The new roof for the Creswell High School auditorium has been Foundations Poured and completed, according to reports from county school officials, although repairs are being continued on the roofing over the main section of the building. Repainting of the exterior of the school building is expected to be completed this week, they said.

the regular-bowl-type fixtures.

of a woman's auxiliary to the lostate representative can be se- day. cured to give assistance in the held within the next 30 days.

The stoplights and the proper amount of wiring necessary for their installation have been received, Mayor Archie J. Riddle has stated, but it doesn't seem as though the signals will be erected in the very near future. The reason given by the mayor for the delay was simple and to the point: there is a regrettable insufficient amount of money in the town till so the the project. traffic lights must wait.

cationing. Mr. Clark formerly pointed out. was cashier of a bank in Roper.

be used in all post rituals and new buses into the workshop parades. Both flags are of silkfinished material and were purchased at a cost of \$300, he said. Second Dragline Caps and rifles ordered by the organization have not been delivered as yet.

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Archie Modlin Is

the Williamston highway, near a out of Arlington, Va. drive-in barbecue stand, Saturday around 8 p.m.

ment by Dr. Claudius McGowan, of Plymouth, his injuries necessia tating nine stitches in the scalp and three in the lower lip. The front wheel of the motor bike was completely destroyed, although no damage was done to the automobile.

No charges have been preferred, both men concerned preferring to settle the affair out of

M. W. Spruill Is Named

ed by the board of directors of were that the site afforded adethe Plymouth Rotary Club to quate water supply and fire proserve as secretary-treasurer for tection, Mr. Baer stated. the local organization, filling the The business had been located vacancy left by the resignation of in the Creswell section since

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Work Started on For School Buses

Wall Construction Is Begun; Plan To Finish Job in November

Construction on the new county school-bus garage was begun last Friday, when concrete foundations for the structure were Completion of the organization poured, with erection of the brick sidewalls beginning on Monday, cal Veterans of Foreign Wars Roy F. Lowry, county superinpost has been postponed until a tended of schools, stated yester-

The new building, located on matter, officials here stated this Adams Street, is expected to be The organization meeting, completed and ready for use it was stated, would probably be within the next three months, or sometime in November, Mr. Lowry said. Most of the materials necessary to the building of the garage are now on hand, a load of concrete blocks being delivered Tuesday, the superintendent

E. W. Faucette, general contractor for construction of the Plymouth High School's new classrooms, will also supervise the garage construction. Approximately 15 men are employed on

Commenting further on the county's school-bus set-up, Mr. Mrs. Ben Clark and daugh- Lowry said that an additional ters. Misses Carrie Lee and Wil- three buses will be delivered for ma Clark, former residents of use by the schools after classes Roper and now living in Chester, begin in September. Five new Va., visited friends in Plymouth buses were put into use in the last Monday. The Clarks left the county during the 1946-47 school county some 25 years ago and year, he stated, and the additionwere passing through town en al three will make a total of eight route to Chester from Morehead new buses. All are of the new City, where they had been va- and larger Chevrolet design, he

The increased size of the buses was one of the prime factors in The post and national colors making it necessary to build a recently ordered by the Plym- larger garage for servicing the outh VFW have arrived, Com- vehicles, since the roof of the old mander W. S. Davenport stated building was not high enough to this week, adding that they will provide clearance for taking th

Put in Operation

A. M., of Plymouth, has replaced been brought into Washington Snell, who reported that the selected from the governing schools had been employed its Masonic emblem neon sign County and is being used to level moonshine factory was located bodies of Roper, Creswell, and Plymouth has five drivers and over the entrance to the meet-spoil banks on the farm of Hoyt about 100 yards from the Ameri-Plymouth as well as from the Roper six. ing hall. The sign was hung Davenport, near Creswell, Don- can Fork & Hoe property on various departments of the counthere several weeks ago, but it ald B. Jones, county soil conser- West Water Street. was discovered that the design vationist, announced this week. was entirely out of proportion, Mr. Jones said that the second ing to approximately 100 gallons, bers to the Hospital Committee Lowry on Wednesday at which formances of the "Lost Colony" so the whole thing was shipped machine may be moved to Tyr- were dumped out and the still are the North Carolina Pulp Co., time the same subjects and an-symphonic drama, Local Sea no further ditching projects are was absent when Mr. Basnight Lumber Company.

ned up for it in this county.

farm in the Long Acre section, vestigated. Hurt in Accident he said, where show here due Modlin, resident of there, the machine will be moved side the Plymouth city limits. Plymouth, sustained severe scalp to the farm of N. H. Harrison and facial lacerations and other in the same section, where apbicycle which he was riding col- will be excavated. The Long lided with the Chevrolet auto- Acre dragline is managed by a mobile driven by a Mr. Stillman, Raleigh concern, he said, while white resident of Creswell, on the Creswell machine operates

my around 8 p.m. Mr. Modlin was given treat- Will Move Halsey

Halsey Hardwood Company, of near Creswell, will move its plant to Edenton in the near future, according to an announcement made last week by Richard of Jamesville, came to Plymouth P. Baer, II, president of the concern, who has signed a 20-year lease on 21 acres of land in the would be a public affair. W. T Chowan capital.

The plant was recently damaged by fire, which necessitated persuaded them, however, to al-To Position in Rotary rebuilding practically the entire outfit. Determining factors in ceremony over the radio program N. W. Spruill has been appoint- moving the business to Edenton

County Still Sweating In Record Heat Wave

Plymouth and the county in general still swelters in the hottest spell of weather seen this year, local thermometers registering temperatures beyond the 100 mark for the past ten days, and with no prospect of cooler weather anytime in the near future, according to

State reports yesterday. Several heavy rain storms gave temporary relief to some sections of the county last week end, but most were of too brief duration to do more than raise the humidity which, of course, made things just that much more uncomfortable.

Meanwhile, in an effort to endure the heat if not overcome it, local citizens are heading for the beaches, or backyards according to taste and pocketbook, or are flocking to the local drugstores and sitting in the cool wash of the electric fans, all of which are going full tilt.

Continue Wednesday Garage Building Closing Rest of Month

The operators and employees of Plymouth business houses will continue their Wednesday afternoon holidays through the rest of this month, instead of bringing them to an end after the opening of the Bright Leaf tobacco markets, as has been

It has been announced that

the half-holidays would be discontinued after next Monday, which will mark the opening of the tobacco markets in this section. Research into the minutes of the Plymouth Merchants Association, sponsors of the Wednesday closings, revealed that the mid-week holidays will continue through the rest of

All Civic Groups in plate at a meeting of the County Superintendent, Roy F. Lowry County Are Asked to Help Hospital Drive

Farmers Asked Report Fires

All farmers in Washington County have been asked to cooperate with the State Extension Service in its study of tobacco-barn losses through fire by reporting all such fires to the farm agent. Details as to size, type of curer, and other information should be included in the report.

To date, only three barns are reported to have been been destroyed by fire in Washington County this season, all of them in the Roper section and two of the oil-burning type. The Extension Service is making the survey in an effort to reduced tobacco barn fire losses in the state.

Whisky Still Is

ABC Enforcement Officer L. L. schools. A second dragline machine has Basnight and his assistant, Clyde

Mr. Snell called, but re-

Mr. Basnight said that this was of new ditches have been dug, the first still he had seen in a the Farm Bureau and the Roper Upon completion of the work good while that was located in- Ruritan Club will be requested to

and facial lacerations and other in the same section, where apminor injuries when the motor proximately 2 miles of new ditch Couple Is Married all doctors, E. O. Arnold, Corbett Lester Sandy of Plymouth, who was born and died in a Washing-On Radio Program

many persons have appeared on the next meeting and to explain Mr. and Mrs. Garney Bateman, well 4-H Club left here Monday first time in Washington County, for the meeting will be set. the marriage of a couple was broadcast.

William John Knox and An-nie Marie Modlin, both residents last Saturday to be married, but had no idea that the ceremony Freeman, justice of the peace who performed the ceremony low him to read the marriage broadcast from here each Saturday.

The young couple, reluctant at ding presents in the form of

Immediately after the ceremony, the newlyweds left for a honeymoon in South Carolina. The marriage was witnessed by company and was a member of a large crowd which gathered to hear the broadcast and by the Ludford Memorial Baptist bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Church. He is a native of Farm-Modlin, of Jamesville.

VFW To Hold Meeting In Courthouse Tonight

erans of Foreign Wars will have and five sisters, Mrs. Margaret a regular meeting in the court- Burnett of Baltimore, Md.: Mrs. room of the county courthouse A. A. Stewart of Portsmouth, Va., tonight at 8 o'clock, Post Com- Mrs. Boyd Parker of Wilmington, mander W. S. Davenport stated Miss Sue Gay of Wilmington, and Monday. He requests all mem- Mrs. Haywood Butler of Norfolk, bers to attend.

Monday Night

The eight members of the steer- the 20-cent charges. ng committee recently chosen to The amount of reimbursement all civic, business and religious lina was reduced by more than groups in the county to become half which necessitated the retee whose work with the pro- ments to a maximum of five cents gram would consist of securing per plate and made an increase the interest and cooperation in in charges necessary. every way of the entire populataing a much-needed hospital for Tuesday was the raising of highthis section.

organizations and request the ap- of labor and material in the manthe committee. Groups to be con- plained. tacted include such county-wide Seized in Town Clubs, the Parent-Teacher Assortiuesday session, Hal L. Furr, ciations, the American Legion principal of the Creswell School, A small but well-equipped groups, the American Legion quota allowed the Creswell secwhisky still was discovered and Auxiliary, all churches, the Merdestroyed within the Plymouth chants Associations, the home Principals J. S. Fleming and R. city limits last Friday by County demonstration clubs, and all B. Forbes of the Plymouth and

Two barrels of mash, amount- will be requested to name mem-

Civic organizations The other dragline is currently ports as to the identity of the Lions and Rotary Clubs, and the runeral Service at work on the Walter Bowen man or men are now being in- Masonic Order and Eastern Star will be contacted.

Farming organizations such as send delegates as will the unions in the county's industries.

Members at large will include venport, Carl Heynen, Z. V. Nor- ton hospital on Thursday. The man, and John Darden.

radio program was inaugurated for a Hospital Program repre- vice. here several weeks ago, a great sentative from Raleigh to attend it, but last Saturday's perform- the program. As soon as the ar- maternal grandparents; Mrs. Ella for Raleigh where Miss Ambrose ance was unusual in that for the rangements are completed, date Bateman, At the recent meeting of the father.

(See HOSPITAL, Page 8)

Kelly Gay Dies Suddenly Today

the services. Interment will be tised, they stated. al and were rewarded with wedcredit vouchers at several local verance Lodge AF & AM will be stores which are sponsors of the active pallbearers and North Carolina Pulp Company electricians honorary pallbearers. Mr. Gay was employed in the

electrical department of the pulp the local Masonic Lodge and of ville and the foster-son of the late Jesse and Laura Gay. He had lived in Plymouth for the past

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mary Fowler Gay, and son, The Plymouth post of the Vet- Bill Duke Gay, both of the home:

Slash in Federal Fund Allocations

rooms during the coming schoolyear were placed at 20 cents per plate at a meeting of the County and principals of the county's schools held in the courthouse on

crease of five cents per plate be yond the amount charged for the school lunches during most of the 1946-1947 school term, it was the state-approved blueprints for Tentative Plans Made for was made around the middle of school at Creswell will be to County-Wide Organi- March and county school offi- place the boiler room on the zation Made at Meeting cials, considering the sharp re-duction of federal reimburse- and administrative office, Roy F. ments in the school-lunch pro- Lowry, superintendent of Washgram, deemed it wise to continue ington County schools, stated this

curing a hospital for Washing- through the State agency, durmembers of a Hospital Commit- duction of per plate reimburse-

Another charges increase antion of Washington County in ob- nounced to the principals on school book-rental fees from Members of the present steer- \$2.40 to \$3. This action was made ing committee will contact the necessary by the increased cost pointment of a representative to ufacture of the books, it was ex-

Bus drivers and routes were alorganizations as the Women's so discussed by the group at the Clubs, the Parent-Teacher Asso- Tuesday session, Hal L. Furr, and Veterans of Foreign Wars revealing that the nine-driver tion had not yet been filled Roper Schools stated that all the Representatives will also be drivers allowed their respective

A meeting of the principals of

last Thursday at 4 p. m. for the Hopkins, guest. infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Swain, Harry Barnes, Hubert Da. was born and died in a Washing-Rev. E. B. Quick, pastor of the At present, the steering com- First Christian Church of Plymmittee is making arrangements outh officiated at the funeral ser-

Survivors include the parents;

Duel in Sun" To Be Seen Here Next Week

The management of the Plymouth Theatre has announced that a program change has been ef-Funeral services will be held fected for the picture to be shown held from Horner's Funeral next Thursday and Friday. "Duel Home tomorrow at 2 p. m. for in the Sun," heralded as one of W. Arthur Gay, 46, of Plymouth, the most outstanding motion picwho died suddenly at his home tures of the year will be shown here today at 6 a. m. The Rev. at that time instead of "Wake Up Cost of Library Work P. B. Nickens will officiate at and Dream," as had been adver-

Third Barn Is **Burned Friday**

barn fire in Washington County this year occurred on the farm of Joe Nowarah, near Roper, last Friday about 4 p.m., it was reported Monday. The fire, which started from an undetermined origin, was discov--ered only after it was well underway. The barn was equipped with a stoker-type curing unit. The amount of the loss has not yet been estimated.

The other two curing barn losses also occurred in the Roper section, one barn belonging to L. S. Brey and the other to

School Lunches in Tobacco Markets in Belt County Will Cost 20 Cents This Year Will Start Sales Monday. New Charge Is Higher County Crop Little Late

Only One Change Prices set on lunches to be served school children in Wash-Is Made in Plans

Will Place Boiler Room On Ground Level; Bids Will Be Called for in Near Future

The sole change to be made in

The original plans called for investigate the possibilities of se- paid by the federal government, placing the boiler room in the basement of the building, he said. ton County under the State's ing the 1946-1947 year was nine but a consultation with Richmond medical care program met in the cents per plate. However, the architects had shown that instalcounty courthouse on Monday allocation of funds, under the lation of the heating unit on the and selected representatives of lunch program, to North Caro- same level with the classrooms would prove more convenient and less expensive.

The next step, Mr. Lowry said, would be to complete specificaions for the structure, after ontract is awarded.

pal's office, lunch room, library, mentioned. and auditorium. It will be loof education for that purpose.

See 'Lost Colony'

ty government. Industries which the colored schools in Washing- here last Saturday at 6 a. m. for time, cannery officials say, 22,ton County was held with Mr. Manteo where they attended per-

Those who took the trip and attended the pageant were Jun-Lyle, Wendell Ange, and Alvin Held for Infant Owens, all apprentices; Horace Ange, ordinary; Jimmie Barnhill, cabin boy; E. W. Smithwick, Graveside services were con- mate; Joe Vail, mate; D. Alban lucted in the Bateman Cemetery Papineau, skipper; and W. T.

County Delegates At 4-H Festival

Misses Jean Stillman and Dot Ambrose, members of the Cresgreat - grandmother; will represent Washington Counand R. A. Turner, great-grand- ty in the Health Pageant which will be held tonight in Riddick Stadium, on State College campus, as a feature of the North Carolina 4-H Club Week being celebrated there this week.

All county 4-H Health kings and queens from the State will take part in the pageant.

A special bus was chartered to fort, and Pitt Counties.

In County Over \$2,000

In her annual report to the State Library Commission, Mrs. H. G. Harris, Washington County librarian, stated that cost of operating the county library here during the 1946-47 fiscal year was \$2,723.30. Of this amount, \$1,933 was contributed by the State, \$600 by the county and \$360 by the Town of Plymouth. Total number of books lent for home use during the period, she added, was 13.191.

Local Legion Post To. Hold Meeting Friday

The James E. Jethro Post of the American Legion will hold its regularly scheduled meeting this Friday at 8 p.m. in the Legion Hall in Plymouth, Post Commander W. Ronald Gaylord has announced. He requests all members to be present for the ses-

Hours Fixed for **County Schools**

Principals of the white schools in Washington County set the daily opening and closing times for the class schedules at a meeting held with the County Superintendent, R. F. Lowry, here Tuesday morning.

The Plymouth Schools will begin the daily work at 8:45 a. m. and will stop at 3:15 p. m. The Roper and Creswell Schools, both adopting the same schedules, will "take in" at 8:30 a. m. and end classes at

It was emphasized that the schedules are tentative and may be changed as necessary. If changes are made, however, they will be minor ones, it was pointed out.

Cannery in Roper Announces Hours

The Roper Community Can-pletion in the next few weeks, which bids for the job will be nery will be open from 9 a. m. however allowing the selling of solicited. Construction is to be- until 12 noon all of next week, Washington County tobacco to gin as soon as possible after the starting Monday morning, offi- reach its peak. cials in charge of the concern The building will be construct- have announced. They added that ty will journey as far as G eened of concrete blocks and will the cannery will accept food for ville, Kinston, or Wilson to sell contain eight classrooms, princi- processing only during the hours their product, but the greater

ated on the new 15-acre site re- 271 cans of meats and vegetables ersonville warehouses. ently purchased by the board were processed which included the preserving of corn, string tobacco in Washington County Mr. Lowry said present plans beans, lima beans, squash, toma- falls somewhat short of the realled for the building to be com- toes, and field peas as well as cord-breaking yield per acre

start of the 1948-49 school year. Local Sed Scouts Local Sed Scouts Local Sed Scouts The corporate was organized and plentings although an abundance of the winter months or last year. The corporate was organized and plentings although an abundance of the contrary, also anticipate the compiler of the contrary, also anticipate the compiler of the contrary, also anticipate the compiler of the contrary. Spring which necessitated recommendation of the contrary of the composition of the contrary of the co

put in operation in July 1945 for of rainfall in June and July was the preservation and conserva- invaluable in helping the crop Ten members of the Plymouth tion of food for families in the catch up to its usual schedule. Sea Scout Ship Albemarle left Roper community. Since that Viewed as a whole, indications 192 cans of fruits, vegetables, and most record-breaking crop in the meats have been processed there. Bright Belt, second only, to the

tion of Plymouth have been as- Belt opens on Sepfember 15. sured that the city garbage col- Selling rate will be 400 baskets lectors will make the rounds of per hour for each set of buyers that area next week to collect and the maximum weight of each and haul away refuse, Plymouth basket 250 pounds. city officials have stated.

in the process of being put up in cured tobacco to average 40 cents his new home.

ing in the new residential dis- ated in the Bright Belt, but this trict have had to haul their own year, the number of floors is exgarbage and dump it "some- pected to top the 100 mark. where" or pour kerosene over the stuff and burn it. Town of- Revival Will Close at ficials, however, have said that these desperate steps will no longer be necessary.

onvey the 4-H representatives Charles Gagneaux Visits Christ on the old Plymouthfrom Washington, Hyde, Beau- Airplane Base in Florida Mackeys road, services will be

> visited the Naval Air Station at evangelist. Ange and George E. Lyle, all of all members and friends of the

Small Amount of Weed From This County Expected To Be Offered At Opening Auctioning of tobacco moves

nto the Bright Leaf Belt next Monday when the 15 markets in the flue-cured leaf section of the State begin their first sales of the season. Reports from Border markets and from the warehouses in Georgia and Florida, however, indicate that prices paid per pound this season will fall short of last year's 50 cent opening average, average prices being paid in those markets earlier this week running between 40 and 44 cents per pound.

Most of Washington County's

farmers are looking forward to opening day with keen interest nevertheless since tobacco is the major cash crop produced in this section and will bring in greater portion of their 1947 in-

county is a bit late this year so n all probability but little of it vill be taken to market for the pening sales. Curing operations the county are expected to be well on their way toward com-

Some few growers in this counnumber will patronize the Wil-In the past year, they said, 8.- liamston, Washington, and Rob-

The 1947 crop of flue-cured pleted and ready for use by the a number of fruits such as peach- grown last year, though some

The cannery was organized and plantings, although an abundance

as of August 1 pointed to an al-1946 crop. It appears though that

with a four-hour sales day, but will revert to a three and one-Residents of the Stillacres sec- half hour day when the Middle

Commodity Credit Corporation They added that apparently the loans will be attainable this year collectors had no idea that any-through the Flue-Cured Tobacco one had moved into the homes Stabilization Corporation with that have been built and are still grade price loan rates for flue-Stillacres for, according to one per pound which is 90 per cent resident of the section, not one of the July 15 parity price. For garbage collection has been made untied tobacco, the loan rate is there since June 13, the date four cents per pound below the when the complainant moved in rate for tied tobacco of the same

During that time, persons liv- Last year 99 sales floors oper-

Saints Delight Sunday

Concluding a week's revival at the Saints Delight Church of held Sunday morning at 11 Among the members of the o'clock by the Rev. R. F. Butler, Plymouth Sea Scout ship who pastor, and the Rev. P. E. Cayton,

Jacksonville, Fla., recently was Following the morning service Charles Gagneaux, of Roper. Oth- a basket dinner will be held on ers attending from the county the grounds. This is not the anwere Alvin Tuten, jr., Horace G. nual homecoming gathering, but

To Begin Sale of Stock In Baseball Club Soon

share certificates recently ordered from Richmond engravers by the Washington County Athletic Association will be made during the latter part of this week, Archie J. Riddle, leader in the organization, has

stated. M. Riddle said further that as soon as the certificates are received, a special session of the Association will be held and machinery set up for the sale of the stock shares. Cost of one share will be \$25. A treasurer and selling committees will be appointed at the meeting, he said, which is expected to be called some time next

The charter of incorporation, applied for by the Association's attorney, Carl L. Bailey of Plymouth, was granted, delivered and filed last week.