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

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The Rev. J. M. Johnston, pastor of **VOLUME LII—NUMBER 46** Ludford Memorial Baptist church

here, is in Asheville this week attending the annual convention of the Baptist denomination. He intends to return to occupy his pulpit Sunday

Alumnae of the Women's College of the University of North Carolina who wish to attend the 50th anniversary meeting for 10 counties at Edenton next Tuesday night, November 18, are asked to make reservations here with Mrs. J. R. Campbell. The price will be \$1 per plate.

Inspector M. J. McCloud, of Greenville, here this week to examine applicants for drivers' licenses for the highway safety division, said that because of the demand for steel by the national defense program the state had been unable to get material for license plates for 1943.

W. T. Arrants suffered a broken right arm this week, when a piece of steel fell on it at the pulp plant here. The arm was broken between his elbow and wrist, and he had it in a sling this morning.

The three Methodist ministers in this county, the Revs. M. R. Gardner, of Roper; O. L. Hardwick, of Plymouth; and C. N. Fitts, of Creswell, are all attending the North Carolina conference at Durham this week. Appointments for the coming year will be read tomorrow morning.

It is understood today that the county commissioners have about completed arrangements to secure the money for the purchase of seats for schools in the county and to repair the roof of the local high school. It is hoped the roof here can be repaired very

Zeno Lyon has succeeded G. K. Harris as rural carrier on route one out of Plymouth. Mr. Harris was retired sometime ago. Mrs. Addie Robbins is continuing as substitute carrier for this route.

Miss Becky Ward, daughter of Mrs. S. A. Ward, sr., made the honor roll during the first quarter in the commercial course at St. Marys Junior College in Raleigh.

Dr. G. B. Johnston, a representative of the State Board of Health, is in the Plymouth school this week examining children for possible dental ailments which they may have and recommending methods of treatment.

Nick Forter, chief clerk in the office of County Agent W. V. Hays, said today that farmers should make a list of repairs needed for farm implements and place orders for them at to hold up all shipments after the first of the year.

A. E. Davenport and L. S. Thomp- thority in Washington, D. C., accord- the number of acres of corn they will of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh there. It was at this home that the

have been passed up by Santa Volnteer Fire Department to re-

pair and paint old toys for dis-

tribution among the needy child-

ren of Washington County at

Christmas, according to Miller

lightening heavy hearts and pre-

venting the disappointment of

children on Christmaas Day, the

firemen last year "renewed"

scores of discarded toys con-

tributed by generous people here

Try To Get Game

Here Next Week

Efforts to schedule a football

game here Thanksgiving Day,

Thursday of next week, Novem-

ber 20, are still underway, with

three teams having been invited

to play the Plymouth High

School Panthers here, but so far

none of them has accepted, ac-

cording to Principal R. B. Trot-

It was hoped that Dunn, Eliza-

beth City or Edenton could be

secured for the Turkey Day game

here, but so far no definite ar-

rangements have been made, and

Principal Trotman is writing

several other schools in an effort

Shortage Materials

Securing REA Loan

Held up Peading Ap-

proval of Loan

tive by the Rural Electrification Au-

stock Electric Membership Coopera- this year.

to get a game here.

As their contribution toward

Warren, fire chief.

The firemen request those who have old or discarded toys which can be made servicable by repairing or repainting, to bring them to the fire department headquarters or to notify any of the firement immediately, so that they may be called for and work begun as soon as possible The repairing and repainting will be done by members of the de-

Producers Asked

To Sign Up With

Defense Program

1942 Allotments for Basic

Crops Expected To Be

Same as This Year

Meetings will be held in the three

Soybeans for harvest and peanuts

for oil, along with farm gardens, are

Havs.

Washington County, beginning

that he hoped local people would respond immediately to the appeal for old toys, so as ta give

the firemen as much time as possible for the renovating task. Last year during the Christmas season the firemen did a noble job in gladdening the hearts of many poor boys and girls by repairing and repainting about 200 toys that were valued at over \$300 for the boys and girls at

# Meetings for Farmers V. E. & P. Company

Delivered Twice as Much Current for Defense as to All Its Customers

Although no curtailment of power ise has been ordered for the northeastern section of North Carolina, served by the Virginia Electric and Power Company, Ray H. Goodmon, manager of the Williamston district of the V. E. P., said this week that his firm was delivering twice as much electric energy for national defense Agricultural Administration districts purposes as it was supplying to its regular customers. During the four next Tuesday or Wednesday, Novem- months of July, August, September per 18 or 19, to give the 883 eligible and October, the V. E. & P. Co. defarmers in this county an opportunity livered 80,000,000 kilowatt hours of to sign the farm defense program of electrical energy and power to the the 1942 farm production plan, ac-|drought-stricken area, while in the cording to Nick Porter, chief clerk in same period the Carolina Division of the office of County Agent W. V. the V. E. & P. Co. delivered to its customers in the 18 northeastern counties their normal requirements of aproximately 40,000,000 kilowatt hours of energy.

crops for which an increased production is sought, according to Mr. Por-Unprecedented drought conditions ter, and farmers will also be asked have curtailed the production of elec-Is Cause of Delay in to increase the number of milk cows, hogs, eggs and beef cattle for martricity in other parts of this state to such an extent that a serious shortage of power is being experienced in national defense industries; and, for this It was stated that at the meetings crop allotments for those cooperating reason, restrictions have been placed in the 1942 agricultural conservation on use of electricity for many purposes considered less essential to the Work on Line in County Is program would be announced; and the farmers wil be informed as to welfare of the nation. The Virginia Electricity & Power Company is not how many acres of tobacco, cotton, only producing sufficient energy to wheat, peanuts for edible purposes, take care of the normal requirements irish potatoes and corn they may Shortage of materials for construction of power lines is believed to be plant without penalty. Reports here to the effect that the 1942 allotonce, as defense priorities are likely the cause of delay in approval of the ments for these crops will remain in the state serving defense industries. Much of the surplus power beapplication for a loan to the Wood- sibstantially the same as they were ing delivered by the V. E. P. is understood to be going to the big alum-Farmers will be asked to estimate inum plants at Badin.

of acres of peanuts to be planted for in order that they might know that hogs, and the amount of land to his company is at all times attemptbe used for production of fresh and ing to meet local power demands, as processed vegetables for sale, exclud- well as attempting to do their full share for national defense.

Because of the vast sources of Planters of the basic crops, including tobacco, cotton, wheat, peanuts power available through the V. E. & ties to beautify highways and the for edible purposes, irish potatoes and P. Co., it will not be necessary for premises about private homes. corn will furnish the information to stores and residences in this section AAA authorities for the purpose of to forego their usual Christmas decdetermining eligibility for loans and orative lighting, although it has been parity payments, if any, and for the decided that no Christmas street marketing quota provisions of the act. lighting will be undertaken here.

If it becomes necessary to change or modify the present policy of the D. M. Sawyer, Miss Mary Blanche On Thanksgiving Morning ate notice would be given all patrons.

Strickland and Mrs. Millie Davenate notice would be given all patrons. A union Thanksgiving service will tinue the normal use of electricity Sadie Henley; Hyde County: Mrs. Until then, they are advised to conbe held at the Creswell Methodist for all purposes.

#### church next Thursday, November 20, ther, R. N. Fitts and G. A. Martin T. W. Earle Named er foods are requested for distribu- To Head Boy Scout Activities in County and shrubbery; and a third prize to the person repairing or removing the

For Colored School Here Succeeds J. R. Manning; John N. Carr Appointed Scoutmaster Here

T. W. Earle, manager of the wood school have set their hands, spades and wheelbarrows to work and are and land department of the North mously elected chairman of the Washington County district of the Boy Scouts of America at a meeting held at the Pines last Friday night. Mr. Earle will succeed J. R. Manning, who resigned sometime ago due to the pressure of other business.

John N. Carr was named Scoutmaster of the Plymouth troop, with Earl Bowen and Phil Liverman as as-

Present at the meeting were J. C. Gaskins, of Wilson, district scout executive, and Dr. Maynard O. Fletcher, of Washington, president of the East Carolina Council, as well as a number of prominent local people who are joining in the movement to help revive interest in scouting in

Messrs. Fletcher and Gaskins will meet with the local Lions Club tonight, when scouting in the district will be discussed more fully. The Lions Club will be asked to sponsor scouting in the future, but without

ncurring any financial obligations. It is also announced that a meet ing wil be held Friday night at 7:30 p. m., in the community hall, with men interested in helping the scout program and all boys who wish to be-

## Fire Department Will Again Be Sponsor Merchants Group in Thanksgiving Holiday For Christmas Cheer Movement in County Decision was reached this week and brought cheer to the hearts between now and Christmas. Decision was reached this week and brought cheer to the hearts between now and Christmas. Meeting Plans Take Care Holiday Trade Stores Here To Be Open Thursday in County Stores Here To Be Open

The Beacon will be published

one day earlier next week, due to

the armual Thanksgiving holi-

day falling on the regular publi-

cation date. The paper will be

printed and put in the post of-

fice Wednesday afternoon, but

will not be delivered on the rur-

al routes or to those who get

their mail by city carriers until

to get their correspondence in

one day earlier, and those having

notices of any kind to appear

next week are asked to remember

the change in publication date.

The Beacon Office, as well as

stores and practically all places

of business in Plymouth will be

closed all day, Thursday, Novem-

Cherry Is Speaker

For Armistice Day

Parade and Memorial Cere-

mony Held Prior to Ad-

dress by Legislator

remaining powers of the world.

world war, emphasized the

All correspondents are asked

Friday morning.

Stores Here To Be Open Evenings Starting With December 19th

The Plymouth Merchants Association voted at its monthly meeting Monday night to give \$10 to the Roper school for uniforms for the bas ketball team and to give \$40 to the Christmas Joy Fund.

It was stated at the meeting that Mrs. Hermine Ramsey was willing to become secretary of a credit bureau for the organization, and a committee, headed by E. E. Harrell, was asked to continue work on the bureau until it was completely organized.

James W. Norman, president, said To Begin Next Week Doing Its Full Share In National Defense In National Defense Saintes W. Norman, president, said he had been advised there would be no Christmas street lights during the for conserving power. However, it was said that this would not affect was said that this would not affect individual store and residence yuletide decorations.

> The merchants decided to keep their stores open at nights Friday, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednes day before Christmas as a convenience for customers who might wish to do their Christmas shopping during these hours. It was decided that if the industrial plants paid off their employees before the Christmas holidays the stores would be closed all day Thursday and Friday, December 25 and 26, for the Christmas observance. H. A. Williford, E. H. Livermaan and H .H. Allen were appointed a committee to make arrangements for the Christmas closing.

The standing advertising committee was asked to study methods of attracting business to Plymouth and to make arrangements for such.

W. F. Winslow, L. H. Lowe and Dave Kulman were named a committee to be in charge of arrangements America." State Senator R. Gregg Schools of the county will close for the visit of Santa Claus to the Cherry. of Gastonia, told members Wednesday afternoon and allow two

#### BeautificationGroup Of South Albemarle Association Named

Object Is Improvements of Appearances of Homes And Highways

Beautification of highways and residences throughout this section is the goal of the dozen committee members appointed in Washington, Tyrrell, Hyde and Dare Counties by Mrs. son, returned from a trip to New York last week by way of Trenton, N. J., and give information on small was being made to patrons of the attorney for the cooperative, who said proposed power lines for the coed to hay and pasture, the number of acres of the difference of the palatial home.

Mr. Goodmon said this statement was being made to patrons of the man of the beautification program of the coed to hay and pasture, the number of acres of the palatial home.

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W. L. Whitley, of Plymouth, presfact that this needs not only soldiers, ident of the organization, who appointed Mrs. Carawan chairman of tanks, planes and the munitions with the heautification work said taday the beautification work, said today times must maintain a united front, that Mrs. Carawan had begun an aggressive campaign in the four coun-

The personnel of the committee is as follows:

Washington County: Mrs. Sidney Smithson, of Creswell: Mrs. W. V. Hays and Mrs. Frances M. Darden of Plymouth; Tyrrell County: Mrs. White, Mrs. Hattie Midgett, and Miss Dan Berry, Mrs. Seth Gibbs and Miss beria Roach.

Mrs. Carawan has urged the organization to offer a prize for the paint-ing and white-washing of buildings during the campaign; another prize for the person planting the most trees and shrubbery; and a third prize to most dilapidated-looking buildings

from the view of the highways. Those desiring information on how be secured.

Program of Services at

10 a. m., Sunday school, 11 a. m., dent hazard. morning worship service; and evening service at 7:30, with the Rev Sidney E. Matthews preaching

#### Stores and Business Beacon To Be Day Establishments Will Early Next Week Be Closed All Day

To Mark First-and Last-Observance of Early Thanksgiving Here

Washington County will string along with President Franklin D. Roosevelt in celebration of Thanksgiving Day on Thursday, November 20, with practically all stores and business establishments, including the Branch Banking and Trust Company, the ABC stores, the post office, and county and town offices, closed next Thursday.

Last year, Federal offices in the county observed the third Thursday in November as Thanksgiving Day but Governor Clyde R. Hoey at that time issued a proclamation along with about a dozen other governors. setting forth that the last Thursday in November would be observed. Beginning in 1942, the President has stated that the traditional last Thursday in November will be proclaimed by him.

At the post office next Thursday, Exercises Tuesday mail will be received and put in boxes but rural delivery and city delivery will not be made. The plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company will probably operate with a "skeleton" crew Thanksgiving Day, but the American Fork and Hoe Company and the Plymouth Box and Panel Com-"America is not seeking war and pany plants here will probably be war will not seek a fully prepared closed.

business area some time prior to of the American Legion and others days for Thanksgiving, reopening in the Plymouth Theatre here Tues- Monday morning. day as a climax to the celebration of

The week earlier observance, adopted to bring about a longer shopping The speaker pointed out that if period between Thanksgiving and American ships are not permitted to the Christmas holidays, was found maintain the freedom of the seas the not to have produced the results an-Axis powers of Europe may dominate ticipated. The President in May anthe ocean lanes and place America nounced an end of the new custom as a second-rate nation among the adopted three years ago. Congress has passed legislation to make the Senator Cherry said that if Eng- last Thursday in November hereafter land falls it will remove from the a legal holiday known as Thanksocean a great barrier that protects giving.

America and that with the English | Executives of two-thirds of the Navy in the Atlantic and the Ameri- states and the District of Columbia can Navy in the Pacific, the demo- have indicated their intention of procracies of the new world are safe claiming the President's November from a lustful enemy but that every 20 date as their states' Thanksgiving ounce of national energy this country Day this year. In 16 other states can muster should be used to guaran- the Governors will stick to the tratee this freedom that is now enjoyed ditional last Thursday in November.

The senator, who was a major dur- Legion Auxiliary To Meet Here Next Monday Night

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet Monday night at the Legion Hall. All members are urged by officials to be present.

## Fall Federation Held At Creswell Yesterday

### Highway Workers | Miss Pauline Smith To Remove Many Principal Speaker; Signs Along Roads Outline of Program

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Closer Than 50 Feet From Center of Highways

they can improve their buildings and and Public Works Commission in County Federation of Home Demonpremises are asked to write to Mrs. Washington County, as well as in all stration Clubs in Creswell Wednes-Carawan, who will furnish the infor- parts of the state, this week began day afternoon, when Mrs. Pauline mation or inform them where it can removing advertising signs which Smith, northeastern district agent, of were placed closer than 50 feet from Raleigh, spoke on "Woman's Place in the center of all state highways. An National Defense. ordinance to have the signs removed was passed sometime ago by the federation, presided. Mrs. W. V. Hays Local Episcopal Church commission due to claims that closer proximity of the signs to the high-Services will be held at Grace ways distracted the attention of au-Episcopal church Sunday as follows: tomobile drivers, creating an acci-

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New Ruling Forbids Signs All County Clubs Except Two Are Represented At Meeting

Employees of the State Highway fall meeting of the Washington More than 200 women attended the

> Mrs. Mattie Swain, president of the is vice president; Mrs. D. B. Chesson, secretary; and Mrs. Edna Ltham, is

treasurer. Greetings were extended to the visitors by A. T. Brooks, principal of Excepted from the ordinance reg- the Creswell school; and Mrs. H. W. Norman, of the Creswell club, made the address of welcome, with Mrs. J. B. Hathaway, of the Scuppernong club, responding. Mrs. G. A. Martin conducted the devotional, and Miss

Ada Virginia Hopkins sang a solo. All of the clubs in the county, except Wenona and Mount Tabor, were represented. The program was presented in th eform of a harvest festival, with each club having an exhibit of vegetables, flowers, clothing or some display of farm activity. The slogan of the meeting was "Any tme

is gift time on the farm." Reports were heard from the following clubs: Chapel Hill, Hoke, Roper, Scuppernong, Cherry, Lake Farm, Piney Grove, Cool Springs, County Bridge, Pleasant Grove, Swain, Creswell, Alba, Cross Roads and Beech

Mrs. Frances M. Darden, home demonstration agent, introduced Miss Smith for the principal address of the occasion, and the members of the Creswell club served tea and cookies

#### (Continued on Page Four) Annual Drive for Red ing potatoes. Cross Now Underway

#### Began Tuesday and Sheriff Gets First Will Be Continued Dog in 20 Years' Until 'Thanksgiving

Is Being Considered; No Reports Yet

Workers are continuing their can-American Red Cross, although John progress made so far.

Mr. Darden said that he was planning a dinner meeting of the Red Cros workers, to be held in the comday night, at which time it is hoped papers from a local magistrate to reto secure 1,000 members in the counties, who, Sitterson said, had been able. ty during the campaign. The drive is to continue through Thanksgivng Day, and the canvassers urge all who can to make some contribution to the worthy cause.

Workers are asking each individual to take an annual membership at \$1 or more. Smaller amounts are accepted, but they do not entitle the donor to the membership certificate. Half of the money raised will remain in the county to help needy persons when deemed advisable by the chapter officials. The other half goes to

the national organization. Mrs. Frances M. Darden is head of the campaign in the county, and Shirley Young is helping at the plant of the North Carolina Pulp Company. H. H. McLean is directing the

campaign in the schools. The Creswell chapter has set a goal of 200 members, twice that of last Mrs. Clyde Smithson is roll call chairman there. Officers of the unit are: Mrs. W. B. Gaither, chairman; Mrs. Clyde Smithson, vice president; Mrs. J. B. Davenport, secretary; A. H. Tucker, treasurer; Mrs. E. S. Woodley, production chairman; and Mrs. A. C. Swain, sewing chair-

Under Claim-and-Deliv-

Dinner Meeting Next Week Seized Animal for Owner

munity hall probably next Wednes- terson secured claim-and-delivery complete reports can be made by the cover a dog which he alleged was digging space enough under the build-

# Service as Officer

ery Proceedings

After 20 years as a law enforcement roll call membership drive of the officer of Washington County, Sher-Washington County chapter of the iff J. K. Reid said that last week he locked up his first dog; and after W. Darden, chairman of the county many years of service in keeping the chapter, had no reports today on the public buildings in condition, Jim Hamilton said that he became custodian of his first dog at the same

students of the Plymouth colored It all came about when W. N. Sitcanvassers, who are making an effort being wrongfully held by certain par- ing there to make a lunchroom avail-

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#### the ground at the front. **WPA Allots \$10,176 for Improvements** To Colored School Building in Roper

Congressman Herbert C. Bonner said this week he had been advised by President Franklin D. Roosevelt that the Work Projects Administration had approved a project for improvements to the colored school building at Roper with a WPA allotment of \$10,276.

contemplated improve-The ments include the addition of 6 rooms and a library to the frame structure. Principal J. J. Clemmons said today this was good news to him, because it would afford the rapidly growing colored school more class rooms to relieve prevailing congested conditions. The cost figured several months ago by Frank Benton, Wilson architect, was \$17,000. The increased cost of materials has run

this amount to \$20,318, it is estimated by WPA officials. The WPA agreed to take care of 50.3 per cent of the cost of \$10,276. It is not known here today by

Union Service at Creswell

at 9:30 a. m. The Revs. B. W. Gai-

Gifts of fruits, vegetables and oth-

The public is invited to attend.

Undaunted by the lack of a room

for serving of lunches, patrons and

The building is bricked high from

Working on Lunchroom

will participate.

tion to the less fortunate.

school officials when actual work would begin on the improve-ments to the school building at Roper, because WPA labor is scarce in the county and defense activity has been drawing on certain material needed in construc-

It also has been learned that the county commissioners have

not yet made their part of the project money available. However, a plan may be worked out whereby immediate work can be started on the building so that it may be ready in time for the 1942-43 term.

come scouts or to renew their scouting work urged to be present.

### Only 10 Children Found To Have Any Symptoms of Trachoma; Examine All

Relief was expressed today by school officials after it was found that only 10 of the 48 children examined by specialists during the past few days had any symptems of trachoma.

Dr. E. W. Larkin, of Washington, an eye specialist, examined children in the Plymouth school Tuesday, and prescribed treatment in several cases where children were found to be suffereing from eye diseases. Dr. Larkin came to the school under the sponsorship of the Lions Club.

Principal R. B. Trotman said today that thorough examina-

tion given the children by the specialists revealed only a few cases where symptoms of mild cases of trachoma were indicated, greatly relieving the anxiety of parents and school officials. It is believed a threatened epidemic of the disorder has been avoided by the prompt discovery and treatment which the threatened children are now taking. All the pupils in the local high

and elementary schools were examined by officials of the district health department, and those found with eye diseases were referred to the specialists.