

Greenville, before the committee but Besides his wife, Mrs. Cora Farrow Bateman, he is survived by one adoptsaid himself that he didn't believe Flannagan would accept if nominated. Bonner's nomination was made unanimous by acclamation.

Jerome B. Flora, of Elizabeth City, vas elected chairman of the committee to succeed Mr. Bonner, and M. E. Matthews, of Engelhard, was con-

> ner's acceptance speech, the committeemen were entertained by John

> > Unless about 30 more children

enroll in the Roper white schools,

there is a possibility that the

school will lose the additional

teacher earned last year, accord-

ing to Principal D. E. Poole, who

is anxious that the new teacher

supplied by the State School

Commission this year be retained.

The teacher was earned by in-

creased enrollment and attend-

ance last year, and she will be

lost by failure to maintain a sim-

ilar record this year, Mr. Poole

said, in pointing out that there

was an enrollment of 336 chil-

dren opening day last year,

against 337 this year,

tee to make it an artistic success. The cost for the services of the firm will be \$1,250 for the three days. The money is to be earned by selling souvenirs, admissions to the pageant, and other plans for raising revenue

Revival to Begin 'At Roper Sunday

Roper.-A revival will begin in the Roper Methodist church Sunday night, September 15, and continue through the following Sunday morning. All evening services will begin at 8 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. M. R. Gardner, will do the preaching. Mrs. M. R. Gardner will lead the congregational singing. There will be special music. All members of the Vacation Bible school are invited to come and sing in a junior choir. All members of the senior choir are invited to sing also.

Everyone is cordially invited to all services.

Revival Services Begin at Corinth Church Sunday

A series of revival services will start at the Corinth Free Will Baptist church near Dardens on Sunday evening, September 15, with the Rev. Herman Wooten, of Garner, as the tinued as secretary. Following Bon- speaker, to be assisted by Rev. Clarence Bowen, the pastor,

"Everyone is cordially invited to Graham and Richard Dixon, of Eden- attend each of these services each ton, at lunch in the Joseph Hewes evening at 8 o'clock in this old-time revival." said the pastor.

Roper Principal Says School May Lose Teacher Unless Enrollment Increased

School officials are making ev ery effort to get welfare officials to visit the homes and persuade parents to send their children to school so that the enrollment and attendance may be maintained.

Mr. Poole said one encouraging factor in the situation is the fact that during the first week of the current an additional 10 students had been entered, bringing the enrollment to a total of 350. However, the enrollment must be built up close to 400 to retain the extra teacher.

This year the Roper white school has 14 teachers, against 13 last term,

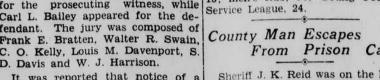
Red Cross Drive in County Closed With Less Than \$200 of \$600 Quota Realized people of the county who made A total of \$194,65 has been re-

ported by Chairman James W. Norman, of the Washington County chapter of the American Red Cross, as contributions to the relief of European war refugees, with a total of \$6.78 received last week and \$1.50 which has not been heretofore acknowledged.

Mr. Norman said that the drive closed last week, Washington County raising less than \$200 of the \$300 initial quota. The quota was later raised to \$600 as the need continued to increase.

Mr. Norman said that he wishto express his appreciation to the contributions to aid the starving. suffering and homeless refugees who were caught in the maelstrom following the invasion of Belgium, the lowland nations, as well as other countries in Europe. The recent list of contributors

came from Creswell, and ac knowledgment is made as follows: \$2, W. H. Bolling; \$1 each, Mrs. Mary Armstrong, Mrs. Milton Starr, O. D. Hatfield, T. W. Tarkenton; and miscellaneous donations less than \$1, Rom Norman, Mrs. C. N. Davenport, and J. B. Davenport.



day school 31; enrollment in church ager B. Gray Willis.

ing service on the second Sunday of ed son, William J. Bateman, of Noreach month and for the evening serv- folk; two brothers, R. W. Bateman ice on the third Sunday in each of Roanoke, Va., and J. R. Bateman

Daniels on Friday night, when a Cora Clement, of Lynchburg, Va.

Henrietta Bateman.