Army Air Forces Medical Corps, is

visiting Mrs. Furgurson and friends in Plymouth this week after return-

ing from more than 16 months' serv-

ice in India, much of it along the Burma border. For some time he

was within 100 miles of Japanese ad-

vance air bases, and he has under-

gone several bombing raids. Dr. Furgurson is back in this country for

training as flight surgeon and ex-

pects to report for duty at a Texas

The regular meeting of the City

Council was not held Monday night

due to absence from town of several

of the councilment. A postponed

meeting will be held later, possibly

next Monday night, the 13th, ac-

For the second time in the

last decade or more, there will be

no Christmas lights on the streets

here this year. Blame it on the

war, along with millions of other

changes in the usual manner of

things in this nation. Undoubt-

edly, there will be Christmas

trees in many private homes, but

most people will comply with the

government's request that there

be no outside decorative light-

and Mrs. T. C. Burgess, of Plym-

outh, has arrived safetly at an over-

U. S. forces in Ireland or Britain, His

from him since he arrived overseas.

ter that time monthly checks will be

under the ceiling price regulations.

County tax collections are very

good for this time of year, it was

learned yesterday from Tax

Collector J. E. Davenport. The

total property valuation for the

current tax year is \$6,424,448,

and the tax rate is \$1.70; making

some 200, who made the trip and Mr.

Will Collect Paper

be on Monday, December 20.

tion to the war effort.

Roper Parents-Teachers

school are urged to attend.

noon, December 13, at 3:15 p.m.

A meeting of the executive com-

this little town.'

morrow morning.

the total 1943 levy \$109,215.62.

cording to town officials.

air base within the next few weeks.

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## Test Blackout To Begin With "Red" Signal at 9:30 in This Section Tonight

There will be a practice blackout tonight, it was learned today from P. W. Brown, chief air-raid warden for Plymouth. Mr.Brown is getting his organization lined up to try to make the test 100 per cent, as it was the last time one was called by Army officials. For the last several times, no advance notice has been given, and the alert calls have come through without warning.

State Civilian Defense authorities have announced that tonight's test will begin with a "red" signal at 9:30. This will

last until 9:45, when the "blue" signal will be sounded, and the "all-clear" will come at 10:10, according to Mr. Brown.

The order of signals outlined above is slightly different from past procedure, when a "blue" signal always preceded the "red" one. Mr. Brown said he could not account for the changed procedure. Resident are warned that a steady blast of the fire siren for 2 minutes marks the "blue" signal, while "red" is signalled by rising and falling

# **Empty Stocking Fund** Will Furnish Baskets Lt. Walter C. Burgess, son of Mr. For Needy This Year the Navy three and the Marine

#### seas post, his parents were notified recently. Lieutenant Burgess, in an Rally at Creswell engineer outfit, is believed to be with parents have received several letters

The "Remember Pearl Harbor' A number of compliance checks rally at Creswell school Tuesday have recently been completed by the night. December 7th, was an unprice panel of the local war price qualified success, it was learned yesand rationing board. Most of those terday from Mrs. Sidney Smithson checked recently have found to be who headed the committee on arline with price regulations, it is stat- rangements for the event. The object No more checks are scheduled was to promote the sale of War Bonds before the first of the year, but af- and Stamps at the rally, and a total of \$4,500 worth of bonds and \$100 made on some comodities which come worth of stamps was sold.

A group of marines from the Eden-Chase, sang a number of songs. Representatives of a soft drink firm the conditions of homes in Europe with those in this country, and pointing out what dollars put into bonds could do to protect the home of our

#### A post card received yesterday from J. R. Manning, president of the Washington County Farm Bureau Safe of H. P. Barnes states that he and L. E. Hassell, of states that he and L. E. Hassell, of Roper, arrived in Chicago Sunday to At Cherry Robbed of attend the annual convention of the

North Carolina farmers, aggregating Manning said they "sure did swell In Evening, Between 7 And 10 o'Clock Richard West this week announces

State and County officers are still that he has secured the services of another barber, A. L. Peele, at the working in the dark on the robbery fairly large group of aged, infirm, stallation by Grand Mas-Plymouth Barber Shop, Mr. Peele at Cherry last Saturday night, when comes to Plymouth from Bethel, and Harry P. Barnes' safe was robbed of will begin work at the local shop to- \$4,200. An official of the State Bureau of Investigation was in the county Tuesday to make an examination for fingerprints on the safe, but Sheriff J. K. Reid received a telegram from him yesterday stating that none

**Every Other Week** The robbery occurred sometime between 7 and 10 o'clock Saturday night. The safe was located in Mr. Barnes' Collection of waste paper here last house, adjoining his store, and the Monday morning was the most successful yet held according to the of- robbery was discovered when Mrs. fice of the county salvage committee. Barnes went to it to make some Nearly a ton of paper was collected. change needed in the store. The In the future, collections will be made | combination of the safe was not lockby the city trash trucks every other ed, but the inner door was. It had Monday. There will be no collection been pried off by the robber or robnext Monday morning but there will bers, presumed to be white, and only the money was missing.

Most of the amount was in cash It was also stated a considerable quantity of tin cans had been de- although Sheriff Reid said there were livered to the municipal building, a few checks. Mr. Barnes had colwhere properly prepared cans are col- lected several large fertilizer aclected. The committee expresses its counts during the week and had not appreciation for the cooperation of had opportunity to get to the bank the public, and asks that all salvage with the money.

efforts be continued as a contribuis some connection with this robbery and the ABC store robbery in Creswell the Saturday before, and that probably the same persons com-To Meet Next Tuesday mitted both thefts. The ABC store was entered through the front door The regular meeting of the Roper and a number of cases of whiskey Parent-Teacher Association will be stolen in the earlier robbery.

held in the school auditorium there Deputy Sheriff W. D. Peal, of Cresnext Tuesday night, December 14, at well, was called by Mr. Barnes when 8 o'clock, it was announced this the robbery was discovered, and week. All patrons and friends of the Sheriff J. K. Reid here was notified Sunday morning. So far no clues have been found that will warrant an mittee will be held Monday after- arrest, but the officers are still at work on the case

# Movement Backed Tuesday Success By Four Ministers

man; Minimum of \$250 Is Sought

Ministers of the four Plymouth churchees met Wednesday for the purpose of starting an "Empty Stocking Fund" to furnish Christmas baskets to the needy families of Plymton base, accompanied by Chaplain outh and Washington County. This fund is to be sponsored by the Methodist, Baptist, Christian, and Episcoshowed moving pictures, comparing pal churches of Plymouth. The Rev. William B. Daniels, Jr., rector of Grace Episcopal Church, will serve as chairman of the Empty Stocking Fund. Treasurer of the fund will be the Rev. Lee A. Phillips, pastor of the Plymouth Baptist Church.

Consultation with the County Welfare Officer revealed that there are some thirty-five families in Plymouth and Washington County who are in need, and who must depend Farm Bureau Federation there this \$4,200 Last Saturday upon the community for their Christweek. There were four bus loads of Empty Socking Fund has been collected and used in past years. How-Robbery Took Place Early ever, last year the fund was discontinued on the basis that the need no longer existed. Such is not the case as statistics from the welfare austill in Plymouth and the county a bed-ridden, and unemployables who need help at the Christmas season.

Funds will be solicited from church and civic organizations, business viduals are asked to give voluntarily.

The Junior Woman's Club has been requested by the chairman to take charge of the task of buying the food and arranging the baskets. One of the other civic organizations will be asked to take charge of the distribution of baskets in cooperation with Mrs. Ursula Bateman, Washington County Welfare Officer.

A minimum goal of \$250 has been et, with the hope that generous contributions by organizations and in dividuals will swell the total to far

## County officers believe that there Roper Observers Will Meet on 17th

Roper.-W. Barton Swain, chief observer of the Roper Aircraft Observation post, announced this week that a meeting of all volunteer observers of the post would be held Friday night of next week, December 17, at 8 o'clock, in the high school auditorium. At that time awards for service at the post will be

Army personnel will present the moving picture. The general public is cordially invited to attend.

Staff Sergeant C. G. Lehner, of the Norfolk Fighter Wing, was here this week to inspect the local post. He was very complimentary about its work in recent weeks, and urges everyone in Roper to attend the meet-

## Mother Has Two Sons

Mrs. Phillip Ambrose was made very happy recently to have two of outh, was elected vice chairman and her sons in the service home from P. B. Belanga, of Creswell, member fighting zones. One of the boys, H. of the committee. Bennett Ambrose, fireman, first class, May while on duty in the Pacific year. area; while the other, William Hu- elected at the various meetings bert Ambrose, of the U. S. Maritime throughout the county were an-Service, had just returned from a trip nounced in last week's issue of The to North African ports.

## Number of Fathers | School Attendance Accepted by Army Law Is Not Being From Recent Draft | Enforced in County

15 Days; Reports Not Reports State

The local selective service board is slow in getting returns on the draft groups sent recently to Fort Bragg. It was learned yesterday that six out of the 18 white men who left here November 23 had been accepted for service with the armed forces, while complete figures were not available on the 18 white men who left Friday of last week. It was known that at least three were accepted out of the Of the six accepted from the No-

rember 23 contingent, two were fathers and four were non-fathers. All three of those known to have been accepted last week were fathers, and all of them went into the Army. Out Those accepted from the November

Yet Complete

23 call are as follows: Dennis H. Phelps, Creswell, and Charles Thomas Robbins, jr., of Plymouth, both non-fathers, to the Army; Merimon Thomas Barnes, Plymouth, and Joseph Baker Davenport, Cres-Started This Week and Joseph Baker Davenport, Creswel, fathers, to the Navy; Charles Edward Hill, Plymouth, non father, W. B. Daniels, Jr., Is Chair- to the Navy; and Irving Litchfield Tarkenton. Roper, to the Marine

The three known to have been accepted by the Army from the call last week, all fathers, are as follows: Carl Burton Roberson, Foy Garland Davenport, and Elbert Lee Woodley, of Plymouth. There may be others, but these three are all that are known to have been accepted. They are now on their 21-day furlough before reporting for duty.

The local board is getting ready to send an estimated 75 colored men to Fort Bragg Saturday of next week, and it was stated that a large number of them will be in the fathers group According to the board, men accept-

ed by the Army now get 21 days furlough before reporting for duty, those accepted by the Marine Corps get 14 days, while those going into the Navy get only 7 days.

## upon the community for their Christmas supplies. A fund similar to the Masonic Lodge Here Elects New Officers For Coming Year the attendance laws in this county, when its schools are threatened with

ter on January 5

Edward L. Owen was elected master of Perseverance Lodge of Masons concerns, and individuals. This so- for the coming year at the annual licitation will not be in the nature of election of officers last Tuesday a house to house convass, but indi- night. He will su-ceed James W. Norman, who has werved during the Checks should be made payable to present year. Other officers elected "The Empty Stocking Fund, Lee A. Tuesday night are as follows: E. Phillips, Treasurer," Plymouth, N. C. Durand Keel, senior warden; H. H. Allen, junior warden; B. G. Campbell ,treasurer; and John W. Darden, secretary.

The lodge is planning to seek a special dispensation from the Grand Lodge to have the newly elected officers installed on Wednesday, January 5, when Grand Master James W Payne, of Salisbury, is scheduled to visit the local lodge and a district meeting will be held here. It is hoped that plans can be arranged to have the officers installed by the

Grand Master at that time. In addition to the five officers elected by the membership as outlined above, several other places are to be filled by the newly elected master. It is expected that he will announce the appointment within the next two or three weeks. Officers are isually installed at the first meeting in the new year, but if the dispensation is granted the installation service will be postponed one day, until January 5.

Officers to be appointed by the master include junior and senior deacons, junior and senior stewards, and

More than 1,000 Masons from 16 odges within a radius of 60 miles are to be invited to the district meeting awards, and will also present a good to be held here January 5, it was stated by H. H. McLean, district deputy grand master for the third Masonic district.

## Roy Stillman Elected

Roy W. Stillman, of Roper, was elected chairman of the county AAA committee for 1944 at the meeting held in the agricultural building here Home From War Zones last Thursday by delegates elected at community AAA meetings earlier in the week. Charlie W. Bowen, of Plym-

This completes the AAA set-up in of the Navy Seabees, was injured last this county for the coming farm Community committeemen Beacon.

At Least Five Taken in Past Creswell School Faces Loss Of Teachers As Result,

> The Washington County Board of Education faces a serious and annoving problem in some sections, it was learned from P. M. Arps, chairman, following the regular meeting of the board here last Monday. Many white children, as well as some colored ones, are reported to be remaining out of school for no apparent reason whatever, thereby threatening the schools they are supposed to attend with the loss of teachers through the drop in average daily attendance.

> The main trouble seems to center in some sections in the Creswell area and T. J. Collier, principal of the school there, said that local officials had been unable to correct the matter. It is not a question of transportation, because school buses run right past the homes of some of those who fail to attend regularly, and within a few hundred yards of the homes of others. The children are not being kept at home to help out with farm work, it was reported, but simply were permitted to remain out of school for any trivial reason, and in many cases for no reason at all. The matter is somewhat compli-

> cated at this time, according to Superintendent H. H. McLean, since there is a dispute between the State Welfare Department and Attorney General McMullan over whose duty it is to enforce the compulsory school attendance law. The attorney general has ruled that it is up to welfare officials to enforce the law, while Mrs. W. T. Bost, head of that department, has instructed county welfare officers not to pay any attention to this ruling.

Formerly, the county superintendent was charged with bringing indictments against the parents of children who did not attend school. The law still requires attendance of children, but the last legislature practically nullified its effect by not clearly setting out whose duty it is to enforce the law, the superintendent stated. Mr. McLean said that the matter would hardly be straightened out until a court action is brought and a decision secured on the attorney general's ruling.

Regardles of this jurisdictional dispute, the general feeling is that something should be done to enforce the attendance laws in this county, the loss of teachers through the indifference of some parents as to whethorities clearly indicate. There are Seek Dispensation for In- ther or not their children attend school. Irregular attendance may not only cause the loss of teachers, but it retards the progress of whole clases and grades, as those who are not in school regularly are unable to keep up with the others, and the entire class is held back and the standards of the school are necessarily lower-

## Name Delegates To Joe Phelps, Marvin Peele, G. C. Southern Albemarle Meeting at Manteo

25 Delegated To Represent County at Annual Session December 17

The names of 25 delegates from Washington County to the annual meeting of the Southern Albemarle Association to be held in Manteo on Thursday, December 17, were announced this week by John W. Darden, vice president. Mr. Darden stated that the list of names furnished this newspaper would be the H. Riddick, J. J. Hassell. only notice given, as he was leaving town Monday morning and would not have time to get formal notices out to them. All those named are accordingly urged to accept this as official notice that they are delegates and to make every effort to attend the Manteo meeting.

The list of delegates follows: W. L. Whitley, president of the association; John W. Darden, vice president for Washington County; E. G. Arps. J C. Knowles, Harry W. Pritchett, C N. Davenport, sr., Ben A. Sumner, J K. Reid, H. H. McLean, B. G. Camp bell, J. J. Hassell, A. L. Holmes, P. W. Brown, Harry P. Barnes, L. E. Hassell, W. V. Hays, J. E. Davenport, T. W. Earle, D. B. Kuhe, E. J Spruill, John H. Allen, C. L. Bailey County AAA Chairman Z. V. Norman. H. H. Allen, and W.

Mr. Darden said that no alternates would be named to the meeting this year, and each delegate will have one vote. For that reason, it is hoped that as large a delegation as possible will attend. The host County County of Dare is planning to provide lunch for all who con attend.

Delegates from this county are reminded that the Alligator River ferry is not in operation, and it will therefore be necessary for the delegation to travel by way of Elizabeth City or to go by Englehard and the ferry over Croatan Sound.

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## Mrs. Hawkins Resigns As Register of Deeds; J. R. Campbell Named

KILLED IN ACTION



It was announced yesterday that a memorial service would be held in the Christian church here Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock for Corporal Aubrey W. Asby (above), of the Marine Corps, who was killed in action in the South Pacific on November 11. Son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Asby, of Plymouth, Corporal Asby is the sixth Washington County man to lose his life in line of duty during the war.

## Jury List Is Drawn headquarters from Plymouth to New For January Term Of Superior Court period early in the thirties. He has

Begins January 10; Judge C. E. Thompson Scheduled To Preside

The Washington County Superior Court will convene January 10, with Judge C. Everett Thompson of Elizabeth City scheduled to preside. The court will deal with criminal cases the first few days and the civil cases

will be on the docket after that. The jurors for the Superior Court were drawn Monday at the meeting of the county board of Commissioners, as follows:

Plymouth Township: Roy R. Hill. E. R. Bateman, Abe Adler, M. W. Mr. Campbell in this position. Brown, Vance Harrison, Sam M. Alexander, W. C. Moore, L. C. Wa-

ters, A. S. Johnston. Lees Mill Township: T. W. Norman, Irving Hassell, T. W. Tarken- The salary of the office is \$1,800 per ton, H. E. Furlough, J. S. Davenport, Herbert Hardison, Ronda Lee Davenport, L. S. Brey, Mack Davenport, commissioners. A. J. Barnes, Raymond Davenport,

Skinnersville Township: W. Patrick, A. W. Alexander, W. Phelps, H. L. Davenport.

Scuppernong Township: Lohman Tarkenton, W. T. Phelps, David Furlough, Jones Spencer, Herbert Phelps. O. D. Hatfield, Stanley Oliver, Josert A. McGowan, Mack E. McGowan, Henry T. Woodley, E. Lester Cobb. Second Week

are as follows: son, H. M. Ramsey, C. O. Kelly, Ber- brief remarks.

tie M. Lewis.

Skinnersville Township: H. E. Clif-Delbert Patrick, H. E. Ambrose. Scuppernong Township: H. S. dividually. Furlough, Dewey Spruill, S. McCoy

## Change To Become Effective January 1; Announced Monday

Present Term of Mrs. Hawkins Will Expire in December of Next Year

Mrs. Mary Cahoon Hawkins submitted her resignation as Washington County Register of Deeds to the county commissioners at their regular meeting last Monday, and the board shortly afterwards appointed Robert Campbell, Plymouth merchant and chairman of the ABC board to fill out the unexpired term Mrs. Hawkins is planning to move to New Bern about the first of the year when her resignation becomes effective, and her term of office has until the first Monday in December

Mrs. Hawkins has been register of deeds for Washington County since 1936, when she was first elected to the office. She was re-elected for a two-year term in 1938 and for a fouryear term in 1940, after the law had been changed putting the register of deeds on the longer-term basis. She has made a very efficient county officer, and her hundreds of friends throughout the county learn with regret that she is leaving the county Her husband. Chester Hawkins, recently became traffic manager for the Seashore Bus Lines and moved his

Mr. Campbell has been in the grocery business in Plymouth since 1909, with the exception of a four-year been active in county affairs, serving as chairman of the county board of commissioners from 1936 to 1938, and as chairman of the ABC board since

Mr. Campbell plans to either sell his store or close it by the feet of the year, when he will take over the duties as Register of Deeds, it was learned vesterday. It is presumed that when he takes office he will resign as chairman of the ABC board, a position which will be filled by the board of county comisioners, the board of education, mayors of county towns. the board of health, and the superin tendent of public instruction, acting icintly. So far, no mention has been made as to a possible successor to

The office of register of deeds was on a fee basis up to December of last year, when it was put on a straight salary basis by direction of a special law passed in the 1941 legislature. year. The register of deeds also serves as ex officio cierk to the board of

## **Teachers Guests of** Lions Last Week

The local Lions Club entertained members of the Plymouth High School faculty at its regular meeting eph Furlough, Earl Furlough. Rob- Thursday night of last week. Two new members of the club, the Rev. William B. Daniels, jr., and the Rev. T. R. Jenkins, were also initiated at The jury list for the second week the meeting, and two former members, E. L. Walker and Captain E. W. Plymouth Township: L. Tom Har- Furgurson, of the Army Air Corps. ison, E. H. Hopkins, George L. Ches- were present and called on for a few

President B. G. Campbell welcomed Lees Mill Township: W. R. Swain, the guests and Principal R. B. Trot-W. B. Swain, Sylvester Twiddy, W. man responded for the faculty mem-

Piano music for the occasion was ton, B. O. Oliver M. B. Davenport, furnished by Shep Brinkley, and all of the teachers were introduced in-

A delicious turkey dinner was

Davenport, Howard L. Ambrose, Wal- served by members of the Junior Woton C. Spruill, Hoyt R. Davenport, man's Club. The table was attract-Robert R. Tarkenton, Philip M. ively arranged with greenery and burning candles in crystal holders.

## Name Tax Supervisor and List Takers At Meeting of County Board Monday

First steps were taken by the Washington County Commissioners at their regular meeting Monday to set up the machinery for listing all real and personal property in the county during the month of January. Former Commissioner E. F. Swain, of Creswell, was again appointed tax supervisor, and the list takers for the various townships were

named The list takers are as follows: P. B. Belanga. Scuppernong Township; W. W. White, Skinnersville; Mrs. E. M. Chesson. Lees Mill; and Mrs. Hermine A. Ramsey, Plymouth.

All the list takers and the supervisor will meet with the county commissioners at the courthouse here in a special session on Tuesday, December 21, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of receiving instructions. All taxes are supposed to be listed during January, and the list takers hope to complete the work during that month.

As a rule, listing is very slow during the early days of the month, with the listers overwhelmed with work during the last few days. There will be no change in real-estate listings, except where property has suf fered permanent damage or if improvements have been made. The next quadrennial revaluation of real estate is not scheduled to take place until 1945.

#### Gregg Cherry, Candidate for Governor, Will Speak at Farm Bueau Meet Here R. Gregg Cherry, of Gastonia, candidate for the Democratic

nomination for Governor of North Carolina in the primary next year, will be the chief speaker at a barbecue meeting of the Washington County Farm Bureau in the Agriculture Building here Thursday night of next week, December 16, at 8 o'clock. A number of other prominent speakers have been invited, including Representative Herbert Bonner, but it is not known yet whether any of them will be here. All members of the county

bureau are urged to attend by President J. Roy Manning, who is in Chicago this week attending the national meeting of the Farm Bureau Federation. The local unit of the organization recently concluded its membership drive, with 295 members enrolled.

largest in its history. for the barbecue, and arrangements are being made to care for a crowd of 350 to 400. It is probable that Mr. Cherry will speak in the court room, which can accommodate a larger crowd than the agriculture building.

Seven pigs have been secured