Miss Catherine Terry, daughter of

outh, is a student nurse in a Wil

mington hospital and said, while home on a visit this week, that she would graduate in another year. She also said that there was a probability, if

this country went to war, she would enter the U.S. Army Nursing Service. J. E. Bratten is assisting George R. Coburn as night patrolman, while Po-

liceman Paul Basnight is on a trip

to Detroit. Mich., with C. E. Ayers.

Messrs. Ayers and Basnight stopped

Free assistance will be provided

new residents of this section who

wish to have their automobiles

recorded so they can purchase

license plates in North Carolina.

if they will come to the Man-

ning Motor Company here, it

was announced today by J. R.

Manning, owner of the company.

G. K. Harris, of Plymouth, was here

this week visiting his parents and

friends with his family. Formerly

with the Raleigh Times, Mr. Harris

will begin work Monday as foreman

G. K. Harris, rural mail car-

rier at the local post office, said

today he has decided not to retire

from the postal service at pres-

ent, although he is eligible, and

would return to work on July 9

after returning from a visit to

Hertford. Mr. Harris has about

recovered from the effects of a

J. W. (Jack) House, assistant man-

ager of the House Chevrolet Com-

pany, who has been living in Rober-

sonville for several months, last week

moved into his recently completed

residence here on the new street that

goes from East Main Street through

Miss Louise Snell, daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Snell, of

near Creswell, was recently chos-

en 4-H health queen of Washing-

ton County. Miss Snell compet-

ed with girls from Plymouth and

J. Oscar Davenport, of Jamesville

has become connected with the Man-

ning Motor Company here as assist-

ant sales manager. He has been an

automobile salesman for a number of

years and comes here from the Roan-

oke Chevrolet Company at William-

Albemarle Beach Friday of next week.

events in the history of the resort,

according to L. W. Gurkin, the own-

er, who said today that things were

shaping up nicely for the occasion.

on as part of the day's program.

glorious Fourth," Mr. Gurkin said.

CCC Will Accept Number

ers of local craft competing.

recent operation.

the Burgess property

of the Goldsboro News-Argus com-

posing room.

Leroy Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs.

over in Washington, D. C., to see a baseball game and expect to be back

sometime this week-end

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Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Terry, of Plym- VOLUME LII-NUMBER 26

Plymouth, Washington County, North Carolina, Thursday, June 26, 1941



Engineer W. E. Harris, of South Norfolk, and Fireman J. A. Thompson, of Berkley, were seriously injured in the above-pictured train wreck at the edge of Plymouth early Sunday morning. Two locomotives and one freight car were derailed and traffic blocked on the main line of the Norfolk Southern for several hours.-Photo by Carl L. Bailey, jr.

Further Delay in Local School Extension Plan SeenasLoanIsDenied

Potato Shipments Off This Season

So far this season, a total of 103 carloads of irish potatoes have been shipped by rail from Tyrrell and the lower end of Washington. Last year, up to June 20, there had been a total of 550 carloads shipped.

Despite an indicated smaller crop this year, the price dropped this week, quotations today on U. S. No. 1 cobblers ranging from \$1.35 to \$1.50 per 100-pound bag. This is a little higher than the price last year, June 20 quotations being from 90 cents to \$1.20

ston. He is well known in this sec Julius F. Snell Died Gala Day Fourth at Albemarle Beach At Home in Cherry day and spent several hours with administrators of the fund, which is Celebration of Independence Day at Last Saturday Night

July 4, will be one of the biggest Had Been in Poor Health For Past Two Years; Funeral Sunday

Features of the day will be boating, bathing and dancing, with the 68, who died at his home in Cherry enough money on hand to pay the possibility that the day's events will last Saturday night, were conducted past-due bonds and interest and that be climaxed by boat races with own- at the home Sunday afternoon, with the matter can be cleared up within the Rev. M. L. Ambrose officiating, the next few weeks, when another A beautiful display of fireworks has assisted by Dr. G. A. Martin and application will likely be made for been provided for, according to Mr. Rev. R. N. Fitts. Interment took the loan. It is understood that suf-Gurkin, who said that this feature of place in a cemetery near Cherry.

last summer than plans have been since suffering a stroke of paralysis mediately when they came due, but made for a more elaborate display, about two years ago. For the past money is coming in daily now and dicial District Bar Association, at Topping the bill for the day will four weeks he had been critically ill. Will likely to be used for this purbe the dance to be given at night, A native of Cherry, he was a prom- pose. with music by Hal Thurston's orches- inent farmer and well known through tra, a popular aggregation in this out the county. He served as a mem-This band also plays for ber of the Creswell school committee the usual Friday night dances at the for four years and was a member of Philippi Christian church.

Plans for Boy Scouts to participate His favorite hymns, "Saved by in swimming, running, jumping and Grace," "The Last Mile of the Way," other contests have not been com- and "Some Day We'll Understand," pleted, and it is not yet sure that were sung at the last rites. Pallthis series of events can be counted bearers were Harry P. Barnes, D. F. Davenport, Raymond Gibbs, W. D. "Come to Albemarle Beach and Phelps, Jennings Davenport and meet your friends; they will all be Hardy Craddock.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. at Albemarle Beach for a grand and Mary Simmons Snell; four daughters, Mrs. C. N. Davenport, jr., Mrs. Pat-Monroe; three sons, Rudolph and County, has received notice that the a sister. Mrs. Claudia Craddock, of County, has received notice that the a sister, Mrs. Claudia Craddock, of Civilian Conservation Corps will ac-Creswell; a brother, Haywood B. Be Designated Soon cept any number of white youths Snell, and four grandchildren.

from this county who wish to enroll. K. W. Pittman, of Rocky Mount, Those enrolling now will leave here employed at a local industrial plant. Young men interested in entering was the second winner of a free oil the CCC are urged to apply at once change at the Western Auto Associate Store here last Saturday.

Officials at Raleigh Reject Application Made Last Tuesday

Understood Matter Will Be Cleared Soon and Another Application Presented

Further delay in securing badly today as the result of rejection by the State Literary Fund of an appliloan of \$40,000, to be used in improvschools.

It is understood that the loan was turned down when the application county superintendent of public instruction, who went to Raleigh Tuesused to make loans to counties for improvement of school property. The reason given for the rejection was that the county of Washington is now in partial default on the payment of bondholders under the refinancing

plan adopted about four years ago. Funeral services for Julius F. Snell, J. Spruill, county auditor, has almost ficient taxes had not been collected the program was such a big success! Mr. Snell had been in poor health to date to take care of the bonds im-

It was suggested by state officials that the county resort to a bond issue, since by this method the money could be secured on longer terms and could easily be obtained at much less cost than a loan from the State Literary Fund.

The board of education has decided to build a new six-room elementary of the district executive committee school building here and add four rooms to the present high school building But with the new hitch developing, it is not now known when money for actual work will become

White Youths in County Monroe: three some Budolph of Welfare Department each. Miss Ursula Bateman, superintendent of public welfare of Washington Snell, of Chester, Pa. He also leaves Head for County To

Incumbent and Two Others Seek Post; Selection To

Be Made in July The selection of the next superinendent of public welfare in Washington County is a question that is engaging the attention of a number of county people, as it is known that there are at least three applicants for the job, including Miss Ursula Bateman, present holder of the office The other applicants are Mrs. J. K. Reid, of Plymouth, and Mrs. W. B.

Chesson, of Pleasant Grove. It is understood that the term of Miss Bateman expires on the first Monday in July, and pressure is being brought to bear on members of the board of public welfare by friends

of the three candidates. Selection of the superintendent of public welfare rests with the board of public welfare, composed of James W. Norman, of Plymouth; Walter W. White, of Skinnersville; and Mrs. Sidney Smithson, of Creswell. Up to this year the county commissioners elected the superintendent, the welfare board only having authority to

make nominations. The job as superintendent pays a salary of \$125 per month, with a \$50 monthly traveling expense allowance.

Engineer and Fireman Are Injured When Freights Collide at Switch

A collision involving two Norfolk Southern Railroad Company freight trains at a switch near the Horton Lumber Company plant here Sunday morning at 2:27 o'clock resulted in serious injuries to the engine crew of one of the locomotives and tied up the system's main line between Raleigh and Norfolk for several hours

The injured men, both of whom vere taken to a Norfolk hospital after first-aid attention here by Dr. T. L Bray, were W. E. Harris, engineer and J. A. Thompson, fireman. Mr Harris suffered extensive body bruises shock and fracture of both legs, while Mr. Thompson was treated for serious head injuries, possible concussion and shock. W. W. Bowers, another engineer, was not injured.

Messrs. Harris and Thompson and he head brakeman, Y. B. Winstead, of Raleigh, who was uninjured from the Religious Census of reported to have jumped from the locomotive just before the impact. Both locomotives and one of the 150 freight cars on both trains were de-

Wrecking crews from Carolina Junction and Raleigh were called out and six hours after the accident the nain line had been reopened to pasenger and other service. Meanwhile passenger trains were detoured around the wreck on a passing track which parallels the main line at the point of the accident.

bound out of Carolina Junction diect to Raleigh, while the other train was the first section of No. 4, northbound from New Bern to Carolina Junction. The engine crew of the their posts, escaped injury.

L. P. Kennedy, general superinneeded school facilties here was seen tendent of the system, with headquarters in Raleigh, was at the scene of the accident Sunday morning. He cation by Washington County for a said that evidently the trains were too close together at the entrance ing and enlarging the plants at the to a switch. The engine of Train No. Plymouth white and Roper colored 63 sideswiped the other engine, causing both to be derailed and piling up the southbound locomotive across the tracks. Train No. 63 had orders to proceed through Plymouth, and No. church for the summer months, had 64 was said to be too close to the begun a religious census of the comhead of a switch, which caused the munity, and this joint census by al

accident. Various estimates of the damage, ranging upward to \$35,000 or \$40,000. were made unofficially by some of the railroad men, but Mr. Kennedy \$24,000 in bonds and interest due of people from this section visited the scene of the collision Sunday.

Nash, Martin, Washington and Wilson Counties gathered at Albemarle Beach near here last Saturday for the annual meeting of the Second Jucal attorney, was elected to membership on the Council of the State Bar. Judge Walter J. Bone, of Nashville, and State Senator Hugh G. Horton, of Williamston, were the principal speakers at the meeting. Mr. Horton was elected president of the organization for the coming year. Carl L. Bailey, of Plymouth, is a member

As a councillor of the North Carolina State Bar. Mr. Norman represents the second judicial district, succeeding Kemp D. Battle, of Rocky Mount, who had served for about six years. There are 20 judicial districts in the state, with one councillor from each. Mr. Norman's term is for three

It is the duty of the councillors to nterpret and administer the act creating the association, to acquire and dispose of property for the bar, to narily sold or dispensed at stores, discipline and disbar lawyers, and to bars, stands or soda fountains, or in work toward the best interests of the legal profession.

Recorder's court officials gathered Tuesday, but there were no cases before the court. Several continued actions were scheduled to come up at the time, but further continuances were granted, and there were no new

Beacon To Print Early Next Week

The Beacon will be published one day earlier next week, due to the fact that there will be no mail deliveries on Friday, July 4. The paper will be printed and put in the mails Wednesday, so that it can be distributed Thursday, since observance by post offices and business in general of Independence Day on Friday would otherwise delay delivery of the

paper until Saturday. 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 Bea-

Two Freight Trains Involved in Wreck Advocates of Turnpike Road Here Early Sunday Surfacing Feel Encouraged

Record Quota From County Called To Report for Army Duty During July

Washington County has been ordered by the State Selective Service Board in Raleigh to provide 22 young white and colored men for the army during July, it was announced today by Clerk S. A. Ward, of the local board.

The call received last week was number 15, and ordered the board to have 12 white report July 23 to be sent to Fort Bragg, near Fayetteville; with 10 colored men to leave July 17 for Fort Jackson, near Columbia, S. C., for their year of military training. Mr. Ward said that practically

all of the 1,588 men who regis tered in the county last October 16 had been classified, and that there are more than enough men available to take care of the July quotas as soon as they were examined.

There are now 179 men in various branches of the armed forces of the nation, 66 having entered through the selective service program and 112 through other channels. When the July quota of 22 enter the service, it will bring the county total to 201 white and colored men in the nation's armed forces.

By Church Workers

All Churches To Cooperate; Ministers Discuss Plans At Meet Tuesday

In an effort to develop effective means of meeting the religious needs Harris and Thompson comprised of the community, the churches of the engine crew of Train 63, south- the town of Plymouth have combined forces for the purpose of conducting a religious census. Ministers of the various local churches, in a meeting last Tuesday evening, discussed plans for such a census. The area of the northbound train, who remained at town of Plymouth and vicinity was divided into districts, with each church responsible for a designated section

The influx of families into Plymouth during the past 18 months, the removal of families from one address to another, and the addition of many new homes within the town were reasons given for a religious census at this particular time.

J. Wesley Ange, who is acting as assistant minister of the Methodist the results already achieved in this

independent survey. the census have already been taken,

lan adopted about four years ago. However, it is understood that E. Spruill, county auditor, has almost nough money on hand to repy the Hold Annual Meet Effective Next Week Will Be Eliminated

Local Merchants Not Yet Definitely Advised Which Articles Exempted

products for human consumption, be- tomobile owners can see then ginning next Tuesday, July 1, in acarticles on the family table

However, there is no definite understanding locally as to just what en its usual and ordinary meaning. but shall not include malt or vinuous beverages, soft or carbonated drinks, sodas, or beverages such as are ordiconnection therewith.'

The amendment also provides that the sales tax will still be charged on 'candies or confectioneries, medicines, tonics, and preparations in liquid, powdered, granular, tablet, capsule, or pill form sold as dietary supplements." The law further provides that "food and food products for human consumption" does not include prepared meals or foods sold or served on or off the premises of restaurants, cafes, cafeterias, hotel dining rooms, drug stores, or other places where prepared meals or foods are sold or served.

So far as can be learned, no sales tax will be charged by local merchants after July 1 on meat, flour, lard, coffee, sugar, and other staple

tems of food. J. R. Campbell said that he had written to the state sales tax officials twice regarding some information about the law, but had not received a reply. H. H. Allen also said that he had received no information from the state as to what was tax-

able and what wasn't. The amendment as passed by the legislature merely said that the sales tax will not be charged on food and food products for human consumption, but does not specify the items which will be exempted from taxa-

GETS BAR OFFICE



Zeb Vance Norman, local attorney, was last Saturday elected councillor for the second judicial district bar association, at its annual meeting at Albemarle Beach. Mr. Norman succeeds Kemp D. Battle, of Rocky Mount, who had served as councillor for six years.

the local churches will incorporate by the results already achieved in this Bicycle Riders Are Preliminary steps for conducting Warned To Observe

One Arrest Made and More to seeing that the eastern and west-

One arrest has already been made B. Brown, of the State Highway Pa- build roads in Greenville or Pitt trol, who stated that many voung- County to the injury of other counsters were very careless in the operation of their bikes.

Washington County merchants, as ride their bicycles on the highways trict as soon as possible. well as those all over the state of at night are required to have a small North Carolina, will eliminate the light on the front and a reflector at sales tax charged on food and food the rear of their vehicle, so that au-

He also warns bicyclists to ride on cordance with the action of the 1941 the extreme right side of the highlegislature, which followed the recom- way. Special attention is called to provement has been made on the mendation of Governor J. M. Brough- this, as it is hard for an automobile ton in carrying out his campaign driver to see the bikes unless they pledge to "remove the sales tax from are operated so that the car headlights will pick them up. Another dangerous practice by the

young riders, according to the officer. is taxable and what is not. Under is that of riding three or four abreast the provisions of the amendment to in large groups. Corporal Brown said the revenue act, it is set forth that that unless they learn to ride behind "the term 'food and food products each other, in single file, they will for human consumption' shall be giv- expose themselves unnecessarily to accident. Plymouth is growing steadily, it is

pointed out: the number of automobile owners in the county is rapidly increasing: and with one the hightraffic than ever before in the his- Rev. A. R. Winborne, pastor: tory of the town and county; which calls for care on the part of every operator of a vehicle, whatever its

However, Officials Make No Promises At Meet Yesterday

Member and Chairman of State Road Commission Taken Over Road

Not a single state official would commit himself publicly at the meeting held in the community building at Blackland Experiment Station, at Wenona, yesterday, relative to the permanent all-weather surfacing of the Turnpike road, but every one of the 75 sponsors of the meeting left the gathering with a feeling that the long fight for the road has been suc-

L. B. Prince, chairman of the State Highway Commission, and Ed G. Flannagan, of Greenville, district highway commissioner, expressed themselves in substantially the same language, asserting that they were impressed with the "immediate need" of the road and that there was a possibility that something might be done

shortly to reileve the situation. W. Kerr Scott, commissioner of agiculture of the state, suggested that a time be set at the meeting then for a celebration in the late fall upon completion of the road, but this brought only a laughing response from the highway officials. The commissioner of agriculture is recognized as one of the leading exponents for immediate improvement of the road, which would make the Wenona test farm much more accesible to farmers who go there to observe the results of various demonstrations and experiments.

Carl L. Bailey, Hyde County Representative George Harris, and Beaufort County's Fred G. Latham, of Belhaven, and others spoke on the urgent need of the road. John W. Darden, of Plymouth, presided over the meeting, which was attended by leading citizens of Hyde, Beaufort and Washington Counties. Mayor Jerome B. Flora, of Elizabeth City, also at-

Chairman Prince said that "gasless Sundays" and reduction in manufacture of automobiles may retard the work of the commission, due to loss of revenue in sales of license tags

and gasoline.

The road official also said that the extreme ends of the state had never been treated as well in road developwould only say that the damage was and those in charge plan to begin the several thousand dollars." Hundreds actual canvass within the next few it was now hoped the highway commissioners would center their efforts of the state.

Commissioner Flannagan said that and others will follow unless bicyclists he was a district commissioner but of this section begin to obey the rules that he did not expect to be a local of the road, according to Corporal T. commissioner. He said he would not ties in his district which needed the roads most. He also said he wished The patrolman said that those who to ride over every road in his dis-

A caravan of about 40 cars took the road officials and county delegates on a trip over the Turnpike road, from highway No. 32 to Pantego, in Beaufort County. This is a distance of about 17 miles. Some imhighway from Route 32 to Wenona, but a better road is needed.

It was explained that it costs about \$6,000 a mile to put black-top surfacing on roads, and the highway officials said that engineers would be called on to devise some method of improving the road which would meet the demands of existing traffic conditions and at the same time be moderate in expense.

Services for New Chapel Church Are Announced

The following services for the New ways through here now designated as Chapel Baptist church (colored) are temporary U. S. 17, there is more announced for Sunday, June 29, by

11:30 a. m., sermon by the pastor. 1:30 p. m., lunch on the grounds.

2:30 p. m., musical program. 8 p. m., local program.

Local Stores and Business Houses Will Be Closed All Day Friday, July 4th

It has been definitely decided that the Plymouth merchants will observe next Friday, July 4, as Independence Day, and that the stores of the town will be closed, allowing clerks and store owners to take a day of rest and recreation, it was announced today by James W. Norman, president of the Plymouth Merchants Association. It had been announced previously that the bank here, along with others in the state, would be closed both Friday and Saturday, July 4 and 5, the governor having declared

Saturday a state holiday. The proposal to close Friday was voted down at a meeting of the merchants association held

last Friday afternoon, but afterwards a petition was circulated, asking local firms to designate their preference on the closing question, and a big majority favored closing on Friday.

Mr. Norman stated that the Friday closing would not interfere with the usual half holiday observed here on Wednesdays, and that the stores would close at noon Wednesday, be open all day Thursday and then be closed all day Friday.

Local industries are cooperating by paying off Thursday instead of Friday, as usual, in order that Independence Day may be properly observed. The post office will be closed and there will be no city or rural mail deliveries.

Men in the county required to register with the local selective service board next Tuesday, July 1, were cautioned today by E. S. Blount, chairman of the board, to be careful to give the registrar correct information as to the place of their permanent residence, since this information—on may not be changed. line 2 of the registration cardwill determine the local board

fusion and no last-minute rush

which has jurisdiction over them. The registration in this county will be conducted in the office here of S. A. Ward, clerk to the local board; and those required to register are asked to present themselves as early in the morning as possible, so that there will be no unnecessary delay or con-

Men Who Have Become 21 Since Last

October 16th Must Register Tuesday

The new regulations governing the registration next Tuesday provide that there will be no future transfer of cards, and once a registrant decides which local board he wishes to pass on his ease, and this election is recorded on the registration card, it

It is expected that there will be about 90 men in this county to register Tuesday. Men required to register are those who reach 21 years of age in the period between October 17, 1940, and July 1, 1941, inclusive. This includes all men, aliens as well as citizens, who were born on or between October 17, 1919, and July