The Plymouth Colored School made its first canvass for the Red Cross during the present roll call drive, and turned over to the local chapter \$22.95 this week. Mrs. Walter Lloyd, chairman of the campaign here, was pleased with the report made by Principal W. H. Berry and said that much credit was due to the school for its fine contribution.

Joe Coker, who was driving the bus for the Arkansas A. & M. College foot ball team, of Monticello, Ark., when it struck a truck parked on Highway 32 last week, was still here today awaiting a new chassis for his bus He expects it to arrive Monday.

Lyman Roberts and P. H. Roberts, sr., are now in the county signing contracts for cucumber and onion acreage for the 1941 growing season. They have headquarters in Womble's Drug Store here. Those wishing to arrange for the production of cucumbers or onions for C. C. Lang & Son are urged to see either of them immediately.

During the past week a group of hunters from Creswell and Asheville reported killing four bear while hunting in the Lake Phelps section of the Davenport and Aaron Davenport

Representative W. M. Darden, of this County, has been assigned seat No. 2 in the hall of the house, the same he occupied last year during the legislature. The 1941 General Assembly will convene in Raleigh on

Plymouth is one of several hundred towns on the line of the A. C. L. Railroad to be listed in the official directory recently issued by the company. The population, principal industries, products and types of new industries to which the town is especially adapted are listed in the book.

Shearin Harris, of Albemarle, an associate in the law firm of which Lieutenant Governor Erskine Smith is a member, visited the Lions Club here last Thursday night. He has a two-year record of perfect attendance. He was on his way to Edenton Meeting of Teachers community of the county, were hard at work this week in an effort to top on a business trip.

Infant-Dies Here With Pneumonia

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at Snead's Ferry, in Onslow County, for Ivy Randolph Thorne, 3-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Thorne, who died at the Monroe Street home of his parents cent Halloween Carnival conducted Sunday night at 9:40. The Rev. Ran- by the local school, it was reported som Gurganus, Primitive Baptist minister, officiated. Burial took place in parent-teacher association held in the an Onslow County cemtery. Pneumonia was the cause of the child's last Thursday night. It was stated death after an illness of 10 days.

Mrs. Thorne and her small daugh-

Mr. and Mrs. Thorne came here in February, 1937, from Rocky Mount. They, with a small daughter, Louise,

"Golgotha" To Be Shown Here 16th

The Lions Club of Plymouth has made arrangements to show on Monday, December 16, at the Plymouth High School auditorium, one of the the visit she and Mrs. J. K. Reid, Mrs. R. A. Williford, J. F. Allen, Conmost unusual talking motion pictures ever made, according to President P.

The title of the film is "Golgotha," and it is the first and only talking motion picture ever made of the famous Passion Play. The picture presents the immortal story of the crucifixion of Christ in a spectacular

and impressive manner. Critics have acclaimed it as the greatest picture ever made, accord- and Mrs. E. W. Furgurson presented Wade Johnson, Harold Brinn, Mauring to the club president, who said a glee club group in two numbers. that this remarkable film should be seen by every man, woman and child ers held "open house," with parents S. Thompson, J. W. Norman, H. H. in the community.

picture equipment will be brought served refreshments.

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Volunteer Firemen Ask for Old Toys; Will Be Renewed and Given to Poor

Decision was reached this week by members of the Plymouth Volunteer Fire Department to repair and paint old toys for distribution among the needy children of Washington County at Christmas, according to Assistant Chief J. B. Willoughby and Carlisle Doughtie, who were appointed a committee to make arrangements for collection and repair of discarded toys.

As their contribution toward lightening heavy hearts and preventing the disappointment of children on Christmas Day, the firemen last year "renewed" scores of discarded toys contributed by generous people here and brought cheer to the hearts of many who otherwise would have been passed up entirely by Santa Claus.

The firemen request those who

have old or discarded toys which can be made serviceable by repairing or painting, to bring them to the fire department headquarters or to notify any of the firemen immediately, so that they may be called for and work begun as soon as possible. The repairing and repainting will be done by members of the department during their spare time between now and Christmas.

Assistant Chief Willoughby said today that he hoped local people would respond immediately to the appeal for old toys, so as to give the firemen as much time as possible for the renovating task.

Tomorrow night (Friday) the firemen will enjoy an oyster roast at which time they will more fully discuss the plan for repairing the

Half of Chapter Quota Raised by Workers in from Creswell were R. T. Hopkins, Earl Midgette, Mack McGowan, Bob Red Cross Drive Here

'Christmas Carol' Here December 23

Dr. Frederick Koch, professor of dramatics at the University of North Carolina, will give his famous reading, "The Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens, in the Plymouth Theatre here on Monday, December 23. The hour has not yet been decided upon.

Shep Brinkley, owner of the theatre, is cooperating with the Junior Woman's Club, which secured the services of Dr. Koch for occasion. The Woman's Club will also assist.

Tickets will be sold at 50 cents.

And Parents Held and she urges those who can to contribute liberally. The workers are as

Number of Absences Is Discussed

profit of \$154 was made on the re at the monthly meeting of the local Plymouth High School auditorium that \$111 had been used to purchase library books suitable for every grade ter, Louise, are ill with pneumonia in the school, and window shades at the present, but are reported to be have also been bought for the vocational agriculture room.

Due to the large number of ab sences in the school, the committee which has been working with the school officials in attempting to secure an additional teacher reported the current term.

Principal R. B. Trotman urged the Williams. parents to have their children at school as regularly as possible, explaining that one teacher would be lost next year unless the atendance showed an improvement.

Mrs. W. A. Davidson reported on president of the local organization, made last week to the district P. T. A. H. C. Jackson, C. T. Coffield, A. R. meeting in Edenton.

charge of the program, which was Arps, P. W. Brown, H. E. Beam, J. R. featured by declamations by Asa Manning, J. B. Willoughby, W. A. Rogers, Phillip Liverman and Margaret Bateman. L. W. Zeigler presented several selections by the saxophone section of the band. Fanny Lou Winslow played the bell lyra

Next Thursday Will Be Observed as General Thanksgiving Holiday Here

business establishments here, including the Branch Banking & Trust Company, the ABC stores, the post office, and county and town offices, will be closed Thursday of next week in observance of Thanksgiving Day. A majority of the State are observing today as Thanksgiving in line with the Presidential proclamation issued a few weeks ago, but Governor Hoey is one of about a dozen governors who held out for the traditional last Thursday in the

At the post office next Thursday, mail will be received and put in boxes, and rural delivery will be made, but there will be no city deliveries. G. K. Harris, rural

carrier for the local office, is observing the holiday today, due to a postal ruling which does not permit deliveries on legal holidays decreed by the President.

The churches in Plymouth are planning their Thanksgiving services Sunday as a rule, and it is not likely there will be any religious observance next Thursday.

The plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company will operate with a "skeleton crew" Thanksgiving day, but the Plymouth Box & Panel Company and American Fork & Hoe Company plants will

Schools of the county will close Wednesday afternoon and allow two days for Thanksgiving, reopening Monday morning.

||Campaign Will Be Brought To Close

Donations of \$100 Acknowledged, With Others To Report Later

With only about six days left be ore the campaign closes on Thanksgiving Day, the annual roll call campaign of the American Red Cross in Washington County has received contributions totaling \$100, according to Mrs. Walter P. Lloyd, roll call chair-

Mrs. Lloyd and the workers here in Plymouth, as well as in every other community of the county, were hard the mark of \$200 reached last year, tribute liberally. The workers are especially anxious to secure as many of Here Last Thursday the \$1 annual membrahips as possible. Mrs. E. S. Woodley is chairman of the workers operating in Cres-Situation Caused by Large well; Mrs. Frank Wilson heads the work in Roper; and Mrs. J. L. Rea is leader for the Wenona section.

that during the August floods in this Washington County. In 1886 she was state the Red Cross spent \$90,316.13 married to Walter B. Swain, of Wash the annual renewal of memberships," and she urges everyone who can to call campaign

The following workers have assisted Mrs. Lloyd in Plymouth: Mesdames E. G. Arps, Percy M. Arps, Joe Arps, Miriam Kimbrough, Jack Read, T. W. Earle, Bobby Martin, Wade Johnson, Clyde Hardison, Wilmer that this could not be done during Chesson, D. J. Brinkley, Leroy Bateman, Ed Heritage and Miss Doris

> The American Fork & Hoe Company heads the list of Plymouth contributors with a \$5 donation, and the following have purchased \$1 membership certificates:

Mrs. J. W. Rath, F. D. Simmons. nie White, S. H. Carrow, B. M. Lewis J. A. Hufton, M. G. Waters, Ethel M. Principal R. B. Trotman was in Modlin, J. C. Jones, Thomas Carrow. Roebuck, Pete Hampton, C. O. Kelly, S. D. Davis, Hassell Brothers Bakery H. C. Owens, J. A. Bowden, Abe Adler, Blanche Swain, Roanoke Beacon, Dr. C. McGowan, Lloyd Owens, Dr. ice Smith, W. L. Riggin, Mrs. Lyman Following the meeting, the teach- Mayo, H. A. Williford, L. H. Lowe, L. visiting the classrooms. Miss Ruth Allen, Bill Davenport, Lyman Mayo. A complete set of the finest talking McLemore and the economics class E. D. Keel, Plymouth Oil Company, Emily Waters, Sam Scherr, Dave Kulman, Raymond Leggett, M. W. Spruill, W. J. Mayo, Edwin Willoughby, Robert Campbell, E. H. Liverman, Z. V. Norman, Percy M. Arps, and Dr. T. L. Bray.

Other names will be published next

C. W. Burnham To Return Here To Live in Future

It was learned here this week that C. W. Burnham, formerly of Plymouth, and who married the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bateman here is planning to return here from Windsor, where he has been located for some time, and enter the insurance business. Mr. Burnham is well known here, where he played baseball with the local team for several seasons

He was a right-handed pitcher. The Windsor town officials offered Mr. Burnham the job of chief of police there at a salary of \$100 monthly, but he has declined the appointnent, according to reports reaching

For Fred J. Knight For WPA Organized

Well-Known Local Citizen To Help in Planning Suit-Died Saturday in Hospi- able Program of WPA tal at Washington

Funeral services were held at Grace Episcopal Church here Monday aft- Committee of the professional and ernoon for Fred Jones Knight, 54, service division of the Work Project who died Saturday at noon in a Administration was organized her Washington hospital. The Rev. S. E. last Tuesday afternoon, when Mrs. 1 Matthews, rector of the church, con- P. Hodges, district director, and Mr. ducted the services at the church, Harriett B. Harris, adult education and the local Masonic lodge had charge of the rites at the grave. Interment took place in Grace church

emetery. A descendant of a prominent Coonial family. Mr. Knight was born ate in an advisory capacity in survey in Edgecombe County July 8, 1887. but for the last 28 years had lived in Plymouth, where he married Miss Lizzie Goelet about 25 years. Active in the local Masonic lodge and Grace Episcopal church, Mr. Knight was a familiar figure in the undertakings of these fraternal and religious oranizations here.

For about 30 years Mr. Knight was express messenger on the Atlantic Coast Line passenger train between Plymouth and Tarboro. Four years which he never fully recovered.

In addition to his widow, Mrs is survived by three sisters, Mrs. C. G. Campbell, P. W. Brown, M. B. Glover, Newman, Ga.: Mrs. C. L. C. Harris, Mrs. E. S. Woodley. Jenkins, of Raleigh; Mrs. W. A. Thigoen, of Glenlyn, Va.; two brothers, Will R. Knight, of Brooklyn, N. Y. and Ed L. Knight, of Glenlyn, Va., Thanksgiving Day and an uncle, W. A. Jones, of Rocky Mount.

Funeral Monday for Mrs. Martha Swain ries, Creswell and Roper schools and Plymouth public library, 3 workers At Christian Church

Native of This County, She Died Sunday at Home of Daughter in Durham

Funeral services for Mrs. Martha Frances Swain, 72, who died Sunday morning at 1 o'clock in the home of a daughter, Mrs. W. P. Lucas, in Durham, were held in the Plymouth Christian church Monday afternoon with the Rev. Griffith Hamlin, pastor of the church, officiating, assisted by the Revs. P. B. Nickens and R. H. Lucas, Baptist ministers. Interment took place in the Lucas cemetery near here.

Mrs. Swain, the daughter of William Sullivan and Matilda Browning Contributors are being reminded Sullivan, was born and reared in ernment survey, police records for the relief of 2,091 families in 18 ington County, who preceded her to counties, 12 in the western and 6 in the grave by 12 years. Since girlthe eastern part of the state. Mrs. hood she had been an active member Lloyd said that "it is possible for the of the Plymouth Christian church. In Red Cross to respond instantly to all 1920 she left Washington County and calls for disaster relief because of lived for a time in Virginia before establishing her residence in Durham. Mrs. Swain had been in ill health participate as contributors in the roll for the past five years, and had been

> confined to her home for about eight months. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs W. P. Lucas and Mrs. Odie Lanham, of Durham; four sons, W. A. Swain, Petersburg, Va.; H. A. Swain, Charleston, S. C.; W. C. Swain, of Victoria Va.; and Roy W. Swain, of Plymouth. She also leaves a brother, J. G. Sullivan, of Greenville; three sisters, Mrs. C. A. Nurney, of Norfolk; Mrs. W. A. Ward, of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. W. W. Satterthwaite, of

Plymouth; and 13 grandchildren. Pall-bearers were H. A. Swain, W A. Swain, W. C. Swain, Roy W. Swain W. P. Lucas and Cecil Swain Lucas

Two Painfully Hurt When Auto Crashes Into Train

An automobile operated by Marvin Hardison, of Martin County, with Sylvester Ange, of this county, as a passenger, crashed into a freight train standing across highway No. 32 at the union station here last Friday night. Both occupants of the car were cut by flying glass but neither was seriously inuired. The car was completely demolished.

Sheriff J. K. Reid investigated the accident and reported that Hardison said he "didn't see the freight cars until too late to stop.'

Beacon To Be Day **Earlier Next Week**

The Beacon will be published one day earlier next week, due to the annual Thanksgiving holiday falling on the regular publication date. The paper will be printed and put in the post office Wednesday afternon, but will not be delivered on the rural routes or to those who get their mail by city carriers until Friday morning.

All correspondents are asked to get their copy in one day earlier, and those who have notices of any kind to appear next week are asked to remember the change in publication schedule. The Beacon office, as well as stores and practically all places of business in Plymouth, will be closed all day Thursday, November 28.

Activties Here

A Washington County Advisory supervisor, explained the duties of the organization to the 23 persons present t the courthouse.

Mrs. Hodges explained that the luty of the committee was to opering the county and planning a suit able program for WPA activities, as well as to present to the people the WPA professional and service division ctivities.

Walter H. Paramore was named hairman; Mrs. C. N. Davenport, sr. of Creswell, vice chairman; Mrs Kathleen S. Nobles, secretary. Members of the committee are: H. H. Mc-Lean, Miss Ursula Bateman, Miss Elizabeth Campbell, Mrs. W. H. Paramore, D. E. Poole, Mrs. W. W. Bateago he underwent an operation from man, Dr. S. V. Lewis, E. G. Arps, Mrs K. Reid, Mrs. Lula Jackson, Mrs Jack Read, Mrs. C. E. Ayers, Mrs Lizzie Goelet Knight, Mr. Knight Mary Owens, J. W. Darden, Mrs. B G. Campbell, P. W. Brown, Mrs. A

> The WPA officials also showed the following statistics regarding the number of workers engaged in projects in the county as follows: lunch rooms in Creswell, Plymouth, Roper and Macedonia schools, 14 workers; matron service, Plymouth high, grammar and colored schools, 5 workers surplus commodity clerk, Plymouth. worker; community service: libraies, Creswell and Roper schools and The number of persons awaiting assignments follow: Creswell, star route, one white woman, cook; Plymwoman, laborers; Plymouth, R. F. D. one colored and one white woman. laborers; Plymouth, route one: One

Mrs. Hodges explained that the proessional and service division listed he following projects in the 26 counies of the district

white woman and one colored woman,

Welfare projects: augmented serv ce, health, housekeeping aid, lunch anning and gardening, sewing, surlus commodities and matron service. Community projects: Adult educaion, art, handicraft, library, music ecreation, visual aid, writers.

Records and research projects: co dification, cumulative, historical records, county indexing, municipal gov

Little Girl Dies Here

day for Patricia Elaine Hardison, 6- the street and struck the machine month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. belonging to Mr. House, causing it to Garland Hardison, of Jefferson run up on the sidewalk, narrowly Street, who died yesterday afternoon missing Mr. and Mrs. Sidney A. Ward, at 3 o'clock as the result of pneu- jr., who were passing at the time. monia. The Rev. E. O. Everett and It was said that Mr. Hardison, who the Windley cemetery. The child had car and jumped on the rear bumper been sick for only six days.

Mrs. Hardison; a sister, Sandra Anne biles came together. Hardison, 3 years of age; and a

1 year old. Pall-bearers were H. H. Allen, Fred Lloyd, Francis Hohl, and J. T. Ter-

Bear Hunter Is Accidentally Shot

One of a group of hunters from the western part of the State whose name could not be learned here was reported to have suffered a severely this case was fixed at \$200. njured leg when a shot fired at a bear ricocheted and struck him late Tuesday afternoon

It was reported that the bullet, from a high-powered rifle, killed the bear, then hit some object, thought to have been a stump, ricocheted and struck the hunter in the leg. He was reated here and then taken to a Washington hospital. The bear which weighed about 300 pounds, was illed by the same shot.

National Education Week Observed in Local Schools

National Education and Book Week was observed last week at the schools and public library here. New books were on display in the library and scores of posters made by school chiliren were also shown. It could not be learned today who won the high school poster contest.

Creswell Group Applies For Red Cross Chapter

Creswell .- A decision was made by hose present at a meeting held at the home of Mrs. A. C. Harris, roll call chairman for Creswell, to petition the Red Cross for a chapter here. Twenty have already been signed up as active members, although no canvass has yet been made.

Final Rites Monday Advisory Committee County Has Quota At Episcopal Church Here Last Tuesday Of 2 Men in First Draft Next Month

Ink Must Be Used To Fill Out Forms

E. S. Blount, chairman of the Washington County Selective Service Board said this week that a great many questionnaires were having to be returned to registrants because they had been filled out with pencil. The board chairman calls attention to the regulations which require the blanks to be filled in either on a typewriter or in ink, and he says the board positively cannot accept them unless this requirement is met.

It is reported that some criticism has been directed against the board because men with only one dependent have been placed in the same class as men with a number of dependents. Mr. Blount explains that men with dependents, whether one or a dozen or more, are all assigned to Class 3 under provisions of the selective service act, and the local board has no discretion in the matter. It is not considered likely that anyone in Class 3 will be called for service, anyway, so that it makes no difference whether the registrant has one or more dependents.

Two Arrested Here After Accident for route, one white woman, cook; Plymouth, three colored and one white Hit and Run Driving classified Friday, 21 were placed in class 1, including 11 volunteers; 2 in

Paul Hardison Injured Saturday Night When Struck by Car

At a hearing in recorder's court Fuesday morning, Miss Melinda Linon, 20, and Joseph Goddard, 40, of of \$200 each for their appearance at the January term of superior court driving as the result of an accident which occurred on Washington Street nere Saturday night. Paul Hardison, 21, was painfully injured about the eg when he was caught between the Goddard car, driven by Miss Linton,

and the parked car of W. C. House. It was alleged that the couple lef the theatre Saturday night about 9 'clock and got into their car, which At Home of Parents was parked just above the theatre Miss Linton was driving and apparatus became avoided when she start was parked just above the theatre. ently became excited when she started to back out of the parking place, Funeral services were to be held to- as the car backed all the way across

the Rev. Paul B. Nickens were to of- was crossing the street, attempted to ficiate. Burial was to be made in get out of the way of the backing of the House machine, where his leg Surviving are the parents, Mr. and was lacerated when the two automo-Miss Linton and Mr. Goddard said

brother, Stewart McGowan Hardison, they became frightened and left the scene, leaving the car in which they were riding. This caused the charge of hit-and-run driving, as they failed to render assistance to Mr. Hardison, who was injured in the accident. The House car ran across the sidewalk and bumped into the residence of E. R. Jackson.

In another case before the recorddrunken driving and given three months on the roads, suspended upon payment of a fine of \$50 and costs.

Thanksgiving Play at Creswell Wednesday

will direct the play.

One White and One Colored Man Will Be Called Into Service

However, Volunteers Will Take Care of Immediate Requirements

The Washington County Selective Service Board has been notified that t will be required to furnish two men. one white and one colored, for the first draft early in December, and Chairman E. S. Blount said today that Randolph Minton, white, of Roper, and Edlow Spruill, colored, of Plymouth, will likely be the first from his county to be inducted under the erms of the selective service act, if hey pass the required physical examination. Both are volunteers, Acording to present plans Minton will eave on December 11 and Spruill on December 13 to begin their year of military training

It will likely be some time before anyone from Washington County is actually drafted into the service, according to present prospects, as there are more than 15 volunteers at the nead of the list now. Gordon S. Stepney, white, of Creswell, and Walter Norman, colored, of Roper, have volunteered since the last list was pubished last week.

The board met last Friday night

and classified 49 registrants, bringing to 99 the number of questionnaires that have been checked and the registrants classified. Of the 49 Class 2; 25 in Class 3; and 1 in Class 4. Clerk S. A. Ward pointed out today that classifications were tentative in some cases. For example, a person may be placed in class 1 and then a physical examination may result in him being placed in class 1-B. which shows he can be subject only to a limited training program. If a Jamesville, were released under bond of \$200 each for their appearance at tagious disease, as shown by the physcal examination, he may be transto answer to charges of hit-and-run However, Mr. Ward said that in the event a change in classification occurs, the registrant will be immedi-

ately notified. Following is an explanation of the four classes into which registrants are placed, based on the answers in

their questionnaires: Class 1-Those persons available or immediate military training and service in the land or naval forces; Class 2-Those persons deferred because the public interest is best served by them staying at their usu-

al work. Class 3-Those persons deferred be cause others are dependent upon them for support.

Class 4-Those persons deferred by the law itself or for physical disability, or other reasons.

The list of the 49 men classified by the board last Friday night follows. . giving order number, name, race and

See DRAFT QUOTA, Page 4)

Another Routing for U. S. 17 Is Proposed

A report out of Elizabeth City this week has it that there is a posisbility of the Federal Government routing a new path for U.S. 17 through the heart of the Dismal Swamp, eliminating Elizabeth City from the arer. Mr. Goddard was charged with terial highway. The report said that the new route contemplated using the Albemarle Sound bridge.

It has been reported more than He noted an appeal and his bond in once in this section that there was talk of routing the highway directly from the foot of the bridge on this side of the sound to Washington, pos-

sibly by way of Wenona. WPA improvements to the Hinton Creswell.—The children of Gallilee Turnpike in Pasquotank County were Mission at Lake Phelps will give a construed by some as being the first Thanksgiving play at Christ church step in the plan to straighten out here Sunday evening. November 24, this route for military reasons, as at 7:30. Miss Lona Belle Weatherly army and navy suplies would be moved over it up and down the coast.

Snow Last Saturday Was Earliest Ever Remembered Here by Older Citizens

Residents of Washington County were greeted last Saturday morning by the first snowfall of the season, and while it was not sufficient to cover the ground, it was heavy enough to be recorded as the earliest snowfall in the memory of some of the oldest citizens of the town, including C. V. W. Ausbon, 77-year-old clerk of

the superior court. Mr. Ausbon said a few years ago he remembered a heavy snow fell here on Thanksgiving day. the last Thursday in November. but that the snow here last Saturday, November 16, was the earliest he had ever seen a snow. At 7 o'clock Saturday morning the mercury stood at an unofficial 34 and although it mounted during the day it showed no tendency to pass the 50 mark, and the forecasts called for freezing temperature Saturday, although Sun day was fair and warmer

The snow began falling Saturday morning about 8 o'clock. It continued for about an hour and quickly disappeared.

A snow heavy enough to remain on the rooftops began falling at Wilson and Elm City at 6 a. m. and three hours later Elizabeth City reported its first snow of the year. Snow fell in the western part of the State earlier in the week.