W. A. "Bill" Roebuck, Plymouth town clerk who underwent a bone operation in a Raleigh hospital last week, is reported to be coming along satisfactorily now. Bill was given a 30-day sick leave for hospital treatment and expects to return to work some time during the latter part of March.

Mrs. Frances M. Darden, county 4-H leader, and Mrs. W. V. tended a recreational school in Williamston Tuesday and Wednesday nights of this week, and will attend the final session there tonight. The school is in charge of Miss Virginia Godfrey, State recreational leader, with representatives from six counties at tending the classes.

Raeford Elks, 7-year-old Plymouth boy, was painfully injured last week-end while playing "follow-the-leader" and reported to the local clinic for treatment. All sorts of tests were made over a period of several days to discover the nature of his illness and even a test for spinal meningitis was made, which turned out negative. The boy was removed to a Norfolk hospital where, after more tests, an X-ray photo showed that his neck was dislocated. He is still being studied for further pathology.

W. T. Freeman has been elected to the board of directors of the North Carolina Farm Bureau organization, being chosen to that position at the annual meeting of the Bureau in Asheville last week, according to an announce ment here this week. Mr. Freeman will attend a Bureau-spon-sored tobacco meeting in Raleigh Vet Talent Show sored tobacco meeting in Raleigh next Monday.

Representing the Washington County board of commissioners, H. W. Pritchett, H. L. Davenport, and C. E. Ayers, members of the board, attended a meeting of all county commissioners of the second congressional district of North Carolina held in Washington last Friday. Other members of the board, including Frank L. Brinkley, chairman, were unable to attend because of pressing business matters.

ing books for the Plymouth precinct registration prior to the hospital bond election slated next month, is reported to have found only one man out of the 429 registered by him so far, who opposed the hospital measure. It was added that when he had finished registering the man he had converted ing Plymouth 100 per cent in favor of the measure at this point. The picture appears pretty much the same throughout the county.

Washington County was one of monies. several eastern counties visited guards will be posted at all en-

County and Town Meetings Monday

All local governing boards of in regular session next Monday, March 1, with but little beyond band routine business slated to be enacted at the metings.

The board of county commissioners meeting in the courthouse at 10 a. m., in addition to their routine business matters, will conduct a drawing of jurors for the April term of the Washington County civil superior court.

The board of education, meeting in the county superintendent's office at 10 a. m., will probably review progress made in the construction of the new Negro high school building in Creswell.

The Plymouth town council, convening in the Municipal Building at 8 p. m., will probably discuss the results of the sale of refunding bonds of the Town of Plymouth, offered for sale earlier this week in Raleigh. It is also expected that the council will review the progress made on repairs now being effected to another breakdown in the Washington Street sewer line.

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North Carolina Secretary of

State, Thad Eure, will be the

principal speaker at the meet-

ing of the Plymouth Lions

Club scheduled to be held in

the school lunchroom here to-

Funeral Is Held

Lengthy Illness

Funeral services for E. F

well last Saturday at 3 p. m. by

John W. Hardy, rector of the Church of the Advent in Wil-

6 a. m. in an Edenton hospital,

Swain, who was a retired Cres-

well business man, was a native

Thomas J. and Mary Jane Wood-

ley Swain. He was a member of the Washington County board of

commissioners for eight years and served for quite some time as

county tax supervisor. He was a

Funeral Held for

Swain family cemetery.

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Resume Work on Stores Undergoing Renovation

Old Brinkley Hotel Building on and plate front put up. Water Street, focal point of one Most extensive construction of Plymouth's most extensive work is being done on the sites business house site swaps, has vacated by the Eureka and Davis been resumed after being delayed for some time by bad weather.
Womble's Drug Store, occupying the site formerly used by the Adler clothing store, now out of building 34 feet to provide 5,000 business, expects to have its front square feet of sales space. When glassed-in and permanent doors Roses moves, Liverman's Men's installed shortly, while the Eure- and Boy's Shop will take its preka Cafe has now completed mov- sent place, and Roses will renoing from its previous location to vate the old Liverman site and the site vacated by Womble's and later occupy that too.

Work on the renovation of the is engaged in having a glass brick

Hays, Girl Scout leader, accompanied by five 4-H club girls at-Plymouth Are Sold

State Tax Man Here March 9

Residents of Plymouth and Washington County are being notified that E. Ross Frone-berger, deputy collector of the State of North Carolina Department of Revenue, will be located at the clerk of superior court's office in the county courthouse in Plymouth on Tuesday, March 9, for the purpose of giving assistance to taxpayers in filing their State income tax returns and intangible personal property taxes.

Those who must file include any single person or married woman who earned \$1,000 or more in 1947 or any married man who earned \$2,000 or more during the same period. Returns must be filed by March

To Be Presented

Three Prizes Offered To | jected. | Plymouth town officials had

testants vying for honors in every field from vocal solos to string band music will be presented in the auditorium of the Plymouth High School building tomorow might beginning and a solor to the property of row night beginning at 8 o'clock. pointed out to them that interest The show is being given under the sponsorship of the local post would increase from 3 to 4 per of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and proceeds will be placed in a building fund to be used for the construction of a VFW-American To Give Delayed Legion clubhouse.

Tickets are now being sold by nembers of the Plymouth VFW organization and entries to the show are still being accepted. Those who wish to become contestants for the three prizes being offered should contact W. Davenport, O. A. Marrow, or Odell Caton, former resident William Booth in Plymouth, or of Plymouth, now connected with Asa Johnson in Roper. Prizes bethe State Medical Care Commis- ing offered are \$25, first prize: sion, was a member of the statefederal committee that visited prize. The amount of applause Plymouth last Thursday to inspect possible sites for the hostermine the winners. Don Pierce, pital which the county plans to announcer at a Washington radio erect with governmental aid. station, will act as master of cere-VFW honor and color

rances for the occasion. show will be held at the school previous rehearsal was held last Thursday night at which a total of 12 contestants appeared, ranging from male and female vocal the town and county will meet soloists to various instrumental soloists, a tapdancer, and a string

Delegate Named To Raleigh Meet

president of the Washington County Farm Bureau, has been elected delegate member to Tobacco Associates, Incorporated, to represent the North Carolina Farm Bureau organization at its annual meeting to be held in Raleigh next Monday, it has

been announced.

Mr. Freeman has also been selected one of the 375 members of the Tobacco Associates corporation, representing the county Farm Bureau organization. The appointments were made by R. Flake Shaw, executive vice-president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau.

Sale Made on Bid Averaging 3.78 Per Cent Interest; Town To Save About \$37,000

Town of Plymouth General Reunding Bonds of 1948 in the full amount of \$250,000, offered for sale under sealed bid at Raleigh on Tuesday have been sold to four North Carolina finance companies, low bidders in the sale, thereby effecting a \$37,000 to \$38,000 aving to the town over a period of 10 years, cutting down the rate of interest paid on bonds outtanding which would have gone to 4 per cent on April 1, to 3.78

The first \$50,000 lot of bonds ere sold at a 3 1-4 per cent rate of interest; the second \$150,000 lot was sold at a 3 3-4 per cent rate of interest and the remaining \$50,000 lot was sold at 4 per cent, making the final interest percentage rate stand at 3.78. The bonds were sold on a pooled bid made by R. E. Dickson and Company of Raleigh, Vance Securities Incorporated of Greensboro, J. N. Peeler and Company of Durham, and the Branch Banking and Trust Company of Wilson. On Friday Night Only one other bid was submitted but that was for a higher Only one other bid was submitrate of interest and so was re-

Winners Chosen by Au- hoped that a less than 3 per cent dience; 12 Acts Booked interest rate would be bid and of Creswell and son of the late had planned on a \$75,000 saving A home talent show with conrate on the current town bonds ceded him in death in November would increase from 3 to 4 per of 1947. cent beginning April 1, 1948.

A Hillbilly Jamboree, scheduled to be held at the Creswell High School last Friday night but postponed because of adverse weather conditions, will be held this Friday night, February 27, in the school auditorium, it has been announced.

The program, being presented under the sponsorship of the Creswell school's home economics department, will be made up from sonations of cowboy screen and illness. The Rev. Garland C. local talent who will give imper-

Final dress rehearsal for the Contract 400 to 600 building tonight at 8 o'clock. A Acres Cucumbers

the C. C. Lang and Son's Plym- port of Manteo; and two sisters, favor of the bond issue. outh pickle plant with farmers Mrs. Julie Ambrose of Creswell The Washington County hospi- The salary limit was set at \$3,in this section for the planting of and Mrs. J. A. Combs, also of tal board of managers plans a 000, which includes the 15 active between 400 and 600 acres of cu- Creswell. cumbers to be grown by the farmers and purchased by the plant Davenport was unmarried. Pall- will discuss the Thursday invest- ers were allowed each team. An here for pickling when the crop bearers at the funeral were igation, size and plan of the medi-official baseball was adopted for comes due, C. W. Dinkins, plant Woody, Leamon, and Irving Am- cal unit, operational costs, and use in this years games and it

manager, has announced. The majority of the acres to be eded under the terms of the contract, Mr. Dinkins said, are ocated in the Plymouth section of Washington County, although there will be some plantings in Tyrrell, Bertie, and Perquimans Moved to Week of April 2 Counties. Plantings will be made in the latter part of March, he said, with the crop coming due in dates of the Soil Conservation April 19, while the State-wide interviews with player and man-June. In past years, the cucumber speaking contest, being sponsorcrop was one of importance to ocal farm operators but con- ed by the North Carolina Bankly by the local plant for the past ed, Donald B. Jones, county soil servation Committee, and Roy F. held in Plymouth in March, final everal years. The new contract conservationist, has announced. Lowry, county superintendent of date to be set later. Representeffected for this year's crop, the plant manager pointed out, is test, he said, will be held during final plans for the county contest, meeting were J. W. Foster, W. H. farmers than the one used in pre- in March as had been previously the contest and names of entries member teams of the league had are similar.

LIONS SPEAKER

Tentative Plans for Organization Formulated Water From Lake HERE NEXT WEEK At Meeting Held Here Phelps Hindering

Plans were formulated by a group of 15 young men of Plymouth to provide the provided by the second provided by the provided by outh to organize a Junior Chamco-operation of the Williamston Jaycees, at a meeting conducted at Juniper Lodge on Tuesday night. Joseph W. Foster was elected acting chairman and E E. Harrell temporary secretary of

A meeting with the Williamston Jaycees invited to be present also, has been slated for next that the waters are receeding to Wednesday night at 7 o'clock at their proper confines extremely Wednesday night at 7 o'clock at the Lodge. At this time the club will be given permanent form and a constitution and by-laws will be adopted as well as persuits a very serious threat to crop possibilities in the section for the coming year unless immediate remedial steps are will be adopted as well as per- less immediate remediate remediate

Members of the Junior organization will be made up of civic-they said, may be delayed from Last Saturday
For E. F. Swain

tween the ages of 21 and 35 and the overall aim of the club will be to sponsor civic activities of a beneficial nature to the majority of the residents of the town. Lewis Price, official in labor unions pledged labor support to the project at the meeting this week.

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the lower end of Washington Felton Magee and Mr. Price. The Williamston Jaycees were the top soil and was ruining County and leading figure in county government for many headed by Chairman Wheeler fields which had just been limed

years, were conducted from Manning. Ernest Mears, State di- No estimate of the water's depth Christ Episcopal Church in Cres- rector of the junior chamber of is immediately available. commerce, and Robert Cowan, the Rev. B. Wood Gaither, rector mayor of Williamston, were also of the church, assisted by the Rev. present at the meeting this week

Church of the Advent in Williamston. Burial was made in the Inspect Local Lot As Possible Site Mr. Swain died last Friday at following a lingering illness. Mr. For Medical Unit

communicant of Christ Episcopal mittee, composed of representatives of the State Medical Care last Thursday. Since the last election are being reminded that they must be en-Commission and the Federal Medical Care Commission, accompanied by Frank L. Brinkley, chair-Mr. Swain is survived by three man of the county board of com- Carolina were shown the associa- privilege of casting a ballot in the sons, Paul Swain of Plymouth, missioners, conducted an investition members. Purpose and sig-gration last Thursday of a county-nificance of the exhibit was ex-Jamie Swain of Norfolk, Va. owned lot immediately south of plained by Mrs. Hal L. Furr. Foled that the present registration lowing the program, an offering is a special one and that they Jamboree Friday Bowen of Plymouth, and Mrs. as a possible site for the hospital was taken for Founders Day must re-register they can Washington County hones to erect which the DTA was at the time. Washington County hopes to erect which the PTA was at that time legitimately vote in the balloting. with state-federal aid.

After completing their investigation the federal and state of-S. E. Davenport ed upon the site favorably, of ficial approval can be given no location until official application Last rites were conducted from is made by the county for a hos Davenport Funeral Home chapel pital built with federal-state aid in Creswell Sunday at 3 p. m. for funds. They pointed out that pri-Schooler E. Davenport, 77, New- mary requisites for the hospital lands section farmer, who died at site are access to electric power, Albemarle League To Alhis home there on Saturday at a sewer system, and an adequate 5:30 a. m. following a lingering water supply.

Since official application can-Bland, pastor of Phillippi Church, not be made until the passage of officiated at the last rites. Inter- the pending \$50,000 hospital bond ment was made in the family issue election to be held on

meeting during the early part of players and a team manager. Six At the time of his death, Mr. next week at which time they local and nine non-resident playbrose, John J. Combs, Hilly Da- personnel requirements of such was agreed to allow individual venport, and Dennis H. Phelps. a center.

Speaking Contest Date Is

Due to unforseen difficulties, regional contest in Greenville on

ington County will compete in the rangements can be made.

leigh on April 16.

Junior Chamber of Commerce Will Be Set Up Next Week Get Underway Monday

ber of Cemmerce here, with the Depth of Overflow Is Re-Phelps in the lower section of Washington County is not now as

minded men of Plymouth be- two to three weeks. ween the ages of 21 and 35 and

Hospital Friday After pointed a committee to draw up One farmer in the section said a constitution and by-laws, using that the water was knee-deep in the Williamston organizational some of his fields thile another machinery as a model, and sub man reported that it's house was mit it for consideration at next completely surrounded by the ov-Swain, 78, of Creswell, one of week's session. Members of the erflow. A third farm operator the most prominent citizens of committee are W. H. Woolard, said that the water moving across his land was washing away all

Parent-Teacher

(See LAKE PHELPS, Page 12)

ceding Very Slowly;

Crops Are Likely To Be

Although the overflow of Lake

deep as several days ago, the fact

conservation officials have re-

Delayed

been placed on the Washington Reports from registrars in oth-County PTA honor roll for hav-er voting precincts in the county Littlejohn will head the drive in

was a State Art Exhibit in which tered on the registration books pictures and paintings done by each in his own voting precinct school children throughout North, before he can legally exercise his

ficials said that while they looked upon the site favorably of Limit Agreed on At Baseball Meet

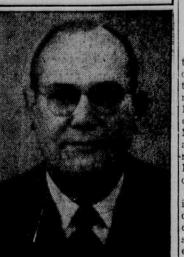
To Be Held Here

Albemarle Baseball League di-March 26, full approval to a site rectors, meeting in Colerain last Mr. Davenport was a native of in the county will not be made night adopted player salary lim-Washington County and a mem- before April or May, or possibly its and determined the type of Contracts have been signed by ed by one brother, A. H. Daven-county is almost 100 per cent in as allowing a limit of 15 active players to each team.

teams to secure the balls from any source they wish. Herber Nixon, of Hertford, was elected statistician for the League.

Although no definite commitnents have yet been made, it is understood that officials in the Washington County Athletic Association are now arranging for contest will be conducted in Ra- ager prospects, results of which will be announced later.

E. H. Liverman, chairman of The next meeting of the Albe tracts were not made extensive- ers Association have been chang- the Washington County Soil Con- marle League directors will be The Washington County con-schools, are in charge of making ing Plymouth at last night's onsidered more advantageous to the week of April 2 instead of he said. Final dates, location of Joyner, and A. J. Riddle. All rious seasons, although the two announced. Winners from Wash- will be announced as soon as ar- delegates at the session. President



Sherwood L. Roberson of Robersonville, candidate for district governor of the One-Hundred Eighty-Ninth District of Rotary International, will be the speaker of the evening at the regular meeting of the Plymouth Rotarians on Tuesday night of next week.

Local Registrar Lists 429 Voters

March 13

been registered to date by Plymouth Precinct Registrar J. T. Mc. and is now ready to function, ac-Nair for the coming \$50,000 coun-cording to E. V. Wilkins and the ty county hospital bond election Rev. A. R. Winborne, co-chairhich will be conducted through | men of the cebred campaign Washington County on Fri-March 26. Books were open-st Saturday and will remain The Creswell unit of the Pa-open week days until Saturday, rent-Teacher Association has March 13.

A total of 429 persons have

Official Approval Is Not ing a 10 per cent increase in at- are not immediately available, Given Any Location; tendance during the last period but it is assumed that the regis-Hospital Board Will and for having all members dues tration books in other parts of the county are also rapidly being

Registrars and their locations

(See 429 REGISTER, Page 12)

Local Legion Post To Meet Here Tomorrow

The Plymouth post of the American Legion will conduct a rehere Friday at 8 p. m., Commander W. Ronald Gaylord has anlow \$3,000 for 15 Men, nounced. Commander Gaylord Manager; Next Session added that all legionnaires are requested to attend the meeting.

> Mackeys Couple Attend Last Rites for Father

Mackeys-Mr. and Mrs. J. F.

4-H Planning Member Drive

The six 4-H clubs in Washington county will sponsor a membership drive as their part in observing National 4-H Week, Mrs. Frances M. Darden, county 4-H leader has announced, adding that the clubs hope to increase their individual memberships by at least 10 per cent during the period.

Purpose of the 4-H organization, she said, is to provide adequate group life and farm living educational opportunities for young people residing in rural areas. Those interested in joining the groups are asked to contact Mrs. Darden.

Organization Is Completed This Week; Quota For County Is Fixed at \$1,650

ESTABLISHED 1889

The Washington County chapter of the American Red Cross organization will begin its part in the Red Cross's annual fundraising drive next Monday, March 1, the campaign in this county continuing through Wednesday, March 10, and the county goal set at \$1,650, according to an announcement from J. Shepherd Brinkley, Washington County campaign chairman.

The county has been divided into canvass communities, urban centers into neighborhoods, and chairmen have been named to supervise collections made in each, he said. The district chairmen will be assisted by a number of canvassers who will make solicitations for the drive.

Henry Everett, who is also cochairman for the county, is chairman of the Roper white district: Mrs. T. W. Tarkenton is chairman for Pleasant Grove; John R. Stillman is chairman for the Skinnersville district; Mr. and Mrs. Joe B. Davenport are cochairmen for the Creswell section; Mrs. Oliver Stotesbury is chairman for the Wenona section; and W. Frith Winslow is Plymouth white chairman. Plymouth neighborhood chairmen are Mrs. On Books So Far

R. J. Sydenstricker for the business section, Mrs. K. S. Trowbridge, Mrs. E. F. Bagans, and Miss Ida Davis will cover the two mill villages, while E. M. Leavitt, Mrs. Sydenstricker, and Robert M. Bruce will be chairmen of the industrial sections. men of the industrial sections.

Organization of colored Red Cross workers for Washington County has also been completed and is now ready to function, ac-

Wilkins is Roper chairman and the Creswell section, they said,

(See RED CROSS, Page 12)

Meet Next Week A seven-man inspection committee, composed of representatives of the State Medical Care paid in full at the proper time, the county are also rapidly being according to an announcement filled. All persons in the county who have become 21 years of age since the last election are being reminded that they must be en-

Howard Comstock, young white employee of the North Carolina Pulp Company, suffered severe burns of the face and eyes Monday when an electric fan blew a sheet of flame from a recovery furnace into the young man's face at the company's Plymouth plant. He was given first aid by Dr. T. L. Bray of Plymouth and taken to a Rocky Mount hospital for further treatment.

Reports indicate that Comstock s now resting comfortably and that his evesight will not be serjously impaired. The accident occurred when the fan was suddenly cut on while one of the gular meeting at the Legion Hall furnace doors was opened. Comstock was employed as spoutman on the recovery furnace.

Funeral Held for Charlie E. Barnes

Funeral services were conducted from Saints Delight Christian ber of the Phillippi Church of later. So far as can be determined balls to be used in league games Davenport were called to Fort Church, near Mackeys, on Sun-Christ near Cherry. He is surviv- at present, though, the entire in the 1948 playing season as well Mitchell, Ala. last week because day at 3 p. m. for Charlie E. of the illness and death of Mrs. Barnes, 78, retired farmer of Davenport's father, M. B. Vann. Plymouth, route one, who died Mr. Davenport returned to Mack- at the home of his son, Ben eys last Friday, Mrs. Davenport Barnes, near here last Friday at and daughter, will remain with 8 p. m. after an illness of six Mrs. Vann for several days more. weeks. The Rev. Preston Clayton of Edenton officiated at the last rites. Burial was made in the family plot in the church ceme-

Mr. Barnes was born in Tyrrell County in 1869, the son of the late Ebenezer and Ann Chaplin Barnes, moving to Washington County while still a boy. He was a member of the Saints Delight Church and a regular attendant at services for the past 55 years. Until declining health limited his activities, he was an elder in the church. He was married to the late Macie A. Barnes, who preceded him in death several years.

Mr. Barnes is survived by two sons, C. W. Barnes of Plymouth, and Ben Barnes of Plymouth, route one; two daughters, Mrs. Joseph M. Cox, sr., of Elizabeth City and Mrs. Paul H. Garvey of Norfolk, Va.; 15 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.