

Superintendents, members of the board of education and other school officials of Washington County are urged to attend the annual meeting of the North Carolina State School Board Association in the Music Hall at Chapel Hill, beginning at 10:30 on Thursday, April 10.

Registration books will open Saturday for the names of those who wish to vote in the referendum April 15 on the extension of the city limits of Plymouth. Mrs. Hermine Ramsey is registrar, and the books will remain open for only one week, closing April 5. Since this is a special election, past registration does not count, and all who desire to vote must register while the books are open.

J. Roy Manning, chairman of the Albemarle District of Boy Scouts of America, said that he hoped to have ready within the next few days the list of committee appointments for the district. About 20 persons will be required to fully complete the committees being considered.

Vaccination of dogs in Washington County, required by law throughout North Carolina, will take place in April. The dates and places for the vaccinations will be announced later, as will the names of those who will be in charge of the work.

Rudolph Beasley, well-known farmer and painter in Plymouth, has been added to the force at the Coca-Cola Bottling Works here by Owner W. J. Mayo to replace Edwin Willoughby, who will enter the employ of a local industry. Mr. Willoughby succeeded Joe Leggett about 18 months ago with the bottling concern.

Washington County veterans of the Eighty-First, or Wildcat Division, have been invited by James E. Cagall, national adjutant, to attend the North Carolina Seaboard division meeting, to be held in Washington at the agriculture building Sunday, April 6, when prominent speakers and a banquet will feature the gathering.

Justice of the Peace T. F. Davenport, who is also caretaker of Pettigrew Park, near Creswell, was in town Wednesday. He said that he had married several couples in the old Collins House on the historic old plantation, which attracts many people by its picturesque setting.

## 29 Additions During Recent Meeting at Baptist Church Here

Series Closed Last Friday And Baptismal Service Held Sunday Night

Rev. P. B. NICKENS, Pastor

The meeting, which has been in progress two weeks, closed last Friday night, and the baptismal service was held Sunday night. Large crowds attended every service, and the largest crowd of the entire meeting was present for the service on Sunday night. There were 29 additions to the church during the meeting one of which was on Sunday night. Those who were baptised are as follows:

Mrs. A. D. Simpson, Jeannette Bowers, Mildred Jackson, Margaret Jackson, Mrs. M. S. Atamanchuk, M. S. Atamanchuk, Mrs. A. M. Walker, Mrs. Harry McNeil, Shirley Williams, Dave Chism, H. E. Robertson, Luther Armstrong, Dallas Waters, Marceline Ange, C. L. Brown.

Those who were received in other ways are as follows: Thelma Mizelle, Albert Alexander, Mrs. Dave Chism, Mrs. Raymond Barber, Mrs. J. R. Crofton, Mrs. Roscoe Gaylord, C. A. Hough, J. B. Duck, Mrs. J. B. Duck, Mrs. W. A. Swain, Mrs. H. E. Robertson, Mrs. P. C. Trogdon, G. L. Skidmore, A. M. Walker.

The pastor again wishes to express his appreciation for the splendid cooperation given by everyone during the entire meeting.

Services as usual Sunday at 11 and 7:30.

## Second Weekly Honor Roll In 'Popular Baby Parade'

Following is the Honor Roll for the week ending March 22nd. The names are listed below in the order of their standing for this week:

	Last Week
1. Tex Benton, Plymouth	9th
2. Melba Fern Peed, Plymouth, R. F. D.	1st
3. Nicky Paul, Pike Road	6th
4. Annie Jane Harris, Creswell	26th
5. Sandra Ann Hardison, Plymouth	2nd
6. Sammy Gotsinger, Plymouth	3rd
7. Mary and Martha Hiddick (Twins), Roper, R. F. D.	3rd
8. Joyce Ann Hardison, Mackeys	3rd
9. Barbara McNair, Plymouth, R. F. D.	17th
10. Myra Lou Daily, Plymouth	16th
11. Betty Lou Davenport, Plymouth	4th
12. Bobby Stuart Arnold, Plymouth	21st
13. Burl Alexandria Walker, Plymouth	9th
14. James "Jimmy" Talley, Plymouth	18th
15. Frank Bateman, Plymouth	20th
16. Dianne Manning, Wenona	13th
17. Harley Glenn Furbee, Wenona	15th
18. Mary Lee Trogdon, Plymouth	25th
19. Jean Miller Oliver, Roper	14th
20. Ruby May Reynolds, Creswell	27th
21. Crosby Lane Spruill, Creswell	7th
22. Merlyn Chesson, Roper, R. F. D.	Not Listed
23. Willis Richard Tripp, Creswell	24th
24. Phyllis Louise Smith, Plymouth	19th
25. Therese Maude Pele, Roper, R. F. D.	Not Listed
26. Janie Daniels, Plymouth	10th
27. Guy Markey, Creswell	23rd
28. Mary Jeanne Phelps, Roper, R. F. D.	12th
29. Frances Jane Harris, Plymouth	22nd

Only the babies having turned in coupons or subscriptions for the week ending March 22 are listed. Another Honor Roll will be published in next week's issue.

## State Commission To Hold Clinic Here Wednesday for Defective Vision Cases

By S. V. LEWIS, M. D., District Health Officer

The State Blind Commission will conduct a clinic at the Plymouth High School building all day next Wednesday, April 2, for the purpose of examining defective vision cases and other eye disease cases. The examinations will be made by a reputable specialist in diseases of the eye. The county health department and the county welfare department are cooperating in this work in an effort to get all examinations done that are possible during that day. It was hoped that the county would be able to secure two days of this service, but circumstances are such that the blind commission has advised the health department that one day only is possible for such service at the present time.

## 'Popular Baby Parade' Honor Roll This Week Has New Name at Top

LEADS HONOR ROLL



Little "Tex" Benton at the tender age of 2½ years, is proving to be a real campaigner. Last week in eleventh position on the honor roll, this week he is No. 1. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Benton, of Plymouth. Grandparents are Mrs. Sally N. Gardner, of Plymouth; Elihu P. Benton, of Rosenberg, Texas; and Mr. and Mrs. George Hill, of Pasadena, Texas.

## Roper Library Association Will Meet Tuesday Night

Roper.—There will be a meeting of the Community Library Association at the Baptist church in Roper at 8 o'clock next Tuesday night, April 1st. This meeting is for the purpose of adopting the by-laws and constitution of the association and approving reports made by chairmen of committees named at a previous meeting. The public is cordially invited and urged to attend.

## Judge W. C. Harris Will Speak at Men's Club Meet

Judge W. C. Harris, of Raleigh, will be the principal speaker at the next meeting of the Men's Club of Grace Episcopal church, to be held on Tuesday, April 15, it was announced at the meeting of the club held at the Pines last Friday night.

Tut Bonner and Sam Boutwell were entered as new members of the club at the meeting Friday, which was attended by 20 persons. T. W. Earle made a short talk on the progress of the club.

A certain number may be examined free of charge, while others will be required to pay a fee of \$1. Please contact your welfare department, located in the courthouse at Plymouth, for further information concerning this particular item of the service.

It is requested that you contact your health department or your welfare department in the event that you have not already been advised of the hour that you are expected to present yourself for examination. This will help to relieve any congestion of people at the clinic during any particular period of the day. Approximately 50 or 60 persons may be examined during the day, provided overcrowding does not interfere with the normal operation of the examinations.

## Tex Benton Jumps From Eleventh To First Place on List

Race Is Close and Competition Keen; 8 More Days Of Big Vote Period

By "Popular Baby Parade" Editor

At the close of the second week of the "Popular Baby Parade," there is a new name heading the honor roll. Little Tex Benton, in the eleventh position last week, jumped to No. 1 position. Some jump—but Tex made it, so you see, regardless of your baby's standing this week, he or she can attain a higher position next week by a little extra effort on your part.

There is so little difference between the "Paraders" at this writing that no one baby has any real advantage over any other baby. In fact, a club of \$15 in subscriptions would change the whole story. The race is very close and the competition keen, but the honor and glory of being king or queen of this locality, plus \$200 in cash and a beautiful loving cup, are well worth your efforts.

Now Is the Time to Work

Just eight more days of the big vote period. Between now and 9 o'clock p. m. April 5th, each 1-year subscription counts 2,000 votes; a two-year subscription counts 5,000 votes; and a 5-year subscription 15,000 votes. The second period votes will decrease one-half and during the third and last period they decrease to one-half of the second period. Extra effort now will mean more than at any other time during the campaign. Collections on delinquent subscriptions will count just the same as the above schedule.

If you have not entered your baby as yet, do so now. Clip the coupon from this paper and bring to "Popular Baby Parade" headquarters, located in Womble's Drug Store, Plymouth. Another honor roll and more baby pictures will be published in next week's issue of The Roanoke Beacon.

## Open Lunch Room At Cherry School

The lunch room at the Cherry school began operation last week, serving 105 lunches the first day. Sixty-five of the lunches were served to underprivileged children.

Equipment for the lunch room was provided by the Parent-Teacher Association, with the Work Projects Association contributing the labor for making tables and cabinets. Kitchen utensils were donated at a shower given by the school patrons.

An offering was taken, amounting to \$8, at the Esso show held in Creswell, and the Esso dealers gave an additional \$5 to the lunch room.

Hot soup, plate lunches, and desserts are served to the children by Mesdames H. O. Barnes, Herbert Clifton and Bessie Spruill.

## Creswell Grammar-Grade Children To Present Play

Pupils of the grammar grades of Creswell school will be presented in the operetta, "Polly Make Believe," at the school auditorium Tuesday evening, April 1. Proceeds from the entertainment will be used to purchase shades for the classrooms and to apply on the projector equipment purchased by the parent-teacher association.

Students taking leading parts are Betty Jean Bateman, Alice Davenport, Joseph Hopkins, Mildred Ambrose, Juanita Halsey, Roy Reynolds, William Hassell, Louise Davenport, Billie Jean Clifton, Bobby Bennett, Earl Welch, Betty Lowman, and William Furlough. Neta Grace Davenport will tap dance.

## County Board 'Still Making Revisions of Property Valuations

Special Committee Has Not Completed Study of 125 Complaints Filed

The Washington County commissioners today had not received a complete report from the special committee—composed of H. E. Beam, L. S. Thompson, B. G. Campbell, E. F. Still and E. H. Liverman—which has been studying the 125 complaints filed by property owners relative to increases in the tax valuation placed on their property by the tax assessors during the recent revaluation.

In session here Thursday morning, the commissioners had hoped to hear from the special committee as to their recommendations regarding all the complaints, but it is understood that due to lack of sufficient time the committee had not been able to complete its work.

However, in a session held Monday, the commissioners made the following decisions on tax valuations:

Philip Hathaway's property in Scuppernon Township was reduced \$100, because of the timber cut from the land.

D. S. Swain woodland in Plymouth township was reduced, but the record did not reveal the amount.

H. R. Davenport land in Scuppernon township was reduced from \$34 to \$30 per acre.

J. M. Phelps property in Scuppernon township reduced from \$2,000 to \$1,850; and two buildings from \$1,060 to \$1,000.

Mrs. O. D. Hatfield property in Scuppernon township reduced from \$1,600 to \$1,250.

Ben B. Davenport's property in Scuppernon township reduced from \$2,120 to \$1,750.

W. T. Phelps property in Creswell reduced as follows: house and lot from \$600 to \$500; house and lot from \$400 to \$350; house and lot from \$550 to \$400.

A. L. Owens estate, one item of property reduced from \$4,750 to \$4,250.

Richmond Cedar Works property in Skippersville township reduced from \$58,750.41 to \$56,600, which was the same as last year.

John L. Roper Lumber Company, Albemarle swamp land in Skippersville township, reduced to \$100,485. The records showed that last year the tax value on land for this company totaled \$103,376 on the following three tracts of land: Albemarle swamp, 20,097 acres; Frog Misery, 600 acres; L. M. Phelps land, 100 acres. It could not be learned whether there was a reduction in the total value or whether by combining the three tracts the valuation is the same as last year.

## To Make Change in Telegraph Service

C. P. Mulden, of Charlottesville, Va., district manager of the Western Union Telegraph Company for North Carolina and Virginia was here today and said that it was the plan of the company to substitute teletype service in E. G. Arps Drug Store for the present office in the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad station. He explained that this type of service would greatly improve the handling of messages here.

It was said by Mr. Mulden that messages could be sent and received through the teletype machine with greater speed; that in its new location the office would be more convenient to patrons; and that teletype service would be available during the long hours the drug store remains open. At the present time the local operator is on duty for only 8 hours daily.

Mr. Mulden said that the company had never considered removing the office from Plymouth. He came here to see T. C. Burgess, secretary of the Lions Club, who had forwarded him a telegram from the club opposing moving the office.

It is expected that the new service will begin about the last of April or early in May.

## Membership Drive Launched by Club

J. R. Manning, chairman of the Plymouth Country Club membership committee, announced this week that a drive to increase the club membership was underway, incident to the beginning of a new quarter April 1st. It is expected that 15 or 20 new members will be secured within the next few weeks.

Spring weather and longer days are bringing about increased interest in golfing activities, and it is confidently expected that many of the club members who dropped out at the beginning of winter will renew their memberships.

The scale of dues, which are payable in quarterly installments, for the Plymouth area is as follows: Family membership, including golf privileges, \$50 per year, or \$12.50 per quarter; single membership, including golf privileges, \$40 per year or \$10 per quarter; and house membership, \$15 per year.

## Use of Hampton Academy School Building Is Ordered Discontinued By State Insurance Commissioner

### E. L. Walker New Resident Manager of Pulp Company Here

Vice President of Company Comes Here From Milwaukee

E. L. Walker, of Milwaukee, Wis., vice president and a director of the Kieckhefer Container Corporation and the North Carolina Pulp Company, has moved his headquarters to the local plant, where he assumed the post of resident manager last week.

Mr. Walker stated that "there has been no change in the position of George M. Snyder with the company." Mr. and Mrs. Snyder left last Saturday for a vacation trip to New Orleans, La., and Mr. Walker said that he was expecting them to return within two weeks.

Mr. Walker is now living at the Plymouth Country Club and said that he expected Mrs. Walker to join him within two or three weeks. For the time being they plan to remain at the club. Mr. and Mrs. Walker have three married daughters: Mrs. William P. Hooker, of Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. Joseph H. Peters, of Sheboygan, Wis.; and Mrs. H. O. Whitacres, of San Carlos, Calif.

Connected with the company since 1915, Mr. Walker heretofore has had headquarters as vice president of the company in Milwaukee, but he said this week that he thought his transfer to Plymouth was permanent.

"The personnel of the local plant impresses me as a very capable and fine group," Mr. Walker stated.

### Mrs. Lucy Massie Hamlin Passes at Home of Daughter

Funeral Held at Episcopal Church Here Friday; Burial at Danville

Funeral services were held in the Grace Episcopal church here Friday afternoon for Mrs. Lucy Massie Hamlin, 80, of Washington, D. C., who died at the home here of a daughter, Mrs. Eliza Hamlin Hampton, at 12:20 a. m. Friday, following a lengthy illness. Heart trouble was said to have been the cause of her death.

The Rev. Sidney E. Matthews, of Washington, N. C., rector of Grace church here, conducted the funeral, assisted by W. M. Daniels, student minister. The burial service was held in the Greenhill Cemetery at Danville, Va., by the Rev. Norvell Walker, assisted by Mr. Daniels, and interment took place in the cemetery.

A daughter of the late Nathaniel Hardin Massie and Mrs. Eliza Nelson Massie, Mrs. Hamlin was born in Charlottesville, Va., on June 5, 1860. She was married to Thomas Hamlin at Danville, Va., on December 29, 1885. For many years she was a member of the Church of the Epiphany at Washington, D. C., and was active in the women's auxiliary of the church for years.

Mrs. Hamlin came here from Washington, D. C., about eight months ago to visit her daughter and became ill shortly afterwards, the illness continuing until her death last week.

Mrs. Hamlin is survived by the following: a daughter, Mrs. Eliza Hamlin Hampton, of Plymouth; a son, Thomas Hamlin, of Washington, D. C.; two nephews, Dr. Francis M. Massie, of Lexington, Ky., and Nathaniel Hardin Massie, of Charlotte; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Pall-bearers at the church service in Plymouth were as follows: Sidney A. Ward, Dr. Alban Papineau, C. E. Ayers, R. A. Duval, H. A. Willford, and J. Lloyd Horton. At the cemetery in Danville pall-bearers were: Hugh Williamson, Judge Walton Brown, Archie Aiken, Maurice Flynn, Talbot and Turner Hamlin.

### Mackeys Cannery Ready for Season

For the second successive season, the Perry-Belch Company, of Colerain, will operate a branch herring-roe cannery at Mackeys again this year.

Preliminary work is now underway at the plant, according to Thomas Belch, who said that the plan was to can approximately 4,000 cases of herring roe if conditions are favorable. Modern equipment is used and the fish roe is canned under the most sanitary conditions. The brand name used for the product is "Chowan-oke," a combination of the names of the Chowan and Roanoke Rivers.

Fifty persons will be employed during the season, including 20 white and 5 colored women; 15 colored and 9 white men.

### Vacancies Open to Negro Volunteers

Clerk S. A. Ward, of the Selective Service Board here, said today that there were now some openings for volunteers for military training from the colored race. He said that a number of young colored men had previously been seen him about volunteering for the year's training, but had become discouraged because the county quota was not sufficient to take care of them.

However, Mr. Ward said he was expecting a larger colored quota next month, and those among the colored race who volunteer between now and the time the call is received will be given preference in filling the county allotment. He requests any who wish to volunteer to see him immediately.

### 32 More Registrants Classified by Board At Meet Last Week

11 Placed in Class 1, Subject To Physical Examination; 345 Classified So Far

The Washington County Selective Service Board, at a meeting held here last Thursday night, classified 32 registrants, bringing the total number classified so far to 345.

Of the 32 questionnaires examined by the board last week, 11 were placed in class No. 1, subject to physical examination; 1 in class No. 2; 19 in class No. 3; and 1 in class No. 4.

Following is an explanation of the classes into which registrants are divided, based on answers in the questionnaires:

Class No. 1—Those persons available for immediate training and service in the land or naval forces—subject, of course, to physical examination.

Class No. 2—Those persons deferred because the public interest is best served by them staying at their regular work.

Class No. 3—Those persons deferred because others are dependent upon them for support.

Class No. 4—Those deferred from military service either by the law itself or for physical disability, or other reasons.

Following is the list of those classified last Thursday:

Class No. 1 (Subject to Physical Examination)

302 James Joyner, col., Plymouth.

304 Emmuel Norman, jr., col., Plymouth.

307 Ois C. Chesson, col., Roper.

310 John Henry Blount, col., Roper.

317 William K. Long, white, Plym.

318 Nathan W. Spruill, white, Roper.

321 Charles T. Gurkin, wh., Plym.

322 Lonnie H. Graddock, wh., Plym.

326 Robert S. Sawyer, wh., Roper.

330 James A. Halsey, col., Creswell.

331 Robert Downing, colored, Roper.

Class No. 2

320 Robert Lee Hill, colored, Roper.

Class No. 3

301 Arthur W. Alexander, col., Cres.

303 William E. Haire, wh., Creswell.

305 William A. Hardison, wh., Plym.

306 William A. Yarwell, col., Plym.

309 L. B. Peel, col., Roper.

310 Ernest L. Hassell, wh., Roper.

311 Lester Bower, col., Plym.

312 Earl Jeffries Coulter, wh., Plym.

314 Elwood Lee, col., Creswell.

315 John H. Smithwick, col., Plym.

316 Nathan P. Curlings, wh., Cres.

324 Howard E. Simpson, wh., Mack.

328 David Cox, col., Plymouth.

329 Roy E. Johnson, col., Plymouth.

332 Hope C. Harrison, wh., Plym.

333 Ottoway A. Warren, wh., Plym.

334 John H. Lassiter, col., Plym.

337 Charlie M. Norman, col., Roper.

346 Ben F. Rhodes, col., Plymouth.

Class No. 4

336 Mettrew Wilson Jefferies, white, Creswell (He has already had his military training).

### Program of Services At Episcopal Church

Services will be held Sunday as follows at Grace Episcopal church: Sunday school, 10 a. m.; lay services at 11 a. m.; Young People's Service League at 7:30 p. m.

Committeemen for service in the production of the minstrel to be given in the Plymouth Theatre here Thursday, May 1, under the auspices of the Lions Club, were named last Thursday night by Principal R. B. Trotman, who is in charge of the show.

Mrs. J. R. Manning and Mrs. E. A. Harper will be in charge of the sale of tickets, with school children and members of the club also serving on the committee.

P. W. Brown, J. R. Manning and E. H. Liverman will be in charge of the advertising details in connection with the production.

### Plans for Additions Likely Be Changed As Result of Order

Order Says Second Floor Of Building Subject To Condemnation

Plans for improvement and enlargement of the Plymouth schools, previously outlined, will likely undergo some radical changes at the next meeting of the county board of education, as the result of an official notification from Dan C. Boney, state insurance commissioner, that the second floor of the Hampton school building is subject to condemnation and ordering that its use be discontinued until certain conditions are remedied. Mr. Boney's letter was addressed to H. H. McLean, as county superintendent of public instruction, and carried the seal of the insurance department, certifying that it was an official notice, dated March 25, 1941.

It is not known when or why an inspection was made of the school, as local school officials have no knowledge of it at all. However, it has been known that the building is in need of extensive repairs. The county board of education does not have a meeting scheduled until the first Monday in April, when it is probable that the plans for the additions at the high school building will be altered to include sufficient room to care for both high school and elementary school children under the same roof. It is understood that the Hampton building will continue to be used until other arrangements can be made.

Text of the letter from Mr. Boney to Mr. McLean follows:

I have before me a copy of a report made by a deputy of this department who, on March 21, 1941, inspected the Hampton School Building (Hampton Academy) in Plymouth. From the contents of this report it is understood that the Hampton building, with outside walls of brick and interior of wood-joint construction, is of a type which was popular for city and town use prior to the beginning of the great crusade for education led by Aycock, McIver, and Joyner in the early years of the present century. Many of this type building in this state having, in the past 40 years, burned or been abandoned as unsuitable for school purposes.

This report lists one severely worn inside wooden stairway serving three rooms on the second floor, this one inside stairway augmented by two non-standard wooden exits in the rear of the building. These outside exits have stairways which, in addition to being of wood, have more than the safe number of treads to the unit and would, in all probability, collapse under fire conditions.

The location of two of the three entrances to these two outside exits are such as to create panic conditions on the second floor in case of fire on the first floor.

The outside walls of the building show pronounced cracks in several places and an attempt has been made

### Funeral for Mrs. Inez L. Johnston

Funeral services were held at the home of L. E. Hassell, near Roper, Monday afternoon for Mrs. Inez L. Johnston, 69, who died Sunday afternoon at 4:30, following a lingering illness. The Rev. M. R. Gardner, Methodist minister, officiated, and interment took place in the Lewis cemetery, near Roper.

A native of Washington County, Mrs. Johnston was the daughter of the late Whitfield and Mrs. Sally Gaylord Lewis. She was born August 16, 1871 and was married to Albert Sidney Johnston at Roper on December 31, 1889. Mrs. Johnston was a faithful member of the Methodist church and well known and very popular throughout the county.

She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. L. E. Hassell, of Roper, with whom she has been living; and three brothers, Ernest R. Lewis and Herbert Lewis, of Roper; and Leon Lewis, of Edenton.

### Lions Club Is Making Plans for Home-Talent Minstrel Here Thursday, May 1

tion, and Walter H. Paramore was placed in charge of publicity. Henry Hardison, Z. V. Norman, A. Lloyd Owens, "Sneeze" Burnham, and other local funmakers have been asked to take an active part as end men in the show. Other able performers will be in the circle, and the interlocutor will be named later.

At the club meeting last Thursday, J. C. Swain, Mr. Burnham and Henry Hardison attended and requested the club to support the baseball team it is hoped to organize here this summer. P. W. Brown and Z. V. Norman assured the club's support for the team.