

county AAA office last week

would pay off for tobacco farmers

this year. According to him, the

will show a big drop in price. For

that reason, closer grading will pay

dividends this year, he said.



#### VOLUME LVII-NUMBER 8 that much stricter grading probably

50 More County Men Ceiling on Pulpwood

Council Orders Car

Pipe for Extension

Water Lines Later

Purchase Made Now To Get

Ahead of Prospective

Price Increase

As a hedge against rising prices.

the city council Monday night or-

dered the purchase of a carload of

-inch cast-iron pipe to be used for

extending water mains at a later

date. Advised that the recent set-

tlement of the steel strike, with cor-

responding increase allowed in

prices, would mean a substantial

hike in the cost of pipe that will be

needed here a little later, the coun-

cil voted unanimously to order 3,000

feet at once, the seller agreeing to

According to town officials, the

pipe will not be used right away.

However, as soon as the weather

deliver at present prices.

Hitch in Title To Lot Sold by Town best grades of tobacco are expected to sell about the same as they did last season, while the poorer grades **Recently Cleared Up Without Lawsuit** 

Farm Plans Signed by

The State Highway and Public Works Commission is moving its headquarters in this section to the land near the county home recently secured from the county commissioners. All equipment will be kept there. Seven or eight carloads of rock and gravel were unloaded this week and placed on the

Plymouth High School basketball teams have three home games in a row, starting with tomorrow night, when they meet Williamston in a doubleheader at the local gym. Next Tuesday, February 26, the Bear Grass teams will be here for a pair of games; and Friday of next week the loads will meet Edenton on the home court.

W. T. Freeman said this week Half County Farmers that he had planted five acres to May peas and that he was about the only commercial producer of this crop in the county at this time. Formerly, May peas constituted an important crop in the county, and up to approximately 2,000 acres were devoted to them. However, there were several straight years when everybody lost money on them, due to seasons or prices, and very few farmers will have anything to do with the crop now.

The D. & N. Laundry opened as scheduled here Monday morning. Despite the fact that many of the workers are new at the work, the plant was running very smoothly yesterday, according to C. J. Norman and C. W. Dinkins, the own-The first-week response was ers. said to be very good, with plenty of work on hand and a steady increase in prospect.

Tomorrow, February 22, anniversary of the birth of George Washington, will be observed as a holiday by practically all Federal workers in the section. Post offices throughout the county will be closed, and there will be no mail deliveries. The Branch Banking & Trust Company also will observe the day

Friends are glad to see the Rev. P. B. Nickens is able to be out again after an illness of several weeks caused by an infected tooth. He was able to return to his pulpit at the Baptist Church last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Don R. Campbell, of Syra, Pa., are visiting Mrs. Camp- Septuagesima, a Sunday in the sea- AAA program. bell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. son of Pre-Lent, and at Evening Miss Miriam Ausbon, secretary of Burgess, here for several weeks. Prayer the proper psalms, collects, the county AAA organization said

The hitch in the title that held up sale of the town lot auctioned off December 28th has been cleared up, and A. L. Alexander is to be given a deed for the property sometime this week, it was learned at the town council meeting Monday night. It was first thought that a "friendly suit" would be necessary to clear up the matter, but new developments have made this unnecessary, and a guaranty company has since agreed to insure

the title. The property, a 50-foot lot fronting on Water Street and

running back to the river, is lo cated between the office of Z. V. Norman and the fire department building. It was offered at auction on December 28, last year, and bid in by Mr. Alexander for

\$7.300. Mr. Alexander plans to build an office for himself on the lot, and possibly a store building will be put up on the remainder of the site. Due to the hold-up in securing the deed, he has not gone ahead with his plans, but he said yesterday that he expected to be able to announce something in this connection in another week or so.

Work Is Continued

34 White and 16 Colored; Plymouth Leads With 27 Discharged Washington County men are con-

Let Out of Service

In Past Few Weeks

inuing to come home from the war n increasing numbers. In the past ew weeks, at least 50 men have re-Hoped Action Will Result ported to the office of the local se-In Larger Deliveries to lective service board after receiving honorable discharges from the various branches of the military

ervices Of the 50 men reported released n recent weeks, 34 were white and 16 colored. Plymouth leads in num-ber discharged, with 20 white and 7 colored. Rop r is next with 9 white and 7 colored; and there were received by the North Carolina Pulp Company. The \$1.40 per cord raise

white and 2 colored from Cresin price represents an increase of slightly more than 18½ per cent. Following is the list of those who It was explained that the increase filed with the draft board office here is based on the price of pulpwood following their discharge: loaded on cars and barges. Since Plymouth, white: Church Warren

the local mill buys on a basis of 160 Styons, Stewart Earl Nestor, Bencubic feet per unit, the old unit price nie Rudolph Bowen, Bennie Bruce of \$9.50 is increased by \$1.75 to Bowen, jr., Simon Roderick Roe-By Committeemen Bowen, jr., Simon Roderick Roe-buck, Eugene Nash Ray, Thaddeus \$11.75 per unit loaded on cars barges Theodore Harrison, James Harold

Wood deliveries at the plant here Skidmore, George Musgrave Scott, have not been up to normal in the Delbert Daniel Allen, Johnnie Wespast few months, due principally to ley Garrett, Wade Viering Adams, weather conditions. However, it is James Richard Cole, David Edward hoped that the price increase will Craddock, Luther Adolph Arminduce additional producers to enstrong, Marshall Gray Ange, Ernest ter the market and effect larger de-

morning by the Rev. H. W. Taylor, liveries in the immediate future. Any of Norfolk. who are interested in producing During the service the church pulpwood are asked to get in touch Ashburn choir and other special members

with G. B. Curry, of the North Car-Spruill, sang "Nearer My God To Thee,' Carlton olina Pulp Company at Plymouth. and Bernice Roy Hopkins, of Plymouth, played Former Resident the piano accompaniment.



### stantly in Auto Crash Last Saturday

Funeral services were held Tues-Joseph Frank McNair, Arister Johnnie Belcher, Joseph Cleveland Small. Roper, colored: Isaac Grimes, Henry Tom Allen. James Tom Mc-Carey, Raleigh James Woolley, Jos-eph Samuel Wynne, Elmore Lee day afternoon at the home of his years. mother in Roper for Alfred Hassell, 36, of Point Harbor, former resident cemetery. Pallbearers were H. T. of this county, who was killed in an Davenport, Francis Blount, R. D. automobile accident in Currituck Bateman, E. S. Woodley, J. G. for "equella," a new scientific County last Saturday night. The Woodley and Sam Spruill. Floral method for waterproofing base-Downing, Wililam Bardback King. Rev. G. C. Wood, Methodist minis- tributes were many and beautiful. ments. Creswell, colored: Burnes Spenter of Aulander, conducted the last Flower bearers were ladies of the rites, and interment followed in the Baptist church and friends of Mrs.

a result of the accident.

Hassell cemetery at Pea Ridge. Bateman. Mr. Hassell was killed almost instantly and nine other persons were W. J. Joliff, of Newport News, Va.; are available, 6x6x16 and 6x8x16.

Price Raised by OPA To \$11.25 Per Unit **Increase Becomes Three Speeders** Effective at Once Are Fined Here

> The local police department is "cracking down" on speeders. During the past week-end three were cited to a justice of the peace court, where they drew fines of \$5 and costs, making the total cost to each \$12.60. Chief of Police Brown said

Monday that the campaign would continue, and those who have been driving too fast on city streets are given fair warning that continuance of such practice is very likely to be expensive.

Creswell.-Funeral services for

night were conducted in the Cres-

"Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me." Mrs.

Mrs. Bateman was a native of

several years she has spent the win-

ters at St. Petersburg, Fla., living in

Creswell during the summer. For the past six months she has made

her home in Newport News, Va. She

was the widow of the late J. I. Bate-

man and a faithful member of the

opens up and conditions become more favorable, it is planned to extend the water mains out Wilson Street, as well as in the Red Hill section in the southern part of town. Mrs. Ida S. Bateman An arrangement has been worked out whereby the highway crew will Funeral'in Creswell dig part of the ditches necessary to lay the new lines in exchange for running water to the equipment depot near the county home

Various other matters were dis-Mrs. Ida S. Bateman, 74, who died in Newport News, Va., last Friday cussed, including the ever-present drainage problem. So far, it has well Baptist Church here Monday not been possible to get an engineer to run the levels necessary to work out improvement of some of the town-maintained ditches. Councilman J. W. Marrow was instructed to get this work done as soon as possible, after which the council will know how to go about securing more satisfactory drainage arrangements.

Washington County. For the past **Opens Block Plant** 

Osborne A. Marrow, a veteran of World War II, has opened a concrete block plant back of the H. E Creswell Baptist church for many Harrison Wholesale establishment here, and has about 2,500 blocks on Burial was made at the old Spruill hand now for sale to builders, he stated yesterday. He is also an authorized dealer and demonstrator

He has two hand-operated block machines and other miscellaneous equipment for making concrete and Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. cinder blocks. Two sizes of blocks

injured, three of them seriously, in five sons, Roy B. Bateman, of Nor-the accident near Powells Point folk, Va.; I. Bruce Bateman, of New-sergeant in the Army Air Forces Here Last Evening Saturday night. He was driver of a car that undertook to pass another of New York; and Daniel W. Bate-ing about 20 months of that time one brother, D. E. Woodley, of St. He was with the Eighth and Ninth D. Blount, of Roper; seven grand- rier Command. He returned to the United States last fall and received an honorable discharge on October He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. 31st. J. W. Marrow, of Roper.

**Tomorrow Night** All members and prospective members of the American Legion post here are urged to be present at the regular meeting

Friday night of this week The meeting will be held in the American Legion Hall at 8 o'clock. A number of important matters are scheduled to be taken up at this time.

Legion Meeting

Dr. W. H. Johnson, commander of the post, stated yesterday that sufficient rifles have been received from the War Department to form a firing squad. It is planned to organize such a unit for parades, funerals and other ceremonies where a firing squad is required.

## Union Service at Episcopal Church at this time.

Services for Grace Episcopal make efforts to see the individual Church or Sunday, February 24, farmers who failed to sign up last will be the celebration of the Holy week within the next few days. The Communion at 11 a.m., and Evening committeemen are prepared to ex-Prayer at 7:30 p.m., which is to be plain the 1946 program and assist the quarterly union service of all farmers in working out their farm the local churches.

The morning service will observe mum benefits available under the

the county AAA office yesterday. was said to be the best in recent Swain, years.

other chance. The sessions are be-8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the agricultural building at Plymouth. Farmers of Henry Wynne, William Atlas Nixon, this section who have not signed

er, John Arthur Rogers. School Officials of plans so as to be entitled to maxi-

**County** in Meeting

Estimated 450 to 500 Out of 860 Farmers in County

Have Signed Approximately 50 per cent or Whitmal Furgurson, Roy Randolph

nore of Washington County farm- Hill, William Jesse Highsmith, jr., ers signed their farm plans for 1946 Leon Clark Respass. Roper, white: Lewis Owens, Arthur Randolph at meetings held Friday and Saturday of last week, it was learned at Woodson Lee Furlough, The sign-up for the two-day period Aubrey Phelps, Wilmer Swain, Sidney Job son Hassell, Grover Cleveland Wood, jr., Char-lie Frank Swain, H rold Ray Hol-

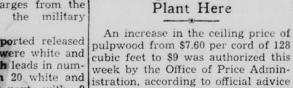
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Committeemen of the Plymouth and Long Acre communities are conton

Creswell, white: J vis Overman Stillman, Marvin Leslie Davenport, tinuing the meetings on Thursday and Friday of this week to give those Hilton Comstock, Benjamin Frankwho failed to respond last week anlin Wynne, Grady Jones. Plymouth, colored: Cleonza Sut-ton, George Monroe Smoth, John ing held today and tomorrow from

are asked to meet the committeemen

It was stated that committeemen in other sections of the county would



Both Mr. and Mrs. Campbell were will be used. discharged recently from the Army. Mr. Campbell returning after lengthy service in the Aleutians, while

at a post near New York City. Revival To Begin Friday

At Church in "Richwood"

The Church School will be held Announcement is made that a series of revival services will begin at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday. The Young at the Nazarene church in "Little People's Service League of the par-Richwood" village Friday night of ish will not meet Sunday evening. The Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, this week. The Rev. Earl J. Costner will be in charge. Services will be D.D., retired Bishop of East Caroheld each night at 7:30 p.m., and lina, will celebrate the Holy Com the public is cordially invited to at- munion and deliver the sermon at 11 a.m. on Sunday, March 17,

# **Four Citations Given** Local Naval Aviator

### Lt. (j.g.) J. Brinson Cox Awarded DFC and Air Medal A. Hufton, Aubrey Woodley, and With Two Stars in Ceremony at Edenton Base

A Plymouth man, Lt. (j.g.) J. and was commissioned the follow-Brinson Cox, USNR, was the reci- ing year. He went overseas on Aupient of unusual honors at the U. S. gust 30, 1944, and was assigned to Naval Air Station in Edenton last the escort carrier "Shamrock Bay," Saturday morning, when he was as pilot of a Grumann Avenger, torpresented four decorations and ci- pedo bomber. His service aboard the tations in a special ceremony. The "baby flat-top" included air strikes awards were made for heroism and against the Japanese from New Guiextraordinary achievement in con- ne. to Japan proper, and he comnection with air strikes against the pleted more than 20 missions. Returning to the United States Japanese enemy in the Pacific area

from January to May of last year. Lieutenant Cox is the son of Mr.

and Mrs. W. B. Cox, of Plymouth, who attended the ceremonies in Edenton last Saturday morning. The citations were read and decorations, including the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with two gold stars, presented by the commanding officer of the station, Commander B. H. Creighton, USN.

The citations were issued in the name of the President of the United States, by direction of the Secretary of the Navy, and were signed by Rear Admiral H. M. Martin, USN, commander of Carrier Division 23. with which Lieutenant Cox served in the Pacific. After the citations were published, the complement of the station passed in review before the commanding officer, Lieutenant Cox, and other guests at the ceremony.

Lieutenant Cox, now only 22 years of age, entered the Naval service from Plymouth in Septe Per, 1943,

and lessons for St. Matthias' Day yesterday that approximately 450 to 500 farmers signed up last week. It

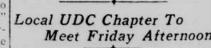
These services on February 24 will is estimated that there are about 880 be the final services conducted by in the county who are eligible to Mrs. Campbell was with the WAC the Rev. William B. Daniels, jr., as receive benefits if they comply with rector of Grace Church. Mr. Dan- the sign-up in time and carry out the iels has tendered his resignation ef- approved practices recommended.

fective March 1 in order to accept a call as rector of St. Paul's Church Play at Creswell

> Friday, March 1 Creswell.-A three-act comedy, "The Wild Oats Boy," will be presented Friday night, March 1, at 8 o'clock by the junior class at the

play The cast of characters includes the following: Mildred Ruth Ambrose, Betty Swain, Millie Woodley, Robert Erwin Stillman, Sadie Lee Patrick, Garland Spruill, James Carol Davenport, Howard Leo Davenport, Vivia Cahoon, Robert Lee Phelps, L.

Fred Collins An evening of real entertainment s assured. The public is invited and urged to attend.



The Major Louis Charles Latham Chapter of the UDC will meet at the home of Mrs. Sidney Ward, Friday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. The president, Mrs. Abe Adler, requests

(See, J. BRINSON COX, Page Four) all members to be present.

Veterans of World War II are

entitled to preference in the purchase of building materials,

but it has been difficult for them

to find out how to go about se-

curing a priority. W. Ronald

Gaylord, county service officer,

was this week notified about the

method veterans should use in

If the veteran needs material

for a new building, he should

write Jack H. Brown, state di-

rector of the Federal Housing

Administration, Greensboro, N.

C. If the material is needed for

repairs and renovation of exist-

seeking such materials.

## **Veterans Are Entitled To Preference** In Purchase of Materials for Building

ing structures, application for priority should be directed to the Civilian Production Administration, Washington, D. C.

The advice sent to the county service officer said that if application was made to either of the above, the veteran should also send his original discharge or certified copy. Blanks will then be sent to be filled out by the veteran and a certificate of priority issued. These certificates can be taken to local building supply dealers and prefer-

ence given the veteran in filling

orders.

## mittee Members and Others Attend

Son of Mrs. Virginia Hassell Pea-Members of the Washington Coun- cock and the late Preston Hassell ty Board of Education, local school Mr. Hassell was born in Washingcommittees, principals of schools, ton county on May 9, 1909. He lived vocational agricultural teachers, and and farmed in this county practicalseveral others interested in public ly all of his life, leaving a few education held a meeting at the lo- months ago to farm with Grady cal school lunch room last night to Griggs, at Point Harbor. He was

talk over school matters of general married on November 12, 1927, to Church Sunday, February 21: interest. Miss Agatha Windley, of Plymouth,

Lions Favor New

meeting last Thursday night. A

esolution favoring passage of the

bill, which would provide Federal

The club also went on record un-

animously endorsing the new hotel

During the program, the Rev. T

R. Jenkins, pastor of the local Meth-

odist church, spoke on the church's

part in building a better commun-

ity and a better world, emphasizing

tained in the hearts and minds of

the men who have the responsibility

of bettering conditions on a local,

national, and international basis.

that faith in God must be main-

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project here.

The turkey was furnished by who survives. County Superintendent W. F. Vea-Besides his widow, Mrs. Agatha Creswell school auditorium. Miss sey and Principals H. V. Chappell, of Windley Hassell and an adopted Matilda Alexander is coach of the Creswell; R. B. Forbes, of Roper; and son, Ray Hassell, of Point Harbor,

H. D. Lassiter, of Plymouth. The he is survived by his mother, Mrs. delicious meal was prepared and Virginia Hassell Peacock, and step-ship with us. served by the home economics cless father, W. McD. Peacock, of Roperof the local school, assisted by the two sisters, Mrs. Orpha Alexander teacher, Miss Brinkley, and Mrs. of Plymouth, and Mrs. Virginia Mor-Davis, of the school lunch room. ris, of Ayden; five brothers, Spen-County Superintendent Veasey cer and Sylvester Hassell, of Roppresided and outlined the purpose er; Isaiah Hassell, of Philadelphia, of the meeting, which was to bring Pa.; William Hassell, of Prince

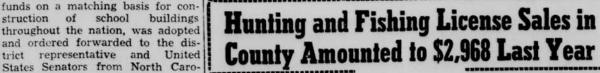
about a closer relationship between George, Va.; and Theodore Hassell board members, committee mem- of Elizabeth City, N. C.

bers, principals and others particularly interested in school matters. County Farmers Said He suggested organization of , the Still Sowing Plant Beds group as the Washington County

Due to bad weather and similar (See, MEETING HERE, Page Four)

Plant bed cloth has been short Members of the Plymouth Lions

At a meeting of those interested ments may arrive in time to relieve the situation somewhat, it was stat- in the hotel last Thursday night proached most of the pledged stockthere was a disposition on the part ed here early in the week



Last year was the best on reccord for sales of hunting and fishing license in Washington County, it was learned this week from J. T. Terry, county game protector.

was realized from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses for the 1945-46 season. This represents an increase of more than \$1,200 over the preceding year

on a curve and ran head on into a man, of Mississippi. She also leaves overseas, in the European theatre. third car approaching from the other Principals, Board and Com- direction. All three cars were vir- Petersburg, Fla.; one sister, Mrs. R. Air Forces and the 61st Troop Cartually destroyed and nine persons sent to an Elizabeth City hospital as children, two great-grandsons, two nieces and nine nephews.

> Program of Services at Local Methodist Church

Rev. T. R. JENKINS, Minister The following is the schedule of ervices at the Plymouth Methodist

f tokens for attendance; Morning Worship, 11 a.m.; Fire Damages Roof of Johnston Home Friday

The local firemen were called out last Friday afternoon about 6 o'clock Church School, 10 a.m., awarding by a roof fire at the home of R. W. Johnston on Main Street. Shingles on the roof caught fire from flying Evening Worship, a union service sparks, but the blaze was brought at the Episcopal Church at 7:30 p.m. under control very quickly, the to-We cordially invite you to wor- tal damage being estimated by Fire Chief Miller Warren at \$20 to \$25.

# Manning States Hotel Here Sure To Be Built

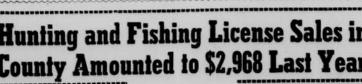
#### To Begin Collection of Pledges and Issuance of Stock in Next Week or So, as Soon as Officers Elected

J. R. Manning, who is taking the of some to let the matter drop for lead in promoting the new hotel the time being, due to present difcauses, Washington County farmers project here, said yesterday that ficulties and uncertainties about are said to be much later than us-ual in getting their tobacco plant one of the stock pledges so far totaled \$103,-000, and he is now confident that developments since that time beds planted this year. Some were the project will go over. It is es- prompted Mr. Manning to state said to be still sowing plant beds the timated that about \$150,000 will be Wednesday that interest had been Hotel, Neely Bill said to be still sowing plant beds the first of this week, which makes them needed to build a 50-room hotel and reviewed and he was positive that another \$25,000 for furnishing and the project was going over in spite equipping it. of all obstacles.

Mr. Manning said he had ap holders with a proposal that any additional amount needed be borrowed, and all with whom he talked have been agreeable. Accordingly, an order has been placed for the stock certificates and he said a meeting would be held within the next week or so to elect officers and begin collection of pledges and issuance of stock.

At the present time, there are about 40 persons who have pledged to purchase stock. Mr. Manning appeals to all other civic minded citizens of Plymouth to join in and 'help build a modern new hotel that we can all be proud of in days to come." It is still possible that enough stock can be sold to eliminate the necessity of borrowing money to complete the building.

(See, NEW HOTEL, Page Four)



and is about \$700 more than the best previous year, 1941. While a larger number of licenses was sold, part of the increase is due to the fact that combination and non-resident licenses cost \$1 more each than before.

Revenue amounting to \$2,968 Mr. Terry did not have available a list of the various types of licenses sold, but he said about a dozen non-resident licenses were included, most them for hunting.

everal weeks later than usual. this year, but some additional ship-Club gave unanimous endorsement to the Neely bill at their regular