J. Shepherd Brinkley of Plym outh has been appointed Washington County chairman for the annual American Red Cross drive which begins March 1 and ends March 10, it has been announced. Quota for Washington County in the 1948 campaign has not yet been determined and will be announced at a later date.

Mayor of Plymouth A. J. Riddle was unable to attend meeting of the town council, held Monday night, for the first time since he assumed office in January of 1946 at which time he was called to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Mayor E. F. Still. Mayor Pro Tem J. Shepherd Brinkley presided over the council meeting in Mr. Riddle's place. The mayor, whi was ill, has now recovered and is back at busi-

Matt White Norman, student at Emory College in Oxford, Ga., and son of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Norman of Plymouth, has been placed on the school's merit list for excellence of academic work done by his during the fall quarter, according to Registrar R. A. Thorne. Mr. Norman was one of 54 students at the school who were awarded recognition by the school during the fall

Approximately \$10,000 in current Town of Plymouth taxes were collected by Police Chief P. W. Brown during the month of January, Mr. Brown has reported. The chief said that the collection for the month just past is the all-time high for any 30day period since he took over the job some 25 years ago.

Roy F. Lowry, superinten-dent of the Washington County Schools, has been appointed by State Superintendent Clyde A. Erwin to the membership of a committee to re-organize the school lunchroom system of records and reports, it has been announced. First meeting of the committee will be conducted in Raleigh on February 17

Colonel H. J. Hatcher, director of the North Carolina Highway Patrol and the State Safety Di- pervisor Hubert L. Davenport, vision, will be the featured speak- Skinnersville Township, er at tonight's meeting of the Walter W. White list taker, is Plymouth Lions Club, it has been leading the county in the per- tions for payment for practices has seen such a case but three announced. Guests of the club centage of taxpayers who have completed in Washington Countimes. at the meeting tonight will in-clude all law enforcement of-list taxes in the current period. Triple-A program have been chair painting when she fell and ficials in Washington County. L. The township, he said, has re- forwarded to Raleigh for approval was hurt. Dr. Bray said that her E. J. Spruill, county auditor and J. Darby is program chairman corded a 90 to 95 per cent list- by the State AAA committee, Miss condition this week is very satisfor the club this month.

President J. Shepherd Brinkley cording an estimated 80 to 85 per vation materials only, the secdent's pin by the club members outh Township, Mrs. Hermine first applications were for mini- in Washington County have now ing. week. President Carl L. Bailey made the presentation.

Bible Convention Slated by Church

es of the Christian churches in ed, the majority of delinquents Washington County will be held are colored people and young in the Plymouth Christian Church men and women who have just H. H. Allen, lay officer in the to poll tax. In the upper end of injury although some damage local church, has announced.

first in a series of such gather- to appear on time for the list- by Jasper Brey Hardison, Roper ings, will be held under the direction of J. C. Gardner, instructure the section's most prominent resident turned over a few hundred Representatives of the six Chris- ever, the supervisor said, is gen- railroad crossing on Highway 64 tian churches in Washington erally outstanding throughout the Saturday around 1 a. m. County will attend the meeting.

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County. Farmers are being quite county. State Highway Patrolman John S. Sanderson, who investigated take part in the program.

Negro Woman Is Accident Victim

Mary Pettiford, 60-year-old colored resident of Plymouth, suffered a fractured back when a a ditch about five miles from Tarboro Friday afternoon.

Six other passengers were the time the accident occurred. | Collins, chairman of the cam-ty.

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Heavy Snowfall Climaxes Councilmen Hold Week-EndofBad Weather Regular Meeting

One of the heaviest snowfalls | By noon Sunday, the highways occurring in Washington County in the county and the principal since a 6-inch fall fall in Dec. 1943 streets in Plymouth had been came Sunday, local residents stat-scraped and were in fairly good Discuss Alleged Misuse ing that the first flakes began condition although most residents to come down around 6 a. m. with had trouble getting their cars out an approximate 4-inch precipi- of garages. tation taking place within the next four hours.

Saturday by sleet and freezing number of families and business rains which rendered both side- houses in Plym walks and streets hazardous. The ty in general. snowfall on Sunday dealt the were delighted final blow to the roads, insofar and spent the da, making snowas the schools were concerned, men and having snowball fights of the town's police car. and classes throughout the coun- while their elde ty were ordered suspended until not, enjoyed a

Coming in conjunction with a serious shortage of all kinds of The snow was preceeded on fuel, the snow hit hard at a large and the counidren, though, th the event having fuel or

Let Contract for PartRoad Project In order to clarify tion. Police Chief P.

Groundhog Sees Shadow Monday

All Washington County residents who put faith in the annual weather prediction made by the Groundhog each February 2, have announced that the next 40 days will be filled with bitter cold, for the Groundhog, who emerged from his burrow at noon on Monday, found the sun shining and most certainly saw his shadow.

Legend has it that if the rodent finds the sky cloudy so that no shadows are cast, spring is most certainly on its way, but if the sun is out, winter will reign for an additional 40

Skinnersville Now ened from six to 10 feet from a point near the county line, the Leading In Listing Taxes agonally across the dairy farm

Appeared: Scuppernong in Second Place

According to County Tax Su-

Scuppernong Township, Paul secretary, has reported. In recognition of his two and B. Belanga list taker, is running one-half years service to the Skinnersville a close second, Plymouth Rotary Club, Former Davenport said, Mr. Belanga rewas presented with a past-presi-cent of taxpayers, while Plymat the organization's meeting this Ramsey list taker, is third with a

ty with only about 65 per cent plications will be sent to the she said, adding that all farm of taxpayers appearing before State committee as soon as pos-List Taker R. W. Lewis who is sible. also covering the Wenona sec-

A convention of all Bible class- ty, Supervisor Davenport reportinday, beginning at 2:30 p. m., become old enough to be subject the county, he said, some of the was done to the automobile when The convention, which is the most glaring examples of failing a 1941 Chevrolet Coupe, driven dents. Poll tax delinquency, how- yards east of the Juniper Lodge before 1953.

out tax lists has been due to was the only one reported to the bad weather so the county com- Washington County division of missioners allowed an extension the highway patrol during the of the listing period, until Feb- ice and snow storm which lashed ruary 14, to make up for the the eastern part of the State last

No Bid on Rest

The State Highway Commission awarded the contract for grading US Highway 64 from the Martin County line to the Roper city limits to the Nello L. Teer Company of Durham at a meeting of the commission in Raleigh on Thursday at which contracts were let in the total amount of \$1,-909,521.28 for highway propects in North Carolina for 1948. The Washington County project bid was \$109,417.

The bid made by the Durham contractors was on the roadway No bids were received on structures in the project.

According to plans made by the highway commission, the road from the county line will be widened from six to 10 feet from a

run parallel to the Atlantic Coastline railroad tracks for some dis-List Taker Reports 90-95 tance turn south and rejoin the Per Cent Taxpayers present highway at a point near Juniper Lodge.

Bids for Payment

ing as of Wednesday of this week. Miriam Ausbon, county Triple-A factory.

The second application lot, amounting to an estimated \$2,-500, are for payment for conserretary said, pointing out that the

In the lower end of the coun- Icy Road Causes **Wreck Saturday**

All persons involved escaped

the farm census which is being the accident stated that the taken this year for the last time cause of the spill was due to ice on the highway at that particular Some delinquency in making point. He added that the accident

Here on Monday

of Police Car; Defer Planned Buildings Sale Until 1949

The Plymouth town council, neeting in regular session at the Municipal Building Monday night. held much heated discussion concerning the use, or some statements have phrased it, the misuse

One councilman reported tha city fill of he had had numerous complaints from residents of the town that the car, while on night duty, had been seen at points beyond th ity limits. He added that the average milage shown on the ear, according to checks made was 57 miles per night for each

In order to clarify the situaion, Police Chief P. W. Brown stated that since the city limits State Highway Commis- were extended last June, the car Groundwork Laid to Sesion Grants Portion of must travel much farther in its nightly check-up rounds which Job to Durham Firm; extend now from Little Richwood Village to Stillacres. Six rounds per night are made, he said. The chief added, however, that the car should not be taken outside the city limits at any time, but that he knew of no instance in which this had occurred.

Considering the problem of readvertising the Municipal Building and fire house for sale at public auction, the council voted to let things remain as they are meets in 1949 and have the property disposed of by authority of special legislative act.

Luther Gurkin appeared fore the board and requested that he be allowed to continue in occupancy of a warehouse owned by the town and located behind (See COUNCIL, Page Ten)

County Resident

Mrs. David Cutler, Washingtwo broken wrists incurred in a fall at her home on Highway 32 last Wednesday, it has been reported. Dr. T. L. Bray, of Plymorted. Dr. T. L. Bray, of Plymorted the injuries. Mrs. Gaylord to J. J. Gilbert, who treated the injuries. outh, who treated the injuries, district highway engineer, stated that a simultaneous frac-Sent by Triple-A stated that a simultaneous fracturing of both wrists in the same accident is one of the most unusual accidents he has ever the same accident is one of the same accidents he has ever the same accident is one of the same accident is one of the same accidents he has ever the same accident is one of the same accidents he has ever the same accident in the same accidents he has ever the same accident in the same accident is one of the same accident in the same accident is one of the same accident in the same accident is one of the same accident in the same accident is one of the same accident in the same accident is one of the same accident in the same accident is one of the same accident in the same accident in the same accident in the same accident is one of the same accident in the same accident unusual accidents he has ever seen. He added that in his 32 as soon as certain papers from seen. School; \$13.50 from Macedonia seen. He added that in his 32 as soon as certain papers from school; \$24.64 from collection The second 100-lot of applica- years of practicing medicine, he New York bonding attorneys are tions;

Potato Acreages Sent

mum assistance checks. The first been mailed out to producers. lot was approved by the State Miss Miriam Ausbon, county AAA Lees Mill Township occupies the bottom position in the country with only about 65 row and all of 172.4 acres were distributed.

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Farm Bureau Meets Friday

A meeting of the Washington County Farm Bureau will be conducted in the Agriculture Building in Plymouth on Friday at 7:30 p. m., according to announcements from W. T. Freeman of Plymouth, president of the county farm organization.

Featured event of the evening's program, he said, will be the showing of a motion picture, "First in the Hearts of the Farmers," which will depict soil conservation practices from the time of George Washington to the present. All members of the Farm Bureau have

County Schools Extend Tax Listing Period Resume Classes To Include All Next Week

School officials in announce ing the suspension of classes in the county on Monday pointhighways in this section had been scraped and were fairly safe, dirt roads were covered and slush making travel, particularly of loaded school buses, extremely hazardous.

Light Agenda Is **Presented County**

cure Rights of Way for Completion of County Road Project

The Washington County Board of Commissioners, meeting in regular session in the courthouse on Monday, was presented with a light, though varied, agenda Notice was given the tax-paying residents of the county that the period for listing taxes will be extended from February 8, next Sunday, through February 14, the sections until the State General Assembly following Saturday, due to adverse weather conditions in January which kept many taxpayers away from the listing places.

The clerk of theboard was in-

structed to notify Mrs. J. H. Gaylord, jr., of Roper, that she is to secure from landowners who have way agreements with the State Highway Department so that the Injured by Fall road project can be completed. The work being done on the road was halted some time ago because the State lacked rights of way con County resident, sustained that section and could not legalfrom several property owners in

received by the board.

Reports were heard from Mrs. Frances M. Darden, county home demonstration agent, and from tax collector. Jim Hamilton was employed as custodian of the county courthouse and the Agriculture Building for the month Out by AAA This Week of February. Frank L. Brink-

damage was done to the 1946 Oldsmobile sedan driven by Plymouth Attorney Carl L. Bailey when it collided with a 1941 Ford sedan, driven by John Cole-Thursday around 4 p. m.

Bailey, unable to stop his car p. m.

at the regular hours on Wednesday morning following a twoday closure necessitated by heavy snows which blanketed this section on Sunday.

ed out that while the paved with four to six inches of snow

Board on Monday Near Twice Quota In Polio Campaign

Contribution Now \$928.76 Over Amount Asked; Final Count Expected to Reveal More

n Monday afternoon.

By Wednesday of this week total contribution of \$2,148.76 had been collected in Washington County for the annual March of Dimes campaign, and one or tw to be he from, according 1. report from Mrs. Athalia Gardner Tyree, county chairman for

Quota assigned to the county she said, was \$1,220, with all in dications that the final count of donations made in this section will double the amount alloted finished Horton Town Road to the Washington County. At present effect that they will sign right-of amount has been turned in.

An itemized list of contribu tions from Washington County by sections, reads as follows Plymouth, \$1,413.31, with \$290.79 given by business firms; \$95 by unions; \$100 by clubs and churches: \$200 by white high school;

boxes; \$6.33 from theatre collec-

(See POLIO, Page Ten)

Local VFW to Conduct Meeting Here Tonight

The Plymouth post of the Ve ley, chairman of the county borad, terans of Foreign Wars will con-Allotments for potato acreages presiding at the Monday meet-duct a regularly scheduled meeting in the courtroom of the county courthouse tonight at 8 o'clock, according to an announcement from Post Commander W. S. Davenport. All members of the or-Thursday Wreck ganization have been requested to attend.

All persons involved escaped injury although considerable Income Tax Man

at such abrupt notice, struck the All persons who earned \$500 or Washington Street ignited the promised to investigate it as soon rear of Coletrain's car and the more during the calendar year of store building around 1:15 p. m. as possible. front of the bus. Both fenders 1947 are required to file a re- Friday, but Plymouth firemen. and the radiator grill of the turn, it was pointed out. The summoned to the scene, quickly ducted a conference with heat-Bailey car were demolished. No taxpayer may use his withhold- put the blaze out. Fire Chief ing unit contractors on recomdamage was sustained by either ings statements given him by his Miller Warren reported that no mended changes for the heating of the other two vehicles. Cole- employer for this purpose, or he estimate as to the extent of unit of the new section of the train admitted being at fault and may use form 1040 which can be damage could be made at present, Plymouth High School. Recomdamage payments will be arrang- secured at the post office. Re- but that if a great deal had oc-mended changes include comed out of court. Martin County turns must be filed by March 15 curred, the major portion would pletion of all convector enclosur-Highway Patrolman Whit Saun- with the regional collector of in- be due to smoke rather than the es and pipe coverings and the

Not Having New Licenses

rehended, according to reports tags as well, or suffer the con- the county board of commissionrom Highway Patrolman John sequences. Askew, the patrolman added, house on Monday.

Sanderson, who made the arrest will be given a hearing in Wash-Sanderson reported that Con- ington County Recorder's Court reports on the scantiness of the ie Ray Askew, white resident shortly. As far as the rest of number of taxpayers appearing Pinetown, was arrested by him the county's drivers are concern- before the list takes during the n Highway 32 for not display- ed, he said, everyone seems to regular period of January 1 ng the new license plates. Dead- have secured the 1948 plates from through January 31, decided that line for driving with a 1947 li- the stations in Williamston, Edenense. Sanderson pointed out, ton, or Washington.

Polio Strikes

Child at Roper

Robert Lee Simpson, two-

year-old Roper Negro child, was

stricken with infantile para-

lysis last Wednesday and has

been removed to St. Agnes hos-

pital in Raleigh for treatment

of the disease, officials in the

Health Department have re-

Washington - Tyrrell District

The polio case, the health de-

partment stated, was the first

reported to them this year. The

child, they said, is the son of

Cornel'us and Carrie Lee Simp-

son. Three other children, they

added, live in the same house,

but have so far not been in-fected with the disease.

Severe Shortage

Still Insufficient

relief and local oil companies

have begun receiving their Feb-

ruary fuel quotas, the oil short-

age is still severe in Plymouth.

One local oil dealer has re-

Shortages are also very much

Oil Stove Causes Fire

Flames originating from

situation easing.

Of Fuel Is Still

the drive.

Roper, \$149.44, with \$58.31

Creswell, \$442.32, with \$23.28 given by the churches; \$5 by the outh from nearby towns aiding Woman's Club; \$44 from theatre greatly in giving some measure of

ceived his first February shipment of kerosene and fuel oil for the period, totalling 4,500 gallons has been pointed out, however, that this is not sufficient to meet demands made by all oil consumers in this area. evident in coal and wood fuels,

A deputy collector of internal train, of Jamesville, and a Mar- revenue will be located in Plym- still no immediate prospect of the school. tin County school bus, several outh at the post office from miles west of Jamesville last Wednesday, February 8, through Friday, February 20, to aid tax-Coletrain, followed by Bailey, payers in making out forms for was meeting the school bus when the filing of 1947 federal income the bus driver dropped the ve- tax returns, it has been announce hicle's "stop" sign, Coletrain im- ed. Hours to be maintained by mediately applied his brakes and the deputy are 9:30 a. m. to 5 flooded carburator in an oil stove Members of the board took no

ders investigated the accident. ternal revenue at Greensboro. fire itself.

Only One Car Halted for County Board Grants Listers Extra Time Because of Bad Weather in Month of January So far only one automobile was last Saturday, January 31. The period for the listing of tax-river attempting to travel the From now on, he stated, all drives in Washington County has been

ighways in this section without ers must display the new plates extended to Saturday, February 1948 license plate has been ap- and, if Plymouth residents, city 14, according to action taken by ers, meeting in the county court-The commissioners, reviewing

adverse weather conditions were responsible in keeping a large part of persons away from the list takers' post, hence the extension of the listing period.

The county board in notifying the public of the extra time allowed for the lungs, pointed out that failure port to the list takers on, or the February 14 will subject by person, firm, or corporation to all pen-alties according to the State tax laws and that such computers will also be liable to the cution in the courts.

List takers for the townships in Washington are as follows: Plymouth ship, Mrs. Hermine Rams, Mill Township, R. W. Skinnersville Township, White; Scuppernong Tov Paul B. Belanga. Hubert L. The list takers will be the same places as a

John Darden Said To Be Improving

The Hon. John W. Darden, Washington County representative to the State General Assembly, who suffered a stroke of paralysis last Friday morning is reported by relatives to be resting comfortably at present although his condition is still regarded as serious.

Evident in Town Some improvement has been noted since Friday, they stated, and Mr. Darden has regained Local Dealers Receive powers of both sight and speech

New Monthly Allot- to some extent. Mr. Darden has been in ill ments but Supply Is health for some time and had suffered a series of strokes last year. In the fall, he entered a Although additional supplies of hospital in Durham for treatoil have been allocated to Plym- ment and while there underwent several serious operations.

Extra School Bus Is Requested for Clemmons School

of each in the initial delivery. It Education Board Also Holds Conference on Proposed Changes in Local Heating Plant

Appearing before the county although they are perhaps not board of education, meeting in quite so severe as in the oil di- regular session here on Monday, vision. Plymouth retailers of two representatives of the J. J. fuels of all types have continued Clemmons School at Roper, Wil-To Be Here Soon their request that local residents liam Johnston and Charlie Basmaintain as close watch over night, requested the members of their request that local residents liam Johnston and Charlie Basfuel supplies as possible and to the board to investigate all posutilize the supplies as economi- sible means of securing an adcally as possible since there is ditional school bus to serve the

The Clemmons School representatives pointed out that the one bus which now services the school is not able to give suffici-At Outten's Store Here ent service in transporting adequately all rural students to and a from classes each school day. in the John Outten store on final action on the matter, but

The education group also conlowering of the water level of the boiler. The recommendation was made by the contractors bebecause too much water is being carried into the boiler by the A total of 1,534 pounds of new paign, has announced. The relief | Several merchants, local civic distribution center on the fol- said, were given by the merchants tained at the Municipal Building feed pipes. The board agreed to of the town and one hardware and at Mrs. Collins' home in have the changes made and the

> Leave of absence was granted January 26, and ending on Sat- er at the Brooks School, for rea-

Carolina Trailways bus on which she was a passenger skidded off the highway and turned over in the highway and turned over i

slightly injured and another 16 and used clothing were collected drive, which was sponsored by organizations and the Atlas Ply- lowing day, she said. slightly injured and another 16 and used clothing were collected drive, which was sponsored to d The Plymouth woman was most the local overseas clothing reseriously hurt. All were taken lief drive and have now been than satisfactory, Mrs. Collins of conding the peckages to Many. seriously hurt. All were taken her drive and have now been than satisfactory, hars. Commission of sending the packages to Mary-ing materials were contributed number of games and toys were paign was conducted for one for the remainder of the year to Tarboro hospital for treal- self to New Wildsof, and, for the remainder of the year to the bus was en route shipment to European victims of made by local stores and private land, the chairman pointed out. by Plymouth residents, Mrs. Col- also included in the donation week, beginning on Monday, Margaret H. Berry, colored teachfrom Raleigh to Williamston at the recent war, Mrs. Woodrow R. citizens were of very good quali-Sunday and sent to the European of new articles of clothing, she | Collection centers were main- urday, January 31.