Saturday of this week, February 10, is the final day of the 1944-45 hunting season. After that time it will be unlawful to hunt quail, rabbit and turkey, according to J. T. Terry, the county game protector. The seasons on practically all other types of game found in this section closed some time ago.

Tax listing ended in the county last week, and reports by J. C. Knowles, tax supervisor, and the four list takers indicate that there will be few delinquents to be cited for failure to list. Mr. Knowles is expecting a sizeable increase in the valuation of personal property throughout the county. List takers were rushed during the last few days of the listing period, but managed to take care of all who appeared.

Several news articles are being left out of this issue because they were received too late. Those who have news items or notices are requested to get their copy in the Beacon office by Monday, if possible. This applies to correspondents in the various com-

County farmers are busy now with their tobacco beds, according to general reports. More beds were planted early than usual this year, according to the county agent, and a good many farmers are preparing them at this

Tax collections for both the town and county have been running at a higher rate than usual for the past New Fire Truck Is month or so, according to J. E. Davenport, county tax collector, and Chief of Police P. W. Brown, collector for the Town of Plymouth. The state schedule of penalties became efféctive February 1, when 1 per cent is added to 1944 taxes, and this will increase to 2 per cent on March 1st.

The Plymouth Merchants Association met Tuesday afternoon to dis-cuss the recent "brown-out" order issued by the WPB. Under its terms, use of electricity is prohibited for outdoor advertising and promotional lighting, as well as for decorative and ornamental lighting in show windows. The order being generally observed

Another County Bill Now in Legislature

Introduced by Representative Yesterday; Status of Other Bills

Representative W. H. Peele yesterday introduced a bill in the house to add Washington County to the statue concerning payment to the clerk of superior court of sums not exceeding \$300 due and owing to persons who die intestate. The measure, HB 276, was referred to the judiciary

All three of the bills introduced by Mr. Peele on January 26 have now passed the house and are pending in the senate. Amendments were added to two of them. The bills were passed by the house last Thursday and all of them went to the senate committee on counties, cities and

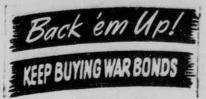
The bills are as follows:

HB 148, relating to increased pay for Washintgon County jurors; amended in committee to apply only

HB 149, relating to increased pay for chairman and members of board Army in Italy. He entered the servof county commissioners; amended to ice in April, 1942, and was about 26 allow clerk to board \$10 for each years old at the time of his death in meeting attended; passed by house Italy last year. February 1.

for chairman and members of board two sisters, Mrs. Bennie L. Hardiof education; passed by house Feb- son and Miss Thelma Browning, all

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County War Bond Quota for January Is Oversold, With Reports Incomplete

Although complete reports have not been received from the Federal Reserve Bank at Richmond, Va., Washington County is assured of overselling its January quota of War Bonds, H. E. Beam, chairman of the county War Finance Committee, said

The county had a quota of \$22,305 for the month of January, and the Branch Banking & Trust Company in Plymouth alone sold \$22,556.25 worth of bonds during the month. In adities, and this total will be swelled considerably when the reports of the Creswell and Roper post

offices are received. Washington County has had a consistently good record in the sale of War Bonds and Stamps since the start of the war. It has fallen down very few times on its monthly or special drive quotas, and the total amount of government securities outstanding in the county now runs well into

1945 Farm Plans To Be Signed Next Week

Sale of Town Car Tags Is Still Slow

Plymouth residents are still a little on the slow side in buying their town automobile license tabs for 1945. Up to yesterday, the city clerk and chief of police had sold 221 licenses, while it is estimated that about 400 owners are supposed to have them displayed on their cars by now.

The tabs cost \$1 each and may be obtained from M. W. Spruill at the office of the city clerk, or from Chief of Police P. W. Brown at police headquarters. Residents are again urged to buy the little metal tags and have them put on their cars at once.

Received and Given Tests Here Friday ing in Plymouth Monday day, February 12 and 13;

Fire-Fighting Facilities Are Practically Doubled by Latest Acquisition

The town's new fire truck finally

Addition of the new truck almost doubles the fire-fighting capabilities The new truck is described as a twostage centrifugal triple-combination piece of apparatus, designed to serve as a hose, ladder and pumper truck. It cost \$4,995, less a \$500 allowance for the obsolete International truck, which has not been used for the past several years. The new truck has a 200-gallon "booster" tank and a 500-gallon per minute pump. It will carry 1,200 feet of hose.

The old American-LaFrance truck used by the town is a ilttle larger than the new one, having a 750-gal-

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Purple Heart for Roscoe Browning

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Browning have recently received the Purple Heart medal and certificate posthumously of the Blue Cross Hospital Savings awarded their son, Sgt. Roscoe J. Association, of Chapel Hill. Browning, who was killed in action on the Italian battlefront September 3rd last year.

amended in committee to apply only sergeant Browning, graduate of the superior court jurors and passed local high school in 1935, was mem— treasurer. It was also decided to for the year. Firemen here are paid Company here for about a month beber of a tank-destroyer battalion hold quarterly meetings of the sowith General Mark Clark's Fifth

Besides his parents, he is survived HB 150, relating to increased pay by a brother, Elmer Browning, and of Plymouth.

Committeemen Will

Sign-Up in Various Communities Next Week

it was announced yesterday by Miss according to present plans. Miriam Ausbon, secretary of the county Agricultural Conservation As-

All farmers in the county are urg- fire protection available. ed to meet their respective commit-

For Plymouth and Long Acre communities: At the agriculture building in Plymouth Monday and Tues-

For Roper and Pleasant Grove communities: W. N. Piercy's store, Monday, February 12; at T. W. Tar-kenton's store, Tuesday, February 13; at T. R. Chesson's store, Wednesday, February 14:

For Creswell, Mount Pleasant and arrived here last Friday. Ordered Cherry Communities: At A. R. Pat-

Filing out the farm-plan forms is of the local volunteer fire department. and the committeemen will be able to help farmers determine how they can far into the night. earn maximum benefit payments by approved soil-building and conservation practices. It is important that possible, and every farmer is urged to

Doctors From Three Counties Meet Here

Eleven of the 13 physicians in Martin, Washington and Tyrrell Counties met at the country club here last ton Tayloe, second district councillor. of Washington, and E. B. Crawford,

At the business session, Dr. Mc-Gowan was reelected president for

Section Master Hurt In Accident Friday

W. W. Browning, of Plymouth, sec-Railroad Company, was painfully in- ward; W. A. Roebuck, second ward; jumped from the railroad motor car ward he was riding just before it collided with an extra train. The accident Filling Station at Roper occurred between 4:30 and 5 o'clock Friday afternoon about two miles this side of Hinson station.

Mr. Browning and his section crew, composed of four colored workmen, were coming toward Plymouth when they met the extra train, composed head-on. None of the workmen suf- one new battery. fered more than a few scratches, but

Extension of Town Water-Sewer Lines Is Near Completion

6,000 Feet of Water Mains, 7.000 Feet Sewer Lines Being Added

take care of the housing development tion, it was expanded to serve a goodsized area brought into the corporate limits a few years ago.

Chief of Police P. W. Brown, who has assisted in supervising the work, said yesterday that about 6,000 feet of 6-inch water mains had been laid and approximately 5,500 feet of sewer lines. About 10 days will be rein the area embraced by the new wa- Monday

Schedule Is Announced for customers will be added, the chief and Creswell districts;

The lines have been extended out East Main Street as far as the home abling act during present session of of E. F. Still. In addition, they were legislation for holding bond election AAA community committeemen extended from East Main to embrace will be at various places in all sections the area where 25 houses are nearing of the county next week to assist farm completion on East Third Street Exoperators in preparing and signing tended. These houses will be ready their farm plans for the current year, for occupancy in another two weeks.

Besides service to the individual homes in the eastern part of town, Two committeemen will addition of the fire hydrants lessens be at each place from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 the danger of a serious fire in that p.m. each day and they will be glad section. "White City," colored resito answer any questions or furnish dental section owned by the Plymgeneral information about the 1945 outh Box & Panel Company, is especially benefited by the additional

teemen according to the following Town Council Also Talks About ABC Profits at Meeting

Report of Fire Chief Shows 17 Alarms Answered in Past Year

much all day Monday, and then when the town councilmen met Monday for the approximately eight years rea very necessary part of the program, night. they took over where the quired to raise the same amount of county boards left off and it went on far into the night.

That this board go upon record as being of the opinion that same

The town board's discussion centered around the predicament it bonds are authorized, while if the finds itself in as a result of a law the sign-up be completed as early as passed at the last session of the legislature. This called for 15 per cent visit his nearest committeemen next of the net profits of ABC stores to be paid for police protection to towns in Chas. W. Davenport which such stores are located. Under the terms of this act, the city council here last year estimated it would receive approximately \$4,000 from that source, and based its

1944-45 budget on this premise. Since the budget was set up, the county ABC board has declined to pay anything to towns in which its stores the current year, and the matter was

The council also received the annual report of Fire Chief I. Miller each additional hour. The report showed 219 firemen present at the 17 fires ; one of which required 9 of the men to remain on duty two hours, making the total cost \$223.50.

Mayor B. G. Campbell and the following councilmen were present: H. tion master for the Norfolk Southern E. Harrison and J. R. Manning, first jured last Friday afternoon, when he G. R. Leggett and C. O. Kelly, third

Robbed Sunday Night

Sheriff J. K. Reid reported Mon- Italy, where he was wounded in acday that the Wigg Gaylord filling tion in October of last year. Woundstation at Roper was entered some- ed in both legs and under the right time Sunday night or early Monday arm, he was in a hosiptal in Italy morning before day. The intruders from October until December, when of two engines and a caboose, on a centered their attention on automo- he returned to the United States. sharp curve. All of the men jumped bile supplies, getting away with five Private Spencer has been in the from the car, which was totally de- Armstrong tires, 6.00-16, one 7.00-15 service for about 26 months, training

The robber or robbers gained en- After a 21-day leave here with Mr. Browning broke two bones in his trance by forcing a window in the his wife, the former Miss Mildred left arm just above the wrist, besides lavatory. The sheriff is continuing Clifton, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. sustaining bruises and lacerations his investigation, but said he had no Herebrt Spencer, he will return to about the face. The train stopped and clues to the guilty persons, who he be- Woodrow Wilson General Hospital at brought the injured man and his crew lieves, are members of a gang of Staunton, Va., to resume medical black-market operators.

County-Wide Improvement Of Schools Is Endorsed by Boards in Meeting Monday

The Town of Plymouth is nearing the end of a program to extend water Summation of Main and sewer lines in the eastern part of the town. Originally planned to also nearing completion in that section it was expanded to serve a good-

Calls for Earmarking ABC Profits If Election Fails On Bond Issue

Following is a brief summation of the essential provisions of the resoluquired to complete the work of lay- tion passed by the Washington Couning 1,500 more feet of sewer line to ty Board of Education and endorsed bring the total to 7,000 feet. Eight by the Board of County Commissionnew fire hydrants have been installed ers at their regular meetings last

1. Acknowledges pressing need of H. H. Westley, an engineer from new buildings, additions, major re-Visit Each Locality Washington, has been in direct charge of the work, assisted by Mr. Brown. Approximately 60 new water outh district; colored schools in Roper

2. Requests county representative and district senators to secure enat time selected by county commissioners. Requested legilsation would

(a) Maximum amount of bonds authorized, \$250,000; denominations, maturities and interest rate to be determined by county commissioners; money could be used only for purposes outlined in paragraph 1 above: (b) If bond election fails to carry, entire profits of ABC stores would be set aside to accumulate for use by Board of Education in carrying out program outlined in paragraph 1; if bond election is carried, only such portion of ABC funds as needed to care for interest and retiring principal would be used each year;

(c) Begin setting aside ABC funds school-improvement program July 1, 1945, and continuing until bond election is held and results de-

Under this plan, proponents claim mate not more than \$15,000 per year will be required to pay interest and that the tax rate can be maintained at or near its present level if the

Wounded in Action

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Davenport, of the Pleasant Grove section, received a telegram from the War Department Thursday afternoon of last week stating that their son, Technician are located, thus throwing the Plym- Fifth Grade Charles W. Davenport, night for their annual dinner meet-20, had been wounded in action on ing. Dr. C. McGowan, president of the advisability of taking legal steps to collect what it claims is due for mail address and details of his inrefferred to Mayor B. G. Campbell from the hospital to which he had sion of recorder's court, and the doc- be published next week. The total was

been taken. Corporal Davenport, 20 years of Warren, showing that the depart- June, 1943, with a combat engineers ment answered 17 calls during the outfit. He graduated from Roper the coming year and Dr. Vernon past year. He presented a statement High school that same spring and Sergeant Browning, graduate of the Ward, of Robersonville, secretary and for the firemen's pay, totaling \$223.50 worked at the North Carolina Pulp paid a fine of \$10 and cost for speedon a basis of calls answered and fore entering the service. He trained ciety at the country club here in the hours served. Each firemen gets \$1 at Camp Van Dorn, Miss., Camp for answering a call or remaining on Breckinridge, Ky., and then went to duty for the first hour, with 50c for a New York trade school before going overseas in June of last year.

embarkation. The last letter received by his parents before they were advised he had been wounded was dated January 8th in France

Wounded Creswell Soldier Is Home on 21-Day Leave

Creswell.-Pfc. Joseph L. Spencer is home on leave after 71/2 months in

molished when it struck the train tire, one 4.75-19 tire, one tube and at Camp Claiborne, Ala., and Camp Howze, Texas, before going overseas treatment for his wounds

82ND BIRTHDAY

figure in Washintgon County, celebrated his 82nd birthday at his home here Monday. Mr. Ausbon is a former editor of the Roanoke Beacon and was clerk of the Washington County Superior Court for 35 years until he resigned on account of his health March 1, 1942. Coincidentally, 82 friends called to felicitate him on his 82nd birthday Monday.

Complete Text of **School Resolution**

The complete text of the resolution concerning school conditions in Washington County, passed by the to carry out the program of new board of education and endorsed by buildings, additions and major reas follows:

the tax rate will be effected but little if the bond issue is authorized in the special election; since they estitive special election; since they estitive special election is a special election is since they estitive special election; since they estitive special election is special election; special election is special election. gently needed school buildings in the county, including buildings of new construction, additions to existing buildings and repairs to and reconhowever, a special meeting of the Profits from operation of legal principal retirements on a 30-year buildings and repairs to and reconabout the middle of last year, the trick's store, Monday, February 12; at whiskey stores in the county constitute was designed, built and equiptively many the trick's store, Monday, February 12; at whiskey stores in the county constitute a popular topic for discussions at the other hand, failure of the electric distinguished by the trick's store, Monday, February 12; at whiskey stores in the county constitute a popular topic for discussions at the other hand, failure of the electric distinguished by the trick's store, Monday, February 12; at whiskey stores in the county constitute a popular topic for discussions at the other hand, failure of the electric distinguished by the trick's store, Monday, February 12; at whiskey stores in the county constitute a popular topic for discussions at the other hand, failure of the electric distinguished by the trick's store, Monday, February 12; at whiskey stores in the county constitute a popular topic for discussions at the other hand, failure of the electric distinguished by the trick's store, and additional equipment for all of the three members of the heard distinguished by the popular topic for discussions at the other hand, failure of the electric distinguished by the popular topic for discussions at the other hand, failure of the electric distinguished by the popular topic for discussions at the other hand, failure of the electric distinguished by the popular topic for discussions at the other hand, failure of the electric distinguished by the electric distinguished ped by the Mack Company and de-livered by a representative of that firm who drove it here from Rocky

Mount

Hubert Davenports store, Tuesday, tute a popular topic for discussions at the other hand, failure of the elec-tion to carry calls for setting aside boards of education and county com-the entire ABC profits—estimated at the other hand, failure of the elec-tion to carry calls for setting aside the entire ABC profits—estimated at to purchase such additional lands for this special meeting, called for 7:30

cannot be done for less than a sum approximating \$250,000. That it is realized that no such sum can be election fails, a considerably higher er than by the issuance of bonds of washington County. That this board made available for said purposes othregards the issuing of said bonds and making available of said funds as be-ing immediately urgent and highly

imperative.
That the system of public education required by the constitution and by the statutes cannot be maintained properly in Washington County with-out said program of construction.

Vagrant Gets Road Sentence in Court

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Only three defendants were called jail sentences imposed.

Joe Shugar, white, of Plymouth, lished later.

Skinnersville, found guilty of assault, lections totaling \$349.40 in a one-week was given 30 days or \$15 and costs. Joe Lassiter, colored, of Plymouth, turned in \$131.91; Hampton school was found guilty of assault on female pupils, \$164.30; Roper white school, He spent a brief furluogh at his and vagrancy. He was given 30 days \$104.80; Creswell white school, \$40.77; home near Roper in May of last on the roads for vagrancy and 90 Cherry white school, \$12.15; Plymyear, just before leaving for a port of days for assault, to be suspended up- outh colored school, \$43.58; Roper, on payment of \$25 fine and costs. \$39.70; Creswell, \$16.85; Pritchette,

sent to a prison camp.

Will Ask Legislators For Enabling Act to Have Bond Election

To Provide New Buildings, Additions, Major Repairs And Equipment

The Washington County Boards of Education and County Commissioners took definite action at their regular meetings Monday to improve school facilities throughout the entire county system. The board of education passed and the county commissioners endorsed-both by unanimous action with all members present-a resolution asking for legislation to authorize the calling of a special election in the county to pass on issuance of bonds to a maximum of \$250,000 for new school buildings and for additions and major repairs to existing buildings.

The resolution asks the county representative and the district senators to secure passage of the enabling legislation at the present session of the General Assembly. Since the Assembly is expected to adjourn about March 1st, the resolution will be presented to the representative and senators without delay in the hope that the necessary bills may be drawn and introduced within the next

Only one feature of the resolution vas the cause of any debate between members of the board of education and county commissioners. That was the provision that in event of failure of the bond election to carry. all the profits derived by the county from operation of ABC stores should

pairs. Be it resolved by the County Board able debate that lasted until after 7 Tuesday night; and a motion to rescind the action taken the day before failed to received a second, leaving

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Quota Is Tripled in County Polio Drive

Mrs. Curry Reports \$1,695 In Donations, Against \$530 Quota

The drive for infantile paralysis funds in Washington County, under the direction of Mrs. G. B. Curry, of Plymouth, has more than tripled the quota assigned. Mrs. Curry said yesterday that total contributions in the county stood at \$1,695, while the quota assigned was \$530.

Acknowledgment of contributions jury would follow shortly directly Tuesday morning at the weekly ses- by individuals and organizations will ket was cleared in short order by substantially increased during the Judge W. Ronald Gaylord. All three past week by report of Mrs. C. N. age, had been in the service since defendants were convicted, one of Davenport, jr., chairman of the drive them on two charges, and fines or in the Creswell section, where \$312.22 was raised. This list also will be pub-

Outstanding collections were reported in county schools and the lo-Joseph Edward Howell, colored, of cal theatre. The theatre took up col-Unable to pay the fine, he has been \$8.45; Macedonia, \$8.37; Cherry, \$2; and there are possibly others.

Two New School Busses Received Last **Week by County Are Now in Operation**

The county educational system last week received two brand new school busses from the state department. Both are 21-foot Ford busses, with a capacity of 40 to 45 pupils, according to H. H. McLean, county superintendent, They are the latest models ob-

tainable at this time. One of the new busses was as signed to the Long Acre route served by the Plymouth school, while the other went into service on the Pea Ridge route of the Creswell High School. Placing will save one extra trip that was being made by the aged bus it replaces. The old bus did not have the capacity of the new one; and by slightly rearranging two routes, it is possible to save an extra trip which has been necessary in the past.

That the busses were not received before they were needed is attested by the fact that they are taking the places of two vehicles that have been in service for about 11 years, according to the county superintendent.

Local Boy Scout Troop Has Number Plans for Observing Boy Scout Week The Plymouth Boy Scouts, as

Scout Week, will attend a special service at the Methodist church here Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, it was announced yesterday by Scoutmaster H. G. Harris. The Scouts are asked to assemble at Scout headquarters at 10:55 and march to the church in a body. The Rev. T. R. Jenkins, pastor, will deliver a special

sermon in their honor. The Scouts are also making plans for Boy Scout Week, observed throughout the nation from February 8 to 15. A dinner

meeting probably will be held one night next week for the boys and their parents. Harold Whitley, chairman of the troop committee, is making arrangements

for the dinner.

Members of the local troop met Roper Scouts in Mackeys last Sunday to visit a proposed camp site near there. The Scoutmaster said an ideal spot for overnight camps had been located there, and the two troops plan to clear off and otherwise fix up the site. It will provide a safe place for the boys to swim, among other things, according to Mr. Harris.