No sesion of recorder's court was

held this week, as there was only

one case on the docket and practically all courthouse offices were closed

received seven copies of the Beacon

at one time and that he was start-

out to memorize them, including the

Spruill is with a combat infantry

outfit and was in the battles of An-

guar and Peleliu in the Palau group

1st Lt. Hugh F. Jordan, son of Mr.

and Mrs. J. F. Jordan, of Plymouth,

was recently promoted to the rank

of captain and made assistant oper-

H. H. Allen, chairman of the

county board of commissioners,

announced yesterday that the

regular meeting of the commis-

sioners had been postponed from

next Monday to Tuesday, Janu-

ary 2, at 10 a.m. The change

was made on account of the New Year holiday falling on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanton R. Norman.

of Washington, D. C., arrived last

Saturday to visit relatives here for a

ported today to be recovering. They

brother, C. J. Norman, on Main

is spending 15 days' leave at the home

of his parents here. Lieutenant Hays

he amassed a total of 650 hours fly-

ing time "over the hump" between

Allied bases in India and China. He

Air Transport Command from Feb-

has been awarded the Distinguished

Flying Cross and the Air Medal with

Pfc. and Mrs. Joe A. Jones and lit-

tle daughter, Jo Ann, of Harrisburg,

Pa., spent the Christmas holidays

with the former's parents, Mr. and

Mrs. Fred Jones, of near Bethel. Mrs.

Jones and little Jo Ann are now mak-

ing their home with her parents, Mr.

and Mrs. A. A. Bryant, near Plym-

outh; while Private Jones has re-

turned to Harrisburg, where he is

No meeting of the Lions Club

was held either last week or this

week, on account of the Christ-

mas holidays. The next regu-

lar meeting of the club is scheduled for Thursday night of

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cheshire and

little son, "Bill," of Maryville, Tenn.,

who have been spending some time

here with Mrs. Cheshire's parents

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bryant, left Sun-

day for Rocky Mount to visit Mr.

Cheshire's parents. They will re-

Cpl. Eugene James, colored, former

employee of the H. E. Harrison

Wholesale Company, is now home on

a 30-day leave after 23 months on

ruary, 1942, and was assigned to a

service company. James was in Na-

was blown up by a delayed action

mine a few days after the Allied ar-

Pvt. George H. Spruill, Jr.,

in the Army since May 20, 1944.

mies had captured that city.

turn to Tennessee on January 1st.

next week, January 4th.

several oak-leaf clusters.

'Home and Club News." Private

are expected to be tried.

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Plymouth, Washington County, North Carolina, Thursday, December 28, 1944

Tuesday for the Christmas holidays. Court wil be held as usual next Tues-Tuesday for the Christmas holidays. day, when about six or eight cases Among Quietest on In a recent letter to his wife, Pfc. Thurlow Spruill said he had just Record Over County

> No Serious Accidents Reported; Only Two Arrests Made Here

The long Christmas holiday weekof islands in the Pacific. He has been end passed very quietly in Plymouth awarded the combat Infantryman's and Washington County, so far as could be learned from official records here yesterday. There was a note of anxiety and sadness predominant in many homes. For one thing, there are upwards of 1,000 Washington County men in various branches ations officer of his Thunderbolt of the armed services and, with many fighter squadron, now based in Italy. of them far away from home and on Captain Jordan's wife and little dangerous battlefronts, there was obfaughter are residing here at the viously considerable concern in lolome of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. cal homes about their welfare and

This concern was acentuated by reports from the European battlefront about the great German counter-attack, which was pushing back several American armies at a rapid rate. The news, in itself, was cause enough not to enter into a boisterous cele bration of the day.

Local police reported that only two arrests were made during the entire Christmas season, and both of them were for drunkenness. So far as could be learned, there was not a single serious automobile accident in few days. Mr. Norman became ill the section, which is in marked conshortly after arriving here, but is retrast to the toll reported in other pre-war years. are at the home of Mr. Norman's

Local stores and business places, almost without exception, were closed from Saturday night until 1st Lt. William E. Hays, son of Wednesday morning, giving employ-County Agent and Mrs. W. V. Hays, ees an extra long week-end. Although there was considerable visiting, and some family reunions, the amount of travel was not nearly as has just returned from India, where large as in former years.

Hardly more than a dozen or so firecrackers were heard, which marked another departure from the reguwas in the C. I. B. theatre with the lar order of things in the past in this part of the South. Last year the ruary 4 until early in December and fireworks supply was somewhat limited, but that Christmas was comparatively noisy in contrast with this year, when the noise makers were almost entirely eliminated.

There was a considerable amount of hunting over the week-end, but at the rate shells are being used up, this will continue but little longer, since shells are now on the irreplacable list For the most part, county people spent the Christmas season quietly and at home, the gasoline rationing taking care of the travel situation.

stationed with a railway operating battalion. Prior to enlisting in the Mrs. Deborah Allen a trainman by the Seaboard Air Line Railway Company at Raleigh. Dies Here Thursday

Had Been in Failing Health For Several Years; Was 83 Years Old

· Mrs. Deborah Allen, widow of the late John B. Allen, died Thursday morning of this week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Stuard F. Darden in Plymouth, after a long period of and had been in failing health for Double Amount Collected several years.

Daughter of the late James A. and Caroline Nancy Harrison, Mrs. Allen was born in Washington County on December 6, 1861, and lived in this section for most of her life. On March 14, 1883, she was married to the late John B. Allen, who preceded her to the grave on September 18, the war fronts of North Africa and

Italy. He entered the Army in Febsection and had hundreds of friends throughout the county. For many ples, Italy, when the post office there years she was a member of the Missionary Baptist Church at Jamesville.

In addition to a host of friends Mrs. Allen is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Myrtle R. Evans, of Plymouth; Miss Annie Mae Allen, of High Now in France With Army Point; Mrs. Stuart F. Darden, of Plymouth; and Mrs. Ora A. Burnette, drive, with Mrs. Edward Hill serving at the caucus Tuesday night. Mrs. George H. Spruill, jr., of Roper Route 1, received a cablegram last of Norfolk, Va.; two sons, H. Wesweek from her husband, Pvt. George ley Allen, of LaGrange; and Tommy Lewis will assist in the Roper sec-

arrived safely somewhere in France. leaves 14 grandchildren. Funeral services will be conducted later. Private Spruill received his basic training at Camp Croft, S. C., and at the Baptist church in Jamesville was home on furlough the latter part Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock by the of October, leaving November 5 for Rev. W. B. Harrington, pastor, assist-Fort George Mead, Md. Shortly af- ed by the Rev. E. B. Quick, of the terwards he was sent to New York Plymouth Christian church. Interand thence overseas. He has been ment will be made in the family plot at the church cemetery there.

Roanoke River Flood Control Project Is Included in Act Passed by Congress

Flood control on the Roanoke River as a major post-war Federal project has been practically assured by passage of the Omnibus Flood Control Bill by both houses of Congress, and now lacks only presidential signature of the bill to make it law.

The bill carries an ititial appropriation of \$36,140,000 for two dams and water resevoirs on the Roanoke, the work to be started at the close of the war. In the meantime the measure empowers Army engineers to take initial steps so that construction will not be delayed when the war

troduced as a part of the Federal Government's post-war public works and conservation program, but embodies legislation originally introduced in Congress by Congressman John H. Kerr, and sponsored jointly by him and members of Congress from Virginia, where the Roanoke rises and where the major flood control construction projects will be



This may be a time-worn phrase and many times expressed without feeling. But, to us, it is the only appropriate sentiment. It, above all others, carries the true spirit of the occasion.

So, we look no more for fancy greeting. It's simply "Happy New Year" - to you, from us.

The Roanoke Beacon

Hampton and Peele Leave Next Week for Opening Legislature

REPRESENTATIVE



W. H. (Jack) Peele, Washington County Representative to the General Assembly, will leave Tuesday of next week for the opening sessions of the legislature, which officially convenes at noon on Wednesday, January 3.

Infantile Paralysis Drive for Funds in **County Next Month**

Last Year Is Aim; Mrs. Curry Is Chairman

> By MRS. EDWARD HILL Publicity Chairman

Our country has just been through the worst epidemic of infantile paralysis ever experienced. Washington County was among the few lucky ones to escape. However, your child, my Mrs. Allen was well known in this child-either of them-may be next. We want to raise sufficient funds during the January, 1945, campaign to take care of any emergency that may arise next year; and also to contribute, through the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, to other counties less fortunate.

Mrs. eGorge B. Curry has been named county chairman of the 1945 Richardson and would vote for him as publicity chairman. Miss Doris H. Spruill, jr., stating that he had R. Allen, of High Point. She also tion. Several benefit activities have day night, but the speakership fight been planned and will be announced legislative maneuvering in the upper

To have a successul drive, we must realize these aims: (1) A dime from his first acts would be to introduce the local draft board Thursday of every school child; (2) a dollar from every employee; (3) a special gift from everyone who can afford it; (4) a special gift from every business firm; (5) a counter coin collector in every store, containing generous donations.

Caring for an infantile paralysis epidemic is enormously expensive. We need the whole-hearted cooperation of every citizen in the county to combat this dreaded disease.

Infantile paralysis is no respecter of persons. It picks its victims from wealthy homes, tenements, farmsall children are defenseless against this enemy. Your child and mine may be two of the thousands who will wake up twisting and turning in their beds as they burn with fever and struggle to straighten spasm-

This year we are expected to double the amount raised last year. This Norman, president. Invitations and William Gibbs, George Henry Perry, fund is entirely independent of any admission cards have been mailed to jr., and Patrick Henry Bullock; From other drive that has taken place. Let all members and their out-of-town Creswell: Joe Nathan Alexander, Lesus go over the top in raising funds to guests. Herman Borden's orchestra, of ter Freeman Tredwell, and Andrew combat infantile paralysis should it Washington, will provide music for Jackson Blount; and Ernest Chesson strike Washington County.

Sessions Will Begin Wednesday; Party Caucus Night Before

Peele Plans To Raise Pay Of Superior Court Jurors In County

day morning for Raleigh, where the 1945 session of the General Assemformal opening of the legislature in order to get in on the Democratic caucuses of the Senate and House. Malcolm Roberts Both men will be serving their first terms in their respective law-making

Although a number of important the legislature, a comparatively short session is in prospect, according to political prognosticators, and it is not expected that the session will be connued much longer than the allotted 60-day period.

Washington, who has seat No. 27. three days before the end came. Representative Peele drew seat No.

in Raleigh. They invite their Wash- and Mrs. John T. West. ington County constituents to call on them if they go to Raleigh while the legislature is in session; and they will be glad to hear from the folks back home at any time relative to legislative matters. Mail may be addressed to them in care of the Sir Walter Hotel.

caucus Tuesday night. There is a Windley cemetery. close fight being waged between Oscar L. Richardson, of Monroe, and George Uzzell, of Salisbury, for the speakership with the outcome conspeakership, with the outcome considered doubtful at this time. Mr. Peel said that he was committed to

Senate officials will also be elected at the Democratic causus Tues

mileage. Outside of this, he said he had no other local legislation in mind at this time, although some may develop later. He plans to confer with the county board of commission and Calvin Coolidge are among the week and said he also would be glad to hear from any other local officials lack of distinguished names in the

New Year Dance at

the event.

However, Overall Goal Will Be Exceeded by 50 Per Cent or More

The present outlook is that Washington County will fall down on its "E" bond quota in the Sixth War Loan Drive by about \$10,000, it was learned this week from H. E. Beam, chairman of the county war finance committee ,and W. R. Gaylord, chairman of the Sixth War Loan Campaign. However, the county will top its overall quota by more than \$100,-000, or possibly 50 per cent.

The last report received by Mr Beam from the Federal Reserve Bank at Richmond, dated December 26, showed "E" bond sales at that time amounting to \$88,995, while the county quota for the drive is \$113,000. However, Mr. Beam said he had sent in reports since then showing sales of an additional \$4,000 worth of "E" bonds. In addition, it is expected that the county will get about \$10,-000 credit for "E" bonds sold to service men, which will leave the county just about \$10.000 short of its \$113 .-

From the standpoint of overall sales, the county is well over its quota, with \$322,695 sales reported the Federal Reserve Bank on December 26; while the quota is only \$219,000. The overall sales are brok-

en down as follows in the report:

 "E" Bonds
 \$88,995

 Savngs Notes
 92,000

 Certif. of Indebtedness
 105,000

 Savings Notes
 10,000

 Coupon Bonds
 26,000

Mr. Beam is making his final re-

port of sales through the Bank on Friday of this week, and it is presumed the three post-office issuing agencies in the county are doing likewise. Last-minute sales of bonds State Senator W. Roy Hampton the above total somewhat, but it is and County Representative W. H. still believed the county will fall short (Jack) Peele will leave next Tuesof its "E" bond quota. All sales actually reported to the Federal Reserve Bank up to Saturday wil be creditbly convenes at noon Wednesday.

They are leaving a day ahead of the Cuota.

Funeral Monday

matters are scheduled to come before Infant Son of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Roberts Died in Hospital Sunday

which puts him on the second row pneumonia. The little boy had been as could be learned today, other ineside his colleague from the second sick for a couple of weeks and was district, Senator E. A. Daniel, of taken to the hospital in Washington

Born in Richmond, Va., on March in the house; and his adjoining 7, 1944, the baby was the son of P. H. neighbors will be Representatives and Pauline West Roberts. They Vernon James, of Pasquotank; and have been living in Virginia since S. E. Burgess, of Camden. Both the leaving Plymouth, but the baby and Plymouth men will make the Sir Mrs. Roberts came here about two Walter Hotel their headquarters while months ago to visit her parents, Mr.

> Besides his parents, the infant is survived by a brother, Phillip Roberts; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John T. West, and several uncles and aunts of Plymouth.

Funeral services were held from the Horner Funeral Home here Monday afternoon at 3 p.m. by the Rev. E. B. The speaker and other house of- Quick, pastor of the local Christian ficers will be elected at the house caucus Tuesday night. There is a windley cemetery.

American distribution of the local characters and the local characters will be elected at the house church. Interment was made in the Require Farmers to the 1943 legislature provided a worth's green for those who did not the local characters.

To Fort Bragg on January 4

Representative Peele said one of ty this week to report to the office of a bill to increase the per diem fee of next week, January 4, when they will superior court jurors in Washington be sent to Fort Bragg for their pre-County from \$2 to \$4 per day, plus induction physical examinations. All

and Calvin Coolidge are among the sioners at its regular meeting next given names of the men called to report next week, so there will be no regarding any special legislation de- group reporting from here. Five of the number are from Plymouth, four are from Creswell, there from Roper and one from Mackeys. Following is Country Club Saturday the list of those summoned to report for examination on January 4:

The annual New Year dance for From Plymouth: Henry Pettiford members of the Country Club of Calvin Coolidge Armstrong, Richard Plymouth will be held at the club Joseph McNair, Clifton Windborne Saturday night, starting at 9 o'clock, and Arthur Lee Williams; From it was announced last week by Z. V. Roper: Milton Henry Collins, John

County To Be About Tax Listing for 1944 Happy New Year! \$10,000 Short of "E" Gets Underway in All Parts County Monday

STATE SENATOR



outh, (one of the two state senators from the second senatorial district, will leave next Tuesday for Raleigh and the opening sessions of the 1945 General Assem-

Few County Places Will Be Closed for New-Year Holiday number of acres planted to various crops during the past year and

Post Offices and Bank Will year. The information required also Observe Holiday; Most Other Places Open

attention to New Year's Day Mon-supervisor to prepare lists containday. The Branch Banking & Trust ng all this information and have it Company, post offices, ABC stores and county offices will be closed for Early listing is advised. the day, but local stores and indus- to lessen the possibility of the usual trial establishments will be on a last-minute rush. As a rule, the list-"business as usual" basis.

patchs will be made and incoming lorg lines ahead of them, increasing mail put up for those who have lock the possibility of errors as well as un-

The plant of the North Carolia pointment of boards of assessors Pulp Company suspended production announced after the commissioners' Malcolm Roberts, nine-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Roberts, formerly of Plymouth, died in a derway but is expected to get book. Washington hospital last Sunday af- derway, but is expected to get back four townships. Mrs. Hermine Ramigned seat No. 26 in the senate, ternoon about 2:30 from bronchial into production very shortly. So far dustrial plants in the section will

continue operation as usual. the country club Saturday night of this week, and a large gathering is expected there. Herman Borden's Orchestra from Washington has been secured for the dance, which starts Extension of Time Provided at 9 and continues through 1 o'clock Saturday night.

Apparently there is comparatively little interest in the various football "bowl" games next Monday, although the Duke University Blue Devils are Wednesday by T. Boddie Ward, commeeting Alabama's Crimson Tide in missioner of the State Department of the Sugar Bowl contest. So far as Motor Vehicles, motorists have unmost of Washington County is con- til January 31 to get their 1945 licerned, New Year's Day will be just cense plates. It has been generally another Monday.

File Income Returns have them at that time. "All 1944 motor ve

a gross income of more than \$500 Assembly." Colored Contingent Will Go during the past year. These decla- Commissioner Ward issued the rerations should be made before Janu- mainder in answer to a number of ary 15, and penalties are provided for inquiries received in his office rethose who fail or neglect to file a cently in regard to the expiration return by that time.

tax returns by farmers. It explains been able to visit the nearest bureau the entire procedure, and a copy will so far. The new tags may be secured be furnished free to any farmer who at license bureaus in Williamston or

Board Decides Not To Have All Real **Property Revalued**

Uniform Personal Property Schedule Discussed at Meeting Last Week

The annual task of listing all property in Washington County will get underway Monday of next week, the first day of the New Year. All real estate, personal property and poll taxes must be listed during the month of January in the four townships of the county, and penalties are provided for those who fail or neglect to turn in their listings during this period.

The quadrennial revaluation of all real estate was originally scheduled to take place during the coming month. However, at a meeting of county commissioners with the tax superivisor. J. C. Knowles, Wednesday night of last week, it was decided not to require revaluation this year. This action was taken due to the difficulty of securing boards of assessors in all of the townships, and the commissioners decided to let present real estate valuations stand as they are at

In addition to tax listing, all farmers are required to furnish the information for a farm census, showing plantings planned during the coming includes number of acres in farm. number acres cleared, acreage cultivated by owners and tenants, acreage of waste land, number and kind Business and industry in general of sheep, cattle, swine, chickens, etc. throughout the county will pay scant Farmers are requested by the tax

Early listing is advised and urged "business as usual" basis.

The post offices throughout the county will render a reduced schedule of services, there being no rural or city carrier deliveries, but dispatchs will be made and incoming

dergoing delay. (Continued on Page Four)

A New Year dance will be held at Present Auto Tags Valid Next Month

By Special Act Passed In 1943

According to a statement issued supposed that the new tags were required on all cars by January 1st, but Mr. Ward's statement indicates that month's grace for those who did not

"All 1944 motor vehicle license plates are good through January 31,' The Internal Revenue Bureau re- the commissioner stated. "This ex-Group Next Week minds farmers that income-tax declations of time was provided for by rations are required from all who had a special act of the 1943 General

date of 1944 license plates. Most lo-The office of the county agent has cal car owners have already secured a bulletin relative to filing of income- their new tags, but a few have not

Whiskey Sales at County ABC Stores Reach New High Figure Last Week

Despite shortages, rationing. the war, and everything else, the Washington County ABC system had the biggest three days in its history Thursday, Friday and Saturday of last week. If the Plymouth store hadn't run out of whiskey Saturday afternoon more than two hours before closing time, there is no telling how high the totals might have run. The store here had plenty of rum, cordials, and like beverages on hand, but completely exhausted its stock of whiskey.

Sales here and at Creswell totaled \$8,699.50 for the three days

while imbibers in the ardent spirits were stocking up for the Christmas week-end. The local store sold the lion's share, taking in \$7,261 during the three days; while Creswell sales amounted to \$1,438.50.

Sales at the Plymouth store during the three-day period were as follows: Thursday, \$2,-222.90; Friday, \$2,701.60; and Saturday, \$2,336.50. Creswell didn't do so good on Thursday, but picked up rapidly Friday and Saturday, as follows: Thursday, \$116.50; Friday, \$567; and Satur-