The old fire siren will continue during each work day in Plymouth, signalling the hours at which business houses in town will open and close, Carlyle Hall, president of the local Merchant's sociation, has stated. It was hought at one time that the siren might be stopped as the new alarm system will go into use on Sunday, but since most Plymouth residents are so used to the signals, the practice will be kept up.

W. F. Veasey, superintendent of schools, has reported that the State Board of Education will allow the maintenance of a colored high school in Creswell. County Education Board members, he said, may now complete plans for the construction of a new building for the school, hindered heretofore by reports that the State might consolidate the school with J. J. Clemmons School in Roper.

Federal and county offices in Plymouth as well as the local bank will observe a holiday this Friday which is Memorial Day. Federal offices to be closed here are the rent control, conservation service, post office, ABC Store, Triple-A office, and Farmers Home Administration. At one time, it was thought that the bank would not close since the holiday came so close to the end of the month, but to the relief of its employees, the day will be observed. Stores in town will not close.

Although several resignations have been received in the office of the superintendent of county schools, W. F. Veasey, he reports that so far all replies to reelection notices sent to teachers in the Plymouth district have been acceptances with one exception, Mrs. H. D. Lassiter, sixth grade acher in the Plymouth white elementary school.

Several electricians are expected to appear before the county board of education at its meeting here on Monday and submit bids for the wiring installation in the Railroad Effects Plymouth High School addition and renovation. Materials for the job have been on hand for several weeks but so far little success

had been encountered in obtaining workers for the project.

Miss of Carry in artifact the \$1 price for selling the most poppies in the Poppy Sale spensored by the Plymouth American Legion Auxiliary. Miss Clark took in a total of \$20 during the all-day sale. The award was made at the fried chicken supper given the Girl Scouts by Auxiliary members in the Legion Hall on Satur-

Due to a sharp increase in business and a shortage of helpers in the Elizabeth City Rent Control Office, Mrs. Sabrie Reid, chief clerk in the Washington County office in Plymouth, was since Mrs. Reid's services were required for only one day.

Delbert D. Allen, sanitarian for the Washington-Tyrrell Health Department, has been granted a 3-months leave of absence from his duties with the department in order to attend the School of Public Health of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Joyce Allen Has Mr. Allen will leave for Chapel Hill on June 9.

#### Grace Church Purchases New Rectory in Village

Church have purchased the home leg shortly after noon on Tuesof R. H. Reynolds at 68 Golf Road day of this week when she slipused as a Rectory for the new the front steps of her home here. deniable advantage" plan to apminister, the Rev. Edward M. Miss Allen was holding her Spruill, who takes up his duties sister's 6-months-old child in her here on Sunday, church officials arms at the time but the infant have announced. The house, they was, fortunately, unhurt. Treatsaid, will be repainted on the out- ment was given to the injured side and otherwise made ready girl at the Plymouth Clinic and for occupancy as soon as the Rev. she was removed to her home Mr. Spruill and Mrs. Spruill ar- Reports state that her condition

Setting Fire to House Sonny Moore, 55-year-old charge may bring the death

Freed on Charges of

Plymouth negro charged with penalty in North Carolina. arson in the burning of the home ored, in Plymouth last Sunday, curred in the early hours of last ter of Mrs. M. H. Boyd of Plymof Joe and Minnie Garrett, col- destroyed by the blaze which ocwas allowed nol pros with leave Sunday morning with damage be- outh will be among the 135 stuin county recorder's court here ing to the extent that cause of dents being graduated at Eastern

home stated that Moore had on one or two occasions previously threatened to "burn them out" asleen at the time the fire stated to burn the fire the fire stated to burn the fire the fi one or two occasions previously threatened to "burn them out," asleep at the time the fire started and on this basis brought the

The Garrett house was totally the fire has not yet been de- Carolina Teachers College in

charge. Court decisions indicated their possessions were lost. their possessions were lost. that this was insufficient evidence for finding probable cause of guilt of arson, conviction on which held without bond until Tuesday. The post of the American Legion. The post of the American Legion. Was prominent in many student their possessions were lost. Was prominent in many student their possessions were lost. Was prominent in many student their possessions were lost. Was prominent in many student the sale of Popples and did every the sale of Popp

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## Dug Up Here Recently

tion on the site of the Plymouth Furniture Company's new store building, last week-end, workmen discovered a 35-pound cannonball embedded in the lay near the rear wall of the foundation of a previous building on that spot, E. E. Harrell, store official, has reported. Mr. Harrell stated that the

not in so good condition as that uncovered by Mrs. C. E. Jones in her back yard last week, but that he hopes to clean it up a bit and put it on display shortly. He added that when workmen struck the object with their shovels they thought they had come upon a treasure chest and became quite excited at the

ning July 1

ing schedule has been made: the

the time for all driver license

holders, whose sur-name begin

for new licenses. Persons whose

the above letters cannot apply for

re-issuance of license in this

period, James T. Boyce, license

examiner for the State Highway

The period beginning January

1948 and ending on June 30

day of the licensee in the fourth

year following the year of is-

suance, and no license shall be

Plymouth has been approved by

the Civil Aeronautics Adminis-

Patrol, has announced

examination.

ball was badly corroded and

### All Auto Drivers To Be Examined

#### 748 Register For Election

Total registrations for the special election on the Plymouth City limits extension now stands at 748, according to reports from Mrs. Hermine Ramsey, registrar, who added that the number of Plymouth registrations had risen sharply dur-

ing the latter part of last week. Qualified voters from Country Club Village were reported as being slightly lax while almost the whole of Little Richwood turned out to register. The books closed on Saturday while next Saturday will be challenge day. Only those who have been registered in the past 2 weeks will be allowed to vote

### Complete Change Passenger Policy will be notified by press releases at the proper time as to when

To Set Up Program of Improved Service, Main- under the 1947 Safety Act shall taining Old Schedule; automatically expire on the birthto Install Diesels

A complete change of policy afvice of the Norfolk Southern Rail- expiration of his license until ecting the passenger train serroad for Washington County and other communities served by the company has been announced fol- Everyone will get a complete

Immediately following the reorganization, the new chairman, called to assist the Elizabeth City York, announce that the Nor-Patrick B. McGinnis, of New a program of improved passenger passenger service between Nor-tor's license from \$1 to \$2 folk and Raleigh which the former officials had stated would be necessary for the company to con-

(See RAILROAD, Page 10)

## Left Leg Broken the Civil Aeronautics Administration as the site of one of the

Joyce Allen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton E. Allen, of under its \$500,000,000 municipal Vestrymen of Grace Episcopal Plymouth, suffered a broken left airport appropriation.

#### funds would be provided by the held this spring. town and area serviced. Iris White Graduating From ECTC Monday

on Monday.

Miss Iris Elaine White, daugh Greenville on June 2, it has been be held at the Community Build- Scouts, was entertained at a sery department; Mrs. Cecil Car-

#### Town and County Boards to Meet Here on Monday

Board of Education Has Extra Heavy Schedule; County Commissioners to Draw July Jurymen

County and town governing odies will conduct their regular monthly meetings here next Monlay, with the County Board of Education having the heaviest ousiness schedule of the three roups meeting at that time.

They will consider the board's judget and discuss means and nethods of financing the construction of the county schoolous garage as well as deciding the date for beginning construction of the new colored high Reexaminations for Motor school at Creswell. A full esti-Vehicle Permits to Be mate of the coast of the school Held by Boyce Begin- contractors at that time. Other ousiness includes minor administrative details.

The county commissioners, will In accordance with the law draw the jury for the July term passed by the 1947 General Asof superior court and consider sembly of North Carolina requirseveral small matters, while the ing the re-issuance of motor vehicle driver licenses, the follow- Plymouth town council will study problems connected with the city improvements program now unperiod beginning July 1, 1947, and ending on December 31, 1947, is

The board of education and the ounty commissioners will meet with the letters A or B to apply the Municipal Building at 8 p. m. names do not begin with one of

## Hold Last Rites

Last rites were held from the 1948, will be the time for all Piney Grove Baptist Church last operators whose sur-names begin Thursday afternoon for Mrs. W. with either of the letters C or D B. Barber, 59, of the Pea Ridge to apply for re-issuance of licensection, who died at the home of All motor vehicle drivers her daughter, Mrs. Paul Gurganwhose sur-names begin with a letter other than A, B, C or D us, in Plymouth on Wednesday of last week, at 6:15 p. m., following an illness of two weeks. The Rev. Joe Miller of New Bern, asthey should appear for the resisted by the Rev. G. C. Bland and the Rev. T. F. Davenport, of-The operator's license issued ficiated at the funeral services. Interment was made in the Piney Grove Cemetery.

Mrs. Barber who is a native of issued to any operator after the

Survivors include her husband, lowing a re-organization of the examination. The examination is W. B. Barber; two sons, Gilbert board of directors in Norfolk last made up of four parts. These Spruill and Clarence Barber, the solution of the parts are an eye test, highway both of Great Bridge, Va.; four notice suspend 1947 ACP sign up. sign test, driving rules test, road daughters, Mrs. Paul Gurganus, of Plymouth, Mrs. R. B. Cooke Previous practices governing Mrs. Caleb Wilson, and Mrs. A. the issuance and use of Learners L. Daughtrey, all of Great Bridge; unit on Tuesday of this week. The folk Southern would inaugurate Permits will not be changed. The one brother, Joe Wynn, of Roper; only change that will occur with one half-brother, Warren Davenand express service, forestalling respect to fees charged will be the port of Portsmouth, Va.; five the proposed discontinuance of increase in the cost of an opera- sisters. Mrs. Dora Hardison and Mrs. Elsie Norman, both of Plymouth, Mrs. Myrtle Hettrick, of Elizabeth City, Mrs. Sadie Miller, City Approved by of Great Bridge, and Mrs. Lillian Morris, of Norfolk, Va.

#### CAA for Airport **Area Commission** To Be Appointed

new muicipal airports being spon-Notice has been given by W. M. sored by the federal government Darden, clerk of superior court, titude toward the measure. that three commissioners for the new Scuppernong Drainage District in Washington County will Negro Child Hit Local groups who are interested in seeing the town secure what be appointed by him at the counin Country Club Village to be ped and fell while standing on has been termed by them "an unnotice requested that all persons proach town and county governinterested appear there at that ing boards at the scheduled meet-

ings of these groups in Plymouth Mr. Darden stated that the appointment is being made on peti-Provision in the federal act tion of several landowners in the would provide funds for 25 per drainage district.

ing a hangar which would be provisions for a drainage district built by the field operator and being set up there by a measure Plymouth Clinic and given treat-Friday, June 13, the Rev. T. R.

Following their appointment, discuss source of funds for the making of an engineer's survey

#### Square Dance on Friday

A square and round dance will

All operators of peanut pickers, threshing machines, and combines in Washington County are required to secure operation permits before the new threshing season begins, J. Robert Campbell, county register of deeds, has announced.

Mr. Campbell stated that prompt action is advisable in obtaining the permits and records which are now available in the register of deeds office in the county courthouse in Plymouth. He stated further that no charge is made for the service.

#### County Triple-A Office to Cancel Material Orders

Wire to County Secretary Gives Stop Action on Basis of Threatened AAA Funds Cut

Washington County Triple-A officials have received notice to issue no more purchase orders for conservation material and services until further notice and in the courthouse at 10 a.m. while to cancel purchase orders in the he town council will confer in hands of farmers on work which has not been begun and on which delivery has not been made, Miss Miriam Ausbon, county AAA secetary, has announced.

Miss Ausbon stated that the For Mrs. Barber Miss Ausbon stated that the order was given on the basis of reports from Washington, D. C. where the Department of Agriculture Appropriation Bill was reported as reducing AAA funds by almost half.

Text of the telegram received by Miss Ausbon is as follows: proprietion bill reported today by "Department of agriculture apportoriation committee re-decompropriation for conser-vation and use from \$301,720,000

to \$165,614,290. Consolidated acoffice for all appropriations reduced from \$12,855.607 to \$4,037,-779. For county offices from Church. She was married first and services. Cancel purchase to Claude Spruill who died in orders in hands of farmers and 1919 and was married again to vendors on which work has not vendors on which work has not been started in the case of services and on which delivery has notice suspend 1947 ACP sign-up suspend substitution of practices on farm plans, and issue no further notice of minimum assistance for farm allowances. Farmers the Memorial Day Poppy Sale in

> immediately. "Signed: G. T. Scott State Director Production and Marketing of the local organization. Administration."

Miss Ausbon stated that county farmers should be informed distributors had met with gene of the cut in 1947 payments and rous cooperation from all persons the elimination of the 1948 pro- and expressed appreciation on begram. The report of the House half of the Auxiliary for all con- section but a slight delay has ed that all county farm operators sional representative, Herbert to the cause. Bonner, in regard to their at-

## By Auto Tuesday

A small colored girl, about 4 and one-half years old, suffered a severe cut on the right leg and minor head injuries when she ran into the path of the cent of the purchase price of a The area which lies between Fenerell Waters of Plymouth near Chevrolet coach driven by Mrs suitable tract of land and 50 per Creswell and the eastern shore of the Plymouth Re-capping place cent of construction costs of all Lake Phelps is composed of some on Highway 64 around 7:15 Tues-other necessary facilities excludday evening.

ment and then carried to her Jenkins, pastor of the church, has home by Police Officer Foy Davenport. Reports indicate that the three-man commission will the little girl is not in a serious condition. Officer Davenport stated that no charges had been preferred.

#### Girl Scouts Assist in Poppy Sale Saturday

### Thresh Permits More Than 700 Registered Now Available For Election Tuesday on Extension of City Limits

#### **Firemen Put Out Fire** At City Dump 5th Time

Plymouth's city dump-pile caught fire again last Wednesday, much to the disgust of the local fire department who state that they have had to put it out four or five times in the past few months and the monotony is getting them down. Wednesday's blaze was a bit worse than usual, Chief Miller pile had been ignited and the flames were dangerously close to a building. Firemen arrived in time to put out the fire, however, so no damage resulted.

The dump-pile still continues to smoulder ,the chief said, and will probably always do so "disintegrating material generates heat and causes spon-

#### Start Use of New Fire Alarm System June 1

Home Owners Not Notified Are Requested to Get in Touch With Department Chief

Cards giving designated fire zone numbers of individual home owners are being delivered to all residents of Plymouth by members of the city fire department, Fire Chief Miller Warren has announced.

He added that home owners who do not receive notification of their zone numbers by Sunday should contact him is soon as possible in order that the number may be given them. The cooperation of all residents of the town has been requested in this mat-

Beginning this Sunday, June 1, all calls to the Plymouth Fire Department will be given over the new horn alarm system. Warren stated. The alarm system, he count for Washington and state said, is considered by safety experts to be one of the most efficient and fool-proof yet design ed. The chief pointed out that Washington County, was a member of the Scuppernong Christian ber of the Scuppernong Christian

#### Auxiliary Makes \$198 on Poppies

Money taken in by the mem bers of the Plymouth American Legion Auxiliary who conducted should be notified of these facts Plymouth last Saturday totaled \$198.18, according to a statement from Mrs. W. C. Jones, president gress made in the laying of sewer

Mrs. J. B. Carlisle, sales chairman, remarked that the poppy ficials. Agricultural Committee is up for tributions made toward the poppy iscussion, she said, and suggest- fund. Mrs. Carisle stated that the sent ditching machine is not large largest donation was made by ommunicate with their Congres- Mayor A. J. Riddle who gave \$20 Another machine, which is now

Money taken in from the sale, she said, would be spent for the and convalescents' homes.

#### Church Vacation School Scheduled

The Methodist Church of Plym outh will conduct a one-week vacation church school beginning on Friday of next week, June 9. announced.

Hours will be from 9:30 a. m. schedule being divided into acbeen invited to attend.

#### Administration Office Moves

Office headquarters of the Washington-Tyrrell district of the Farmers Home Administration will be moved Monday from its present location to the space in the county courthouse basement, formerly occupied by the Plymouth branch of the State Employment Service, Willis Bowen, Supervisor of the district, has announced.

The employment office will be closed out in Washington County on Saturday while the FHA will take over its office space immediately. Hours for the FHA will remain & a. m. to 5 p. m. Mondays

#### Laying of Sewer Pipe Lines Begun Here on Tuesday would be to secure a higher tax value on the town enabling the

Project in Plymouth by Middle of June so that new homes, which are actually needed by the town may be built. Election on the bond issue would be held 4 months

All water mains in the Red after the city limits election if it Hill, Wilson Street extension and is carried. Stillacres-in-Plymouth districts have been installed and the water turned on, and considerable propipes in the Red Hill and Stillacres section of Plymouth, according to reports from town of-

Around 550 feet of sewer pipe have been laid in the Red Hill been encountered since the preenough to cut through the hill. Farm in Wenona this morning on its way here, has been ordered put to work by engineers.

Auxiliary's child welfare work acres-in-Plymouth was begun on arrived. The family lost all their and for the relief of permanently Tuesday of this week at which possessions with the exception of disabled veterans of both World time around 300 feet of pipe was a new stove which was sitting on Wars. The poppies were made laid, it was stated. By Wednes- their front porch. Several other by disabled veterans in hospitals day about 800 feet had been laid homes, including the residence of ing proper drainage.

If Election Carried, Town Would Include 2 Mill Villages, 2 Factories, and Stillacres

All qualified voters in Plymuth, Little Richwood and Counry Club Villages, and Stillacres who have registered for the special election being held in the ounty courthouse here next Tuesday will choose at that time whether or not the corporate imits of the Town of Plymouth shall be extended to include the two villages, Stillacres and severl other small portions of terri-

Courthouse polls will open at 3:30 a. m. and close at 6:30 p. m. while only those registering for the election will be allowed to vite. No absentee ballots will be permitted. Judges of election are W. L. Hassell and W. R. Manning, r., Mrs. Hermine Ramsey is registrar. Ballots will have two spaces, one marked "for election" and the other marked "against election." If the ballot is torn, defaced, or wrongly marked, voters are to turn in the damaged ticket and will be given another. Books for the special registra-

tion were opened by Mrs. Ramsey on May 5 and closed on May 24. A total of 748 qualified voters registered in that period. Saturday of this week has been designated challenge day. If the election is carried, the

city limits of Plymouth will extend beyond their present bounds on Highway 64, in the west, to Welch Creek and to the Roanoke River, running down the river to a point on the northern corner of the Old Hampton Farm, bending southward and conting point just beyond tension which will include two

factory plants, Atlas Plywood Corporation and the American Fork and Hoe Company. Town officials who are sponsoring the election state that the purpose of the proposed extension floating of a bond issue and thereby providing funds for a program Contractors Expect to of city service improvements, Complete Water-Sewer such as sewer and water mains,

> When the proposition of an ex-(See ELECTION, Page 10)

#### Wenona Dwelling **Burned Thursday**

Fire originating from an exploding oil-stove totally destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar B. Carter at the Carolina around 6:15 o'clock

The Plymouth Fire Department was summoned, but the house Work on sewer lines in Still- was almost destroyed when they in that area. The outlet for the the farm's manager, were located Stillacres sewer will be run to dangerously near the burning the Roanoke River since engi- home but flames were prevented neers have reported to the town from reaching the other dwellings council that such a course is the The Carters have three childonly one which will give an ren. No one was injured in the adequate drop to the pipe, insur- fire. Estimate of the damage done was not available.

#### Additional Teacher Alloted Local School

until 11:30 a. m. with each day's th, has been alloted to the white board of education. schedule being divided into activity, recreational, and worship elementary school in Plymouth teacher each, he said, are the periods, he said. All children be- by the State Board of Education, Morattock School in Plymouth tween the ages of 2 and 15 have while one colored teacher has district, Macedonia School in the been lost by each of the three Roper district, and the Cherry School personnel will be as fol-school districts in Washington School in the Creswell district.

Another teacher, the seventeen-remployed is up to the country

Colored schools losing one Troop No. 1 Plymouth Girl lows: Mrs. Harry Garrett, nur-lows: Mrs. Cecil Car-loudy, W. F. Veasey, superindent stated, was a drop in the at-

tendance in those schools.