

Miss Eloise Camp, State supervisor of school libraries, was here Tuesday to aid the Beta Club in the local high school with the rearrangement and classification of the books in the school's library. The club undertook the rearrangement of the books as their project for the year.

According to an estimate made by Police Chief P. W. Brown, around \$1,000 was spent by the town in the past few weeks for repairing broken-down sewers which suffered badly from the heavy weather experienced during February. On the Washington Street collapses \$750 were spent and on the Brinkley Avenue breaks \$250 were laid out.

With the return of agreeable weather, grading operations on the athletic field in the Stillacres section of Plymouth have been resumed, the workmen reporting for duty on Tuesday of this week. Officials in charge of operations have reported. They added that it is hoped to have the field completed by this week-end, if the weather continues to be in a good humor, of course.

Rayford Elks, seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Elks, who suffered a dislocated neck recently is steadily improving in a Norfolk, Va., hospital. Attending physicians say he may be able to return home in several weeks if he continues to improve.

Disaster struck the section of Washington Street between Water and Main Streets again on Tuesday night only this time it was a water main that collapsed instead of a sewer. Repair work was begun at once but will not necessitate closing the street through traffic, P. W. Brown, supervising the work, has reported.

J. S. Fleming, principal of the Plymouth High School and member of the local Rotary Club, has been nominated by the club as the club's candidate for a Plymouth Man-of-the-Year contest being sponsored by the young women's organization of a local church.

The meeting of the American Legion post here, scheduled to have been held last Friday, was postponed so that the legionnaires could attend the VFW home talent show being presented at the same time. The legionnaires will assemble again on Friday night of next week at 8 o'clock.

## Select Joyner as Rotary President

W. H. Joyner was elected president of the Plymouth Rotary Club in election of club officials for 1948 held at the club's regular meeting on Tuesday night of this week. Other officials selected to serve during the forthcoming term are Moye W. Spruill, vice-president, and the Rev. Edward M. Spruill, secretary-treasurer. In addition to the three officers, two other club members were named to serve on the organization's board of directors. They were J. Shepherd Brinkley and J. S. Fleming. All will take office on July 1.

Rotarians W. R. Hampton and Roy F. Lowry were appointed to represent the Plymouth Rotary organization at the district conference to be held in Raleigh March 28 through 30. Featured speaker of the evening was Rotarian Sherwood Roberson of Robersonville, candidate for governor of the one-hundred eighty-ninth district of Rotary International. He spoke on the meaning "Rotary International, It's Meaning and Ideals." Other guests included Nun Everett of Robersonville, and Jerry B. Vaden of Raleigh.

## VFW Meeting Is Slated At Courthouse Tonight

The Plymouth post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will convene in the courtroom of the county courthouse tonight at 8 o'clock, Post Commander W. S. Davenport has announced. He added that all VFW members are being urged to be present at the meeting.

## Equalization Board Will Meet Monday, March 15

The Washington County Board of Commissioners and the county tax supervisor will meet in the commissioners' room in the county courthouse in Plymouth on Monday, March 15, as a board of equalization and review. At that time the board will hear complaints on property taxations listed in the county and make whatever corrections and adjustments they deem to be justifiable.

## \$1,500 Allocated By County Board To Spray Program

Provide for Further Funds if Needed; Mosquito Control Drive to Begin in April

Washington County Commissioners, meeting in regular session in the courthouse on Monday, voted to appropriate a sum of \$1,500 to be used to defray the county's portion of expense in the annual Mosquito Control program, slated to get underway in this section in April, making further provision that if more money is needed to complete the DDT spraying used to combat mosquitoes, the county will provide it.

Dr. Claudius McGowan, acting health officer for the Washington-Tyrrell district, made the request for funds, informing the county board that the federal government will provide two trucks, supply them with gas and oil, as well as furnish spray guns and the necessary amounts of DDT. Money given by the county will pay salaries of crewmen operating the two spraying units. Dr. McGowan added that the town of Plymouth will also be asked to aid in the campaign to destroy the mosquito pest.

The county board approved a request by W. E. Allen that a stretch of road leading from Highway 99 to the Old Test Farm be scraped, graded, and sanded by the State Highway Commission. Also approved was a petition presented by A. J. Furlough, signed by 53 persons, that a section of the road be widened.

## Vet Talent Show Nets About \$100 For Organization

Cecil Craft, A. J. Ange, George Peele Winners; Event Presented to Capacity Audience

The home talent show presented to a capacity audience under the sponsorship of the Plymouth post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars is considered by the local VFW members a complete success, the net intake being estimated at approximately \$100. Attendance at the show was so heavy that about 40 or 50 had to be turned away at the door.

The show, which featured a series of variety acts, ranging from vocal solos to tapdancing, was given in the auditorium of the Plymouth High School with 19 persons vying for the \$25 first prize, \$15 second prize, and \$10 third prize. First winner was Cecil Craft of Roper who played a harmonica solo, "Foxchase," second prize was taken by A. J. Ange of Long Ridge for guitar solos "Smoke That Cigarette," and "I'm My Own Granpaw," third place was awarded George Peele of Plymouth for his tenor solo, "My Desire." Winners were selected on a basis of the amount of applause earned from the audience by each contestant.

Other contestants in the show were Joyce Marie and William McKel, vocalists; Eugene Ange, guitarist; Asa Johnson, jr., Roper, cornetist; Tom W. Norman, Roper, tapdancer, Russell Chesson, Roper, impersonator and trombonist; Roger Davenport, Creswell, vocalist; Millie Woodley, Creswell, vocalist; Mrs. C. L. Walker, Plymouth, piano soloist; Billie Leary and Billie Gaylord, impersonators; William Edwards and Gordon Sexton, guitar and vocal duetists; Bettie Jean Jackson, Plymouth, vocalist; and James Buford, Acre Station, accordionist. Willford Whitley and Miss Eva Woodley acted as accompanists for the vocalists.

Next spectacle to be put on in Plymouth under the VFW sponsorship will be a boxing tourney in the school gymnasium on March 15.

## 700 Register Here for Special Election; Interest Low in Other Parts of County

According to reports from J. T. McNair, Plymouth precinct registrar in the special registration of voters for the coming \$50,000 hospital bond election, the number of persons having their names on the books in this precinct has reached the 700 mark, almost twice the number having registered one week ago when 429 were recorded. The election will be held on March 26.

Other sections of the county have been reported as not doing so well, although the reports are not official. One well-informed resident of the Creswell section said that approximately 40 to 50 persons had registered there by last Saturday, and indications are that the situation is pretty much the same in other precincts of the county.

## Advise Opening All Lake Phelps Canals

Donald B. Jones, Washington County soil conservationist, and George N. Renfro, district engineer with the Soil Conservation Service, investigating the flooded conditions around Lake Phelps at the request of W. Roy Hampton, member of the board of directors of the State Department of Conservation and Development, have recommended that all floodgates in canals leading into the lake be opened to fullest capacity in order to drain excess water from the area. In this manner the land may be cleared of water so that Spring planting may not be delayed too long by the high water.

## Weekly Half-Day Closing to Start Here Next Month

Annual Wednesday Half-Holidays to Begin in April; Stores to Shut Doors at 1 p. m.

All Plymouth business houses, with the exception of filling stations, garages, restaurants, and some drug stores, will begin the traditional Wednesday afternoon closing on the first Wednesday in next month, April 7, one month earlier than in 1947, according to plans made at a meeting of the Plymouth Merchants Association on Tuesday.

## State Officer Is Speaker at Club

North Carolina Secretary of State, Thad Eure, featured speaker at last Thursday's meeting of the Plymouth Lions Club, informed the club members that only one out of six North Carolina voters are taking part in elections held in this State today.

Comparing the situation with that of 80 years ago, Mr. Eure said that the mere 750,000 qualified voters of that day took a much more active part in balloting held in the State than do the better than 3,000,000 voters of the present time.

## Dodge Fish Truck Is Wrecked Here

Although considerable damage was done the vehicle involved, its driver escaped with only minor cuts when a 1946 one and one-half ton Dodge fish truck, driven by Gordon Webster Zipperer, white, age 23, of Norfolk, Va., ran off the road, did a fancy somersault, landed on its nose and strewn fish all over everything Tuesday at 3 p. m. The truck, which met its accident about three miles from Plymouth on the Washington Road, was owned by G. V. Bradshaw, Old Dominion Fish Company, Norfolk.

State Highway Patrolmen R. W. Young and John Sanderson, who witnessed the accident, made investigation of the affair. No charges have been brought against the driver.

## Jaycee Group Set Up Last Night at Organizing Meet

Nyal Womble Elected President; Other Officials Named; Williamson JC's Present

Plymouth's newest civic organization, the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Plymouth, holding its second organizational meeting here last night elected Nyal Womble as first president of the group. Other officers chosen at the session are Woodrow R. Collins, first vice-president; Felton Magee, second vice-president; J. J. Segerman, secretary; and J. W. Allen, treasurer.

## Managers' Board Favors Setting Up 20-Bed Unit Here

Smaller Hospital Plan Would Include Possibility for Expansion When Necessary

Discussing tentative plans for the proposed Washington County hospital to be built with State-federal aid, the county hospital board of managers, meeting here Monday afternoon, voted that a 20-bed unit with room for expansion when needed would more exactly suit the demands of the county at this point and might possibly provide extra money for the maintenance of the institution in its early years.

The next step, it was pointed out, would be expansion to a 30-bed unit. Frank L. Brinkley and C. E. Ayers, members of the managerial board reported that investigation of construction costs had revealed that a 20-bed unit would be constructed at a cost of \$8,000 per bed or a total cost of about \$160,000, whereas a 30-bed unit would cost \$12,000 per bed or a total of \$360,000.

## Funeral Held for Newman H. Dotson

Funeral services were conducted from the Dotson home in Plymouth on Monday at 2 p. m. and from the Richmond Baptist Church in Richmond, W. Va., on Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. for Newman H. Dotson, 63, of Plymouth, who died at his home here on Sunday after an illness of only one day. The Rev. Paul B. Nickens, pastor of Ludford Memorial Baptist Church, officiated at the Plymouth rites and the Rev. M. Powers, pastor of the Richmond Church, was in charge of the services held in West Virginia. Interment was made in the Richmond Cemetery.

## Woman's Club Bridge to Be Held Tuesday Night

Holder of tickets to a pay bridge party scheduled to have been held in February, but postponed because of bad weather, are being advised that the party will be given at the Legion Hall next Tuesday beginning at 8 p. m. In addition to bridge, bingo and rummy will also be played by those attending.

## Veterans Aid Officers Named

W. Ronald Gaylord, commander and service officer of the local American Legion Post, W. H. Dunn and W. L. Tucker, assistant State service officers, have been named Veterans' Reemployment Rights Committee members for Washington County. Hugh W. Bradley, VRRD field representative, has reported.

## Certificates of Appointment Being Issued to These Committees and They Will Aid County Veterans in Obtaining Reemployment and Seniority Rights to Which They are Entitled Under the Selective Service Act.

## Four Breakdowns In Sewer Mended

Four more sewer breakdowns have occurred in Plymouth, these latest pipe breaks being located on Brinkley Avenue near the L. V. Landing and Miller Warren homes. P. W. Brown, local police chief, in charge of repair operations, has announced that two of the pipes were mended by Saturday and the other two fixed up by Wednesday of this week.

## County ABC Men Take Five Stills

County law enforcement officials, headed by L. L. Basnight, county ABC officer took and destroyed a total of five illicit whiskey stills in this section last week, four of them being found and broken up in one day.

## Youth for Christ Rally To Be Held on Saturday

Another Youth for Christ Rally will be conducted at Phillips Church of Christ, near Creswell, this Saturday, March 6, at 7:30 p. m., church officials have announced. Theme of the meeting will be "Christian Leadership." The Rev. L. D. Thomas, pastor of Zion's Chapel, Church of Christ, near Roper, will be the principal speaker of the evening.

## Schools Will Have Class Schedules on Saturdays

Since the schools in Washington County were closed for eight full school days due to adverse weather conditions in February, the county board of education, meeting in regular session in Plymouth on Monday, has ruled that five Saturday school days will be held by the county's education system in order to prevent a delay of the schools' May 31 closing date.

## Mr. Dotson Was the Son of the Late William and Rebecca H. Bay Dotson of Summersville, W. Va., and was employed as a millwright at the North Carolina Pulp Company's plant here. He left work at the mill around 5 p. m. last Friday and was found in his automobile the next day about 11 a. m. an apparent victim of a paralytic stroke. He died on Sunday at 9:40 a. m. Mr. Dotson had been a resident of Plymouth for the past eight years, coming here from Richmond.

## Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Etie M. Dotson; three sons, James Dotson and Thomas Dotson, both of Plymouth, and William Dotson of Richmond; one daughter, Mrs. L. A. Boothe of Akron, Ohio; two stepsons, Ora O. Collins and Ordie L. Collins, both of Richmond; and one brother, W. E. Dotson of Summersville.

## Red Cross Drive Off to Slow Start



Nelson Sabin, distinguished American baritone, will appear in a concert at the Plymouth High School next Tuesday, March 9, at 1:45 p. m. The concert is being presented under the auspices of the school's music department.

## Council Votes to Donate \$800 Fund For DDT Program

The Plymouth town council voted to allocate a sum of \$800 as its part in helping defray expense in the annual mosquito control program sponsored by the district health department and slated to begin early in April, the measure being passed upon the request of Dr. Claudius McGowan, acting district health officer, at the council's regular meeting held on Monday night.

## Town Board Also Sets Up Ordinance to Make All Shows Remove Advertising Placards

The council also passed an ordinance to the effect that all traveling shows exhibiting in Plymouth must post a \$50 bond at the time the exhibit permit is granted, to guarantee that they will remove all advertisements posted by them on public property within 24 hours after the show completes its local run. Failure to comply would result in forfeiture of the \$50.

## No Students Hurt By Bus Accident

Although all but two of the windows were shattered, none of the 32 school children were injured when Washington County School Bus, No. 4, operating out of Creswell, ran off the road and turned over in a ditch on the Scuppernon Road Tuesday around 3:30 p. m., county school officials have reported.

## W. H. Joyner Acted as Clerk to the Council in the Place of City Clerk W. A. Roebuck who is on sick leave. Mayor A. J. Riddle presided over the meeting.

## Patrolman Leonard N. Walters of Columbia investigated the accident. The bus was taken to the county garage in Plymouth for repairs.

## Investigation of the accident revealed, they said, that muddy conditions of the road was the direct cause of the upset. Name of the boy driving the vehicle could not be learned, but it is understood that he was substituting for the regular driver who was ill.

## The board of education also authorized Roy F. Lowry, county superintendent of schools, to employ a man to do maintenance and repair work in and around the schools during the summer months.

## Campaign Leaders Hope to Achieve \$1,650 County Quota by End of Drive Next Week

According to reports from J. Shepherd Brinkley, county chairman of the Washington County Red Cross campaign, currently underway, about \$250 has been collected so far toward the county's allotted quota of \$1,650. This report, Mr. Brinkley pointed out, is not exact since full reports from community chairmen have not been made as yet. More definite information on the progress of the drive will be available this week-end, he said.

The drive, which began in the county on Monday of this week, will end next Wednesday, March 10, and all county residents are being requested to give to the canvassers as generously as possible. One half of the money, or \$825, will remain in Washington County to take care of any emergency situation which may demand the attention of the Red Cross in this section, officers in the campaign have pointed out.

The remainder of the money collected will be sent to the Red Cross national organization to be used in its work of a national and international nature.

Although no official report has been heard from E. V. Wilkins and the Rev. A. R. Winborne, county co-chairman of the colored campaign, it is understood that progress toward achieving the \$500 goal allotted the colored drive is coming along satisfactorily.

Washington County has been divided into canvass communities, urban centers into neighborhoods, and chairmen have been appointed to supervise collections made in each. The district and neighborhood chairmen will be assisted by the canvassers.

## Roper PTA Plans To Aid Lunchroom

According to measures taken at a meeting of the Roper unit of the Parent-Teacher Association, plans are now being formulated for the sponsorship by the Roper PTA of a program which would further aid the school's lunchroom project. The lunchroom project was undertaken by the organization as its project for the year.

A program presented to the attending PTA members at the meeting consisted of a Peter Rabbit drama enacted by the first grade, a Founder's Day acoustic by the fourth grade, and a talk on "The Community's Place in a Peaceful World," by the Rev. Hudnell of Roper.