the hospital.

Dr. E. W. Furgurson, Dr. and Mrs C. McGowan attended the annual meeting of the North Carolina Medical Society at Pinehurst last week There were over 1,100 doctors and their wives at the meeting, which started Wednesday and continued through Friday.

Representative Herbert C. Bonner, of Washington, was in Plymouth Tuesday afternoon, calling on a number of his friends and supporters. The Congerssman said he was having a difficult time campaigning this year, as his presence paigning this year, as his presence is required on the floor of the House is required on the floor of the House Fishing Season every day or so, and he is commuting back and forth from Washingfon City to the district, frequently by airplane.

It was announced this week that daily hours at the local employment office in the courthouse are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Although the office remains open until 5 p.m., it is closed to the public after 4 o'clock in order for the office force to keep up with clerical work.

Sheriff Charlie B. Roebuck, of Williamston, was a visitor in Plymouth Tuesday. He said that politics were slow to warm up in Martin, and there was only one contest for any county office to be decided May 25, there being two candidates for one of the posts as commission-

The American Legion Spring Fes tival is in progress at the old Brinkley baseball park all this week, with the carnival attractions furnished by the Raftery and R. & S. Shows combined. The free acts program is attracting a lot of attention, as well as the rides and fun booths. There will be a special matinee for children Saturday afternoon,

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Beam and Miss Betty Beam left yesterday for Pinehurst, where Mr. Beam will attend the sessions of the North Carolina Bankers Association and maybe-just maybe, mind you-get in will continue through Friday.

yesterday morning. Passing the to amend its contract with the town raise the \$70,000, and will take the home of Willie Bennett, colored, just to place in effect a lower schedule out of town on the Mackeys road, of rates for street lights and other he saw that the roof was on fire. The power used by the city. burning shingles and doused the discussed at the meeting, but no defi- cal government officials and call a roof with water from buckets. The nite action was taken. Those presfire alarm was turned in, but be- ent included the mayor, E. F. Stiil, fore the truck could get out fire- and Councilmen H. E. Harrison, A. men were advised that it was all J. Riddle, E. D. Keel and J. S. over.

Glee Club Concert Here on May 17th

The Plymouth High School Glee Friday night of next week, May 17,

there will be a number of soloists, including Frances Ange, Reene Basinger, Dorothy Humphreys and Anne Veasey; an all-girl chorus and a

from the masters as well as mod- win Norman, as George Chiggerson, ern composers. A particularly en- an innocent little lamb from the joyable number should be the bril- city; Violet Furlough, as Mrs. Chigliant and popular "Italian Street gerson-Boggs, his doting mama, with Song," by Victor Herbert, sung by a smooth scheme; Irene Spruill, as to the candidates in your editorial outh. I wish to state that nothing townships without any representathe entire group.

be Mrs. Laura Johnston, Misses Carter, who thinks she is a vampire; Anne Veasey and Dorothy Hum- and Elizabeth Overton, as Judy, a phreys. The glee club is under the little clodhopper from the poordirection of Mrs. Harold J. Lee.

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Local Business Houses Vote to Close Each Saturday at 7 P.M. Variety of Matters Continuation of Coal Strike

Beginning Saturday of next week, May 18, practically all Plymouth business establishments, except grocery stores, will start closing each Saturday at 7 p.m., instead of 9 p.m., as present. This action was taken at a special meeting of the merchants association Tuesday

It was pointed out that similar action has been taken previously

in surrounding towns. The earlier closing makes it possible for the hours of clerks and other, employees to be brought into line with wage-and-hour regu-

It was left up to local grocery stores to arrange their own schedule of Saturday hours. Several have been closing at 7 p.m., while others remain open until 9 p.m. on Saturdays at

Board Going Forward With Plans for School

Opens May 19th

Sport fishing in inland waters, including most of the creeks and smaller streams of this section, will be legal again on Sunday, May 19, County Game Protector J. T. Terry said this week. Mr. Terry stated that a good many local fishermen were un-der the impression that the closed season ended on May 10, and he wishes to remind them that it is not until the 19th that fishing may be resumed.

Some very good catches have been reported recently at Lake Phelps, which is not affected by the closed season. The ban does not apply in commercial waters

Held Monday Night high school building in the "Stillagers" subdivision.

that date all arrest fees collected by to let the contract for the addition the officers must be turned into the and new installations at the June city treasury, as the result of action meeting of the board. Right now, taken by the city council at its the board is awaiting completion of regular meeting Monday night. plans and specifications by Macon G. will halt this practice.

policemen will be increased from tise and secure bids by the first of a few rounds of golf. The bankers \$35 to \$\$45 weekly. The salary of the June. convention began yesterday and police chief is raised to \$250 monthly, effective June 1st.

A number of other matters were

Play at Creswell Tomorrow Night

Creswell.-The Creswell senior Club will be presented in a concert class will present a three-act comedy, "A Little Clodhopper," Friday at 8 p.m., in the high school audi-o'clock, in the high school audi-In addition to the entire group, catchy, active comedy with dramatic torium. The play is described as a climaxes at the end of each act.

The cast of characters includes the following: Ray Liverman, as Setimus Green, a young book agent, full of pep; Harold Gibbs, as Ocey To the Editor of the Roanoke Bea- al service, buildings and equipment. ably distributed the members of the The program will include works Kump, a fresh country product; Ed-

small-town board-house keeper; Accompanists for the occasion will Bessie Lee Albertson, as Chairman

house There will be no admission charge | A full evening's entertainment is and the public is cordially invited to assured all who attend, and the public is cordially invited.

Ask \$70,000 Worth Of Bonds Be Sold

Hope To Be Able To Let Contract at Meeting Next Month

on the addition to the local school per cent on the deferred payments. building. All three members were present, Chairman L. E. Hassell, of and P. B. Belanga, of Creswell.

asking the county commissioners to make \$70,000 available from the money will be needed for the construction of four additional classrooms to the high school building here, for installation of new plumbing and heating plant for both build-Town Council Meet ing and heating plant for both buildings, and to take care of the \$7,000 purchase price of the lot for the new acres" subdivision.

W. F. Veasey, county superinten-Plymouth policemen will get a dent of public instruction, said it aise in salary on July 1st, but after was hoped to have everything ready Norman, architect, but they are ex-Effective July 1st, the pay of all pected to be here in time to adver-

The resolution passed Monday was presented to the county com- they believe a fairly good local team The council formally endorsed an missioners, also in session at that can be secured locally, and they Pulp Mill schedule: Typhoid vac-Chief of Police P. W. Brown put application by the Virginia Electric the best would like for all young men and cinations also will be given at the Power Company for permission the best method of proceeding to boys who would like to try out for pulp mill by Miss Carrie Roberson is to go to Raleigh to confer with lospecial meeting of the board later this month to report his findings.

Mr. Veasey said the present coal strike might delay compeltion of the due to freight embargoes. However, the school officials are going ahead to get everything ready as soon as possible. The rooms will be urgently needed this fall, when schoolreopens, since two additional teachers have been earned by enrollment

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ington County:

dated April 18, 1946.

destruction of county and commun-

County Board Here Is Threat to Industries Here

Four Tracts of Land Acquired by Foreclosure Are Sold

Washington County commissioners had another busy all-day session Monday of this week, remaining in session until nearly 6 o'clock in the afternoon. A large number of matters were disposed of, mostly of a routine nature, including requests for the state highway commission to take over maintenance of several roads and like matters.

tracts are known as the "Harry Top-ping land." Two were sold to E. T. Hartung for \$425, \$300 in cash prevention of typhoid. and the remainder payable January 1, 1947, with 5 per cent inter-

following justices of the peace in and places as follows: The Board passed a resolution Plymouth Township: W. T. Freeman, W. H. Peele, J. T. McNair, E. Ludford McNair, Mack W. Marrow ville bus stop; 11 a.m., Scuppernong bond issue voted early last fall. This and C. V. W. Ausbon. The reports are to be made to the county commissioners, and the clerk was or-

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Baseball Meeting

Everyone interested in Plymouth 9:30 a.m., Roper, at the community invited to attend a meeting at the union hall at 7:30 tomorrow (Friday) night. An enert will be made to organize an independent team at that time, if sufficient interest can be steamed up.

Sponsors of the meeting include filling station. P. W. Brown, A. L. Alexander, W. though they don't play themselves, health department office in Plyma team to attend.

Of Florist Business Here 3 to 5 p.m.

Announcement was made yesterday that Mrs. J. H. Newkirk had bought out the interest of Dubose Simpson in the Plymouth Floral Company and become sole owner work planned here, as it will be dif- and operator of the floral business ficult to get delivery of materials established here several months ago. The change in ownership became effective Tuesday.

Series of Typhoid Clinics Scheduled

To Be Held in All Sections By Nurse From District Health Department

A series of clinics for immuniza-All the board members were pres- tion against typhoid fever will be ent, H. H. Allen, chairman; A. R. held throughout the county, starting Latham, of Plymouth; J. C. Knowles, Monday, May 20, and continuing of Roper; Harry W. Pritchett and through June, it is announced this T. F. Davenport, of Scuppernong week by the district heaith department. The clinics, to be conducted The commissioners authorized the by Miss Margaret Berry, public ale of four tracts of land in the We- health nurse, will be held at 15 difnona section acquired through tax ferent points in the county at oneforeclosure proceeding. The four week intervals for three weeks, and

Those who received three doses of the vaccine last year or the year beest on the deferred balance. The fore are advised that one dose will At their regular meeting Mon- other two tracts went to A. G. Roe- be sufficient this year. After havday, members of the county board lofs for \$800, payable as follows: ing had three doses, it is advisable of education centered their efforts \$200 cash, \$200 January 1, 1947, and to take one dose each year afteron getting action as soon as possible \$400 January 1, 1948, interest at 5 wards to retain immunity. It is announced that there will be no ex-The clerk was instructed to re- tension of time this year, and everyquire monthly reports of cases tired, one is urged to start the first day, Roper, J. W. Norman, of Plymouth, fines and costs collected, from the according to the schedule of time

Mondays, May 20, 27 and June 3 9:30 a.m., at the "Y," or Skinnerschurch; 1:30 p.m., Creswell, at the health department clinic. Tuesdays, May 21, 28 and June 4:

30 a.m., Little Richwood, at Presbyterian church; 11 a.m., Macedonia, at schoolhouse Wednesdays, May 22, 29 and June 5: 9:30 a.m., Westover, at Dick Ches-

Here Friday Night | son's store; 10:30 a.m., Mackeys, at | Mr. Davenport's store. Thursdays, May 23, 30 and June 6:

having a baseball team this year is house; 11 a.m., at Tommy Tarkenton's store; 1 p.m., Cherry, at the white schoolhouse; 2 p.m., New Lands, at Spruill's store. Fridays, May 24, 31 and June 7

10 a.m., Long Ridge, at Mount Olive church; 1 p.m., Wenona, at Wenona

Saturdays, May 25 and June 1, B. Cox, Howard Gaylord, et als. Al- 9:30 a.m. until 12 o'clock noon, at outh.

at the first-aid station, starting May 20 and continuing through June 8, every day from 7:30 to 10 a.m., and

Auction Sale of Town Lots Will Be Held in Creswell

Twenty lots in the town of Creskirk will appreciate a continuation the "Dr. Hassell property." Col. F. on display. of the patronage accorded it. The M. Holtsinger will be auctioneer. business will be operated from the The lots are described as being suit-Newkirk home, and the telephone able for either business or resi- to-get items, Mr. Woolard said that dential purposes.

Bankers to Get Three Holidays For County Soon

May is a month of holidaysif you are a banker or bank employee. They come every 10 days, on May 10, 20 and 30, and banks in the state will observe all three of them. May 10th, tomorrow, is Confederate Memorial Day, May 20th commemorates the promulgation of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence—both state holidays
—and May 30th is National Me-

morial Day. Post office employees will get only one holiday, the 30th. State employees will get all three days. And if you are a run-of-the-mill employee of the ordinary business firm, May just has 31 more days, and only four of them are Sundays and four others pay days.

ABC store employees are different from all the above. They will get one holiday, but it's different from the rest. The liquor stores will be closed pri-mary day, May 25th.

120 Register Here For May Primary

There was a sudden increase this week in number registering to vote in the May 25 primary here, according to W. B. Cox, registrar for Plym- tions as long as possible, despite the outh precinct. Up to yesterday af- fact they will be unable to make ternoon the names of 120 new vot- any outgoing shipments by rail afers had been put on the Plymouth ter today. Ralph H. Bolster, manbooks. No reports are available as ager of the plant, said this morning to the registration in other precincts of the county.

by state board of election authorities that service men and women who registered under the absentee registration law during the war and there are others who do not realize that they will not be eligible unless they re-register.

The registration books will close at sundown Saturday of this week, May 11. The following Saturday, May 18, will be challenge day.

Woolard Furniture

Woolard, owner, that his new store, for use in this area. Customers are the W. J. Woolard Furniuture Company, will have its formal opening well will be offered for sale at auc- Saturday of this week, from 9 a.m. tion Wednesday morning of next to 9 p.m. He is extending a cordial week at 10 a.m. The property, invitation to the public to drop in owned by C. L. Barnes, includes 18 and get acquainted with him, at the lots at the old Creswell baseball same time viewing the large stock The new name of the firm will be lots at the old Creswell baseball same time viewing the large stock park and two other lots, known as of furniture and home furnishings Humber May Speak

many articles still are impossible to goods become available.

Candidate for House Outlines His Position on Current County Issues

> Mr. and Mrs. Woolard have bought a home on East Third Street and district politics, but is reported to moved here recently from Williams- have considerable strength in a numton, where he was associated with ber of the counties. Quite a numhis brother as general manager of ber of local people have read an arthe Woolard Furniture Company, ticle about him in the May issue of Prior to that time he was with the "The Reader's Digest." Entitled Bostic & Sugg Furniture Company "Grassroots Crusader," it very comin Greenville for a number of years. mendatory about his campaign in Mr. Woolard is sole owner of the various state legislatures in the in-

tion with any other firm.

Freight Embargoes Cut Wood Delivery

Voluntary Reduction in Use Of Power Requested by V. E. P. Officials

The continued strike by coal miners, which is threatening complete industrial paralysis throughout the nation, has not had any immediate local effects thus far. However, the effects will be noted after today, as embargoes on all rail freight shipments, except a few items considered most essential, become effective at midnight tonight.

An official of the North Carolina Pulp Company here said this morning that rail shipments of pulpwood to the plant here would cease after today. All wood billed for shipment prior to midnight tonight will be delivered, which means that rail shipments will continue to the plant for several more days, but no additional shipments can be made. Normally about 75 per cent of pulpwood used at the plant here is

handled by rail. Officials of the plant declined to speculate as to how long the local mill could continue to operate after rail shipments of pulpwood cease, but it is not believed to be much more than a week or so. Bad weaher during the winter halted opeations in the woods, and the stock of pulpwood on the mill yard has not been built up to normal since.

The Atlas Plywood Corporation has made plans to continue operathat arrangements had been made for shipping some of its products by Mr. Cox said he had been advised truck, some will be stored and other makeshift expedients used to keep the plant operating.

Ray H. Goodmon, district manager of the Virginia Electric & Powwho are now separated from the service will have to re-register in order to vote in the primary May 25. Several have already appeared here for registration, but doubtless untarily reduce consumption as much as received the trigger of the viginal bleether to what has prospect for this tea, although the paper have a registration as much as registration as registration as the second registration and the second registration are consumption as much as registration as the second registration and the second registration and the second registration are consumption as registration are consumption as registration and registration are consumption as the second registration are consumption as the second registration and registra much as possible during the emergency. Mr. Goodmon said he had just returned from Richmond, where drastic regulations have been put in effect for power users. All theatres, amusement places and the like in that state are being closed at

midnight tonight, and all stores,

commercial and business

at this time, he said.

ments are being limited to 24 hours use of power per week. Store Opens 11th Mr. Goodmon said that due to inter-connections with other power companies in the South, hydro-Announcement is made by Bill developed power is being purchased requested to cooperate during the emergency by cutting out nonessential use of current, but no compulsory rationing is in prospect

Although he is opening with a large stock, including many hard-

Robert Lee Humber, Greenville obtain at this time. Additions will attorney who is a candidate for the be made just as rapidly as more seat in Congress now held by Herbert Bonner, was in Plymouth for The new establishment is located a few hours last Friday in the inon East Main Street, just across the terest of his campaign. He met a railroad at the intersection of the number of local people, and it is highway leading to the Atlas Ply- understood made a tentative arwood Corporation plant. His store rangement for a political address at is the first to be built adjoining the the courthouse here Thursday of "Stillacres" residential subdivision. next week, May 16. He said that Construction was started several definite announcement about a months ago and just completed this speaking engagement here would be made early next week

Mr. Humber is a newcomer into business here, and it has no connectierest of a "world federation" resolution, of which he is author.

Herbert D. Lassiter Is Reelected Principal of Local High School nated at large. This candidate could

At a meeting of the local school committee Tuesday night, Herbert D. Lassiter was unanimously reelected principal of the Plymouth schools for the coming school year. It is understood he has accepted and that he will begin work immediately with the committee in securing teaching personnel and making other arrangements for operation of school here next year.

Mr. Lassiter is completing his first year as principal of the local schools. He came here in August of last year from Charlotte, where he was engaged in government work. A native of Northampton County, he is a graduate of Duke University and has had more than 10 years experience as principal of schools here and in Stokes County.

His work with the local schools is recognized as very satisfactory, and patrons of the school will be glad to learn he is returning. Members of the local school committee are A. Lloyd Owens, R. J. Frymier and C. W. Dinkins.

Long Queues at Store Here for Nylon Hose Sale Last Saturday

The hose sale advertised for last Saturday by the local Leder Brothers department store drew large crowds all day long. Lines began forming in front of the store more than an hour before the scheduled opening, and the queuing-up continued througout the day at various hours when

the sales were held. Originally, it was planned to sell only 240 pairs of hose, including nylons and 51-gauge rayon. However, Mr. Segerman, the manager, received an additional shipment of 100 pairs, which also were placed on sale, and even then many shoppers were disappointed. Mr. Segerman said later that additional supplies were being brought here from other stores and would be carried in stock regu-

During the crush at one of the morning sales, Mrs. Cecil Craft had her pocketbook, containing about \$5, stolen. Local police were called to assist in managing the crowds during the remainder of the day, and no further untoward incident was re-

It has recently come to my atten- board to all parts and sections of con and the People of Washtion that some person or persons the county. Then it makes it poshave stated that I am interested in sible for three commissioners to be I desire to submit to you a statement of my policies and my answers further consolidation of schools and nominated in one township and two to the several questions submitted bringing the Roper school to Plym- in another. This would leave two is further from the truth than that. tion on the board at all. I desire to I think that the three schools of state that I had nothing to do with Schools and Public Education Roper, Creswell and Plymouth as the passage of the 1945 act which I desire to state that I am now they are now located should remain districted the county for that purand have been all my life very defiin their present location. I would pose. If there is need for the disnitely opposed to the policy of comoppose any effort to remove any of tricting plan at all, I would suggest plete centralization of school management and control in the city of the schools of the county farther that each township be set up as a great effect in contributing to the

Raleigh. The policy has had a very from the people served by them. Roads and Highways The county seems to be pretty well taken care of, insofar as our tation on the board of commission ity pride in our schools. I am in favor of a state-financed system of main highways or trunk lines are ers, regardless of the size of voting schools and believe that financing of concerned, except the completion of strength of the township. I would the schools of the state should re- Highway No. 99. We have very good suggest that one candidate be nomi main a state responsibility. I am in reasons to believe that this importlegislation by the 1947 session of the of this year. Our farm-to-market General Assembly that would re- roads, however, have been very turn to the local and county school sorely neglected by the State Highofficials some portion of the man- way and Public Works Commission. agement and responsibilities of the I am very definitely in favor of the schools. If the state is to continue completion of this type of our roads to hold complete management and with some sort of all-weather surcontrol of the public school system, face. It will be my pleasure in the as it does at this time, then I am in future, as it has been in the past, favor of passing legislative mandates to work for the completion of our requiring the state to provide build- farm-to-market roads. Districting the County ings and equipment for the schools I desire to make it very clear that and to keep school property in a

state of good repair. As I see it, the present system of districting the ings in this township many years

there should be no cause whatso- county into districts for the nomi-

other county should be handicapped county commissioner is not at all

or hampered for lack of instruction- satisfactory to me. It does not equit-

favor of the passage of some sort of ant road will be complete by the end come from any one of the four districts or townships of the county. I suggest that an act be passed by the 1947 session of the General Assem bly correcting this condition. Community Center In the 1924 plan of reorganization and consolidation of the publicschool system of this county, it provided that a school should be erect ed in Skinnersville Township. This plan was later changed, and this school was eliminated. Since the passing of the public school build-

district and that one candidate be

would give each township represen

rominated from each district. This

ago, there has been no place in that ever why every child in this or any nation of candidates for the office of township to be and serve the people (See CANDIDATE, Page 6)