The Plymouth Methodist church

installed a new furnace this week,

and Rev. O. L. Hardwick, pastor, said today that attendants would always find a warm and comfortable church

awaiting them. In the past, the old furnace was not adequate to keep the

C. D. Loane and Bosie Horton have

most of them believed caused by

a mild form of influenza. In-

cluded were Principal R. B. Trot-

man and Miss Molly Edgerton, a

teacher. Many absences on ac-

count of illness are reported by

other county schools, but County

Superintendent H. H. McLean

said today that it had not been

considered necessary to close any

A district meeting of Methodist

young people from Plymouth, Roper, Williamston, Washington and Bel-

haven will be held in the Methodist

church here next Wednesday evening

at 7:30. A splendid music program

has been arranged by the local group,

W. J. Barden, of Tarboro, sheriff

of Edgecombe County, was here this

week attending Washington County

Superior Court with Don G. Gilliam

district solicitor, who was called back

The Major Charles Louis La-

tham Chapter of the United

Daughters of the Confederacy

here recently forwarded a contri-

bution to the general organiza-

tion for the Red Cross ambulance

given to England and the allied

countries of Europe by the U. D.

Joe Leggett, former local young

man, was recently promoted by the

Firestone Company and will begin

training February 1 to become man-

ager of the credit department of a

Firestone store in Hempstead, N. Y.

He is very popular in his new work

and led the Brooklyn district in sales

Band Concert To Be

this concert are now on sale by the

band members at 25 cents for adults

and 10 cents for children. Chances

in a turkey raffle are also being sold

and the turkey raffle will be used for

purchase of new equipment, the di-

the entire band, a saxophone sex-

tet, and a cornet soloist. Mr. Zeig-

The Rev. O. L. Hardwick will

"behind it 100 per cent."

turkey presented to the winner.

for this purpose.

ing ac sards received here.

on business and remained for a fev

hours Tuesday.

under the direction of Mrs. E. W.

of the schools so far.

building comfortably warm.

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Advertisers will find Beacon and News Columns a latchkey to

Tax Supervisor Urges Early Listing To Avoid Rush; Work Proceeding Slowly

taken over operation of the old Forest Inn. about two miles east of Plym-With about half of the month outh, and will call it "The Pines." gone there have been only 350 They are renovating it throughout persons to list their taxes in and will have a formal opening within a week or so. Dining and danc-Plymouth Township, according to ing will be features of the new es-W. Linwood Hassell, who is sitting in the courthouse daily to list poll taxes and personal prop-There were 59 absences from erty for taxation. the Plymouth schools yesterday.

Plymouth is the only township which has a special list taker. The other three townships are leaving the matter up to the three list-takers and assessors, who have been visiting the sites of all real estate for purpose of listing it and placing the valuation on it

Tax Supervisor E. F. Swain, of Creswell, urges the people in every township to see their listtakers and asessors and list their holdings so that the usual lastminute rush may be avoided this

The list-taker here is also making the farm survey for Plymouth Township. This year the farmers report the acreage they planted to various crops last year, while in other years they had reported their intentions to plant.

Negro Caught Attempting To Break Open Safe Here Friday Is Given Two Years

In Meeting Here

M. P. Jennings, of Elizabeth City, superintendent of Pasquotank County schools, spoke on the relation of the school to parents and the general public at the meeting of the Washington County unit of the North Carolina Education Association here yesterday afternoon.

County Superintendent H. H. McLean presided in the absence Principal R. B. Trotman, who is ill at his home. Practically all of the white teachers in the county were present.

Dr. S. V. Lewis, district health officer, and Dr. Walter Wilkins, who is in charge of the statesupported coordinating health unit in the county, spoke on the work they are doing in the coun-

Fire Chief and Mrs. L. W. Gurkin, Arthur J. Spruill, of of Plymouth, Mr. Gurkin's brother, of Plymouth, Mr. Gurkin's brother, former Mayor J. A. Gurkin, of Nor-folk Va. and his wife were in Day. Near Roper, Found folk, Va., and his wife, were in Davtona Beach, Fla., last week, according to a Exposure them that there was some kind of the ingree parts received here.

Coroner Investigates Possibility of Foul Play; Final Given January 31st Rites Wednesday

will present a concert in the high early Tuesday morning. Exposure was school auditorium Friday night, Jan- apparently the cause of the welluary 31, at 8 o'clock. Tickets for known farmer's death.

A son, John Spruill, about 25, who lives in a store a few yards from the home of his father, found the body about dawn early Tuesday, when he be held during the concert and the went out the back door of his home.

Mr. Spruill was a tenant on the farm of W. A. Blount. The family missed him Monday night, when he Proceeds from the sale of tickets failed to return home, but no parthe payment of some bills and for the ticular alarm was felt for his welfare until his lifeless body was found the rector said. At least \$100 is needed next morning. It appeared that he The concert program is now being The concert program is now being much higher fence between the arranged and consists of numbers by small fence and the roadway.

A brother, Weston Spruill, late ler said the full program would be general public to support this effort to show the band that the public is C. A. Cratch, C. M. Beasley, H. A. before, according to officers. Liverman, H. L. Horton, W. S. Nurney and W. B. Cox, and conducted an inquest. However, the inquest had Program of Services not been completed this morning, although it was understood the jury At Methodist Church had found no evidence of foul play. No formal verdict had been returned up to noon today.

The funeral services were held at preach Sunday morning on the subject, "The Gospel Still Works." At the Rev. Griffith Hamlin, Christian the evening hour the subject will be "Peter—Disciple, Apostle and Au-

thor." Other services for the day Mr. Spruill is survived by his widinclude church school at 9:45; Jun- ow, Mrs. Mittie Marriner Spruill; one ior League at 2; and Epworth Lea- daughter, Mrs. Charles H. Shelton; one son, John W. Spruill; two sisters, A new furnace is being installed Mrs. H. D. Davenport and Miss Ida W. B. Rodman and Julian Brinkley. this week, and the church will be Spruill, all of Roper; and two brothwarm Sunday morning. Everyone is ers, Grover Spruill, of Westover; and later. invited to come and worship with us. Weston Spruill, of Skinnersville.

No Immediate Plans for Renovation of Old Brinkley Hotel Property Here

for renovation of the old Brinkley hotel property here as a hotel, according to Dr. L. W. White, of Suffolk, owner, who was in Plymouth Monday on business. There have been persistently recurring rumors here to the effect that the old building was to be made over into a modern hotel structure.

However, Dr. White said that cond and third floors of the old a new one.

Dardens

The January term of Washington County Superior Court came to a lose here Wednesday afternoon when Judge W. C. Harris, of Raleigh, adjourned the session. The next terms of court is a one-week session in April, for the trial of civil actions

Proceedings in the court this week

The case of N. H. Harirson, jr., vs Mrs. Gertrude A. Darden, P. H. Darden, Mrs. Neva C. Darden and S. F. Mr. Harrison was the owner of the til February 15 to remove their proprty from the land.

A case growing out of this action ments. County Teachers Joe Spruill Pleads was set for the first part of the April term of court, to hear claims for betterments, improvements, rents, dam-Roanoke Railroad and Lumber Co., et al. were also related to the Darposition cleared them from the cal-

Divorces were granted, on the bais of two year's separation, to: Frances E. Lucius from Justin O. Lucius; Tetterton Petty from S. L. Petty; and Creasman.

In the case of McCoy Davenport vs Edgar H. Harris, et al, a judgment the state. was entered that Davenport collect \$71.57 and costs of the action from Harris and his sureties.

A non-suit was entered in the case Container Corporation.

Attorney H. S. Ward notified the grounds. court that he was unwilling to further prosecute the case of H. L. Browning vs. the James E. Jethro case was removed from the docket.

Edwin Wesley Halsey, in his case against L. R. Powell, jr., and the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company, was awarded \$250 as damages.

Four Men Charged tive was one of the early supporters of O. M. Mull, of Cleveland County. found someone was attempting to open the iron safe. The officers with Robbing N. S. With Robbing N. S. Who was unanimously elected speaker of the house, and was therefore in the good graces of the man who made sitterson, 21, of Plymouth.

For Theft of Candy on

four men charged with forcing an entrance into the Norfolk Southern freight station at Mackeys on De- Jurymen Recommend Specember 11 and stealing a single case of candy consigned to a Columbia drug store. J. H. Lumpkin, special agent for the Railway Express Agency, signed the affidavits for the arrest of the following: Dennis G. Woolard, 28, of Beaufort County; Lenneth Fayette Williams, 25, of Wilmington; James Ambrose Willoughby, 28, of Norfolk. Captain J. L. Pettus, railroad detective, was named on the warrant as a witness for the state.

The affidavit charges the four with Southern freight station at Mackeys, second floor. Sanitation good. where Railway Express Agency transfer freight was stored; and did take. steal and carry away one case of candy consigned to a Columbia Drug mode frames in such condition can't Store, and did convert same to their own use.

It was understood here that Williams and Willoughby were in Norfolk, where they had been apprehended, and Cason and Woolard were attention. probably in Favetteville

When they will be brought here for trial is not known, as the young men are reported to be members of a group rooms leak. Plaster needed in boy' of robbers which has been operating rest room. Seats are needed A. Williford, chairman, Lloyd Gilbert, in North Carolina and Virginia. It is number of counties and that they stand up through winter. Building men is not defintely known here. would be carried to counties holding dangerous and seems to be hopeless prior warrants for trial first.

It is reported that one of the stoltires the treads of which correspond building good condition. Rail on outwith tracks made by the car used by side steps needs repair. robbers of the Creswell ABC store in

There are at least seven members of the gang, which used stolen business in this section during recent weeks, according to reports.

Officers broke the case when Steve Cromwell, confessed member of the tory gang, was shot by a deputy in Belhaven Saturday, January 4, when No place for water. Not enough three men attempted to break into seating room. Steps in need of rethe railroad station there. Seriously pair. Leaky roof. wounded. Cromwell exposed most of the gang members and authorities began making a series of arrests to

Judge W. C. Harris Check of Tax Books With Draft Adjourns Superior And Election Registration Yields N. H. Harrison, Jr., Wins Verdict in Suit Against Names of 827 Who Failed To List

Darden Is Member Of 12 Committees in House This Term

Is Chairman of Committee On Fisheries; Member of Finance Committee

Representative Wilbur M. Darden, of Washington County, landed the Darden, resulted in a judgment that chairmanship of one committee and membership on three major and nine 431 acres of land in Plymouth town- minor committees of the House of ship. The defendants were given un- Representatives Monday of this week, when Speaker O. M. Mull, of Cleveland County, announced the appoint-

Mr. Darden is chairman of the com mittee on fisheries, which has a membership of 23. This group will be great factor in proposals for improvesession of the land, a period of sev-eral years. The cases of P. H. Dar-state, since it will pass on all bills inson, jr.; and N. H. Harrison, jr. vs. pected that Mr. Darden will devote considerable attention to the work of den and Harrison case, and its dis-He was a member of it in 1939, his this committee during the session. first term.

Mr. Darden has membership on the powerful finance committee; with Judiciary No. 1 and the agriculture committee following in order. President Eva Boss from Robert Boss; Wildred of the Eastern Carolina Cattle Breeders and Feeders Association, Mr. Dar-Martha Creasman from Charles E. den is expected to use his agriculture committee membership to further consideration of livestock problems in

His other assignments include membership on the following committes: conservation and development; counies, cities and towns; expeditures of of Joseph Heckstall vs. Kieckhefer the house; journal; oysters; pensions; roads; library; public buildings and

At the 1939 session Mr. Darden was a member of the following committees: finance, agriculture, Judiciary Post of the American Legion, and the No. 2, counties, cities and towns journal, commercial fisheries, and engrossed bills.

Observers consider that Mr. Darden made an excellent showing in securing his committee assignments. The house has 120 members and 46 committees. The county representa-

And Reports on 13 fied within the next fews. The board, Prosecuting Attorney S. A. Ward will be instructed to issue warrants for

cific Repairs in Number Of Instances

A report of the grand jury received by Judge W. C. Harris, of Raleigh, They are David S. Simpson, 27, of presiding over superior court here the county had been visited by the Fayetteville; and Jack Cason, 31, of jurors, who listed their criticism and next week for Fort Bragg, as follows: page seven of this newspaper. recommendations regarding each one separately as follows:

Plymouth white: Leak over stage in auditorium. Walls in one class room separated from side walls. Some breaking and entering the Norfolk bricks about to fall out over door on Roper white: Leaks in the recently constructed new roof. Five outside

> pairs. Creswell white: Leak in roof over

keep lids on. Toilet doors need re-

Cherry white: Needs painting. Plymouth negro: Sanitation good. Roof over first grade and library

Deep Bottom: Deplorable condi-One dangerous heater.

Macedonia: Excellent condition except front porch. Needs sills and flooring. Toilets in good condition Pump used is not sanitary.

Mt. Delane: Fair condition. Crowded. Two-room building with only one exit. Another door should be built by next fall. Pump not staisfac-

Back Woods: Window sash gone

Sound Side: Need new heaters in third and fourth grade rooms. Oil stove dangerous. Back door sills gone. No knobs on doors.

Creswell negro: Deplorable condition. No equipment. Outside toilets crime. The circulars addressed to lo- monds, in Fayetteville, last Saturday in terrible condition. Sanitation not

Cherry negro: Needs painting. More

Due February 17

The Washington County draft board is making preparations to meet the third call for men on February 17, S. A. Ward, jr., clerk to the board, stating that additional men are being examined in anticipation of the call.

To date, about 35 men have been examined by Dr. Claudius McGowan, the board's examining officer. Ten of these have been called into service and only three have been rejected on account of physical disability, leaving about 22 in line for the call to service.

Two Replacements Leave This Morning For Service in Army check of the tax books against the

List of Volunteers Exhausted, First Two Selectees Chosen Today

eers for military service under the Monday of last week. The judge then erms of the Selective Service Act has pointed out that although it was not been exhausted, the first two selectees from Washington County left here the law was specific in requiring evthis morning for Fort Bragg, near ery man, white or colored, between Fayetteville, where they will be in- the ages of 21 and 65, to list his poll ducted into service as replacements taxes and personal property. for two men who failed to qualify out It is expected that between \$1,500 of the seven who left here last week. and \$3,000 in tax revenue will be add-

Will Hardison Swain, 28, white, of of the check made last week. The Creswell, Order No. 11; and Frank poll tax alone in the county is \$2 per Ramsey Kennedy, jr., 23, white, of Plymouth. They went to Fort Bragg tax returns will also have personal to take the places of David Albert Hurley, jr., 22, white of Plymouth; and Willie Edward Garrett, 31. white, of Plymouth, who returned home last Thursday after failing to pass the physical requirements.

Four of the other five men who were nducted into service from this counv last week arrived at Fort Jackson. near Columbia, S. C., Sunday and were asisgned to Company K of the 120th Infantry. They are Henry W. Lewis, 31, of Plymouth; Wilson Henry Vail, 21, of Roper; William Roy Norman, 25, of Plymouth; and James W.

December 11

Warrants were issued this week for our men charged with forcing an County

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Warrants were issued this week for ning and Clyde Smithson, has attended to issue warrants for them to be tried before John W. Darden in recorder's court, where those our men charged with forcing an our men charged with forcing an our men charged with forcing and Clyde Smithson, has attended in recorder's court, where those our men charged with forcing an our men charged with forcing and Clyde Smithson, has attended in recorder's court, where those our men charged with forcing and Clyde Smithson, has attended in recorder's court, where those our men charged with forcing and Clyde Smithson, has attended by state of the men charged with forcing and Clyde Smithson, has attended by state of the men charged with forcing and Clyde Smithson, has attended by state of the men charged with forcing and Clyde Smithson, has attended by state of the men charged with forcing and Clyde Smithson, has attended by state of the men charged with forcing and Clyde Smithson, has attended by state of the men charged with forcing and Clyde Smithson, has attended by state of the men charged with forcing and Clyde Smithson, has attended by state of the men charged with forcing and Clyde Smithson, has attended by state of the men charged with forcing and Clyde Smithson, has attended by state of the men charged with forcing and Clyde Smithson, has attended by state of the men charged by state of the men charged with forcing and Clyde Smithson, has attended by state of the men charged with forcing and clyde Smithson with the men charged with forcing and clyde Smithson with the men charged with forcing and clyde Smithson with the men charged with forcing and clyde Smithson with the men charged wi selective service officials to reduce at least the costs and the amount of the speed in which it was issuing and taxes due the county. classifying questionnaires, since it is not necessary to work much faster turned in by the grand jury will be than the guotas are assigned.

this week with the local board clerk. Plymouth; and Willie Blount, 26, of quired to list for their town taxes. his week revealed that 13 schools in Plymouth. Three colored men, all volunteers, will leave Thursday of lished by Judge Harirs, appears on Linwood Blount, 24, of Plymouth; Luther Moore, 18, of Plymouth.

Two Badly Hurt in Smash-Up Tuesday

Both men were critically injured cleaned. Rest rooms dirty and need ley, white, of Jamesville and Samuel P. Sawyer, 54, white, of Elizabeth to the effect that a drag-line machine City, were in collission between Plymouth and Roper.

Mr. Lilley was rushed to a Washington hospital after treatment here rell side of the river, as soon as the at the Plymouth clinic. Mr. Sawyers is confined to his bed at his home. Corp. T. B. Brown investgated the

and are unable to leave their beds.

Next Draft Call Is Judge Gives Them Until March 1 To Comply With Law

Those Who Fail To List by Then Will Be Subject to Prosecution

A list containing the names of 827 persons in Washington County who failed to list their poll taxes and personal property for 1940 was submitted by the grand jury in its report to Judge W. C. Harris in superior court here Tuesday. The judge ordered publication of the list of names for two weeks, notifying those delinquent that they would be given until March 1st to appear and list for 1940 and all prior years. After that time those who fail to appear will be prosecuted in the courts.

The names were gathered in a selective service registration and the poll books used in the last general election. The work was done by the tax collector's office here in record time on orders from the grand jury, after the latter had been instructed

to take such action by Judge Harris Since the number of white volun- in his charge at the opening of court a criminal offense to fail to pay taxes.

The replacements leaving today are ed to the county's income as a result year, and many of those cited to file property subject to taxation. It was unofficially reported that some of those required to list by the order will owe poll taxes as far back as 10

years or more However, not all of those whose names appear in the list will be reported delinquent, as a number of them became 21 years old since January 1, last year, and others moved into this county since that time, although they had been here long enough to register for the draft or election last fall.

The plan that Judge Harris has in The band concert announced for last Friday night was called off, but Director L. W. Zeigler this week announced that the high school band will present a concert in the high

> It is also expected that the list checked by the tax collectors for the Two new colored volunteers enrolled several towns in the county, and persons who live within the corporate limits of any of them will also be re-The complete list, as ordered pub-

Walter Norman, 22, of Plymouth; and Luther Moore, 18, of Plymouth. Shorter Ferry Route Possible by Summer

(Dare County Times)

That a prospect for cutting the Alligator River ferry route in half is in the offing was revealed this week and two machines were damaged into by Representative C. Earl Cohoon, of the hundreds of dollars Tuesday when Tyrrell County, who states he has auditorium. Grounds should be an automobile operated by Ben Lil- been advised by District Highway Commissioner E. V. Webb, of Kinston, will be placed again on the Dillon Ridge road project, which will connect with Sandy Point, on the Tyrweather conditions permit. Completion of this road will short-

stated that they were wanted in a tion. Doubt expressed that it will The extent of the injuries of the two en the distance from Columbia to the river and likewise permit a ferry crossing in 30 minutes, or half the wreck but said that no warrants had time now required to go from East Roper colored: Toilets good shape, been issued in the case as both men Lake to Fort Landing. This site would en cars operated by the gang had Ground clean. Seats needed. Inside continue under the care of physicians also be used in event of the bridg-tires the treads of which correspond building good condition. Rail on out- and are unable to leave their beds.

Judge Harris Says County Should **Employ Jailer To Care for Prisoners**

Judge W. C. Harris, of Raleigh, presiding over the second week of the January term of Washington County Superior Court, said here today that he was "astonished" to find that officials had made no provision for a jailer to take care of prisoners and the jail itself.

The judge said he intended to confer with J. R. Campbell, foreman of the grand jury, about the matter. However, the grand jury handed in its report Tuesday morning and was excused, so it may be too late for the group to act as a body on the matter.

Judge Haris said that there should be a jailer to take care of prisoners at all times, as Sheriff J. K. Reid is called away at intervals. The judge also cited the fact that the sheriff's deputy lived 30 miles away in Creswell.

It is understood that when a jailer is employed, his compensation comes either from fees included in the court costs or as salary or wages paid by the county from its general fund.

Judge Harris also said that reports had reached him that the jail and cells were not kept in good condition by the janitor.

he had advised his rental agent here, P. W. Brown, that he might be interested in converting the building into apartments when-ever it is considered feasible. Dr. White said that usually ho-

undertaking, with local people purchasing stock to aid in financing such promotions. He also stated that whenever local people agreed to do this, he would be glad to cooperate with them, but he said it would be almost as expensive to repair the present structure as it would be to build

Some time ago Dr. White had some rough estimates made of the cost of renovating the building, but he decided to drop the matter and await developments looking to the establishment of a nty-sponsored modern ho-

Guilty To Entering ages, etc., while the Dardens had possession of the land, a period of sev-Two Local Stores eral years. The cases of P. H. Darden and C. L. Weeks vs. N. H. Harritroduced for this purpose. It is ex-

Had Already Robbed Fashion Shop and Was in Byrd Store When Captured

Joseph Spruill, colored, charged with breaking and entering The Fashion Shop and Byrd's Clothing Store last Friday night, was sentenced to two years in the State penitentiary by Judge W. C. Harris, of Raleigh, late yesterday afternoon, when Defense Attorney P. H. Bell entered a plea of guilty for his client.

Chief of Police P. W. Brown, Policeman Paul Basnight and Corp. T. B Brown, of the State Highway Patrol, captured Spruill last Friday night when he attempted to flee from Byrd's Clothing Store, where he was trying to break open an iron safe when cornered by the officers.

An earlier report had reached the police that the Fashion Shop had been robbed, and while they were investigating a second report reached them that there was some kind of Byrd store, which was heard in the post office lobby next door.

Investigating the report, it was found someone was attempting to pavement close to the negro's feet He stopped immediately and was arrested by the chief.

After he was taken to the police station. Spruill confessed to the robbery of the Fashion Shop and led officers to the Plymouth High School gymnasium, where 47 pairs of ladies' hose, underwear and other ladies' wear apparel were found hidden beneath the floor. The value of the stolen goods was placed at about \$100. Officers were surprised when the

negro was identified. A native of this county, Spruill's family is composed had already managed to climb over a of well known and respected colored people. The young negro himself was generally recognized as one of the hest of local young colored citizens Tuesday afternoon made affidavit He lacked only a few units of graduthat Mr. Spruill was the victim of ating from the Elizabeth City Norfoul play. Coroner W. H. (Jack) mal school. None of the members

Episcopal Men's Club Elects Officers Monday

P. Bruce Bateman was elected president; S. A. Ward, vice president, and R. A. Duvall, secretary and treasurer, of the Men's Club of Grace Episcopal Church at a business meeting held in the community hall last Monday night with about 14 mem-

bers present. The following were named on important committees: Membership: H. Eddie Blatz, John Leggett, J. Lloyd Horton; Entertainment: T. W. Earle, Other committees are to be appointed

The organization plans an intensive drive for members and is expecting a very successful year for the church and the club, according to of-

Ioe Garrett Released From Custody Here This Week cars in looting numerous places of

Joe Garrett, 28, colored, who was aken into custody last week pending investigation of an attempted rob bery of the post office here early Sunday morning of last week, was released this week by Chief P. W. Brown, when it was found there was insufficient evidence to connect him with the robbery attempt. Fingerprints taken from the pump

nandle used in forcing an entrance land them all behind bars. were blurred and Garrett could not Cason and Woolard were arrested. be definitely connected with the along with a woman, Billie Hamcal business men, found in Garrett's night. "Bug" Veachey was also ar- good pocket, were said by him to have rested, but he and the Hammond wobeen taken from the wastebasket in man are not charged with participat-the lobby. seats needed. Roof to toilets in bad shape.