tine in snappy costumes at the Plym-

outh Theatre at 9 p. m. Wednesday

night of this week, it was announced yesterday by Shep Brinkley. Although

an addition to the regular show, no

advance in admission price is being

The Plymouth Motor Company

now has on display two of the

new Ford six-cylinder cars. The

new model has the same horse-

power motor, wheelbase, body and

size as the Ford V-8, but the price is slightly lower. J. R.

Manning invites local people to

Washington County had 687 white

farmers and 282 colored farmers in

1940. This represents a decrease of

13.6 per cent in white farmers and

a drop of 4.7 per cent in colored farm-

ers in the county during the 10-year

period from 1930 to 1940. U.S. De-

partment of Agriculture figures gave

the county about 174 less farmers

J. S. Taylor, of near Roper,

sent the first cotton blossom of

the season The Beacon on Tues-

day, July 1. He said there were

many others in his field. Lewis

Styons and Al Wells brought in

the first blossoms on July 1 last

ren Davis, of Washington, will do the

preaching. Mr. Knowles, an official

of the church, urges a large attend-

ance to hear Mr. Davis, who is re-

Mack Ange, white, was slightly in-

jured Tuesday night, when an auto-

mobile he was driving left highway

64 west of Plymouth and turned over.

Damage estimated at \$300 was done

to his car. Corporal T. B. Brown in-

Local people are urged to do much of their trading Thursday

so as to eliminate any great rush

which may result Saturday be-

cause of the closing of the stores

Friday for Independence Day.

This especially applies to grocery

stores, where a heavy rush Sat-

urday may cause unavoidable de-

to the 100 counties in the state.

Program of Services at

worship with us at any time.

Rev. O. L. HARDWICK, Pastor

lays in deliveries.

vestigated the wreck about 11:30.

garded as a splendid pulpit orator.

last year than in 1930.

come in and see the new cars.

Plymouth, Washington County, North Carolina, Thursday, July 3, 1941

to the service of Washington County and its 12,000 people.

ESTABLISHED 1889

her pupils in the latest dance rou- VOLUME LII-NUMBER 27

2,922 Bushels of Cucumbers Delivered To Station Here by Farmers of County

A total of 2,922 bushels of cucumbers have been received during the last few weeks at the C. C. Lang and Son, Inc., receiving station here up to Saturday night it was announced today by C. W. Dinkins and G. S. Respasss, managers of the local plant.

Farmers had been paid for cuclumbers during the first two weeks of the season a total of \$1,400. Most of the cucumbers arriving at the station now are being accepted at the best-grade rate of payment.

Mr. Dinkins said it was expected that deliveries would be heavier during this week and next. The agreement signed by the pickle comptny's agents call for the purchasing to be discontinued on July 12, but Mr. Dinkins said the company would receive the cukes as long as farmers picked them for delivery in ap-

It is reported this year that the county on 325 acres.

### But 62 Men Register For Selective Service J. C. Knowles, in town this week, said that a protracted meeting would begin Monday night at Zions Chapel In County This Week ance with the corder's court. begin Monday night at Zions Chapel Christian church. Rev. Dennis War-

# **Another Theatre** Is Planned Here

Purchase of the building on Water Street formerly used as the "New Theatre" from the A. L. Owens estate by Shep Brinkley, owner of the Plymouth Theatre on Washington Street, was announced this wek. The purchase price was not disclosed.

Mr. Brinkley said that the building would be completely remodeled and put into operation soon. The theatre will be renamed, he said, new seats and operating equipment installed, with rest rooms and others additions to be made to offer the public comfort in every possible way.

#### Bill Phelps, young white man, was painfully injured at the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company Tuesday afternoon, when a sasoline eta-gine exploded. Pr. 1. E. Bray ren-dered first aid and then sent Mr. At Creswell Sunday Phelps to a Rocky Mount hospital. County Gets \$18,853 From

Public Assistance Funds Delegates in Attendance From Churches in Pamlico Association

Washington County's share of public assistance funds distributed in North Carolina during the fiscal year ending June 30 will amount to \$18,- Sunday school session of the Pamli- county subject to the registration. co Baptist Association was held with Most of the young men registering tence of 60 days on the roads. It is 853. A total of \$6,416,526 has been distributed through welfare channels the Creswell Baptist church Sunday, Tuesday came during the morning. with delegates from churches and Only a few came from the extreme The Federal government, the state and county governments contribute trict attending.

portions of these payments to each client. Deriving the benefits were Sunday school hour by C. A. Led- make arrangements to report for the needy aged persons, dependent chil- ford. The Rev. E. R. Stewart spoke registration Tuesday and that they dren, and widows of Confederate vet- at the morning worship hour on "The will be given a few days more to do so Outreach of the Sunday School To This coutny share of \$18,853 was Help Everybody." A sermon was lottery will be held about July 9 to larger than the \$14,637 for Perquim-ans; \$11,726 for Camden; \$16,173 for Currituck; and \$12,941 for Tyrrell. Lassiter and Misses Marjorie Batemn and Ada Virginia Hopkins.

Lunch was served on the grounds Methodist Church Here at noon to the large crowd which attended the event.

Devotional services were led in the afternoon by the Rev. W. B. Guthrie The Rev. B. B. Slaughter, of Eliza-The Rev. B. B. Slaughter, of Eliza-beth City, will preach at the Metho-"The Sunday School an Evangelistic dist church Sunday night at 8 o'clock.

Agency." "The Sunday School in Training" was the subject of Dr. G. hold the third quarterly conference.

A. Martin and Mrs. W. F. Gentry
The Rev. O. L. Hardwick, local spoke on "The Reaching and Teachpastor, will preach Sunday morning, ing Effect of the Sunday School."

after which the Holy Sacrament will Sunday school problems under the following topics were discussed: en-The church school meets at 9:45, listing the adults, transportation, and the public is cordially invited to

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# At Draft'Board Here

Number Not Up To Expectations; Delinquents Are

A total of 62 young men reg at the Washington County Selective Service Board office Tuesday in the second national draft registration, 33 of them white and 29 colored, it was learned today from Clerk S. A. Ward. of them white and 29 colored, it was The clerk said it was believed there were still a number of men in the county who reached the age of 21 in the period between October 16, 1940, and July 1, 1941, who were supposed to register Tuesday, and he advises that if they present themselves for registration immediately no steps will be taken to enforce penalties for not registering. Otherwise those subject to the call who failed to register will be liable to severe penalties for willfully evading the

Around 90 men were expected to be registered in the county Tuesday, age group affected have volunteered for service in the army and naval forces, it is generally believed that

day follows:

Preston Randolph Cahoon, Sylvester Lilley, Johnnie Alfred Everett, John Wilbur Sawyer, Dennis Rudolph Oliver, Herbert Wallace Lamm, Luth-

Pinetown, N. C.: Ronald Wescotte

Colored
Plymouth: James Richard Moore,
William Atlas Nixon, Edmond Lee
Lacy, Hubert Boston, Jack Hoyt, Eddie Jenette, Mack Edward Barnes,
Robert Holley, Tarleter Small, Levi
Elliott, Cleophus McNair, William
Edward Garrett, Herman Hart, Claudius Bratts.

### Skinnersville Man Injured In Recent Fall From Train

Charlie T. White, of the Skinnersville section of this county, fell from ing car and landed on the iron rails him in a cast

Judge Henry A. Stevens, of Warsaw, To Preside; No Civil Cases Set

Court observers believed that less han three days will be required for disposition of the 15 criminal cases on the docket for trial in Washing on County Superior Court, beginning next Monday morning, with Judge Henry A. Stevens, of Warsaw, presiding.

Although the one-week term is supposed to take care of both criminal and civil cases, members of the local bar did not prepare a civil calendar However, it was stated that several divorce or other such motion cases nay be brought before the court.

The criminal docket is as follows C. Edley Hutchins, 25, white, charged with abandonment and non-support of his wife, Mrs. Frances Chesson Hutchins, appealed from a recorder's ourt judgment which required him to pay \$25 monthly to his wife and the costs of the court action. Bond of \$500 was required for his compliance with the judgment of the re-

Dee Rock Squires, charged with operating an automobile while under 33 White, 29 Colored the influence of intoxicants, appealed from a recorder's court fine of \$55 the influence of intoxicants, appealed and costs. Bond was set at \$250.

> probable cause when tried in recorder's court. Godard, out under bond, failed to appear. It was charged that turned over into a ditch on a farm a car operated by Miss Linton struck immediately east of the Roper town a parked car owned by W. C. House limits. The and also struck Paul Hardison, do-

and costs. He appealed and was called and failed to answer at the his head was crushed. January term of superior court.

Delmar Wallace, Earl Wallace, Jethro Bonner and William Sexton, iron rails from the premises of M. S. Matthews and S. D. Rhodes, had their man. case continued in January while a capias was being issued for Jethro Bonner.

Levi Johnson, well known and respected colored merchant here, will go on trial for shooting and fatally injurying Handy Berry Spruill, negro, who was standing outside Johnson's and while a number of those in the store during an altercation inside last winter.

James Cox, 20, colored, charged with assaulting Levi Johnson's wife, Creswell.-A special associational there are nearly 30 more men in the Queenie Johnson, with a bottle, appealed from a recorder's court senhought that Johnson was aiming at Cox when he shot Spruill acciden-

Junior Spruill, charged with perjury in connection with the trial of "State vs. Otis Godwin," by falsely Answers Questions asserting on oath that he was in the company of Otis Godwin at Plymouth on the evening of December 26 1940, and that he rode with Godwin from Plymouth to J. C.Tarkenton's Pleasant Grove farm, knowing that this statement was false. Witnesses in the case are E. J. Spruill, J. K. Washington Health District:) Reid, Otis Godwin and W. D. Peal.

Henry Miller, 26, colored, was held for probable cause on a charge of as-Albert Duran Williams, John Edward Willoughby, Fred Jay Hartman, William Robert Darden, Heber Respass, jr. Lloyd Ronald Waters, John Ward Harrison, Joe Allen Stone, Clarence Monroe Modlin.

Roper: George Edison Biggs Loop Window of the Milling Cheek Bowser with a shotgun. It was reported at the time of the occurrence that Miller went to his home for a weapon, after he had been struck by Bowser, and returned, shooting through the saulting and killing Cheek Bowser with a shotgun. It was reported at The volunteered service of the aboveand returned, shooting through the in the health district, so far as is Howard W. Davenport, of Roper. She Miss Gertrude Parker, of Colum-

Lenneth Fayette Williams, 30, white charged with breaking into the Norfolk Southern freight station at Mackeys and stealing a box of candy addressed to a Columbia pharmacy. He was one of a group of young men arrested last winter on charges of robbing stores, freight stations and ABC stores in this section.

S. B. Davenport, 54, white, charged with setting a fire without giving notice to persons on adjoining land and with failing to keep and maintain a careful and competent watchman

(See SUPERIOR COURT, Page 4)

## **Board to Consider School Additions**

The Washington County Board of Education will meet Monday formally and officially adopt the plans for a six-room building for children in the elementary grades and an addition of four rooms to the present high school building in Plymouth, it was forecast today.

H. H. McLean, superintendent of public instruction, said that the architect had the plans ready for submission to the WPA for any aid that can be secured from this agency.

It now remains for the county to raise \$40,000, either by loan bond issue, for work on the schools here and in Roper. This amount has been authorized by the county commissioners, although it is not yet sure when the money will be available.

# 15 Cases on Docket Defendants in Owens Land For Superior Court Beginning Monday Suit Win in Supreme Court

# Wilbur M. Darden Named Member of State Blind Commission by Governor

Representative Wilbur M. Darden was notified by telephone from Raleigh Saturday of his appoinment by Governor Broughton to membership on the State Commission for the Blind for a term of five years, the term expiring June 21, 1946.

Mr. Darden said he was not well acquainted with the duties of the office to which he was appointed, but that the commission administers the affairs of state institutions for the blind, and al-

so had a measure of supervision over Federal and state appropriations for the blind.

Appointment to the commismission came as a surprise to him, Mr. Darden said today, stating that he was not an applicant for the position and that he knew nothing of his consideration for the place until advised of his appointment by the governor. He said he was willing to accept the place and that he wished to be of the utmost possible service to the blind people of the state.

sion for the Blind by Governor J.

Woman Victim of Sud-

den Heart Attack

had lived here all of her life. About

50 years ago she was married to Mr.

was a staunch and devoted member

of the Morattock Primitive Baptist

NOW EMPLOYED HERE

M. Broughton last Saturday.

### Man Dies Instantly ON COMMISSION In Auto Accident at Roper Late Tuesday

Car Turns Over in Ditch; Body Sent to Brockton, Mass., for Burial

Ray F. Tufts, 55, white, a World run driving were ordered held for War veteran, was instantly killed late Tuesday when an 8-cylinder Austin he was driving left the road and limits. The accident took place about

> found with a broken neck, his head in a three-foot ditch. One side of

be the home of a brother of the dead Funeral Sunday for

Tufts was reported to have claimed New York City and Miami, Fla., as Mrs. L.F. Davenport his headquarters, and he was said to have been an engineer on boats. Who Died Saturday Several grips and boxes of tools were found in the wrecked automobile.

The body was shipped Wednesday by the Courtney Funeral Home here to Brockton, Mass., where the funeral will be held Saturday.

Tufts' death marked the fourth fa-

# church cemetery.

(Following are the answers to many ment activities in the Hyde-Tyrrell- L. F. Davenport. For 40 years she Two Young Ladies Hurt

the health officer and his assistant have volunteered their services in the mentioned men will in no way interfere with or interrupt the public-

It is the understanding of the district health officer that he and the assistant are now being loaned to the North Carolina State Board of Health for use as the state may see fit. The ficials will be paid by the United Park View hospital in Rocky Mount liamston. States Public Health Service, so far as I know, until the present national

upon us by a few hell-bent dictators and would-be enslavers, may we further secure our safety by improving in every possible way the general health and welfare of our population and attain the goal of having the most healthy citizenship on earth. Our ability to perform any service depends upon our health and physical fitness.

vent the various filth diseases, as well as other contagious diseases, and such diseases often cause many deaths among our people, either directly or

# Two Colored Men Hurt

automobile in which they were rid- interest for the fiscal year.

the county. Johnny Hearne, were uninjured.

# Decision Rendered Saturday Upholds Ruling by Nimocks

Final Round of Largest Suit Ever Brought in County Won by Defendants

Defendants in the suit for title to property belonging to the late Mrs Annie L. Owens won the final round last Saturday, when the State Supreme Court handed down a decision upholding the ruling of Superior Court Judge Q. K. Nimocks, jr., of Fayetteville, last December, declaring that the plaintiffs did not have any claim to the land located at the eastern edge of Plymouth.

The case was heard by Judge Nimocks, without a jury, at the October term of Washington County Superior Court, but he reserved his decision until the last week in December, when he held that the plaintiffs had no claim against the land.

The property involved, together with improvements made in recent years, is now estimated to be worth in the neighborhood of \$100,000, and the suit is probably the largest ever tried in the superior court here. The decision of Judge Nimocks was appealed to the supreme court, where the matter was finally settled last

Twenty-five children and grandchildren of the late Mrs. Annie L. Owens, as heirs-at-law, brought the suit against the 20 present owners of the property basing their claim on a setain alleged technical flaws in the procedure of setains. The title was ols transferred to be list of plaintiffs in

the case: Effic Perry and John Owens, children of Henry S. Owens deceased: Mary E. Blount, daughter of Lucille Owens Murphrey, deceased; Raymond Leggett, Annie L. Hooker, Onward Leggett and Joseph Leggett, children of Mable Owens Leggett, deceased; Layton Owens and Mary Owens Whitson, children of Clyde W. Owens, deceased; Doris Owens, L. L. Owens, jr., Maxine Owens Pickerly, Henry B. Owens, William W. Owens, Jack Owens and Earl Owens, children of L. L. Owens, deceased; B. F. Read, Jack Read, Tayloe Read, and Lou their mother, Claudia Owens Read; Damage to the car was estimated at Well-Known Skinnersville Read, subject to the life estate of B. O. Dupree, Elizabeth Dupree Brown, A. R. Dupree, jr., subject to the life estate of their mother, Annie B. Owens Dupree. Funeral services were held at the

home in the Skinnersville section last The list of defendants follows: An-Sunday afternoon for Mrs. Priscilla nie L Basinger, Margaret M. Smith, Elizabeth Davenport, 69, who died at her home suddenly Saturday as the Owens, Edward Owens, Mildred result of a heart attack. Elder S, Owens, Lloyd Owens, Marie Ivachiuw, Local Health Officer Gray, of Kinston, pastor of Concord Primitive Baptist church, officiated. R. S. Martin, R. L. Edwards, Board of Education of Washington County, Burial took place in the Holly Neck Janie C. Dunning, Zeno G. Lyon and wife, Louise H. Lyon, Lillian Campbell, Mary O. Sawyer, Sabrie Reid, A daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Whitehurst, Helen E. Edmond-Ben Bateman, Mrs. Davenport was a son, D. O. Patrick, and Van B. Marnative of Washington County and tin, jr.

# In Auto Wreck Sunday

Charlie E. Mizelle, of Roper, es-She is survived by her husband, caped injury, but two young ladies L. F. Davenport, five daughters: Mrs. accompanying him were injured when United States Public Health Service. John H. Jethro, of Dardens; Mrs. a car he was driving turned over into Neva Reddilk, of Roper; Mrs. Annie a ditch on highway No 64 about two Davenport and Mrs. Minnie Wilson, miles east of Williamston Sunday of Norfolk; and Mrs. Jimmie T. Dix- morning at 9 o'clock. A blow-out health program now being carried on on, of Chocowinity; and one son, was said to have caused the accident.

> bia, was reported to have suffered a broken collar bone and Miss Alma Gray, also of Columbia, sustained a Miss Agnes Tyson, of Wilson, has fractured hip. Damage to the car been employed by Dr. T. L. Bray as was estimated at \$300 by Highway a nurse. She is a graduate of the Patrolman Whit Saunders, of Wil-

# County Authorities Expect volve the United States, but if such an undesirable circumstance is forced To Pay \$78,000 in Bonds And Interest in Few Days

bonds and interest due creditors of paid. the county during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1941.

Indications today were that the Next year the amount of bonds and credit of Washington County would interest to be paid off will be slightbe greatly improved by the end of ly less than for 1941. The amount the week, as County Auditor E. J. will then remain stationary for about Spruill and Tax Collector J. E. Dav- four years, after which there will be enport have in sight enough money a considerable drop each year in the to take care of the \$78,000 worth of amount of bonds and interest to be

Although about half of the \$78,000

ing collided with another machine op- However, county officials are plan- The bonds were issued some years erated by Mrs. Richrd Weatherly last ning to have all of this cleared up ago to pay for expensive school build-Weatherly and her companion, Mrs. bond and interest payment years for cost only 51 cents on the \$100 worth of property valuation.

## Friday Will Be Observed as General Holiday in Section; No Formal Program Carded Local business will be just about the American Fork and Hoe Company

completely halted Friday, when own- plant will let practically all of their ers and employees of various estab- employees have the day off also. lishments take advantage of the an-versary of the signing of the Decla-Company will be closed Friday, Satration of Independence to enjoy a urday and Sunday, reopening for busday of rest and recreation.

Independence Day, but Albemarle Beach, near here has made plans for a gala day. L. W. Gurkin, the owner, has arranged for boating, bathing ty courthouse offices, Town of Plymouth of Plymouth offices and the ABC stores throughout the county will be closed. Postal workers will put up mail for patrons who have lock boxes, but there will be no rural or city deliverand dancing to feature the occasion, ies. The windows will not be opened and hundreds are expected to swarm except for a few minutes after the to the resort on this holiday.

fices—with the exception of drug day to give the "force" one of the stores, cafes and filling stations-will few holidays observed each year. open all day, so that none will be in- them placed along the streets to mark fell about three feet from the movconvenienced. The stores were closed the patriotic occasion. Wednesday afternoon as usual.

its regular shifts. It is thought that will just rest.

inesss on Monday morning. The coun-

afternoon mail is put up. The Roan-Local stores, shops ( plants and of- oke Beacon office will be closed all

be closed all day Friday. Patrons are | Chief of Police P. W. Brown urges a freight car to which he was clingbeing urged to do their shopping merchants to have their flags avail- ing while at work last Saturday aft-Thursday when the stores will be able for Friday, so that he can have ernoon and was seriously injured. He

The Plymouth Box and Panel Com- go to Albemarle Beach and other Washington hospital, where it was pany will close for the day. The North beaches; some will play golf or find found that his back had been in-Carolina Pulp Company will continue other recreation while many others jured and it is was necessary to place

Many local people are planning to of the track. He was taken to a

preciable quantities.

During the last season the Lang Company operated here, 45,000 bushels were accepted at the station here up to July 4. That was one of the best seasons the company has ever had

all over this state and in other states where cucumbers are grown the yield is off ten bushels per acre. Dry weather and other adverse conditions have reduced the yield in this county much more than this. It was reported that the company had agreements for raising cucumbers in

Registered Tuesday Malinda Linton, 20, white, and Joe Goddard, 46, charged with hit-and-

Given Few More Days

eastern part of the county around Creswell, and Mr. Ward said there The lesson was taught during the was a possibility that they couldn't

White Plymouth: Samuel Franklin Garrett, Henry Ellis Newberry, Carley Rufus Marriner, Merrill Francis Ward

Roper: George Edison Biggs, Leon Mayo Swain, John Hassell, William Eli Spruill, Theron Norman Clifton,

er Harmon Leary.
Creswell: Henry Ellsberry Ambrose,
Jesse Jones, Daniel Richard Rhodes,
Harold Stewart Woodley.

Mackeys: None. Rocky Mount, N. C.: Joseph Lewis

Spruill.
Windsor, N. C.: Willie Ervin Nixon.
Soda Springs, Idaho: Darrell Ray
Jenkins.

Roper: Granville Nixon, Douglas Walker, Gurvis Lee Bryant, Sylvester Downing, William Lee Brown, Willie

Representative Wilbur M. Darden, of Plymouth, was named as a member of the State Commis-

Officers could find nothing to identify him at first except a telephone number in Brockton, Mass., which white men, charged with larceny of Corporal Brown called and found to

his headquarters, and he was said

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

During the past month or more church near Plymouth.

also leaves 23 grandchildren.

emergency ceases to exist. We do hope that war will not in

It is not an impossible task to pre-

of the Tyrrell County line.

It was understood that the Local due this year is for interest alone, Government Commission at Raleigh there has been a steady, if somewhat last week-end frowned upon the application of Washington County for a loan from the State Literary Fund to be used in improving school fareswell.—Andrew Bowden and cilities here and at Rocar when it was in default on the steady, if somewhat slow, reduction in the amount of bonded indebtedness outstanding in the last four years. When the refunding plan was adopted, the county Creswell.—Andrew Bowden and Luke Shaw, colored, received painful lacerations about the head when an automobile in which they were rid.

to be used in improving school fations about \$800,000 was in default on about \$800,000 worth of bonds, but this amount has been reduced to about \$700,000 since that time.

Saturday evening at 9 o'clock on by the time the commissioners meet ings, roads and bridges, and the court Highway 64 about a half mile west next Monday. It has been quite a building here. At the present time struggle to make the payments this a total of \$1.29 out of the \$1.80 tax Patrolman M. B. Stewart investi- year under the terms of the refund- rate goes to pay for bonds and intergated the accident, and Bowden was ing plan adopted about four years est, while all the other functions of arrested for reckless driving. Mrs. ago, since 1941 is one of the peak the county government put together