

Sue Ellen Riddle, daughter of Mayor and Mrs. A. J. Riddle, was VOLUME LX-NUMBER 21 operated on for appendicitis at a Rocky Mount hospital Monday afternoon. The little girl, very sick yesterday morning, was re-ported to be some better vesterported to be some better yester-Giv afternoon. Mrs. Riddle is in Nocky Mount with her. **Planned by Auxiliary**

Local Boy Scout officials said yesterday there would be a regular meeting of Plymouth Boy Scout Troop 84 Monday night in the scout hut. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:15 p. m., 15 minutes earlier than the usual time. Scouts wishing to attend the Plymouth-Wake Forest baseball game will be excused from the meeting in time to see the game, however they must report to scout meeting first, scout officials said.

Tom Hopkins, president of the Plymouth Junior Chamber of Commerce, received a booklet **Change Minstrel to** Monday from the John B. Rogers Producing Company, Fostoria, O., which is planning to direct activities of the Washington County Sesqui-Centennial Celebration here next fall. Mr. Hopkins said that a non-profit corporation would be formed soon and committees set up to get celebration plans underway.

All state and federal offices in Washington County, includ-ing post offices, the Plymouth task and offices in the courthouse will be closed all day Monday, May 30, in observance of National Memorial Day. However, local merchants will go about their business as usual. as it is not observed generally as a holiday in North Carolina.

Although summer vacation for Plymouth school children begins tomorrow, J. S. Fleming, principal of Plymouth High School, announced yesterday that he will be in his office at the school for the next two weeks, beginning Monday, from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

The Plymouth High School Band is enabled to make full payment for its new uniforms, according to J. S. Flemming, principal, from the silver offering taken in at the band concert last Friday night and further dona-tions which came to his office Final Exercises yesterday.

Margaret Bickel, of Plymouth. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bradley, is home examining applications for a teaching job next fall, after graduating from East Rev. J. W. Alford, of Co-Carolina Teachers College, at Greenville last week. Miss Bickel received a Bachelor of Science degree in Spanish and social studies. She was an honor student for three years.



THE ROANOKE BEACON

AND WASHINGTON COUNTY NEWS

Preparations for the ob-

servance of Poppy Day here

Saturday are about complete.

according to Mrs. W. H. Thomas,

chairman of the poppy com-

mittee of James E. Jethro No.

164 unit of the American Le-

A corps of 18 Girl Scouts and

members of the local auxiliary

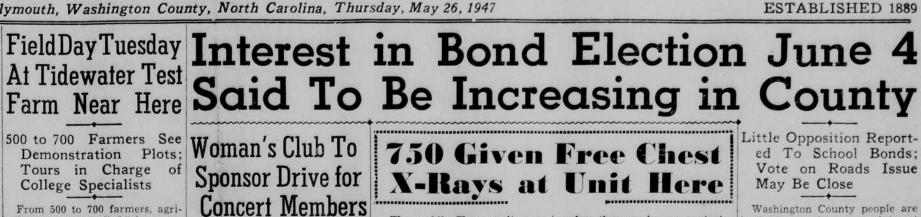
pies in the Plymouth business and residential district Satur-

day from 9 a. m. until the pop-

are to distribute veteran's pop-

gion Auxiliary.

Plymouth, Washington County, North Carolina, Thursday, May 26, 1947



The unit will visit no other

towns in Washington County.

It is open from 11 a.m. to 5

Department.

Made

ulture teachers, "G. I." farm students, county agents attended the field day activities Monday at the Campaign Begins Mon-Tidewater Experiment Station. day, Ends Saturday, five miles east of Plymouth, ac-June 4; Plan to Bring cording to officials of the field Noted Artists Here The morning session included

The Plymouth Municipal Confield trips to forage plots, fire lanes, sheep and cattle pastures. cert Association announces a six-A barbecue lunch was held at day membership drive campaign, L. Y. Valentine, of Ra- beginning Monday morning and Tuesday, Thursday State Commissioner of ending Saturday evening, June

Miss Leon Shelor, field repreagriculture conditions in the sentative of William Z. Rozan's Sponsored by Lions Club state. Dr. R. W. Cummings, as-For Benefit of Recrea-lege Experiment Station, outlin-Texas, will meet with officers and Municipal Concerts, of Houston, tional Fund; 28 Persons ed the work being done at the campaign captains in the Legion Hall at 10 a. m. Monday and supervise the drive. The entire afternoon was taken

Officers of the local concert up by discussions, field visits and association are Mrs. B. G. Campbell and Mrs. R. M. Allen cochairman; Mrs. Leroy Bateman, Dr. John D. Messick, of treasurer; and Mrs. Jack Bradley, secretary.

Campaign captains are: Mrs. David Jones, Mrs. J. S. Fleming, Mrs. Steve Clary, Mrs. Woodrow Collins, Mrs. Ben Ganderson, Mrs. W. R. Klass, jr., and Mrs. Hallett brought to a close in Plymouth Everett, all of Plymouth; Mrs. tonight, when members of the

Roy Hopkins, of Roper and Miss senior class will be awarded di-Matilda Alexander, of Creswell. plomas in graduation exercises Immediately following the meet- at the high school auditorium, ing, ticket sales will begin. starting at 8 o'clock. The annual The Plymouth Woman's Club is literary address will be made by

sponsoring the organization of the Dr. John D. Messick, president of local municipal concert associa- East Carolina Teachers College, It is being formed to bring Greenville. tion. well known musical artists to perform in Plymouth in person, ofby Roy F. Lowry, county superficials of the club said. Attend- intendent of public instruction, ance at the concerts will be open following the invocation by the to everyone, without additional Rev. Paul B. Nickens, and the charge, who joins the association salutatory address by Ann Tetduring the membership drive. No terton, of the senior class. Special single admissions to the concerts awards will be presented by

will be sold. Memberships will Principal J. S. Fleming, and the be limited to the seating capacity Woman's Club medal for highest of the high school auditorium. scholastic achievement will be The concert association is nonpresented by Mrs. W. J. Woolard, profit organization. Dues will past president of the club. Followbe used for engaging artists. At ing presentation of diplomas least three concerts are presented Helen Alexander, will deliver the each season and as many more class valedictory.

Creswell.—Mrs. Alena Hassell, widow of the late Charlie Has-On County Roads Clarence Alexander, Foster Ange, Alton Beddard, Jack Booker,

The mobile X-ray unit, now unless they are known contacts stationed in front of the bank

of tuberculosis, are eligible for the X-ray photographs. It on Water Street in Plymouth for all county persons to get a free X-ray to check for tutakes only a few minutes. No undressing. Every person who berculosis, will be in Plymouth is X-rayed receives a confidenthrough Saturday afternoon, actial report by mail. cording to officials of the Wash-Approximately 750 persons ington-Tyrrell District Health were X-rayed here Tuesday and

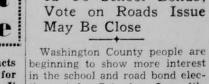
Wednesday, which kept the unit workers busy. Health department officials urge every county resident, colored or p. m. Only persons 15 years old and older, colored or white, white, to take a few minutes off and get a free X-ray.



The Town of Roper has \$300 allotted for street improvements and not \$3,000, as was reported following the first meeting of the new town board there on May 10. The error was contained in a typewritten report of the meeting submitted to the Beacon for publication a couple of weeks ago.

Dr. Messick will be introduced W. Barton Swain is the new street commissioner for the town, and after it was reported that \$3,000 was available for street improvements he began receiving requests for work on almost every thoroughfare in the town. He wishes it to be known that he only has \$300, and that will hardly take care of all the requests that have

been made.



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

> in the school and road bond election set for Saturday, June 4th, according to J. E. Davenport. county chairman of Better Schools & Bonds, Inc., a citizens committee formed to acquaint North Carolinians with facts concerning the propised issue.

Mr. Davenport has been devoting most of his time for the past week in visiting various sections of the county in the interest of the bond proposals. He said yesterday that a big majority of rural people favored both the \$200,000,000 issue for improved roads and the \$25,000,000 for chool - building construction. About the only opposition found is against the proposed road bonds ssuance, and much of that is based on misinformation, according to the chairman.

Reports have been circulated that the entire \$200.000,000 for roads must be expended during the four-year term of Governor Scott. This is not true, Mr. Davenport said, explaining that Governor Scott has emphasized that the bonds will be issued only as needed and only as the money can be used wisely and economically. It is not anticipated that the program can be completed in four years, but authorization for the full issue is needed in order that a sound and comprehensive program can be planned.

Unless a broad program adopted and planned, the chair-man states, communities which can will be the ones to get most of the roade localized the roads, leaving the s with small population and lit political influence to get as best they can. However, the overall program favored Governor Scott, the law how much is to be spent county, and there can be ad or a tion of equitable distribution. Passage of the bond issue 12 Roper Students enable the highway commission

to group projects and plan road To Get Diplomas at construction on a broad scale, en-abling builders to operate on long stretches at a time, speeding up Exercises Tonight stretches at a time, speeding up construction and saving considerable sums. Short jobs do not Dr. Cecil A. Jarman, of justify this. Some road construc-tion experts estimate that the Wilson, Speaker; Prin- saving on construction costs as

terday.

ley, Snooks Burnham, Grady Hop- er, of Gatesville. kins, James Boyce and Dick Her-

lumbia, Will Be Main Speaker; Other Pro- in-law, Eugene Cassler, of Ne-

the George Primrose and Lew First of the commencement Docstader Minstrels; Ben Tuck-programs at Creswell High School er, Nyal Womble, Robert Bow-last Thursday morning at 7

"Plymouth Minsstation is a leader in Irish potato trels," for the benefit of the local experimentation in this area, ac-Lions Club recreation fund, will cording to J. L. Rae, jr., assistbe presented in the Plymouth ant director of the Tidewater High School auditorium next Station. Tuesday and Thursday nights at All the field visits to the various plots were supervised by Originally scheduled for next State College officials. State of-Monday and Tuesday nights, the ficials attending the field day performance scheduled for Mon- program were: C. B. Thomas.

local station.

day program.

day night has been postponed to State Director of Test Farms; Dr. Thursday night, so as not to in- W. E. Colwell, head of the agroterfere with the Wake Forest- nomy department at State Col-Plymouth baseball exhibition lege; Dr. D. W. Colvard, director game. Persons who have pur- of the animal husbandry departchased tickets for the Monday ment at State College; Dr. E. H. night minstrel show may use them Hostetler, director of beef cattle for the Thursday night perform- and sheep at State College; Dr. ance, E. M. Leavitt, chairman of Sam Dodson and Dr. W. W. the minstrel committee, said yes- Woodhouse, of the agronomy department at State College; Dr.

A cast of 27 Plymouth residents J. H. Hilton, director of the State and three from out-of-town will College Experimental Station and perform under the direction of dean of the college of agriculture; Mrs. W. J. Weaver. Fred Keyes and members of the state board of is the interlocutor. Endmen in- agriculture: J. H. Winslow, of clude Frank Brinkley, Dave Hur- Greenville; and Miss Ethel Park-

ring. Specialty numbers will be given by George Peele, Adrian Cobb, Woodrow Collins, Russell Cobb, Woodrow Collins, Russell Chesson, and Tom Norman, of Roper; L. J. Darby and his father-

wark, N. J., who has played with

pay up before the list will be prepared for publication. Mr. Brown said the sale would be held on Tuesday July 5th, in front of the courthouse door. Usually the property is offered on a first Monday, but the first Monday in July falls on the 4th, a legal holiday, and the sale is being set for the 5th.

8 o'clock.

He asks all those who have not paid their 1948 taxes to do so at once and avoid the added interest and costs incident to advertising.

Set. Tonight at

grams This Week

Creswell School

Will Hold Town

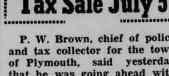
Tax Sale July 5

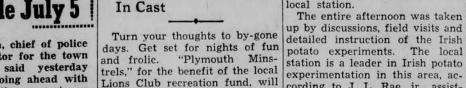
P. W. Brown, chief of police and tax collector for the town that he was going ahead with plans to advertise property on which 1948 town taxes had not

been paid. Property owners

have only a few more days to

of Plymouth, said yesterday





nies are sold. Over 1,000 pop-

pies have been received from

Oteen Veteran's Hospital, near

Asheville and Swannanoa Vet-

eran's Hospital near Fayette-

ville, where they were made

by disable veterans of both

Girls and women who plan

to sell the poppies will receive

a coin box, along with the flow-

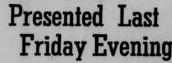
ers, to receive contributions for

the welfare of disabled veterans

and needy children of veterans

world wars.

in this county.



School Band presented a stimu- in their lives. lating concert in the school audithe direction of Mrs. Ethel G. offered the invocation, which was Hopkins.

A trumpet trio composed of senior class. The benediction Bruce Bateman, Mildred Smith, was pronounced by the Rev. W. and Jimmy Allen played a hymn. F. Meacham, of the Creswell Margaret Clawson presented a Methodist church. clarinet solo, "Desert Song." Mil-Class night exercises were held Class hight exercises were held in the school auditorium Wednes-day night, and the graduating ex-played "Petite Classique," as a clarinet quartet. night at 8 o'clock, also in the au-

The band as a unit played "Acditorium. tivity March," the Marine Hymn "Show Boy," "Indian Boy," "Vic-tory March," "The Plainsman," 'American Brotherhood," and "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Participating in the concert were Dale Beasley, Virginia Heynen, Tom Terry, Bruce Bateman, Thomas Nooney, Stanley Hufton, Mildred Smith and Jimmy Allen, trumpets; Joy Harrison, Marlene Painter, Harriet Keyes, Gerald Bowen, Joe Harris, Alice Respass, Bowen, Joe Harris, Alice Respass, Alice Humphries, Milton Davenport, Betty Beam, Margaret Clawson, Ann Mayo, Pat Hammons, Tommy Ragland, Margaret Bagley, Barbara Davis, Rosalie Brown, Julia Davis, Laura Jo Quinn, Linda Lipskum, clarinets; Plymouth Junior Chamber of Rex Browning, Abner Sawyer, Bill Peele and James Lyle, here more closely to parlimentary horns; Robert Hopkins, George procedures in club meetings, in Painter, and Jane Keel, saxo- his initial speech to the group as phones; Martha Davenport, Ho- head of the organization. ward Mizell, Carol Windom and Members of the club decided to Lou Nell Vandiford, mellophones; meet once a month during the Harlan Folkerts, Harlee Lyons, summer months on a Friday Myra Folkerts, and Ogla Dixon, night when the local baseball trombones; Ellen Winslow and team is playing out of town. Each

William McKeel, bell lyres; Hardy Cobb, Kenneth Trowbridge, Jay Date of the first meeting in June Everton and Donald Hohl, snare will be announced later, accord-drums; Jewel Hardison, bass ing to President Hopkins. drum; Peggy Styons, symbal; James Boyce was appointed to Bessie Le Fever, band major; make all purchases for the opera-

Gracelyn Reid, drum major; Pat tion of concessions at the base-Ange, Myrtle Jackson, Betty Jean Jackson, Betty Jane Leary, Peg- he did last year. Stewart Saundgy Darden, Betty Riddle, Caro- ers and Percy Ashby were namgy Darden, Betty Riddle, Carlo lyn Ayers, Betsy Brinkley, Jane Crofton, Maxine Baynor, Marie Baynor and Pat Davenport, ma-iorettes. Ed to the program committee, with Mr. Saunders as chairman. Bill McCombs was put in charge of food arrangements. Edward Owens outlined the program for the Rotary Interna-tional Convention to be held in New York City in June. jorettes.

Friday Evening of using whatever talent each in-dividual had in making the com-

nunity a better place in which Mrs. W. D. Walker is accom-Members of the Plymouth High that God should have first place erville are in charge of lighting. H C Carter and Juluis Segerman

are to take care of the stage props The Rev. B. W. Gaither, rector torium last Friday night, under of the Parson Pettigrew Parish, and costumes. Boy Scouts will usher at both performances.

> followed by several songs by the **Ruritans Met in Creswell Monday**

class are: Alice Davenport, Re-becca Patrick, Maude Twiddy, Mary Gaither, Marian Phelps, H. W. Pritchett made a talk on Doris Hudson, Nona Furlough, Mildred Phelps, Vivian Holton, Norma Riddick, Jackie Craddock, Stancil White and Phillip John-

vote their convictions. Only Once Month special committee on the pos-

Members of the graduating

to raise funds for the club, which Tom Hopkins, president of the will be given more consideration later. Visitors included Paul Liverman, of Columbia; Herbert erman, of Columbia; Herbert Lawrence, of Windsor, Va.; and L. B. Davenport of Charlotte, Hail Damages Crops J. B. Davenport, of Charlotte.

> **Plymouth Rotary Club** Holds Regular Meeting

> > group.

James Gilreath was appointed the Junior Chamber of Commerce and Lions Club about the possibilities of organizing a town softball league for the summer.

lord, of Columbia, in the school and Elmer Leavitt, Roy Lowry, age. Alford stressed the importance of using whatever talent each in-of using whatever talent each in-Vance Norman and Weeler Mer. Jones. She was born in Washing-officer, said yesterday. Spraying

ton County on September 16, 1885 and lived in this section all of her life. For a number of years she was a member of the Mount Hermon Methodist Chuch. The funeral was held from the week, Mr. Allen added.

After completion of DDT spray-Horner Funeral Home in Cres-

well last Saturday afternoon at the county which received a 2 o'clock, with the Rev. B. Wood spraying totaled 1,127; 225 re-Gaither, of the Episcopal church, fused the use of the spray; 14 in charge. Interment was made have been found vacant; and 166 in the family cemetery in the were locked. Cherry section. Pall-bearers were

Dale Barnes, Floyd Long, Harold

the forthcoming bond election, to ton, of Holland, Va.; Mrs. Frances to register within five days after be held June 4th, stressing the Edwards, Norfolk, Va.; and Mrs. their eighteenth birthday. Ex-ser- Hopkins. L. E. Hassell, sr., chi

advantages to be derived by par-ents and children in supporting also leaves two brothers, Aubert register with the board within 30 the school and roads program ad- Jones, of Jamesville; Jesse Jones, days after receiving their dis- the auditorium Tuesday night. Chesson, Vernon Everett, Viola vocated by Governor Scott. He of Creswell; eight sisters: Mrs. charge.

Jennie Sawyer, of Elizabeth City; comply with the law requiring their way to the far west. Old- Freeman and C. J. Belch. special committee reports were on the pos-special committee on the pos-Sadie Langley, of Norfork, Va.; do so will be classed as delingu-and a specialty dance was pre-

> 30 grandchildren and 6 great- penalties if the failure to register is deliberate.

ous Awards (Peggy) Cox, Evelyn Gurganus,

Jeanne Harrison, Ramona Hartha Parker, Gloria Peyton, Gracelyn Reid, Carolyn Spruill, Lorena

Snell, Helen Styons and Ann Tetbegins at 8 o'clock. The commencement exercises

A. Lloyd Owens, chairman of

the local school committee, will

present diplomas to the graduates.

Members of the senior class are:

terton.

began Sunday night, with the annual sermon by the Rev. John the First Christian Church, of bonds would be issued until the Page Williams, headmaster of St. Wilson, is scheduled to deliver total of \$200,000,000 is reached in Christophers School, Richmond, the commencement address. Prin-

Va., who used as his subject, cipal Harold F. Brown will in-The Creswell Ruritan Club held Mrs. Hassell is survived by four sons: Dallas Barnes, of Roptian Church, gave the invocation tory and Nina Stillman the vale- an interest rate of 2 per cent.

auditorium Monday night, with the better roads and schools pro-gram as the chief topic of dis-gram as the chief topic of dis-Army in Frankfort, Germany Service Board, reminds young The high school glee club sang Eva Davenport, Gloria Harris and three daughters: Mrs. Lettie Clif- men that they are still required several numbers, and a violin solo Viola Everett plan to render sevsued in the 1920's.

Meet Last Night

L. E. Hassell, sr., chairman of "The Forty-Niners," senior class the county board of education, might exercises, was presented in will present diplomas to Douglas The opening scene was laid in a Everett, Eva Davenport, Joanne

concluded with an appeal for all Cecil Godwin, Mrs. Lucy Alexan-Ruritans to go to the polls and der, Mrs. Ida Phelps and Mrs. ing filled at this time, men sub-of the graduating class '49 Cali-Leone Swain, Gloria Harris, John Emma Spruill, of Creswell; Mrs. ject to the draft are urged to fornia gold seeking pioneers on Bembridge, Alice Grimes, Doris

League Directors

In the second part, the seniors held their last class meeting. presided over by Louis Singleton, class president. Those taking part in the program included

Helen Alexander, historian; Helen (See SCHOOL, Page Twelve)

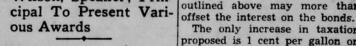
Gilbert D. Davis Will **Receive Degree at TCU**

Gilbert D. Davis, of Plymouth meeting as representative of the and the ship then crashed in the will receive the degree of Bache- Plymouth club.

lor of Divinity from Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, out, postponed or tied games Mr. Norman from the wrecked noon. Tobacco, corn, cotton and trees here in town, gardens de- Texas, at the commencement ex- would either be played off on the ship and had him removed to the to communicate with members of other growing crops were hard stroyed in numerous instances, ercises on Sunday, May 29, ac- following Sunday or as the first office of Dr. T. L. Bray here. cording to announcement this game of a twi-light double-header

were broken at the high school week. Mr. Davis is a member of at the next meeting of the clubs suffered a head wound and a

Most of the crop damage center-building. Tobacco and corn crops the largest graduating class in concerned. ed along the hard-surfaced road suffered the most damage in the TCU history, a total of 535 per-President Edward Owens outlined the between Plymouth and Roper. country. Quite a number of construction to be held in long the hard-surfaced road suffered the most damage in the sons being scheduled to receive degrees at the exercises in Fort is on, which is the last to be held in to have been hit hardest, but who had hail insurance, accord-damage was done on the Hamp- ing to local insurance agents. Here a number of the most damage in the fore the league season opens and seeding equipment on the plane.



The only increase in taxation proposed is 1 cent per gallon on

Twelve graduating seniors of gasoline. This will raise an esti-Roper High School will partici- mated \$7,000,000 per year for inrington, Barbara Matheny, Mar- pate in their last home school terest and bond retirement. Under function as students when they the suggested schedule for sale receive their diplomas at the com- and retirement of the proposed mencement program in the school bond issue, \$50,000,000 worth of auditorium tonight. The program bonds would be sold on January

1, 1950. Each two years there-Dr. Cecil A. Jarman, pastor of after another \$50,000,000 worth of 1946

The average annual cost for principal and interest under this schedule is estimated at \$10.579 -296, based on a 24-year period and Experts say the interest rate

(See BOND VOTE, Page Twelve)

Local Flier Hurt In Air Accident

J. S. "Dick" Norman, operator of the Albemarle Flying Service and owner of the air field located near here, was painfully injured last Thursday afternoon about 6 o'clock in a crash on the Sheriff Reid farm. Removed to the Chowan Hospital after receiving first-aid treatment here, he was

able to return home Sunday and Albemarle League directors, in is improving rapidly from his intheir final pre-season meeting at juries. The accident occurred Hertford last night, adopted rules while he was dusting a field on and regulations for the current the Reid farm. He had made one season after a lengthy discussion. run over the field at low level The bylaws are substantially the and started up to make a turn to same as last year, according to return. The tail of the plane hit W. H. Joyner, who attended the a tree at the edge of the field, woods. County Agent W. V. Hays

It was decided that all rained- and the tenant on the farm pulled

It was found that the flier had cracked collarbone. The airplane President Howard Gaylord, of was said to be almost a total loss.

In County This Week

Considerable damage was done, ton farm at the edge of town, and Members of the Plymouth Ro-tary Club held their weekly meet-ing Tuesday night, with Bruce and Roper sections by a severe Roper. The hail stones were of averticing the the transmission of the transmission

Bateman presiding over the hail and wind storm that struck immediate section.

about 2 o'clock Tuesday after- Leaves were beaten from the

hit by the storm, which lasted and a number of window panes for only a short time.

Several committee reports were sibility of putting on a program Mrs. Maude Owens, of Columbia; ents and are subject to severe sented during this scene. grandchildren.