

Harrell and, H. M. Ramsey,

caught so many fish last Monday that they tossed back specimens

of the finny tribe which ordinari-

ly they would have bragged about

when they got home. (That is

their story and they vow they'll stick to it.) They went to Rose Bay, in Hyde County, and their

local

three pounds.

through Thursday.

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ings This Week: Price

10 Cents Lower

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All Teaching Positions

Filled; Expect Atten-

dance to Increase Dur-

ing Next Few Weeks

The 15 public schools in Wash-

ington County opened for the

1947-48 term Tuesday morning,

with a minimum of fanfare and

formal programs, so far as can be learned here. Enrollment figures

for opening day vary somewhat

total is expected to be about the

same or a little larger, when all

The late tobacco crop may be

responsible for keeping some

rural children out of school for

a few weeks, especially colored.

For that reason the enrollment

should show a sizeable gain after

completed at the opening sessions

Tuesday, fees were collected, and

books and lesson assignments

were handed out yesterday. To-

day is the first day for regular

classroom work in most of the

schools. It is understood that all

teaching positions have been fill-

ed, although substitutes are hold-

The Plymouth white schools

again showed an increased open-

ing day enrollment, and the same

held true at Creswell while the

total for the Roper school was

ing down jobs in a few cases.

was

the next couple of weeks. Registration generally

reports are in.

from those of a year ago, from school to school, but the grand

SIGN UP FOR SECURITY

**TODAY WHERE YOU WORK** 

## **Boards of Town and County Meet Monday**

choice of fishing grounds was vin-Town and county governing dicated and, at least partly, veriboards are all scheduled to hold fied by the fact that they brought back a G. I. can filled with astheir regular September meetsorted seafood. Included in the ings next Monday, after having catch were speckled trout, grey them postponed for one week trout, hog fish and croakers on account of the Labor Day weighing from one and a half to holiday.

The county board of commissioners and county board of Fire Chief I. Miller Warren will education will meet Monday be in Morehead City next week morning at their respective ofattending the annual meeting of fices in the courthouse, while the State Firemen's Association. the Plymouth City Council will Plymouth is supposed to have meet in the municipal building several delegates, but the chief at 8 o'clock Monday night. has been unable to get anyone to accompany him. The association

The Labor Day week-end holiday passed very quietly here, with no serious accidents and very few arrests being reported, acording to Police Chief P. W. Brown. Many local people went to the beaches or visited friends in near-by towns, and the streets were almost empty. A few played golf, very few, due to the hot weather, and a sizeable number went fishing; but a majority simply hunted the nearest shade and rested.

will be in session from Monday

Walter H. Paramore, who recently resigned as executive secretary of the Whiteville Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association to accept a similar position at Fuquay Springs, was a visitor in Plymouth last weekend. Mr. Paramore is a former resident of Plymouth, where he was connected with The Roanoke Beacon for about 10 years. He will take up his new work in Fuquay Springs the last of this week.

Ernest Arps, local business man, can lay claim to having caught one of the biggest fish that Conaby Creek ever saw. Last Thursday afternoon, Mr. Arps, using "a reed and a minnow" took a bass that measured about two feet from tip to tip and weighed an even seven pounds. Mr. Arps said that a bigger fish might have been taken from Conaby in times past, but that he never saw or heard of it.

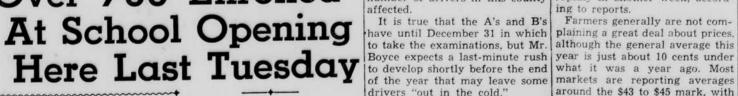
Tom Freeman's Plymouth of fice is the scene of nightly gatherings of local menfolk who engage in much talk and friendly arguments, mostly about farming. Last week-end, to Mr. Freeman's

Sunday, Monday

Routine business will occupy the attention of the county commissioners, while the board of education will check up on the opening of county schools this week and take up any other matters that come up. The Plymouth City Council has

some knotty problems to unravel, but members hope to get the budget and tax rate straightened out officially, pro-

vided approval of the tentative figures submitted to the Local Government Commission last month is received in time. **Over 700 Enrolled** 



Pupils Being Dismissed **Budget Is Lost** In State Office Are Completed

After waiting in vain almost month for approval by the Local Government Commission of the Town of Plymouth budget estimate for 1947-48, local There were 551 elementary registrants and 157 in the high officials called up Tuesday morning to find out the reason for the delay. After being retion of late starters J. S. Fleming, ferred from first one departprincipal of the high school, said ment to another, it was finally learned that no one in Raleigh had ever heard of such a budget, although it was mailed from here on August 5.

Preparations were made immediately to get off a duplicate copy of the budget to the com-

mission, which promised quick action on it. In the meantime, the town has been unable to take any steps to collect taxes on the levy for the current year, as the rate must be approved first by the local government officials. Town officers hope the matter can be ironed out this week.

One Man Hurt in with unusual promptness. It was new pastor. Series Accidents

new departure for which the office of the principal, where the work was done, deserves considerable credit. Approximately one-third of the

n use.

teachers are new-comers to the

ter Part of Year; 225 Examined So Far

Sale of Washington County to-Automobile drivers whose names begin with A and B are bacco on near-by markets is exlow to take the examinations for pected to pick up sharply in the enewal of their driving permits, next week or 10 days, as most ccording to James T. Boyce, of farmers are nearing the end of Plymouth, examiner for the State the harvesting and curing seas-Highway Patrol. He said yester- son. Comparatively little tobacco day that he had examined about from this section has been sold

225 applicants since the new law thus far, as many growers have became effective July 1st, which been busy priming and curing, but epresents a small fraction of the grading and selling will increase number of drivers in this county rapidly in another week, accordffected. It is true that the A's and B's Farmers generally are not com-

ave until December 31 in which plaining a great deal about prices. o take the examinations, but Mr. although the general average this around the \$43 to \$45 mark, with drivers "out in the cold." He said there was a widespread sales light to fairly heavy, due

misapprehension that the old to the late season. Daily at 12:30 Until misapprehension that the old to the late season. Alterations and Repairs driver failed on his test for re- for the crudest nondescript to \$61

newal. This is not the case. The for good lemon cutters this week. old license is good until Decem- which is slightly better than the

ing to reports.

The 1947-48 school year got off ber 31, even if a driver fails on last two or three days last week. a flying start Tuesday with the the examination, and he takes up The bulk of offerings is bringing irst day's enrollment exceeding the license only after the ap- \$41 to \$54, as compared with \$45 hat of last year in both the high plicant has successfully passed to \$64 opening week last year.

Government reports indicate Mr. Boyce averages several ex- that the general quality of early aminations each day he is in the sales this season compared favoffice here, but he still has con- orably with last year in spite of siderable time on his hands which the lateness of the crop. The prohe will not have when the rush portion of fine and choice qualistarts a little later. He is at the ties was smaller, but less come expected the total enrollment police station in Plymouth on mon and nondescript grades was Monday and Tuesdays, from 9 marketed, Exercises were held in each a. m. until 1 p. m., and from 2

Observers on the market state that the Flue-Cured Stablization nome room, due to the fact that p. m. until 5 p. m. On Saturdays the auditorium is still undergo- he is here for a half day, from 9 Corporation is serving as an effective stabilizing factor, but so far the corporation has received a small percentage of the tobacco being marketed. As a rule, the

Church Here Resigns buyers will bid just high enough to keep the tobacco from going to Th Rev. E. B. Quick, who has the stabilization corporation. The definitely doing something about served First Christian church corporation received 18.5 per cent

here as pastor for the past four of the leaf marketed during openyears, tendered his resignation ing week, but this percentage was ing week, but this percentage was said to be slightly lower this week, Begulations adopted last week

of the local congregation said provided for a five-hour sales day office to work out details for the on markets in this section, start-Isale of stock. plans so far toward securing a

**Parking Problem Is** 

Plymouth merchants are still Fridays and Saturdays, peak days

concerned with local parking for local shopping.

It was finally decided that as-

parked in back lots on Thursdays, gram.

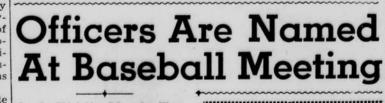
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# **Enrollment Figures**

Below is a tabulation of the opening day enrollment figures for Washington County schools for the 1947-48 and 1946-47 terms, as reported to the county superintendent of schools. Where blank spaces occur, it means that the figures had not been reported to the county office.

	White 1947-48			1946-47		
Plymouth Creswell Roper	122	Ele. 551 396 198	Tot.	H. S. 146 114 68	and the second se	Tot 696 515 294
Totals	350	1,111	1,461	328	1,177	1,505
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Cherry Creswell		36 123	36 158		42	42
Macedonia Morrattock		49 62	49 62		42 41	42 41
Plymouth Pritchett Sound Side		326 39 75	405 39 75	93	324 43	417 43
Deep Bottom Brooks		48 53	48 53		24	24 45
Mount Delane Back Woods		53 57	53 57		51	51
Roper		183	250			
Totals	181	1,104	1,285			





er organized baseball and is yesterday by J. C. Tarkenton, president, that the regular Farm Bureau meeting schedul-An organization meeting was ed for the first Friday of each

At the meeting a campaign will be launched for 1948 membership in the bureau. George Watson, prominent farmer and corn breeder, of Rocky Mount,

porary Group; Organi- Farm Bureau To zation To Be Complet-

Meet Here 12th Announcement was made

month had been postponed this month to the second Priday, September 12. The second has been set for 8 p. m. in the ord-culture building in Plymouth.

will be the principal speaker for

the occasion. A card sent to members this

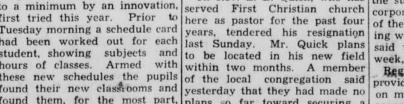
A. J. Riddle Heads Tem-1

somewhat lower than last year. Reports from the colored schools are not complete, and there is a big variation in comparison with last year among the nine which have reported. The table accompanying this article gives the opening day en-

rollment last year and this year for all the schools which had made reports to County Superintendent Roy F. Lowry up to yesterday afternoon: Part States La P. K. P. LEP C. State H. C. S.

## Local Policeman

Night Policeman Alvin Allen had a close call early Tuesday night, when he was attacked by Henry Mayo, colored, whom the officer was taking to jail in the town police car.



chool and the elementary grades. the test.

ing repairs. Mr. Fleming an- a.m. until noon.

cooms were ready for occupancy Pastor of Christian

tion.

chool, as compared with 550 and

46 in 1946. With the registra-

nounced that all of the new class

the first day and that all were

Opening day confusion was cut

o run about 800.

surprise, he received a copy of Agricultural Yearbook 1943-47 from Congressman Herbert Bonner who, in an accompany ing letter, said that it might be helpful in settling some of the arguments, the fame of which has reached the nation's capitol.

County Has Total of 21 School Buses Operating trolman R. W. Young is on vaca-

There are 21 school buses in available for patrol activities duroperation in the county school ing the period.

Joe Hassell, Pea Ridge resident, was seriously hurt about 10 first week at 12:30, for the consystem this year, and there were no reports of trouble from any of them opening day, according o'clock Sunday night, when he to Roy F. Lowry, superintendent. was struck by a car at the foot Creswell has the largest number, of the sound bridge on the Washone bus operated for colored students is at the J. J. Clemmons school in Roper. School in R

Lions Club To Resume Meetings Every Week to the Edenton hospital.

The first of the three accidents The Plymouth Lions Club will occurred Sunday afternoon on resume their weekly meetings to- the curve at Cool Springs, one night after observing an every- mile west of Plymouth. A car other-week schedule during the owned and driven by the Rev. summer months, C. W. Dinkins, G. C. Bland, of Creswell, crashpresident of the local organiza- ed into the rear of another car, not meet, however, on fifth (See ACCIDENTS, Page Five) Thursdays when such occur.

#### **Reduction in Electric Rates Effective Here**

sumers.

September 1,

A reduction in electric rates

becomes effective this month for

At the present time, residential customers are paying 5 cents for the first 50 kilowatt hours, 2.9 cents for the next 100; 1.9 cents for the next 100, and 1.5 cents for amounts in excess of 250 kilowatt hours. Under the new rate, the charge will be 5 cents for the first 50; 2.5 cents for next 150 and 1.5 cents for the excess. The net saving for users of 250 kilowatt hours or more per month will be about 80 cents per customer.

Power company officials estimate the gross savings to power and light customers at one and a half million dollars during the next 12 months.

Joe Hassell, of Pea Ridge, faculty, but with two-thrus of his staff veterans Mr. Fleming Hit by Car Near Sound is experiencing no difficulty in Bridge: Other Wrecks shaping up a smooth-running organization. of Minor Nature

Three automobile accidents, in- of the new school year, held at day, they discussed at consider write letters to all transportation W. H. Joyner, C. L. Bailey, W. Three automobile accidents, in-volving one serious injury but do the new school year, held at day, they discussed at consider-able length various proposals to and express deliveries to an transportation W. H. Joyner, C. L. Bailey, W. B. Rodman, J. L. Phelps, who to fatalities, were reported by bers of the faculty were present. The meeting opened with an in-Sheriff J. K. Reid for the Labor vocation by the Rev. Paul B.

Day week-end. Highway Pa-Nickens, pastor of the Ludford ployees, to park their cars else- would eliminate double parking Memorial Baptist Church, Distion, and there was no report cussion of school problems fol-

lowed. At this meeting it was decided to dismiss class for the

(See SCHOOL, Page Ten)

patrolman from Gatesville, and In Auto Accident not be learned here. It was reported that Mr. Hassell was taken

Body Pinned Under Car and Not Discovered for Several Hours; Was Veteran of Iwo Jima

ed over.

Young Spencer had been out opened Tuesday morning until early rush, a majority of holders points. They think it logical that great family nearly has nothing Norfolk, Va., pastor of the church, with a party of friends and had closing time, and the same con- will cash their bonds in during these same fans had much rather to eat. put them out at their homes and dition is expected to prevail to the next few weeks.

presumably was on his way home a somewhat lesser degree Bank and government officials will support the project. when the accident occurred, throughout this week. are urging ex-service men not to H. E. Beam, cashier of the local cash the bonds unless they actual-

Alone at the time, tire marks show that the car ran off the bank, said that 158 bonds were ly need the money, as they conroad for some distance before, cashed the first day, ranging in tinue to draw interest at 21/2 per consumers in this section, it turning over and pinning him amounts from \$50 to \$700, plus cent until maturity, which is five underneath. It is thought the ac- accrued interest, with the grand years from date of issuance. De

was announced last week by cident occurred about 2 a. m., and total of cash issued standing spite these facts, recent surveys Ray H. Goodmon, of Williamhis body was not discovered until around \$34,000. The average bond indicate that most veterans in all pictures taken after the practice ston, vice president of the Vir-6 o'clock this morning by a was for a little over \$200. He states plan to cash the bonds as ginia Electric & Power Company. A 5 per cent discount on estimated that 95 per cent of the soon as possible. passer-by.

net bills will be allowed in-The young man was a veteran veterans took the cash, with the f World War II, serving in the remaining 5 per cent putting pro- that positive identification is re- work, assisted by A. F. Fergudustrial and commercial users Marine Corps, and he was wound- ceeds from the bonds on deposit. quired before cashing them. They son, on the lawn in front of the of electricity, while a new rate Business in general is expected are non-transferable and pay- American Fork & Hoe Company schedule is announced for resied in the initial stages of the battle for Iwo Jima. News of his to receive a "shot in the arm" ment can be made only to the plant. dential light and power con-

death shocked the community in as a result of the additional cur- persons in whose names they are A group picture was taken of which he lived, and it was im- rency being placed in circulation. issued. If a man is not known to the whole squad, and then groups The new residential rate is possible to get details of funeral Several merchants here said officials of the institutions au- of three or four players were permanent while the discount arrangements this morinng. It Tuesday they could see the ef- thorized to redeem the bonds, he photographed. It is planned to to be allowed commercial and was considered likely that final fects of the bond money reflected should bring his discharge papers run a series of the photos in The industrial users is contracted rites would be held from his late in their daily sales, and the ABC or other positive proof of identi- Beacon over a period of several for one year only, beginning store reported receipts more than fication. weeks. home Friday afternoon.

Topic of Merchants The temporary organization, which will function until January 1, 1948 is headed by A. J. Riddle, president. Joe Foster is vice-president and W. A. Roebuck, secretary and treasurer, At the first teachers' meeting conditions. At a regular meeting The merchants also voted to The Board of Directors include

A charter has been secured in

the name of the Washington

County Athletic Association from

the Secretary of State and stock

certificates have been received

from a Virginia engraving firm.

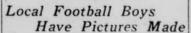
The temporary organization,

able length various proposals to and express deliveries be made represents the Town of Creswell, induce local business and profes- at the back doors of local stores and L. L. Mizzelle, who represents sional men, as well as their em- rather than at the front. This the Town of Roper. Lighting equipment, made by where than in the business sec- on Water and Washington Streets General Electric and of the same while deliveries are being made! type as that used in the Vankee Dues were raised from \$1 to Stadium in New York has been sociation officials get in touch \$1.50 monthly, with the extra 50 ordered. The order has been with all those concerned and ask cents to be used to provide prizes acknowledged and shipment is for cooperation in keeping as for local questions which will be promised on March 1 of next

> zear. The field is a tract of land do nated by the Still Realty and Insurance Company in Stillacres and adjoining the site of the new something in the nature of a permanent lease of the joint property will be secured.

Stock in the amount of \$15,000 to \$20,000 will be sold locally, it

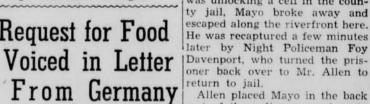
are in great trouble because we The backers of the new asdon't know how to feed our-It and Washington County are base- birge, that is in Saxony, and is come to Plymouth and that they



Members of the Plymouth High School football squad had their session Tuesday night, O. M. Plumlee, proprietor of Plumlee's Holders of bonds are advised Photo & Art Shop here, did the

> The merchants voted an appropriation up to \$300 to secure whatever additional is needed, and appointed President .W. J. Woolard, W. S. **Davenport and Jack Davenport** to look after the details.

week states that light refresh-Mayo was arrested earlier on ments, possibly including bara charge of attempting to steal hecue, will he served, and a an automobile. As the officer large attendance is urged. was unlocking a cell in the county jail, Mayo broke away and



started to jail with him. On Main Addressed to Mayor of street, near the courthouse, the Plymouth, Appeal Is Negro suddenly reached over and From Town in Russian grabbed the officer's tie, chok-ing him with it, while grappling Occupied Zone for his gun. Allen managed to

stop the car, and his call for help The following letter was re- was answered by Aubrey Spruill ceived by Archie J. Riddle, and several others, who held the mayor of Plymouth, who turned prisoner until Oficer Davenport high school, in fact, includes a part of the high school athletic field. Details will be worked out at a meeting with the Board of at a meeting with the Board of Education Monday whereby berg, a town in the Russian oc-well as attempted theft of an aucupied sector of the Reich. The tomobile,

Allen placed Mayo in the back

seat of the police car and again

letter, as best it could be made out, reads as follows: "Most Honored Sir Mayor: Ex-

Chief of Police P. W. Brown,

who had charge of putting up

the lights in pre-war years,

told the group that a good

many bulbs and part of the

necessary wiring was on hand.

**Revival Series To Begin** cuse please our great request. We Monday at Union Chapel

A series of revival services will sociation point out that Plymouth selves. We live in the Erzge- begin next Monday night at the Union Chapel Free Will Baptist also very poor in farmings. The church, located on the Long Acre Road, and continue for one week. automobile he was driving turn- into cash, was crowded with ex- but estimates range as high as Wenona to see games at Edenton, rough. You may believe us that The services will be in charge GI's from the time the doors 700 to 800. Judging from the Washington and other distant there are many days where our of the Rev. J. A. Alexander, of and will start at 8 p. m. each

night. The public is invited to (See ASK FOR FOOD, Page 5) attend.

**Christmas Lights Are Assured by Merchants** 

> Plymouth merchants took steps at a meeting Tuesday afternoon to assure Christmas lights on the streets here during the holiday season. The matter was discussed at the merchants association gathering, and a committee was named to buy the necessary materials and make arrangements for having the vari-colored lights strung and turned on as soon as possible after December 1.

\$34,000 Tuesday to **Veterans for Bonds** 

many of their cars as possible used on the merchants' radio pro-

Washington County veterans | doubled that of an average Tuesjoined others throughout the na- day.

The bonds may now be cash- is hoped. tion Tuesday in the big parade Gerald Spencer, 23-year-old to "cash in" their terminal leave ed in at any time for the face son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Spenc-bonds. The Branch Banking & value plus interest at 2<sup>1/2</sup> per tion, has stated. The club will owned by Annie Rivers, colored, er, of the Cross Roads section, Trust Company in Plymouth, cent from date of issuance. was killed early this morning only agency in the county au- is not known exactly how many ball conscious. Fans drive nightnear his home when the Chrysler thorized to convert the bonds county veterans have the bonds, ly from as far as Creswell and ground is steril and the climate