

Sergeant J. W. Armstrong, of Fort Sam Houston, Texas, was the weekend guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Armstrong, here. Sergeant Armstrong has recently been assigned to Fort Bragg at Favetteville as supply sergeant and visited his parents while en route to his new assignment

Miss Katherine Midgett, daughter of Mrs. Blanche Midgett, of Plymouth, has been chosen by Director George M. Thompson as one of the 48 new members of the vested choir of 125 voices at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Selective service regulations and procedure will be discussed Friday, October 11, at 10:15 p. m., over the Mutual network and on Sunday, October 13, at 2:30 p. m., over the red network of the NBC, with Acting Director Hershey being heard, it was announced today by Frank L. Brinkley, chairman of the Washington County Board of Elections.

W. A. (Bill) Roebuck has returned to the Plymouth Motor Company as bookkeeper. He succeeds Mrs. Raymond Ambrose, who is resigning to go to Harrisburg, Pa., where her husband is now employed. Mr. Roebuck fomerly worked at the Plymouth Motor Company, leaving their employment only about a year ago.

W. R. Hampton, W. M. Darden and J. W. Darden today attended the rally of Democrats of the first congressional district at Hertford, where they heard Herbert C. Bonner, congressional nominee from this district, and several state officials speak.

With the sale of about 25 more shares of installment stock in the Plymouth Building and Loan Association in the twelfth series, which opened October 1, there has now been a total of approximately 100 new shares of stock sold in the organization, accord-ing to M. W. Spruill, secretary and treasurer.

Walter H. Paramore was named Washington County chairman of the Roosevelt-Wallace finance committee as a representative of the Young Dem ocratic Club of the county and state organization. Dick Reynolds, director of finance for North Carolina, and Ralph Gardner, state YDC president, made the appointment.

Over 530 absences during the first 20 days after school opened operated against a request by the Plymouth schools for another teacher, as the state school officials said that failure of the children to attend more regularly obviated the necessity of an additional faculty member, Principal R. B. Trotman told members of the parent-teacher association at a meeting Wednesday night.

The Plymouth High School Band will go to Raleigh next Wednesday to man; J. E. Phelps, vice chairman; R join in a parade through the princi- W. Lewis, committeeman; J. M. Mcpal streets and at night will attend Allister, first alternate; and R. C. a concert by the United States Ma- Chesson, second alternate.

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Sesqui-Centennial E. S. Blount, J. Roy Manning and Clyde **Event Called off** Smithson Members

Definite decision has been reached that there will be no Sesqui-Centennial Celebration in Plymouth this year, according to John W. Darden, general chairman of the group, who last Friday dissolved the committees which had been making arrange-

ments for the event. Mr. Darden said it was decided that it was too late in the fall to stage the event scheduled to be held here October 30. It was pointed out that in the late fall there was a probability of bad weather prevailing.

Plans continue to go forward. though, for entertainment or that date of the Eastern Carolin: All-Star High School Band, com posed of 100 young musicians from 17 towns in this section who will gather here for a parade, band rehearsal and concert at night.

of those appointed this week will re-Farmers Elect Local Groups To Handle ernment.

1941 Farm Program

Meetings Held During Past Week Largely Attended By Eligible Voters

Community committeemen who deferment of service. Others who will share with the county committee can prove that they have dependents the responsibility of administering the or jobs necessary to national defense 1941 Agricultural Adujstment Administration farm program were elected down in the draft. at meetings held in Plymouth, Roper,

and Creswell during the past week, it was learned today from County -to be held between October 21 and tatives of Washington County pur-Agent W. V. Hays. Another meeting will be held soon which men will be selected. Those of the 1939 delinquent tax list, sold to name the county committee. Lo- whose numbers are drawn will be sent under the hammer to satisfy past-

cal committeemen elected at the recent meetings are as follows: Plymouth: Charlie W. Bowen chairman; H. G. Simpson, vice chair-

man: W. H. Gurkin, committeeman J. F. Allen, first alternate: and R. C Jackson, second alternate. Lees Mills: R. L. Stillman, chair-

Z. V. Norman Named Appeal Agent and Dr. C. McGowan, Examiner

E. S. Blount and J. R. Manning of Plymouth, and Clyde Smithson, of Creswell, were this week appointed as members of the local draft board of Washington County, which has as its main duty the classification of men between the ages of 21 and 36 for military service, under the terms of the selective service act recently enacted by Congress. Attorney Zeb Vance Norman was also appointed appeal agent and Dr. C. McGowan was named medical examiner. Mr. Norman, as appeal agent, will be at the service of any registrants who wish to appeal from decisions of the local board, while Dr. McGowan will make any physical examinations that the board may deem necessary. None

ceive any compensation whatever for their services, although it is understood clerical assistance will be furnished the board by the Federal gov

It has been said that in classifying and selecting registrants for potential military service there will be a "most liberal" interpretion of the term "dependent" to avoid disloca-

with their wives may be classified as having dependents and thus receive

are also expected to be placed far Classification of registrants will

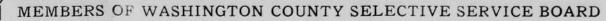
not take place until after the lottery 26-has determined the sequence in chasing practically every certificate questionnaires by the local boards, due taxes and penalties totalling \$28.-

which then will determine whether certain persons will be deferred on the basis of their answers.

will be placed in Class 1 and become order in which their numbers were

for deferment because of the nature penalties totalled \$63,354.80. of their jobs would be in class 2. Un-

liberal interpretation of





The above three men will largely handle the administration of the selective service act in Washington County, as a result of their appointment this week. Reading from left to right they are: E. S. Blount, of Plymouth: Clyde Smithson, of Creswell; and J. R. Manning, of Plymouth. Associated with them, but not members of the board, will be Z. V. Norman, appeal agent, and Dr. C. McGowan, medical examiner. None of the board members or associates will receive any compensation for their work in this connection.

Thousands of Dollars Big Land Suit First Case on Docket for Worth Property Sold **Special Term Court** tion of the nation's social and eco-nomic structure. Married men living tire Week; Other Cases

Represents Unpaid Tax Ac- Out-of-Town Guests Than Last Year

Invited To Dinner Thousands of dollars' worth of real Here Next Thursday estate in this county was old at the courthouse door Monday, represen-

> Good Neighbor Feast For Visitors

Sales of the delinquent tax list has fluctuated in the last few years. For It is generally understood that instance, in 1936 the total was aphose without grounds for deferment proximately \$20,000. In 1938 the sale was for \$28,094.10, which is \$1,111.14 liable to call in the first draft in the more than the \$26,982,96 in taxes and munity hall here Thursday night of penalties advertised this year. In the next week, October 17, under the drawn. Those with substantial claims depression year of 1933, taxes and sponsorship of the Plymouth Lions Club.

982.96.

When the delinquent list was ad-"de ertised in 1937 there pendecy," all those who can prove sons in arrears on their taxes and mittee, composed of E. F. Still, E. H. penalties while in 1938 there were Liverman, and Z. V. Norman, to seplaced in class 3-far down in the 953 names in the delinquent tax lect the date and time and to issue 953 names in the definquent tax the invitations to civic workers from N. H. Harrison vs. Gertrude A. Dar-Announcement of the conscription month contained 923 names. Improved business conditions usually result in a substantial decrease the Army originally planned to call in the number of names carried on serve on the committee. up 400,000 conscripts before the end the list as it provides the land ownof the year, draft experts said the ers with money with which to pay vitations to attend the dinner: Hugh G. Horton and E. S. Peele their taxes.



Scheduled et al, vs. Annie Basinger, et al, in Local Lions Club Sponsors suit against 20 defendants in an ef- their assistants, will be paid any fee fort to establish the title to property devised to her heirs by the will of Mrs. Annie L. Owens. The present value of the property in question, Invitations went out today to a together with the improvements,

score of men in surrounding towns totals over \$100,000. urging them to attend a good neigh-Other case are set for the first day bor dinner, to be given at the com- of the court, but it is expected that will be deputized, handed a card and this action will probably consume the entire court term of one week. At-

Regular Election Polling Places and Officials Will Be Used Next Week

Machinery has been set up for the registration of an estimated 1,500 men in Washington Oounty between the ages of 21 and 36 next Wednesday, October 16, under the terms of the selective service act recently enacted by Congress, according to Frank L. Brinkley, chairman of the board of elections, who will direct the registering activities in this county. Regular election registrars will be in charge at the polling place in each of the five precincts in the county. and Mr. Brinkley is arranging for a large number of volunteer assistants or the regular election officials. It was said there would be about 15 registrars in Plymouth; 10 in Roper; 5 at Skinnersville, 8 at Creswell; and 3 at Wenona

Following is the list of polling or registration places and the names of the registrars under whose direction the assistants will work: Wenona, at Blackland Experiment station, W. L. Furbee, registrar; Plymouth, at courthouse, Mrs. Addie L. Brinkley, egistrar; Lees Mill, at Thompson's store, A. R. Phelps, registrar; Skinnersville, at W. W. White's store, W. W. White, registrar; Scuppernong, at Smithson Building beside old Starr Drug Store in Creswell, T. F. Davenport, registrar.

The law requires every male citizen and alien between the ages of 21 and 36 to present himself for registration under the act and severe penalties are provide for those who fail to register, white or colored. Provision is made for those who are away from The first case on the calendar of their home precincts to register at the civil term of superior court, post- the polling place wherever they happoned from October 21 to Monday, pen to be. The registrant will be November 11, is that of Effie Perry, keep on his person at all times to prove his compliance with the law. which 25 petitioners have brought No person, including the registrars or for aiding in the registration, and men presenting themselves for registration will not receive any fee or expense money.

Any man in the specified age group who is sick on the day of registration shall send a relative. The relative will return to the sick man, fill in the necessary information and return torneys for the litigants met here last the card to the place of registration. week to prepare the issues in the case The law is specific in stating that Club. President P. W. Brown appointed W. L. Whitley chairman of a com-fact, in order to save time after the fact, in order to save time after the includes every man who has reached the 21st anniversary of his birth but not the 36th by October 16th must register. This includes every man who was

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born in the period between October

Information required of those who

register include the following: full

name, address, telephone number,

age, place of birth, country of citizen-

rine Band. Efforts to get a bus to Scuppernong: W. D. Phelps, chairtake the band members have not man; W. B. Davenport, vice chairbeen successful as yet, and they may man; J. R. Davenport, committeego in individual cars.

F. F. A. Activities At Local School

By WILLIAM STYONS

The Future Farmers of America Chapter of the Plymouth High School county meeting. has been very active si ice the open-

ing of school. The officers of the in the county who were eligible to chapter have been elected as follows:

president. Newman Allen; secretary, the men who will administer the farm Joe Gray Browning; treasurer, War- program. ren Robbins; reporter, William Styons: advisor W. S. Moore (teacher)

One of the most outstanding activities of a Future Farmer Chapter and it is expected that immediately each year is the initiation of its afterwards the committees will begin 'Green Hands," . the new members. This ceremony was performed in the gymnasium of the school last Friday night. The following students received the "Green Hand" degree: Henry Everett, Leon Harrison, Ralph LeFever, Jack Oliver, Howard Res pass, William Sawyer, Marion Styons, Clyde Sitterson, Edward Swain, George Williams, Stewart Nestor and Bill Woodley.

The chapter is now seeding demonstration plots of small grains and legumes out on the farm of Mr. Sam Lucas.

Several of the Future Farmers plan to attend the State Fair at Raleigh. this Friday and Saturday with their Instructor. We are enjoying our work and hope to accomplish many things through our studies

Registration books for the No-

vember election will be open for

the next three consecutive Sat-

urdays, beginning October 12,

with the fourth Saturday, No-

vember 2, designated as challenge

day, according to Frank L. Brink-

ley, chairman of the Washing-

Registrars will be at their re-

spective polling places all day on

the three Saturday for the pur-

pose of registering new voters

and those who may have chang-

ed their precincts since the lasst

election, Mr. Brinkley said, and

persons who have changed their

residence from one precinct to

another must re-register, and

ton County Board of Elections.

Registration Books for November 5th

Election Open Next Three Saturdays

W.

that they have dependents would be man; Sam Spruill, first alternate; and draft list.

Phillip Ambrose, second alternate. Departing from last year's election quotas for each state and county is procedure, the community commitexpected to be made soon. Although teemen were elected as usual, but instead of electing a delegate to the county convention, a resolution was passed at each meeting authornumber probably would be less be-

izing the chairman of the community committee to serve as delegate to the

reviewing contracts for 1941.

A large number of the 830 farmers Regular Court Term President. Pete Browning: vice vice in the election were on hand to called Off and New

Jury List Is Drawn A definite schedule has not been larranged yet, but the new committeemen will take office on November 1

Farmers who wish to know more about the program or who have some Substitution of a special civil term matters to discuss with the commiteemen are advised by County Agent Hays to see them as soon as possible

Program of Services at Local Christian Church

Rev. G. A. HAMLIN, Minister Services for the Christian church Sunday, October 13, follow: 9:45 a. m., Sunday school. 11 a. m., morning worship; sermon ubject: "Thirsty Souls." 7:30 p. m., evening worship; ser mon subject, "A New Song."

must also present their new reg-

istrar a transcript from their

registered while the books were

open before the primary last

June, when a new registration

was ordered, would not be re-

for the five precincts in the coun-

ty: Mrs. Addie L. Brinkley, court-

house, for Plymouth; A. R.

Phelps, Roper, for Lees Mill; W.

for Skinnersville; Thomas F.

Davenport, somewhere in Creswell

for Scuppernong; W. L. Furbee,

at Wenona, for that section.

White, at his home or store

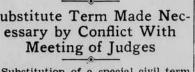
Following are the registrars

quired to register again.

The chairman said those who

previous registrar.

The public is cordially invited to attend all the services.



of Washington County Superior ple owed \$22,040.86 in the four town-Court to convene on Monday, Novem- ships and the colored property ownber 11, for the regular term, which ers \$4,942.10. The wide disparity in was scheduled to begin October 21. these figures show that property ownwas agreed upon by the Washington ed by white people is valued much

proved by the county commissioners lation. Monday and authorized today by Governor Clyde R. Hoey. that they need not appear, because tracts of land

this has been withdrawn. Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn, of Woodof court.

Superior Court Clerk C. V. W. Ausbon said the change was deemed adwho was to preside, would adjourn

attend the meeting. The following jury list was drawn by the commissioners to serve at the

Plymouth: Earl Ainsley, R. S. Mar-Paul Sykes, E. D. Keel, J. W. Snell.

W. J. Marriner, J. Fred Spruill, and ly conference for the charge. R. A. Turner. Skinnersville: F. L. Everett, S. J. Comstock, and Fay Spruill. Scuppernong: Harrison Phelps, be elected for the coming year.

Phelps, H. E. Clifton, Milton E. Amprose.

cause of heavy voluntary enlistments. For the last several years the tax rate has been stationary at \$1.80 on the 100 valuation, and the difference n amount collected each year is not caused by a higher or lower rate, but by conditions prevailing.

Lees Mills Township taxpayers owe the most, the unpaid taxes and penalties advertised for them totalling \$10,331.01. Plymouth Township is sec-Substitute Term Made Nec- ond with \$7,962.47 due from its taxpayers. The figures for Scuppernong were \$4,345.74 while the last on the Fearing, Manteo. list is Skinnersville with \$4,343.74 due

in taxes and penalties. Divided by races, the white peo-County Bar Association recently, ap- higher than that of the colored popu-

The largest delinquent taxpayers on the list are the John L. Roper A new jury was drawn for the spec- Lumber Company, which owes 2, ial term and Sheriff J. K. Reid ad- 293.63 on several tracts of land, and vises those who were chosen for jury the Norfolk Southern Land Company, service at the regular October term which owes \$2,836.87 also on several

From this large amount the figures range down to a few cents, and in land, has been appointed by Governor many cases the penalties and adver-Hoey to preside over the special term tising costs are more than the original amount of taxes due.

It is interesting to note that the total tax levy for 1939 was \$107,visable by the fact that superior court 934.66. The total property valuation judges of the state are holding their of the county is \$5,996,370. Of the annual convention during the week amount of taxes levied, \$26,982.96 the regular court was scheduled, and was not collected, representing about

abeth City, will preach in the Pleasin, J. B. Stillman, William Scott, ant Grove Methodist church Sunday evening at 7:30. After the sermon Lees Mill: C. M. Davenport, Gordon the visiting district superintendent Sexton, J. T. Griffin, jr., J. R. Swain, will preside over the fourth quarter-

> Officers for the entire charge, composed of Pleasant Grove, Mackeys, Rehoboth and Roper churches, will Everyone is cordially invited to attend the services by the pastor, Rev M. R. Gardner,

case is called in court.

Other cases are set for the first day week follow: Monday, November 11, 17, 1904, and October 16, 1919, both other towns. John W. Darden, who den; N. H. Harrison, jr., vs. Neva C. was present at the Lions meeting last Darden; Annie and Mae Spruill vs. Thursday night, was also asked to Jolly Bell; Hexstall vs. Kieckhefer

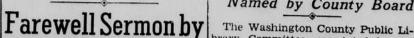
Container Corporation; H. J. Howell The following has been issued invs. Adams Johnson Corporation; and M. T. Elliott vs. John Halsey.

Tuesday, November 12: H. L. Williamston; K. S. Mitchell and J. H. Pritchette, Windsor; R. D. Dixon and J. H. McMullan. Edenton; L. W. Anderson and J. E. Winslow, Hert-Caskill-Griffin vs. Theodore Ambrose ford; Jerome Flora and J. H. Leroy, et al; in re: Will of Charlie De Elizabeth City; Ralph Hodges and Shields.

J. D. Grimes, Washington; Fred P. Wednesday, November 13: Wash-Latham and Dr. Ralph, Belhaven; H. M. Jacobs, of New Bern; O. L. Williams and P. G. Gallop, Swan Davenport vs. E. H. Harris; Beatrice Cohoon, Columbia; Roy Jackson, of

Land Company (two cases); McCoy identification. Quarter; Wallace Tatem and Floyd Norman vs. Insurance Company.

Pantego; D. V. Meekins and D. B. Public Library Committee Named by County Board



orary Committee, appointed by the H. H. McLean, Mrs. H. A. Blount, of to attend.

The Rev. M. L. Ambrose will termi-Plymouth; Mrs. Frank Wilson, of nate his six-year pastorate of Zion Roper; Mrs. Clyde Smithson, of Cres-Chapel Chrisian Church, near Roper, well; and Mrs. A. Edison Davenport, Sunday when he delivers his final of Mackeys. sermon to the large crowd expected It was reported to the county com-

for the annual homecoming day missioners when the committee was services. Church officials urge every member of the church to attend, and a special invitation has been issued to former members and friends of the

church who have moved away. There will be special music for the event, including violin renditions by two Roper teachers and vocal numbers by others. In the afternoon a playlet, entitled "The Home Coming

of Tomorrow." will be presented. The Rev. Mr. Ambrose leaves his charge in Washington County for Old Ford Christian Church in Beaufort County, near Washington, where he will deliver his initial sermon to the congregation at his new charge the following Sunday.

Schedule of Services for Local Methodist Church

Rev. O. L. HARDWICK, Pastor There will be a laymen's service at the Methodist church Sunday morning, with W. L. Whitley speaking and Z. V. Norman in charge of the program. Special music will be furnish ed by the choir.

Other services are: Church school at 9:45 a. m. Junior league at 2 p. m. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m.

ship, name of person who will always know address of registrant; address and relationship of this person; em-Browning vs. American Legion; E. R. ployer's name, place of employment Jackson vs. T. H. Williams; Gladys or business. The registrant must Cooper vs. Insurance Company; Mc- swear or affirm that the information he gives is true.

inclusive.

The registrar determines the race, height, weight, color of hair, eye and complexion and other obvious physiington County vs. Norfolk Southern cal characteristics which will aid in

> Quarterly Conference at Creswell Church Sunday

Creswell.-The quarterly conference of the Creswell Methodist

charge will be held at the local church next Sunday afternoon, Oc-Zion Chapel Pastor board of commissioners Monday, is tober 13, at 3 o'clock. This is the last conference before the annual man, Mrs. J. Robert Campbell, Mrs. conference and all members are urged

> Homecoming Service At Philippi October 20

Creswell.-Sunday, Oct. 20, is to be named that 46 new books were placed observed by Philippi Christian church in the library for October and that as homecoming day. A special prohereafter new books would be placed gram is being prepared, and a picnic on the library shelves each month. lunch will be served.

25 Employees Added at Pulp Plant as **New Board Machine Put in Operation**

A machine for manufacturing bleached and semi-bleached board has been put into production recently at the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company here, necessitating a small increase in employment, according to information obtained from George M. Snyder, resident manager of the plant.

Adujstments must be made to the machine before it reaches its capacity, Mr. Snyder said, and just as soon as these are completed and the machine is working satisfactorily, the board machine at the Cherry River Paper Company, in Richwood, W. Va., will be discontinued. Heretolore, all this work was done at the West Virginia mill.

Twenty-five men were added to the payroll of the plant here to operate the new piece of machinery on a three-shift basis, raising the total to about 425 employees in the production department at the local plant, according to the resident manager, who added that the construction force has been reduced to about 25. At times during the early spring and summer, several hundred men were employed in construction work alone.

The additions began last fail are now nearly complete, and the plant is now operating very nearly at capacity production.

Quarterly Conference at Pleasant Grove Sunday The Rev. B. B. Slaughter, of Eliz-

it was likely that Judge J. J. Burney, 25 per cent of the tax levy.

the term on Wednesday in order to

pecial term in November:

Lindley F. Snell, M. L. Langley, J. L.