of Roper, and Mrs. Woodrow Collins

will provide the program for the Lions club meeting tonight. The minister **VOLUME LII—NUMBER 2** 

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### and his wife will sing and Mrs. Collins will accompany them. Mr. Gardner will also make a short talk

C. E. H. Jones, of Dry Fork, Va. who has been budget manager for the Economy Auto Supply here, will leave January 15th and report to Fort Monroe on the 22nd for examination before being assigned to the 244th Coast Artillery at Camp Pendleton Va. Mr. Jones holds a second lieutenant's commission in the Reserve Corps and is a graduate of VPI.

Several changes have been made in the personnel of the apraisal board for Plymouth since it was originally announced. L. S. Thompson was unable to serve and J. W. Norman was forced to return to his furniture business after working with the appraisers for a few days. The following now constitute the listers and appraisers board: H. C. Spruill. A. S. Allen and Johnny Allen, appraisers: W. Linwood Hassell, list taker for poll and personal prop-

Representative W. M. Darden left Fort Bragg Tuesday Monday for Raleigh for the 1941 session of the legislature. He is well liked in the Capital and it is expected he will receive important committee January Quota of 3 Colored assignments, since he was an early supporter of O. M. Mull, of Shelby who was unanimously named by the Democrats for speaker of the house

Clerk C. V. W. Ausbon said today that although the grand jury completed its work Wednesday of this week, the prepared report would not be released for publication until Foreman J. R. Campbell tendered it to Judge W. C. Harris next Monday, when the court will reconvene after recessing for the inauguration program in Raleigh.

Instructor W. S. Moore, of the loture department, today was showing draftees. The colored men who will three egg volks of different colors leave January 27 are also valuateers. cal high school's vocational agricul- taken from the roll of prospective three egg yolks of different colors. In a state of preservation, the egg The county's quota of colored men yolks were yellow, red and green. He called for but two men, but one is alsaid that the food fed to poultry so to be sent as a replacement for caused the different colors in the Edlo Spruill, first colored man to

### Construction Begins the white men who left last Tuesday morning were David Albert Hurday On New Garage for ley, jr., 22, Plymouth; James W. Sit-**House Chevrolet Co**

Being Built on Gaylord Lot, Next To Shugar Stables, On Water Street

Construction work started Tuesday 22, Plymouth, volunteer; and Luther on the new home for the House Chev-Blount, included in the quota, has rolet Company, to be located on the Gaylord property adjoining the stables of Joe Shugar on West Water

Blount, included in the quota, has as known, nothing was taken. W. J.

Highsmith dropped into the office to ocean, thus making it a highway in get his mail and found the parcel fact from the Atlantic to the Pacific, nost, window, one and he impact. bles of Joe Shugar on West Water Moore, who is going as a replacement Street, diagonally across from the for Edlo Spruill. If Norman fails to Norfolk Southern Station. John W. it is expected that Clyde Blount, 22, Coffey & Co., of Raleigh, is the con- of Creswell, also a volunteer, will be tractor for the new structure, and the sent instead. work is under the direction of Davis C. Smith, of Raleigh, who also supervised construction of the Plymouth County Board in Moror Company building here a few

Mr. House completed the purchase of the lot from W. H. Gaylord Monday and had actual work started Commissioners, at its regular session Tuesday morning. The new garage here Monday, exempted from poll building will be 50 by 117 feet, of taxes Seaton Davenport, former Cresbrick construction, with a rounded well police officer, who was crippled roof, and modern in every respect. It in an accident on Highway No. 64 will contain a large show room, stock about three years ago. Mr. Davenroom, several private offices, two la- port was found unconscious on the vatories, and shop quarters in the highway with both legs broken, pre- the report of the break-in. They The show rooms and offices sumably by a hit-and-run driver. will have a four-foot wainscoating of The commissioners also asked the pockets addressed to local business knotty pine, with the top part of the Works Projects Administration to men. Garrett said they were taken walls in plaster board. Mr. House do some work on the roads leading from the waste basket in the lobby.

Completion of the building depends Mill Township. largely on the weather, but Mr. Smith estimates it will require about 60 days, and Mr. House said he hoped to M. Darden, home demonstration move his equipment in around March agent, and Dr. C. McGowan, county 1st. At the present time the firm physician. has temporary quarters in the Central Garage Building on Adams

Program of Services for Local Christian Church

GRIFFITH HAMLIN. Minister Following is the schedule of serv

Christian church: 9:45 a. m., Sunday school. 11 a. m., morning worship; sermon

subject: "The Art of Not Paying At-

7:30 p. m., evening worship; sermon subject: "The Model Prayer." Visitors are cordially welcomed

Farmers Will Be Same as Last Year

1941 Tobacco Allotments for County

At the referendum last July, 256 voters favored the three-year plan, 5 the one-year plan, and 10 voted against quotas altoge-

Many tobacco growers in the county will start sowing plant beds this week. Others will do so as early as possible, as it has been the custom to start planting tobacco in the beds during the first two weeks of January in this county.

# Names of 325 Who Failed to List Taxes

A check of only two townships had been completed today, but already the names of 325 registrants on the selective service rolls have been found who have not listed their poll taxes and personal property, according to Tax Collector J. E. Davenport, of Washington County, who is in charge of the work. The check is being made at the request of the grand jury selected last Monday for the January term of superior court.

So far the check has included only white persons in Plymouth and Lees Mill Townships, and the

County's Quota of 7

White Men' Left for

Men To Leave Monday,

January 27

day morning by bus for Fort Bragg,

Fayetteville, where they were induct-

ed into service in the United States

Army as Washington County's sec-

ond quota under the selective service

act, and the local board here today

designated three colored men to leave

for camp on Monday, January 27, to

Al. of the seven men who left this

week were volunteers, but the four

replacements named in case of dis-

qualification of any of the seven were

leave January 27 are also volunteers

volunteer from the county, who failed

The white men who left last Tues-

ley, jr., 22, Plymouth; James W. Sit-

Biggs, 27, Roper; William Roy Nor-

man, 25, Plymouth; Willie Edward Garrett, 31, Plymouth; Henry Wilson

Lewis, 3: Plymouth; and Wilson Henry Vail, 21, of Roper.

The colored men selected to repor

to Fort Bragg at the end of the

month follow: Linwood Blount, 24,

Plymouth, volunteer; Walter Norman,

pass the physical examination, then

Regular Meeting

Washington County's Board of

from the Backwoods section in Lees

Reports were received from Coun-

Final Warning Is Given

prosecuted by his department.

fill the colored quota

to qualify for service.

Seven white men left here last Tues

survey of the registration list is being continued, with Skinnersville and Scuppernong Townships and the entire colored lists still to be checked. The registration used at the last general election will also be checked against the tax list, in compliance with Judge W. C. Harris' charge to the grand

It was estimated by those engaged in the work at the courthouse that more than 500 names would be added to the tax books from the selective service lists; and this does not include those who may be registered on the

**Only Nine Aliens** 

Registered Here

Nine persons have registered

in Washington County in compli-

ance with the terms of the Bolich

Act, requiring 3,600,000 non-citi-

zens within the borders of the

United States to register with

Federal authorities, according to

Postmaster George W. Hardison.

The closing date for registeration

However, the postmaster point-

ed out, aliens may still register

without penalty if they provide

a good excuse for the delay with

aliens who reside in this county

near Washington went to the

Beaufort County capital to regis-

Office Is Entered Through

Parcel Post Window

Early Sunday

Sam Garrett, 28, colored, was taken

nto custody Monday morning, pend-

ing investigation of the attempted

robbery of the Plymouth post office

early Sunday morning. No charges

officers are still working on the case

and it is expected there will be some

ately notified Night Policeman Paul

Basnight, who summoned Postmaster

George W. Hardison and Clerk Lawrence Jones to check on the robbery

attempt. Mr. Hardison said that sev-

eral packages had been moved about

in the building, but that nothing was

The handle from an iron pump at

wrench were found near the win-

had been made to pry open the rear

office building late at night prior to

found some circulars in the negro's

Fingerprints of Garrett were tak-

en and the iron pump handle, which

had some fingerprints on it, were sent

by Corporal T. B. Brown, of the High-

way Patrol, to Greenville for com-

door of the building.

parison by an expert.

Only routine matters were considered by the board at its meeting Mrs. Leatha Ann

taken, so far as he could learn.

developments within a few days.

It is understood that several

was December 26.

their application.

election who may have failed to give in their tax lists.

The names of those who failed to list poll taxes and personal property in past years, and whose names are found on the draft list and poll books will be reported to Judge Harris when he returns from Raleigh to open court here next Monday for the second week of the term.

The tax lister takers at the courthouse here said that already several persons have appeared to list after hearing of the judge's order last Monday

# Visitor in Plymouth

Seeks To Have County Renew Its Membership in Association

Mr. Daniels arrived late, after the poard had adjourned, but en route to Plymouth had contacted the boards oin with Dare in paying up annual dues to the Association.

Of Robbery Attempt drive for the completion of the pro-At Post Office Here gram adopted early in its career, and most of its objectives as originally outlined, have been accomplished, he stated. The main feature of the program, which has been carried on with the united efforts of the four counties of Tyrrell, Washington, Hyde and Dare, is the union of each county seat with the other by a hardsurfaced road as contemplated in the original highway act.

> jects in this section at this time," Mr Daniels stated. He also commented that the trip he is making today could not have been accomplished in less than a week 20 years ago. was accompanied by Sheriff Victor Meekins, editor of the Dare County Times, vice-president of the association for Dare, and former executive secretary of the association.

### the rear of the building and a small dow, which had been forced open. It was also discovered that an attempt Dies of Pistol Shot Councilmen Monday edness of the district at the present, and they assume that the district is Policemen Basnight and Joe Nobles took Garrett into custody for questioning about the robbery. He had Meant for Another been seen loitering around the post

Levi Johnson Under Bond For Slaying of Handy Spruill Saturday

Handy Berry Spruill, 25, colored, after being shot by a pistol in the hands of Levi Johnson, colored merof Spruill was an accident, as he intended to fire the shot at James Cox, 23, colored, who had assaulted his wife with a bottle and who was returning to the store with another bottle to continue the assault.

Queenie Johnson, wife of Levi, was making an effort to get Cox to leave the Johnson store on west Water Street here when he became enraged and hit her on the head with an empty bottle. Levi and Queenie managed to get Cox to leave the store, and when he started back into the front door with a bottle in his hand, Levi picked up his pistol and fired the shot.

by Chief of Police P. W. Brown and placed in jail until bond was arranged for him by E. L. Owens. He was rearrested Monday morning by Sheriff J. K. Reid, and the grand jury returned a true bill against him charging murder.

When the case was called, attorneys decided it would be better to Communion service will be held at hear it in superior court next July. Grace Church here Sunday, January Johnson was released under \$1,000

Both Johnson and his wife have It is also announced that the yes- excellent reputations here, and it is try of Grace church will meet at the understood that he has paid the fuhome of C. E. Ayers at 8 p. m., Fri- neral expenses of the unfortunate

# Quits Until Monday

Recess Taken Tuesday To Permit Attaches to Attend Inauguration

After completing work on the criminal docket, the superior court of Washington County recessed Tuesday afternoon until next Monday, in order to give Judge W. C. Harris, of Raleigh, and other court officials an opportunity to attend the governor's inauguration in the Capital City to day. Cases on the civil calendar scheduled for the remainder of the week were continued until the court resumes its sesions next Monday. Proceedings in the court Monday and Tuesday were as follows:

Nol pros with leave, with judgment ade absolute against the bond, was he notation entered in each of the first four cases on the docket, against the following: J. O. Lucius, white, charged with abandonment and nonsupport; James Langston, for aiding and abetting in damage to personal property; Matthew Griffin, white, for violation of the prohibition law; and Sam Hoover, colored, for assault.

Jethro Bonner, Delmar Wallace, Earl Wallace and William Sexton. charged with larceny; alias capias issued for Bonner; others continued. Continuances were granted in the cases against W. W. Bateman, white for embezzlement; and Edley Hutchins, white, for abandonment and non-

Nathan Jackson, colored, drunker

J. S. Shugar, white, reckless driving; nol pros, with defendant to pay the court costs William Webb, colored, was found

not guilty of assault with a deadly Sam Dixon, white, was found not guilty by the jury on a charge of in-

decent exposure. Dee Rock Squires, drunken driving and driving without license; called and failed; capias instanter issued for

Phillip J. Edwards, white, reckless driving; not guilty. Iris M. Stillman, reckless driving;

not a true bill. Malinda Linton and Joseph Goddard, white, hit and run driving; called and failed as to Goddard; casame action was taken in a separate case against Goddard for drunken Hyde counties. driving.

William Wrighton, colored, reckless driving; nol pros.

Thad Spencer, colored, removing Richard Craddock, white, larceny: tenced to 12 months on roads. Junior Spruill, booked with Craddock in the same case, was freed when the grand jury found "not a true bill." Ottis Godwin, white, aiding and of not guilty. Lorenzo Midgette (Speller), col-

ored, rape: discharged Levi Johnson, colored, murder: case continued until July term.

## Housing Situation Is len. secretary; and F. I. Hartung; all of whom have remained on the board Innocent Bystander Given Attention by for about 20 years. These men, according to Mr. Norman, have no was not being used by any of the occupants.

Committee Is Appointed to Secure List of Available Building Sites

came in for a measure of attention land along the canals have agreed to at the regular meeting of the town died Saturday night about two hours council Monday night, and a committee was appointed by Mayor B. G. Campbell to secure a listing of all chant here. Johnson, respected and the available building sites in the well-liked negro, said that the slaying town in order to lend every aid possible in relieving present congested

condtions existing here. The council members discussed the problem at some length, and although no solution was arrived at, it was decided a beginning could be made by securing a list of sites available for consideration by any prospective builders or investors who may be in terested in constructing houses here. Members of the committee, W. F Winslow, E. H. Liverman, and Chief of Police P. W. Brown, will be glad to furnish any information they secure

to anyone interested. Mayor Campbell, who had been delegated at a previous meeting to take up the bus parking situation here with the State Utilities Commission reported that he had conferred with Chester A. Hawkins, of the Norfolk Southern Bus Corporation, who informed him that Plymouth was one of the next towns in line for a bus station. In the meantime Mr. Campbell and Mr. Hawkins reached an agreement concerning parking in the main business section here which it is believed will eliminate any traffic congestion being caused by the buses

The council ordered the police department to rigidly enforce the laws against speeding in the city limits after it was brought to their attention that the ordinance was being openly violated in many instances.

Mayor Campbell and the entire membership of the council were present for the meeting. Councilmer are: W. F. Winslow, E. H. Liverman J. W. Norman, A. J. Riddle, W. J. Mayo, and C. E. Ayers.

### Criminal Docket Is More Machinery Being Already Secured by Checking Draft List Cleared and Court Installed at Pulp Plant By Crew of Fifty Men

So far as could be learned, the eight pound boy who came to the Plymouth home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Thompson on Wednesday, January 1, at 6 a. m., was the first child to be born on the 1941 New Year's Day.

Mrs. Thompson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Williams and is a native of this county. while Mr. Thompson has lived here for quite a while. Dr. C. McGowan was the attending physician. Mr. Thompson is employed at the North Carolina Pulp Company.

Dr. McGowan said this was the second occasion in which he was the attending physician at the birth of a child on New Year's Day, and he has also assisted in the delivery of two boys on Christmas Day and one child on February 29th during the 23 years he has been practicing medicine in the county.

### Drainage District Pays Off Bonds; Free From Debt

Bond Issue of \$45,000 Made in December

Washington County Drainage Dis rict No. 4 was reported free of debt today with the last payment made in December on the \$45,000 bond and interest originally outstanding, according to Zeb Vance Norman, local attorney, who has handled the legal provide the additional power needed phase of the business for the drainage district commissioners.

Located in the Wenona area, the drainage district included about 9,160 expected to come here for the purpias issued and case continued. The acres of land owned by approximately 50 families in Washington and chines when the installation has been

The drainage district was created in 1912, when the Roper Lumber Company gave to the State 200 acres of land for a test farm which even crops; directed verdict of not guilty. tually became the Blackland Experiment Station, now supervised by J. L. entered plea of guilty and was sen- Rea, jr., assistant director in charge

A total of \$45,000 in bonds was issued by the drainage district in 1912, to be repaid in 10 annual installments. The last assessment was due in 1925, but on account of difficulty abetting in larceny; directed verdict in collecting annual installments some of the bonds were not paid when due and the interest accumulated until the last payment on bonds and interest was made in December, 1940.

The drainage comission consisted of W. L. Furbee, chairman; W. E. Al-

le was further stated by Mr. Nor man that the drainage district board does not believe there will be any necessity of special assessments for canal maintenance during the next few The housing situation in Plymouth years, as the landowners cultivating do such work as necessary to keep o'clock. them open.

Mr. Norman said that this matter began as an experiment which has services. If you have not been atproven very valuable. Some of the tending church somewhere you are best farm land in the county is in not getting all that you should get drainage districts, and landowners in out of life. For Jesus came that other sections where drainage is es- men might have life and have it sential may well observe the success more abundantly. Hear the sermon of this drainage district and work out Sunday morning on the subject, similar plans for their own commun-

### First 1941 Baby Turbine, Paper and Born January 1st | Pulp Machines Are Added to Equipment

Workmen Expected To Be Brought Here from Richwood for Operation

Installation of a pulp-washing machine, a Fourdrinier paper machine and an additional turbine is underway at the North Carolina Pulp Company here, with a crew of 50 men to be employed on this work for about five months, it was learned today from George M. Snyder, resident

The Pulp-washing machine is being placed in the diffuser room, adding to this class of equipment at present in operation at the plant. This machine will aid in cleaning the pulp and preparing it for further processing

The fourdrinier paper machine is the second paper machine to be placed in the present machine building. It is being dismanteled at Richwood. W. Va., and will be reassembled here. This machine will operate in the finishing department, making bleached and semi-bleached paper specialties.

The original paper machine installed here after it was decided to move the Cherry River Manufacturing Company equipment from Rich-Last Payment on Original wood, W. Va., about a year ago, is engaged in making bleached, bleached one side, and double bleached paper boards.

It is expected that when all the new equipment is added to the production line it will require about 50 additional men to the present 600 employed at the plant.

A turbine is being erected in the turbine room of the power plant to o operate the added machines.

Sufficient workmen and skilled nelpers from Richwood, W. Va., are pose of operating these added ma-

### House Burns Near Roper Last Night

A two-story dwelling owned by County Commissioner J. C. Knowles, ear his home west of completely destroyed by fire last night, the loss being estimated at \$3,000. The house was occupied by John Respass and his brother, formerly of Pinetown. They were not at home, but their wives were in the house when someone passing along the road saw the rear of the home blazing and notified them.

Some of the furniture in the sixroom dwelling was also destroyed.

Announces Services for Local Baptist Church

Rev. P. B. NICKENS, Pastor Services at the Baptist church Sunday will be as follows

Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Worship services at 11 and 7:30

B. T. U. at 6:45 o'clock. We invite you to come to these "Words That Never Die" and join us

again for the evening service at 7:30.

### Revaluation Work Progresses Nicely, But Tax Listing Is at Slow Pace Here

While the county tax assessors are getting along very well with their revaluation work, according to Tax Supervisor E. F. Swain, of Creswell, the tax listers are not doing so good, if the record made so far by the list taker for Plymouth Township is typical of that throughout the county.

The assessors are visiting all parcels of real estate and fixing the valuation right on the ground, while the list takers are awaiting for personal property owners to present themselves to give in their holdings. Up to the middle of the week, not more than 100 of the 1,800 in Plymouth Township had listed, according to W. Linwood Hassell, who has a desk in the county auditor's office, where he is listing poll tax-

es and personal property. Early listing is urged by the list taker, since it will eliminate the long waits necessary during the usual last-minute rush which

develops every year. Mr. Hassell is also making the farm survey for Plymouth Township, and farmers are asked to bring a notation of the acreages planted to various crops last year, since this information is required along with the listing of property. Last year the farmers gave their "intentions to plant," while this year the information deals with actual acreages planted in 1940.

It is expected that several hundred names will be added to the tax lists as a result of Judge Harris' suggestion to the grand jury that the tax collector be required to check the registration books and draft registration with the tax books and report those who have not been listing for poll taxes each year.

Mrs. M. W. Spruill also has desk space in the auditor's office for listing the property owned by Town of Plymouth citizens at the same time the county list is given

### will be the same as they were last year, when 1,052 acres were assigned to the 271 growers in Washington County, according to County Agent W. V. Hays.

The growers were promised prior to the tobacco referendum held on July 20, 1940, that the crop this year would not be reduced if the 3-year program was adopted, and since there is no demand for an increase by the

Tobacco allotments for 1941

market, quotas will remain the

miles per hour in the business area.

Shepherd Passes Speeders in Plymouth Funeral services were held at her

home in the Long Acre section Fri-As the result of an order issued day for Mrs. Leatha Ann Shepherd, ices for next Sunday at the local Monday night by the Town Council, 74, who died of a heart ailment there Chief of Police P. W. Brown today last Thursday, following an illness of warns all speeders that future vio- about two months. The Rev. Griflations of the law will be vigorously fith Hamlin, Christian minister, officiated, and interment took place in Speed limits fixed by town ordithe Weede cemetery nances are as follows: 25 miles per

A native of Washington County, hour in residential sections and 20 Mrs. Shepherd was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stillman. She was the widow of the late James F. Shepard. She was a member and very active in the Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.

Surviving are the following children: Mrs. Joe Christenberry, of Plymouth; Mrs. Henry Davenport, of Rocky Mount; Mrs. Randall Ellis, of Plymouth; Roy and Jim Shepherd, of Beaufort County.

Sunday Services Outlined For Grace Church Here

12. Church school is at 10 a. m. The bond public is cordially invited to attend.

## President Southern Albemarle Group Is

Figuring largely among the objecives of the Southern Albemarle Association, and which has been a part of its program for the past five years s the extension of Route 64 through Plymouth and Columbia, by bridges over Alligator River and Croatan Sound, according to Melvin R. Daniels, president of the association, who was in Plymouth Monday to confer with the Board of Conuty Commis- driving; error.

The association expects to renew its

W. L. Whitley, Plymouth attorney is Washington County's vice-presihave been lodged against Garrett, but dent of the association. John W. Darden and Zeb Vance Norman have previously served as vice presidents of the association, with W. H. Paramore The office was broken into through on publicity and as recording secrethe parcel post window, but so far tary.

Spruill was standing on the street outside, with his back to Johnson, and the bullet went through the glass beside the front door, striking him in the back. He was rushed to a local physician for attention, but died about two hours later.

Johnson was placed under arrest