In addition to the Christmas VOLUME LVIII—NUMBER 51 lights hung over Plymouth's business streets, pine boughs, decorat ed with colored lights, have been placed at the four corners of the Water-Washington Street inter section. The Yuletide decoration are Plymouth's first since 1941 when wartime restrictions pro hibited the customary street

the local school are usually very solemn affairs, devoted solely to business matters, but the one held last Wednesday shattered that tradition with one telling To the goggle-eyed amazement of the teachers, htey were Roper Fire Department was de- ber 31. served fruit cake and coffee fol- livered there last week from Easlowed by an animated social ley, S. C., where it was purchashour in the best southern style.

Association officials are planning government at a cost of \$1,250. to have a survey of the athletic The truck was driven from Easfield in Stillacres completed by ley to Roper by Henry S. Everett Fund for Creswell the end of this week, they have of Roper. reported. It was announced that In a tryout test of the machine land will be started by at least truck were put through their the first of next week.

Police Chief P. W. Brown has satisfactory. announced that the office of the town clerk in the Municipal Building will be open each beginning this week, until February 1, 1948, to accept payment of town taxes. Chief February 1, one per cent interest will be required on all town tax payments.

ant Grove has had some of her equipment. literary work selected by Valihas been Pleasant Grove corres- ing as fire chief. pondent for The Roanoke Beacon for several years.

A transformer located in front of the theatre on Washington Street threw a fit last Monday night and pluged an entire block of the business district from same misfortune as hit Little Washington several Wolfe's attending physician.

sophomore at Hobart College in department officials added. The The program carol service presented at Trini-ty Church in Geneva, N. Y., last months.

occurred within the past two followed by a tableau de-picting the Birth of Our Lord up gift wrapping departments Sunday by the School Cantorum Society of Hobart and William Roper Colored School Smith Colleges.

# Oldest Workers

m. today at the Plymouth its organization in September. untry club with J. A. Auchter. mill manager, acting as master of ceremonies, and President H. M. Kieckhefer making awards for fidelity of service to the guests.

Gold watches and lapel pins will be given to employees who have served from 25 to 40 years. while men who have been connected with the mill from 10 to next Monday, December 22, 24 years will receive silver lapel will be the shortest day of the pins. Bronze lapel pins will be awarded to those who have been employed from 15 to 19 years at the mill.

J. Melville Broughton, former governor of North Carolina, will be featured speaker of the evening. An orchestra will be provided for the event and the club rooms will be decorated in appropriate Yultide fashion.

#### Another Still Is Found by Officers

Present Football Trophy Law enforcement officials, led by County ABC Oficer L. L. Basnight, raided and demolished an illicit whiskey factory on the Scuppernong River, near Creswell, last Saturday around 12:30 The football championship tro- and the six players chosen as all-

phy of the Albemarle Athletic conference stars. They were Captured in the raid were two Association's conference for the Herman Hooker, Hugh Pearce, barrels containing 200 gallons of 1947 season was awarded to Ralph Basnight, Robert Swain, working mash, a cooling keg, Plymouth High School's football Raymond Peal and Henry Sawbuckets and jugs, a shovel and an team by B. G. Stewart of Wil- yer. found, nor was the owner of the school's students in the high W. Alexander of Scotland Neck, covered and barely had time to to the county soil conservation ofofficers made their raid. afternoon.

# THE ROANOKE BEACON \* \* \* \* \* \* AND WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS \* \* \* \* \* \*

Plymouth, Washington County, North Carolina, Thursday, December 18, 1947

Price \$1,250

ed by the Roper fire department, with assistance from private con-Washington County Athletic tributors, from the Easley town

they hope work on grading the made Friday, all points of the Gymnasium Rises To About \$6,000 paces and bore up very well, the entire truck being pronounced

The fire truck is a 1928 American-La France 500-gallon pumper and is equipped with a Saturday night until 9 o'clock, 12-foot roof ladder and a 24-foot extension ladder. Other equipment purchased with the truck include a 200-gallon booster tank Brown pointed out that after and 200 feet of booster hose and nozzle, two chemical fire extinguishers, two grass fire guns, a siren and spotlight, two sections of hard suction hose and strainer, Mrs. Annie T. Chesson of Pleas- a gas mask and other minor

The fire truck is presently be ant House publishers editors for ing housed at Mizell's cotton gin to the school for athletic faciliinclusion in their forthcoming until the planned fire house can book, "Important American Poets be constructed. The Roper fire and Songwriters of 1947," it has department has 20 volunteer been announced. Mrs. Chesson members with R. E. Harrell serv-

#### Officials Report Diphtheria Case

Water to Main Streets into darkness for about an hour. Cause of with diphtheria, according to mit such a move. The money with diphtheria, according to mit such a move. The money with diphtheria, according to mit such a move. The money with diphtheria, according to mit such a move. The money was made available through the disturbance could not be an a statement from officials at the mediately learned, but the Washingt n Tyrrell District Healit looked as a that particular the Department, who added that part of Plymouth was going to the report was made this week sum being divided among the Beginning this Friday, all business houses in Plymouth will re-

Mrs. Wolfe, whose condition is ments.

### Band to Give Concert

The J. J. Clemmons High School Band, directed by C. D. Wooten, instructor, will appear Honored Tonight with the school's glee club in a cantata, "The Christmas Story," tonight at 8 o'clock in the school

#### Next Tuesday Shortest Day

According to the old almanac, year, with the sun rising at 7:15 a. m. and setting at 4:41

The calendar also lists Monday as the first day of the winter season. This may be true in some sections of the nation, but residents of Washington County and surrounding areas view the statement with acepticism, since low temperatures, freezing rain, and even a light snow came to this section a good two weeks ago bringing the icy season ahead of the calendar schedule.

## Roper Fire Truck But Few Days Left for A and B Drivers Report Result on Creswell School Is Delivered to To Take Exam for Renewal of Licenses Town Last Week Automobile License Examiner to give the tests. Saturday, De- three times as many examinaIn AAA Election To Take Exam for Renewal of Licenses License Examiner to give the tests. Saturday, De- three times as many examina Town Last Week Automobile License Examiner to give the tests. Saturday, De- three times as many examina Town Last Week Automobile License Examiner to give the tests. Saturday, De- three times as many examina Town Last Week Automobile License Examiner to give the tests. Saturday, De- three times as many examina Town Last Week Automobile License Examiner to give the tests. Saturday, De- three times as many examina Town Last Week Automobile License Examiner to give the tests. Saturday, De- three times as many examina Town Last Week Automobile License Examiner to give the tests. Saturday, De- three times as many examina Town Last Week Automobile License Examiner to give the tests. Saturday, De- three times as many examina Town Last Week Automobile License Examiner to give the tests. Saturday, De- three times as many examina Town Last Week Automobile License Examiner to give the tests. Saturday, De- three times as many examina Town Last Week Automobile License Examiner to give the tests. Saturday, De- three times as many examina Town Last Week Automobile License Examiner to give the tests. Saturday, De- three times as many examina Town Last Week Automobile License Examiner to give the tests. Saturday, De- three times as many examina Town Last Week Automobile License Examiner to give the tests. Saturday, De- three times as many examina Town Last Week Automobile License Examiner to give the tests. Saturday, De- three times as many examina Town Last Week Automobile License Examiner to give the tests. Saturday, De- three times as many examina Town Last Week Automobile License Examiner to give the tests. Saturday Examiner to give the tests. Saturday Examiner to give the tests. Saturday Examiner to give t

Department; Purchase half days left in which re-ex- first two weeks on December the plied for new licenses. There

Mondays and Tuesdays from 9 gaged. a. m. until 5 p. m. and on Saturdays from 9 a. m. until 1 p. m. He pointed out that from Dedwhich starts in two weeks, he cember 1 until December 15, said.

Money for School Ath-

Appropriations

ties improvements.

letics Building Increas-

ed by County Board

Officials in the Creswell Par-

ent-Teacher Association, meeting

in the school last Thursday, re-

ported that the fund for the con-

struction of a gymnasium, spon-

sored by the PTA, has risen to

approximately \$6,000, since the

ounty commissioners had made

a sum of around \$1,200 available

The gym project had been be-

some months ago and, through

sponsoring several drives and

public entertainments, a sum of

around \$5,000 had been raised for

the construction of the building.

County Is Given

outh Schools.

began last year.

To Team Here This Week

The Plymouth post of the

8 o'clock, according to an an-

nouncement from W. S. Daven-

that principal topic for discus-

sion will be means for raising

money for the construction of the

joint Legion-VFW clubhouse.

Previously a delegation had ap-

gun by the Creswell PTA unit

aminations will be given to driv- anticipated rush of persons who were comparatively few rejecers in the A-B surname group, waited almost until the last tions, he said, for the December with the deadline for such re- minute to take their re-exams examinees considering the un-The new fire truck for the exams being Wednesday, Decem- really got down to business and usually large number of appliso swamped the Plymouth ex- cants. Mr. Boyce will be in the Muni- amination center that an extra Examinations for persons in the cipal Building in Plymouth on road test examiner had to be en- C-D surname group will be given

fames Boyce has reminded driv- cember 27, will be an exception tions were given as during the

#### CANDIDATE VISITS HERE TUESDAY



R. Mayne Albright and Mrs. Albright pose in front of their trailer campaign headquarters, "The Challenger." Mr. Albright visited Plymouth on Tuesday while on his 100-county tour of North Carolina campaign to secure the Democratic nomination for election to the State's governorship.

### Stores To Be Open Later for Shoppers

peared before the commissioners and requested aid in the pro- Peak of Christmas Buy-Mrs. J. E. Wolfe, Plymouth ject but were refused since the ing Is Expected to Take

by Dr. E. M. Furgurson, Mrs. county's schools by the commis- main open until 9 p. m. each night sioners for athletic improve- for the convenience of persons who are unable to do their gift reported as satisfactory, is the Other matters considered by buying during the daylight hours. Owens, son of Mrs. fourth victim of the disease in the group during the business ses. In addition to providing this ex-Charles Bradon, of Plymouth, and Washington County this year, the sion were of a routine nature. tra service, the majority of the consisted of local stores have engaged a larg-New York State, participated in first case was reported early in Christmas musical readings by er staff of clerks to aid shoppers the sixteenth annual Christmas the year while the others have members of the churches in the in selecting gift purchases, while

According to reports from Plymouth merchants this week business is not as good as had been anticipated, although it was Bus Replacement predicted that an increase would be seen during the week-end and extending right up to 9 p. m. on The latest school bus replace- Christmas Eve.

ment for Washington County was Perhaps the keenest indicator delivered at the Plymouth School of the lessening of holiday busi-The North Carolina Pulp Com- auditorium, Principal E. V. Wilk- Friday morning, according to a ness is contained in a report from pany's Plymouth plant will en- ins has announced. The public is statement from Roy F. Lowry, the local ABC store whose offici tertain 42 of its oldest employees invited to attend and witness the county schools' superintendent, als stated that a 30 per cent de at a dinner to be held at 6:30 progress made by the band since who said that the new vehicle, it- crease in the volume of sales be self designated as Number 15, will low last year's record for the replace the old Number 15 on same period had been noted.

buses operating from the Plym- Stocks in the Plymouth stores continue good although waiting The new bus is a Chevrolet lists for the larger items such as with a 19-foot body and forward electric stoves, refrigerators, and seating arrangement. It was de- some makes of washing machines livered to Plymouth from Wil- have been piled up. Christmas son. The new bus is approximate- tree decorations are available but ly the seventh such replacements scarce, especially extra electric to be made in Washington County bulbs, although strings of lights, since the replacement program complete with the colored bulbs, are much in evidence.

As for fancy wrapping paper, VFW Post Will Convene ribbon, tags and seals for tying in favor of the institution of a purpose of calling a pastor, H. quarters, "The Challenger." In Courthous Tonight up gift packages, they are apparently plentiful though they may be sold out before the shop-Veterans of Foreign Wars will ping season ends. Christmas by Drainage Engineer George M. trees are also available, but the Renfro total cost of the project meet in the courthouse tonight at better specimens have been cold.

#### Elwood Gurganus port, post commander. He said House Is Burned

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Gurganus, located on the and other small items, \$1,203. Whiteoak Neck Road about five miles from Plymouth, was completely destroyed, along with 4.5. It was also pointed out that most of its contents, by flames average cost per acre for setting originating from an alleged up the district would be about faulty chimney around 9:30 p. m. \$5.10, which, it was emphasized on Sunday. The house was own- is a very low figure for the ined by Sidney Allen.

Mr. and Mrs. Gurganus and lyn, and Ralph, were downstairs

#### City Tags Go On Sale Here

Town of Plymouth automobile licenses for 1948 are now on sale at the City Clerk's office in the Municipal Building. W. A. Roebuck, city clerk, has announced.

The deadline for purchasing the licenses, which is required he said, is February 1, after which any car owner in Plymouth are liable to prosecudisplayed. Price of the license is \$1, he added, advising all drivers to get them at once. The lot of 650 licenses arrived here and went on sale Tuesday.

#### Landowners' Vote Favors Setting-Up Drainage District

Average Cost of Project release. Per Acre Would Be gineer G. M. Renfro

Landowners in the section of Plymouth Township between Plymouth and the Lees Mill Township boundary line, meetdrainage district for that section of Washington County.

According to estimates given would be approximately \$13,231. Broken down into separate items, the estimated cost, Mr. Renfro preference at the meeting. said, would be as follows: excavation of 42,300 cubic yards if soil at 20 cents per yard, \$8,460; the Rev. E. B. Quick several per acre, \$313; clearing 21.7 acres call to the Lumberton church detained by bad weather. After \$30,000. at \$150 per acre, \$3,255; legal fees Services have been held by guest leaving here, he went to Wil-

He added that the length of ditches in miles would be around stallation of a drainage district.

The petition for setting up the

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Stroyed by law officials near ing the presentation recognition bistory since its founding in businesses. usual procedure in such cases. | All offices in the courthouse Christmas Day only.

Total Number of Votes Cast Is 189

Triple-A community commitemen for all seven sections of the county were elected last week, the balloting taking place in the January 1—June 30 period at the same time as the referendum on the establishment of peanut marketing quotas, with total votes cast in Washington County mounting to 189.

Delegates from each communi were chosen by voters to atend the County AAA convention held in Plymouth on Wednesday of last week when a county AAA committee was elected for the

New committeemen for each ommunity, according to a statement made by Miss Miriam Ausbon, county AAA secretary, are as follows: Plymouth: H. G. Simpson, chairman; L. S. Styons vice-chairman; L. T. Gurganus regular member; E. H. Livermar and A. S. Allen alternates; Rope F. C. Tarkenton, chairman; R. V Lewis, vice-chairman; Wendell Spruill, regular member; Roy thesson and W. A. Koonce, ternates; Creswell: Sam D Spruill, chairman; W. D. Phelps ice-chairman; Marvin L. Davnport, regular member; Stanley Oliver and Isaac Furlough, al-

Pleasant Grove: T. R. Spruill, chairman; W. C. Spruill, vice-chairman; J. C. Tarkenton, reguar member: Jack Gurkin and C G. Gurganus, alternates; Long Beddard, vice-chairman; W. J. Steve Davenport, chairman; L. A. tatas on that date. Furlough, vice-chairman; I. S.

with 10 ballots each.

Terms for the new co men will begin immediately. The tion if the city license is not polls were held in the balloting Christmas. last week by members of the retiring committees.

Local Soldier Finishes

Private Ralph M. Armstrong, p. m. asic training program in Comat Fort Ord, Calif., and is on orders for further duty at Camp Stoneman, according to an Army

#### \$5.10 as Listed by En-Christian Church Will Call Pastor

Church of Plymouth will conduct nominee in North Carolina's gub- afternoon. ing in the Agriculture Building a meeting in the church's audi- ernetorial elections being held Commenting further on the protorium immediately after morn- next year, visited Plymouth gress made in the reconstruction in Plymouth last Saturday after- torium immediately after more next year, visited Plymouth of the church building, the Rev. noon, voted almost unanimously ing services next Sunday for the Tuesday in his trailer field head- of the church building, the Rev. Nickens stated that the plaster-H. Allen, superintendent of the

vacant since the resignation of rect to the voting populace. pastors in the meantime.

# The teachers meeting held at needing held at needing held at needing held at needing school are usually very learn affairs, devoted solely to the needing held at needing held

#### Beacon to Be Printed Early

Since the Christmas week edition of The Roanoke Beacon is being printed over this weekend, all correspondents and contributors to the newspaper are requested to place their copy in the mails so that it will be received at the Beacon office not later than Saturday,

The reason for the rush-up schedule is that the Beacon office will be closed from Monday, December 22, until the Monday of the following week so that the staff members may have their annual Christmas vacations.

#### Episcopal Groups Alone Hold Rites On Christmas Day

Other Religious Groups in the case of the Plymouth High Present Cantatas on in that direction. Sunday Evening

Acre: R. C. Jackson, chairman; L. in Plymouth and Roper are the basis will be studied by the only ones in Washington County Ange, regular member; A. J. New- who plan special services on make some final decision on the berry and E. H. Boyd alternates; Christmas Eve and Christmas matter. Date of the second call-Mount Pleasant: L. L. Davenport, Day, although all churches will ed meeting was not decided upon, chairman, L. T. Snell, vice chair- have special sermons and music but it is expected to be held by man; P. B. Belanga, regular mem- on the Sunday immediately pre- January 1. ber; W. H. Stillman and D. H. ceeding Christmas and two Plym-Furlough, alternates; Cherry: outh churches have planned can-

Celebration of Holy Commun-Phelps, regular member; R. A. ion will be held in Grace Episco-Gibbs and P. L. Ambrose, alter- pal Church in Plymouth on Christmas Eve, beginning at 11:30 Pleasant Grove community led p. m., which will be followed by the voting with 53 votes cast a sermon by the rector. Comwhile Roper community trailed munion will again be observed at second with 38. Creswell and Grace Church on Christmas Day of all car owners in Plymouth, Cherry fied for bottom place itself at 9 a. m., while St. Luke's he said, is February 1, after with 10 ballots each. hold celebration of Holy Communion, followed by a sermon by the rector, at 11 a. m. on

of Plymouth, has completed a ed "The Methodist cantata is entitled" ed "The Christmas Story," and pany E of the Twelfth Regiment will be presented by candle light best produced in the United of the Fourth Infantry Division and States, is equipped with four neth S. Trowbridge, with J. Shep-loudspeakers which will be in-

(See CHURCHES, Page Five)

#### Candidate Visits Town on Tuesday No definite schedule has yet been worked out, the pastor said,

church's Sunday school, has re- his wife, spent the day visiting progress and that the hardwood with residents of the town and flooring has arrived and will be Mr. Allen stated that several getting acquainted with this sec- installed shortly. He also pointprospective pastors for the tion of the State in general, ed out that donations from the church will be considered with Washington County was the fifty- congregation to the building fund the congregation expressing their second of the State's 100 counties is averaging between \$600 and visited by Albright in his cam- \$700 per month which is consider-The church's pastorate has been paign to carry political issues di- ably beyond the contributive

He was scheduled to be in

## No Prospects for General Construction of Cres-

well Building Is Reason

for Action

ESTABLISHED 1889

Shopping Days

Until Christmas

Members of the Washington County Board of Education, meeting in special session in the superintendent's office here last Thursday afternoon, rejected all bids made on various aspects of the construction of a new colored school house at Creswell since no bids had been received on the general construction of the

building. Although the board had advertised for sealed bids on four different aspects of the school's construction, its intention being to let separate contracts for general construction, heating, plumbing, and electrical installations, only few bids were received. These were three bids on electrical installations, one on heating plant work, and none for the general onstruction and plumbing.

An alternative course for the uilding of the school house, conidered by the board at the special neeting, was employment of a construction crew and supervisor n a flat-fee basis as was done in Plymouth Plan to School additions and renovations, but no difinite action was taken

Another called meeting of the education group will be held at So far as can be learned at which time estimates of the total present, Episcopal church groups cost of construction on a flat-fee board members who may then

#### Music System Is Given for Spire Of Local Church

Will Broadcast Bell Music; Gift Made by Family in Memory of Son, John Trump, Jr.

The two cantatas to be held in sented with a Schulmerich Elec-Plymouth will be presented by the Methodist church in the Methodist church in the by Mr. and Mrs. J. Berton Trump sanctuary at 5 p. m. and by the and daughter in memory of their Training in California Sanctuary at 5 p. in and daughter in memory 5. Training in California Sanctuary at 5 p. in and daughter in memory 5. In a second in the country 5. In a second in t ment from the Rev. Paul B. Nickens, pastor of the church.

The music system, one of the herd Brinkley as organist. The stalled in the church belfry in the near future and will carry recorded chime music over the entire town. The system carries sound within a radius of one

R. Mayne Albright, 38, young- be operated about three times per Members of the First Christian est candidate for Democratic week, either at noon or in the late

Mr. Albright, accompanied by ing of the interior is now in amount asked.

#### Local PTA Holds Final Meet Here

The Plymouth Parent-Teacher Asociation, holding its final meeting of 1947 in the high school outh, the restaurants excepted, Wednesday until Monday, De-cert by the school's glee club.

The post office will be closed on local unit, presided at the Thursday night session.

#### Most Local Places Close Two Days for Christmas All places of business in Plym- will be closed from noon next last Thursday night, heard a con-

their three children, James, Eve- district is now being re-circulated will be closed on Christmas Day cember 29, excepting the Farmers Selections rendered were approax. Other equipment used in liamston, secretary of the associance among the landowners who would and the day afterward, re-open-day among the landowners who would and the day afterward, re-open-day among the landowners who would and the day afterward, re-open-day among the landowners who would and the day afterward, re-open-day among the landowners who would and the day afterward, re-open-day among the landowners who would and the day afterward, re-open-day among the landowners who would be involved and will be returned be involved and will be returned be involved and will reopen Friday after-day af cember 27. The local eating noon after Christmas. Offices in several Christmas stories to the business on the job when the school auditorium on Wednesday president of the association and escape before the roof of the fice shortly after Christmas when places will be open for regular the Agriculture Building will ob- group, following the glee club's alumnus of Plymouth High structure began to cave in. Only plans for the actual survey will meals on Christmas Day. Al- serve the same holiday closing as songs Accompanying Officer Basnight were Deputy Sheriff W. D. wood pedestal topped with a gold
Accompanying Officer Basnight were Deputy Sheriff W. D. wood pedestal topped with a gold
The trophy, a 12-inch hardshe made.

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The courthouse offices.

The schools will close this Friwhich was very brief, the stage

Peal and Clyde Snell. Earlier in the season, and by Mr. Until more permanent living that in view of the small cost mas, they will reopen on the day day. December 19 and will reduct the week, a more complete distilling unit together with 400 gallors of the School by Joe Reid, of the Plymouth team's record family is living with Mr. Gurlors of the school by Joe Reid, of the Plymouth team's record family is living with Mr. Gurlors of the same two-day this year and of the association's ganus's father, J. L. Gurganus, raised by the land owners with this year and of the association's ganus's father, J. L. Gurganus, raised by the land owners with the local team.

Total cost of the work is exright of way on 31.3 acres at \$10 weeks ago when he accepted a Plymouth on Monday, but was pected to be between \$28,000 and