County School Superintendent

Roy Lowry left here Wednesday

to attend a three-day session of the county and city school super

intendents' department of the sociation, meeting in Wilmington

Wednesday through Friday of

this week. Mr. Lowry said that

he planned to remain in Wilm-

at the Greenville college.

The local post of the American

Legion will not sponsor an Empty

Stocking Fund in Plymouth this

year due to the number of pro

jects already undertaken by the

organization, legion officials have

stated. Up until Christmas of

1946 the legionnaires had sponsor-

ed the drive annually, abandon-

ing it last Yuletide because at the

time there was no need for the

Reports from the law enforce-

ment officials in Plymouth

state that a total of only five

cases were tried in magistrates

courts here during the entire

month of November. The of-

record-breaking all-time low in

the Plymouth IP courts. They

added that all five defendants

The long-awaited steam-heated

serving counter for the Plym

outh school lunchroom has ar

rived and is being used, school

officials reported. The counter

is cold, however, since adequate

labor to connect it hasn't been

secured as yet. When it is con-

nected, operations in the lunch

room construction will be finish

ed, except for the laying of

Owens of Plymouth is sales chair

low and Miss Ellen Winslow were

ing a meeting of the North Caro

ported in Washington County

The final count of the Washing-

this county ,stated that member-

ships will be accepted through

out the remainder of this year

but that no canvassing for new

members will be done on a large

this year.

in Raleigh on Wednesday attend-

acoustic and mastic tile.

ficials stated that this is a

were charged with

drunkenness.

Shopping Days Until Christmas

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## List Takers Appointed At Meeting This Week

ington for the entire three-day Miss Virginia Chapin student at East Carolina Teachers College in Greenville and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Chapin, of Plymouth, was elected to the vicepresidency of the Lanier Society at officer elections recently conducted by the group. The Lanier Society is a literary organization

ship, and Mrs. Hermine Ramsey

# Town Building Is Ordered Sold

#### **Farm Training** Meet in Roper

Any veteran in the Plymouth-Roper area who is engaged in fulltime farming, who plans to do so next year, and who is interested in receiving training under the Veteran Farmers' Training Program, is requested to meet with Mitchiner Banks. Roper school agriculture instructor, at the Roper school building this Friday at 7 p. m.

Banks said that applications for training will be received then and the program will be explained. He added that those unable to attend the meeting should contact him before December 12. Eight of the 32 expected applications have been

#### Officials in the Washington County Athletic Association have reported that a total of \$3,200 Education Board sold to date in the Association's Delays Awarding fire-st would be secure an in-School Contracts basen

Action Due to Too Few Mr., and Mrs. W. Frith Wins-Consider Matter Called Meet Later

lina Art Society. Mr. Winslow had a portrait exhibited in the Due to the fact that only three State Art Gallery for the meetinstallations, only one on heating plant work, and none for general construction and plumb-Shirley Davenport, eight-year- ing in the planned erection of a old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. new Negro school building in L. Davenport of Plymouth, who Creswell, members of the Washhas been a diphtheria patient in ington County Board of Educaa Rocky Mount hospital for the tion, meeting in Plymouth Monpast two weeks is reported to be day, voted to consider the matshowing much improvement and ter of contract letting at a meethopes to return to her home here ing to be held later in the this week-end. She is the third month. victim of diphtheria to be re-

Advertisement for sealed bids on four different aspects of the construction of the school was made by the board several weeks ago. Separate contracts were to Member Campaign ago. Separate contracts were to have been awarded for general construction, heating, plumbing Final Count 376 and electrical installations.

Although no definite solution to the problem was adopted by the education board at its Monday ton County Farm Bureau at the meeting, the board members may Friday was 376, barely half of decide to adopt the course of ac Friday was 376, barely half of tion used in the construction of the county's assigned quota of the Plymouth High School's new between the ages of nine and 12 nade by the board of hospital class rooms in employing a construction crew and supervisor on sons become members of a Cub struction crew and supervisor on sons become members of a Cub county's \$75,000 share of funds in The strings of W. T. Freeman of Plymouth, president of the organization in a flat-fee basis.

the board members and the Wash- rearle district of the Boy Scouts plished with a minimum of dif- World War II. He added that the Bureau ington County Athletic Associa- of America, has announced. plans to have a big feed down in tion whereby both the local high Mr. Whitley said that advanthe Creswell section some time school and the association would tages available to members of a of such a step, the hospital board at intervals down the two streets after Christmas, but that definite be enabled to use the athletic Cub Pack would be explained to said that even after the issue of was necessarily abandoned due plans for the affair will be formulated field given the school by the Still the parents at the meeting. An- \$50,000 in bonds, the county's to the scarcity of light bulbs. He Realty Company in Stillacres. other session, which would in-

they receive their diplomas.

#### Officers Destroy Still Last Week Discuss Schools

County ABC officer L. L. Bas night, Officer Alvin Allen, and L. C. Snell, captured and destroyed a two-barrel whiskey distilling outfit in Deep Bottom Swamp, near the Mackeys Road. last Thursday, Mr. Basnight has

The ABC officer stated that the still was found by the three men just before operations for the day were to have been begun by the illicit business's owner. He added that no mash was found in the barrels, but that the complete talk on the prospective new athledistillery was located and smash- tic field for Plymouth in the ed. The still operators, Basnight Stillacres section. respect to his industry

# County for 1948 were appointed for Skinnersville Township, R by the board of county commis-

sioners at their regular monthly for Plymouth Township. Hubert neeting here on Monday and a L. Davenport was named tax supspecial meeting of the commis- ervisor for the county during the sioners and listers was called for listing period which extends from Monday December 22, when the January 1, 1948 until February 1. listers will be given procedure in- The joint meeting of the com-

structions and prices set on live- missioners and the listers will be stock, and other taxable items. held in the commissioners room Listers appointed by the coun- in the county courthouse ty governing body were as fol-Plymouth at 7:30 p. m. on the ows: Paul B. Belanga for Scup- date appointed

> Council Advertises City the lot's former owner, M. O. Clark's office in Greenville but Margaret Browning and Mrs. Parker of Roanoke Rapids. Headquarters, Fire Sta-Next Month

Plymouth town councilmen, to advertise the present Munici pal Building for sale at public auction and ordered further that lue-prints and specifications for the remodelling of the Old Mark Building and the construction of a new fire house be drawn up, based on plans presented by council committee, and approved at the council meeting this week

The auction of the Municipal Building will be held at the county courthouse door at 12 noon on Monday, January 5, 1948, together with the present fire ouse. The council reserved the ight to accept or reject any and all bids. Further terms of the sale will be announced at the time the auction is held.

According to preliminary sket ches presented by the committee

ing would be 30 feet wide by 60 feet long and would have a Bids Received; Will double door with an 11-foot clearat ance for the town's fire trucks. at the board of education meet- ington County Athletic Associa-It would be built on the cityowned lot next to the water tank ing Monday. on Water Street and would be

> Plans submitted for the re-modelling of the Old Market Building which would house Plymouth's municipal governmentment disclosed the proposed establishment of five offices and a council room on the ground floor, while six offices and two reception rooms would be located on the second floor. Two toilets would be installed upstairs and two downstairs.

The upstairs offices would exit through a single main entrance stairs rooms would open at the

(See TOWN, Page Twelve)

## Cub Pack Meet Here on Friday

flat-fee basis.

Scout pack here have been resecuring a state-aid hospital for quested to meet in the local highter.

Scout pack here have been resecuring a state-aid hospital for this section would be impossible. was not set at the Monday session and will be decided and an7:30 p. m. so that formation of the peak can be discussed, Harold backed up by a \$50,000 bond issue promise to make it at least one Agreement was made between Whitley, chairman of the Albe- by the county could be accom-

board of education at the meet- parents, will be called next week. ing this week was of a routine he said.

Improve Athletic Facilities in Creswell, Roper, Plymouth

Agreement was reached Moncation, the board of county com-Association Highway Athletic Plymouth School property in him that the Washington Count Stillacres will be used jointly by Board had approved two mor the school and association for an requests for road improvement

grading the land. They also purof the school tract, and owned price paid by the association to either in Plymouth or at Mr

In return for the county ap- as conveniently possible. tion to Be Auctioned propriation and purchase, the Still Realty Company, original tions approved by the board v owner of the school land, acting one signed by 91 persons and through the athletic association, ing that the State fix up the eeting Wednesday night, voted agreed to deed to the education Ridge Road from the E. O. Arnol the school property in Stillacres section residents, asked that back to the Atlas Plywood property line. Incorporated into the tract was the lot bought by the

Final legal action transferring association and the realty comportion of the land and the athletic field placed at the rear. The school and the athletic associa-

the presented by the committee to the council, the proposed new all \$2,480.83 which will be divided equally between the Creswell and Roper schools to be used by them for improving athletic facilities in the two schools.

Plymouth Attorney Carl L.

Plymouth Attorney Carl L. Bailey acted as spokesman for the facilities in the Creswell, Roperathletic association committee and Plymouth schools, and an who proposed the joint-use plan \$800-lot bought from the Wash-

## bids were received for electrical installations, only one on heat. constructed at a cost of from Bond Resolution For Hospital Is Ordered by Board

Bonds or Not

County Attorney W. L. Whitley has been authorized by the board on Water Street and the down- of county commissioners to con tact bonding attorneys in New York to prepare a resolution authorizing the county to issue \$50, 000 in bonds for the construction of a hospital in Washington County, according to action taken at the commissioner's meeting here Monday. The resolution would be submitted to county voters

ficulty.

In pointing out the advantages

(See BOND, Page Seven)

# Board Agrees to County Asks for Allow Joint-Use | Conference With

Thorough Study of County's Road Problems at Early Date

day by the county board of edu- of Commissioners, meeting in missioners, and the Washington structed the clerk to contact State whereby the rear portion of the Clark at Greenville, informing The commissioners also agreed arrange a meeting with the com o appropriate \$2,000 to be used in missioners as soon as possible so chased a lot adjoining the rear lems can be thoroughly discussed by the association, for \$800, the they would be willing to meet wished to hold the session as soo

The road improvement board an additional tract of land place to the Scuppernong Churc to the rear of the school property. in Creswell, while the other peti

In informing the Highway the title of the lands from the Commission of its approval of the petitions, the board stated that pany to the board of education if the project of repairing the will be made shortly. The plan-old Plymouth-Columbia Road ned new Plymouth High School from the Patrick store to the will be constructed on the front Tyrrell County line is on the approved list of projects, the board members would rather that the the Agriculture Building in Plymfield will be used by both the Pea Ridge Road project be placed in its stead.

The commissioners, examining The county commissioners also a request from Mrs. Georgia Allen voted to appropriate an addition- that her county tax assessment be reduced from \$2,000 to \$1,850 ed equally between the Creswell found no error made by the counand Roper schools to be used by

> A total sum of \$4,480.83 was ap propriated for improving athletic tion. Jury lists for the January was drawn and reports were as corn, soybeans, hay, and small heard from the county auditor grains.

County Board Reserves by the commissioners, and Jim Right of Final Decision Hamilton was employed as courtto Sell All Hospital house and agriculture building custodian for the month of De-

## Christmas Lights **Nearly Completed**

The canopy of colored lights outlined with lights over the Old as a source of food and oil.

of the most colorful since before

Chief Brown said that original plans to have a lighted bell hung bonded indebtedness would still added that if enough bulbs can Other business enacted by the clude the boys as well as the be below the minimum 10 per be located, additional stars will be hung at the street intersections in the business part of town.

## Plymouth's Bid for Membership At Club Meeting In Albemarle League Accepted

Edenton Monday night, officials one qualifies.

opened the meeting with a brief tic Association have announced. ty bond by January 1, 1948, if settled upon later. President 1947 League members was not season. Present teams who have tended the meeting were Mr. to the posts of senior deacon, house in Plymouth, \$9,405.95 in all of the home; one brother, ed. The still operators, Basinght and of the home; one brother, said, were away on other busi- Bailey urged the wholehearted represented at the Edenton meet- announced their intention of Bailey, A. J. Riddle, president; junior deacon, two stewards, tiler, taxes were collected by his of- Clyde E. Spruill, of Norfolk, Va.; said, were away on odder said, said,

sion on Tuesday night, heard an to play baseball in 1948 with the ficials stating that if such is the Plymouth. nformal discussion by Rotarian Albemarle Baseball League was case, a seven-team schedule will Finley Ferguson concerning the accepted by the league's board of be worked out, or they will let the Monday meeting. Carl L. Darden were re-elected to their schools in Plymouth and what directors at a meeting held in a franchise to an eight team if Bailey acted as Plymouth's representative posts.

next year, even if Suffolk decides are Edenton, Colerain, Windsor, Joe Foster.

Plymouth's bid for a franchise to remain in the game, League of | Elizabeth City, Hertford, and now succeeding Mr. Doxey as junior

# Growers Vote Tuesday on Of School Field Highway Official Controls for Peanut Crop

## Names of Five Women Drawn for Jury Service

and criminal superior court, Patrick of Skinnersville. which is the second time in the If the five women selected by ing required throughout the ref-

noned to serve on a jury. for the January term are Mrs.

the Washington County board of outh, Mrs. Mary V. Pharr of the question of establishing commissioners for jury service Roper, route one, Mrs. Eva Har-marketing quotas on peanut crops during the January term of civil rell, of Roper, and Mrs. E. C. grown in the next three years,

county's history that members of the commissioners on Monday erendum area, which covers the the fairer sex have been sum- wish not to serve, they have a peanut section of the South, for wide-open field to avoid service the passage of the proposal. If they serve, however, it will since the State law admitting Ballot boxes will be placed at be the first time in this county women to jury service not only the Agriculture Building in Plymthat women have been jurors, provides excuse on grounds of outh for the farmers residing in since the four ladies selected for household duties or sickness, but the Plymouth-Long Acre section; the October civil court all de- leaves a blank for any other rea- while the peanut growers in the clined to accept. The five drawn son that the lady can think up.

## **Acreage Reductions** In County Will Cut Income of Producers

State, Local Officials Discuss Plans to Remedy Possible Result of Lower Acreages

With an approximate 500-acre obacco acreage reduction and reduction of about 2,000 acres in peanuts scheduled for Washing ton County in 1948, approximately 35 farmers met with county and state agriculture officials in outh Monday night to discuss some possible way to maintain county farm incomes which would be cut sharply by the tobacco

and peanut acreage reductions. Although no definite decisions esulted from the general disussion of the problem, the con ensus of opinion of those present indicated that the best avenue for action to maintain the farm income would be to expand live stock and poultry production, put ting a portion of the idle acreage into permanent pasturage and to term of civil and criminal court grow more livestock feeds, such

and tax collector, and from the county home demonstration agent.

County Attorney W. L. Whitley was authorized to write bondley was authorized to write bonding attorneys in New York to would be played under thereby prepare groundwork for the call- would be plowed under thereby ing of a hospital bonds election eliminating some fertilizer expense for the farmer.

Reporting to the farm group on the current fertilizer situation. Fred Sloan, farm management specialist of State College, stated that in 1948 fertilizer prices gram will elect a new slate of would increase by \$3 per ton and community AAA committeemen that the supply would be limited, and delegates to the county AAA farm operators to secure their ing their ballots for the organizafertilizer supplies as soon as pos-

hung over Water Street from peanut outlook for next year, erendum is being held. Adams to Jefferson Streets and C. E. Pike, marketing specialist Ballot boxes will be placed in over Washington Street from from State College, said that the the Agriculture Building in Plym-Water to Main Streets has been tobacco situation is still uncertain, outh for the Plymouth-Long completed and workmen, under but that the peanut future is more Acre section, at the J. C. Tarthe supervision of Police Chief P. promising due to continued kenton store for the Pleasant W. Brown, have erected a star world-wide demand for the nuts Grove section, in the Piercy store

B. Troy Ferguson district farm and in the Barnes Sandwich Sho The strings of lights, Plym- agent, and Mr. Isley of the State in Creswell for the Creswell-Mt. outh's first since 1941, hearld the department of Conservation and Pleasant - Cherry section. beginning of the Christmas holi- Development, summarizing the polls will be open from 9 a. m day season for the town and discussion suggested that Wash- until 6 p. m. Only farmers who (See ACREAGE, Page Seven)

## Dinkins Elected Master of Lodge

C. W. Dinkins was elected master of the Perseverance Lodge Number 59 A. F. & A. M. in elections held by the lodge memers here on Tuesday night. Mr. Dinkins succeeds Walter S. Bowin the post of master of the will select a Washington County Mr. Spruill, a prominent farm-

neeting Tuesday were L. E. Doxey, succeeding Mr. Dinkins as senior warden; W. A. Roebuck. warden; B. G. Campbell, treas-Walter Holden of Edenton was urer; and John W. Darden, sec elected president of the league at retary. Mr. Campbell and Mr. Tax Collector Reports

resentative to the board, with a The new officers will be installed immediately.

## Examiner Says Rush Has Begun

According to License Examiner James Boyce, the grand scramble of auto drivers whose surnames begin with "A" and "B" has begun with all remaining in the A-B name bracket making a concerted rush to take their driver's license re-examinations before the December 31 deadline.

During November, he said, 250 persons were examined of re-examinees. Boyce added that from the way things look right now, December will easily top November in the number of license re-exam applicants.

# Election of AAA Committees Will

tion Next Week

cipated in the 1947 Triple-A pro-He advised Washington County convention next Tuesday, casttion election at the same time and in the same places in which Commenting on the tobacco and the peanut marketing quota ref-

in Roper for the Roper section, took part in the 1947 AAA program will be eligible to have voice in the balloting. The candidates for the com-

nunity committee elections were

time, the newly elected delegates eral Home in Plymouth.

On Intake in November the Pleasant Grove church

Club President Carl L. Bailey in the Washington County Athle- All clubs must post a \$500 sure- permanent representative to be stalled on Tuesday, January 6 Spruill, Washington County tax Spruill and Nathan Spruill, both and will serve for one year. Fol- collector, made to the board of of Roper; three daughters, Miss The Plymouth team may re- they wish to play in the Albe- County athletic association of lowing his installation, Mr. Din- county commissioners at their Statha Spruill, Miss Annie place Suffolk, who alone of the marle League during next year's ficials and stockholders who at- kins will appoint lodge members Monday meeting in the court- Spruill, and Miss Dorothy Spruill,

Market Quotas Are to Be Placed on 1948, 1949, 1950 Crops

Presiding judge will be R. Hunt section will vote in the Barnes Sandwich Shop in Creswell Pleasant Grove voters will cast heir ballots at the J. C. Tarkeniercy store in Roper. The polls

> ors of the balloting, although allowed to vote. All producers must cast their ballets in box provided for their residential section of the county. No voting by mail, proxy, or agent will be allowed. Only persons who shareed in the proceeds of peanuts produced on a farm in 1947 on which more than one acre of peanuts was picked or threashed is considered as eligible to vote in the

If the referendum is carried by the necessary two-thirds majority, which 32 flunked out. Eight quotas will be placed on the per nut crops grown in 1618, 1849, and 1950. AAA community commits

### Funeral Held for John E. Williams

Last rites will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Be Held Tuesday Albert Williams home near Jamesville for John Ed Williams, Albert Williams home near 70, of the Cool Springs section New Triple-A County following a short illness. The Committee at Conven- funeral will be conducted by the Rev. A. B. Ayers of Williamston. Interment will be made in the Williams cemetery, near William-

> Mr. Williams, who was a wellknown merchant of the Cool Springs section, was a native of Martin County, but had lived in Washington County for the past several years. He was visiting his son, Albert Williams, at the time of his illness and death.

> Survivors include four sons, Albert Williams, Sylvester Williams, and Dempsey Williams, all of Jamesville, and George Williams of Portsmouth, Va.; one daughter, Mrs. Beulah Mobley of Everetts; and one sister, Mrs. Z. N. Roberson of Hamilton.

## Last Rites Held For W. S. Spruill

Funeral services will be held from the Pleasant Grove Methodist Church at 2:30 o'clock this chosen at special meetings held 57, of Pleasant Grove who died afternoon for W. S. "Will" Spruill earlier this week by the old comnunity committeemen in their day at 6 p. m. The Rev. B. E respective sections of the county. Bingham of Roper will officiate The County Triple-A conven- at the last rites. Burial will be tion will be held next Wednes- made in the church cemetery, day, the day ofter the communi- Prior to the funeral, the body ty and delegate elections, at which will lie in state at Horner's Fun-

AAA committee to serve during er of the Pleasant Grove section. Other officials elected at the the 1948 term. The convention was a native and life-long resiwill be held in the Agriculture dent of Washington County. He Puilding in Plymouth at 10 a.m. was the son of the late Jesse and and the new county committee Annie Swain Spruill of Washingwill take office as soon as elect- ton County and was married in 1915 to the former Miss Maude Spencer of Tyrrell County, who survives. He was a member of

Besides his wife, Mr. Spruill According to reports from E. J. is survived by two sons. H. W

Members of the Plymouth Rotary Club, meeting in regular ses-