

A motorist drove up in front of one of the local stores yester-

day, got out and reached in his pocket for a nickel to put in the

parking meter. The only one he had was a "wooden nickel" ad-vertising the Sesqui-Centennial

Celebration, so the man went into the store, borrowed a piece of scotch tape, stuck the wooden certificate to the parking slot and

The Hudson Fireworks Com-

pany, of Hudson, O., has been

contracted to set up and display

a 20-minute show of fireworks aft-

er each night's performance of

the historical drama, "Carolina

Cavalcade," during the Washing-

ton County Sesqui-Centennial

Celebration here September 18-22.

Thomas F. Hopkins, executive

chairman of the celebration com-

mittee, announced yesterday. The

fireworks company will send one

of their professional men to work

Margaret Bickel, daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bradley, of

Plymouth, left this week to join

School. She will teach first and

second year Spanish, twelth grade

history and coach the girl's bask-

etball team. Miss Bickel graduat-

ed from East Carolina Teachers

College, Greenville, last May,

faculty of Mayodan High

the display.

went off about his business.

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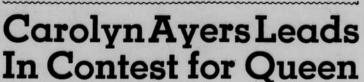
to the service of Washington County and its 13,000 people.

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SERVING TIME IN "KANGAROO STOCKS"

Harry Barnes, of Creswell, tickles Henry Hardison, of Plym-Harry Barnes, of Creswell, tickles Henry Hardison, of Plym-outh, with a feather while the latter is serving a sentence in the "kangaroo stocks" in Plymouth recently. Frank Sawyer, a "kan-garoo cop" stands by. Judge W. J. "Eager Beaver" Weaver said he was pleased that Mr. Hardison was wearing a beard for the Sesqui-Centennial, but sentenced him for not wearing a Robin Hood hat.—Photo by Weaver's Studio.



Luther A. Armstrong, of Plymouth, was graduated from Tu-University, New Orleans, La., last Saturday with a bachelor of science degree. Son of Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Armstrong, 510 Monroe Street, young Armstrong was among the 220 graduates who received diplomas at the annual graduating exercises of the summer school students at the University.

All young men are required to register for selective service within five days after their eighteenth birthday and former service men are required to register within 30 days after receiving their discharge, with W. Ronald Gaylord, county selective service registrar, in the clerk of court's office in the courthouse here. Mr. Gaylord is in the office from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday.

Contrary to all rumors, there will be a meeting of Plymouth Boy Scout Troop 84 next Monday sight at 7:30 o'clock in the scout Hut, scout officials - 14 yesl rday. All boys are urged to wear their complete uniform as there will be an inspection and marching

Don't Forget to

Dim Headlights Orders coming to local high-

way patrolmen from troop headquarters in the past few days require them to issue citations to motorist who fail to dim their headlights when meeting other cars or trucks at night. Arrests can be expected, and violators will be prosecut-Riddle at that time. ed in the courts, it was pointed out.

Until recently, the patrolmen have been stopping motorists who failed to use their dimmers and warning them. However, the period of grace has expired and has had little effect in some cases. It is pointed out that a large percentage of night accidents are attributable to glar-

ing headlights. **Bush Growers and** practice to prepare for the coming Band Paraded in Sesqui-Centennial Celebration. Band Paraded in in the ballot box in celebration headquarters at the close of the contest or mailed and postmarked not later than 5 p. m. Monday will Winslow Returns

From Art Studies W. Frith Winslow and Mrs. Advertise Celebration in Washington, William-ston, Windsor, Edenton

Highway Meeting 42 New Houses Schools in County Open To Be Held Here Are Being Built With Record Enrollment

Hope To Set Up Organization for Promotion of U. S. 64 as "History's Highway"

Formation of an association to dvertise U. S. No. 64 as "History's Highway," connecting Manteo and Murphy under a continuous route number is the object of a meeting that has been called at Plymouth at 10:30 Saturday morning of this week, September 10. R. Mayne Albright, of Raleigh, will preside at the meeting, to be held at the country club here, at the insistance of a number of public officials and business men of Washington, Martin, Tyrrell and Dare Counties.

The meeting will be followed by a "dutch" luncheon in the country club dining room. Letters have been mailed to a number of officials of Nash, Edgecombe, Martin, Washington, Tyrrell and Dare Counties calling attention to the meeting, but any others interested are urged to attend, and arrangements may be made for Contest Ends Monday; the luncheon by notifying Roy

Celebration Festivities Junior Chamber of Commerce, before Saturday.

and Get Free Trip County, said yesterday that there Carolyn Ayers, of Plymouth, would be more than a dozen peothis week took over the lead from ple from his county, which is Betty Riddle, also of Plymouth, interested in the Manteo-Murphy in the "Miss Washington County" route and seeks to have it extendcontest, according to an official ed to Cape Hatteras. Rep. E. O. count of votes at the close of the Arnold, of Washington County, second period of the contest Tueswill head a delegation from the day evening. Miss Ayers had 102,east end of the county; and Rep-749 votes to 99,919 votes for Miss resentative C. W. Tatem, of Tyr-

Other contestants and their from Columbia and vicinity. Miss standings follow: Peggy Darden, Natalie Gould, of Manteo, is act-Plymouth, 61,350; Anita Nooney, ing secretary of the group plan-Plymouth, 61,297; Elsie Sawyer, Plymouth, 46,275; Betty Jo Da-venport, Creswell, 38,750; Sarah Jackson, Plymouth, 35,872; Betty ning the meeting. Immediate objective of the

(See HIGHWAY, Page Seven) Walker, Plymouth, 30,389; Fran-

Millie Woodley, Creswell, 1,216; and Mary Lou Voirol, Plymouth, 1,048. All other contestants have On Flood Control and hours of each class. New-com-ers were the only ones to register

The contest closes at 5 p. m. Twenty questionnaires containnext Monday. No votes will be counted after that time. All votes for flood control, filled in by land year's work began with hardly section of the county have been open for students. forwarded to U. S. Army engine-ers in Wilmington, it was learned calls for classes to begin at 8:30 in the county. receive a 10 per cent bonus. All yesterday from W. M. Darden, a.m.; activity period from 10:30

president of the Washington to 11:25 a.m.; lunch period from speak at the opening exercises of County Farm Bureau. Mr. Darden says there a few to four sections and

Work is underway at presen on three housing development in Plymouth, with a total of 42 new homes under construction. Good progress is being reported, and a good many of the new homes have already been contracted for by purchasers.

Work is nearing completion on most of the 16 houses being built at the site of the old baseball park by the Plymouth Housing Corporation, headed by Reynolds May, of Greenville. Construction of six houses got underway last week in the "Brinkley Woods" development by David L. Strain, of Raleigh, who is said to be planning 16 other homes in that section. Moore & Johnson have 20 houses under construction in the Winesett development, with a

possibility that 8 others may be built later.

Full Schedule at Local Schools on Term's First Day

Walter F. Williams Spoke To Students: Schedule and Fees Outlined By the division of U. S. Marine Corps Aviation, Washington, D. C., has Principal accepted an invitation to speak

here on September 22, "Veterans The new school year began in and Patriotic Day" of the Sesquihe Plymouth white schools last Centennial Celebration, according Thursday with a full day's scheto W. R. Hampton, chairman of the dule being followed and an inspeaker's committee. His acceptcreased enrollment reported over ance completes the schedule of the opening day for the past two nationally known speakers. years in both elementary and rell, is rounding up delegates high school departments. He joins United States Senators Frank P. Graham and Clyde R.

Walter F. Williams, director of Hoey; Representative Herbert C. the historical spectacle to be presented during the county's sesquicentennial celebration, talked to members of the student body dur-Goerch, editor of the State Magaing chapel in the morning.

A schedule card was handed cepted invitations to speak on se to each student who reported to county to be held liant watson, Plymouth, 26,252; Need More Blanks last spring when he reported to county to be held school. The card listed subjects September 18-22. to each student who registered parate days of the founding of the county to be held in Plymouth, General Meger is scheduled to speak at noon Thursday, Septem-

opening day. ber 22, from the reviewing stand Books were distributed and lesat the conclusion of that day's ing information about the need son assignments given out. The parade. Dr. Blanton is to speak Sunday owners living in the southeastern any delay. The lunch room was night, September 18 at 8 p. m. in

Senator Hoey is scheduled to

11:15 to 1:05, which is divided in- the celebration at noon, Monday,

Acceptance of General

And Goerch Others

Meger Completes List;

Graham, Hoey, Bonner

General Vernon E. Meger, of

Bonner; Dr. Sankey L. Blanton,

dean of the school of religion at

zine, Raleigh, who previously ac-

Are to Meet Monday Governing boards of the town | Routine business matters are ton County schools three days afand county will hold their regu- scheduled for attention by the ter opening of the term this year lar September meetings, postpon-ed Menday on account of the La. ed Monday on account of the Labor Day holiday, next Monday, club village water and sewer sy- from the office of the county su-

Executive Board

Of PTA to Meet

dent of the organization.

Plans for the coming year are

to be under discussion too. All

members of the executive board

are urged to make arrange-ments to attend the meeting.

Trash Collection

Schedule Will Be

Few More Days

Town, County Boards

the town.

High Schools Show Largest Gain, With Plymouth Leading Way; Total Enrolled 3,027

Total enrollment in Washing-September 12. The county board stems with J. A. Auchter, general perintendent. Third-tlay enrollof commissioners and board of manager of the North Carolina ment in all schools totaled 3,027, education will meet in the court- Pulp Company; and it is possible as compared with 2,992 a year house at 10:30 a.m., and the city further attention will be given to ago and 2,872 three days after council will meet in the municipal the new trash and garbage pick- the opening of the 1947-48 term. building at 8 o'clock Monday up service being inaugurated in The increase seems to be cen-

tered in the three white schools of the county, with Plymouth leading the way. Colored schools General of Marines as a whole showed a small deline in number enrolled. This nay be due to crop conditions, **Celebration Speaker** which usually affect colored enollment and attendance more han in the white schools. Colored elementary schools showed a drop of 61 students, as compared with last year, while colored high schools gained 27, leaving a net loss of 34 in the colored school system.

In the white schools, the total enrollment gain over last year Members of the executive was 69, 36 in the elementary board of the Plymouth Parentgrades and 33 in the high schools. Teacher Association are sche-The Plymouth white schools duled to meet next Wednesday showed a gain of 55, 21 in the morning at 10 o'clock in the ofhigh school and 34 in the elefice of the Plymouth High mentary department. The Roper School principal, according to school had a net gain of 1, inan announcement yesterday by creasing 3 in the elementary de-Mrs. K. S. Trowbridge, presipartment and losing 1 in the high school. Creswell had a gain of The date of the first parent-13, losing 1 in the elementary grades and gaining 14 in the high teacher association meeting will be decided upon at that time. chool

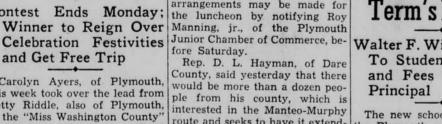
The colored high schools showed a total gain of 27, 19 in Plymouth, 3 in the J. J. Clemmons school at Roper, and 5 at Creswell. The Plymouth colored elementary department lost 8 and Creswell lost 18, while the Clemmons school gained 3 in the low-

er grades, for a total net loss in the three larger colored schools of 23 students. The seven small colored schools

Ready Next Week showed the biggest loss from last year's total. Only one of the sevyear's total. Only one of the sev-

Chief Says Putting New System Into Effect Un-System Into Effect Unavoidably Delayed for the smaller schools with a net deficit in enrollment of 36. Many farmers keep their children at

Chief of Police P. W. Brown home during the early days of said yesterday that he had not the school term in order to com-been able to work out a schedule plete work on certain crops, and for the trash and garbage trucks it is believed most of the smaller so far, but that he would have it schools, which serve strictly rural ready for publication next week., areas, will show an increase in Days and approximate hours the enrollment later after the farm trucks will be in sections of the work is caught up. If the attendance holds up at town will be designated, and all householders will be expected to the Plymouth schools, there is a have their garbage cans within 50 possibility that two additional teachers may be earned. While feet of the street at that time. there are no iron-clad rules about The police chief warns that the allotment of extra teachers, the new pick-up system will go into increase of 34 in the elementary effect next week. Covered gar-



Winslow returned to Plymouth last week after spending two months in Nowank, Conn., seven miles east of New London on

Winslow takes art lessons.

Last summer they were in Cape

Anne, Mass., and summer before left at Cape Cod, Mass. In each place Mr. Winslow studied under

prominent artists.

and Plymouth

Members of the Bush Growers be the contestant who receives the League, the kangaroo court, and greatest number of votes. She will Block Sound, where Mr. Winslow the Plymouth High School Band reign as queen during all festiviresumed art studies under noted paraded before large crowds in ties of the celebration. The next

painters. Mr. Winslow studied portrait, sor, Edenton and Plymouth last still-life and figure painting un-der the tutelage of Robert Black- Centennial Celebration of the man, ranked as one of the 10 best county to be held in Plymouth on artists in the United States. September 18-22, This is the third summer that

The venture was declared a sucthe Winslows have vacationed in bration. cess by Thomas F. Hopkins, exe-New England states, where

cutive chairman of the celebration committee, both from the standpoint of advertising the event before so many people and also for the amount of money received for shaving permits, cos-metic permits and celebration fourth, \$20; fifth, \$15; and sixth

hats **County Schools Get** The parades consisted of the Shipment of Apples

bles with bush growers as pas-sengers, a truck hauling the kan-Washington County schools regaroo court, jail, stocks and per-sonnel, an old high-wheeled bieived 301 boxes of apples for unch room use from the market-

ing division of the North Caro-lina Department of Agriculture, address system. ast week, according to informa-The paraders fell behind sche-

ion from the office of the county perintendent of schools vy downpour just about disrupted The boxes of apples were shipproceedings, and a truck carrying bed to the various schools as fol-band members developed motor trouble. While waiting for the d to the various schools as fol-

temmons colored, 71 boxes each; band truck to arrive in Williamlymouth and Roper white ston, the kangaroo court set up

ols, 50 each; Creswell colored, 49; and Macedonia, 10

Name Class Officers Mr. Tarkenton died last Thurs-**At School This Week**

Hardee Cobb, president; Peggy

Darden, vice president; Peggy

secretary; and Homer

Plymouth High School class of- urer. The faculty advisor is Iola icers were elected for the 1949- Hofler. Sophomore class officers are:

0 school term in meeting of senor, junior, sophomore and freshn classes Monday.

Styons, Bobby West was named presi-Styons, treasurer. Mrs. Irma K. ent of the senior class. Other of-Hough is the faculty advisor. Mrs. Ruth K. Norman's section ers are: Dennis Davis, vice resident: Betty Hudson, secreof the freshman class elected Bobary; and Dorothy Ange, treas-by Davenport, president; Ann mae Packham, vice president; Maxine Baygor, secretary and

aculty advisor. Junior class officers are: Jimmy tarnhill, president; Alvin Tuten, ice president; John Bowen, sec-etary and Ronnie Owens, treas-

headquarters, Plymouth, N. C. "Miss Washington County"

10 contestants receiving the most Washington, Williamston, Wind-

votes will serve as princesses in the court of "Miss Washington County." All 11 winners will have tion for Army engineers to investa prominent part in the historical spectacle, "Carolina Cavalcade,"

1,000 votes each.

and drainage in the Pantego and presented four nights of the cele-Cuckold Creek basins.

The girl who is named "Miss **Enrollment Figures** Washington County" will also receive her choice of a week-end in Washington, D. C. with all expenses paid or \$50 in cash. The runner-up in the contest will receive \$35 in cash; third place, \$25;

Purpose of the contest is to

high school band, three convertipromote ticket sales for the spectacle given at the baseball park

in Plymouth as part of the celebration. Tickets are now being cycle, and an auto with a public-(See CONTEST, Page Seven)

dule at Washington, where a hea- B. W. Tarkenton **Buried Saturday**

Totals Funeral services were held for Benton Warren Tarkenton, of the Pleasant Grove section, at 3 p. m. Saturday in the family plot of the Methodist Church cemetery there. Services were conducted by

(See PARADES, Page Seven)

Methodist church.

Elementary grades High School

J. J. Clemmons Colored (Roper) the pastor, the Rev. B. E. Bing- Total

Totals

Creswell Colored Elementary grades High School

Plymouth White

Elementary grades High School

Elementary grades High School

Roper White

Creswell White

Plymouth Colored

day morning at 11:35 o'clock in a Totals hospital in Edenton. He had been **Other Colored Elementary Schools** in declining health for six years Brooks

and was confined to bed only one Deep Botto day before his death. He was 57 Morrattock Back Woods years of age. Son of the late Thomas L. and Macedo Mount Delane Mary Wynne Tarkenton, of Wash-Sound Side ington County, he was born in Summaries the county on January 9, 1892, and worked as a farmer. He was Total white high schools a member of the Pleasant Grove Total, all white schools

Total colored elementary grades Total colored high schools He is survived by three sisters, Mrs. N. M. Spruill, Myrtle Tar- Total, all colored schools Grand totals, all elementary grades

· Portion of Sound Side students sent to other schools after 1947-48.

nore land owners in that section, and the school closes at 3 p.m. for stand immediately after the patember 19, from the reviewing where work is considered most the day.

urgent, who have not filled in questionnaires, and he urges them to do so at once. He or W. V. The same schedule is in effect at the Hampton Building and the Hampton Annex, which houses Hays, county agent, will send two grade sections, although raising of the curtain on the pre-them to Wilmington. Representative Herbert C. Bon- and do not have to wait for the cal spectacle, "Carolina Cavalner, of the first congressional dis- school busses are dismissed a lit-

trict, recently secured authoriza- tle earlier. The schedule of book fees anigate the need for flood control nounced by Principal J. S. Flem-(See SCHEDULE, Page Seven)

562 156 718

203 74

277

403 123 526

338

92

430

183

76

259

202

240

57 52

1,168

353 1,521 1,145

206 1,351

2,313

559 2,872

603 163 766

226 76 302

424 108 532

1,253 347 1,600 1,193

199 1,392

2,446 546 2,992

rade Plans call for Mr. Goerch to speak Monday night, September 19, at 7:30 o'clock, prior to the

> cade." He will crown "Miss Washington County," queen of the celebration, during the coronation eremonies.

Senator Graham will be the bage cans of not more than 30 peaker on the "Youth Day," progallons capacity are required, and gram, Tuesday, September 20, at noon from the reviewing stand the trash crews will not handle after the parade. Representative Bonner will give the main address For County Schools on "Homecoming Day," Wednes-day, September 21, at 11:30 a.m., to the chief. Garbage should be placed in

diately after the parade.

The following table of figures, from the office of the county sup-erintendent of schools, shows the enrollment in all Washington Coun-ty school units on the third day of the 1949-50 term, in comparison with the terms of 1947-48 and 1948-49 for the same relative day: 1947-48 1948-49 1949-50 562 603 637 Nickels in County 184 821 Wooden nickels have been distributed to merchants in Washing-Want Members for ton County as souvenirs to advertise the Sesqui-Centennial Celebration to be held September 18-22 in Plymouth. The souvenir nickels are being accepted by the merchants in making purchases and being given in change to people making purchases.

197 here until 1 p. m. September 20th. However, the sesqui-centennial committee hopes that most people 289 will keep the wooden nickel as

birthday party of 1949.

At Oak Grove Church

1.289 at 7:30 through Friday, Septem-

cordially invited.

(See SCHOOLS, Page Seven)

barrels or other similar contain-ters used in the past. The new sy- Kangaroo Court in ers used in the past. The new sy-stem is expected to be in full ef-fect by September 15, according Creswell Saturday

The kangaroo court is on the the covered containers and left move again. The judge, police-men, deputies, jail house, stocks within 50 feet of the street. Trash, and barrel will be transported to ter must be cut so that it can be Creswell to hold court there Sathandled without difficulty and urday afternoon. The court convenes about 2 p. m.

Creswell was to have its own kangaroo jail and other necessary paraphernalia, but Harry Barnes instigator of the plan, has been ill Baptist Junior Choir since last Friday and he called on his Plymouth friends to help.

The Ludford Memorial Baptist Several weeks ago when Har-Church junior choir is seeking ry Barnes and other Creswell more members, according to an- citizens were hauled into kanganouncement by Mrs. R. L. Mohn, roo court here, they had so much fun, despite the fact that they

Any person between 10 and 20 were fined for not possessing years of age is welcome to try shaver's permits, cosmetic permits out for the choir at the Baptist or celebration hats, that they de-Church here Friday at 5:30 p.m. | cided to have a court of their own.

800 County Veterans **Apply for Dividends**

More than 800 of the county's | enough servicemen showed up to 1,500 veterans, white and colored, warrant the legionnaires to keep have applied for rebates from a staff there, officials of the local A series of revival services will national service life insurance post said. However members of begin Monday night, at 7:30 o'- and 500 former servicemen have the post plan to be of service to clock, at the Oak Grove Baptist applied for claims on the veterans veterans from 7 p.m. to 8p.m. Church. The Rev. W. R. Stephens, service survey, according to W. Friday night in their hall before pastor, will do the preaching, with Ronald Gaylord, county veterans' the post's regular meeting.

The insurance and survey forms services being held each evening at 7:30 through Friday, Septem-Members of the local post of may be obtained from the local ber 16. All members of the church are urged to attend, and visitors are has been discontinued because not here.

Distribute Wooden imbs and other such refuse matwalk on the days the trash crew is due.

a souvenir of the county's big

do so by taking them to the bank

229

choir director.

457

Persons desiring to exchange the wooden variety for the conventional United States nickel can

363 83 446 194

50 302

66 260 252

Revival Begins Monday

1,358

2.421

3.027