

A home newspaper dedicated to the service of Washington County and its 13,000 people.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Brinkley, Mrs. Addie Brinkley, Misses Carolyn and Betsy Brinkley were in Charleston, S. C., last weekend. While there they visited the Cypress, Middleton and Magnolia Gardens, described as being at their prettiest at this season of the year. They left Friday afternoon and returned home Sunday.

Mrs. Ethel G. Hopkins, director of the Plymouth High School Band, received word this week that the uniforms ordered for the band several weeks ago were in the process of being made, but there was no information about the date of completion or when they would be delivered. The band members hope to have the uniforms in time to make public appearance in Tarboro and Elizabeth City in May.

Roy F. Lowry, superintendent of county schools; Hal Furr, principal of Creswell School; Miss Ethel Perry, teacher in Hampton School; and Miss Matilda Alexander, teacher in Creswell School, left this morning to attend the state teachers convention in Asheville today through Saturday.

A fairly large crowd attended the Farm Bureau field meeting, followed by a tour of the pulp plant and a barbecue here last Friday night, according to County Agent W. V. Hays. Foresters from the North Carolina Pulp Company, state and federal agencies, as well as forest wardens of Washington and Martin Counties, took part in the demonstration conducted near Jamesville. The tour of the pulp plant and a barbecue supper at the agriculture building here followed.

## Year-Old Child Died Thursday

Linda Dinna Phelps, one-year-old daughter of Charlie and Violet Mae Ambrose Phelps, of Roper Route One, died last Thursday night at 10:30 o'clock in a hospital in Elizabeth City.

Funeral services were held at the Scuppernon Disciples Church Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Burial was made in the church cemetery. The Rev. Garland Iland, of Creswell, conducted the services.

## Methodist Musical Sunday Afternoon

The Women's Society of Christian Service of the Plymouth Methodist Church will sponsor a music program in the church sanctuary Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Mrs. Luther Nobles will direct the Methodist junior choir, accompanied by Lloyd Gilbert, Sonny Stockton, of Norfolk, Va.; Mrs. E. W. Ferguson and Mrs. K. S. Trowbridge plan to render solos with a select group of songs. Organ selections are to be given by Jack Owens, Lloyd Gilbert and J. Shepherd Brinkley. Mrs. Grady Hopkins will play violin solos, accompanied by Mrs. Laura S. Johnston. Percy Ashby will sing "The Lord's Prayer." A quartet composed of Jack Owens, James Ward, Percy Ashby, and Dr. Albert Papineau will sing "God So Loved the World," from "The Crucifixion," by Steiner. Mrs. Johnston will accompany the quartet.

Mr. Brinkley arranged the program. The musical is for the benefit of the building fund of the church.

## Candidates Slow To File for City Offices

There was a fresh crop of rumors about prospective candidates for town offices at stake in the municipal election May 3rd, but up to yesterday afternoon not a single candidate had filed officially. City Clerk W. A. Roefel said a mayor and six councilmen are to be elected, one from each ward, are to be elected. Registrars said the first part of the week that lack of candidates was one reason for the little interest being shown in registering. However, if all the rumors come true, there will be more than enough candidates to satisfy everybody—that is, except the candidates themselves. Mayor A. J. Riddle said Monday that he definitely had decided to be a candidate for reelection, and

## Require Vaccination of All Dogs in County

Sheriff J. K. Reid this week announced a schedule for vaccination of all dogs in the county, as required by law. The vaccinating will be done by Paul Basnight and Foy Davenport, members of the Plymouth police force, who will visit every section of the county for the convenience of dog owners. The vaccination campaign will get underway on Monday, April 18, and continue through Friday of that week. Dogs must be brought to them at the various points according to the schedule listed below. The same two men

handled the vaccination campaign in the county last year, when more than a thousand dogs were given anti-rabies treatment. The fee for vaccination will include payment of all dog taxes. In the town of Plymouth the fee will be \$2 for male and \$4 for females. This includes both town and county taxes. In the remainder of the county the fee will be \$1 and \$2. Dogs for which owners cannot be found are subject to destruction by officers, and all dog owners are warned to bring their animals to the treating stations at the time listed in the schedule. Those who fail to do so will be prosecuted.

Dates and locations where the dogs are to be vaccinated are as follows: Plymouth, all day Monday and Tuesday, April 18 and 19, at police station; Long Ridge, Wednesday, April 20, 9 to 11 a. m., at Stillman's Store; Holton's filling station at end of Turnpike, Wednesday, April 20, 12 to 2 p. m.; Wenona, Wednesday, April 20, 3 to 5 p. m., at Williams' filling station. The Pines, Thursday, April 21, 9 to 11 a. m.; Westover, Thursday, April 21, 11 a. m. to 1 p. m., at Chesson's Store; Mackeys, Thursday, April 21, 1 to 3 p. m., at Davenport's store; Pleasant Grove, Thursday, April 21, 3 to 4 p. m., at Tommy Tarkington's Filling Station; Roper, Thursday, April 21, 4 to 6 p. m., at Texaco Service Station. Skinnerville, Friday, April 22, 9 to 11 a. m., at the "Y"; Creswell, Friday, April 22, 12 to 2 p. m., at Davenport's Garage; Cherry, Friday, April 22, 2 to 4 p. m., at H. P. Barnes' store.

## Valuation Raised On Property Here By Board Monday

Improvements To Buildings and Additions To Stock by Several Firms Put on Tax Books

Washington County Commissioners met as board of equalization and review Monday to take care of property owners summoned by the commissioners on March 14th for failure to list in January. The valuation of Rose's 5, 10 and 25c Store building, owned by Pembroke Baker, of Raleigh, was increased from \$13,000 to \$20,000 because 35 feet have been added to the building and other improvements made.

## Registration Gets Slow Start Here For May Election

### Get Pre-School Clinics Started

Seventy-five Plymouth white children of pre-school age attended the pre-school clinic here Monday for vaccination against whooping cough, diphtheria and smallpox. The pre-school clinic will be held tomorrow in the Plymouth Colored School at 10 a. m. for Plymouth colored children; Monday in Roper School at 10 a. m. for Roper white children and Friday, April 15, in Roper Colored School at 10 a. m. for colored school children.

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## Name Canvassers To Solicit Funds For Cancer Drive

Local Organization Completed Tuesday; Name Workers in Remainder Of County Later

A meeting to organize canvassers for the county's first annual cancer drive fund campaign under the American Cancer Society was held here Tuesday night.

Plymouth was sectioned off by streets, two solicitors were named for Roper, but canvassers for other towns in the county were not named, according to Mrs. J. W. Woolard, county commander of the cancer society.

Plymouth canvassers and the streets they are to cover are as follows: Mrs. Dick Hardison and Mrs. Steve Clary, Third Street; Mrs. Lloyd Owens, Adams Street; Mrs. J. S. Fleming, Ft. Williams Street; Mrs. Bratton, Fourth Street; Mrs. Miller Warren and Mrs. William Hardin, Brinkley Avenue; Mrs. Roy Hampton, Mrs. L. S. Thompson and Mrs. C. L. Blount, Main Street; Mrs. L. S. Thompson, Latham Lane and Andrew Jackson Lane; Mrs. Roy Davenport and Mrs. H. W. Everett, Monroe Street; Mrs. Robert Bowen, Mrs. William Booth and Mrs. H. H. Allen, Jefferson Street.

## Speakers Secured for Finals at School Here

Speakers for both the class sermon and commencement exercises at the Plymouth High School have been secured. Principal J. S. Fleming announced yesterday. The finals program at the local school gets underway Sunday, May 22, and continues through Thursday, May 26. The Rev. John Paige Williams, headmaster of St. Christophers School, Richmond, will deliver the annual sermon in the school auditorium here on Sunday night, May 22, at 8 p. m. The literary address at the commencement exercises will be made by Dr. John D. Messick, president of East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville. This program will be presented in the school auditorium on Thursday, May 26, at 8 p. m., and marks the formal closing of the school term for the year.

## Issuance of \$50,000 Hospital Bonds Is Ordered by Board

Sale To Be Held April 19 By Local Government Group; Last Bonds To Mature in 1965

Formal authorization was voted Monday by the Washington County Board of Commissioners for the issuance of \$50,000 worth of bonds to be used in paying the county's share of cost of the Washington County hospital, construction on which was recently started. The bond issue was approved at a special election last year.

Bids for the issue will be received until 11 a. m., Tuesday, April 19, by the Local Government Commission at Raleigh, which will handle sale of the securities. The interest rate is to be fixed by the purchaser, but in no event is to exceed 6 per cent.

The bonds, to be dated February 1, 1949, will mature serially, the last \$5,000 worth on February 1, 1965. They will be issued in denominations of \$1,000, two bonds maturing each year from 1951 to 1953; five in 1954; two each year from 1955 to 1959; four bonds in 1960; and five each year from 1961 to 1965.

The bonds will be awarded to the bidder offering to purchase them at lowest interest cost to the county, with any premium being taken into consideration. No bid of less than par and accurate interest will be considered, and the commission reserves the right to reject all bids.

The value of personal property owned by C. J. Norman was ordered increased by \$50. William Johnson, of Plymouth Township, was allowed a reduction of \$105 in the valuation of his cultivated land and also a reduction of three acres of land listed, which had been taken over by the highway department.

The tax supervisor was instructed to check the tax abstract for 1949 to see if the City Service Bus Company listed its busses during January.

## Horner Purchases Funeral Homes at Creswell, Columbia

Will Operate Three Establishments; Merger of Burial Associations Also Announced

Announcement was made this week by Jack L. Horner that he had bought out the business in Creswell and Columbia formerly operated as Davenport Funeral Home. Mr. Horner, who operates the Horner Funeral Home here, stated that he will continue the operation of all three establishments, with C. E. (Jake) Walker assisting in the direction of the business at Creswell and Columbia.

## Regular Session Of County Board

After the county commissioners adjourned Monday as a board of equalization and review, they reconvened for their regular monthly meeting.

W. S. White, of Manteo, Vice-President of the Southern Albemarle Association and Paul Liverman, of Columbia, appeared before the members of the board with a resolution proposing the improvement and extension of U. S. Highway 64 from Tyrrell County by way of existing roads through East Lake, Mann's Harbor, Manteo, Oregon Inlet, Salvo, Avon to Cape Hatteras. They asked the commissioners' help in getting the State and Federal officials to work on this idea. Members of the county board endorsed the resolution.

The county commissioners instructed the auditor to forward \$100 to M. A. Matthews, secretary of the Southern Albemarle Association, as this county's annual dues to the association.

A petition was accepted and forwarded to the highway department asking it to take over and maintain a certain road between about 50 feet from L. D. Lamb's home near J. C. Tarkenton's Store, which bears to the left about 800 yards, leading to the Simpson place and the John Chesson farm.

Maintenance of another road was asked. It begins at U. S. Highway 64 at Lennon Parrish's and continues about a distance of 1 1/4 miles and enters U. S. Highway 64 1 1/4 miles east of the beginning.

The budget for the county aid to the blind was accepted. The total is \$1,104.48. Of this total, \$900 is the county's with \$204.48 going to the case workers traveling expenses and salary. Members of the board authorized. (See COUNTY BOARD, Page 7)

## Routine Meeting Held by Council

The Plymouth City Council had its dull meeting in a number of months Monday night. Only two motions were acted upon, one endorsing the Southern Albemarle Association's proposal to extend U. S. 64 from Columbia in Tyrrell County, across Alligator River, through Manteo, Oregon Inlet and on into Hatteras; the other to appropriate \$400 for the DDT spraying program here this year.

A number of other matters were discussed, especially the extension of water and sewer lines. The mayor and several council members planned to go to Raleigh today to find out just what could be done to work out a long-term program for making water and sewer connections available in all parts of the town.

Work will be started on the extension of lines to the Red Hill section within the next week or two, as soon as a machine can be secured for digging and backfilling ditches. It is planned to lay the water lines first, officials stated.

Miller Warren, speaking for himself as a citizen, asked the council to reconsider its decision to sell the municipal laundry and fire department buildings owned by the town. He stated it was doubtful that enough could be realized from such a sale to pay for the improvements planned to the city market building and construct a new fire department building. Council members stated that no sale would be approved unless it did raise sufficient funds to complete these projects.

## Begin Spraying Homes With DDT

The Washington-Tyrrell District Health Department in cooperation with the State and the U. S. Public Health Service has started the annual county DDT spraying program.

By Tuesday 165 houses had been sprayed, 24 refused, one was vacant and 11 were found locked. Spraying was done in the rural areas only. Areas sprayed were along the Long Acre Road through Wenona to the Beaufort County line; along Hollis and Long Ridge Roads to U. S. Highway 64 to the Martin County line; from the Martin County line to the town limits; and from the town limits along the Dismal and Garrett's Island Roads to the Pines.

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Only in the First Ward is anything like a heavy registration reported. One hundred and seventy-four persons have registered there since the books opened last Saturday. In the Second Ward, 57 have put their names on the books, while in the Third Ward only 15 have registered, all except one being residents of Little Richmond.

Mrs. C. A. Cratch was appointed registrar for the Second Ward last week, after J. T. McNair, originally named, resigned. The Second Ward polling place will be at the office of the Roanoke Coal Company, corner of Jefferson and Water Streets, and the registration books will be at the polling place each Saturday until the books close April 23rd.

Registrars and polling places for the other two wards are as follows: First Ward, Clarence Blount, registrar; polling place at courthouse, Third Ward, Mrs. Ray Brown, registrar and the polling place is at Arrants' Garage. The registrars will be at the polling places each Saturday through the 23rd, and on the 23rd the books will be open until 9 p. m. Saturday, April 30, is challenge day.

Every effort is being made to get a large registration, but quite a number of local people still do not seem to understand about the new registration, according to the registrars. They emphasize that everyone who wishes to vote in the election May 3rd must register while the books are open between now and April 23rd.

## Colored Farmers Meet Saturday

Sixty-eight colored farmers of the county became charter members of the colored division of the Washington County Farm Bureau organized here last Saturday morning.

Another meeting is scheduled Saturday morning at 10 o'clock in the agriculture building here to elect committee chairman of the bureau.

At the meeting last Saturday the following officers were elected: T. L. Wilkins, of Roper, president; J. L. Cabarrus, of Roper; vice-president; H. E. Rogers, of Roper, secretary; and Raymond Hines, of Roper, treasurer.

## Eight Justices Peace Appointed in County

The following Washington County men were appointed justices of the peace in an omnibus bill recently passed by the North Carolina General Assembly: Plymouth Township: J. T. McNair.

Lees Mill Township: W. B. Davenport, Jim Leary, R. W. Lewis. Scuppernon Township: John A. Combs, F. F. Davenport, Douglas Davenport. Skinnerville Township: Howard M. Ange.

## Tom Hopkins Is Jaycee President

Tom Hopkins was elected president of the Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce at the regular meeting last Friday night.

Other officers elected were: Joseph Peele, first vice-president; Stewart Saunders, second vice-president; James Boyce, secretary; Dick Mallory, treasurer; W. J. Woolard, state director. Ralph Humes and Ralph Hunter were elected to two-year terms as members of the board of directors. Dr. R. L. Mohn was elected for one year to serve out the unexpired term of Carlyle Hall.

The new officers will be installed at a ladies' night banquet-dance in May, date of which will be announced later.

Roy Manning, jr., presented a citation to W. J. Woolard for the successful American Red Cross Drive he directed throughout the county.

## Officers To Be Elected At Legion Meet Friday

Members of the Plymouth American Legion post are scheduled to meet in the courthouse at 7:30 o'clock Friday night to elect officers for the new Legion year. The election originally scheduled for March 25th was postponed, when electric power in this area was off for over two hours.

## Winslow Speaks At Rotary Meet

W. Frith Winslow, local artist, displayed types of painting and gave technical explanations of painting on canvas to members of the Plymouth Rotary Club at their meeting Tuesday night.

On the business side of the meeting, the members discussed candidates for district governor, but no action was taken on this matter. Tom Hopkins was in charge of the program for the evening.

## Town Property Sale April 11th

Sale of several parcels of real estate owned by the Town of Plymouth will be held next Monday, April 11, instead of last Monday as erroneously reported in this paper last week. The property includes the fire department building, the building housing the city clerk and police department offices, and a vacant lot, all fronting on Water Street; as well as the structure presently occupied by the D. & N. Laundry back of the West Main Street.

The sale will be held at noon Monday in front of the courthouse door, with Town Attorney W. L. Whitley in charge. He has invited prospective purchasers to suggest the manner in which they would like the property divided. The council reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

There is little likelihood that the sale will be approved, according to most observers. At a previous offering held a couple of years ago, bids aggregating \$32,500 were received, but it was found the town authorities did not have authority at that time to go through with the sale. A special act authorizing the sale recently passed the General Assembly, and it is under this authority that the property will be offered next Monday.

## Stores Here Open All Day Next Wednesday

Plymouth stores will remain open all day for the next two Wednesdays and close all day Easter Monday, according to a revised schedule announced yesterday by W. B. Liverman, president of the Plymouth Merchants Association. Then, beginning on April 27, local establishments will join in observance of the Wednesday half-day closing for the summer months, it was stated.

There has been some division about observance of the Wednesday closing up now. About half of the business places have been closing at noon on Wednesday since the first of March, while the remainder were open. However, with the exception of restaurants, drug stores, filling stations and garages which do not observe the Wednesday half-holidays, it is understood all the other places will follow the schedule announced yesterday.

The stores will be open all day the Wednesday before and the Wednesday after Easter, but will observe Easter Monday as a holiday by closing all day. This being done for the convenience of Easter shoppers, it is explained.

## Bingo Games Will Be Held Again This Week

Bingo parties sponsored jointly by members of the Plymouth American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars organizations have been arranged for tonight, tomorrow and Saturday nights in the Legion Hall. Games are scheduled to start at 7:30 o'clock each night.

## Rent Representative Here On Thursdays

John P. Proctor, area rent representative, announces that beginning today (Thursday) he will be in Plymouth every Thursday from 10 a. m. through 3 p. m. in the courthouse building. Mr. Proctor was formerly here on Friday.

## Elect H. B. Gaylord President of League

Howard B. Gaylord, of Jamesville, was elected president of the Albemarle League at a meeting of league directors held in Coleman last night. Mr. Gaylord is connected with the personnel department of the North Carolina Pulp Company and has considerable baseball experience. He served as president of the Martin County League last season.

League directors also voted to allow Plymouth to vote "Slim" Gardner, of Jamesville, as a resident player. "Slim" pitched for Plymouth in the old Albemarle League and is a well known baseball character throughout eastern North Carolina. He told W. H. Joyner, club director, several weeks ago that he would like to play for Plymouth this year. For the past few seasons, he has been performing in the Beaufort County league. Arrangements were made at the session last night to work out a schedule for league play. This was left up to a committee with instructions to submit the schedule for approval within the next couple of weeks.