A sure sign that spring is no far away was the reappearance on local streets last Friday of E. H. Liverman, who has been in Florida, Louisiana and Mississippi since early in January. Mr. hursday night after visiting Capt. and Mrs. R. S. Callis in Tampa, Fla., and Mr. and Mrs. W. O. McClain in Meridian, Miss. They also attended the Mardi Gras in New Orleans while they were away.

L. E. Hassell, of Roper, chair-Board of Education, and County Superintendent R. F. Lowry atweek. J. A. Pritchett, of Windsor, ments for the contest. member of the state education commission, was the principal

Mrs. R. E. Dunning was called to Swan Quarter Sunday on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. C. H. Carawan. It was reported yesterday that Mrs. Carawan's condition was somewhat

A variation of the familiar father-and-son banquets will be held at Creswell High School Friday night of this week at 7:30 o'clock, when a mother-daughter and father-son barbecue will be d there. County School Superintendent and Mrs. R. F. Lowry are planning to attend from Plymouth.

Neva Salyer, member of the local Girl Scout Troop, showed true scouting spirit after she won a dollar for answering a radio quiz question correctly in Washington last Saturday, while visiting the station with local scouts, and turned the dollar over to the

Local Girl Heads **District Beta Clubs**

Betty Jean Jackson, member of the junior class of the Plymouth High School was elected president of the Northeastern District of Beta Clubs yesterday at an annual convention of the district Beta Clubs in Winterville.

The local Reference in normal on her before going to the convention, then she gave her nomination speech at the convention. Fifteen schools from 11 counties in the district competed in the

As the result of becoming district president Miss Jackson is now a candidate for the state presidency. The state Beta Club elections will be held in Raleigh, the later part of April.

Farm Owners in

gram from Washington, Tyrrell raigned in recorder's court here fifths of an acre for highway Old Barn at Lake and Hyde Counties met in Plym- Tuesday.

Tarboro, field representative of the program and Margaret Fuller, of Raleigh, state supervisor of home management of this district, Albemarle Schoolmasters gave their views on the various In Regular Meet Monday

Red Cross Drive

all reports of the county 1949 the club and presided over the tennial celebration of the founddrive were in with the exception session. of the Plymouth Industrial Dis-

quota within the five days scheduled for the drive. The county work they put Roper Ruritans Plan Plan, baseball club, Mike Koons, playing manager, will arrive in playing manager, will arrive in playing manager. forth in the drive. He also wish-

Candidates For Legion

A nominating committee was appointed at the local American School Auditorium.

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da, Louisiana and Mississince early in January. Mr. Mrs. Liverman returned Speaking Contest Here Tomorrow

soil conservation public speaking receive a \$50 savings bond, while eastern district are: Beaufort, contest for high school studen's a \$25 bond will go to the runner- Bertie, Greene, Hyde, Martin, will be held in the agriculture up. The district winners advances Pitt, Washington, Camden, Chobuilding here Friday afternoon, to the state finals, which will be wan, Currituck, Dare, Hertford, starting at 2 o'clock. There are held in Raleigh Friday of next Pasquotank, Perquimans and Workers Without Loss-15 counties in the northeastern week, March 25, starting at 10 Tyrrell. Dennis Davis, Plymouth man of the Washington County district, and contestants will be o'clock in the morning. The state High School student, won the here from at least seven, that winner will receive a scholarship, county contest held at Roper last many having signified they would and there are a number of other week and will represent Washtended a district meeting of the enter up to yesterday afternoon, valuable prizes. according to County Agent W. V. Each speaker will be limited of Columbia, will represent Tyrin Washington Wednesday of last Hays, who is making arrange to 12 minutes in the district con- rell County, and is the only girl North Carolina Pulp Company,

> North Carolina Bankers Association. County eliminations were nomy of North Carolina." Fred not participate, while acceptances en, who are in charge of arrange trict contest here Friday. Coun- expected to be present at the Chowan, Hertford, and Tyrrell ers in the continuing safety camty winners received a \$25 savings eliminations here.

The district elimination in the bond. The district winner will | Counties included in the north-

test here Friday. The subject is contestant in the group. The contest is sponsored by the "Proper Land Use and Treat- Dare and Camden counties have

erty Owned in 1948

Washington County Commis-

failure to list taxes for 1948 and

ordered them to report to the

Ralph S. Browning, C. J. Norman,

Still Realty and Insurance Com-

courthouse.

ington County. Ruth Ann Spruill,

Counties.

Equalization Board Joyner Resigns as

Expected Directors Will and pavillion located near Future to Choose His 25th, 31st and April 1st. Successor

oners met in the courthouse here Monday as a board of equali-Mr. zation and review and made 12 adjustments in tax valuations. write 9 persons regarding their ing of the season.

next board of equalization and Mr. Joyner has served as direview meeting scheduled for rector and business manager of the baseball club since it was or- Meet To Organize Monday, April 4 at 10 a. m. in the commissioners' room of the ganized last year. In his letter of resignation, he expressed a Rural Scout Pack shown them in all schools of the county, white and colored. Taxpayers asked to report at the next meeting are representatives of Plymouth FCX Store, though he stated he did not have Manning Motor Company, H. E. sufficient time to continue as Wholesale Company, business manager.

President Riddle said yesterday that he had just received Mr. pany, Pembroke Baker, Dr. L. W. Joyner's resignation and that he White and Rose's 5 and 10 Cent had no one in mind as his successor at that time. It is likely The 12 adjustments in valuations were made as follows: C. will be called within the next few that a meeting of the directors W. Tautum, representing Richdays to appoint a new business mond Cedar Works, appeared and manager and take steps to secure asked for adjustment on certain lands on account of timber being club this season.

that \$500 be deducted on Bulls Bay tract and \$1000 on the Sasdent of the Albemarle League, and it will be necessary for the pack committee.

Willis Bowen, Artis Midgett and inglast June 30th, Mr. Datter, and it will be necessary for the pack committee. operates a store in West Roper G. A. Overton, of Scuppernons successor within the very near fuand is a part-time preacher also. Township, was allowed a \$500 re-ture, as there are a number of Open Discussion Sheriff J. K. Reid caught him duction in value of his farm proptwice within two hours for discrety. Mrs. Mary A. Arnold, of pensing non-tax-paid liquor, and Lees Mill Township, was allowed to the opening of the season around the opening of the opening of the season around the opening of the season around the opening of the opening of

purposes. Earl Davenport, of

Willis Bowen, farm home adwillis Bowen, farm home administrator of this area, led the
ministrator of thi

Number Guests Invited
To Jaycee Meet Friday

The origin of the line was not definitely known. However, eye- accident, the tractor sideswiped of the three urday night, headed east, when for the board members to confer with Governor Scott any time.

To Jaycee Meet Friday

Chief Miller Warren that the fire almost completely demolishing on some phase of Rotary work, driven by Emanuel Norman, ir., at his convenience next week re-Albemarle Schoolmasters

In Regular Meet Monday

Roy F. Lowry, county superin
Roy F. Lowry, Nearly Complete school, and J. F. Fleming, print de Brush life ig. Interest of a spark from the Brush life ig. Interest of a spark from the Brush life ig. Interest of a spark from the Rotary. Solid feet, knocking it almost so feet cident occurred about 7 o'clock. Holmes, of Windsor, explained down the street into a telephone cident occurred about 7 o'clock. Holmes, of Windsor, explained down the street into a telephone cident occurred about 7 o'clock in the Christian Church barn.

The barn was one of the oldest County Red Cross Chairman W. Club in Elizabeth City Monday They will attend the meeting historical shrines in Washington VFW To Elect Officers

Work Underway

According to recent leters from

Anominating appointed at the local American Legion meeting last Friday night to select candidates for the election of new officers of the post to be held Friday night March 25.

Members of the nominating conlimitee are Bruce Bateman, P. W. Brown, Blount Rodman, P. W. Brown, Blount Rodman, Robert Tetterton and W. S. Davender Tetterton

Winners of Safety County Board Requests Contests at Plant Here Get Rewards

Time Accident in Four

A series of informal dinners is planned for shift workers of the starting last night and continuing through April 1st, acoreding held last week, and the county Green, secretary of the North have been received from Beau- ments. The dinners will be given winners will take part in the dis- Carolina Bankers Association, is fort. Hyde, Pitt, Washington, in honor of winning shift workpaign at the pulp plant, and awards are to be given winners for the period which ended last December 31st.

> All members of shifts which Of Ball Club Here special guests at the dinners. The first dinner was held last night at the pulp mill barbecue pit Hold Meeting in Near Hampton Fishery. Others are scheduled for March 18th, 23rd

Mr. Gaylord said that special gifts would be awarded to all W. H. Joyner this week for- members of two shifts. One o warded his resignation as busi- the shifts is headed by Jennings ness manager of the local base- Ward and Sammy Nash, which has ball club to the board of direc- gone for one year without an tors and President A. J. Riddle, accident involving loss of time Joyner explained that he from work. The other, headed would not be able to devote the by Lloyd Jordan and Hugh Rob-They also instructed the clerk to said he was resigning early so 1947, without a loss-time accident. that the club would not be handi- Each member of these two shifts capped in getting ready for open- will be given a cigarette lighter with his name engraved on it.

A training session for the organization of a rural Cub Scout ers that it is necessary to secure Pack will be held in the home a permit for burning over land of Mrs. Perry Turner on the until June 1st. The fire season Washington Highway tonight at extends from February 1 until June 1, and during this time every precaution should be taken to

George Brown, of Roznoke Rapids, field executive of the East prevent brush fires from spread-Carolina Council of the Boy Permits for brush burning may Scouts of America, will be in be secured from deputy wardens charge of the training meeting. located in practically all sections

Newman Allen is the cub- of the county. a playing manager to operate the master, Harold Bowen, assistant cubmaster, Mrs. Perry Turner, W. H. S. Burgwyn, of Wood-land, last week resigned as presi-land, last week resigned as presi-land, last week resigned as presi-Willis Bowen, Artis Midgett and land, last June 30th, Mr. Darden den mother, Joe Newberry, chair-

11 northeastern counties, but also Involved in Crash Joint Meeting of

No one was injured, but considerable damage was done to a Burned Monday 1948 Pacard car which was side-swiped by a farm tractor on the Woodland Road, near Roper, last Plymouth and Columbia fire Saturday night. The car was Edenton and Windsor held a joint

800, burned to the ground.

According to Patrolman C. S. won the contest and Plymo The origin of the fire was not Sanderson, who investigated the and Edenton were the hosts.

Tonight In Courthouse

Local Veterans of Foreign Wars will elect new officers at their On Ball Plant meeting in the courthouse tonight at 8 o'clock. The officers will ssume their duties in April. their annual class play, a three- issued for Norman, charging him Lake Phelps Legion act comedy entitled "In Again, with operating a car while under the later than the late ssume their duties in April. series of bingo games to be spon- Out Again!" on Thursday evening, the influence of intoxicants, He sored in conjunction with mem- March 31, at 8 o'clock in the Cres- will be given a hearing in rebers of the American Legion are well High School auditorium. The corder's court as soon as Mr.

Action on 3 Local Bills **Politics Here Slow To**

Warm Up This Year

Although the municipal election is less than two months off, town politics are slow to begin warming up this year. Not a single formal announcement of candidacy has been made, although a few members of the council have discussed informally whether or not they intend to run.

Mayor A. J. Riddle said this week that he wasn't making any statement yet. Following the city council meeting last week, George H. Harrison, of the new second ward, and W. H. Joyner, of the first ward, indicated that they expected to

To Be Seen at Schools;

County Had Smallest

Loss in History Year

Ending Last June 30

County Forest Warden S. F.

Darden is showing moving pic-

tures dealing with protection of

woodland from fire at schools

throughout the county. He has

two films that make up a one-

hour show, and plans to continue

Mr. Darden reminds land own-

ing, according to the worden.

Washington County had the

smallest forest-fire loss of any

Rotary Clubs of Plymouth,

second ward, said that he had two terms and that was enough for him. Councilmen E. D. Keel, of the first ward: and J. S. Brinkley and Harold Whitley, of the old second ward. have made no statement as to their intentions.

Rumors had it at one time that Councilman Harrison was planning to run for mayor, but he said last week that this was not true, although he was going to run for councilman again. Several other names have been mentioned as possible candidates for mayor, but none of those mentioned are ready to make any commitments so far.

Stores Unable to

Agree on Hours

Plymouth stores are still ob-

merchants is closing at noon,

another group is remaining open

all day, and a few more are

opening an hour early and clos-

A meeting was held Tuesday

morning in an effort to get them together. With 22 pres-

ent it was pretty generally agreed that a mistake had been

made in starting the Wednes-

day closing before Easter, but

neither side was willing to

backtrack, and the meeting

wound up right where it start-

ed. The stores that are re-

maining open are making ar-

rangements for their clerks to

get a half day off each week,

for the most part, and it is be-

lieved all of them will fall in

line on the Wednesday closing

ing at noon.

after Easter.

the development of a new club, pole, according to Highway Pa-

well High School will present officer reported. A warrant was

Edenton Rotary Club, was in vestigated the accident.

James Wood, president of the trolman R. W. Young, who in-

Would Stagger Terms of Commissioners Eliminate Jury Trials in Recorder's Court

While meeting as a board of tax qualization and review here board of commissioners also discussed several proposals which they are requesting Representative E. O. Arnold to have enacted into law during the current session of the legislature. The clerk was instructed to write the renresentative and ask him to introduce three bills for passage as soon as possible.

The first bill requested would make it mandatory that a case be automatically certified to superior court in the event a defendant in recorder's court requests a jury trial.

Another bill requested was for provision to be made for assigning 10 per cent of the net profits of the Creswell ABC store to the Fire Protection Film town of Creswell, the funds to be used in providing police protection there. The county ABC board would be required to make Showings in County quarterly settlements with Creswell on this basis.

> A bill was introduced by Repesentative Arnold Monday night which it is believed takes care of the ABC matter, except that it reads 15 per cent instead of 10 per cent. Mr. Arnold's bill amends the 1947 act by striking out a provision that division of serving a varied schedule of the funds is contingent upon opening and closing hours on towns in the county providing Wednesdays. One group of police protection considered adequate by the ABC board. It also provides that towns in the county receive any portion of the 15 per cent allocation which they may not have received since January 1, 1944. This would require immediate payment to the town of Creswell of 15 per cent of the net profits of the Creswell store since January 1, 1844. The town of Plymouth has already received 10 per cent of the profits of the store here, and this bill evidently would require the ABC board to pay it the remaining 5 per cent of net profits since January 1, 1944.

The third bill requested by the county commissioners would provide four-year terms for county commissioners, with a mimimum of two to be elected each two years. This would be accomplished by electing one commissioner each from Plymouth, Lees Mill months, not only the least for the Jesse C. Knowles and Scuppernong Townships in 1950 for a four-year term; and Hurt in Accident Plymouth and Skinnersville Townships for a two-year term. After the 1950 general election, Jesse C. Knowles, 63, of Roper, all elections would be for fourmember of the Washington Coun- year terms. This would stagger ty Board of Commissioners, was the terms so that two commis-Rotary in Edenton by Board of Commissioners, was the terms so that two commis-painfully injured last Saturday sioners would be elected one time. evening when his car was struck three the next time, and so on, all

by another on the highway at for four-year terms. Roper. He suffered a cracked The board members also enbeans, home practices and seeds into torman's state and caught him dispensing the present listing. The theatre and departments were called to Pettiapproved and recommended by and caught him dispensing the present listing. The theatre and departments were called to Pettidinner meeting in Edenton last bone in his neck and was badly dorsed the State educational aid
dinner meeting in Edenton last bruised on the right leg. Although program and Governor Scott's approved and recommended by all tages and rec

The clerk was instructed to According to Patrolman C. S. won the contest and Plymouth Mr. Knowles was driving slow- write Representative Arnold and ly on Highway 64 about 7:50 Sat- ask him to make arrangements for the board members to confer with Governor Scott any time

At Hut Here Tonight

Plymouth Cub Scout Pack 84 Mr. Knowles was the only per- will hold its regular monthly son injured, but an estimated \$350 meeting in the Scout Hut tonight Creswell Seniors Present damage was done to his car, at 8 o'clock. The den with most Annual Play March 31st about \$20 damage to the Phelps parents present will receive a car, and another \$350 damage to prize, according to the Rev. E. M. Creswell.—Seniors of the Cres- the Norman car, the investigating Spruill, cubmaster.

Post Meets Monday

There will be a meeting of the Lake Phelps Post, No 391, American Legion, in the school building at Creswell Monday night at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to attend. Refreshments will be erved. Dr. J. M. Phelps is commander of the post, and H. S. Woodley is adjutant.

Williamston Colored

Orders 12 Changes Business Manager did not have a loss-time accident for the four-month period dent for the four-month period ending December 31st will be At Meet This Week Nine Cited To Appear Be-Spring Season fore Board April 4th for Failure To List Prop-**Begins Sunday**

The weather has been paying very little attention to the calendar for the past three months. This section was blessed with spring-like weather through much of January and February, while March, thus far, has been cold and blustery. With the advent of spring next week, maybe things will get straightened out and the weather follow a more normal course than it has for some time.

According to tradition, spring comes on March 21st. However, the World Almanac, which likes to be exact about these things, says the vernal equinox, marking the official beginning of spring, occurs at 5:49 p. m., on Sunday, March 20th. At any rate, pext week marks the beg of the spring season, and it will be very welcome throughout this region.

Is Arrested Twice Within Two Hours lands on account of timber being cut. Board members ordered

Last Saturday wasn't the 13th, but it was an unlucky day for safras tract. Both are in Skin-Milton Norman, colored, who nersville Townships. pensing non-tax-paid liquor, and Lees Mill Township, was allowed June 1st. Farm owners under the Federal he drew a fine of \$100 and costs \$30 on her property, because the Farm Home Administration pro- on each count when he was ar- highway department took three-

outh last Wednesday and had a general discussion on farm economy, fertilizer, corn, tobacco, soy another man when they dropped cause of fire. His theatre is to beans, home practices and seeds into Norman's store about noon be listed at \$5,000 instead of the willis Bowen, farm home administrator of this area, led the afternoon. When they got back about 2 o'clock, they found (See TAX CHANGES, Page 10) back about 2 o'clock, they found (See TAX CHANGES, Page 10) Norman powering but the found of Roper Route 1. Norman pouring-but not teaand he was booked again.

tended the monthly meeting of o'clock in the Christian Church barn.
the Albemarle Schoolmaster's Annex. Woolard said yesterday that night. Mr. Lowry is president of to discuss a proposed sesqui-cen- County.

trict and the Colored section of the the county.

Nyal Womble, president of the meeting. He was introduced by Jaycees, urges every member to

tendent of public instruction; Hal will be hosts to a number of barn earlier in the morning. Fire charging him with operating a ed. John A. Pritchett, of Edenton, Phelps, also of Roper, caromed L. Furr, principal of the Creswell prominent citizens of Washington Chief Warren said that possible motor vehicle while under the told of the establishment of good off and hit the Knowles car in the school; and J. F. Fleming, prin- County at their regular dinner- a spark from the brush fire ig. influence of intoxicants. The ac- friendship in the Rotary. John rear, knocking it almost 90 feet

ing of Washington County to be John A. Holmes, of Edenton, given here next fall.

Mr. Woolard announced last J. G. McCracken, superintendent be present at this important meetweek that the county was over its of the Elizabeth City schools.

es to thank the citizens of Washington County for their generous Amateur Show 25th | Flymouth the latter part of next week to complete arrangements for that team to hold its spring

Number Guests Invited

Plymouth the latter part of next scheduled to be worked out. planning to sponsor an amateur \$15, second of \$10 and a third of last week in March, remaining Officers to Be Selected planning to sponsor an amateur \$15, second of \$10 and a third of last week in March, remaining talent show Friday night, March offered including a door prize.

A nominating committee was 25, at 8 o'clock in the Roper High Committees planning the show ing.

The Roper Ruritan Club is prizes, including a grand prize of are supposed to arrive here the are supposed to arrive here the last week in March remaining Workmen excavating for the The bones unearthed yesterday formerly was located in that

public is cordially invited

charge of the meeting.

foundation of the new Belk-Tyler were small in size and probably general locality. are: Prizes, L. E. Hassell and Considerable work has been store on the old Hampton lot were those of a child or woman, nel Beasley once had an impos-