license examiner, says that per-

sons with last names beginning with H. I. J or K have only

two more months to renew their

licenses before the June 30th

deadline. In the four months that have passed with this series

of letters in effect, not nearly enough Washington County citizens had applied for license renewals. There are many coun-

ty persons in this bracket and he

officials stated that the two band

trips scheduled next week are

enough butside activities for one

Julius J. Segerman, manager

of the Leder Brothers Department

Store in Plymouth, left last Sat-

urday for Augusta, Ga., where he attended an advance fall showing f Southeastern Shoe Travelers,

It.e., an organization of some 400

shoe manufacturers and distribu-

tors. Mr. Segerman was expect-

PTA Gets \$50

At Bridge Games

An evening of bridge games

sponsored by the Plymouth Par-

ent-Teacher Association in the

high school lunch room last

Thursday night netted the as-

sociation over \$50 for the com-

pletion of sidewalks on the school

Players at 20 tables competed

for prizes. The lunch room was

arranged and decorated with

spring flowers. Tallies and score

pads with umbrellas and flow-

ers pictured on them were made

by Miss Nellie Tarkington's fifth

Refreshments were served after

member of the Missionary Bap-

tist Church of Creswell, as he

was senior deacon, treasurer and

superintendent of the Sunday

School. He was a farmer by oc-

were conducted by his pastor, the tive mail boxes.

Mr. Spruill was the son of the 66.97 miles daily on his route, late David and Arcenith Frances serving 390 boxes and 2,950 pa-

county and lived here all his life. constitute an unnecessary burden

Betty Jean Spruill, of Creswell, serves by far the most people.

Mrs. Kathrine Gardner, of New- On main highways it is recomport News, Va., and Majorie mended that boxes be placed on Spruill, of Norfolk, Va.; two sons, the right side of the road the

Darrell and Haywood Spruill, jr., carrier travels, but on little-used

of Creswell; three sisters, Mrs. D. roads the boxes may be placed

and Haywood Spruill, jr., of on the left, although they should Creswell; three sisters, Mrs. D. be conveniently installed in Tellia Craddock, Mrs. H. H. either case. Carriers will be glad

Phelps and Mrs. S. D. Phelps, all to advise and help patrons place

of Creswell; and three brothers, the boxes at the most convenient

Samuel D. Spruill, of Creswell; locations and also to help main-

H. Cicero Spruill, of Roper and (See MAIL BOXES, Page 7)

cupation.

H. W. Spruill, 58, Postmaster Urges

Dies at Creswell Improvements To

the awarding of prizes.

ed back yesterday.

last minute rush.

#### **Roper Voters Choose** Complete New Board

Arrangements Made

In County on June 4

urges application now, to avoid and a complete new slate of town the congestion of the probable commissioners were chosen at the last minute rush.

bi-ennial municipal election in in the election until the final day The regular meeting of the Plymouth Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star will be held in the Masonic Hall here Friday night at 8 o'clock. Members are of Henry S. Everett, Aubrey Dix-number up to six, and there was urged to attend. Mrs. Naomi W. on, jr., and Dan I. Marrow. Peele is worthy matron of the

Plymouth High School officials dance scheduled next Monday night in the gymnasium to help all; and Dan I. Marrow, 18. Total day.

Farm Bureau to

**Meet Tomorrow** 

The regular meeting of the

Washington County Farm Bu-

reau will be held at the agri-

culture building in Plymouth

Friday night of this week at

7:30 o'clock, according to an-

nouncement yesterday by W. M.

Darden, president of the or-

Jim Conner, of Aberdeen,

widely known throughout the

state for his work in entomo-

logy, will be the principal speaker. His talk will deal

with farm insects and their con-

trol, one of the main problems

facing county farmers this year

as a result of the mild winter.

Mr. Darden says this should be

discussion, and he urges all

provement Week"

Funeral services were held C. Swain, Monday, issued an ap- those who have come of age since

yesterday from the church at 4 peal to all rural patrons of the the last election, or who have

p. m. Interment was in the St. local office to join in the move-changed their residence since

David's Cemetery. The services ment for better and more attraction, will be required to register

route from the local office, travels

Besides his wife, he is survived on the carrier. The local route at Washington County Court-

by four daughters, Dorothy and is the longest in the county and house; C. L. Blount, registrar; J.

Overton Spruill, of Washington trons. Improperly placed boxes ficials were appointed Monda to sounty. He was born in the tend to slow down the service and the county board as follows:

members to attend and bring

most interesting and helpful

ed mayor, without opposition, S. Everett was the only member

Roper Tuesday. Jasper R. Swain, for filing, last Thursday. Up to W. Barton Swain and Wade S. that time only two men had an-Hardison comprise the new town nounced for the three positions on board of commissioners, defeat- the board of commissioners, but The vote was as follows: For the time remaining. It is under-day. mayor: T. Reynold Spruill, 49; stood that the principal issue cenfor commissioners: Jasper R. tered around banning sale of beer

Roads of State

J. R. Carr, of Plymouth.

is not a special or new registra-

tion, and all persons who are now

with their precinct registrars.

Precinct voting places and of-

ficials were appointed Monday by

Plymouth No. 1: Polling place

R. Manning, jr., and L. E. Doxey, judges of election; H. C. Jackson

(See BOND ELECTION, Page 7)

All Beer Licenses

or the licenses are voided.

In connection with "National registered on the general election

Rural Mail Box Improvement registration books will not have Week," Plymouth Postmaster J. to register again. However,

and Secondary Road Improvement A number of topics were talk-

the county this year.

the election of which was provided by the last General Assembly.

The commissioners approved the old-age assistance budget presented by Mrs. Ursula Spruill, county superintendent of well-county superintendent of well For Special Election Called by Governor Scott Frank E. Greathouse and Com- mash destroyed. To Pass on Issuance of pany of Rocky Mount to audit Bonds for Schools and county books for the fiscal year outh Township Wednesday of last Jaycees Contract With work was fixed at \$500.

Arrangements for the special election, to be held on Saturday, the sale of \$50,000 worth of public Roland Spruill's farm. About 300 June 4th, to pass on issuance of hospital bonds at the following gallons of mash were poured out state bonds for construction of rates of interest: \$2,000 worth of and the remainder of the outfit roads and schools, were complet- bonds maturing February 1, 1951, seized. ed at a special meeting of the to 1953, and \$5,000 worth of bonds Washington County Board of on February 1, 1954, 234 per cent Elections held here Monday night. per annum; \$2,000 on February 1, Registrars, poll holders and 1955 to 1959, and \$4,000 on February 1. judges of elections were appoint- ruary 1, 1960, 6 per cent per aned, polling places designated, and num; \$5,000 on February 1, 1961 the registration period designat- to 1965, 11/2 per cent per annum.

ed by the board, composed of M. A beer license was approved W. Spruill, of Plymouth, chair- for the Honey Dripper Club. E. J. man; L. S. Bray, of Roper; and Spruill, tax collector, reported \$10,525.72 received during the

The special election has been to determine two propositions. Two Trips Planned to determine two propositions by the state of \$25,000,000 for construction of respective reports for the month

#### school buildings in various counties of the state. The other is the proposal to issue \$200,000,000 worth of state bonds for paving Begin DDT Spray worth of state bonds for paving and repairing secondary roads in the state. Governor Scott sponsored both proposals, which were Near Roper Next School Band to take its second is confident enough of their plans and third trips out-of-town next and organizations of any finiancial responsibility. The producing company is confident enough of their plans and third trips out-of-town next and methods that they have submitted to the people by action of the recent General Assembly.

Roper about Monday.

Of "Rural Mail Box Im- various poining places on all Saturdays during that period. This various polling places on all Sathouses were sprayed, 33 refused bands. The local high school to have houses sprayed, one was band will be the youngest orlocked. For the three weeks that only been re-organized for eight Day, Youth Day, Fraternal Day, the health department has been months. Tarboro officials are spraying DDT in Plymouth, 376 furnishing the two busses for the houses have been sprayed, 86 re- transportation of the band. fused spraying, 2 were vacant, and 79 houses were found locked. to Elizabeth City to take part in

to be eligible to vote in the special houses have been sprayed with DDT, 152 persons refused to have Rev. J. L. Stevens, assisted by At the present time Zeno G. election. Those who are not the Rev. R. E. Wall, of Elizabeth Lyon, carrier on the only rural certain whether they are propertheir houses sprayed, 4 were ly registered are advised to check found vacant, and 106 were lock-

# **Banks Get Three**

bank holidays, three of them com- struction would be received and is May 10, observed as Confed- May 12. Mr. Norman is building erate Memorial or Decoration the store for the Great Atlantic Day in North Carolina. Then, on & Pacific Tea Company, which Expired April 30 May 20, the banks will be closed plans to put in modern superin observance of Mecklenburg market at the location. All county and town beer liing the promulgation of the Meckone-story brick building with a censes expired April 30, and lenburg Declaration of Indepen-places which sell the beverage dence in 1775, which preceded the cated on Mr. Norman's lot, adare warned to apply for renewal national declaration by more than joining the Coca-Cola Bettling immediately. In addition to hav- two months. The final holiday in Works.

Applications for county licenses should be made to E. J. Spruill, suspend for any of these holidays is expected that the Belk-Tyler county auditor and tax collector, in this section. However, most Company building in the same

## Commissioners of Six Stills Raided Local Voters Choose Four County Discuss By Local Officers Numerous Topics During Past Week New Members of Council

Endorse Idea of School All Equipment Seized and Building Construction About 2,000 Gallons of Mash Poured Out; Get Gallons Liquor

The illicit whiskey business in ed about and approved in the Wathington County has been dealt J. W. Norman, of Plymouth; L. | All the members of the present councilmen from the first ward ing an opposing slate composed last-minute filings brought the regular monthly meeting of mem- a series of severe blows during E. Hassell, of Roper; and P. B. school committees in the county were reelected and four new bers of the board of county comthe past week or so by county
Belanga, of Creswell, were sworn
were re-elected. They are: Plymcouncilmen were elected from the number up to six, and there was considerable politicking during the time remaining. It is understanded between the board of county considerable politicking during the time remaining. It is understanded between the board of county considerable politicking during the board of county considerabl thew P. Swain, Mrs. Ruth K. Normash or "beer" have been poured term of four more years Monday man; F. C. Tarkenton, and A. R. were reelected from the Plymouth High School officials Swain, 45; W. Barton Swain, 40; inside the city limits, and it is yesterday called off the school dance scheduled next Monday in the county this year and Harold Patrick. Allen received bare pluralities in the county this year. ly escaped due to a warning chairman of the board. Members of the board accept- the second ward; and J. A. Hol-Board members endorsed the signal being fired as the officers of the board re-elected R. F. ed the House Chevrolet Company brook and Max Willette had maproposed bond issues for the construction of school buildings and Basaight and L. C. Snell were ington County Schools for a term Sedan that was for sale in the Size of the vote was dismprovements of secondary roads, "in" on all six raids, but had the of two years.

The county's part is \$7,500 of the "Sand Hill' on the Waters and the state and federal govern- property near the country club ment's part bring it up to \$60,000. here. The entire outfit was cap-A contract was signed with tured and about 150 gallons of

1949-50. The price covering this week, when the same officers seized a steel-drum boiler and out-Members of the board approved fit on the Dismal road back of

> Officers Basnight and Snell continued their activities last Thursday, again in Plymouth Township, getting another steeldrum rig back of the Henry Gaylord field near the creek. About 300 gallons of mash were poured out, the cap and worm, buckets, jugs, cans and other miscellaneous equipment being brought in.

(See SIX STILLS, Page 12)

Delbert Allen, sanitation of out-of-town appearance at Pante- porations before.

they will participate in a Hospi- foot stage in the baseball park In Plymouth last week, 121 tality Day parade with 14 other in Plymouth. found vacant, and 24 houses were ganization in the parade, as it has Day, Farmer's Day, Homecoming

Next Friday, the band will go

# Store for A & P

James W. Norman announced Holidays in May

this week that plans and specifications had been prepared for a new store building on East Water

May is the jack-pot month for

Woolard, county commander, putfoot forward" in rounding up top
talent for the show which will
its \$800 quota by totaling \$842.

Just three days before the campaign closed on Saturday only ing and seless According to Mr. ng at 10-day intervals. The first the contract let on Thursday,

ing licenses renewed, applicants the month comes on May 30th, must also secure a permit from National Memorial Day, which the State ABC Board by June 30, will also be observed by federal as possible, and the specifications offices throughout the county. | call for completion of the build-Business in general does not ing by August 31st this year. It

## Organization Set Up By Board Education

ObservancePlanned OfSesqui-Centennial or 324, out of a total registration of 554. In the first ward, the total vote was 188 against a regis-Here Early Next Fall tration of 390; and in the third ward, 165 voted out of a registration of 264. In the town as a

Rogers Producing Company for County-Wide Celebration

Members of the Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce voted in their meeting last Friday night to sponsor in September or October a Washington County Sesqui-centennial Celebration, that is the 150th anniversary of the founding of this county in 1799.

The proposal for the celebration was submitted by C. W. Fessenden, of the John B. Rogers Producing Company, of Fostoria, Ohio, producers, managers and directors of more than 1,500 national, state and civic celebra-

The local Jaycees plan to form a corporation, under the laws of For Local Band North Carolina, without capital and for charity. This will relieve all individuals and organiweek. The band made its first signed contracts with such cor-

Haywood Warren Spruill, 58, of Creswell Route One, husband of Ella Estelle Ainsley Spruill, died of a heart attack Monday at 5 p. m. at home.

Registration books for the special election will open Saturday May 7, and reday of this week, May 7, and

Industrial Day, or National Advertising Day, or include special

(See JAYCEES, Page 12)

### Thus far in the county, 690 the city's Invitational Musical Quota Is Raised In Cancer Drive

"Saving the best for last," Washington County cancer donations "poured in" over the week-show. Members of the minstrel for a number of years, is not a end, according to Mrs. W. J. committee are "putting their best stranger in Plymouth. Son of the Woolard, county commander, putpaign closed on Saturday, only ing and solos. According to Mr. "Bill." \$335 had been collected.

This was the county's first or- will be well costumed. ganized cancer fund drive under the American Cancer Society.

The time and place the minstrel will be presented hasn't been appointment as their representa-

Roper over \$100 and Wenona \$5. next week. Mrs. Woolard wishes to express Casting is well underway and companies in all phases of inher appreciation for the work the first rehearsal has been sched- surance. Mr. and Mrs. Phelps have tributed to put the county over its goal.

vicinity and were not mentioned in previous articles were Mrs. Furr, Mrs. Douglas Starr, Mrs. Leroy Stillman, Mrs. C. N. Davenport, jr., Mrs. O. D. Hatfield, Mrs. Troy Snell and Mrs.

# **Typhoid Clinics**

Plans are underway at the Washington-Tyrrell District Health Department to hold clinics for typhoid vaccinations sometime in June for all persons in the county. A schedule of dates will be released later, according to Miss Elizabeth Wood, district health nurse.

Planned In June

All county children of preschool age, who missed attending the pre-school clinics in April, can get vaccinations for the prevention of diphtheria, small pox and whooping cough, when they appear for their ty-phoid vaccination.

## Minstrel Show Is Planned by Lions

31st for Benefit of Rec- each. R. S. Browning, Wilson reational Fund; First (See TOWN VOTE, Page 12) Rehearsal Next Week

A committee of the Plymouth Lions Club is making prepara-Lions Club is making preparations to stage an all-made minstrel show, except the director, on Monday and Tuesday nights, May 30 and 31 for the benefit of the club's recreation fund, which is business formerly operated here a fund to help the recreational by the late A. L. Alexander and

minstrel committee and his as- occupying the old Alexander ofsociates are L. J. Darby, Vance fice building at 124 Washington Norman, James Norman, Wesley Street. Marrow and Juluis Segerman.

Mr. Phelps, who has been in the air-conditioning and commercial

chosen as the director of the refrigeration business in Norfolk Leavitt, the members of the cast | The Jefferson Standard Life In-

Of the \$842 collected, Plymouth determined yet, but an announce-tive in this section. He also will donated \$574; Creswell \$127; ment of these details is expected conduct a general agency, repre-

done by all the canvassers and uled immediately after the Lions an apartment in the Layton especially the persons who con- Club meeting next Thursday. Owens home.

Mayor Riddle, Councilmen Keel and Joyner, Of First Ward, Are Re-

Size of the vote was disappointing, although larger than in any previous town election. A total eading with nearly half of them, tration of 390; and in the third whole 1,208 persons registered during the past month, but only a little more than half of them bothered to vote.

The closest race was in the second ward, which had seven candidates for two places on the council. The top vote was divided almost equally between three candidates, Robert E. Bowen leading with 133; H. H. Allen was second with 125; and George W. Harrison, incumbent, lost out by only four votes, polling 121. Other second ward candidates received the following vote: Wesley W. Hardison, 89; G. Raymond Leggett, 67; Henry T. Hardison, 49; and John E. West, 27.

The vote in the first ward was as follows: E. Durand Keel, 170; W. H. Joyner, 136; and E. Lud-ford McNair, 53.

The third ward vote tallied like, this. J. Arden Holbrook, 135; Max

Willette, 102; and Woodrow R. Mayor Riddle, who had no opposition, polled a total of 491 votes in the three wards. He re-

eived 162 in the first ward, 218 in the second and 11 in the third. Here Last of May trouble to mark the ticket for mayor, while 28 others wrote in the names of 13 different persons, To Be Presented 30th and who received from 1 to 10 votes

# W. L. Phelps Buys

William L. Phelps last month purchased the general insurance activities of Plymouth young peothe firm name of the W. L. E. M. Leavitt is chairman of the Phelps Insurance Agency. He is

surance Company, of Greensboro, senting a number of old-line

### Members of the Creswell women's club, who canvassed that Higher Phone Rates Granted This Week

& Telegraph Company, of Tar- four-party residential, \$2. boro, are on their way up, as the result of an increase granted Tuesday by the State Utilities cheaper, since they are considered order was signed providing for residential, \$2. raising the rates on rural tele- In its order the commission phones of the company.

Telephone rates in Plymouth, ness, \$4.25; four-party business and other towns in this section \$3.50; one party residential, \$3.25; served by the Carolina Telephone two-party residential, \$2.50; and

Commission. This is the second a part of the Columbia exchange. time in five months that the There the new rate is as follows: Carolina company has been grant- One-party business, \$4.25; twoed rate increases by the commis- party business, \$3.50; one-party sion. Last November 30th an residential, \$2.75; and two-party

stated that the Carolina company The rate increases are to take "has shown a definite need for effect immediately. The new additional gross revenue, but not schedule of monthly charges al- in the aggregate amount requestlowed for telephones in Plymouth ed. The increase granted is is as follows: One-party business roughly two-thirds of the amount telephones, \$5; two-party busi-asked for by the Carolina.

## County Club Women Put on Flower Show

having the best single speciman of the Swain Club; Mrs. Frank of a flower. Mrs. Ida Davis, of Wilson, of the Roper Club and the Cherry Club placed second. Mrs. Julie Singleton, of the Beech Mrs. Otis Chesson, of the Swain Grove Club. Club, won the prize for the best W. L. Whitley, local attorney

arrangement of flowers.

Washington County Home Dem- Club, oldest member at the age onstration Club members observed National Home Demonstration
Week' here Tuesday by holding an annual flower show in the agriculture building.

Will Swain, of the Pleasant Grove Club; Mrs. A. M. Chesson and Mrs. Eloise Stillman, of the Piney Grove Club; Responsible to the same of the Pleasant Grove Club; Mrs. W. A. Mizelle and Mrs. R. Mrs. agriculture building.

Mrs. A. R. Latham, of the Chapel Hill Club won the first prize for Cherry Club; Mrs. Mattie Swain,

Mrs. A. R. Latham, of the Chapel Cherry Club; Mrs. Mattie Swain,

Mrs. W. A. Mizelle and Mrs. R. C. Jackson, of the Hoke Club; Mrs. R. E. Davenport, of the Chapel Cherry Club; Mrs. Mattie Swain,

Mrs. W. A. Mizelle and Mrs. R. C. Jackson, of the Hoke Club; Mrs. R. E. Davenport, of the Chapel Cherry Club; Mrs. Mattie Swain,

spoke to club members about Mrs. Edison Davenport gave a citizenship. Songs and tea comhistory of county home demon-stration work since its beginning in 1917. Ten of the original then visited the local gardens of members of the organization were Mrs. Addie Brinkley, Mrs. Louise honored. They were: Mrs. RenMcGowan, Clarence Blount and
nie Alexander, of the Creswell Shep Brinkley.

Mayor A. J. Riddle was not supposed to have any opposition in the town election Tuesday, but before all the returns were tabulated in the three wards, it began to look as if about half the town had entered against him. The names of three extra-curricular candidates were written in on ballots in the first ward, three more in

the second ward, and a grand the second ward, and a grand total of ten in the third ward. Ralph S. Browning, local merchant, led all the "unoffi-cial" candidates, gathering two votes in the first ward and four each in the second and third for a total of 10. Nyal Womble, druggist, picked up one vote in the second and three in the third to run second with four. M. J. Jack, John Brown and J. A.

Holbrook were each given two votes in the third ward for a third-place tie. B. G. Campbell, former mayor, and W. H. Booker, local question-mark, received one vote apiece in the first ward; Willie Dail received one vote in the second ward; and Bill Arrants, E. L. McNair, David Jones, Eugene Jones, and C. B. Holliday received one each in the third ward.

Mayor Riddle accused Jack Booker of voting for himself, but the latter pointed out that his lone vote was cast in the first ward, home of the mayor, while Booker lives in the second ward. He blames someone with a perverted sense of humor, possibly the mayor the more or less honorable